

Shopify Search App Comparison 2026

Verified pricing, what changed this year, and what actually drives the speed cost. Built by Kaspian Fuad, Shopify CRO consultant.

Shopify Search & Discovery - Free

First-party, no extra script

Nothing third-party added to your storefront.

Filters, synonyms, boosts, recs

Covers most small and mid catalogues.

Rated 2.8 from 453 reviews

Gripes: filter control, slow reindex on big catalogues.

Searchanise - from \$19/mo

Cheapest real step up

\$19 to \$349 by product count.

Real free tier

Works on a LIVE store under 25 products.

Does not take over the grid

Layers onto your existing collection page.

Boost AI Search - from \$29/mo

No free plan

21-day trial only.

Priced on your SALES, not catalogue

Bill grows with revenue, top band near \$1,499.

Returns a built filter tree

Filter counts computed on their servers.

Doofinder - from \$61/mo

App Store: \$61 / \$186 / \$436

These are what Shopify actually bills you.

Their site: \$49 / \$149 / \$349

Same tiers, lower numbers. Check both.

No free plan

15-day trial.

Klevu - from \$449/mo

Enterprise end of the market

\$449 recs / \$549 category merch / \$649 site search.

No free plan

14-day trial.

Folding into Athos Commerce

Ask about roadmap before signing.

Athos (was Searchspring)

Searchspring listing now 404s

Live listing is Athos: Unified Discovery.

Pricing no longer published

Every plan is a Request Pricing button.

Old comparisons are stale

Anything quoting Searchspring prices is out of date.

The myth I had to kill

"Hosted search is lighter"

It is not. They ALL rank on their own servers.

Boost, Doofinder, Searchanise, Klevu

All return filter counts ready to render.

Algolia ships InstantSearch.js

One of the LARGER browser libraries here.

What actually costs you speed

How much the app RE-RENDERS

A search box is cheap. Redrawing the grid is not.

Same app, either way

It is a setting, not a vendor property.

Your call, not theirs

Decided in the theme editor.

Three fixes that work

Enable only what you use

Autocomplete on, grid takeover off.

Cut your filter groups

18 groups on 5,000 products is a real workload.

Measure before and after

Lighthouse with the setting off, then on.

Honest note on the numbers

Category range 80 to 140ms

Typical values from real stores.

Not a vendor ranking

Not a controlled one-app-at-a-time bench.

250ms

Where Lighthouse flags third-party code, shared by ALL apps.