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AI search visibility tools: what AI recommends, October 2026

What ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini and Perplexity recommended when each was asked the same 60 questions about AI search visibility tools, with its own web search on, on 28 October 2026. Every answer is published with this report.

41.7%

Otterly.AI's recommendation rate, the highest of 360 brands (90% interval 36.3–46.9)

49.8

points between the four AIs on Otterly.AI: Claude 66.4%, ChatGPT 16.7%

240

answers analysed: 60 questions, each asked once of ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini and Perplexity

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KEY FINDINGS

What the four AIs did with 60 questions about AI search visibility tools

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| 01 | 41.7% | Otterly.AI leads. The four AIs recommended it in 41.7% of decision answers (90% interval 36.3–46.9), ahead of Peec AI at 34.1% and Profound at 34.0%. |
| 02 | 49.8 pts | The AIs disagree. Among the top 15, the widest gap is Otterly.AI: Claude recommended it in 66.4% of its decision answers, ChatGPT in 16.7%. |
| 03 | 37 of 60 | Gemini often answers without searching. It ran a web search on 37 of 60 questions and answered 23 without one. The others searched on nearly every question (ChatGPT 60, Claude 60, Perplexity 60). |
| 04 | 43.5 → 3 | Found is not cited. ChatGPT found a median of 43.5 pages per answer and cited 3. Claude cited 7, Perplexity 5, Gemini 12. |
| 05 | 17.5% | One site leads the citations. semrush.com was cited in 42 of 240 answers (17.5%), more than any other domain. |
| 06 | 1 of 43 | They rarely agree on the best. On 43 questions all four AIs recommended a brand first; they named the same brand first on 1. |
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ABSTRACT

Otterly.AI was the brand the four AIs recommended most often: in 41.7% of decision answers (90% interval 36.3–46.9), followed by Peec AI (34.1%) and Profound (34.0%). The AIs disagreed: Claude recommended Otterly.AI in 66.4% of its decision answers, ChatGPT in 16.7%, the widest gap among the top 15. The figures come from 240 valid answers of 240 planned, to 60 questions asked once of each AI on 28 October 2026, which named 360 brands in all.

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Recommendation rate	The share of decision answers in which an AI recommended the brand. Decision questions ask what to use or buy; here there are 52 of them, asked of four AIs. The overall rate weights each AI and each tier of questions equally.
90% interval	The range the rate would likely fall in if the questions were drawn again, from a cluster bootstrap that resamples whole questions. Overlapping intervals mean the order between two brands is not settled.
Pages found and cited	Found: every page an AI's own web search returned while answering. Cited: the pages its answer pointed to.

1 Leaderboard

Recommendation rate is the share of decision answers in which an AI recommended the brand. The top 15 of 360 brands named.

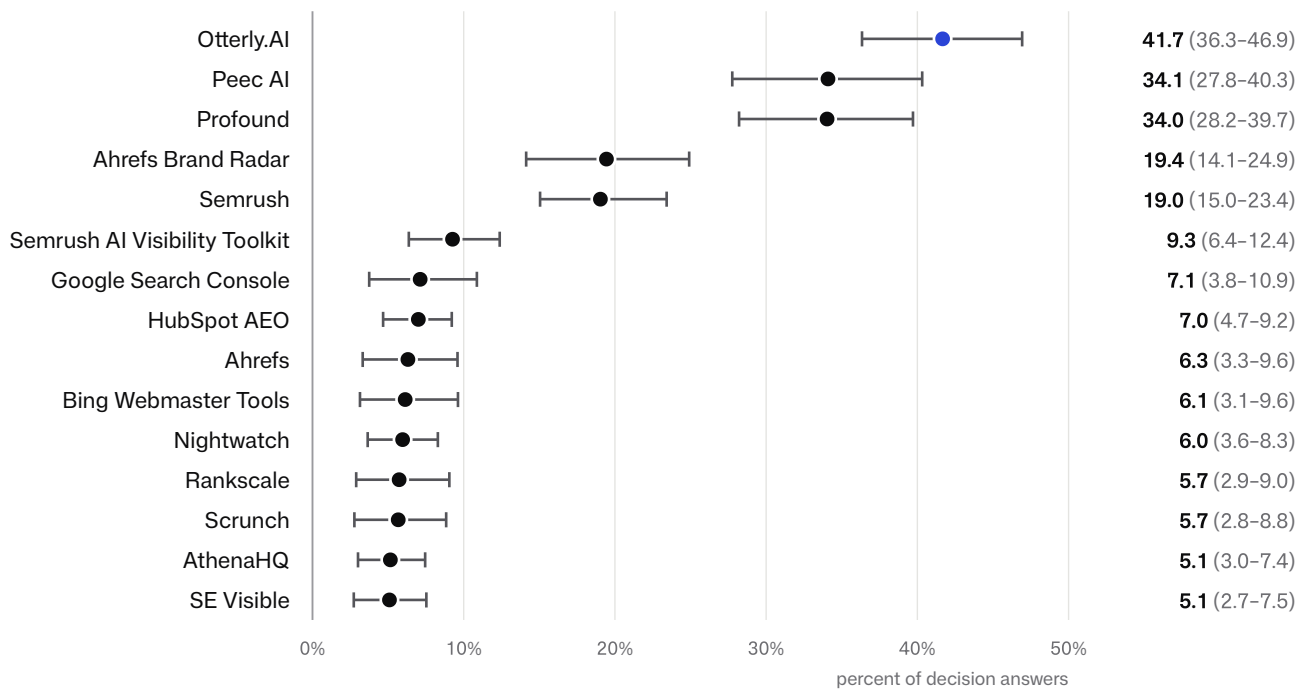


Figure 1. Recommendation rate with its 90% interval, top 15 brands. Dot: the rate; line: the interval, from a cluster bootstrap over questions. The leader is marked in blue.

Table 1. Recommendation rate overall and per AI, percent of decision answers. Shading rises with the rate; the figures carry it in black and white.

#	BRAND	OVERALL	90% INTERVAL	CHATGPT	CLAUDE	GEMINI	PERPLEXITY
1	Otterly.AI	41.7	36.3-46.9	16.7	66.4	47.9	35.6
2	Peec AI	34.1	27.8-40.3	22.4	54.9	32.6	26.4
3	Profound	34.0	28.2-39.7	18.8	53.2	38.0	26.2
4	Ahrefs Brand Radar	19.4	14.1-24.9	15.0	36.1	13.4	13.2
5	Semrush	19.0	15.0-23.4	11.6	28.7	19.0	16.9
6	Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit	9.3	6.4-12.4	11.1	11.1	5.6	9.3
7	Google Search Console	7.1	3.8-10.9	5.6	5.8	9.5	7.6
8	HubSpot AEO	7.0	4.7-9.2	3.7	7.4	0.0	16.9
9	Ahrefs	6.3	3.3-9.6	2.1	10.0	11.3	1.8
10	Bing Webmaster Tools	6.1	3.1-9.6	3.9	7.4	9.5	3.7
11	Nightwatch	6.0	3.6-8.3	0.0	19.9	2.1	1.8
12	Rankscale	5.7	2.9-9.0	0.0	13.7	5.6	3.7
13	Scrunch	5.7	2.8-8.8	11.3	7.6	0.0	3.7
14	AthenaHQ	5.1	3.0-7.4	0.0	15.0	3.7	1.8
15	SE Visible	5.1	2.7-7.5	0.0	16.7	0.0	3.7

2 Where the AIs disagree

Among the top 15, the brands with the largest gap between the AI that recommended them most and the AI that recommended them least.

Table 2. The five widest gaps between AIs, in percentage points.

BRAND	HIGHEST	RATE	LOWEST	RATE	GAP, POINTS
Otterly.AI	Claude	66.4%	ChatGPT	16.7%	49.8
Profound	Claude	53.2%	ChatGPT	18.8%	34.5
Peec AI	Claude	54.9%	ChatGPT	22.4%	32.4
Ahrefs Brand Radar	Claude	36.1%	Perplexity	13.2%	22.9
Nightwatch	Claude	19.9%	ChatGPT	0.0%	19.9

3 How each AI answers

Table 3. How each AI answers: medians per answer across its 60 answers, and how many questions it searched the web on.

PER ANSWER, MEDIAN	CHATGPT	CLAUDE	GEMINI	PERPLEXITY
Searched the web (questions)	60 of 60	60 of 60	37 of 60	60 of 60
Searches per answer	3	2	4	3
Pages found	43.5	18	12	15
Pages cited	3	7	12	5
Brands named	3	7.5	6	3
Brands recommended	2	6	5.5	3
Words per answer	208	433	516.5	220

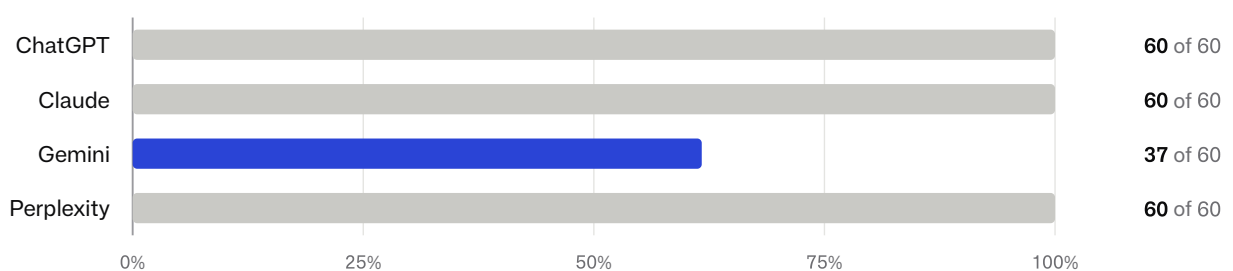


Figure 2. Questions on which each AI ran a web search, of 60. Blue: fewer than all.

Gemini answered 23 of 60 questions without running any web search. That is the model Citewake asked, gemini-3.1-flash-lite, through its API with search available. Across all four AIs, 707 searches were run; 17.7% of them included a year. Every page Gemini reported was one it cited, so its pages found and cited match.

4 The sites the AIs cite

Share of the 240 answers whose cited pages include the domain.

Table 4. The ten domains cited in the most answers.

#	DOMAIN	ANSWERS CITING IT	SHARE OF 240
1	semrush.com	42	17.5%
2	reddit.com	26	10.8%
3	blog.hubspot.com	24	10.0%
4	otterly.ai	24	10.0%
5	ahrefs.com	22	9.2%
6	developers.google.com	15	6.3%
7	llmpulse.ai	15	6.3%
8	therankmasters.com	15	6.3%
9	visible.seranking.com	15	6.3%
10	sona.com	14	5.8%

Table 5. The five domains each AI cited most, as a share of that AI's own 60 answers.

CHATGPT		CLAUDE		GEMINI		PERPLEXITY	
semrush.com	25.0%	therankmasters.com	23.3%	reddit.com	43.3%	blog.hubspot.com	38.3%
help.openai.com	16.7%	otterly.ai	21.7%	youtube.com	20.0%	sona.com	23.3%
developers.google.com	13.3%	visible.seranking.com	18.3%	ahrefs.com	16.7%	semrush.com	20.0%
help.ahrefs.com	11.7%	seranking.com	11.7%	semrush.com	15.0%	otterly.ai	13.3%
bing.com	8.3%	llmpulse.ai	10.0%	beamtrace.com	13.3%	developers.google.com	11.7%

5 Agreement

On 43 of the 60 questions all four AIs recommended a brand first; they named the same brand first on 1.

6 Method in brief

- **Questions.** 60 scored questions in three tiers (head, mid, tail), written as a buyer would ask them and never naming a brand: 52 decision questions and 8 informational. They are listed in section 9. A further 15 validation questions are kept private.
- **Asking.** Each question was asked once of each AI through its official API, with its own web search on and no location sent. Models: ChatGPT: gpt-6-1una; Claude: claude-haiku-5-5; Gemini: gemini-3.1-flash-lite; Perplexity: perplexity/sonar.
- **Collection.** 28 October 2026, 18:25-18:34 UTC. 240 valid answers of 240 planned: 216 named at least one brand, 24 named none.

- **Reading.** One grand master model (Claude Opus 5.5) read the four answers to each question side by side and marked each brand as recommended, mentioned or negative. A brand counts only if its name appears word for word in the answer.
- **Measure.** Recommendation rate is the share of decision answers in which the AI recommended the brand. The overall rate weights each AI and each tier equally, so it can differ slightly from a raw count. Intervals are 90%, from a cluster bootstrap that resamples whole questions. Here the base is 208 decision answers (52 decision questions, 52 answers from each AI).
- **Method.** v0.7, benchmark v1, scoring run 20261029T054013993Z. The full method: citewake.com/methodology.

7 Limitations

- **A first look, marked incomplete.** Cited-page presence was not measured: no grand master page rulings were run this edition. All other measures are complete.
- **One run.** Each question was asked once of each AI, in one nine-minute window. AI answers vary from run to run; the intervals cover variation across questions, not repeat runs.
- **English, no market.** Questions were in English and no location was sent, so the results describe no particular country.
- **Spellings merged.** otterlyai was counted as Otterly.AI; peecai was counted as Peec AI; dagenoai was counted as Dageno.
- **Benchmark figures, not market share.** These are benchmark visibility figures across a fixed bank of questions with equal weight per tier, not estimates of market share.
- **Some how-to questions tagged as decisions.** In benchmark v1, 10 how-to questions in this category were tagged as decision questions. Recommendation rates count every decision question, so these slightly lower all brands' rates alike. Tags are corrected from Edition 1.
- **Top picks are rare.** Most answers do not name a single best choice. Even Otterly.AI was the top pick in only 2.3% of decision answers, so this report ranks by recommendation rate.

8 Disclosure

Citewake is operated by the team that also builds aipozi, Biotree and livedot. Biotree and livedot appear in these categories. They were measured by the same method as every other brand, with no adjustment. None of them was named in this category.

9 The questions

The 60 scored questions, word for word. Each links to its page with the four answers in full, the searches each AI ran and the sites it found. The 15 validation questions are never published.

Table 6. The scored questions, with tier and type.

ID	QUESTION	TIER	TYPE
h01	What's the best tool to see if ChatGPT recommends my business?	head	decision
h02	Which tools track whether AI assistants mention my brand?	head	decision
h03	How can I find out if AI chatbots are recommending my competitors instead of me?	head	decision

ID	QUESTION	TIER	TYPE
h04	Is there software that shows how my company appears in AI answers?	head	decision
h05	What are the best GEO tools?	head	decision
h06	What's the best way to monitor my brand in ChatGPT, Gemini and Perplexity?	head	decision
h07	How do I check if my website gets cited by AI search engines?	head	decision
h08	Which AI visibility tools are worth paying for?	head	decision
h09	What does an AEO tool actually do, and do I need one?	head	informational
h10	Are there free tools to check if AI mentions my brand?	head	decision
h11	How do I track my brand's visibility in AI search like I track Google rankings?	head	decision
h12	What should I use to measure my share of voice in AI chatbot answers?	head	decision
h13	What are the main tools for tracking brand mentions in AI answers, and how do they compare?	head	decision
h14	How much do AI search visibility tools cost?	head	decision
h15	Which tool tells me what sources AI assistants use when they talk about my industry?	head	decision
h16	I want to know when AI starts recommending my product. What should I use?	head	decision
h17	What's a good alternative to doing manual ChatGPT searches to check my brand?	head	decision
h18	How do marketing teams measure visibility in AI-generated answers?	head	informational
h19	What tools help a business get recommended by AI assistants?	head	decision
h20	Can I get alerts when AI chatbots start or stop mentioning my company?	head	decision
m01	Best AI visibility tracker for a small marketing agency with several clients	mid	decision
m02	Cheapest way to track if ChatGPT mentions my startup	mid	decision
m03	AI search visibility tool for an online store with thousands of products	mid	decision
m04	Which GEO tool is best for SaaS companies?	mid	decision
m05	AI visibility tool for a local service business with one location	mid	decision
m06	What's the difference between an SEO tool and an AI visibility tool, and do I need both?	mid	informational
m07	Simple AI brand monitoring tool for a solo founder with no marketing team	mid	decision
m08	How do I report AI visibility to clients each month?	mid	decision
m09	Which AI visibility tools track Claude and Perplexity, not just ChatGPT?	mid	decision
m10	AI visibility tool that also tells me what content to create to get recommended	mid	decision
m11	Is it worth paying for an AI visibility tool if I already pay for an SEO suite?	mid	decision
m12	Tools to compare my brand's AI visibility against three competitors	mid	decision
m13	Tool to check if Google's AI answers mention my business, alongside ChatGPT	mid	decision
m14	Which tools track AI visibility in languages other than English?	mid	decision
m15	Best AI visibility tool for a B2B company with a long sales cycle	mid	decision
m16	How do I see which pages on my site AI assistants cite most?	mid	decision
m17	Affordable alternatives to enterprise AI brand monitoring platforms	mid	decision

ID	QUESTION	TIER	TYPE
m18	AI visibility tool that tracks several brands for one company	mid	decision
m19	What should a brand track first when it starts measuring AI search visibility?	mid	informational
m20	AI visibility tools with a free trial that doesn't need a card	mid	decision
t01	Track whether Perplexity cites my blog posts, and tell me which ones	tail	decision
t02	How do I see which competitors AI assistants recommend instead of us for one specific use case?	tail	decision
t03	How do I see which review sites AI chatbots rely on in my industry?	tail	informational
t04	Is there a tool that checks if AI crawlers can read my site, and whether that affects AI answers?	tail	decision
t05	AI visibility tracking for a mobile app rather than a website	tail	decision
t06	I launched a new product two months ago. How do I know when AI assistants start recommending it?	tail	decision
t07	Tool to track AI answers to the same questions in several countries at once	tail	decision
t08	How can I test whether our content work changed what AI assistants recommend?	tail	decision
t09	AI brand monitoring that flags when an assistant says something wrong or outdated about us	tail	decision
t10	Cheapest tool that tracks AI answers daily rather than weekly	tail	decision
t11	Can I track AI visibility for a personal brand, like a consultant or author?	tail	decision
t12	AI visibility tool for agencies that can white-label reports	tail	decision
t13	How do I check whether AI assistants describe my product's features correctly?	tail	decision
t14	How do AI visibility tools differ in how they collect answers, API or scraping?	tail	informational
t15	AI answer tracking tool with an API so my developers can pull the data	tail	decision
t16	Why would an AI assistant recommend a competitor over us?	tail	informational
t17	What's the best way to test whether a new comparison page gets my product into AI answers?	tail	informational
t18	AI visibility monitoring with email or chat alerts for a small team	tail	decision
t19	Pay-per-check AI visibility tool instead of a monthly subscription	tail	decision
t20	Alternatives to writing my own scripts to ask ChatGPT about my brand every day	tail	decision

10 Data

Every answer All 240 in full, with the web searches each AI ran, every site it found (marked where cited) and the brands read from it. They are also printed in Appendix A.

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Every brand All 360 brands named, with every measure to four decimals.

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Appendix A. Every answer

Every scored question, with each AI's answer verbatim, in the order ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, Perplexity: the exact model and time asked, the brands Citewake read from it, the web searches it ran and the pages its answer cited. Links are shown as their text with the domain. The full list of pages each AI found is in the answers file (section 10).

APPENDIX A · QUESTION H01 · HEAD · RECOMMEND · DECISION

What's the best tool to see if ChatGPT recommends my business?

ChatGPT gpt-6-luna · 28 October 2026, 18:25 UTC

RECOMMENDED Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Peec AI MENTIONED Semrush

For a **quick, free check**, try HubSpot's **AI Search Grader**: it gives a snapshot of how ChatGPT and other AI assistants represent your brand, including mentions and competitive positioning. (hubspot.com)

If you want **ongoing tracking**, I'd look at **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** if you already use Semrush, or a dedicated tracker such as **Peec AI**. Compare tools by whether they show the exact prompts tested, how often you're recommended versus merely mentioned, which competitors appear, and what sources ChatGPT cites.

One caveat: these tools run sample prompts repeatedly; they can show trends, but they can't guarantee what every person will see. For a simple sanity check, ask ChatGPT a few realistic customer questions yourself—such as “best [type of business] in [city]”—and repeat them over time.

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Claude claude-haiku-5-5 · 28 October 2026, 18:25 UTC

RECOMMENDED Semrush, YouGotRanked, Mangools, Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Profound, Brand Radar MENTIONED Ahrefs

There's no single "best" tool. The right pick depends on budget and how seriously you want to track it. For a quick check, start with a free option, then move to a paid tracker if the results matter to your business.

Free options to start

- Semrush offers a free AI visibility checker, limited to 3 checks a day, with no account.
- YouGotRanked's free scan does this across ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, Perplexity and Google AI Overview. Its first full scan is free with no card.
- Mangools offers a free AI Search Grader.

Paid options

- **Otterly AI** is the most common recommendation for a general all-around tool. It starts at \$29/mo and includes ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews and Copilot.
- **Peec AI** is a good fit for daily tracking. It starts at \$95/month, according to one review.
- **Profound** is aimed at larger teams. Its pricing runs roughly \$99–\$399/mo, per one comparison.

Question h01 · Claude, continued

- **Brand Radar** (Ahrefs) makes sense if you already use Ahrefs. It starts at \$199/month for one AI index.

What to look for

Results can vary from one run to the next, so a good tool runs each question several times. Look for unbranded prompts, repeated runs, visible answer evidence and the sources behind each answer. Also check whether it shows the full answer and which competitors get named instead of you.

A free DIY check

Open ChatGPT and ask the questions your customers would ask, such as "best [your service] in [your city]," without using your business name. Repeat each question a few times and note whether you appear and where. This is slower than a tool, but it's free and gives you a real baseline.

Pricing and features in these comparisons come from vendor-influenced blogs and may have changed, so check each tool's site before you buy.

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Gemini gemini-3.1-flash-lite · 28 October 2026, 18:25 UTC

RECOMMENDED KIME, Otterly.AI, Geoptie, TopCited, Semrush, Ahrefs, Brand Radar, Profound, xSeek, AI Search Grader

NEGATIVE Google Search Console

To determine if ChatGPT and other AI engines are recommending your business, you need tools specifically designed for **AI Search Optimization (AEO)** or **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)**. Traditional SEO tools (like standard Google Search Console) cannot track these interactions because AI-generated answers often do not involve a traditional "click" or web visit.

How to Monitor AI Recommendations

Because AI responses are probabilistic and can vary by session, simple manual checks (like asking ChatGPT once) are often unreliable. Dedicated tracking tools provide a "clean" environment by running consistent, unbiased prompts across multiple engines.

1. Professional AI Visibility Tools

Several platforms are built to monitor mentions, citations, and sentiment across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Claude, and Google AI Overviews:

- **Specialized Trackers:** Tools such as **KIME**, **Otterly.AI**, **Geoptie**, and **TopCited** allow you to set up recurring audits of your brand. They track whether you are mentioned, how often you are cited, and which competitors appear in your place.
- **Integrated Suites:** Platforms like **Semrush** (via their AI Visibility Toolkit) and **Ahrefs** (via Brand Radar) have introduced features to monitor these AI-driven discovery channels alongside your traditional SEO metrics.
- **Enterprise Solutions:** For larger teams needing compliance-ready reporting and deep analytics, tools like **Profound** and **xSeek** provide granular data on sentiment and citation sources.

Question h01 · Gemini, continued

2. Free Initial Audits

If you want to test your visibility without a subscription, several services offer free one-time AI visibility checks:

- **HubSpot's AI Search Grader:** A free tool that analyzes how major AI engines perceive your brand based on your industry and location.
- **Ahrefs/Geoptie Free Checkers:** Several of the paid platforms mentioned above provide free "lite" versions or one-time audits to show you where you currently stand.

Best Practices for an Accurate Check

If you choose to perform manual checks (or verify the data provided by tools), keep these rules in mind to avoid "flattering" or biased results:

- **Use Incognito Mode:** Always use a fresh, private, or "clean" browser session to avoid AI "memory" and personalization that might skew results because it recognizes your brand.
- **Use Precise, Unbranded Prompts:** Avoid asking "Does ChatGPT recommend [My Business]?" Instead, ask questions a potential customer would use, such as: *"What is the best [service] in [City/Region] for [specific need]?"*
- **Run Repeatedly:** Because AI models change their answers, a single test is not definitive. Look for tools that track your "inclusion rate" (how often you appear across 20+ runs of the same prompt).
- **Monitor Citations, Not Just Mentions:** If an AI mentions you, check which sources it cites. Often, an AI is pulling from a listicle or directory site. If you are missing from those specific source pages, getting listed there is usually the fastest way to improve your AI visibility.

Summary

For a professional, ongoing strategy, **dedicated AI visibility tools (like KIME or Geoptie)** are the best approach as they provide the repeatable, longitudinal data needed to improve your "AI share of voice." For a quick start, run a **free AI visibility check** from a provider like HubSpot or Ahrefs to see where you stand today.

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No web search run.

SOURCES CITED

None.

Perplexity perplexity/sonar · 28 October 2026, 18:25 UTC

RECOMMENDED HubSpot AEO, Brand Radar

For a quick, free check, try **Ahrefs' AI Visibility Checker**. It tests whether your business appears in answers to relevant prompts across ChatGPT and several other AI platforms, and shows the topics and sources associated with mentions.⁷

If you want ongoing tracking, **HubSpot AEO** is a good starting point: it monitors brand mentions, competitor visibility, and citations across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity, with suggestions for improving visibility.³ For more advanced prompt and competitor tracking, Ahrefs Brand Radar is another option.⁸

One caveat: these tools sample selected prompts, so they can show whether you're appearing in those tests—not guarantee what ChatGPT will recommend to every user. Try several questions your customers might ask, such as "best [service] in [city]," and compare results over time.

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Which tools track whether AI assistants mention my brand?

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Profound, Chatbeat, Brand24, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Semrush AI Visibility

Tools in the **AI visibility / answer-engine monitoring** category track whether assistants mention your brand in responses to selected prompts. Options include:

- **OtterlyAI** – tracks prompts across several AI engines and reports brand mentions, citations, sentiment, and competitor comparisons. (help.otterly.ai)
- **Peec AI** – tracks visibility, position, sentiment, competitors, and cited sources across AI search engines. (peec.ai)
- **Profound** – an option to consider for larger teams running broader AI-search programs. (brand24.com)
- **Chatbeat / Brand24** – Chatbeat focuses on AI visibility; Brand24 combines AI monitoring with social, news, and other media listening. (brand24.com)
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** and **Semrush AI Visibility** – worth checking if you already use those SEO suites. (brand24.com)

Quick way to choose: start with OtterlyAI or Peec AI for dedicated prompt tracking; consider Brand24 if you also want traditional media monitoring; look at enterprise-oriented options such as Profound if you need larger-scale reporting.

These tools generally run a set of prompts—such as “best [product] for [use case]”—across AI services and record whether your brand appears, what competitors are named, and sometimes which sources are cited. Results can vary by prompt, platform, and time, so compare tools on the AI engines and locations you care about, and check whether they show the underlying answers.

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RECOMMENDED GetCito, HubSpot AEO Grader, Semrush

Several dedicated tools track brand mentions in AI answers. Most work the same way: they run a set of prompts through the AI engines on a schedule and parse the answers. They send prompts to AI models like ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini that match questions potential customers ask, then parse the responses to identify brand mentions.

Dedicated AI visibility trackers

Question h02 · Claude, continued

- **Otterly.AI:** Covers ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, AI Mode, Gemini, Copilot, and Claude, and compares your brand visibility against competitors. It is one of the cheaper options, with no-fuss prompt tracking from \$29/month.
- **Peec AI:** Aimed at marketing teams that want dashboards. It measures visibility as the share of chats that mention the brand, and reports position, sentiment and citations.
- **Profound:** Aimed at enterprises. It provides detailed reporting on mention frequency, citation patterns, and competitive share of voice.
- **AthenaHQ:** Pairs tracking with optimization. It layers visibility, sentiment, and citation tracking across eight engines on top of on-page work.
- **Scrunch AI, Rankscale AI, GetCito, Goodie AI, Cognizo, and SE Visible** also appear in current roundups as dedicated options. GetCito's open-source tracking tool is free to self-host.

Free or low-cost starting points

- **HubSpot AEO Grader** offers a free one-off scan covering ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini, which is useful as a first look.

SEO suites with AI tracking added

- **Semrush:** Its AI tracking tracks brand mentions, citations, and sentiment in AI-generated answers across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Google AI Mode, and Copilot. Its AI Toolkit is a good fit if you already pay for Semrush.
- **SE Ranking:** Combines SEO and AI dashboards, which suits agencies.

How to choose

- **Engine coverage:** Check that the tool covers the assistants your customers actually use. Coverage varies a lot, from about three engines to ten or more.
- **Prompt volume and set-up:** Some vendors don't disclose how they estimate prompt volume, so ask how the prompts are chosen.
- **Action vs. monitoring:** Some tools only report. Others suggest or produce content fixes.
- **Pricing:** Entry prices run from free to several hundred dollars a month, and they change often.

The sources I found are mostly vendor-authored "best of" roundups, so their rankings may favor the authors' products. Test a free trial against your own top prompts before committing.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Rankscale, TopCited, Mentions.so MENTIONED Google Sheet

Tracking your brand's presence in AI assistants—often called **AI Visibility** or **Answer Engine Optimization (AEO)**—is a rapidly growing field. Unlike traditional SEO, which tracks static blue links, these tools monitor the conversational responses generated by models like ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews.

Popular AI Visibility & Brand Mention Tools

There are several dedicated platforms designed to track if, when, and how your brand is mentioned, cited, or recommended in AI answers. Common options include:

- **Dedicated AI Visibility Trackers:**
 - **Otterly.ai:** Known for being a low-cost, accessible option for small teams and founders; it tracks mentions, sentiment, and citations across major platforms.
 - **RankScale:** Focuses on diagnosing why a brand is or isn't included in AI answers, helping teams identify where to focus their content efforts.
 - **TopCited:** Useful for those needing to combine tracking with actionable content optimization (e.g., rewriting content to be more "cite-able").
 - **Mentions.so:** Provides a dashboard to track presence across a wide range of LLMs (including ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, and Llama) and analyze sentiment.
 - **Other Notable Tools:** Dageno, Siftly, Peec AI, ZipTie.dev, and Nightwatch.io are frequently cited for their ability to monitor competitive gaps and citation trends.

How These Tools Work

Most of these tools operate on a "prompt-based" monitoring system:

1. **Define Prompts:** You input the natural language questions your customers are likely to ask (e.g., "What is the best [product category]?").
2. **Automated Queries:** The tool runs these prompts against various AI engines on a set schedule (daily, weekly, etc.).
3. **Analysis:** The software logs whether your brand appears, your position in the "shortlist," and which sources the AI cited.
4. **Trend Reporting:** It tracks your share of voice compared to competitors over time, alerting you when a competitor gains ground.

Can You Do It Without a Paid Tool?

Yes, especially if you are just starting or have a small set of queries.

- **Manual Tracking:** For a handful of prompts, you can manually test them in private/incognito browser windows once a week and log the results (the AI engine, the mention status, and the cited sources) in a Google Sheet.
- **Scripting:** If you have technical resources, you can write a script to query the APIs of these AI models and log the output to a database.

Key Advice for Choosing a Tool

- **Check Engine Coverage:** Ensure the tool covers the platforms your target audience uses most (e.g., if your customers primarily use Perplexity or ChatGPT, prioritize tools that specialize in those).

Question h02 · Gemini, continued

- **Focus on "Actionability":** The best tools do more than just say "you weren't mentioned." Look for features that show you *why* you weren't mentioned, such as identifying the sources the AI actually cited, which can act as a roadmap for your own PR and content strategy.
- **Avoid "Vanity" Metrics:** Do not just look for a score; look for the ability to see the **context** of the mention (was it a positive recommendation or just a minor reference?).

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Peec AI, Profound, HubSpot AEO MENTIONED AI Visibility Checker

Tools that monitor whether AI assistants mention your brand include:

- **OtterlyAI** – Tracks mentions across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, and other AI search platforms, with competitor comparisons and trends over time. ¹
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** – Offers ongoing tracking of brand mentions across several AI platforms; Ahrefs also has a free AI Visibility Checker for a one-time snapshot. ²
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** – A fit if you already use Semrush; it tracks brand visibility across ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Google's AI search features. ³
- **Peec AI** – Focuses on AI search visibility, competitor benchmarking, and identifying sources that influence AI answers. ⁴
- **Profound** – An AI visibility monitoring option often aimed at larger organizations. ⁵
- **HubSpot AEO** – Tracks brand visibility, sentiment, competitors, and citations across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity. ⁶

When comparing tools, check which assistants they cover, whether they track **mentions as well as citations**, and whether you can monitor your own chosen prompts over time. Coverage and pricing can change, so verify the current plan details on each provider's site.

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How can I find out if AI chatbots are recommending my competitors instead of me?

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RECOMMENDED Semrush, HubSpot, Search Console

The best way is to **test realistic customer questions repeatedly**—not just ask whether a chatbot knows your brand. AI answers can vary by wording, location, and date, so treat any one answer as a snapshot.

A practical way to check

1. **Write 20–50 questions customers might ask**, such as:
 - “What’s the best [type of product/service] for [need]?”
 - “Compare [your business] with [competitor].”
 - “Who do you recommend for [service] in [location]?”
 - “What are the best alternatives to [competitor]?”
1. **Run them across the chatbots your customers use**—for example, ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Google’s AI search features. Keep the wording, location, and other conditions consistent. Save the date, answer, brands mentioned, order, and any sources cited.
1. **Track a few measures over time:**
 - **Mention rate:** How often your business appears.
 - **Recommendation rate and position:** How often it’s actively recommended, and where.
 - **Share of voice:** How often competitors appear compared with you.
 - **Citation sources:** Which websites or pages the chatbot relies on.
1. **Repeat monthly or quarterly.** Look for patterns across many questions, rather than reacting to one answer. Manual checks are a reasonable starting point; AI-visibility tools can automate prompt tracking and competitor comparisons. Semrush and HubSpot, for example, describe tools for tracking prompts, mentions, citations, and competitors across AI platforms. (semrush.com)
1. **Check your own analytics too.** ChatGPT referrals can be tracked in analytics because referral URLs include `utm_source=chatgpt.com`; that tells you some visits came from ChatGPT, but generally won’t reveal the exact prompt or every time your brand was recommended. (help.openai.com)

For Google’s AI features, Search Console now has a generative-AI performance report showing impressions and pages appearing in those features, when your site has enough data. (support.google.com)

Important caveat: these checks estimate visibility; they aren’t a definitive record of what every customer sees. Results can differ between runs, and tool coverage varies. Keep a simple spreadsheet first, then consider a paid tracker if monitoring becomes time-consuming.

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RECOMMENDED HubSpot's free AI visibility grader

You can check this yourself by hand for free, or use a monitoring tool to do it at scale.

Manual check

1. **Write the prompts your buyers would type.** Use wording like "best [product] for [use case]" or "alternatives to [competitor]," not your brand name. Run each one several times, since answers change between runs.
2. **Start with the engines that show sources.** One source notes that ChatGPT and Perplexity both show their sources, so you can see exactly which page, if any, they pulled your brand from.
3. **Check engines that don't show sources.** For Gemini, you're left reading the answer itself to see if your brand is mentioned.
4. **Log the results in a spreadsheet.** For each prompt and engine, record which brands appear, in what order, what sources are cited, and whether your site is among them. One guide suggests a similar setup: the cells include your company's name, your closest competitors, and the queries you want to check for.
5. **Repeat weekly** so you can see trends rather than one-off answers.

Monitoring tools

These tools automate the process and report share of voice against competitors. Vendor claims are marketing, so test a free trial on your own prompts before committing.

- **Otterly AI:** monitors when your brand appears in AI-generated answers, and compares your brand visibility against competitors. One guide describes it as the better low-cost choice for monitoring alone.
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit:** tracks your brand's mentions across ChatGPT, Google AI, Gemini, and Perplexity, monitors up to 25 custom prompts a day, and includes competitor comparison.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar:** tracks brand mentions across six major AI platforms, including ChatGPT, Copilot, Gemini, and Perplexity, and lets you benchmark your visibility against competitors.
- **Peec AI:** offers competitor benchmarking across visibility, average mention position, and sentiment. Pricing starts from \$95/month.
- **Profound:** aimed at larger teams. One guide notes it is overkill for teams that only want a lightweight visibility score.

Free starting point

HubSpot's free AI visibility grader is a quick baseline. One guide describes it as offering a free visibility snapshot with sentiment and competitor benchmarking. It's worth running before you pay for anything.

What to look for once you have data

Track mention frequency, position in the answer, whether your site is cited as a source, and sentiment. When a competitor appears and you don't, check which pages the engine cited for them. Those pages show what the AI is drawing on, which usually points to what you need to improve.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Profound, Sona AI Visibility, HubSpot's AI Search Grader

To determine if AI chatbots are recommending your competitors, you need to move beyond traditional SEO and adopt a process for monitoring **AI-generated responses**. Because AI engines synthesize information into a short list of recommendations, being "invisible" in these answers means you are losing potential customers before they ever visit your website.

Here is how you can find out if you are being overlooked, ranging from a quick manual check to professional monitoring.

1. The Manual "10-Minute Audit" (Free)

You do not need specialized software to get a baseline understanding of your current visibility. You can perform a manual audit to see exactly what a prospective customer sees.

- **Define your prompts:** Draft 5–10 questions your ideal customer would actually type. Avoid how you would describe yourself and use the language of your buyers.
 - *Examples:* "What is the best [product category] for [your niche]?" or "[Your product] vs [Competitor] alternatives."
- **Use fresh sessions:** Open ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google Gemini, and Google AI Overviews in **incognito** or **"fresh" windows** to ensure previous search history doesn't bias the results.
- **Record the results:** Create a simple table tracking:
 - Which engines mentioned your brand?
 - Which competitors were recommended instead?
 - What sources (URLs) were cited?
 - What is the "sentiment" or framing of your brand versus your competitors?

2. Specialized AI Monitoring Tools

If you need to monitor this consistently, manual checks will become unsustainable. Several tools have emerged to automate "Answer Engine Optimization" (AEO) tracking:

- **Entry-Level/Budget-Friendly:** Tools like **Otterly.ai** (which offers a free trial) allow you to track your brand across multiple engines and can even connect to AI agents to help you act on findings.

Question h03 · Gemini, continued

- **Enterprise/Comprehensive:** Platforms like **Profound** or **Sona AI Visibility** provide deeper analytics, including "share of voice" and citation rate tracking, which are better suited for larger teams needing multi-engine coverage.
- **Integrated SEO Tools:** If your team already uses tools like **Semrush**, check if their latest AI visibility toolkits cover the AI platforms you are concerned about.
- **Free One-Time Checks:** Services like **HubSpot's AI Search Grader** offer a free, no-signup analysis to give you a quick snapshot of how AI perceives your brand.

3. Why You Might Be Missing (And How to Fix It)

If you find your competitors are being recommended instead of you, it is often not because they are "better," but because the AI models lack "confidence" in your brand. To improve your visibility:

- **Consistency is Key:** Ensure your brand name, description, and core value proposition are consistent across all digital touchpoints: your website, LinkedIn, G2, Capterra, and industry directories. AI cross-references these to build a "truth" about your business.
- **Direct Answers:** AI engines favor content that answers questions immediately. Avoid long, fluffy introductions; state your value proposition clearly at the beginning of your service and product pages.
- **Earn Third-Party Authority:** AI relies on external signals. If your brand is frequently mentioned—and positively described—on Reddit, Quora, industry blogs, and podcasts, the AI is much more likely to pull your brand into its recommendations.
- **Technical Basics:** Ensure your site is crawlable and indexed. If search engines cannot read your pages, AI cannot cite them.

A Note on "Black Boxes": Be skeptical of any vendor that promises to tell you *exactly* why an AI chose one company over another. No one—not even the AI companies themselves—can fully explain the reasoning behind a specific output. Focus instead on the **"what"** (who is appearing) and adjust your strategy to provide clearer, more consistent, and more authoritative evidence for the AI to ingest.

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You can measure this with a repeatable **AI visibility check**—either manually or with a monitoring platform.

1. **Make a realistic prompt list.** Use questions customers might ask, such as “best [type of product] for [need],” “alternatives to [competitor],” and “[your brand] vs. [competitor].” Include different customer needs and buying stages.
2. **Test several assistants.** Run the same prompts in the AI chatbots and AI search tools your customers use. Use fresh chats, and keep the wording, location, and language consistent.
3. **Record what each answer does.** Note whether it mentions you or competitors, who it recommends first, whether it links to a source, and whether its description is accurate. A spreadsheet is enough to start.
4. **Repeat the checks over time.** Answers can vary, so a single result is only a snapshot. Recheck on a regular schedule and compare the same prompts.
5. **Compare useful measures.** Track your mention rate, citation rate (how often your site is linked), recommendation position, and share of answers that include you versus competitors. Also look for prompts where competitors appear and you don’t.
6. **Investigate the sources.** When an answer cites a competitor, review the linked pages and other sources it uses—such as review sites, forums, and comparison articles. These can show what information may be shaping the recommendation.

AI-visibility platforms can automate prompt tracking and competitor comparisons; examples in current reviews include Semrush, Ahrefs, Otterly.AI, Profound, and Similarweb. Compare their supported assistants, prompt limits, locations, historical data, and whether they show the actual answers and cited URLs before choosing one.⁵¹¹¹²

Treat the results as **directional, not a definitive ranking**: chatbot answers can vary between runs, and tracking tools sample responses rather than provide a complete record of what every user sees.⁷¹³

A simple starting spreadsheet might have columns for **date, assistant, prompt, your brand mentioned, competitors mentioned, recommendation order, cited URLs, and notes**. That will quickly reveal whether the issue is low visibility, weak or outdated information, or competitors being better represented in the sources the assistants draw on.

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Is there software that shows how my company appears in AI answers?

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RECOMMENDED Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Ahrefs Brand Radar, HubSpot AEO, Measure

Yes. They're usually called **AI visibility**, **AI search monitoring**, or **AEO/GEO** tools. They track whether your company is mentioned or recommended in answers from services like ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, or Google's AI search—and often show competitors and cited sources too.

A few examples:

- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** – tracks your brand against specific prompts and competitors. (semrush.com)
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** – maps brand mentions across AI platforms and other channels. (help.ahrefs.com)
- **HubSpot AEO** – monitors brand visibility across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity. (hubspot.com)
- **Measure** – tracks mentions, position, competitors, and citations across several AI answer engines. (measure.co)

One caveat: these tools give you **estimates based on the prompts and platforms they test**; AI answers can vary by wording, location, and time. They're useful for spotting trends, but not a definitive measure of every answer every customer might see. (measure.co)

If you tell me your company size and whether you already use an SEO platform, I can narrow down which kind might fit.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Semrush, Ahrefs Brand Radar, SE Visible, Peec AI, Profound, Evertune, Conductor, Writesonic, Scrunch AI

Yes. A category of "AI visibility" tools does this. They run a set of prompts through AI engines on a schedule, then report whether your brand is mentioned, where it ranks, and which sources get cited.

Tools that are often cited in 2026 reviews:

- **OtterlyAI:** Its homepage lists coverage of ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, AI Mode, Gemini, and Copilot. One review says it reports mentions against competitors, average brand position, coverage over time, and website citations. Most tools report a single global number, while OtterlyAI tracks 50+ countries and languages.

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- **Semrush:** Its AI visibility toolkit is available at \$99 per month and tracks how your brand appears in ChatGPT and other AI platforms alongside keyword rankings, site audits, and competitive analysis. This suits teams that already use Semrush for SEO.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar:** Built on a 243M+ prompt database, it covers ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, AI Mode, Perplexity, Gemini, and other tools.
- **SE Visible (SE Ranking):** It tracks mentions, share of voice, sentiment, citations, and the domains and URLs those answers lean on across ChatGPT, Gemini, Google AI Mode, AI Overviews, and Perplexity.
- **Peec AI:** It measures visibility as the share of chats that mention the brand, and it reports position, sentiment and citations at domain and URL level.
- **Profound, Evertune, Conductor, Writesonic, and Scrunch AI** also appear in 2026 roundups.

What to check before choosing:

- **Engine coverage varies.** Some tools cover 3–6 engines, and add-ons can change what you get on a given plan. Make sure the engines your customers actually use are included.
- **Country and language support.** If you sell outside one market, check how locations are handled.
- **Prompt control.** Good tools let you define the questions your customers ask, then compare your results with competitors'.
- **Vendor claims.** Rankings in roundups are often written by vendors or affiliates, so test a free trial with your own prompts before committing.

If you just want a quick look before paying for anything, you can ask ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity the questions your customers would ask and see whether your company comes up. It's manual, but it gives you a rough baseline.

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RECOMMENDED Profound

Yes, there is a rapidly growing category of software designed specifically to track and optimize your company's presence in AI-generated answers. This field is often referred to as **Answer Engine Optimization (AEO)** or **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)**.

Because AI models generate responses dynamically rather than providing a static list of links, traditional SEO tools cannot accurately track them. Instead, these specialized platforms automate the process of "asking" AI engines the questions your potential customers are asking, then analyzing the resulting answers.

What These Tools Do

The leading platforms in this space generally provide the following core features:

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- **Prompt Tracking:** You define a set of questions (prompts) relevant to your industry (e.g., "What is the best CRM for small businesses?"), and the software runs these periodically across engines like ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, Claude, and Google AI Overviews.
- **Mention & Sentiment Analysis:** They track whether your brand is mentioned, how often it appears, and the sentiment (positive, neutral, or negative) surrounding those mentions.
- **Citation Tracking:** They identify which URLs the AI models are citing as sources, helping you understand which of your pages (or your competitors' pages) are influencing the AI's "knowledge".
- **Competitor Benchmarking:** They show you when and why your competitors are being recommended instead of you, often highlighting content gaps you can address.

Popular Tools to Consider

The market for these tools has expanded significantly in 2026. Some well-known platforms frequently cited in this category include:

- **Ahrefs (Brand Radar):** Known for deep data and a massive database of search prompts.
- **Semrush (AI Visibility Toolkit):** Offers robust integration for existing Semrush users.
- **Profound:** Often recommended for enterprise-grade analytics and multi-model tracking.
- **Other Specialized Platforms:** Tools such as **Lumar**, **Otterly**, **Peec AI**, **Geoptie**, and **Mangools (AI Search Watcher)** are also popular, each offering different balances of affordability, ease of use, and depth of analysis.

How to Get Started

1. **Define Your "Prompt Universe":** Before buying software, start by identifying the 10–20 most critical questions your buyers ask. You can even do a manual "spot check" by running these queries yourself in a private browser to see if your brand appears.
2. **Determine Your Needs:**
 - **If you are an SMB:** Look for self-serve platforms with intuitive dashboards that prioritize "actionable" insights (i.e., they tell you exactly what content to update).
 - **If you are an enterprise:** Look for tools that support multi-model coverage, API access, and granular reporting.
3. **Look for Actionable Data:** The best tools don't just tell you that you are "invisible"—they provide a roadmap for improvement, such as suggesting content updates or identifying the authoritative sources you need to build relationships with.

Many of these platforms offer free trials or "visibility checkers," which are an excellent way to see how your brand currently fares before committing to a paid subscription.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Semrush One, Profound, Ahrefs' AI Visibility Checker

Yes. These are often called **AI visibility** or **answer-engine monitoring** tools. They regularly test buyer questions in AI platforms and report whether your company is mentioned, which competitors appear, and which websites or pages are cited.

A few options:

- **Otterly.ai** – monitors brand mentions and citations across services including ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Claude, Microsoft Copilot, and Google AI results; coverage depends on the plan. ⁶
- **Semrush One** – combines AI visibility reporting with traditional SEO tools, including competitor and citation analysis. ²
- **Profound** – a more enterprise-oriented option for tracking how brands appear across AI answers. ¹
- **Ahrefs' AI Visibility Checker** – a free checker for a one-time snapshot across several AI platforms. ⁴

For a quick start, try a free checker; for ongoing tracking, compare tools based on the platforms you care about, whether you can add your own prompts, how often they refresh, and whether they show citations and competitors. Keep in mind the results are snapshots: AI answers can vary by prompt, location, and time.

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What are the best GEO tools?

ChatGPT gpt-6-luna · 28 October 2026, 18:25 UTC

RECOMMENDED Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Profound, Peec AI, Otterly.AI, Writesonic GEO Suite

Assuming you mean **generative engine optimization**—tools for tracking how brands appear in ChatGPT, Google AI, Perplexity, and similar systems—there isn't one best tool for everyone. My shortlist:

Tool	Best for	Why consider it
Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit	Teams already using Semrush	Combines AI visibility tracking, prompt research, competitor analysis, and sentiment with traditional SEO workflows. Listed at \$99/month in Semrush's current comparison. (semrush.com)
Ahrefs Brand Radar	Broad discovery and competitor research	Searches a large index of AI responses and helps identify mentions, citations, and visibility gaps. Add custom prompts when you need to monitor specific questions. (help.ahrefs.com)
Profound	Enterprise research and reporting	A stronger fit when you want deep AI-search analytics and prompt intelligence—not just a simple mention tracker. (semrush.com)
Peec AI	Agencies and growing teams	Built around multi-brand tracking, competitor benchmarking, and flexible project monitoring. (semrush.com)
Otterly.AI	Freelancers and small teams	A relatively affordable way to track a defined set of prompts and citations; check add-on costs if you need more AI platforms. (semrush.com)
Writesonic GEO Suite	Content teams that want to act on findings	Combines AI visibility reporting with content and optimization workflows. (semrush.com)

Quick picks: Start with **Otterly** for basic, budget-conscious monitoring; choose **Semrush** if you want GEO alongside SEO; consider **Ahrefs Brand Radar** for broad discovery; and look at **Profound** or **Peec** for more extensive team or agency workflows.

One important caveat: GEO tools provide **samples of AI answers**, not a complete or perfectly stable ranking. Compare the same prompts, locations, and engines over time, and treat visibility metrics as directional. Ahrefs explicitly describes its data as sampling-based rather than real-time coverage of every AI response. (ahrefs.com)

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RECOMMENDED [Profound](#), [Peec AI](#), [Otterly.AI](#), [Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit](#), [Ahrefs Brand Radar](#), [Writesonic](#), [Goodie AI](#), [AthenaHQ](#), [ZipTie](#), [Scrunch AI](#), [Prerender.io](#)

There's no single best GEO tool. The 2026 roundups mostly agree on a shortlist, and the right pick depends on whether you need monitoring alone or monitoring plus content fixes.

Monitoring and analytics

- **Profound** is the usual enterprise pick. One roundup describes it as for enterprise, with 10+ engines, API and SSO access, and server-level tracking of how models crawl your content. Its entry tier is expensive for multi-engine coverage: [Profound's \\$99 tier tracks ChatGPT alone](#), so multi-engine coverage there actually starts at \$399.
- **Peec AI** is often recommended for recurring reporting, with structured daily monitoring and clear plan allowances.
- **Otterly AI** is the budget option. It's no-fuss prompt tracking from \$29/month.
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** suits teams already on Semrush. One list calls it the best overall, with 8 engines, a 261 million prompt database, and a working site audit, starting at \$99 a month.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** adds AI tracking to Ahrefs. Its "Cited Domains" and "Cited Pages" reports trace exactly which URLs AI engines pull from when mentioning your brand.

Tracking plus optimization

- **Writesonic** is the strongest pick for closing the loop. Its Action Center runs all four streams (new content, refreshes, third-party outreach with author contacts, UGC engagement) and tracks impact on share of answer afterward.
- **Goodie AI** is aimed at revenue attribution. One list notes it's the choice when revenue attribution, not just a mentions count matters, and it's priced at the enterprise end at \$399/month.
- **AthenaHQ** targets on-page work. It offers automated schema and entity tagging at scale, with an Action Center that turns visibility data into prescriptive next steps.
- **ZipTie** is useful when you need proof for clients. It's described as best for teams that need screenshot proof of what AI showed.

Technical and specialized

- **Scrunch AI** focuses on whether AI crawlers can access your site. It combines answer visibility with site audits, bot traffic, referrals, citations and its Agent Experience Platform.
- **Prerender.io** addresses JavaScript-heavy sites. It generates static HTML snapshots so AI crawlers can access content trapped behind JavaScript rendering.

Choosing among them

- If you already pay for Semrush or Ahrefs, start there, since their add-ons cost less to layer on.
- If you're on a small budget, start with Otterly or Peec AI.
- If you have an enterprise team that can execute, [Profound](#) gives the most data. If you want the tool to handle execution too, [Writesonic](#) is the stronger fit.

Keep in mind that many of these "best of" lists are published by the vendors they rank first, and prices differ from one source to another. Confirm current pricing and engine coverage on each vendor's site, and use free trials to test with your own prompts before committing.

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RECOMMENDED Esri ArcGIS, QGIS, Atlas, CARTO, Google Earth Engine, PostGIS, Mapbox, Geoptie, Brandi AI, Profound, Gauge, Goodie

To provide you with the most relevant recommendation, it is helpful to note that the term "GEO tools" often refers to two distinct fields. Please see the breakdown below to identify the tools that fit your needs.

1. Geospatial Technology & GIS (Mapping and Analysis)

If you are looking for tools related to **Geographic Information Systems (GIS)**, **mapping**, or **location intelligence**, the landscape in 2026 is dominated by a mix of powerful enterprise software and modern, cloud-native platforms.

- **Industry Standard (Enterprise):** Esri ArcGIS (specifically ArcGIS Pro) remains the gold standard for professional, large-scale spatial analysis, 3D visualization, and complex data management.
- **Best Open-Source:** QGIS is the leading free, open-source desktop GIS. It is highly flexible, has a massive plugin ecosystem, and is ideal for researchers, nonprofits, and budget-conscious teams.
- **Modern Cloud-Native:** Platforms like Atlas and CARTO are leading the shift toward browser-based, collaborative workflows. Atlas is noted for its speed and AI-integrated interface, while CARTO excels at spatial analytics for data already living in cloud data warehouses (e.g., Snowflake, BigQuery).
- **Specialized Analysis:**
 - **Google Earth Engine:** Best for planetary-scale environmental monitoring and time-series satellite analysis.
 - **PostGIS:** The essential "backbone" for those managing large-scale spatial databases using SQL.
 - **Mapbox:** The go-to for developers looking to build custom, interactive maps and location-aware applications.

2. Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)

If by "GEO" you meant **Generative Engine Optimization** (the practice of improving a brand's visibility in AI-generated answers like those from ChatGPT, Gemini, or Perplexity), the tools are entirely different. These tools help teams track how AI models perceive their brand, optimize content for AI discovery, and research audience prompts.

- **Geoptie:** Offers a comprehensive suite for monitoring and optimizing AI visibility with a focus on value for teams.
- **Brandi AI:** Specifically targets PR and brand strategy teams, combining technical GEO checks with market intelligence to track how a brand appears across various AI platforms.
- **Profound/Gauge/Goodie:** These are part of the emerging stack for prompt research, content generation, and rank tracking across major AI engines.

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Summary: How to Choose

- **For mapping, data science, or urban planning:** Start with **QGIS** (if you want free) or **ArcGIS Pro** (if you need enterprise power). If you need a fast, modern web experience, look at **Atlas** or **CARTO**.
- **For AI/Marketing visibility:** Look into **Geoptie** or **Brandi AI** to track your brand's presence in AI-generated search results.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Peec AI, Otterly.AI, SE Ranking, Semrush, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Scrunch AI

Assuming you mean **generative engine optimization (GEO)**—improving how often brands appear in answers from ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, and similar services—the best tool depends on what you need:

- **Profound – best for enterprise research and monitoring.** Offers deeper answer-engine insights and prompt-volume data; pricing and features vary by plan. ²¹³
- **Peec AI – best for straightforward prompt tracking.** Tracks brand mentions and competitors across selected AI engines, with a team-friendly workflow. ²⁹
- **Otterly.AI – best budget-friendly starting point.** Provides multi-engine visibility monitoring and GEO audits; listed plans start at \$29/month. ⁴⁹
- **SE Ranking / SE Visible – best if you want GEO alongside traditional SEO.** Combines AI-visibility tracking and competitor analysis with an established SEO platform. ²⁹
- **Semrush or Ahrefs Brand Radar – best if you already use that SEO ecosystem.** Useful for bringing AI visibility and citation data into existing workflows; check add-on costs and coverage before choosing. ²⁴
- **Scrunch AI – best for teams focused on site diagnostics and optimization workflows,** rather than monitoring alone. ⁹¹²

Quick pick: start with Otterly.AI for a low-cost trial, Peec AI for prompt-level tracking, or Profound for enterprise needs. Compare tools using the same set of realistic customer questions: engine coverage, citation accuracy, competitor tracking, refresh frequency, and the number of prompts or domains included. GEO pricing and feature lists change often, so verify current plan details with the vendor. ³⁹

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What's the best way to monitor my brand in ChatGPT, Gemini and Perplexity?

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RECOMMENDED Semrush

The best approach is a **repeatable prompt-tracking setup plus real-world traffic and reputation monitoring**—not occasional one-off searches. AI answers vary, and each platform can surface your brand differently, so track **ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity separately**. (arxiv.org)

A practical setup

1. **Build a prompt set** from questions real customers ask:
 - “What are the best [category] options for [audience]?”
 - “[Your brand] vs. [competitor]”
 - “Is [your brand] good for [use case]?”
 - Questions about your category, location, and common concerns

Include both branded and unbranded queries.
1. **Run the same prompts on each platform on a regular schedule.** Record whether you're mentioned, recommended, where you appear in the answer, what sources are cited, and which competitors appear. Keep the answer text or screenshots so you can check whether a metric reflects a real change.
1. **Use a tracker if you have enough prompts to make manual checks tedious.** For example, Semrush documents prompt tracking across ChatGPT and Gemini, and brand reporting across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity. When comparing vendors, confirm their *current* platform coverage, update frequency, and whether they save underlying answers and citations—not just a headline “visibility score.” (semrush.com)
1. **Pair answer tracking with your own analytics.** Watch referral traffic and conversions from AI platforms in your analytics, and keep an eye on branded search, reviews, news, and other places where people discuss your brand. Mentions and traffic tell you different things: an answer can name you without sending a visit.
1. **Review the trend, not a single result.** AI answers can change between runs, so a one-time check is anecdotal. Keep prompts and settings consistent, compare results over several weeks, and investigate changes in the cited sources as well as mention rates. (arxiv.org)

My recommendation: start with a spreadsheet and a small, high-intent prompt set. If maintaining it becomes a chore, trial a tracker against that same set and choose the one whose saved answers, citations, and platform coverage you can verify. Treat its scores as directional—not as precise rankings or a guarantee of how every user will see your brand.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Profound, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Semrush

The best approach is to combine a fixed set of prompts you run on a schedule with a tool that automates the runs once you know what to track.

1. Build a prompt set first. Include branded prompts, category prompts ("best [category] tools"), comparison prompts, and purchase-intent prompts. One guide suggests starting with a focused set of 20 to 40 representative queries run consistently, which gives more useful data than a large set run once. Also track your product names, domain, founder names, and common misspellings, since you want the engines to recognize every way people refer to you.

2. Run a manual baseline. Open ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity and run the full set. For each answer, log whether you appear, your position in any list, the sentiment, and which URLs are cited. This manual snapshot establishes a reference point before you invest in automation and reveals which engines are ignoring your brand entirely. Also check whether the details about your company are accurate, since wrong claims are easier to fix when caught early.

3. Repeat on a schedule. A single run is noisy because answers vary between runs. Re-running the same prompts weekly or monthly shows whether your trend is moving. Track mention rate, citation rate, share of voice against competitors, and sentiment over time. Note that the metric that matters most is often how the answer frames you, not raw mention counts.

4. Watch the sources. Log which domains the engines cite for each prompt. Those sources are usually where to act: review sites, Reddit or forums, Wikipedia, and your own pages. Fixing outdated third-party information there often matters more than changing your own site.

5. Automate when the manual process gets too slow. Dedicated tools run prompts across engines continuously and alert you to changes. Options that came up in current reviews include Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Profound, Ahrefs Brand Radar, and Semrush's AI toolkit. Some focus on monitoring, while others add content workflows. Most of the comparison pages I found are vendor-published and promotional, so I'd run a trial with your own prompt set and check for:

- Which engines it covers (ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity at minimum), and whether it lets you control the model version
- Whether it's sampling the models or scraping the consumer interfaces, since results can differ
- Citation and source analysis, sentiment, and competitor tracking
- Export options and how it handles your data if you pause

I didn't verify current pricing or feature details for each tool, so check those directly with the vendors.

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RECOMMENDED Dageno, Peec AI, Profound, Otterly.AI, Semrush, Google Sheets

Monitoring your brand in AI platforms like ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity requires a shift from traditional keyword tracking to **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)**. Because AI models generate unique, probabilistic answers rather than static lists of links, you cannot rely on standard rank trackers to tell you how you are being "recommended" or described.

The best way to monitor your brand is through a combination of **systematic manual audits** (for free/small-scale tracking) and **specialized AI visibility tools** (for enterprise or high-volume needs).

1. The Strategy: How to Monitor Effectively

AI answers are "drift-prone," meaning they can change based on the specific prompt, the user's history, and the model's current training or grounding. To get reliable data:

- **Use "Clean" Sessions:** When testing manually, always use "Temporary Chat" (in ChatGPT) or Incognito/Private mode to ensure the AI isn't pulling from your past interactions or personalized history.
- **Focus on Prompts, Not Just Keywords:** Instead of searching for your brand name, search for the **problems your product solves** (e.g., "What is the best CRM for small businesses?"). This is how potential customers actually discover you.
- **Track More Than Mentions:** Don't just look for your name. Record:
 - **Positioning:** Did the AI recommend you, or was it just an incidental mention?
 - **Sentiment:** How does the AI describe your brand (e.g., "expensive," "user-friendly," "robust")?
 - **Competitor Context:** Which brands are you being compared against?
 - **Citations:** Which URLs is the AI using to validate its claims about you?

2. Tools for AI Brand Monitoring

If you need to scale your tracking beyond manual checks, several dedicated platforms have emerged:

Tool Category	Examples	Best For
Specialized AI Trackers	Dageno, Peec AI, Profound, Otterly.AI	Teams needing automated, multi-engine dashboards and competitive intelligence.
Integrated SEO Platforms	Semrush (AI Visibility), Ahrefs (Brand Radar)	Marketing teams already using these tools who want to add AI tracking to their existing workflow.
Manual/Custom	Google Sheets + Python Scripts	Small businesses or those with low-volume needs who want to save on software costs.

- **Pro Tip:** Look for tools that offer "**Citation Intelligence**." Understanding *which* of your web pages the AI is citing (or ignoring) is key to improving your visibility. If a tool doesn't show you the source URLs, it's much harder to "fix" your presence.

3. How to Influence What AI Says

Monitoring is only half the battle. If you find your brand is being misrepresented or ignored, you can influence the AI's "opinion" through:

- **Structured Content:** Ensure your website uses clear schema markup and factual "About Us" pages that are easy for AI crawlers to parse.
- **Third-Party Validation:** AI models aggregate data from across the web. Increase your presence on authoritative third-party sites (G2, Capterra, industry blogs, and news outlets) to provide the AI with more "signals" about your brand's quality.

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- **Update Your Digital Footprint:** AI often relies on stale data. Proactively updating your brand information across all public directories, forums, and your own site helps ensure the AI is pulling from the latest, most accurate narrative.

Recommended Workflow

1. **Define your core query set:** Identify the top 20–50 questions your target customers are asking (e.g., "What is the best alternative to [Competitor]?").
2. **Establish a baseline:** Manually run these prompts once a week for a month to see the consistency of the answers.
3. **Select a tool:** If the volume is manageable, keep using your manual spreadsheet. If you need to track across 5+ engines (ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, Claude, Grok), invest in a tool like **Dageno** or **Semrush's AI Visibility** to automate the data collection.
4. **Review & Pivot:** Monthly, review which competitors are gaining ground and update your content strategy to emphasize the attributes you want the AI to associate with your brand.

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RECOMMENDED HubSpot AEO, Semrush, Ahrefs Brand Radar, AI Search Grader

The best approach is to track **a consistent set of real buyer questions across all three platforms**, then look at trends—not treat any one AI answer as a definitive result.

1. **Build a prompt list.** Include questions people might ask at different stages: “best [category] for [use case],” “[your brand] vs. [competitor],” and “alternatives to [competitor].” Add relevant locations or customer types where they matter.
2. **Check each engine separately.** ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity can give different answers. Record whether your brand is mentioned, how it’s described, which competitors appear, and which pages or other sources are cited. Repeat checks over time; results can vary by run.⁶⁷
3. **Track useful metrics.** Focus on mention rate, citation rate and cited URLs, share of voice versus competitors, sentiment or accuracy, and changes over time—not a single aggregate “AI visibility” score.⁴⁶
4. **Choose a tracker if you need regular reporting.** HubSpot AEO says it monitors prompts across all three engines and reports mentions, sentiment, competitor share of voice, and citations. Other options include Semrush, Ahrefs Brand Radar, and dedicated AI-visibility tools; verify that a product covers **Gemini, ChatGPT, and Perplexity specifically**, supports your own prompts, and shows source links before choosing.⁴⁸¹²
5. **Use a manual baseline first.** Run your prompt list in each platform, save the answers and cited URLs, then repeat on a regular schedule. A free one-time AI Search Grader is another way to get an initial snapshot, but it is not ongoing monitoring.⁵⁸

A practical starter is **20–50 prompts**, checked monthly; check more often if you’re launching a product or actively changing your content. Treat the results as directional: they reflect the tested prompts and conditions, not every user’s personalized experience. For improving what you find, prioritize accurate, useful pages on your own site and make sure the third-party sources the engines cite describe your brand correctly.

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How do I check if my website gets cited by AI search engines?

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RECOMMENDED Bing Webmaster Tools, Google Search Console, GA4

Use a mix of **webmaster reports, referral analytics, and repeatable spot-checks**. No single tool covers every AI search engine.

1. **Check Bing Webmaster Tools.** Open the **AI Performance** report to see cited pages, citation trends, and grounding queries across Microsoft Copilot, Bing AI summaries, and some partner experiences. Sparse citations may not appear in the report. (bing.com)
1. **Check Google Search Console.** Its **Generative AI performance** report covers impressions for links shown in Google's AI Overviews and AI Mode. That's a visibility signal, not a complete count of citations across all AI assistants. (support.google.com)
1. **Look for visits from AI platforms in your analytics.** In GA4 or your other analytics tool, review referral sources and landing pages for visits from AI services. This catches clicks on citations, but it won't show citations that nobody clicks—and some visits may not be clearly attributed.
1. **Run a small, consistent manual audit.** List the questions your customers might ask, test them periodically in ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Copilot, and record whether your site is cited, which page is linked, and which competitors appear. Results can vary by wording, time, and user context, so treat this as a sample rather than a complete count.
1. **Check your server logs for AI crawlers—but don't confuse crawling with citation.** A crawler visit means a bot accessed your site; it does **not** prove that an AI answer cited it. OpenAI, for example, distinguishes its search crawler from its training crawler. (developers.openai.com)

A simple starting setup: verify your site in Google Search Console and Bing Webmaster Tools, review AI-related referrals monthly, and keep a spreadsheet of a few dozen representative questions and the sources each platform shows. Keep citation visibility separate from traffic: a page can be cited without generating a visit.

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RECOMMENDED Google Search Console, Bing Webmaster Tools, GA4, Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Profound, Semrush, SE Ranking, LLMrefs, Frase

There are three practical ways to check: ask the AI tools yourself, read your first-party data, and use a tracking tool if you need ongoing monitoring.

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1. Test manually (free)

Pick the questions your customers would ask, then run them in ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews. Use a fresh browser session with web search turned on where applicable, since ChatGPT needs web search enabled to show live citations. Perplexity is the easiest to check because it includes numbered citations in every response by default. ChatGPT is less consistent: it cites sources less consistently, even with web search enabled. Also, ChatGPT may name a brand without linking to it. So note whether you're mentioned, linked, or absent. Save screenshots so you can compare over time.

Manual checks have limits. AI answers change too often for manual checks to be effective on their own, so run the same prompts repeatedly. There's no guarantee of getting cited on the first, second, or third attempt.

2. Use your first-party data (free)

- **Google Search Console:** Its generative AI performance report shows how your pages appear in AI Overviews and AI Mode. It shows impressions in AI Overviews and AI Mode by page. It doesn't show which URLs ChatGPT cites, which competitors Perplexity references, or which sources Gemini relies on.
- **Bing Webmaster Tools:** Its AI Performance report covers Copilot citations.
- **GA4 referrals:** Check for visits from chatgpt.com, perplexity.ai, and gemini.google.com, which indicate AI-driven traffic.
- **Server logs:** Look for visits from AI crawlers. Common AI crawler user agents include Google-Extended, ChatGPT-User, PerplexityBot, and ClaudeBot. Crawler visits show access, not citation, but they're a useful signal.

3. Use a tracking tool (free or paid)

Tools automate the prompt testing across engines. They send queries to AI search engines and analyze the responses for brand mentions, citations, and source links. Options include Otterly.ai, Peec AI, Profound, Semrush, SE Ranking, and LLMrefs. Pricing varies widely, and some engines are paid add-ons on cheaper plans. Free options include the free AI Visibility Checker from Frase, which queries ChatGPT for you, and LLMrefs, which lets you enter your domain name, brand, or target keyword.

A practical sequence: Start with 5–10 core prompts checked manually every couple of weeks, cross-check with Search Console and GA4, and add a paid tool only if you need tracking across many prompts or competitors. A tool isn't necessary to get started.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Profound, Peec AI, Wispra

To check if your website is being cited by AI search engines, you need to monitor how your brand, products, or content appear in AI-generated responses across platforms like **ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews (AIO), Gemini, and Microsoft Copilot**.

Because AI search engines synthesize information rather than just providing a list of links, tracking these citations requires a different approach than traditional SEO.

1. Manual Checking (The "Snapshot" Method)

For a quick, free, and immediate look at your visibility, you can perform manual checks:

- **Use AI-Relevant Prompts:** Think like a customer. If you sell "eco-friendly running shoes," don't just search for your brand name. Ask the AI: *"What are the best eco-friendly running shoes?"* or *"Who makes sustainable footwear?"*
- **Check Multiple Engines:** Results vary significantly between platforms. Test your core business questions across ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google Search (to trigger AI Overviews).
- **Document Results:** Keep a spreadsheet of the questions you asked and whether your site was cited (or if a competitor was cited instead).
- **Limitations:** AI models are dynamic; they rewrite answers constantly. A manual check is only a snapshot in time and does not provide historical data or trends.

2. Automated AI Citation Tracking Tools

For professional or ongoing monitoring, dedicated tools are more efficient. They work by automating the process of querying AI engines with your target keywords and recording if/how you are cited.

- **Dedicated AI Visibility Tools:** Platforms such as **OtterlyAI, Profound, Peec.ai, and Wispra** are purpose-built to track citations across multiple AI engines. They often provide metrics like "Citation Frequency," "Share of Voice," and competitor benchmarking.
- **SEO Suite Integrations:** If you already use tools like **Semrush (AI Visibility Toolkit), Ahrefs (Brand Radar), or SE Ranking**, check if they have added AI visibility features. These are convenient because they integrate AI citation data into your existing SEO dashboard.
- **Google-Specific Data:** If you are primarily concerned with Google, check your **Google Search Console**. Navigate to the Performance report and look for the **"Generative AI"** filter or view. This shows you actual impressions for your pages within Google's AI Overviews.

3. Key Metrics to Watch

When using these tools, look for more than just a "yes/no" citation status:

- **Citation vs. Mention:** A **citation** usually includes a link back to your site, which drives traffic. A **mention** is when your brand is named but not linked; while it builds brand awareness, it is less effective for direct traffic.
- **Share of Voice:** How often are you cited compared to your competitors for the same buyer queries?
- **Prompt Alignment:** Which specific questions trigger a citation of your content? This helps you identify which parts of your site are seen as "authoritative" by AI models.

Summary Checklist for Getting Started

1. **Check Google Search Console:** See if you are already getting AI Overview impressions.
2. **Run a Free Audit:** Use free tools like the **Ahrefs AI Visibility Checker, Frase.io, or Similarweb's AI Citation tools** to get an immediate baseline.
3. **Define Your Keywords:** Identify 5–10 high-intent questions your customers ask.

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4. **Monitor Regularly:** If AI traffic is a priority for your business, consider a paid tool that tracks your "Citation Frequency" over time so you can see if your optimization efforts (e.g., adding Schema markup, improving E-E-A-T) are actually working.

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RECOMMENDED Bing Webmaster Tools, Google Search Console

The best way is to combine **official webmaster reports** with a small amount of manual or third-party checking. Keep in mind that "AI visibility" can mean a brand mention, a link to your site, or an actual citation to one of your pages—those aren't the same thing.

1. **Check Bing Webmaster Tools.** Verify your site, then open **AI Performance**. It reports citation counts, cited URLs, trends, and sample "grounding queries" across supported Microsoft AI experiences, including Copilot and Bing AI answers. It doesn't cover every AI assistant or tell you how much traffic a citation generated. ⁶
1. **Check Google Search Console for Google AI features.** Google's generative-AI reporting shows impressions and pages appearing in supported Search features such as AI Overviews and AI Mode. Treat this as visibility data, not a complete citation log across all AI products. ¹⁴
1. **Test the questions your customers actually ask.** In ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Copilot, and other relevant tools, try a consistent set of prompts and record whether your site is mentioned, whether a page is linked, and which URL is cited. Repeat periodically, since answers can vary by query, location, and time. For a more reliable comparison, keep a dated spreadsheet of prompts and results.
1. **Use a monitoring platform if you need scale.** Third-party AI visibility tools can track chosen prompts, mentions, cited URLs, and competitors across multiple services. Compare a few options based on which AI platforms and reporting features they support; don't assume a vendor's coverage is universal. ¹⁰¹⁵
1. **Measure referral traffic separately.** Check your analytics for visits from AI services, and track conversions from those visits where possible. Citation counts and impressions don't necessarily translate into clicks or business results. ¹²

A simple starting routine: review Bing and Google reports monthly, test 10–20 important prompts across the AI tools your audience uses, and log **date, prompt, platform, mention, cited URL, and referral visits**.

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Which AI visibility tools are worth paying for?

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI (top pick), Peec AI, Profound

Short answer: For most teams, **Otterly.ai** is the sensible low-cost test; **Semrush AI Visibility** is worth paying for if it fits your existing SEO workflow; **Peec AI** is worth evaluating for a team that needs more prompt and competitor tracking. I'd reserve **Profound** for larger organizations with a real need for deeper analytics and workflows—not just a visibility dashboard.

Tool	Worth paying for when...	Main watch-out
Otterly.ai	You want an affordable way to monitor mentions, citations, and visibility trends. Its Lite plan is listed at \$29/month for 15 prompts.	Check which AI engines are included: some are paid add-ons, so the entry price may not cover the models you care about. (semrush.com)
Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit	You already use Semrush, or want AI visibility alongside SEO research and site audits. It's listed at \$99/month per domain , with 25 tracked prompts and coverage including ChatGPT, Google AI, Gemini, and Perplexity.	That's a fairly small prompt allowance, and it's a separate cost if you only want a basic tracker. (semrush.com)
Peec AI	You're a marketing team or agency that will use prompt-level trends, competitor comparisons, and reporting across projects.	Compare the <i>exact plan</i> and engine coverage before buying; tiers and included models matter. It may be more than you need if you only want a simple mention check. (semrush.com)
Profound	You're an enterprise team that needs deeper AI-search intelligence and broader workflows across marketing, SEO, or PR.	It's likely overkill for a small team that mainly wants to know whether it gets mentioned. Pricing and access can be less straightforward than self-serve tools. (semrush.com)

My practical recommendation: Pick **one** tool, not several. Track a focused set of real buyer questions, your brand, and a few competitors for a month. Pay only if the reports lead to specific work—such as improving a page AI systems cite, correcting inaccurate descriptions, or strengthening review and reference coverage. If the output is just a changing “visibility score,” it probably isn’t earning its subscription.

Before choosing, check that the tool tracks the AI products and countries your customers actually use, shows the **sources/citations** behind answers, and lets you compare results over time. Those details can matter more than the headline number of models supported. Prices and plan limits can change, so confirm the vendor’s current checkout page before subscribing.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Semrush, Ahrefs, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Surfer, Frase, AirOps, Profound, Scrunch AI, Rankability, SE Visible

There's no single best pick. The right tool depends mostly on your budget and whether you already pay for an SEO suite. Most of the "best of" lists come from vendors ranking their own products, and prices differ between sources, so check current pricing pages before buying.

Budget starting point: Otterly.AI. It's the most common cheap entry point. One source lists its Lite plan at \$29/month with 15 prompts, and Standard at \$189 per month with 100 prompts, and Premium at \$489 per month with 400 prompts. The trade-off is that it's mostly a monitoring tool. One comparison suggests it's for when you only want a report of whether you were named.

Best all-round for most teams: Peec AI. One review calls it the better practical pick for most teams because it is focused, clean, and easier to adopt. Its entry price is roughly €89/month, and it's popular with agencies because it has unlimited seats. Be aware that extra engines may cost more.

If you already pay for an SEO suite: Semrush or Ahrefs. Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit is commonly listed at \$99/mo, and it's the easiest add-on if you live in Semrush already. Ahrefs Brand Radar is pricier, \$199/mo per index in one comparison, though others list lower tiers.

If you want to act on findings, not just track them: Surfer, Frase, or AirOps. Surfer's tracker tracks 5 engines daily from \$82/mo, and its content editor shows the facts AI answers cite for your topic. Frase is pitched as a tool that lets teams monitor where AI search cites their brand and close the gap in the same workflow.

Enterprise: Profound or Scrunch AI. Profound is generally regarded as the deepest option, with up to 9 engines, SSO, SOC 2 and API on Enterprise. Scrunch's core plan is \$250/mo Core (125 prompts, 1 brand workspace, basic content generation); Enterprise custom. Enterprise contracts can run much higher.

Agencies: Rankability is ranked as best overall for agencies in one list, and SE Visible is often recommended for agencies managing multiple client brands.

How to decide:

- Check the real cost, not the headline price. Per-engine fees, extra seats, and prompt limits can roughly double the bill. One price breakdown notes that cost per extra seat varies widely across tools.
- Most vendors offer free trials, so test with 20–30 prompts your customers actually use and see whether the data changes what you do.
- Paying makes sense if you'll act on the results. If you only glance at a dashboard, a \$29 tool or a free checker is enough.

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RECOMMENDED Datadog LLM Observability, Dynatrace, Arize Phoenix

Whether an "AI visibility tool" is worth paying for depends entirely on your goals. There is a sharp distinction in the industry between **Brand Visibility/Marketing tools** (which track how often your brand appears in AI-generated answers) and **AI Observability/Engineering tools** (which monitor the health, cost, and accuracy of AI applications you are building).

1. For Marketing & SEO (Brand Visibility)

These tools track if brands appear in responses from ChatGPT, Perplexity, or Gemini.

- **Are they worth it?** For most businesses, **no—not yet**. Many experts suggest treating these as a "directional signal" rather than a Key Performance Indicator (KPI). AI search currently accounts for a small fraction of total web traffic compared to traditional search.
- **When to pay:** Only invest if you already have a mature SEO and content program and have the team/resources to act on the data. If you are still struggling with basic SEO or core website content, these tools will not fix those fundamental issues.
- **Recommended approach:**
 - **Start Free:** Use Google Search Console, Bing Webmaster Tools, and the free visibility "checkers" or reports offered by platforms like **Ahrefs**, **Semrush**, or **SE Ranking** to get a baseline.
 - **Paid Options:** If you need to track specific brand mentions across multiple engines at scale, tools like **Otterly.AI**, **Peec AI**, and **Profound** are frequently cited as leaders in this space. However, be wary of "sticker price" versus "real price"—costs often escalate quickly based on the number of prompts you track.

2. For Developers & Engineering (AI Observability)

These tools are essential if you are building and deploying AI agents or LLM-based features in your own applications.

- **Are they worth it?** **Yes**, if you are operating AI in production. Without them, you are "flying blind." Unlike traditional software, AI agents can fail in non-obvious ways (e.g., hallucinating, looping, or exceeding token budgets) while still returning a successful "HTTP 200" status code.
- **Key Platforms:**
 - **For Enterprise/Engineering:** **Datadog LLM Observability** and **Dynatrace** are strong choices if your team is already standardized on these platforms.

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- **For AI-Native Teams:** Tools like **LangSmith** (if using LangChain), **Langfuse**, **Braintrust**, and **Pydantic Logfire** are highly regarded for their ability to trace agent reasoning, manage prompts, and evaluate output quality.
- **For Open Source/Self-Hosted:** **Arize Phoenix** and **Langfuse** offer powerful, open-source options that provide data privacy and control.

Summary Comparison

Tool Category	Primary Goal	Worth Paying For?
Brand Visibility	Monitoring if you appear in AI chat answers	Only if you have a high-maturity marketing team
AI Observability	Monitoring AI app performance, costs, & bugs	Essential if you are building/deploying AI apps

Final Advice:

- **For Marketers:** Do not buy a dashboard until you have first performed a manual diagnostic: search your top keywords in Perplexity/ChatGPT and see who ranks. If you aren't showing up, your focus should likely remain on core content authority and high-quality reviews, which are the primary signals AI models use to determine trust.
- **For Engineers:** If you are building AI features, prioritize tools that provide **trace-level replay** and **evaluation** (AI-as-a-judge). Monitoring simple latency or cost is no longer enough; you need to understand *why* your agent made a specific decision.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI (top pick), Semrush, Peec AI, Profound, Ahrefs Brand RadarMENTIONED Ahrefs

The short answer: **pay for a tool only if it helps you make a decision or take action—not just because it gives you an “AI visibility score.”** AI answers can vary, so treat tracking as directional, and compare results over time using a consistent set of prompts.

Worth considering

- **Otterly.AI – best low-cost starting point.** At about **\$29/month**, it’s an inexpensive way for a freelancer or small team to monitor a limited set of prompts across several AI search products. It’s a sensible first paid tool if you want to see whether AI mentions are relevant to your business before investing more.⁵¹²
- **Semrush – best if you already use its SEO tools.** Its AI Visibility Toolkit is listed at **\$99/month per domain**, with 25 tracked prompts; Semrush One bundles SEO and AI visibility starting around **\$199/month**. The bundle is easier to justify if you’ll use the SEO features too. Check the prompt and user limits carefully—extra domains, prompts, and seats can raise the cost.¹³¹³
- **Peec AI – worth a look for agencies.** Semrush’s comparison lists it at **\$95/month** and highlights unlimited user seats, which may make it practical for teams managing multiple clients. Verify current plan limits and engine coverage against your actual needs before choosing.⁵
- **Profound – for larger teams needing deeper analysis.** It starts around **\$99/month** according to the cited comparison, but its entry tier may be limited in which AI platforms it covers. It’s more compelling if your team needs richer analytics or workflows than a simple mention tracker.⁵¹²

Question h08 · Perplexity, continued

Usually not the first buy

- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** can make sense if you're already invested in Ahrefs, but AI tracking is an additional expense; one comparison lists it at **\$179/month extra**.¹²
- **Athena** is positioned for ecommerce teams tying visibility to analytics and sales, but its cited starting price is **\$295/month**—hard to justify before you have a clear measurement plan.⁵

My practical recommendation

Start with **Otterly.AI** for a small, focused test. Choose **Semrush One** if you also need SEO research and reporting. Consider **Peec AI** for agency workflows or **Profound** for more advanced analysis. Before paying, test whether a tool covers the AI products your customers actually use, lets you track enough relevant prompts, and shows useful citations or competitors—not just a headline score. Prices and plan limits can change, so confirm them on the vendor's pricing page before subscribing.

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What does an AEO tool actually do, and do I need one?

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BRANDS READ none

An **AEO tool**—usually “answer engine optimization”—is software that checks how often your business or website appears in answers from tools like ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google’s AI search features.

Depending on the product, it may:

- Test a set of questions people might ask and record whether your brand is mentioned or cited.
- Show which websites or pages the answer engines cite, and compare your visibility with competitors.
- Track changes over time and suggest content or website improvements. (knowledge.hubspot.com)

Do you need one? Usually, not to get started. Google says its usual SEO fundamentals still apply to AI search, and there’s no special markup or separate optimization requirement for its AI Overviews and AI Mode. (developers.google.com)

An AEO tool may be useful if AI answers are an important way customers discover your business, or if you manage many brands or lots of content and want repeatable monitoring. For a small business or a new website, you can first make sure your site is crawlable, your key information is clear and up to date, and your pages answer customers’ common questions. Then manually check a few relevant queries in the AI tools your customers use.

Bottom line: AEO tools mainly help you *measure and monitor* visibility; they don’t guarantee that an AI will recommend or cite you. Consider paying for one only if the reporting answers a real question you can’t already answer with your SEO tools and basic checks.

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MENTIONED Profound

What an AEO tool does

An AEO tool measures and tracks how your brand shows up in AI-generated answers, rather than in a list of search results. It helps marketing teams monitor, influence, and measure how their brand appears in AI search results. In practice, most of them run a set of prompts on a schedule across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews, then report whether you’re mentioned, how often you’re cited, how the mentions are framed, and how you compare to competitors. AEO tracking monitors whether your brand or pages appear inside AI-generated answers across multiple platforms. The queries tracked are conversational prompts, not short keywords.

Question h09 · ChatGPT, continued

Tools differ in how far they go. Some only track visibility. Others suggest content changes, generate content briefs, or connect the data to your publishing workflow. The most expensive platforms also look at how AI crawlers access your site. Some vendors describe these as different jobs, so check which one you're buying.

Do you need one?

Probably not yet, unless you have a specific reason. The optimization work itself is mostly ordinary content work: clear answers to real questions, good structure, accurate facts, and strong SEO. Many answer engines pull from content that already ranks well organically, so strong SEO fundamentals are actually a prerequisite for AEO success. A tool doesn't do that work for you.

You can test this for free. Write the 10–20 questions your customers actually ask, run them in ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini every week or two, and note whether you appear and which sources get cited. A spreadsheet is enough to start.

A paid tool makes more sense if:

- You need to track many prompts, markets, or languages, and checking manually becomes unmanageable.
- You want competitor benchmarking over time.
- You manage several clients or brands and need reporting.
- You have a team that will act on the findings. Tracking without action is wasted money.

Cost

Pricing ranges widely. One guide puts published entry prices from 17 dollars a month, on annual billing only, up to 800 dollars a month. Several well-known tools, including Profound, don't publish prices at all. Entry tiers often cap how many prompts you can track, so compare cost per tracked prompt, not just the headline price.

A caveat: most "best AEO tools" roundups are written by vendors or affiliates, so treat their rankings skeptically. AI answers also vary from run to run, so a single check tells you little. Look for trends over several weeks before deciding anything.

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RECOMMENDED HubSpot's AEO Grader MENTIONED Ahrefs, Semrush

To understand if you need an AEO (Answer Engine Optimization) tool, it helps to first distinguish what it does compared to the traditional SEO tools you might already use.

What Does an AEO Tool Actually Do?

Traditional SEO tools (like Ahrefs or SEMrush) are designed to help you rank in a list of blue links on a search engine results page (SERP). **AEO tools**, by contrast, focus on getting your brand **cited as the direct answer** within AI-powered platforms like ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google's AI Overviews.

An AEO tool generally performs three core functions:

Question h09 · Gemini, continued

1. **Visibility Tracking:** It monitors whether AI models are mentioning or citing your brand when users ask questions relevant to your industry.
2. **Citation Analysis:** It shows you which sources the AI is "reading" to form its answers. This helps you identify if your content is being used or if your competitors are consistently being cited instead of you.
3. **Optimization Insights:** High-end tools often provide data on "why" an AI might be choosing a competitor. They may suggest improvements to your content structure, schema markup, or "entity clarity"—essentially ensuring your information is formatted in a way that is "extractable" and easy for an AI to digest and trust.

Do You Need One?

You do not necessarily need a specialized, paid AEO tool, especially if you are just starting to explore this area. Whether you need one depends on your current stage:

You Likely Do NOT Need a Paid AEO Tool If:

- **You are a small business or early-stage startup:** Focus first on the "fundamentals of AEO," which are largely the same as high-quality SEO: clear, authoritative, and structured content. If your website is well-organized, uses proper schema markup, and directly answers common questions in your niche, you are already doing most of the work.
- **You are still mastering basic SEO:** If your traditional SEO foundation is weak, a fancy AEO tool won't fix it. Most AEO experts agree that "what works for humans works for AI." Focus on creating original, high-quality, and authoritative content first.
- **You want to "dip your toes" in:** You can start by manually testing common queries about your industry in ChatGPT or Perplexity to see if your brand is mentioned. You can also use free tools (like HubSpot's AEO Grader or various free audit tools) to get a baseline score of your AI visibility without a monthly subscription.

You Might Need One If:

- **You are an enterprise or high-growth brand:** If your brand is frequently being discussed online, you need to know how AI is representing you. If the AI is hallucinating incorrect information or consistently recommending competitors, you need monitoring to manage your brand reputation at scale.
- **Your industry is highly competitive or regulated:** In sectors like finance or healthcare, where accuracy is critical, you need to ensure AI engines are pulling from your official, verified sources rather than outdated or incorrect third-party sites.
- **You have already optimized for "blue links" and hit a ceiling:** If you are already doing well in traditional search but see a decline in traffic because users are getting answers directly from AI instead, an AEO tool can provide the "gap analysis" needed to capture that AI-referred traffic.

The Bottom Line

AEO tools are currently in an "early-adopter" phase. Many are essentially reporting tools that tell you what the AI is saying, rather than giving you a "magic button" to fix your rankings.

My recommendation: Before spending money, conduct a manual audit. Ask the AI-powered search engines the questions your customers ask. If you don't show up, check your content structure—are you providing clear, direct answers, or is your content buried in long-form prose? Fix the fundamentals first; invest in a tool only when you have a clear need to monitor and scale your AI presence across many different queries and platforms.

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BRANDS READ none

An **AEO tool**—usually meaning *answer engine optimization* or *AI-visibility* software—checks how your brand and website show up in answers from tools such as ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google's AI search features.

Depending on the product, it can:

- Track whether your brand is **mentioned or cited** for selected questions.
- Compare your visibility with competitors and show where you're missing.
- Report how AI answers describe your brand, sometimes including sentiment.
- Find technical or content issues and suggest improvements.

Think of it as a **monitoring and research tool, not a button that makes AI recommend you**. Its scores are estimates based on the prompts, engines, and tracking method it uses; results can vary.

Do you need one? Probably not if you're a small site or haven't established that AI-search visibility matters to your customers. Start with solid SEO basics: useful, trustworthy content, accessible pages, and clear answers to real customer questions. Google says there are no extra requirements to appear in its AI features; its existing SEO fundamentals still apply.¹

A paid tool is more worth considering if you're a marketing team or brand that needs to monitor visibility across many questions, competitors, or AI platforms over time—and will use the findings to guide content or reporting.²³ Otherwise, a small manual check of the questions customers actually ask can be a sensible first step.

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Are there free tools to check if AI mentions my brand?

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RECOMMENDED Trackee, NYFTY Labs AI Visibility Monitor, Lettertrace

Yes. A few options currently offer free checks or limited free plans:

- **MentionRank** – Free tier lists **1 website, 10 prompts, and 3 AI models**; it says no credit card is required. (mentionrank.io)
- **Trackee** – Free credits let you test a buyer-style prompt across **ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, and Perplexity** and see whether your brand appears. (trackee.dev)
- **NYFTY Labs AI Visibility Monitor** – Free, but you bring your own API keys. It runs a basic snapshot across ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, and Perplexity; it doesn't continuously monitor in the background. (nyftylabs.com)
- **Lettertrace** – Free and open source, with your own API keys; supports scheduled monitoring for ChatGPT, Claude, and Gemini, among other features. (lettertrace.com)

For a quick, no-fuss first check, try **Trackee**. For recurring tracking without paying, compare **MentionRank** and **Lettertrace**—noting that Lettertrace requires more setup.

One caveat: AI answers vary by prompt and over time, so treat results as snapshots, not a definitive measure of what every user sees. A useful test is to track several questions customers might actually ask, then rerun them periodically.

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RECOMMENDED Ahrefs Free AI Visibility Checker, Semrush Free AI Visibility Checker, SE Ranking AI Visibility Checker, Backlinko Free AI Brand Visibility Checker, LLM Pulse brand mention checker, Mangools AI Search Grader, SEOcrawl, Avisibli, LLMClicks

Yes. Several vendors offer free one-off checks that query AI assistants and report whether your brand comes up. Free options are usually snapshots rather than ongoing monitoring.

Free checkers

- **Ahrefs Free AI Visibility Checker:** The free tool checks ChatGPT, Google Gemini, Perplexity, Microsoft Copilot, Google AI Overviews, and Google AI Mode. It needs no signup.
- **Semrush Free AI Visibility Checker:** It covers ChatGPT, Gemini, AI Mode, and AI Overviews. One reviewer notes it allows 3 checks a day with no account, and the report shows mentions and citations but no sentiment.
- **SE Ranking AI Visibility Checker:** You can enter your domain and up to five competitors to get an instant snapshot across AI systems. You get 5 free checks per day.

Question h10 · Claude, continued

- **Backlinko Free AI Brand Visibility Checker:** It runs 150 live queries about your category and analyzes the responses.
- **LLM Pulse Brand Mention Checker:** It covers ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Google AI Mode, and AI Overviews. Its free version uses a sample of category prompts and runs each one once per engine.
- **Mangools AI Search Grader:** It gives a 0–100 score and checks ChatGPT, Mistral Small, and Llama 3.3 without an account.
- **Others:** SEOcrawl, Avisibli, and LLMClicks also offer free checks. Avisibli is limited to 3 prompts for free.

Limits to keep in mind

- A free tool usually gives you a point-in-time snapshot. One roundup found that none of the 11 tools on this list publishes a free plan for ongoing, multi-prompt tracking as of October 2026. Free trials are the usual route to ongoing tracking.
- Results are a sample, not a census. AI answers vary from run to run, so treat one result as a baseline. Test several phrasings of your brand name and category questions.
- Some checkers ask you to enter a brand name, while others ask for a domain. Ahrefs suggests typing it the way your audience would say it.

Free DIY option

You can also ask ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Claude questions your customers would ask, such as "best [product] for [use case]," and note whether your brand appears, where it ranks, and which competitors are named. Repeat this monthly for a rough trend line.

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RECOMMENDED Ahrefs' AI Visibility Checker, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, LLMClicks, WebTrek, Bing Webmaster Tools

Yes, there are free ways to check if AI platforms like ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity are mentioning your brand. While many "AI visibility" tools are paid enterprise solutions, you can monitor your presence using a mix of free tools and manual processes.

1. Free AI Visibility "Checker" Tools

Several SEO and marketing platforms offer free, one-off "AI visibility" or "brand checker" tools. These allow you to enter your brand name or domain to see if and how AI models are citing you in response to industry-related queries.

- **Ahrefs AI Visibility Checker:** A free tool that queries major AI platforms (ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, Copilot, and Google AI Overviews) to see if they mention your brand and which sources they cite alongside it.

Question h10 · Gemini, continued

- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit (Free Tier/Samples):** Semrush offers tools to check your AI visibility score, identifying where your brand appears (or is missing) across key AI search experiences.
- **Other Specialized Checkers:** Tools like **LLMClicks.ai** and **WebTrek** offer free visibility checkers that allow you to test specific queries to see if your brand is recommended.

2. The Manual "Audit" Method (Best for \$0)

If you need ongoing monitoring without a subscription, the most reliable and common method is to perform a manual audit. AI responses can vary, so periodic checks are more effective than one-time scans.

- **Create a "Query Library":** List 10–20 common questions a potential customer would ask when searching for products or services in your category (e.g., "What is the best [product category] for [use case]?").
- **Run Consistent Tests:** Once a week or month, run these prompts in private/incognito windows across ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google Gemini.
- **Track in a Spreadsheet:** Log the following for each prompt:
 - **Date & Platform:** (e.g., Oct 28, ChatGPT).
 - **Mention Status:** Did the AI mention your brand? (Yes/No).
 - **Positioning:** Were you a "top pick" or an afterthought?
 - **Context:** Did the AI mention a competitor instead?
 - **Source Citations:** Which URLs did the AI cite? (This helps you see which of your pages are "AI-friendly").

3. Bing Webmaster Tools (Free/Built-in)

If you have a website, **Bing Webmaster Tools** provides an **AI Performance report** that is completely free. It shows when and how AI tools cite your website, which specific pages are being referenced, and the queries that triggered those citations. This is one of the few truly "built-in" tools that provides ongoing data rather than just a one-off audit.

Tips for Better Results

- **Focus on Sentiment:** A mention isn't always good. When you check your brand, look at the **context**. Does the AI describe your brand as a "top choice," or does it associate your brand with negative keywords?
- **Don't rely on one search:** AI models are "nondeterministic," meaning they can give different answers to the same prompt. Testing the same query a few times helps you see if your brand appears consistently or only occasionally.
- **Target "Comparison" Queries:** AI is most influential when users ask for recommendations. Focus your manual tracking on questions that include words like "best," "top," "versus," or "comparison."

If you find that your brand is being overlooked, the standard advice is to ensure your website content provides clear, authoritative, and structured answers to those same questions, as AI models often prioritize sources that directly address the user's intent.

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RECOMMENDED HubSpot AEO Grader, Semrush Free AI Visibility Checker, Mangools AI Search Grader, Alclicks Brand Sentiment Monitor

NEGATIVE Google Alerts

Yes. There are free tools for **one-off checks** of whether AI assistants mention your brand:

Question h10 · Perplexity, continued

- **HubSpot AEO Grader** – a free snapshot of brand presence and sentiment across ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini, with competitor comparisons.³⁸
- **Semrush Free AI Visibility Checker** – offers a limited number of daily checks and reports mentions and citations across several AI search experiences.⁵
- **Mangools AI Search Grader** – gives a visibility score; its free access covers some models, with more available after creating an account.⁵
- **Alclicks Brand Sentiment Monitor** – a free check of how several AI assistants describe your brand.⁵

The main catch: free checkers are generally **snapshots**, not ongoing monitoring. For repeatable results, test a consistent set of questions—such as “What are the best [category] options?”—and record whether your brand appears, how it’s described, and which sources are cited.⁵

If you mean ordinary web mentions rather than AI-generated answers, **Google Alerts** is free, but it won’t tell you what ChatGPT or other AI assistants say about your brand.²⁷

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How do I track my brand's visibility in AI search like I track Google rankings?

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RECOMMENDED Search Console, Semrush

Think of AI-search tracking as **rank tracking for prompts, answers, and citations**—not a single position number. AI answers vary, so use a consistent prompt set and compare trends over time.

Set up a simple scorecard

1. **Choose 25–100 buyer prompts.** Include questions such as “best [product] for [use case],” comparisons, and problem-solving queries. Keep branded prompts separate from non-branded discovery prompts.
2. **Track the same prompts across the AI products your customers use**—for example, ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google’s AI search features. Record the date, market, and platform; answers can vary by run and location.
3. **Log more than just whether you appear:**
 - **Mention rate:** How often your brand appears in answers.
 - **Recommendation rate:** How often it’s presented as a suitable choice.
 - **Citation rate:** How often your site is linked as a source.
 - **Share of voice:** Your mentions or citations compared with named competitors.
 - **Accuracy and framing:** Whether the answer describes your brand correctly.
 - **Cited pages and sources:** Which of your pages—and which third-party sites—appear in the answers.

A spreadsheet is enough to start: prompt, platform, date, brand mentioned, recommended, cited, competitors named, source URLs, and notes. Run it weekly or monthly, and look at several runs before treating a change as meaningful.

Use the right tools for each job

- **Google AI features:** Search Console now has a Generative AI performance report showing impressions and which of your pages appear in Google’s generative AI features, with breakdowns such as country and date. That’s useful for your site’s Google visibility, but it isn’t a cross-platform brand-mention tracker. (developers.google.com)
- **ChatGPT and other assistants:** For ongoing prompt tracking across platforms, an AI-visibility tool can automate the checks. Compare tools by supported platforms, prompt controls, historical data, and whether you can inspect the actual answers and citations—not just a proprietary score. For example, Semrush describes reporting on mentions, citations, cited pages, and prompts where a brand is missing. (semrush.com)
- **Traffic and outcomes:** Use your analytics platform to monitor AI-referred visits and conversions separately from answer visibility. OpenAI says publishers can track ChatGPT referral traffic in analytics platforms, and recommends allowing its search crawler if you want pages to be eligible for inclusion. (help.openai.com)

Best starting point: keep your existing Google rank tracker, add Search Console’s generative-AI report, and manually track a small, representative prompt set across the AI platforms that matter to your audience. Automate only once the process is useful enough to justify a paid tool.

One caveat: don’t compare a vendor’s “AI visibility score” directly with Google ranking position. They measure different things, and no single score is a universal equivalent of “rank #1.”

Question h11 · ChatGPT, continued

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit, Profound, HubSpot AEO, Semrush, Nightwatch, Ahrefs' AI Visibility Checker

There's no exact equivalent of a rank position in AI answers, so you track a handful of metrics instead. The core setup has four steps.

1. Pick the metrics that replace "rank"

- **Mention or citation rate:** The five core GEO metrics are citation rate (% of runs where your brand is mentioned), share of voice (your citations vs competitors), prompt coverage (how many queries trigger citations), mention sentiment (positive vs negative framing), and platform spread.
- **Share of voice:** This is the closest analogue to rank. One formula is (Number of brand citations ÷ Total citations) × 100.
- **Framing and sentiment:** A mention alone isn't enough. A mention count alone cannot show whether an engine trusts your content, describes it accurately, or relies on a competitor's pages instead.
- **Which pages get cited:** Note which of your URLs appear, and which competitor or third-party pages appear instead.

2. Build a prompt set

Choose the questions your buyers actually ask. Identify 20-50 queries relevant to your business, brand, and expertise, then test them across the engines that matter to you. At minimum, track ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, and Claude.

3. Run it manually or automate it

- **Manual:** Log each run with the query, engine, date, whether you were cited, your citation position, and who else was cited. A spreadsheet works for a small set.
- **Automated:** Tools run the prompts on a schedule and report trends. Options include Otterly.ai, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit, Profound, and HubSpot AEO. Some SEO suites, such as Semrush and Nightwatch, put AI share of voice next to your organic keyword rankings. Check each tool's current engine coverage and pricing, since these change often.

4. Account for volatility

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AI answers vary from run to run, and sources change often. Between 40 and 60% of cited sources change from month to month. So don't read a single run as a trend. Track each prompt over time, and prior runs of the same prompt help you separate real changes from random variation. Also, a high mention rate with weak sentiment can still be a problem, so review the answer text, not just the count.

Practical starting point: Pick 30 prompts, run each one in ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews once a week, and record whether you're mentioned, your position, the sentiment, and the cited sources. After a month, calculate your citation rate and share of voice against two or three named competitors. Free tools like Ahrefs' AI Visibility Checker can give you a one-time baseline before you commit to a paid platform.

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RECOMMENDED Ahrefs Brand Radar, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Peec AI, Rankscale, Botric, Otterly.AI, Google Search Console, Bing Webmaster Tools

Tracking brand visibility in AI search is fundamentally different from traditional SEO because AI models generate dynamic, synthesized answers rather than static lists of links. Instead of monitoring "rankings," you must shift your focus to **AI Share of Voice** and **citation presence**.

1. The Core Metrics to Track

Since there is no "position #1" in a chat interface, you should measure your performance using these three key metrics:

- **Mention Rate (Share of Model):** How often your brand appears in an AI's answer for a specific set of prompts. This tells you if you are "in the conversation".
- **Citation Rate:** How often the AI explicitly links to your domain. This indicates whether the AI trusts your content enough to use it as a primary source.
- **Sentiment/Framing:** *How* the AI talks about you. Is it recommending you as a top choice, or just mentioning you in a list of alternatives?

2. How to Track It

You can approach this through manual sampling or specialized AI monitoring tools.

The Manual Method (Best for getting started)

If you want to understand your visibility without immediate investment, use a structured "prompt library":

1. **Build a Prompt Library:** Create 30–60 queries that your target customers actually ask (e.g., "What are the best [category] tools for [use case]?" or "Compare [Brand] vs [Competitor]").

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2. **Run Consistent Tests:** Use a fresh, non-personalized chat session for each prompt across platforms like ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews.
3. **Log Data:** Record whether you were mentioned, whether you were cited, and which competitors appeared alongside you.
4. **Repeat Regularly:** Because AI answers fluctuate, treat this like a customer survey—look for trends over time rather than reacting to a single day's output.

The Automated Method (Best for scale)

If you have a large set of keywords or need to track multiple platforms, manual tracking becomes impractical. Specialized tools automate the "prompt library" process and provide historical reporting:

- **Ahrefs (Brand Radar):** Useful for tracking mentions and visibility across major AI engines.
- **Semrush (AI Visibility Toolkit):** Integrates AI tracking into existing SEO workflows.
- **Dedicated AI Trackers:** Tools like **Peec AI**, **Rankscale**, **Botric**, or **OtterlyAI** are specifically designed to monitor brand presence, citation gaps, and competitor share of voice across ChatGPT, Perplexity, and others.
- **Google/Bing Native Reports:** Always check **Google Search Console** (for AI Overview impressions) and **Bing Webmaster Tools** (for Citation Share), as these provide first-party data on your AI search performance.

3. Key Strategy Shift

Traditional SEO is often about technical optimization for crawler accessibility, but **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)** focuses on entity authority. To improve your visibility:

- **Prioritize Third-Party Mentions:** 85% of AI brand mentions often come from third-party sources (reviews, comparison articles) rather than your own site. Focus on digital PR to ensure credible sites discuss your brand.
- **Optimize for "Synthesis":** AI models prefer clear, concise, and structured data that answers user questions directly.
- **Don't Abandon SEO:** Strong traditional SEO is still a prerequisite because AI models use the open web as their primary knowledge base. If your site isn't indexed and authoritative, the AI is unlikely to cite you.

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RECOMMENDED Google Search Console

Treat AI search visibility as a **separate measurement layer**, not as a replacement for Google rank tracking. In Google, you usually follow keywords, positions, impressions, and clicks; in AI answers, you track whether your brand is mentioned or cited, how it's described, and how often it appears compared with competitors.

A practical setup

1. **Build a stable prompt list.** Use real customer questions across awareness, comparison, and buying stages—for example, “best [category] for [use case]” and “alternatives to [competitor].” Keep the list consistent so you can compare results over time.
2. **Choose the platforms that matter.** Check the major AI search experiences your customers use, such as ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google's AI features. Results can differ by platform, so report them separately.
3. **Track a few useful metrics:**
 - **Mention rate:** how often your brand appears in responses.
 - **Citation rate:** how often your site is linked or cited as a source.
 - **AI share of voice:** your mentions or citations relative to competitors for the same prompts.
 - **Context and sentiment:** how the brand is characterized, and whether the answer is accurate.
 - **Referral visits and conversions:** whether AI exposure brings measurable traffic or business outcomes.
4. **Record the evidence.** For each prompt and platform, save the date, whether you appeared, the cited URLs and other sources, competitors mentioned, and a short note on context. Repeat on a regular schedule; AI answers can vary between runs.
5. **Connect visibility to site performance.** In Google Search Console, Google says its generative AI performance reporting covers impressions for links shown in AI Overviews and AI Mode. Pair that with analytics for visits and conversions.²⁴

You can start with a spreadsheet and manual checks, then consider an AI visibility platform if you need to run many prompts regularly or benchmark competitors at scale. When comparing tools, check which engines they cover, how often they refresh results, whether they distinguish mentions from citations, and whether you can

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inspect the underlying responses.

The key is to compare **the same prompts, platforms, and schedule over time**. AI visibility scores aren't directly equivalent to a Google keyword position, so use them as a trend and competitive benchmark—not a single definitive ranking.⁵⁹

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What should I use to measure my share of voice in AI chatbot answers?

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RECOMMENDED Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Peec AI

For a **practical, repeatable measure**, use an AI-visibility tracker that samples a consistent set of buyer questions across the chatbots your customers use. **Don't treat one "AI visibility score" as a definitive market-wide number**: results depend on the prompts, engines, location, and how the tool defines share of voice.

Tools worth evaluating:

- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** – a good fit if you already use Semrush; it reports competitor share of voice and lets you compare platforms such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Google AI Mode. (semrush.com)
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** – useful for broad discovery and benchmarking, including mentions, citations, and share of voice; it also offers custom prompt tracking. Its share-of-voice figure is modeled around its prompt set, so read the methodology before comparing it with another tool's number. (help.ahrefs.com)
- **Peec AI** – worth a look if you want a straightforward, mention-based competitor comparison. Its stated share-of-voice formula is your brand's mentions divided by all tracked brands' mentions. (help.peec.ai)
- **DIY spreadsheet** – fine for a small initial audit: use a fixed set of prompts, run them regularly on the relevant platforms, and record brand mentions and citations. It takes more work, but you can see exactly what went into the number.

Track two things separately:

1. **Answer visibility**: the percentage of sampled answers that mention your brand.
2. **Mention share**: your brand's mentions divided by mentions of all tracked brands.

Also log **citations** separately: being named isn't the same as having your site cited. Peec explicitly distinguishes "visibility" from mention-based share of voice, while Ahrefs reports mentions and citations as separate metrics. (help.peec.ai)

Whichever you choose, keep the prompt set, competitor list, location, and cadence consistent; segment results by chatbot; and treat changes as **directional**, not as a census of every answer users receive. For a quick start, I'd pilot **Semrush or Ahrefs** if you already use one, or compare both with a smaller DIY prompt panel before committing.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Peec AI, Otterly.AI, Semrush AI Visibility, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Nightwatch, LLM Pulse

The right tool depends on scale and budget. For a small test, you can run a fixed prompt set by hand. Once you track more than about 10 prompts, competitors, and platforms, dedicated tools make sense.

Dedicated AI visibility trackers

- **Profound** is the enterprise option. It re-runs each tracked prompt daily and stores each answer as a snapshot, showing whether you were mentioned, where you ranked, and which sources the model used. Profound is a generative engine optimization platform that tracks brand visibility, share of voice, and sentiment across AI answer engines. It re-runs each tracked prompt daily and stores every answer as a complete snapshot. One reviewer notes its cheapest tier covers only one engine for \$99 a month, so check engine coverage.
- **Peec AI** is a mid-market option with competitor dashboards and per-source views. Peec AI, 8.2/10, best mid-market share-of-voice tracker – competitor dashboards and per-source views from about €90/month.
- **Otterly AI** is the budget choice. One roundup lists it at \$29 a month as a starting point for scheduled monitoring, though its entry allowance is small (15 prompts on Lite, 100 on Standard, 400 on Premium).
- **Semrush AI Visibility** is useful if you already use Semrush. It starts at \$99/mo per domain and covers four to six engines.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** suits teams already on Ahrefs, with AI tracking built on top of Ahrefs' substantial prompt corpus.
- **Nightwatch** and **LLM Pulse** are other options. Nightwatch tracks AI SOV automatically, including sentiment, position, and competitor share across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Mode, and AI Overviews. LLM Pulse reports mention-based, position-weighted, and citation-based share.

What to check before buying

- **Metric definitions.** Look for tools that report more than one kind of share. One guide suggests scoring share of answer (your brand in the body of the response), share of citation (your URL linked as a source), and share of mention (your name anywhere in the reply).
- **Engine coverage.** Results differ by platform. One 2026 study found that ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews cited the same domains in only 3.8% of cases, so track several engines.
- **Prompt set.** Your results depend heavily on which prompts you track. Choose tools that let you build prompts from real buyer language and that show how often each prompt is run.
- **Pricing.** Prices vary by vendor, engine count, and prompt volume, and many vendors don't publish list prices. Check current pricing directly.

If you're unsure, start with a free trial from two tools and run the same prompt set through both. Compare their numbers before you commit.

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RECOMMENDED SE Ranking, Honeyb

To measure your share of voice (SOV) in AI chatbot answers, you must shift from tracking traditional keyword rankings to monitoring **generative visibility**. Because AI answers are probabilistic (they change each time) and synthesized rather than ranked, you need a systematic approach to auditing these responses.

How to Measure AI Share of Voice

AI Share of Voice is calculated as:

AI SOV = (Your Brand Mentions ÷ Total Brand Mentions for All Tracked Brands) × 100

To get an accurate measurement, follow this methodology:

1. **Define a Fixed Prompt Set:** Identify 20–50 high-intent queries that your customers actually use to research your category (e.g., "What is the best [product category] for [use case]?"). Do not rely on your current SEO keyword list alone.
2. **Standardize Your Engine Mix:** Run these prompts repeatedly against the platforms your audience uses most, such as **ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, Gemini, Claude, and Copilot**.
3. **Account for Variance:** Because the same prompt can yield different results, run your prompt set periodically (e.g., weekly or monthly) to establish a stable, directional trend rather than relying on a single snapshot.
4. **Count Mentions and Citations:** Track three distinct types of visibility:
 - **Mention:** The AI names your brand in the text.
 - **Citation:** The AI links to your domain as a source (even if your brand name isn't in the text).
 - **Recommendation:** The AI explicitly suggests your brand as a solution.

Recommended Tools

If you want to move beyond manual spreadsheets, several dedicated tools specialize in AI visibility and Share of Voice tracking:

- **Dedicated AI Visibility Platforms:** Tools like **Otterly.ai, Peec AI, Beamtrace**, and **TopCited** are built specifically to monitor brand mentions across LLMs. They track trends, sentiment, and citation sources.
- **SEO-Integrated Tools:** Many traditional SEO platforms have added AI search monitoring, including **Ahrefs (Brand Radar)**, **SE Ranking (via AI Search Add-on)**, and **Semrush**. These are excellent if you want to keep your traditional SEO and AI-driven insights in one workspace.
- **Enterprise-Grade & Specialized Solutions:** Platforms like **Profound** (for enterprise analytics), **JustSEO.ai**, and **Siftly** offer deeper, actionable insights such as content gap identification and competitive benchmarking.

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- **Free Checkers:** If you are just starting, many providers offer a **free AI visibility check** or "grader" (e.g., **HubSpot's AI Search Grader**, **Honeyb's free checker**) to give you a baseline of how your brand currently appears in major engines.

Key Advice for Implementation

- **Don't ignore the "Zero-Click" reality:** AI SOV is now a "North Star" metric because it measures the synthesized answer that users are actually reading.
- **Focus on Actionable Gaps:** A dashboard is only useful if it tells you *why* you aren't being mentioned. Look for tools that show you which sources the AI cited instead of you—this reveals the content gaps you need to fill to earn those mentions in the future.
- **Watch the Sentiment:** Some tools (like **Peec AI** or **HubSpot**) offer sentiment analysis. Being mentioned is only good if the AI describes you positively; tracking the tone of the mention is as important as the frequency.

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Use an **AI visibility / answer-engine monitoring tool** that repeatedly runs your customer-style prompts across the chatbots you care about, then compares your brand's mentions with competitors'. Examples to evaluate include **Profound**, **Peec AI**, **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit**, and **Otterly.AI**; **HubSpot AEO** is another option if ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity cover your needs. Features and engine coverage vary, so check that the tool supports your target platforms and lets you inspect the underlying answers—not just a single score.⁶⁷⁹¹¹

For a useful comparison, look for:

- **Share of voice by engine and prompt/topic**, with a clear formula
- **Mention frequency and prominence** (whether you're named, and where)
- **Citations and cited-source tracking**
- **Competitor comparisons, sentiment, and historical trends**
- **Transparent sampling:** prompt, platform/model, date, locale, and repeat-run details⁶¹²

If you're starting small, you can do this in a spreadsheet: choose a fixed set of real buyer questions, run them across each platform regularly, and record brand mentions, competitors, position, and citations. A common measure is **your brand's mentions ÷ mentions of all tracked brands × 100**—but vendors define SOV differently, so keep the formula and prompt set consistent.⁵⁶

Treat the result as a **sampled trend, not a complete census** of chatbot conversations: answers vary across runs and platforms. Repeat prompts and report results separately by engine rather than blending everything into one number.¹²¹³

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What are the main tools for tracking brand mentions in AI answers, and how do they compare?

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Scrunch, Ahrefs Brand Radar

The category is usually called **AI visibility**, **AEO**, or **GEO** tracking. These tools run a set of prompts through AI answer engines and report whether your brand appears, which competitors appear, and which sources are cited. They're sampling tools—not complete logs of what every user sees—so treat scores as directional and compare trends using the same prompts, engines, and settings.

Tool	Best fit	What stands out
Profound	Larger teams and enterprise programs	A dedicated answer-engine analytics platform. It tracks prompt-level answers and offers visibility, share-of-voice, position, and citation-source analysis. (help.tryprofound.com)
Peec AI	Teams wanting a focused, readable dashboard	Tracks visibility, share of voice, sentiment, position, and whether your site is used as a source. Its product page lists ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, and AI Mode. (peec.ai)
Otterly.AI	Straightforward, recurring prompt monitoring	Tracks prompts daily and reports brand coverage, sentiment, mentions, citations, and competitors. Its current support page lists ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews and AI Mode, Gemini, Copilot, and Claude. (help.otterly.ai)
Scrunch	Teams that want monitoring plus diagnostics	Goes beyond mentions to cover answer position, sentiment, citations, competitors, and AI-referred traffic; it also offers alerts and suggested opportunities. (helpcenter.scrunchai.com)
Ahrefs Brand Radar	SEO teams and broad market research	Combines an extensive, search-backed prompt index with custom prompt tracking and competitor comparisons. It separates mentions from citations and estimates impressions from search demand; those impressions are modeled, not measured audience reach. (help.ahrefs.com)

Quick choice: Start with **Otterly** for routine prompt checks, **Peec** for a focused visibility dashboard, **Profound** for a more comprehensive enterprise analytics program, **Scrunch** for monitoring tied to action, or **Ahrefs** if you already work in its SEO ecosystem and want broad, search-demand-based discovery.

Before choosing, check three things: **which exact AI surfaces and countries are covered; whether you can inspect the actual answers and cited URLs; and how often prompts are rerun.** A mention in an answer is different from a citation to your site—and neither alone proves that users saw or acted on it.

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Most tools in this space sell "AI visibility" or "GEO" tracking. They run a fixed set of prompts through AI engines, record which brands appear, and report mention frequency, sentiment, and cited sources. Pricing and engine coverage change often, and the sources below are mostly review listicles, some written by vendors, so verify before buying.

Main options

- **Profound:** Positioned for enterprise programs. One source says it flags inaccurate brand claims in AI output, which matters for reputation work. Its entry price varies by source: one lists \$99/month, another lists Profound Lite at \$499/month, and a third says the \$99 tier covers only one engine. (Demandsage, Nightwatch, Pepper)
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar:** Strongest for research and competitor benchmarking, and it's an add-on to an Ahrefs plan. Listed from \$199/month, though one source cites \$129/month for standard plans. Its research draws on a large prompt index. (Zapier, Demandsage)
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit:** Best if you already use Semrush for SEO. Listed at \$99/month per domain, covering four engines in one source. (Pepper)
- **Peec AI:** Often recommended for prompt-level tracking and reporting for marketing teams. It separates mentions from citations, and it refreshes every 24 hours. Pricing is reported from €85 to €95/month, but one source says it's not confirmed on the vendor page. (Rankmasters)
- **Otterly AI:** The budget entry point, starting around \$29/month for a limited number of prompts. Additional engines can cost extra. (Alhena, Rankmasters)
- **Nightwatch:** Combines traditional rank tracking with AI share of voice, mention rate, citations, and sentiment. Starts around \$32/month per one source, and €79/month in another. (Nightwatch)
- **Scrunch AI:** Focuses on brand narrative and accuracy, and covers the most engines at each tier. Starts around \$300/month. (Pepper)
- **SE Visible (SE Ranking):** Suited to agencies or teams managing several brands, with shared reporting. Starts around \$99/month. (Alhena)
- **Others:** Writesonic (content plus visibility), AthenaHQ (free tier, broad engine coverage), Rankscale (cheapest paid tier), and Brand24 (social listening plus AI tracking). Brand24's tracking is an add-on to its social listening product. (Brand24, Pepper)

How they differ

- **Engine coverage:** This varies most. Some tools cover ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews only, while others add Gemini, Claude, Copilot, Grok, and DeepSeek. Many cheaper plans limit you to a few engines, and extra engines often cost more.

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- **Sentiment and accuracy:** Some tools classify mentions as positive, neutral, or negative. Others check factual accuracy, which matters more in regulated sectors. One review argues that most tools count mentions without distinguishing a recommendation from a damaging misrepresentation. (Contently)
- **Mentions versus citations:** Some tools separate a brand being named from a link to its site being cited. That distinction affects which fixes you pursue. (Rankmasters)
- **Prompt limits and refresh rate:** Pricing usually depends on how many prompts you can track and how often they run. Lower tiers mean you sample your AI footprint rather than see all of it. (Erlyn)
- **Integration:** Ahrefs and Semrush fit teams already in their SEO ecosystems. Standalone tools like Profound, Peec, and Otterly focus on AI visibility alone.

Practical guidance

- Small budget, single brand: Otterly or Peec.
- Existing SEO suite: Semrush or Ahrefs, which keeps data in one place.
- Agency or many brands: SE Visible, Peec, or Profound, depending on budget.
- Enterprise or reputation risk: Profound or Scrunch, plus manual review of answers.

Whichever you choose, test it on your own prompts first. Many vendors offer free trials, and an engine-coverage gap or a sampling limit will affect your numbers more than the headline price.

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RECOMMENDED Botric, Beamtrace, Profound, Otterly.AI, xSeek, TopCited, Arvow, GetMint, Ahrefs Free AI Visibility Checker

Tracking brand mentions in AI answers is a rapidly evolving field, often referred to as **AI Visibility** or **Answer Engine Optimization (AEO)**. Unlike traditional SEO, which tracks blue-link rankings, these tools monitor how often your brand is cited, recommended, or discussed within the generative responses provided by models like ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, and Perplexity.

Top Tools for Tracking Brand Mentions

The landscape includes dedicated AI visibility platforms, SEO suites with new AI modules, and specialized monitoring tools.

Category	Representative Tools	Best For
Dedicated AI Visibility Platforms	Botric, Beamtrace, Profound, Otterly.ai, xSeek	Teams needing deep-dive, actionable insights, competitive analysis, and automated workflows specifically for AI engines.
SEO Suites (with AI Modules)	Semrush (AI Visibility Toolkit), Ahrefs (Brand Radar)	Users who prefer an all-in-one platform and want to correlate traditional SEO metrics with AI-generated visibility.
Specialized/Niche Tools	TopCited, Arvow, GetMint	Focused, prompt-based monitoring for specific AI models.

How These Tools Compare

1. Methodology (The Core Difference)

- **Dedicated Tools (e.g., Botric, xSeek):** These are "AI-native." They typically allow you to define custom prompts (e.g., "What is the best software for [industry]?") and run them on a schedule across multiple LLMs. Many include "content agents" that not only track visibility but suggest how to optimize your web content to improve your chances of being cited.
- **SEO Suite Add-ons (e.g., Semrush, Ahrefs):** These tools leverage their massive existing databases of search queries. Their strength lies in scale and the ability to compare AI visibility alongside traditional keyword rankings, providing a holistic view of your brand's performance.

2. Key Metrics Tracked

Most sophisticated tools track a common set of KPIs beyond simple mentions:

- **AI Share of Voice (SOV):** How often you appear relative to competitors for specific industry queries.
- **Citation Sources:** Identifying which of your web pages (or competitor pages) the AI is actually using as a "source" for its answers.
- **Sentiment Analysis:** Monitoring whether the AI's description of your brand is positive, neutral, or negative.
- **Prompt Coverage:** Identifying which "high-intent" buyer questions are triggering mentions (or where you are notably absent).

3. Strategic Considerations

- **Scale vs. Precision:** If you only need to monitor a few key categories, you can use **manual tracking** (querying models yourself) or low-cost automated scripts. For enterprise-level needs, dedicated platforms offer better audit trails and automated reporting.
- **Actionability:** Ask whether the tool just provides a "dashboard" or if it offers **remediation**. Leading tools (like Botric or xSeek) often focus on helping you fix the content gaps that are preventing the AI from citing you.

Summary Recommendation

- **For comprehensive insights + SEO integration:** Start with **Semrush** or **Ahrefs** if you are already using their platforms.
- **For AI-first, growth-focused teams:** Look at dedicated tools like **Botric** or **Beamtrace**, which are purpose-built to influence AI recommendations rather than just monitor them.
- **For quick, free audits:** Use the **Ahrefs Free AI Visibility Checker** to get a baseline understanding of your current standing.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Peec AI, Otterly.AI, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, HubSpot AEO

The main options fall into two groups: **dedicated AI-visibility trackers** and **broader SEO/marketing suites**. They typically run a chosen set of prompts against AI platforms, then report whether your brand appears, how it is described, which sources are cited, and which competitors show up.

Tool	Best suited for	How it compares
Profound	Larger organizations and broader monitoring programs	Offers prompt, competitor, and citation analysis, with coverage and prompt limits that vary by plan. Its entry plan is listed at \$99/month billed annually; broader engine coverage is on higher tiers. ¹⁵
Peec AI	Teams wanting a dedicated analytics product with flexible prompt tracking	Tracks visibility, position, sentiment, share of voice, competitors, and cited sources. Listed plans start at \$95/month, with higher prompt limits on more expensive tiers. ¹⁵
Otterly AI	Brands looking for a more focused, lower-cost tracker	A dedicated mention and citation-monitoring option; reported starting prices are around \$29/month. Check the plan's prompt limits and engine coverage before comparing it directly with higher-tier platforms. ¹³¹⁴
Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit	Teams already using Semrush for SEO	Combines AI-answer visibility with traditional SEO workflows, including mentions, citations, sentiment, prompt tracking, and competitor gaps. Semrush lists the toolkit from \$99/month; its reports don't necessarily cover every AI platform in the same way. ⁷⁹
Ahrefs Brand Radar	Existing Ahrefs users who want AI visibility alongside SEO research	An add-on approach rather than a standalone AI-monitoring product; one comparison lists Brand Radar at an additional \$179/month. ¹³
HubSpot AEO	Marketing teams that want AI visibility connected to CRM workflows	Tracks a defined set of prompts across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity, and can connect visibility work with HubSpot context. A comparison lists it at \$50/month, or \$45/month billed annually. ¹²¹⁵

How to choose: Compare the number of AI engines covered, how many prompts you can track, update frequency, market/language coverage, and whether the tool separates **mentions** (your brand appears in an answer) from **citations** (the answer links to your site). These are different signals, and coverage can vary by report or subscription tier. ⁸⁹

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For a standalone tracker, start by comparing **Peec AI**, **Profound**, and **Otterly**. If you already rely on an SEO or CRM suite, **Semrush**, **Ahrefs**, or **HubSpot** may be more convenient. Treat pricing as a starting point: plan limits and included engines matter as much as the headline price.

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How much do AI search visibility tools cost?

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Profound, Peec AI, Scrunch

AI search visibility tools typically cost about \$30–\$500 per month for self-serve plans. Enterprise plans are often custom-priced and can cost more.

Examples of current published pricing:

Tool	Example monthly price	What the entry plan includes
OtterlyAI	\$29	15 prompts; tracks four AI search engines
Profound	\$99 billed yearly	50 prompts; ChatGPT tracking
Peec AI	\$95	50 prompts; choose three models
Scrunch	\$250	125 prompts and 5,000 responses/month

Higher tiers run roughly \$189–\$495/month for tools like OtterlyAI, Peec AI, and Profound; Scrunch lists a \$417/month Growth tier when billed annually. Enterprise pricing is generally quote-based. (otterly.ai)

Rule of thumb: budget \$30–\$100/month to try basic tracking, \$200–\$500/month for more prompts, engines, or team features, and ask vendors for a quote if you need enterprise-scale tracking. Compare the prompt limits and which AI engines are included—some charge extra for additional models or capacity. These prices can change, so check the vendor's pricing page before buying.

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RECOMMENDED Botric, HubSpot's AEO Grader, Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Profound, Semrush, Scrunch, SE Visible, AthenaHQ

AI search visibility tools range from free to thousands of dollars a month, and most paid entry points sit around \$30 to \$100 per month. Vendor prices change often, and the sources below don't always agree, so confirm on each vendor's pricing page before you buy.

Free and very cheap options

- Some tools have free tiers. Botric, for example, has a free plan (five tracked prompts on ChatGPT, SEO and GEO audits, 800 credits per cycle), and its paid plans start at \$15 per month. HubSpot's AEO Grader is a free one-time benchmark, with ongoing monitoring costing extra.
- Otterly is often cited as the cheapest credible ongoing tracker. Its Lite plan is \$29 per month with 15 prompts.

Typical mid-market pricing

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- Peec AI: The Starter plan is €85 per month. The Pro plan costs €205 per month. The Advanced plan costs €425 per month.
- Profound: The Starter plan is \$99 per month. The Growth plan costs \$399 per month.
- Semrush: \$99/mo per domain, billed annually, which is cheaper if you already pay for Semrush.
- Scrunch: \$250/mo Core (125 prompts, 1 brand workspace, basic content generation); Enterprise custom.
- SE Visible: Core plan is \$189/month for 450 prompts and 5 brands. Plus plan is \$355/month for 1,000 prompts and 10 brands. Max plan is \$519/month for 1,500 prompts and 15 brands.
- AthenaHQ: The Self-Serve plan costs \$295/month.

Enterprise pricing

- Costs rise sharply at the top. One guide says enterprise plans with unlimited engines and custom integrations run \$1,000-4,500+/month. Enterprise tiers from Profound and others are typically custom-quoted.
- Some sources cite higher figures for full-service or share-of-voice platforms. One reports that enterprise share-of-voice platforms running into four and five figures annually.

Hidden costs to check

- Base prices often cover only some AI engines. Otterly, for example, has additional prompts and AI platforms available as paid add-ons.
- Prices scale with the number of prompts tracked, and seats can add up. One comparison lists per-seat fees that range from \$10/mo to \$50/mo depending on the tool, so a team of five can cost noticeably more than the sticker price.
- Some tools bundle AI visibility into SEO subscriptions. Semrush's toolkit is bundled with SEO plans in some cases, which may make it effectively free if you already pay for the suite.

Bottom line: A solo user or small business can usually start for roughly \$30 to \$100 a month. Teams that want more engines, prompts, and seats should expect \$100 to \$500 a month. Enterprise contracts often exceed that. Sources also disagree on some prices (one lists Profound's enterprise tier in the thousands, another as custom), so compare current pricing pages directly.

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MENTIONED Semrush, Ahrefs

AI search visibility tools—which help brands track how they appear in AI-generated answers from platforms like ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews—have a broad pricing range that typically spans from **\$29 to over \$500 per month** for most businesses.

Because this is a rapidly evolving category, pricing models vary significantly depending on the depth of features and the scale of your needs.

Typical Pricing Tiers

- **Budget & Entry-Level (\$29 – \$99/month):** These plans are often designed for small businesses or those just starting to monitor their AI presence. They typically offer a limited number of tracked prompts (e.g., 15–100) and focus primarily on basic brand mention monitoring.
- **Mid-Market (\$100 – \$350/month):** Aimed at growing teams and agencies, these tiers usually provide more robust data, such as sentiment analysis, competitor comparisons, and a higher volume of prompt tracking.
- **Enterprise & Premium (\$400 – \$500+/month):** For large organizations, these plans offer advanced capabilities like deep answer-engine insights, API access, extensive prompt capacity, and sometimes additional workflow automation or content generation features.

Factors That Influence Cost

When evaluating tools, your final cost will often depend on several key factors:

- **Prompt Capacity:** Pricing is frequently tied to how many "prompts" or queries you track daily. Tracking 100 recurring prompts across multiple engines requires significantly more resources than tracking a handful.
- **Engine Coverage:** The number of AI engines (e.g., ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, Perplexity) included in your plan can affect the price.
- **Actionable Features:** Simple monitoring tools are generally cheaper. Tools that also offer "action layers"—such as automated content optimization, SEO auditing, or specific recommendations on how to fix visibility gaps—often sit at higher price points.
- **Bundled vs. Standalone:** If you already use a comprehensive SEO platform (like Semrush or Ahrefs), check if they include AI visibility features in your current subscription. Many existing suites have integrated these features, which may save you the cost of a standalone, specialized tool.

Recommendations for Buyers

- **Start with a Free Trial or Grader:** Many tools offer free trials or "baseline" scanners. Use these to see which prompts actually impact your brand before committing to a monthly subscription.
- **Define Your Needs:** Decide if you need just a **monitoring dashboard** (to see where you stand) or an **optimization platform** (to help you fix visibility issues). The latter will carry a higher price tag but may provide more direct ROI.
- **Verify Unit Definitions:** Be aware that "prompts" are not standardized across the industry. Always clarify whether a limit refers to a single query tracked across all engines or if each engine check counts individually.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Profound

AI search visibility tools range from about **\$29/month for basic tracking** to **several hundred dollars per month** for higher prompt limits and broader coverage. Enterprise plans are often custom-priced.

Examples of published pricing:

- **OtterlyAI:** \$29/month for 15 prompts; \$189/month for 100; \$489/month for 400. Annual billing lowers those prices.¹
- **Peec AI:** \$95/month for 50 prompts, \$245 for 150, and \$495 for 350; enterprise pricing is custom.³⁴
- **Profound:** pricing varies by plan and source: some listings show \$99/month billed annually for Starter and \$399/month for Growth, while enterprise pricing is quote-based.¹⁴¹⁵

Rule of thumb: budget roughly **\$30–\$200/month** to start, **\$200–\$500/month** for more extensive tracking, and expect custom quotes for enterprise needs. Compare prompt limits, AI platforms tracked, update frequency, and whether the listed price requires annual billing.

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Which tool tells me what sources AI assistants use when they talk about my industry?

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RECOMMENDED CitePrism

You're looking for an **AI visibility (or AI citation-tracking) tool**. It runs industry-relevant questions through AI assistants and shows which sources they cite.

For example, **Semrush's AI Visibility Index** has industry-level source analysis, while **CitePrism** shows the cited sources behind sampled AI answers. (ai-visibility-index.semrush.com)

These tools sample answers, so treat results as a snapshot—not a complete record of everything assistants use.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Finseo, Siftly, HubSpot AEO

The category you want is **AI citation tracking** (also called AI visibility, AEO, or GEO) software. These tools run your key questions through AI engines on a schedule and record which URLs and domains the answers cite. Examples include:

- **Profound:** Enterprise teams that need URL-level citation data across 10+ engines, with crawler verification.
- **Otterly.AI:** automatically logs the cited URLs and source domains for the prompts you track, and records link position changes weekly.
- **Peec AI:** segments citation analysis by topic, prompt cluster, and competitive set.
- **Finseo:** classifies cited domains by source type, so you can see where to earn your next citation.
- **Siftly:** captures complete responses including all inline citations and source links.
- **HubSpot AEO:** tracks how brands appear across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity, and whether mentions are positive, negative, or neutral.

Some caveats before you pick one:

- **Coverage varies by engine.** Claude, for example, rarely provides explicit URLs, so some tools will show less for it.
- **Single runs can mislead.** One analysis argues that AI citations are samples from a probability distribution, and treating one run as truth is the most common measurement error. Look for tools that repeat each prompt several times.
- **Each engine draws on different sources.** One analysis of 680 million citations found that only 11% of domains are cited by both ChatGPT and Perplexity, so check every engine your customers use.

Pricing and features change often, so check each vendor's current site. If you tell me your industry and budget, I can narrow the list.

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RECOMMENDED Dageno, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Peec AI, Otterly.AI, Profound, Semrush, Beamtrace, Centium, Slate, Kimi Deep Research, Atlas

To track the sources AI assistants use when discussing your industry or brand, you should look into the category of **AI Search Visibility and Citation Tracking tools**.

These platforms are specifically designed to monitor how AI models (like ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews) synthesize information, which brands they recommend, and—crucially—which sources they cite to support those recommendations.

Popular Tools for Tracking AI Citations

Several tools have emerged to help businesses understand this "visibility gap". Some of the most frequently cited options in 2026 include:

- **Dageno AI:** Highly regarded for combining AI search monitoring with competitor analysis and content optimization.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar:** Useful if you already use Ahrefs; it integrates AI mention and citation data with your existing keyword and backlink research.
- **Peec AI:** Popular for marketing teams focused on competitor tracking and comparing brand mentions across different AI platforms.
- **OtterlyAI:** Often recommended for smaller businesses or teams looking for an accessible way to start monitoring prompts and citations.
- **Profound:** Positioned as an enterprise-grade solution for deep "answer intelligence" and large-scale prompt tracking.
- **Semrush:** Offers AI visibility features that allow you to track your brand's presence within an existing SEO suite.
- **Beamtrace & Centium:** These platforms specifically specialize in tracking AI citations and monitoring the sources that influence AI recommendations about your brand.

Why These Tools Matter

- **Beyond SEO:** Traditional SEO tools track rankings on a search engine results page (SERP), but they cannot tell you what an AI assistant "thinks" or recommends. These new tools track the actual synthesized output.
- **Source Intelligence:** You can see which domains the AI trusts for your industry. If you aren't being cited, these tools often provide data to help you improve your content so that it becomes more "machine-legible" and trustworthy to AI models.
- **Competitive Benchmarking:** They allow you to see when a competitor is recommended for a query where you are absent, helping you identify and fill those "visibility gaps".

How to Choose

When selecting a tool, consider your primary goal:

Question h15 · Gemini, continued

- **For SEO/Content teams:** Look for tools that connect citation data directly to your content workflow, such as **Dageno AI** or **Slate**.
- **For Market Research/Analysts:** Tools like **Kimi Deep Research** or **Atlas** are often better for synthesizing multi-source data and generating evidence-backed reports.
- **For Quick Audits:** Many of the tools mentioned offer free trials or specialized "citation finders" that allow you to test how an AI currently describes your business without a long-term commitment.

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BRANDS READ none

Similarweb's AI Citation Analysis is designed for this: it shows the domains and specific URLs AI platforms cite for tracked topics, along with the prompts and topics those sources appear for. ¹

If you want a quick, topic-focused option, **Howseen's AI Citation Tracker** ranks domains cited in answers to questions about a keyword or industry. ²

These tools show *visible citations* in sampled answers—not every source or internal step an AI model used. ³

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I want to know when AI starts recommending my product. What should I use?

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Use an **AI visibility tracker**—often called an **AI search visibility** or **AEO/GEO** tool. It checks whether your product appears in answers to buyer-style prompts across AI platforms, and tracks that over time.

A practical starting point:

- **Already use Semrush?** Try its **AI Visibility Toolkit**. It can track custom prompts and visibility across ChatGPT, Google AI, and Gemini, and show which competitors and sources appear. (semrush.com)
- **Want a broad discovery view across channels?** Ahrefs **Brand Radar** tracks brand mentions and citations across AI platforms and other sources that can influence AI visibility. (help.ahrefs.com)

Set up prompts that sound like real shopping questions—for example, “best [product type] for [use case],” “alternatives to [competitor],” and “[your product] vs. [competitor].” Track whether you’re **recommended**, merely mentioned, and which pages or websites the AI cites.

One caveat: these tools show sampled answers, not a guaranteed moment when “AI starts recommending” you everywhere. Answers vary by prompt, platform, and run, so compare trends over repeated checks rather than relying on one result. Start with a free/manual baseline if you’re not ready to pay: run 10–20 buyer prompts across the AI tools your customers use, record the answers and cited sources, then repeat regularly.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI (top pick), Peec AI, Semrush, Profound, HubSpot's AEO Grader

The most direct tool is an **AI visibility tracker**. You enter the questions your buyers ask, the tool runs them against AI assistants on a schedule, and it records when your brand shows up. For a small budget, start with Otterly.ai. Choose a larger platform only if you need enterprise reporting or deeper analysis.

Options, by budget

- **Cheapest start:** Otterly.ai. One roundup puts it at \$29 a month on Lite (15 search prompts), and another describes it as SMB prompt tracking on a budget. It monitors when your brand appears in AI-generated answers, and compares your brand visibility against competitors.
- **Mid-market:** Peec AI. It measures visibility as the share of chats that mention the brand, and it reports position, sentiment and citations at domain and URL level. One comparison lists its starter plan at €85/mo (Starter).

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- **Already use Semrush:** Semrush's AI visibility add-on runs \$99/mo add-on (per domain) and covers ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Google AI Mode, and Copilot.
- **Enterprise:** Profound. It enables executive reporting on how generative systems present a brand within broader market narratives.
- **Free first look:** HubSpot's AEO Grader gives a one-off scan. It is useful as a snapshot but won't alert you over time.

How to set it up

1. Write 20–50 prompts a real buyer would type, such as "best [category] for [use case]," and include competitor comparison prompts. Tools track prompts you define, so this list determines what you learn. With OtterlyAI, you define search prompts that mirror real user queries.
2. Cover at least ChatGPT and Google AI Overviews. Add Perplexity if your audience skews toward research-intensive B2B queries, and Gemini if Google organic rankings are your primary traffic source.
3. Choose daily tracking and turn on alerts for new mentions, drops, and competitor gains. Look for tools that also show alerts, content fixes, citation gap analysis, and publishing workflows.

Caveats

- AI answers vary from run to run, so trust trends over several weeks more than any single result.
- Many "best tools" roundups are written by the vendors they rank. One review notes that most "best GEO tools" lists rank the author's own product first, so check independent reviews and run free trials before committing.
- Prices and engine coverage change often. Confirm them on each vendor's pricing page.

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RECOMMENDED Beamtrace, Otterly.AI, Profound, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Ahrefs Brand Radar, MentionBird

To track when AI platforms (like ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews) recommend your product, you should use **AI Visibility Tracking tools**.

Because AI answers are non-deterministic—meaning the same question can yield different results each time—a one-time check is insufficient. You need a systematic, ongoing process to track patterns, citations, and "share of voice" across different engines.

1. Dedicated AI Visibility Tools

Several specialized platforms have emerged to solve this specific problem. They automate the process of "asking" AI engines your target buyer questions and recording the results. Popular options include:

Question h16 · Gemini, continued

- **For Comprehensive Monitoring:** Tools like **Beamtrace**, **Otterly.ai**, and **Profound** are frequently cited for their ability to monitor multiple engines (ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, etc.) and track trends over time.
- **For SEO-Integrated Workflows:** If you already use major SEO platforms, check if they have built-in modules. For example, the **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** and **Ahrefs Brand Radar** allow you to track AI mentions alongside your traditional SEO data.
- **For Budget-Friendly/Early Stage:** Platforms like **MentionBird** or lighter versions of dedicated tools offer affordable tiers for businesses starting to experiment with "Answer Engine Optimization" (AEO).

2. How to "Do It Yourself" (If you are starting out)

If you aren't ready to invest in a subscription, you can run a manual pilot to understand your current baseline:

- **Define Your Prompts:** Identify 10–20 questions a buyer would ask when they are looking for a solution in your category (e.g., "What is the best [product type] for [specific need]?").
- **Create a Log:** Use a spreadsheet to track the **date, prompt, AI engine, and the result**. Note if your brand was mentioned, where it appeared (e.g., top of the list vs. a footnote), and which sources were cited.
- **Be Consistent:** Run these same prompts on a weekly or bi-weekly schedule. Because AI answers fluctuate, you are looking for **trends** over weeks or months, not a single snapshot.

3. What to Monitor

When selecting a tool or setting up your manual process, ensure you are tracking these four key metrics:

1. **Mention Rate:** How often does your brand appear across all platforms for your target queries?
2. **Citation Sources:** Which pages on your website are the AI models actually citing? (This helps you understand what content to optimize).
3. **Competitive Position:** How often do your competitors appear instead of you?
4. **Sentiment/Accuracy:** Is the AI describing your product correctly? Being "mentioned" is less valuable if the AI is providing inaccurate information.

Summary Checklist for Success

- **Check Accessibility:** Use tools like `robots.txt` to ensure you aren't accidentally blocking AI crawlers (like GPTBot or Google-Extended) from reading your product pages.
- **Improve "AEO" (Answer Engine Optimization):** Ensure your product pages contain clear, structured data (price, ratings, and accurate descriptions) that AI can easily parse.
- **Don't rely on one engine:** Since ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity often prioritize different sources, a well-rounded strategy tracks visibility across at least three or four major AI platforms.

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RECOMMENDED HubSpot's free AI Search Grader, Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Semrush, Profound

Use an **AI visibility tracker**—also called an **AEO/GEO tool**—to monitor whether AI answers mention or recommend your product. It runs a consistent set of buyer-style prompts across AI platforms and reports mentions, recommendation position, competitors, and cited sources. ⁹¹³

A practical starting point:

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- **Try HubSpot's free AI Search Grader** for a quick baseline across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity. It's a snapshot, not ongoing monitoring.³⁴
- **For ongoing tracking**, compare **Otterly.ai**, **Peec AI**, **Semrush**, or **Profound**. Choose based on which AI platforms matter to your customers, your budget, and whether you want citation analysis and competitor comparisons.²⁵⁹

Set up prompts that sound like real customer questions—for example, “best [product category] for [use case]” and “alternatives to [competitor].” Track the **percentage of answers that recommend you**, your position relative to competitors, and which sources the answers cite. Recheck the same prompts regularly: results vary by wording, platform, location, and time, so treat the tool as a trend monitor rather than a guarantee that every user will see the same recommendation.¹³¹⁵

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What's a good alternative to doing manual ChatGPT searches to check my brand?

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Semrush's AI visibility tools, Profound

A **ChatGPT/AI visibility tracker** is the easiest alternative. It runs a consistent set of questions about your category across ChatGPT and other AI platforms, then records whether your brand appears, which competitors are named, and what sources are cited.

A few options to look at:

- **Otterly.AI** – a straightforward starting point for regular monitoring.
- **Semrush's AI visibility tools** – worth considering if you already use Semrush for SEO.
- **Profound** – aimed more at teams that need deeper analytics and reporting. (semrush.com)

For a simple check, you could also keep a small spreadsheet of 10–20 realistic customer questions and rerun them monthly. Whichever route you choose, track the *same prompts over time*—AI answers vary, so one-off checks can be misleading. Look for a tool that shows the actual responses and citations, not just a single visibility score.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, LLMrefs, Track AI Answers, Peec AI, SE Ranking's ChatGPT Visibility Tracker, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Profound

The usual alternative is an **AI visibility tracker**, a software category built to run your brand's target prompts through AI engines on a schedule and record the results. Manual checks are one-off snapshots, and AI answers change from run to run, so a tracker gives you a steadier picture.

Budget options

- **Otterly.AI**: Best for SMBs wanting a simple, budget-friendly way to track ChatGPT mentions and citations. Listed at from \$29/month.
- **LLMrefs**: One of the more affordable AI visibility tracking tools and a good option for solo marketers, startups, and small teams.
- **Track AI Answers**: A niche option that starts at \$9 per month to monitor one brand on ChatGPT only, with quarterly ranking updates. Its update frequency is limited, so check whether that suits you.

Mid-range

- **Peec AI**: Often recommended for daily prompt tracking. One source calls it daily prompt-based AI visibility monitoring, and it starts at \$95/mo (50 prompts, 3-engine).
- **SE Ranking's ChatGPT Visibility Tracker**: It helps you see how often your brand is mentioned in ChatGPT answers, how it is described, whether links are included, and how your competitors perform.

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If you already use an SEO suite

- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** and **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** both add AI tracking to existing SEO tools. One review notes that the LLM coverage is more limited than dedicated AI visibility tools.

Enterprise

- **Profound:** Described as best for enterprise teams needing deeper analytics, governance, and links between AI visibility and business impact.

Things to check before buying

- Look at how many prompts and engines each plan covers. Prompt limits are often the main cost driver.
- Confirm that the tool reports citations and sentiment if you need them, not only mention counts.
- Prices change often and vary by plan, so verify them on each vendor's site. Many tools offer free trials.

If you tell me your budget, how many prompts you want to track, and whether you already use an SEO tool, I can narrow this to one or two options.

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RECOMMENDED HubSpot's AEO tool, Brand24, Brandwatch, Lumen by Talkwalker, Sprout Social, Hootsuite, F5Bot, Alertmouse

MENTIONED Google Alerts

Manual searches in ChatGPT are helpful for quick, one-off curiosities, but they fail to provide the consistency, trend data, and systematic alerts needed for professional brand management.

To replace manual checks with a scalable, data-driven workflow, you should move toward **specialized AI visibility and brand monitoring platforms**. These tools automate the process, providing you with repeatable metrics, sentiment analysis, and real-time alerts.

1. Specialized AI Visibility Platforms

If your primary concern is how AI models (ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Google AI Overviews) are describing your brand, you need tools designed for **Answer Engine Optimization (AEO)**. Unlike manual searches, these platforms track citations, recommendation quality, and sentiment across multiple LLMs automatically.

- **Examples:** Otterly.ai, LLMrefs, and HubSpot's AEO tool (useful if you are already in their ecosystem).

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2. Comprehensive Social Listening & Brand Monitoring

For broader monitoring that covers news, social media, forums (like Reddit), and reviews, look for platforms that integrate AI-powered sentiment analysis. These tools alert you the moment your brand is mentioned, allowing you to act before a situation escalates.

- **Brand24:** Highly recommended for its AI-powered sentiment analysis and ability to track mentions across diverse sources, including news, social media, and forums.
- **Brandwatch / Lumen by Talkwalker:** Best-in-class for enterprise teams needing deep consumer intelligence and extensive visual/audio social listening.
- **Sprout Social / Hootsuite:** Excellent if you want to combine brand monitoring with social media management (scheduling, engagement, and reporting) in a single dashboard.

3. Lightweight & Niche Alternatives

If you are a smaller team or a solopreneur and don't need a full enterprise suite:

- **F5Bot:** A budget-friendly tool that sends you emails whenever your brand or keywords are mentioned on platforms like Reddit or Hacker News.
- **Alertmouse:** A newer tool designed as a more reliable alternative to Google Alerts for tracking brand mentions across the web.

How to Choose the Right One

Don't just pick the tool with the longest feature list. Use this short decision framework to evaluate them:

- **What is your "Surface" of risk?** If you are most worried about what ChatGPT says, prioritize AI visibility tools. If you are worried about public perception on social media, prioritize social listening.
- **What is your cadence?** Do you need real-time alerts for crisis management, or do you need a monthly report for leadership?
- **Who is using it?** If it's for a marketing team, look for user-friendly dashboards. If it's for a research team, prioritize tools with deep analytical and data-export capabilities.

Recommended Next Step: Run a "risk check" or a free trial on one of the platforms mentioned above (e.g., Brand24 or a dedicated AI visibility tool) to see how their data compares to your manual ChatGPT findings. This will quickly show you the "blind spots" your manual process is currently missing.

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RECOMMENDED HubSpot AEO, AI Search Grader, Otterly.AI, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Semrush

A good alternative is an **AI visibility monitoring tool** (sometimes called an AEO or LLM visibility tool). It automatically checks a set of buyer-relevant prompts on a schedule and tracks whether ChatGPT mentions your brand, how it describes you, which competitors appear, and which sources it cites.⁵¹⁴

A few options to consider:

- **HubSpot AEO** – useful if you want prompt tracking, sentiment, competitor comparisons, and citation analysis across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity. HubSpot also offers a free, one-time AI Search Grader for an initial check.¹⁴
- **Otterly.AI** – focused on monitoring mentions and comparing visibility across several AI search platforms; it lists ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and others.⁵
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** – a fit if you already use Ahrefs or want to compare mentions, citations, and visibility against competitors.²
- **Semrush** – worth considering if you want AI visibility monitoring alongside conventional SEO tools.¹⁶

For a first pass, try a free diagnostic, then shortlist the prompts your customers actually ask—such as “best [category] for [use case]”—and track them consistently. Treat the results as a directional trend, not a definitive score: answers can vary, so compare visibility and citations over time rather than relying on one check.

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How do marketing teams measure visibility in AI-generated answers?

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RECOMMENDED Bing Webmaster Tools

Marketing teams usually measure AI-answer visibility with a **bundle of signals**, not one definitive metric:

- **Brand mentions:** How often an AI answer names the brand—ideally measured across a consistent set of buyer-style prompts and compared with competitors.
- **Citation rate and share:** How often the brand's pages are cited, and what portion of the citations for a prompt go to the brand's site. Bing Webmaster Tools now offers citation reporting for supported Microsoft AI experiences, including citation share by grounding query. (bing.com)
- **Answer presence and position:** Whether the brand appears in the answer, and where—such as in the main recommendation, a list, or only among sources.
- **Quality of the mention:** Whether it's accurate, favorable, and relevant to the prompt. A mention alone doesn't tell you whether the answer represents the brand well.
- **Referral traffic and outcomes:** Sessions, leads, and sales from AI platforms, tracked in web analytics and server logs where possible. These capture downstream impact, but won't include people who see an answer and never click.
- **Platform-specific trends:** Results can differ across ChatGPT, Copilot, Google AI features, and other assistants, so teams track them separately rather than treating "AI visibility" as one universal number. ChatGPT Search, for example, can show citations and links to sources, but placement isn't guaranteed. (help.openai.com)

A practical setup: Build a fixed set of prompts reflecting real customer questions; run them regularly across the AI platforms that matter; record mentions, citations, competitors, and answer quality; then compare the trend with referral traffic and conversions. Keep the prompts, location, platform, and measurement method consistent—AI answers vary, and third-party visibility scores are estimates, not audited audience or traffic counts.

One useful distinction: **being mentioned** measures brand presence; **being cited** measures whether the AI points to your content as a source. Track both.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Otterly.AI, Ahrefs Brand Radar, SE Visible

Marketing teams usually measure AI visibility by running a fixed set of buyer questions through AI engines, recording whether and how the brand appears, and tracking those results over time. There's no industry standard yet, so the metrics and thresholds below come from vendor and agency guidance.

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Core metrics

- **Mention rate:** The share of tracked prompts where the brand is named at all. One formula divides brand mentions by total responses and multiplies by 100. It measures the share of AI-generated responses that name the brand across a fixed prompt set.
- **Citation frequency:** How often your website or domain is linked as a source. Teams often track this per page, comparing which pages get cited against competitors' pages. This metric shows how often your website pages are directly linked in AI-generated answers across platforms like ChatGPT, Google AI Mode, Gemini, and Claude. Track which pages are getting cited and how often they appear compared to competitors.
- **Share of voice (answer share):** Your brand's mentions measured against competitors' mentions across the same prompts. One approach weights citations more heavily than plain mentions. Overall AI visibility is calculated using both citations and mentions, with citations weighted 1.25× higher because linked sources carry stronger authority.
- **Positioning or recommendation rate:** Whether the brand appears first, is listed lower, or is recommended outright. This captures prominence, not just presence. Positioning Score measures whether brand appears first, listed lower, or recommended outright.
- **Sentiment:** The tone of answers where the brand appears. This metric measures whether AI responses talk about your brand positively or negatively.
- **Accuracy:** Whether the AI describes products, pricing, and positioning correctly. Teams measure comprehension by analyzing how AI systems describe the company, including positioning accuracy, sentiment, message consistency, and hallucination or correction rates.

How the measurement is run

- **Fixed prompt panel:** Use the same prompts each cycle so results are comparable. Teams run the same prompt set across the AI platforms that matter to the buyer journey and mark each answer yes or no for brand inclusion.
- **Repeated sampling:** AI answers vary between runs, so single checks are unreliable. Metrics are estimates from repeated prompt sampling, so track them over time and per model, never from a single answer.
- **Multiple engines:** Coverage typically spans ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, Claude, and Google AI Overviews, since each engine can give different results.
- **Tooling:** Many teams use dedicated trackers such as Profound, Otterly.ai, Ahrefs Brand Radar, or SE Visible, or build a manual prompt log. Tools differ mainly in engine coverage, prompt libraries, and source analysis.

Connecting visibility to business results

Teams often add behavioral and revenue signals because citations alone don't show impact. Common additions include AI referral traffic, branded search lift, and self-reported attribution. Exposure covers mentions, citations, and share of voice. Behavioral signals include branded search and AI referral traffic. Business outcomes include conversions and self-reported attribution. No single metric proves AI is working, but all three moving together does.

Caveats

- Benchmarks vary by source. One vendor treats a mention rate above 70% as strong and below 30% as a major gap, while another calls 40 to 60% strong and below 20% invisible. Treat these as rough guides and set your own baseline.
- Method quality matters. Single-run checks and branded-only prompts can produce data that looks real but isn't reliable, so use a prompt library built from real buyer questions and enough runs for a stable sample.

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RECOMMENDED Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit, HubSpot's AEO tools, TopCited, Vizable AI

Marketing teams measure visibility in AI-generated answers by moving beyond traditional "blue link" SEO metrics toward **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)** or **Answer Engine Optimization (AEO)** frameworks.

Because AI results are dynamic, probabilistic, and often "zero-click," measurement focuses on capturing brand presence within the conversational narrative itself.

1. Key Metrics for AI Visibility

Marketing teams typically track a combination of these core KPIs to gauge their influence:

- **Mention Rate:** How frequently your brand is named in AI-generated responses for your priority prompts.
- **Citation Rate:** How often the AI explicitly links to or references your domain as a source.
- **AI Share of Voice (AI SoV):** Your brand's presence compared to competitors for the same set of industry-relevant prompts.
- **Prominence/Positioning:** Evaluating *how* the brand appears—for example, being named as a primary recommendation carries more weight than being listed at the end of a summary.
- **Sentiment:** Assessing whether the brand's mention is positive, neutral, or negative.

2. The Measurement Methodology

Since a single AI answer can vary based on the user's history, location, or even the time of day, marketers use a systematic "sampling" approach rather than relying on one-off searches:

- **Defined Prompt Libraries:** Teams create a fixed set of "high-intent" natural language queries (e.g., "best [product category] for [use case]") that mirror how real customers ask questions.
- **Multi-Platform Monitoring:** Because different engines (ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, Gemini) pull from different sources and algorithms, marketers track visibility across each platform separately to identify gaps.
- **Structured Sampling:** Prompts are run on a consistent, scheduled basis to establish trend lines. This treats AI visibility as a statistical distribution rather than a static rank.

3. Tools and Implementation

Teams generally use one of three approaches to operationalize this data:

- **Manual Audits:** For smaller budgets, teams manually log results in a spreadsheet. This is precise but time-consuming and difficult to scale.
- **Specialized AI Visibility Tools:** Many marketers now use dedicated platforms (e.g., Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit, HubSpot's AEO tools, and various specialized trackers like TopCited or Vizable AI) that automate the process of running prompts and benchmarking against competitors.

Question h18 · Gemini, continued

- **Integrated Analytics:** Some teams look at their internal analytics for "AI-referred" traffic, though this is often an incomplete picture as many AI interactions remain "zero-click".

Summary of Differences

Feature	Traditional SEO	AI Visibility (GEO/AEO)
Primary Goal	Top ranking in a link list	Inclusion in a synthesized answer
Visibility Unit	Position/CTR	Mentions, citations, and prominence
Data Nature	Static/Predictable	Dynamic/Probabilistic
Success Metric	Organic clicks	Brand awareness/influence in discovery

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RECOMMENDED Search Console

Marketing teams usually measure **AI-answer visibility as a recurring experiment**, not like a conventional search ranking. They define a consistent set of customer prompts, test them across relevant AI platforms, and track what shows up over time.

Common metrics include:

- **Mention rate:** How often the brand appears in answers: responses mentioning the brand ÷ responses tested.²¹¹
- **Citation rate:** How often an answer links to the brand’s site or other sources about it. Teams also record which pages and domains are cited.²⁹

Question h18 · Perplexity, continued

- **Share of voice:** The brand's share of mentions or citations versus competitors across the same prompt set.
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- **Prominence and framing:** Where the brand appears in the answer, whether the description is accurate, and whether the tone is positive, neutral, or negative.²¹⁴
- **Traffic and outcomes:** Referral visits, conversions, and branded search trends can help connect visibility to business results, though they won't capture every influence an AI answer has.

A practical process is to build prompts around real buyer questions and stages, run the same prompts on the same platforms repeatedly, and compare results by topic, platform, and competitor. Because answers can vary between runs, use multiple runs and look for trends rather than treating one result as definitive.²⁹

For Google, Search Console can help measure search impressions and clicks associated with AI features, but those figures don't cover every AI assistant or give a complete picture of brand mentions across answers.¹

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What tools help a business get recommended by AI assistants?

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RECOMMENDED Google Search Console, Rich Results Test

The category is usually called **AI visibility**, **AEO** (answer engine optimization), or **GEO** (generative engine optimization). Tools can help you measure and improve your chances of being mentioned—but none can guarantee an assistant will recommend your business.

Useful tool types:

- **AI visibility trackers:** Check whether your brand appears in answers to buyer questions, which competitors show up, and which websites the assistants cite. Examples include **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** and **Ahrefs Brand Radar**. (semrush.com)
- **SEO and website diagnostics:** **Google Search Console** and site-audit tools help find indexing, crawlability, and content issues. Google's guidance emphasizes making useful content accessible and ensuring structured data matches what people can see on the page. (developers.google.com)
- **Structured-data tools:** For local businesses, adding and validating LocalBusiness information can help Google understand details like your location and hours. Google provides a Rich Results Test for validation. (developers.google.com)
- **Review and listing management:** Tools that keep your business details consistent and help monitor customer reviews can strengthen your public information footprint—especially for local recommendations.

A practical starting point: track 20–30 questions customers actually ask across a few AI assistants, note which sources they cite, then improve the relevant pages and your third-party profiles. For ChatGPT Search specifically, make sure your site allows **OAI-SearchBot** to crawl it. (help.openai.com)

For a small business, start with free basics—Search Console, accurate listings, and a manual prompt log—before paying for a specialized tracker.

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RECOMMENDED SE Visible, AthenaHQ, Promptwatch, Writesonic, SearchEye, Semrush's AI toolkit, HubSpot AEO Grader, GetCito, Avrae

Several categories of tools help, and most of them work by measuring what AI assistants say about your brand so you can act on the gaps.

1. Visibility trackers (monitoring)

These send prompts to AI models and record whether your brand appears. They systematically send prompts to AI models (like ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini) that match the questions your potential customers are asking. Options include:

- **OtterlyAI**: one of the cheapest. Lite gets you 15 tracked prompts across ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity and Copilot, with a seven-day trial and no card required.
- **Peec AI**: It measures visibility as the share of chats that mention the brand, and it reports position, sentiment and citations at domain and URL level.
- **SE Visible** (SE Ranking): It presents visibility score, rank, average position, and net sentiment in a clean dashboard designed for executives.
- **Profound**: aimed at enterprises. It tracks brand visibility across 10+ AI engines: ChatGPT, Perplexity, both Google AI formats, Gemini, Copilot, Meta, Grok, DeepSeek, and Claude.
- **Goodie AI, AthenaHQ, Scrunch, and Rankscale AI** are other trackers that reviewers mention.

2. Optimization platforms (tracking plus action)

Some tools go beyond dashboards. For example, Promptwatch pairs AI visibility and crawl-to-citation tracking across 11 platforms with agents that draft, optimize, and publish content straight to your CMS. Writesonic is another option that combines content creation with tracking. AthenaHQ focuses on citation and authority gap analysis for B2B and SaaS brands. One reviewer also highlights SearchEye, which connects AI visibility tracking with the third-party publications that influence those answers.

3. SEO suites with AI add-ons

If you already pay for an SEO platform, check its AI module. Semrush's AI Toolkit at \$99/mo is an add-on, and Ahrefs includes Brand Radar with its subscriptions. Reviewers also note that if you already use Ahrefs, Semrush, or SE Ranking, their GEO products reduce workflow friction.

4. Free starting points

- **HubSpot AEO Grader** offers a free one-off scan of how AI engines see your brand.
- **GetCito** has an open-source tracking tool that is free to self-host.
- **Avrae** provides a free AI visibility report to start.

Caveats

- Pricing and feature lists change quickly, so verify on each vendor's site.
- Many "best of" rankings are written by vendors or affiliates, so treat them as starting points rather than neutral tests. Free trials are the best way to compare, as one guide advises: test it yourself with a free trial or live demo where you validate features.
- No tool can guarantee a recommendation. They show where you appear and where competitors win. The underlying improvements still come from things like accurate business listings, customer reviews, clear website content, and coverage on sites AI models cite. Those are what the tools help you target.

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RECOMMENDED Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit, ZipTie, Yext Scout, Similarweb, Merkle's Schema Generator, Clearscope

MENTIONED Google Business Profile, Yelp, Apple Maps

To be recommended by AI assistants (such as ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google's AI Overviews), businesses are increasingly shifting their focus from traditional Search Engine Optimization (SEO) to **AI Optimization (AIO)**, sometimes referred to as **Answer Engine Optimization (AEO)** or **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)**.

Unlike traditional SEO, which aims for a list of blue links, AIO focuses on making your brand a **trusted, "quotable" source** that AI models can confidently recommend in a direct answer.

Key Tools for AI Visibility

There is no single "AI button" to press; instead, visibility is earned by being a consistent, authoritative entity. Several categories of tools help manage this:

- **AI Visibility & Monitoring Tools:** These platforms track your brand mentions across LLMs and AI search engines, helping you identify if you are being cited and where you stand against competitors. Examples include:
 - **Specialized Monitors:** Tools like **Profound**, **Peec AI**, and **Ahrefs Brand Radar** are specifically designed to monitor brand presence within AI-generated answers.
 - **Integrated Platforms:** Larger suites like **Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit** allow you to track your share of voice across AI platforms alongside traditional SEO data.
 - **Others:** **ZipTie** (deep reporting), **Yext Scout** (local tracking), and **Similarweb** are also used to bridge the gap between traditional and generative search tracking.
- **Structured Data & Schema Tools:** AI assistants rely on "structured data" to understand exactly who you are, what you offer, and where you operate. Tools like **Merkle's Schema Generator** help you create the code (schema markup) necessary to make your website machine-readable.
- **Content & Strategy Tools:** Since AI prioritizes "answer-first" content, tools like **Clearscope** or AI-powered content assistants help you structure your content to directly answer the specific questions potential customers ask.

How to Get Recommended (The AIO Strategy)

AI assistants do not "rank" websites in the traditional sense; they "synthesize" answers based on data quality, trust, and relevance. To win a recommendation:

Question h19 · Gemini, continued

1. **Be an "Entity," Not Just a Website:** Ensure your business name, address, phone number (NAP), and services are identical across your website, Google Business Profile, social media, and authoritative directories (Yelp, Apple Maps, etc.). AI cross-references these sources to build "confidence" in your brand.
2. **Focus on "Answer-First" Content:** Create pages on your site that directly answer common industry questions. Use clear, concise headings and definitions that an AI can easily "lift" and include in its response.
3. **Earn Mentions, Not Just Links:** While traditional SEO prizes backlinks, AI visibility is heavily correlated with **mentions**—being discussed on third-party, high-authority industry sites, forums, and news outlets.
4. **Prioritize Freshness:** AI models prioritize up-to-date information. Frequently updating your service pages, blog posts, and business profiles signals to AI that your information is current and trustworthy.
5. **Measure What Matters:** Move beyond traditional rank tracking. Focus on whether your brand appears in the *answer text* of an AI query. Use AI visibility tools to find "gaps"—prompts where your competitors are being named, but you are not—and create content to address those specific missing topics.

Summary

If you are looking to start, begin by **auditing your NAP (Name, Address, Phone) consistency** across the web and using an **AI visibility monitor** to see if your brand currently appears in common buyer questions on tools like ChatGPT or Perplexity. This will reveal the "gap" between your current SEO performance and your potential AI-driven growth.

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RECOMMENDED Semrush, Profound, Peec AI, Otterly.AI, HubSpot AEO, HubSpot's AI Search Grader, Google Search Console

There's no tool that can guarantee an AI assistant will recommend a business. The practical approach is to **measure whether you're being mentioned or cited, then improve the information AI systems can find and verify.**

Tools to consider

- **AI visibility trackers:** Semrush, Profound, Peec AI, Otterly.AI, and HubSpot AEO monitor brand mentions, citations, sentiment, or competitors across some AI assistants and search experiences. Coverage and features vary, so check that a tool includes the platforms and locations your customers use.³⁶¹⁰
- **A baseline checker:** HubSpot's AI Search Grader can provide a snapshot of how a few AI systems describe a brand. Treat it as a starting point, not a definitive measure of how all users' answers look.¹²
- **Core website and SEO tools:** Google Search Console helps you monitor whether your pages are discoverable in Google Search, including performance in its generative AI features. Google's guidance emphasizes crawlable, indexable pages and says there's no special schema markup required for AI features.¹²

What to work on

1. Make sure important pages load, can be crawled, and clearly explain what you offer, where you operate, pricing or eligibility, and how customers can contact you.¹⁹
2. Publish useful, specific, up-to-date answers to the questions customers actually ask.
3. Keep your business details consistent across your website and trusted directories or industry sources.
4. Use structured data where it makes sense for ordinary SEO and eligible search features—but don't expect it to guarantee AI recommendations.²⁴

Question h19 · Perplexity, continued

5. Track a small set of realistic customer prompts over time, and review which sources AI systems cite. Use that to find missing or inaccurate information.

For a small business, start with **Search Console, a well-maintained website and listings, and occasional manual checks in the AI assistants your customers use**. Add a paid visibility tracker when you need repeatable monitoring or competitor comparisons.

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Can I get alerts when AI chatbots start or stop mentioning my company?

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RECOMMENDED Presenc AI, GeoVector, Measure

Yes. AI-visibility monitoring tools can repeatedly check selected prompts across chatbots and alert you when your company appears—or disappears—in their answers.

For example, Presenc AI says it can send email, Slack, or webhook alerts when a tracked prompt gains or loses a mention. GeoVector describes alerts for significant visibility changes, while Measure offers scheduled tracking and visibility trends. (presenc.ai)

A few things to know:

- **It's usually prompt-based:** You choose questions potential customers might ask, such as "What's the best [type of product]?" The tool checks the answers to those questions—not every conversation users have with a chatbot.
- **It's periodic, not necessarily instant:** Alerts depend on how often the tool reruns your prompts. Some services advertise real-time alerts after a tracking run, while others scan daily or weekly. (presenc.ai)
- **Results can vary:** Chatbot answers may change by wording, date, or platform, so treat alerts as useful signals rather than a complete record.

When comparing tools, check which chatbots they cover, scan frequency, alert channels, and whether they show the actual answer behind a change.

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RECOMMENDED Promptmonitor, Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Semrush, SE Ranking, Profound NEGATIVE Brand24

Yes. No chatbot sends you notifications about its own answers, so you need a third-party tool that re-runs your questions on a schedule and alerts you when results change. Several vendors offer this.

How it works: You define a set of prompts that real customers might type, such as "best project management software for small teams." The tool sends those prompts to the chatbots repeatedly and logs each answer. Promptmonitor automatically sends your target queries to ChatGPT and logs every response. Alerts then fire when the logged results change.

Tools that advertise alerts:

- **Otterly AI:** Tracks brand mentions across AI search engines like ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews, and shows which AI engines mention you most often, and how those brand mentions shift over time.
- **Promptmonitor:** Covers ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, Perplexity, DeepSeek, and Grok, and shows each mention, the full answer, sentiment, and how consistently you appear, updated on your chosen schedule.

Question h20 · Claude, continued

- **Peec AI:** Measures visibility as the share of chats that mention the brand, with position, sentiment, and citations.
- **Semrush, SE Ranking, Profound:** Broader AI visibility suites with prompt-level tracking and competitor comparisons. Profound is aimed at enterprises.
- **Brand24:** A general brand-monitoring tool with real-time alerts for new mentions. It catches AI-influenced mentions across the web, but it has limited prompt-level AI context, so it is less suited to tracking what chatbots themselves say.

Pricing and features change quickly. One 2026 comparison listed Profound from \$99/month, Peec AI from €89/month, and Brand24 from \$199/month, but those figures may be out of date, so check each vendor's current page.

Things to know before you rely on alerts:

- **Answers vary.** Results depend on how a question is phrased, so track several phrasings for each important query. LLM mentions depend on context, prompt phrasing, and constantly evolving training data.
- **Alerts reflect samples, not a live feed.** A "mention dropped" alert means your sampled prompts produced different answers. It doesn't guarantee that every user saw the change. Tools typically check daily or weekly.
- **Set thresholds carefully.** One guide suggests alerting on meaningful moves, like a 30% week-over-week drop in mention frequency, rather than minor fluctuations, to avoid alert fatigue.
- **Alerts can cover accuracy too.** Some tools flag when a chatbot describes your product incorrectly, not just whether it mentions you.

Free or low-cost option: Run the same prompts by hand on a schedule and log the results in a spreadsheet, noting whether your brand appears, its position, and whether the description is accurate. This works for a small set of prompts, but it becomes tedious as the list grows. A guide from one vendor suggests daily spot checks for your most important prompts and weekly reviews for the rest.

If you tell me your company's size, budget, and which chatbots matter most to you, I can narrow the list.

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RECOMMENDED Peec AI, Otterly.AI, Profound, Beamtrace, Semrush, Ahrefs, GrackerAI

Yes, you can absolutely get alerts when AI chatbots start or stop mentioning your company. As AI search and chatbot recommendations become a primary way users discover brands, a specialized category of **AI Brand Visibility** tools has emerged to track these mentions.

Question h20 - Gemini, continued

How AI Brand Monitoring Works

Unlike traditional SEO tools that track blue-link rankings on Google, these platforms use a method called "**Generative Engine Optimization**" (GEO). They work by:

- **Running Automated Prompts:** These tools systematically feed your target customer queries (e.g., "What is the best software for X?") into AI models like ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, and Perplexity on a recurring schedule.
- **Recording Mentions & Citations:** They log whether your brand appears, whether it is actively recommended, and which sources (URLs) the AI cited to support that recommendation.
- **Triggering Alerts:** Many platforms allow you to set up real-time or digest alerts, notifying you when your "share of voice" in AI answers increases, decreases, or when a competitor is cited in your place.

Recommended Tools

There are several reputable tools in this space. Your choice may depend on whether you need a dedicated stand-alone dashboard or an integration with your existing marketing stack:

- **For Dedicated Visibility Tracking:** Tools like **Peec AI**, **Otterly.ai**, **Profound**, and **Beamtrace** are specifically designed to monitor brand mentions, citation sources, and sentiment across multiple LLMs.
- **For Existing SEO Users:** If you already use platforms like **Semrush** or **Ahrefs**, check their built-in AI visibility or "Brand Radar" features. They often include AI monitoring as part of their suite.
- **For Specialized Alerts:** Some newer tools, such as **GrackerAI**, specifically highlight their alerting systems as a core feature for teams that need to know immediately if their brand presence shifts in AI responses.

Can You Do It Yourself?

Yes, you can track this manually for free, though it requires discipline.

1. **Define Your Prompts:** Create a list of 20–30 questions your customers actually ask when they are in the research phase of buying your product (e.g., "Who are the best providers for [service] in [location]?").
2. **Use Incognito Mode:** Always perform these checks in a fresh, incognito window so the chatbot does not "remember" previous conversations and bias its answer.
3. **Log Results:** Create a spreadsheet to record the model, the prompt, and whether you were mentioned, cited, or if a competitor was mentioned instead.
4. **Review Regularly:** Perform this check monthly to identify trends.

Important Note: Because AI models generate unique answers for every user, there is no "rank" to climb in the traditional sense. These tools measure your "**visibility rate**"—the percentage of times you appear across many test runs—which is a much more accurate way to understand your brand's true performance in AI search.

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RECOMMENDED Knowatoa

Yes. AI visibility-monitoring tools can periodically test a set of prompts on chatbots and alert you when your company appears, disappears, or competitors begin showing up instead. For example, Knowatoa advertises alerts for changes in brand-mention patterns, and other AI visibility trackers monitor mention trends across services such as ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, and Perplexity.¹²

One caveat: these alerts generally aren't real-time. Tools typically rerun tracked prompts on a schedule—often daily or weekly—and notify you after a check, so ask vendors how often they test, which chatbots they cover, and whether alerts come by email or Slack.³

For a useful setup, track the questions prospective customers actually ask, along with your company and product-name variations, and compare results over time. AI answers can vary from one run to another, so treat a single change as a signal to investigate rather than definitive proof of a lasting shift.²³

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Best AI visibility tracker for a small marketing agency with several clients

ChatGPT gpt-6-luna · 28 October 2026, 18:28 UTC

RECOMMENDED Peec AI (top pick), Otterly.AI, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit MENTIONED Semrush

Best overall for a small agency: Peec AI's agency plan. It's designed to manage multiple client projects under one account, with shared tracking credits and centralized billing—so you can allocate monitoring where each client needs it. The current agency tiers start at **\$245/month for 3 projects**, then **\$495/month for 10 projects**; prices and limits can change, so confirm them before signing up. (peec.ai)

Worth comparing:

- **Otterly.AI** – a lower-cost starting point if you're testing AI visibility tracking with a small roster; its entry plan is listed at \$29/month, but check how its current limits fit your clients' prompt needs. (semrush.com)
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** – consider it if your agency already uses Semrush and wants AI visibility alongside its SEO workflow. Its listed Base plan is **\$99/month per domain**, which could add up across clients. (semrush.com)

My practical pick: Try Peec first if you need separate client projects and regular reporting; try Otterly if keeping the starting cost low matters more. Before committing, test the same prompts across two clients and check whether the reports are easy to share, the tracked AI platforms match your clients' needs, and the price scales comfortably with your roster.

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Claude claude-haiku-5-5 · 28 October 2026, 18:28 UTC

RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Peec AI, SE Visible, Searchable MENTIONED SE Ranking, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Semrush
NEGATIVE Profound, seoClarity, Ahrefs Brand Radar

For a small agency with several clients, I'd shortlist **Otterly.ai**, **Peec AI**, and **SE Visible** (or **Searchable** if you want client-ready reports). The best pick depends on how many clients you have and whether you need white-label reports.

Top picks

- **Otterly.ai (cheapest start):** One source lists its Lite plan at \$29/month, which currently includes 15 search prompts. Another notes it offers white-label exports and client-slot pricing. Its higher tiers are Standard \$189/mo, Premium \$489/mo, so the cheap tier fills up quickly with several clients.

Question m01 · Claude, continued

- **Peec AI (best for many users and workspaces):** One comparison says it offers unlimited users and workspaces on every plan. Prices vary by source: one lists Essential from \$245/mo, Growth from \$495/mo, while another lists a Starter \$89/mo. Check the current pricing page before budgeting. Per-engine add-on fees may also apply.
- **SE Visible (best if you already use SE Ranking):** One source describes it as bringing white-label reporting and client portals inside a full SEO suite, which makes it the closest to a ready-made client deliverable. Pricing is SE Visible standalone from \$189/month.
- **Searchable (best for white-label reports):** Its agency plans add pitch prompts and white-label reports. The Launch plan is \$250/month (200 prompts, 5 projects).

Tools to consider with caution

- **Profound:** It has strong agency features, but its per-workspace pricing gets expensive. One pricing breakdown lists Profound Agency Growth, \$99 base plus \$399 a workspace, which is a lot for a small shop.
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit:** It is listed at \$99/month for one domain, and the price can scale quickly if you need multiple domains, more prompts, or additional users.
- **Enterprise tools (seoClarity, Ahrefs Brand Radar):** These are usually too costly for a small agency.

How to choose

1. **Count your clients and prompts.** Pricing models differ. Some charge per client, some per prompt, and some use a flat fee with a shared pool. Per-client pricing gets costly as you add small clients.
2. **Decide whether clients need polished reports.** If yes, prioritize white-label reporting (SE Visible, Searchable, or Otterly's exports).
3. **Check what you already pay for.** If you already use Semrush or SE Ranking, adding their AI module may be cheapest.
4. **Start with a trial.** Several tools offer free trials or low entry tiers, so test with two or three real client prompts before committing.

Note that most of the comparison articles I found were written by vendors or include their own products, so treat their rankings as starting points. Prices change often, so confirm them on each vendor's site before you buy.

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RECOMMENDED ZeroRank AI, Qvery, Botric, Peec AI, SearchEye, Google Search Console, Bing Webmaster Tools

For a small marketing agency managing multiple clients, the "best" AI visibility tracker is one that prioritizes **multi-client workspace management, white-label reporting, and scalable pricing** over simple single-brand monitoring.

Because your time is valuable, you should look for platforms that allow you to manage all clients from a single login rather than juggling individual subscriptions.

Top Recommended Tools for Agencies

Based on agency-specific workflows in 2026, the following platforms are highly regarded:

- **ZeroRank AI:** Often cited as the best overall for agencies. It is designed specifically to handle the full agency lifecycle: pitching prospects with baseline audits, managing multiple client workspaces, and executing AI visibility strategies from one dashboard.
- **Qvery:** Excellent for agencies that need a conversational AI agent for each client. It offers unlimited seats and brands on higher plans, which is a major advantage for scaling without incurring per-client fee spikes.
- **Botric:** Highly rated for its "agency-first" structure. Its pricing is built around per-project/workspace separation from the ground up, and it combines visibility tracking with content generation, allowing your team to move quickly from identifying a gap to drafting a fix.
- **Peec AI:** A solid, user-friendly option for smaller agencies that need straightforward, reliable tracking and onboarding for new clients.

Key Criteria for Your Agency

When evaluating these or other tools, ensure they meet these four requirements to avoid "agency bloat":

1. **Multi-Client Workspaces:** Never choose a tool that requires you to manage separate logins for each client. Look for a "client-mapping" or "workspace" feature that lets you switch between brands instantly.
2. **White-Label Reporting:** Your reports should feature your agency's branding, not the software provider's. This is essential for maintaining client relationships and justifying your retainers.
3. **Actionable Insights:** Avoid tools that only show "vanity" metrics (e.g., whether you appear in an AI answer). The best tools tell you *which* sources are being cited and provide workflows to help you optimize content to win those citations.
4. **Scalable Pricing:** Many tools are built for in-house teams. Always check if the pricing model is "per domain" or "per seat," as these can become prohibitively expensive as you add your 5th, 10th, or 20th client.

How to Get Started

- **For Pitching New Business:** Use a tool that offers a **free audit or low-cost pitch environment** (like ZeroRank AI or SearchEye). Running a baseline audit on a prospect's visibility in ChatGPT or Google AI Overviews is a powerful way to win new retainers.
- **For Current Reporting:** If your current workflow is mostly focused on traditional SEO or ad reporting, consider integrating these AI tracking tools as an **add-on service (AEO - Answer Engine Optimization)**.
- **Quick Start:** If you are on a tight budget, you can begin by monitoring your clients' visibility using **Google Search Console** and **Bing Webmaster Tools** (both free). While they lack the deep, cross-platform AI analysis of paid tools, they provide a necessary data foundation for zero cost.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI (top pick), Peec AI, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Profound MENTIONED Semrush, Looker Studio

Best fit: OtterlyAI for a budget-conscious agency with several clients

Its agency-oriented plans support multiple client workspaces, so you can keep brands' tracking separate without paying Semrush's per-domain fee for every client. The trade-off is that reporting is not natively white-labeled; branded Looker Studio reports are available instead. The agency comparison lists Standard at **\$189/month** and Premium at **\$489/month**, with Premium including unlimited workspaces and 400 prompts. Check the current plan limits and eligibility for agency pricing before signing up. ¹¹¹⁴

Other good options

- **Peec AI** – Consider it if you want more room to grow: agency plans start at **\$245/month**, with three projects on Essential; Growth is **\$495/month** for 10 projects. It's a stronger option if you need multiple AI platforms or expect your client roster to expand, but its project and prompt limits matter. ⁹¹¹
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** – Best if your agency already uses Semrush or wants AI visibility alongside SEO tools. The standalone toolkit is **\$99/month per domain**, with 25 tracked prompts—so costs can add up across several clients. Semrush's broader subscriptions include multiple websites, but AI visibility domain and prompt limits still need checking. ⁶⁴
- **Profound** – Better suited to larger clients or higher-value retainers; its agency-focused offering may become expensive when you need a separate paid workspace for each client. ⁵¹¹

Bottom line: Start by comparing **OtterlyAI Standard** and **Peec AI Essential** against your actual needs: number of clients, prompts per client, AI engines, and whether clients need their own report access. For a small agency prioritizing low overhead and client separation, I'd trial OtterlyAI first; choose Peec if its project capacity and platform coverage justify the higher starting price. These are vendor and industry-reported prices, so confirm them directly before budgeting. ⁹¹¹¹⁴

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Cheapest way to track if ChatGPT mentions my startup

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RECOMMENDED Lettertrace, Otterly.AI NEGATIVE Google Alerts

Cheapest: do it manually for free. Once a week, ask ChatGPT a small, fixed set of questions potential customers might ask—such as “What are the best [category] tools for [audience]?”—and note whether your startup appears. Keep the exact prompts and date in a spreadsheet so you can compare results over time. Answers vary, so treat this as a rough signal, not a definitive measurement.

If you want automated tracking, **Lettertrace advertises free monitoring** across ChatGPT, Claude, and Gemini. For a paid entry-level option, **Otterly.AI lists a \$29/month plan** with a limited number of prompts. Check the plan details before subscribing, since pricing and limits can change. (lettertrace.com)

One distinction: **Google Alerts can track web pages that mention your startup, but it won't tell you whether ChatGPT mentioned it in an answer.**

My recommendation: start with the spreadsheet for a month; pay only if running the checks becomes a chore. Use realistic buyer questions, not just your startup's name.

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RECOMMENDED Google Analytics 4, Bing Webmaster Tools, Otterly.AI, Octoparse ChatGPT Visibility Tracker

The cheapest option is free: a manual check you repeat monthly. A paid tool only starts to make sense if you need daily runs or many prompts.

Free method (about \$0)

- **Build a prompt list.** Write roughly 20–30 questions your buyers would actually type, such as "best X for Y" or "how do I..." questions. One source suggests pulling them from sales-call notes, support tickets, and Reddit thread titles in your category. Write 20–30 prompts the way your buyers would type them into ChatGPT. Not keywords: full questions with context.
- **Use clean sessions.** Your chat history and memory can skew answers, so run each prompt in a temporary chat, ideally logged out. Run them in a temporary chat, so your own history and memory don't shape the answer.
- **Run each prompt several times.** Answers vary between runs, so one check tells you little. One approach counts a mention only if it shows up in at least two of three runs.
- **Log the results.** For each run, note whether you're named, whether your site is cited, your position in the list, which competitors appear, and how you're described. A spreadsheet is enough.
- **Repeat monthly.** Track the mention rate over time rather than individual answers.

Two other free signals

Question m02 · Claude, continued

- **Google Analytics 4:** Set it up to catch traffic from chatgpt.com. It shows visits from ChatGPT links but not the times you were named and nobody clicked.
- **Bing Webmaster Tools:** Its AI Performance report covers citations. One guide suggests also asking new customers "how did you hear about us?" with ChatGPT as an option.

Cheapest paid options

- **Otterly.AI Lite:** \$29/mo for 15 prompts across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, and Copilot. It runs your prompts automatically, so you skip the manual work.
- **Octoparse ChatGPT Visibility Tracker:** It has no API key to set up and is free for your first 2,000 rows each week (via API or MCP), then \$80 per 1,000 rows. Since it's usage-based, it may cost less than a flat subscription if you only test a handful of prompts.
- **DIY script:** If you have a developer, you can call the OpenAI API with your prompts and search the responses for your brand name. One source says this stays cheap for 30-50 prompts.

My recommendation: Start with the free spreadsheet and GA4 this month. If you find you want daily data or more than about 30 prompts, try Otterly's \$29 plan or Octoparse's free tier. Prices in these sources were current as of October 2026, but vendors change them often, so confirm on their pricing pages before you buy.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Ahrefs Brand Radar

The "cheapest" way to track ChatGPT mentions is to perform a **manual, controlled audit**. Because LLM answers are not indexed like web pages, even paid tools essentially automate the same process you can do yourself.

1. The Cheapest Method: Manual "Prompt Testing" (\$0)

You can gain valuable insights for free by simulating how potential customers search for your category.

- **Step 1: Define your "Buyer Questions"**
Do not ask, "Who is [Your Startup]?". Instead, list 15–20 questions a potential customer would ask when trying to solve a problem your product fixes.
 - *Examples:* "What is the best [category] tool for a small startup?", "What are the top alternatives to [Competitor]?", or "How do I solve [specific problem]?"
- **Step 2: Use "Clean" Sessions**
AI models personalize answers based on your history. Always use a **logged-out session** or **Incognito/Private mode** in your browser to ensure you are seeing what a new prospect sees.
- **Step 3: Record and Track**

Question m02 · Gemini, continued

Run your list of questions across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews. Use a simple spreadsheet to log:

- **Mentioned?** (Yes/No)
- **Position** (e.g., first recommendation vs. buried at the bottom)
- **Context** (How were you described? Did they cite your website?)
- **Competitors** (Who else was named?)
- **Frequency:** Do this once every two weeks or monthly. AI answers are inconsistent; a single check is a snapshot, but three checks over a fortnight give you a reliable range.

2. Low-Cost Automated Alternatives

If your time is worth more than the cost of a subscription, several tools offer "Lite" or entry-level plans specifically for AI visibility.

- **Otterly.ai:** Frequently cited as one of the best low-cost entry points, offering daily monitoring and reporting at a lower price point than enterprise-grade tools.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar:** If you already use an SEO suite, check if your provider has an AI tracking add-on. Ahrefs offers specific tracking for AI mentions that can be integrated into existing workflows.
- **DIY Scripting (For Developers):** If you have technical resources, you can write a simple Python script to query the OpenAI and Perplexity APIs for your target list of prompts. This is highly cost-effective and allows you to store raw data in a Google Sheet for long-term trend analysis.

Why "Official" Tracking Doesn't Exist

It is important to manage expectations: there is no "OpenAI Analytics Dashboard" because ChatGPT does not expose interaction data. All tracking tools—whether free or \$500/month—work by **querying the AI engines repeatedly** and recording the results.

Recommendation: Start by doing a manual audit for one afternoon. This will help you identify which prompts actually matter and whether your brand is appearing. Once you have a proven set of "high-intent" questions, you can then decide if the volume warrants paying for an automated tool like Otterly.ai.

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RECOMMENDED Owla, LiftRank

Cheapest: do it manually for free. Pick 5–10 questions customers might ask (for example, “What’s the best [category] tool for a small team?”), run them in ChatGPT once a week, and log whether your startup appears, its position, competitors mentioned, and any cited sources in a spreadsheet. That’s a useful baseline, though results can vary between runs. ⁴

If you want **automated tracking**, current listings show free plans with tight limits—for example, Owla reportedly tracks five prompts weekly, and LiftRank offers 10 prompts on a free plan. Check each provider’s limits and current terms before signing up. ⁵

For a **low-cost paid option**, Otterly.ai is listed from about **\$29/month**; one comparison reports that its entry plan covers 15 prompts. ¹ If you only want to see whether you show up right now, some free AI-visibility checkers offer a few checks without signup—but that’s a spot check, not ongoing monitoring. ²

My recommendation: start with the spreadsheet for a month. Pay only if you need regular runs, history, or alerts—and track realistic buyer questions, not just your company name.

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AI search visibility tool for an online store with thousands of products

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RECOMMENDED Searchpanel (top pick), eCommerce Insights, Beseam **MENTIONED** Shopify, Magento, BigCommerce

For a store with **thousands of products**, look for **SKU-level tracking that can ingest and monitor your whole catalog**—not just brand mentions or a handful of manually added product URLs.

Best-fit options to investigate:

- **Searchpanel** – The closest match on paper: it says it tracks and scores products **SKU by SKU**, monitors several AI platforms, and offers fixes and product-content publishing. Ask how its pricing and scanning cadence scale to your catalog size. (searchpanel.ai)
- **eCommerce Insights** – Also explicitly built around every-SKU tracking, with Shopify publishing or CSV exports for other channels. Its listed plans differ in refresh cadence, so check whether its catalog limits work for you. (ecommerceinsights.ai)
- **Beseam** – Worth a look if you use **Shopify** and want to connect product visibility with AI-referred traffic and revenue. Confirm its practical limits for a catalog of your size. (beseam.com)

My starting recommendation: demo Searchpanel and eCommerce Insights side by side. Before committing, ask each vendor to show a full-catalog import and answer these questions:

1. Can it ingest **all SKUs and variants** from your commerce platform or product feed?
2. How many products and buyer prompts are actually scanned—and how often?
3. Can you filter by category, market, language, and availability?
4. Does it show the AI's actual answer and cited sources, not only a score?
5. Can it export results and suggest **human-reviewable** catalog fixes at scale?

If you tell me your platform (Shopify, Magento/Adobe Commerce, BigCommerce, custom, etc.) and whether you mainly want **visibility tracking** or **catalog fixes too**, I can narrow this down.

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RECOMMENDED Peec AI, Alhena AI Visibility, Profound, Orchly, Goodie, ReFiBuy **MENTIONED** Shopify, Google Merchant Center, GA4, SE Visible, Magento **NEGATIVE** Semrush, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Otterly.AI, Scrunch

For a store with thousands of SKUs, the main requirement is **SKU-level tracking tied to your live catalog**. Brand-level tools won't tell you which products AI assistants recommend. Here are the options I found, grouped by fit.

Strongest fits for a large catalog

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- **Peec AI:** One comparison says it tracks visibility, win rate, position, the price AI mentions and competing brands for each SKU. You connect your catalog three ways: paste your Shopify store domain, upload a Google Merchant Center feed, or use a CSV. Another source says its shopping feature tracks individual products in AI shopping results, including win rate and price accuracy. It's the budget-friendly option. One source lists its starting price at \$95.
- **Alhena AI Visibility:** In one comparison, it was the only tool that combines SKU tracking, live catalog sync and revenue attribution. It syncs a live product feed and tracks individual products across ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity and Gemini with rendering analysis. Note that this ranking came from Alhena's own blog, so verify the claim during a trial.
- **Profound:** Strongest on breadth and enterprise reporting. Started: \$99/mo (ChatGPT only); Growth: \$399/mo (3 engines, 100 prompts). SKU tracking is via add-on, so confirm its cost.

Worth a look, with caveats

- **Orchly:** Starts at \$49 and covers ChatGPT shopping tracking, price fact checks, review-site gaps, GA4 revenue. Its SKU tracking is limited to ChatGPT.
- **Goodie:** SKU-level tracking appears only on its higher tier.
- **ReFiBuy:** Less a monitoring tool than a catalog-fixing one. It ingests product data, identifies gaps, enriches content, distributes updates, and monitors how products surface in AI shopping experiences. This makes sense if your product data is the bottleneck.

Brand-level tools (weak for SKUs)

Semrush, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Otterly, and Scrunch are good for overall brand mentions and citations, but they generally don't track individual products. Semrush's entry plan is listed at \$29/mo for Otterly and \$99/month for SE Visible, though prices vary a lot across sources.

How I'd choose

1. **Shopify or Google Merchant Center?** Peec and Alhena both connect directly to these.
2. **Need revenue attribution?** Alhena and Orchly tie visibility to sales data. Peec's integrations go through GA4.
3. **Is your product data messy?** Consider ReFiBuy or a feed-optimization tool first. One source notes that over 50% of brands have AI visibility issues linked to inadequate product data, which a tracker can't fix.
4. **Budget?** Peec or Orchly for under ~\$100/month, Profound or Alhena for enterprise-scale reporting.

Pricing and features are changing fast, and most of these comparisons are written by vendors. Request a trial with a sample of about 50 SKUs before committing. If you tell me your platform (Shopify, Magento, etc.), your monthly budget, and whether you need content generation or just monitoring, I can narrow this down.

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RECOMMENDED Alhena AI, Profound, Yotpo Discover, Merchkit MENTIONED Google Merchant Center

For an online store with thousands of products, traditional SEO tools are no longer sufficient because they focus on keyword rankings rather than the "shortlist" recommendations provided by AI answer engines like ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, and Perplexity.

When managing a large catalog, you need tools that offer **SKU-level tracking** and **automated catalog integration** rather than just brand-level monitoring.

Recommended Tools for Large-Scale E-commerce

Based on current 2026 assessments, the following platforms are best suited for e-commerce brands with extensive inventories:

- **Alhena AI:** Highly recommended for large catalogs because it is one of the few platforms that documents **live catalog connections** and **revenue attribution**. This allows you to connect AI visibility directly to actual sales data, which is critical when managing thousands of SKUs.
- **Profound:** An enterprise-grade solution often preferred by large brands. It offers deep, high-volume data and advanced shopping analysis modules, making it suitable for Fortune 500-level operations.
- **Yotpo Discover:** Specifically built for the complexities of commerce, this platform pairs catalog data with automated execution, helping brands improve their recommendation frequency across various AI surfaces.
- **Merchkit:** Focuses on the "foundation" of large-scale visibility. It specializes in generating SEO-optimized, persona-rich content across your entire catalog in bulk, which is essential for ensuring AI systems can correctly parse and recommend your products.

Why You Need a Specialized Approach

When you have thousands of products, "vanity metrics" (like brand mentions) will not help you. Instead, focus on these three priorities:

1. **SKU-Level Precision:** Most general AI visibility tools are built for SaaS or content-heavy sites. Ensure your chosen tool can track whether specific SKUs (e.g., "Blue Widget X") are recommended, whether the price is current, and if the product image renders correctly.
2. **Fix the Feed First:** Before investing in an expensive dashboard, ensure your product data feeds (Google Merchant Center, etc.) are clean and complete. AI agents rely on structured product attributes—such as price, availability, and GTIN/MPN—to "read" your catalog. If these are missing, your products will be invisible regardless of which tracking tool you use.
3. **Content Readiness:** AI engines require content that is organized for comprehension (e.g., FAQs, comparison guides, and clear use cases) rather than just keyword density.

Summary Recommendation

- **If you need deep integration and revenue attribution:** Look at **Alhena AI**.
- **If you need to optimize content for a large catalog at scale:** Use **Merchkit**.
- **If you are an enterprise brand needing broad engine coverage:** Consider **Profound**.

Before signing up, always verify if the tool provides a **live catalog sync**. For thousands of products, manual updates or static reports will quickly become unmanageable.

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RECOMMENDED Beseam, seoClarity, Ranketta, Otterly.AI MENTIONED Shopify

For an online store with **thousands of products**, look for a tool that works at **catalog/SKU scale**—not just one that tracks whether your brand appears in AI answers.

Best-fit options from the current search results:

- **Beseam** – A strong match if you use **Shopify** and want the tool to work across the catalog: it imports products, monitors AI mentions, connects visibility to traffic and revenue, and prioritizes product-level fixes.¹
- **seoClarity / ArcAI Shopping** – Worth evaluating for **large or enterprise catalogs**; it describes SKU-level AI shopping visibility, competitive benchmarking, and prioritization across thousands or millions of products.²
- **Ranketta** – A candidate if you want **product visibility tracking plus feed enrichment** in one platform; the search result lists catalog-level tracking and proposed improvements to product titles, descriptions, and attributes.³

If you mainly need to track **brand visibility and citations** rather than inspect every product, general tools like **Otterly.AI** may be a simpler, lower-cost starting point—but prompt-tracking limits are different from scanning thousands of SKUs.⁴

Practical shortlist: start with Beseam for Shopify; compare seoClarity/ArcAI for enterprise-scale workflows; include Ranketta if feed cleanup is a priority. Before choosing, ask each vendor to demonstrate a full-catalog import, SKU-level results, feed export or write-back, and how it handles variants and out-of-stock items. Pricing and feature availability should be confirmed directly with vendors.¹²³

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Which GEO tool is best for SaaS companies?

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RECOMMENDED Peec AI (top pick), Profound, Semrush

If you mean **generative engine optimization (GEO)**, **Peec AI is a strong default for an in-house SaaS marketing team**: it's focused on tracking AI visibility, competitors, and citations, and is described as relatively quick to set up. Its published plans start at **\$95/month**. (scaletheory.ai)

Choose based on what you need:

- **Peec AI** – straightforward visibility tracking for a SaaS team.
- **Profound** – more extensive reporting and workflows for larger or enterprise teams.
- **OtterlyAI** – a lower-cost way to start tracking.
- **Semrush** – convenient if you already use it and want SEO and AI visibility in one place. (scaletheory.ai)

Short answer: start with Peec if your main question is “Are AI tools recommending us, and who are they recommending instead?” Compare a few real buyer prompts across tools before committing; GEO platforms differ in what they track and how. (scaletheory.ai)

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Peec AI, Otterly.AI, Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Writesonic, GrackerAI, BrandViz.AI
MENTIONED Semrush, Ahrefs

There's no single best GEO tool for every SaaS company. The right pick depends mostly on budget, whether you already use an SEO suite, and whether you need content creation or only tracking.

Common picks by situation

- **Enterprise or larger budgets:** Profound comes up most often. One guide calls it the enterprise category leader for share-of-voice and answer-narrative monitoring across major engines. Another says it fits when Prompt Volumes, autonomous Agents, wider Enterprise coverage, SSO, and custom implementation are procurement requirements.
- **Mid-market, prompt-based tracking:** Peec AI is frequently recommended. One source describes it as mid-market prompt tracking with strong multilingual coverage and transparent per-prompt pricing. Another says it suits teams where source clustering, opportunity scoring, unlimited users, and multi-project marketing analysis matter more than self-serve developer access.
- **Tight budget:** Otterly.AI is the usual low-cost entry point. One comparison lists it as the lowest monthly price for daily tracking, \$29 for 15 prompts.
- **Already on an SEO suite:** Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit or Ahrefs Brand Radar may be the simplest choice. One guide suggests using their AI add-ons first if you already use Semrush or Ahrefs.

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- **Need content creation too:** Writesonic and GrackerAI combine tracking with content generation. GrackerAI is described as the only tool here built specifically for B2B SaaS, with content generation included from the entry plan.
- **Focus on B2B buyer research:** BrandViz.AI is pitched at SaaS specifically. One source says it auto-generates 200+ buying-intent queries that mirror the full B2B buyer journey.

Caveats

- Many of the "best GEO tools for SaaS" articles are written by vendors who rank their own products first, so weigh their verdicts accordingly.
- Prices and plan details shift often, and sources disagree. For example, Profound's entry price appears as \$99/month in some sources and \$499/month in others.
- Tracking tools tell you where you appear in AI answers. They don't fix the underlying content, so you may still need content or SEO work.

Suggested approach: Shortlist two or three tools that match your budget and existing stack, then run free trials using prompts your buyers actually type, such as "best [your category] for [your use case]." Compare which tool surfaces the answers and citations that matter most for your market.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Peec AI, AthenaHQ, Sight AI, Botric, GEOHATS, Semrush, Ahrefs, IPinfo, MaxMind (GeoIP2), IPQualityScore (IPQS), Mapbox, Geoapify **MENTIONED** Google Maps Platform

The term "**GEO tool**" in the SaaS industry in 2026 refers to **Generative Engine Optimization**—a critical new discipline focused on ensuring your brand and product are cited and recommended by AI-powered search engines like ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, and Google AI Overviews.

It is important to distinguish this from *geographical* (location-based) tools, which are used for IP-based user personalization or mapping features.

1. If you are looking for "Generative Engine Optimization" (AI Visibility)

As AI chatbots displace traditional search, B2B SaaS companies are adopting GEO tools to track and improve their "AI Presence Score." These tools help you see if your product is being recommended in response to "best tool for X" queries.

Top GEO Tools for SaaS:

- **For Monitoring & Insights:**
 - **Otterly.ai:** Highly regarded for its affordable entry tier, making it a great starting point for teams just beginning to track AI visibility.
 - **Peec AI:** Known for strong mid-market analytics and granular tracking of how different LLM versions describe your brand.

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- **AthenaHQ:** Offers a specialized "Citation Engine" with a focus on enterprise-grade monitoring.
- **For End-to-End Optimization (Monitoring + Content):**
 - **Sight AI:** An all-in-one platform that combines brand mention tracking across multiple models with automated content generation and indexing.
 - **Botric:** Focuses on both visibility tracking and drafting the actual content/pages needed to close the competitive gaps found in AI answers.
 - **GEOHATS:** A popular choice for smaller teams that want a tool that not only tracks lost mentions but also writes and publishes the optimized content to their CMS.
- **Established SEO Suites (with AI Add-ons):**
 - **Semrush** and **Ahrefs** have both integrated AI visibility toolkits. If you already use these platforms, their native AI add-ons are often the most efficient starting point before investing in standalone GEO software.

2. If you are looking for "Geolocation" (IP & Mapping)

If your SaaS needs to handle physical location data, time zones, or IP-based access control, the market leaders have not changed significantly in their reliability:

- **For IP Geolocation (Security, Personalization, Fraud):**
 - **IPinfo:** Widely considered the standard for accuracy and speed in IP data and ISP details.
 - **MaxMind (GeoIP2):** The industry standard that powers the data behind many other smaller providers.
 - **IPQualityScore (IPQS):** The top choice if your primary goal is fraud detection alongside geolocation.
- **For Mapping & Spatial Analytics:**
 - **Mapbox:** The go-to for SaaS products that need to embed custom maps, navigation, or logistics routing directly into their application.
 - **Geoapify:** A strong "all-in-one" alternative to the Google Maps Platform, bundling geocoding, routing, and map tiles in a way that is often more cost-effective for mid-sized SaaS teams.

Summary Recommendation

- **If you are a SaaS Marketer:** You need **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)**. Start by auditing your brand's presence on **ChatGPT** and **Perplexity**; if you are invisible in "best tool" comparisons, look into **Botric** or **Otterly.ai** to begin closing that gap.
- **If you are a SaaS Developer:** You need **Geospatial APIs**. If you need to embed maps, use **Mapbox**. If you need to know where your users are logging in from for security or compliance, use **IPinfo** or **MaxMind**.

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RECOMMENDED Peec AI (top pick), Profound, Scrunch, Otterly.AI

For most SaaS companies, Peec AI is a strong default choice if your main goal is to track brand visibility, citations, and competitors across AI answers. It's positioned for SaaS and B2B marketing teams, with a more self-serve, mid-market fit than enterprise-focused platforms.²⁵

Choose based on what you need:

- **Peec AI** – best starting point for practical visibility and competitor tracking.²⁵

Question m04 · Perplexity, continued

- **Profound** – better for larger SaaS teams that need deeper analytics, broader reporting, and enterprise workflows.¹²
- **Scrunch** – worth considering if your key problem is making your site's content more accessible to AI crawlers, not just measuring mentions.²
- **Otterly.AI** – a budget-conscious option for basic monitoring.¹²

Bottom line: Start with Peec AI for a typical SaaS marketing team; choose Profound for enterprise-level analytics, or Scrunch for technical AI-crawler readiness. Pricing and feature limits vary by plan, so confirm current details before deciding.

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AI visibility tool for a local service business with one location

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RECOMMENDED BrightLocal (top pick), Local Falcon

For a **one-location local service business**, I'd start with **BrightLocal** if you want a straightforward tool, or **Local Falcon** if you specifically want to see how visibility changes across neighborhoods.

- **BrightLocal – best simple all-in-one:** Starts at **\$31/month** and includes AI visibility tracking for up to 20 prompts, alongside local SEO tools. It tracks ChatGPT and Google AI results. (brightlocal.com)
- **Local Falcon – best for geographic coverage:** Starts at **\$24.99/month** and uses map-style grids to show where AI recommendations vary across your service area. Its AI scans cover ChatGPT, Gemini, Google AI Overviews, and AI Mode. (localfalcon.com)

My pick: BrightLocal for a simple monthly check; Local Falcon if your customers are spread across a town or metro and you want neighborhood-level insight. Don't choose based on a single "AI visibility score"—check whether the tool tracks the actual service-and-city questions customers ask.

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RECOMMENDED BrightLocal, Otterly.AI, Searcherries, Local Falcon, Peekl, Orbator, Lighthouse Local

For a single-location service business, the right tool depends on whether you want pure AI tracking or tracking bundled with local SEO. Most options run about \$10 to \$40 a month, and a one-time audit is an alternative.

If you also manage listings and reviews: BrightLocal. Its entry plan is about \$41 a month for one location, and it tracks ChatGPT, Google AI Mode and Google AI Overviews, inside a suite for local rankings, listings and reviews. Its limit is that it allows no more than 20 prompts for one location.

If you want the cheapest dedicated tracker: Otterly or Searcherries. Otterly starts at \$29/mo Lite (\$25 annual), but its base plan covers only 4: ChatGPT, AI Overviews, Perplexity, Copilot. Searcherries is cheaper, at \$10 a month on annual billing, and it covers ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, Gemini, Claude, and Grok. It is not local-specific, though.

If you care about your service area: Local Falcon. It scans Google's AI, ChatGPT and Grok on a map grid from \$24.99 a month. It samples the same prompt at multiple points on a map, which shows how answers change across your service area.

If you want a one-time check instead of a subscription: Peekl charges a \$99 one-time audit on ChatGPT, Gemini and Claude with a ranked plan of up to 12 fixes, no subscription required. Orbator offers a one-time price (\$49 audit, no subscription). Both are vendor-written comparisons, so treat their rankings with some caution.

Question m05 · Claude, continued

If you want someone else to do the work: Lighthouse Local starts at \$79 a month, Starter, but done-for-you work is an add-on to the plan. Agency retainers are much higher. One pricing review reports that small-agency retainers commonly priced between \$1,500 and \$3,000 a month, which is likely more than a single storefront needs.

My suggestion: Start with a free check, then a \$25–40 tracker. Track 20–25 prompts that a real customer would type, such as "best [service] in [city]" and "[service] near me." Check them weekly, and fix your Google Business Profile, reviews, and service pages before paying for anything bigger. Prices change often, so confirm them on each vendor's pricing page.

If you tell me your trade, city, and whether you already use a local SEO tool, I can narrow this to one or two picks.

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RECOMMENDED BrightLocal, RadarKit, Google Workspace with Gemini, GrowthPro AI

For a local service business with a single location, the most effective "AI visibility tool" is often a combination of **foundational local SEO practices** and **targeted monitoring** rather than a single, expensive software platform.

Because AI search engines (like ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews) synthesize information from your website, Google Business Profile (GBP), and third-party directories, your primary goal is to ensure your business data is accurate, consistent, and easy for AI to "read."

1. Start with a Free "AI Audit"

Before investing in paid tools, you can manually audit how AI sees your business. This is the most accurate way to understand your current visibility.

- **Use Prompting:** Use ChatGPT, Gemini, or Perplexity to perform searches a customer might use, such as:
 - "Best [your service] in [your city]?"
 - "Who should I call for [specific problem] near [neighborhood]?"
 - "Compare the top [your service] providers in [your area]."
- **Identify the Gaps:** Note if you are mentioned, if your information (phone, address, services) is accurate, and which competitors are recommended instead. This list of gaps becomes your to-do list.

2. Recommended Tool Categories

If you want to move beyond manual checks, focus on tools that provide **execution** rather than just reporting:

- **For Local SEO & Visibility Tracking:**

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- **BrightLocal:** Highly recommended for single-location businesses. Its "Local AI Visibility Tracker" allows you to view your AI performance alongside your traditional local rankings, reviews, and GBP health.
- **RadarKit:** A strong option if you want more "autonomous" features. It includes "execution agents" that can help build citations and monitor visibility across major AI engines without requiring massive manual input.
- **For Content & Maintenance:**
 - **Google Workspace with Gemini:** If you already use Google's ecosystem, Gemini is excellent for drafting review responses, suggesting social media content, and analyzing your own business data (spreadsheets/docs) to keep your local presence "fresh" without extra subscriptions.
 - **GrowthPro AI:** Positioned as an all-in-one automation tool for local businesses, covering GBP management, review automation, and AI visibility, making it a "set-it-and-forget-it" type of service for small teams.

3. The "4-Layer" Foundation

Regardless of the tool you choose, your AI visibility will improve most significantly by optimizing these four areas:

1. **Google Business Profile (GBP):** This is the single most important source for AI. Ensure your categories, services, hours, and photos are perfectly up-to-date.
2. **Website Structure:** Ensure your core services and service areas are explicitly stated on your website. Use "LocalBusiness" schema markup so that AI can easily extract your contact information and service details.
3. **Third-Party Citations:** Keep your Name, Address, and Phone (NAP) consistent across all directories (e.g., Yelp, Bing, industry-specific sites). Contradicting information makes AI engines hesitant to recommend you.
4. **Review Quality:** AI analyzes the *text* of your reviews. A review that says "highly rated for same-day plumbing service" provides the specific "language" AI needs to recommend you for those specific queries.

Summary Recommendation

- **If you have limited time:** Use a tool like **BrightLocal** to monitor your progress while focusing your manual energy on updating your Google Business Profile and responding to reviews.
- **If you want automation:** Look into **GrowthPro AI** or **RadarKit**, which are designed to handle the "heavy lifting" of maintaining your online presence so you don't have to manage it daily.
- **Avoid "Over-Tooling":** Do not subscribe to multiple enterprise-level SEO platforms. For a single-location business, a simple, consistent workflow (e.g., monthly content refreshes, regular review management, and quarterly AI audits via free prompts) is often more effective than an expensive dashboard that you only check once a month.

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RECOMMENDED BrightLocal (top pick), Local Falcon

For a **one-location local service business**, **BrightLocal's Local AI Visibility Tracker** looks like the best starting point if you also want the usual local SEO tools. It tracks how your business appears in **ChatGPT and Google's AI results**, with up to **20 prompts per location**; the tracker is included in its plans. The single-location Track plan is listed at **\$41/month, or about \$31/month billed annually**.¹²⁷

Question m05 · Perplexity, continued

If you mainly want to monitor **Google Maps rankings across your service area**, consider **Local Falcon** instead: it combines map-based local rank tracking with AI visibility features, and its plans start at **\$24.99/month**—but pricing is credit-based, so check whether the scans you need fit the allowance.⁹¹⁰

Bottom line: choose **BrightLocal** for an all-in-one local SEO dashboard with AI tracking; choose **Local Falcon** if geographic map visibility is your priority. Pricing and features can change, so confirm the current plan details before subscribing.¹⁹

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What's the difference between an SEO tool and an AI visibility tool, and do I need both?

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RECOMMENDED Google Search Console

An **SEO tool** helps you understand and improve how your website performs in traditional search results. An **AI visibility tool** monitors whether AI answer systems mention your brand, recommend you, or cite your pages when answering relevant questions.

	SEO tool	AI visibility tool
Main question	“Can people find my pages in search?”	“Do AI answers include or recommend my brand?”
Typical data	Rankings, keywords, backlinks, indexing, technical issues, organic traffic	Brand mentions, recommendations, citations, competitors, and prompts that trigger answers
Examples of surfaces	Google and Bing search results	ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and AI answers in search

There’s overlap: good technical SEO and useful, trustworthy content can help your pages be eligible for AI search features. Google says its usual SEO best practices still apply to AI Overviews and AI Mode, with no separate technical requirements. (developers.google.com)

Do you need both?

- **Start with SEO.** Make sure your site is crawlable and useful, and use Google Search Console to see how it performs in Google Search.
- **Add AI visibility monitoring** if people might ask AI tools for the kind of answer, comparison, or recommendation your business provides—or if you want to know whether competitors are being named instead. It’s useful for monitoring, but it doesn’t guarantee more mentions or traffic. Google cautions that third-party tools’ predictions aren’t Google’s internal data and can’t guarantee results. (developers.google.cn)
- **If you’re small or budget-conscious:** you may not need a paid AI tool yet. Track a handful of realistic customer questions manually, and consider a dedicated tool once you need repeatable reporting across many prompts or platforms.

Bottom line: SEO tools help you improve your search presence; AI visibility tools help you measure your presence in AI-generated answers. For many businesses, SEO is the foundation and AI monitoring is an optional extra—not a replacement.

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RECOMMENDED Semrush, SE Ranking, HubSpot's AI Search Grader

Short answer: An SEO tool tracks and improves where your site ranks in traditional search results. An AI visibility tool tracks whether AI assistants mention or cite your brand in their answers. Most businesses that care about search should now consider both, though the AI side can be added in stages.

The core difference

- **What they measure:** Traditional SEO tools track keyword rankings and backlinks on the search results page. AI visibility tools track whether you appear inside the AI-generated answer itself.
- **Why the two can diverge:** A page can rank #1 on Google and never get mentioned by ChatGPT for the same query. AI engines use their own citation logic, so strong rankings don't guarantee AI mentions.
- **Outcome:** SEO aims for page 1 rankings that drive click-through traffic to your domain. AI visibility aims for brand mentions and citations within AI-generated answers, often without driving direct click traffic but building awareness and trust at the moment of decision.

Watch out for the naming confusion. An "AI SEO tool" is usually a traditional SEO product that uses AI to help with tasks like writing content briefs, suggesting keywords, optimizing copy or generating meta descriptions. An AI visibility tool does something different: it monitors how your brand shows up in AI answers. Check which one a vendor actually sells.

Do you need both? It depends on where your customers look for answers:

- **Keep an SEO tool** if organic Google traffic matters to your business. This is still the foundation for rankings, technical site health, and backlinks.
- **Add an AI visibility tool** if prospects ask ChatGPT, Perplexity, or Gemini for recommendations in your category, or if you suspect competitors get cited where you don't. Because traditional SEO optimizes for page rankings in search engine results pages, while AI visibility optimizes for brand citations and mentions in AI-generated answers.
- **Consider a combined platform** to avoid paying for two dashboards. Many vendors now bundle both. For example, Semrush is best for unifying SEO and AI visibility, and SE Ranking maps AI-generated citations and brand appearances to keyword rankings, SERP features, backlink growth, content audits, and competitor dynamics.

Practical steps

1. Run a free check first. HubSpot's AI Search Grader scans engines like ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini to evaluate how often your brand is mentioned, the tone of those mentions, and how you stack up against competitors.
2. If the results show you're missing from AI answers while ranking fine in Google, that's the signal to add AI visibility tracking.
3. Treat AI visibility data with some caution. One review notes that AI visibility analytics is less stable than traditional keyword rankings. Look at trends over time rather than single snapshots.

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MENTIONED Semrush, Ahrefs

The core difference between an SEO tool and an AI visibility tool lies in **the outcome you are measuring and where your brand appears**.

The Core Difference

- **SEO Tools (The "List" Strategy):**
 - **Goal:** To help your website rank in the "ten blue links" or map packs of traditional search engines like Google.
 - **What they measure:** Keyword rankings, organic traffic, clicks, impressions, and technical health.
 - **Focus:** They tell you how well search engines can crawl, index, and prioritize your pages.
- **AI Visibility Tools (The "Answer" Strategy):**
 - **Goal:** To get your brand mentioned, cited, or recommended directly within the text of an AI-generated response (e.g., ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, or Google AI Overviews).
 - **What they measure:** Mentions, citations, and whether your brand is included in the AI's recommendation for a specific query.
 - **Focus:** They monitor how AI models synthesize information and whether they view your brand as a trusted authority or source.

Do You Need Both?

While it may feel like you need to double your software budget, the relationship is more **complementary** than separate.

Why you need both (or a hybrid approach):

1. **Different User Journeys:** Traditional SEO captures users who are browsing a list of options to decide for themselves. AI visibility captures users who want a direct answer or a curated recommendation. If you are only doing traditional SEO, you risk being invisible to the growing number of users who never click past the AI summary.
2. **Shared Foundation:** The work you do for SEO—high-quality, structured content, technical health, and building external authority (backlinks/reviews)—is the same foundation that helps AI models "trust" and cite you. You cannot have strong AI visibility without a strong SEO base.
3. **Measurement Gaps:** Standard SEO tools cannot tell you if ChatGPT recommended your competitor instead of you. Conversely, AI visibility tools may not alert you to critical technical SEO errors on your site.

Question m06 · Claude, continued

Strategic Recommendation

- **Start with your SEO base:** If you don't have a solid foundation of technical health and quality content, start there. AI engines often draw from the same sources that rank well in organic search.
- **Evaluate your industry:** If you are in a space where customers frequently ask "What is the best [product/service]?" or "Compare [X] and [Y]," AI visibility monitoring is highly valuable.
- **Look for consolidation:** Many major SEO platforms (like Semrush and Ahrefs) are now integrating AI visibility features into their existing suites. Before buying a separate, specialized tool, check if your current provider already offers an "AI-added dimension" to the work you are already paying for.

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SEO tools measure and help improve how your pages perform in traditional search results: keyword rankings, technical issues, backlinks, and organic traffic.

AI visibility tools track whether—and how—your brand or pages show up in AI-generated answers, such as mentions, citations, and how you're described across AI search services. Google says its AI search feature traffic is included in Search Console's regular **Web** performance reporting, but third-party AI visibility tools may offer more specific tracking across platforms. ¹⁵

Do you need both? Usually not right away. They answer different questions, but you can start with the one that matches your current priority:

- **Start with SEO** if your main goal is improving website traffic from conventional search, or you haven't got the basics covered.
- **Add AI visibility tracking** if customers are asking AI tools for recommendations in your category, or you want to know whether your brand is mentioned or cited in those answers.
- **Use one combined platform** if it covers the SEO work you need and the AI platforms you care about; otherwise, a specialist tracker can complement your existing SEO setup. Some SEO platforms now include AI visibility features. ⁷¹⁰

One caveat: AI answers can vary, and visibility trackers only sample prompts and platforms, so treat their numbers as directional—not as a definitive ranking or a promise of sales. Google also cautions that third-party tools don't have access to its internal ranking or AI systems. ¹⁰

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Practical takeaway: If you already have an SEO tool, keep using it. Try AI visibility monitoring when you have a clear reason to measure your brand's presence in AI answers; you don't need to buy two tools by default.

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Simple AI brand monitoring tool for a solo founder with no marketing team

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RECOMMENDED Sightlabs

For a **solo founder**, I'd start with **MentionDrop**: it's simple, has AI summaries and sentiment, noise filtering, and Slack/email alerts for **\$29/month**. It also includes 5 keywords, so you can track your brand, product name, and a few competitors. (mentiondrop.com)

If you want to try before paying, **Sightlabs** offers a free plan for one tracked entity with weekly scans; its paid Starter plan is **\$39/month** for daily scans and alerts. (sightlabs.app)

My quick setup: track your company name, product name, domain, and common misspellings. Check the first week's results for irrelevant matches, then tighten the keywords. If you meant monitoring how ChatGPT and other AI assistants describe your brand—not general web mentions—that's a different category of tool.

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RECOMMENDED Google Alerts, Awario, MentionDrop, Syften, Otterly.AI NEGATIVE Brand24, Mention, Profound, Semrush

For a solo founder, I'd combine a free baseline with one or two cheap paid tools rather than buying an enterprise suite. Prices change often, so check each vendor's pricing page before you commit.

1. Start free: Google Alerts. It's the baseline, and it requires minimal setup and costs nothing, though it's limited. Its main gap is that it only covers web pages indexed by Google, with no social media, no forums, and no real-time monitoring.

2. Add a cheap mentions tool for social and web. Awario is the value pick. One guide says Awario starts at \$29/month (billed annually) and covers social, web, and news mentions with solid sentiment analysis. Another lists Awario's Starter plan at \$24 per month (billed annually) with social coverage. MentionDrop is the other option. It's AI-filtered web and Reddit monitoring for small teams at \$29/mo, and one guide calls it the \$29/month MentionDrop Starter for a solo founder at an early stage. If Reddit and Hacker News matter for your audience, Syften is \$29.95/mo for solo founders who just want Reddit/HN alerts.

3. Add one AI-answer tracker, since that's the "AI" part. Otterly.AI is the most practical entry point. It tracks brand mentions across ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Copilot, surfaces competitive benchmarks, and shows where your brand is being mentioned (and where it isn't). One guide says it suits solo marketers, startups, and small agencies that want a recurring tracker with clear prompt quotas and low commitment. Its starting price is listed as \$29/mo. Monitoring tools like this show you where you appear. They don't write content for you, so if you want to act on what a monitoring tool surfaces, you will need a separate writing workflow.

Question m07 · Claude, continued

Tools to skip for now: Brand24 and Mention are priced for teams. Brand24's individual plan is listed at \$199/month (\$149/month billed annually), though other sources give different figures, so verify it. Mention's Company Plan is \$599/month (billed annually), and its older self-serve tiers were discontinued. Enterprise AI visibility tools like Profound and Semrush are also overkill at this stage.

Suggested setup (about \$30–55/month):

- Google Alerts for your brand name, product name, and founder name (free)
- Awario or MentionDrop for social and web mentions (~\$24–29/month)
- Otterly.AI for weekly checks on how AI assistants describe you versus competitors (~\$29/month)
- A 15-minute weekly review. Your time is the real cost, and one guide notes that a founder who spends 3 hours a week on manual monitoring is spending \$900/month in time at a \$75/hour rate.

Before you buy: Use free trials, check how many keywords and mentions each plan allows, and confirm whether AI-answer tracking is included or an add-on. Your first month should tell you whether the alerts are useful or just noise.

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RECOMMENDED MarketHQ, Botric, F5Bot, Google Alerts, Awario, Brand24

As a solo founder, you need brand monitoring that doesn't require a dedicated team to manage or an enterprise budget to afford. The "best" tool for you depends on whether you primarily need to track **traditional social/web mentions** or **visibility in AI answer engines** (like ChatGPT and Perplexity).

Here are the most effective, "solo-founder-friendly" tools based on current 2026 options:

1. Best for "All-in-One" Simplicity (AI & Web)

If you want a single, affordable platform that tracks both traditional social media and how your brand appears in AI-generated answers, these are your best bets:

Question m07 · Gemini, continued

- **MarketHQ:** Highly recommended for solo founders on a budget. It covers social networks, forums (Reddit, Hacker News, GitHub), and includes a weekly check of major AI engines with gap analysis and an action plan.
 - **Pricing:** Starts at ~\$29/month.
- **Botric:** Focuses heavily on your visibility within AI search engines (ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, etc.). It provides a "Visibility Score" and includes a "Content Agent" to help you create content to close those visibility gaps.
 - **Pricing:** Starts at \$15/month; offers a free tier for site audits.

2. Best for Free/Low-Cost Social Alerts

If you don't need a complex dashboard and just want to know when people are talking about your brand, use these lightweight tools:

- **F5Bot:** This is a "set it and forget it" tool. It monitors platforms like Reddit, Hacker News, and Lobsters for your keywords and emails you the moment a match is found.
 - **Pricing:** Has a free tier for personal use; paid tiers increase volume.
- **Google Alerts:** The classic, free way to track web and news mentions. It is not AI-powered and can be noisy, but it remains a reliable, zero-cost starting point for any founder.

3. Best for Social Listening & Sentiment

If your priority is tracking brand reputation and sentiment across social channels (Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, etc.):

- **Awario:** A well-known, budget-friendly tool for real-time monitoring. It excels at tracking mentions across social media and blogs, providing sentiment analysis to help you gauge how people feel about your brand.
 - **Pricing:** Starts around \$49/month.
- **Brand24:** Excellent if you want a clean, easy-to-use interface with AI sentiment analysis built into all plans. It is particularly strong for tracking mentions around product launches or specific marketing campaigns.
 - **Pricing:** Self-serve plans available (check their site for the latest "Individual" tier pricing).

Summary: Which should you choose?

If your main goal is...	Try this tool	Why?
Budget-friendly AI & Web tracking	MarketHQ	Covers both AI engines and forums/social in one low-cost plan.
Improving SEO in AI Search	Botric	Specifically built to help you appear in AI answers with actionable content tips.
Immediate alerts on Reddit/HN	F5Bot	Easiest setup; sends alerts directly to your email or Slack.
Social media sentiment	Awario	Reliable social listening with decent sentiment analysis for a solo budget.

Pro-Tip for Solo Founders

Don't fall into the "dashboard trap." As a solo founder, you can easily spend more time monitoring tools than actually building your business. **Start with the lowest tier of one tool** (like MarketHQ or F5Bot) and only upgrade if you find you are missing critical conversations that you actually have the time to act upon. If you don't have the time to respond to a mention, the "intelligence" provided by a more expensive tool won't help you grow.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI (top pick), Rankscale, Google Alerts

For a solo founder, keep it lightweight: **one low-cost AI visibility tracker plus free web alerts.**

- **Try Otterly.ai** if your main question is “Do ChatGPT and other AI search tools mention my brand?” Its entry plan is listed at about **\$29/month**, with a limited set of prompts and engines—enough to start checking your brand and a few competitors.¹²
- **Try Rankscale** if you want a cheaper alternative; one comparison lists plans from about **\$20/month**. Check the trial and prompt limits before choosing.¹
- **Add Google Alerts for free** for your brand name, product names, and founder name to catch ordinary web mentions. It complements AI-answer tracking, which is a different kind of monitoring.³

A simple setup: track 5–10 questions prospective customers might ask, such as “best [category] for [audience]” and “[competitor] alternatives.” Review results weekly; note whether you appear, which competitors appear, and which sources AI tools cite. Don’t treat a single answer as a reliable ranking—AI responses can vary.

My pick: start with Otterly.ai for a month if AI-search visibility is the priority; otherwise, start with Google Alerts and upgrade only when you need structured prompt tracking. Prices and plan limits can change, so confirm them on the vendor’s pricing page.¹²

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How do I report AI visibility to clients each month?

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RECOMMENDED Google Search Console

Treat AI visibility as a **separate, emerging channel** in the monthly report—not as a replacement for SEO rankings or a direct proxy for leads. Make the report answer three questions: **Are we showing up? Where and how? What are we doing next?**

A practical monthly workflow

1. **Set a fixed prompt list.** Start with 20–50 questions real customers might ask, grouped by intent: informational, “best of,” comparisons, and purchase-ready questions. Keep the wording, location, language, and test schedule consistent each month.
2. **Check the same AI platforms each time.** For example, track ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Google AI features. Note the platforms and method used; results from different tools or platforms aren’t directly interchangeable.
3. **Record the answer-level evidence.** For each prompt and platform, log whether the client was mentioned, whether it was recommended, how prominently it appeared, which client pages or other sources were cited, and whether the answer contained an important factual error. AI responses can vary, so treat individual answers as observations—not a stable ranking.
4. **Add first-party performance data.** Google Search Console now has a dedicated Generative AI performance report for impressions and pages appearing in Google AI Overviews and AI Mode. Pair that with site analytics for identifiable AI referrals, and label each metric by its source. (support.google.com)
5. **Compare month over month, then recommend actions.** Explain meaningful movement, identify prompts or topics where competitors appeared instead, and connect the findings to specific content, technical, or reputation work.

What to include in the client report

Section	What to show
Executive takeaway	One or two sentences: what changed and what it means
Prompt visibility	Number or percentage of tracked prompts where the brand appeared, by platform
Recommendation & prominence	Whether it was recommended and whether it appeared prominently—define your scoring rule
Citations and sources	Which client pages and third-party sources appeared in answers
Google AI performance	Search Console impressions and pages for AI Overviews / AI Mode
Business signals	Identifiable AI referral visits, engagement, conversions, or leads, where measurable
Next steps	A short list of actions tied to the visibility gaps

Keep mention rate and citation rate separate. A model can name a brand without linking to its website. And Google Search Console’s AI report measures impressions and pages in supported Google features; it doesn’t measure visibility across every AI assistant. (support.google.com)

Simple client-facing summary

“Across our fixed set of **30 customer prompts**, the brand appeared in **12**, compared with **9** last month. Visibility improved mainly on comparison questions. Google Search Console also showed **[X] impressions** across AI Overviews and AI Mode, with **[pages]** receiving the most exposure. Next month, we’ll strengthen

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[specific pages or source gap] and monitor [specific prompts].”

Add a short caveat: **AI answers can change between runs, so prompt-based checks are directional.** Share the prompt set, platforms, dates, and method so the comparison is transparent. Keep the exact counts tied to that sample rather than implying they represent all AI users or total market visibility. Google’s own reporting is a more direct source for its supported features; third-party AI visibility tools can help with broader monitoring, but their scores are estimates and should be explained as such. (developers.google.com)

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Semrush's AI toolkit, LLMrefs

A solid monthly AI visibility report rests on a fixed prompt set, a fixed list of engines, repeated sampling, and a short summary page. Here's a workable process based on current agency guidance.

1. Set up the measurement base

- **Fix your prompts.** Build roughly 30 to 60 prompts from real buyer questions, and keep the wording the same every month so trends stay comparable. A locked prompt set and fixed AI platforms keep month-to-month trends comparable.
- **Sample repeatedly.** AI answers vary from run to run, so one check isn't reliable. If brand mentions appear in at least half of repeated runs, treat the mention as stable.
- **Choose engines.** Cover ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, and others your clients' buyers use. Track each one separately, since the surfaces named similar quantities of companies per answer but different ones, sharing only about a third between any two.

2. Pick the metrics

Most guidance converges on about five core measures: mention rate, citation rate, share of voice, sentiment, and position. Position matters because it tracks where the client shows up when named, such as first in the list or mentioned in passing after two competitors. Share of voice should be measured against named competitors in the same prompts.

3. Structure the report

- **Page one: a few headline numbers.** One guide recommends presence rate with a confidence band, share of answers against a named competitor set, AI-referred sessions and conversions, and prompts won and lost this period.
- **Later pages: detail.** Per-engine breakdowns, cited sources, and methodology go further back. Everything else – the per-engine split, the citation sources, the methodology – belongs on pages two, three and the appendix.
- **Methodology note.** State the prompt set, engines, dates, and number of completed runs behind every percentage. One agency template suggests stating the prompt cohort, answer surfaces, dates and completed-run denominator before showing any percentages.

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- **Action items.** Pair each change with what you're doing about it. A useful format is a judgment, then an action, then an expected outcome.

4. Explain the noise

Compare month over month rather than day over day. Include a margin of error or note when a change is within normal variation. One reporting example labels a headline change as "within margin" rather than presenting it as progress.

5. Connect to outcomes carefully

Where analytics allow, add AI-referred sessions, conversions, and leads. Keep these separate from visibility data and don't claim the visibility caused them. Present analytics referrals and commercial enquiries alongside visibility data without conflating them.

6. Tooling

You can start manually: run the prompts, log results in a spreadsheet, and record mention, position, citations, and competitors. Dedicated trackers such as Otterly, Semrush's AI toolkit, and LLMrefs automate this across engines. Note that many of the sources I found are vendor blogs promoting their own tools, so verify metric definitions yourself.

A simple monthly workflow:

1. Run the same prompt set on the same engines, with repeated runs.
2. Calculate the core metrics per engine and competitor.
3. Compare to last month and flag changes that exceed normal variation.
4. Add referral and conversion data from analytics, kept separate.
5. Write three to five action items with expected outcomes.
6. Deliver a short summary page plus an appendix with methodology.

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RECOMMENDED Looker Studio, Python, GPT-4o, Claude

Reporting "AI visibility" to clients—meaning how a brand appears in AI-generated answers (like ChatGPT, Perplexity, or Gemini)—requires a shift from traditional SEO metrics to a new, engagement-focused scorecard. Because AI responses are dynamic and non-deterministic, you should focus on **trends and brand presence** rather than static rankings.

1. What to Include in an AI Visibility Report

Do not attempt to provide "rankings" like traditional SEO. Instead, structure your monthly report around these key areas:

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- **Brand Presence & Mentions:** Track how often the brand appears in responses for a core set of queries (e.g., "What is the best [product category]?") across major AI models.
- **Recommendation & Sentiment:** Note if the AI recommends the brand, how it describes it (positive/neutral/negative), and who it suggests as an alternative.
- **Source Attribution:** Highlight instances where AI models identify the client's website as a source of information.
- **Competitive Context:** Track which competitors are appearing alongside or replacing the brand in AI answers.
- **Core Query Set:** Map queries to the buyer journey:
 - **Awareness:** Questions about problems.
 - **Consideration:** Comparisons or requests for recommendations.
 - **Decision/Validation:** Queries like "Is [Brand] reliable?"

2. Best Practices for Transparency

If you are using AI to *generate* your reports or help with strategy, transparency is now a competitive advantage and, in some regions (like the EU), a regulatory requirement.

- **Disclose AI Usage:** Include a simple note in your delivery email or report footer: *"This report was prepared using AI-assisted analysis of [X] data sources, with final strategic review and verification conducted by [Your Name/Team]."*
- **Define Your Process:** Clients often fear AI "hallucinations." Clearly state your process for verification: *"We use AI to synthesize trends, but all KPIs and business decisions are validated against raw data from [Source]."*
- **Educate the Client:** Include a one-paragraph intro in your reports that explains the difference between traditional SEO (link position) and AI visibility (recommendation presence) to prevent confusion when results diverge.

3. Reporting Metrics that Matter

When measuring the "impact" of your AI work, move beyond activity counts. Focus on these signals:

Metric	Why it matters
Brand Citation Rate	Indicates whether AI models recognize the client as an authority/source.
Sentiment Score	Measures how the brand is framed in AI-generated summaries.
Manual Correction Rate	Shows the accuracy of your AI-driven reporting workflows.
Actionable Insight Rate	The number of strategy adjustments made based on AI-surfaced trends.

4. Workflow Tip: The "Human-in-the-Loop" Model

To maintain client trust while gaining efficiency, use a **Hybrid Reporting Workflow**:

1. **Automate (The Foundation):** Use tools (e.g., Looker Studio, Python, or specialized AI agents) to pull raw data and perform anomaly detection.
2. **Synthesize (The AI Layer):** Use LLMs (like GPT-4o or Claude) to draft narrative summaries, flag trends, and format charts.
3. **Humanize (The Value Add): This is non-negotiable.** Review every number for accuracy against the source. Add the "why"—explain *why* the AI noticed a shift and *what* it means for the client's business goals.

Key Takeaway: Clients don't pay for the report; they pay for the insight. Use AI to handle the "reporting" (the data) so you can spend your time on the "strategy" (the advice).

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RECOMMENDED Search Console

Treat AI visibility as a **monthly, repeatable snapshot**, not a single universal score. The results depend on which prompts and platforms you test, and AI answers can vary between runs. Make the sample and method visible in the report so clients can interpret changes fairly.³⁵

A practical monthly workflow

1. **Set a consistent prompt panel.** Start with 30–50 customer questions across awareness, comparison, and buying intent. Draw from client FAQs, sales conversations, and search queries. Keep the core prompts stable month to month; review and refresh them quarterly.⁶¹²
1. **Fix the test conditions.** Record the platforms, country, language, date, and testing method. For each prompt, note whether the brand is mentioned, whether an owned page is cited, which competitors appear, and whether the description is accurate. If you repeat prompts, report the number of runs and how you handled differing answers.²¹⁵
1. **Report a small set of useful metrics:**
 - **Mention rate:** prompts where the brand appears ÷ prompts tested.
 - **Citation rate:** prompts that cite an owned page ÷ prompts tested.
 - **Competitive share of voice:** the brand's mentions or citations compared with competitors, using the same prompt set.
 - **Accuracy and sentiment:** whether the answer describes the brand correctly and favorably.
 - **Referral traffic and conversions:** visits and outcomes from AI platforms, where analytics can identify them.²⁵⁶
1. **Keep platform metrics separate.** Don't combine answers from different AI products into one number without explaining the calculation. Report results by platform and topic where possible. Label tool-derived figures with the provider and methodology; different tools may define visibility differently.⁴⁵

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1. **Connect visibility to business outcomes.** Include AI-referred sessions and conversions alongside visibility metrics. For Google, Search Console includes AI-feature activity within overall Web search performance; pair it with analytics rather than treating visibility as proof of traffic or revenue.¹¹⁵

Suggested client report

- **Headline:** What changed this month, and what it means.
- **Scorecard:** Mention rate, citation rate, competitor comparison, accuracy, and AI referral outcomes.
- **Breakdowns:** Platform and topic/category.
- **Examples:** A few answer screenshots or excerpts showing a useful win, a gap, and any inaccurate description.
- **Actions:** Specific content, technical, or reputation work for next month.
- **Method note:** Prompt count, platforms, dates, geography, tool, and any changes to the sample.

A useful client-facing caveat: **“These figures describe performance across our tracked prompt sample and platforms; they are directional, not a complete measure of every AI answer users may see.”** Keep the core sample and method stable so month-over-month comparisons are meaningful.³⁵

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Which AI visibility tools track Claude and Perplexity, not just ChatGPT?

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Scrunch, Peec AI, Gumshoe, Meltwater GenAI Lens, Yoast AI Brand Insights

Yes—several tools now track **Claude and Perplexity**, not just ChatGPT:

- **OtterlyAI** – tracks both, alongside Gemini, Copilot, and Google AI results. Its help center says monitoring is daily across engines. (otterly.ai)
- **Scrunch** – supports both, with per-platform visibility, citations, sentiment, and answer position. (scrunch.com)
- **Peec AI** – tracks Perplexity in its standard offering; Claude models are available as paid add-ons on higher tiers. Check the plan details if Claude coverage is essential. (peec.ai)
- **Gumshoe** – includes Claude and Perplexity among the models it monitors. (gumshoe.ai)
- **Meltwater GenAI Lens** – offers enterprise brand monitoring across Claude and Perplexity, among other platforms. (meltwater.com)
- **Yoast AI Brand Insights** – tracks brand appearances across Claude, Perplexity, ChatGPT, and Gemini. (yoast.com)

Quick shortlist: For a dedicated monitoring tool, compare OtterlyAI and Scrunch. If you're considering Peec AI, confirm the Claude add-on and plan requirements first.

One caveat: “tracks Claude” doesn't always mean it measures the same Claude experience you use directly. Some tools query provider APIs or simulate prompts, so results can differ from a manual search. (conterity.com)

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RECOMMENDED Rankscale, Profound, Evertune, Writesonic, Gauge, Scrunch AI, Otterly.AI, Peec AI, LLM Pulse, Mentionable, Frase, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Ahrefs Brand Radar

Several tools track all three, but coverage varies a lot, and for some vendors Claude is a paid add-on.

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Broadest coverage (Claude included by default)

- **Rankscale:** One source says it tracks 17+ engines, including ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews, and its lowest tier reportedly covers a wide set of engines, including ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, Google AI Mode, Gemini, Claude, and Copilot.
- **Profound:** Enterprise-focused. One list says it tracks up to 9 engines: ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Mode, Gemini, Copilot, DeepSeek, Claude, Google AI Overviews and Exa Search.
- **Evertune:** Claims comprehensive monitoring across ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, Perplexity, Meta AI, and DeepSeek.
- **Writesonic:** Covers ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, Gemini, and Claude.
- **Gauge:** Tracks brand mentions across major LLMs like ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, and Perplexity.
- **Scrunch AI:** One source lists ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, Meta AI, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews, though another lists its core engines without Claude, so check its current plan.

Mid-market trackers (Claude may cost extra)

- **Otterly.AI:** Frequently cited for Claude, but every tier tracks four engines (ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, and Microsoft Copilot). Claude, Google AI Mode, and Gemini are paid add-ons.
- **Peec AI:** Sources differ. One says Claude appears on higher tiers, and another says it is an optional add-on.
- **LLM Pulse:** Claude is a paid add-on that starts from €49/mo.
- **Mentionable:** Covers 7 (Perplexity, Google AI Mode, Google AI Overview, plus ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, Copilot) starting at €79/mo.
- **Frase:** Tracks ChatGPT and Google AI on Starter, adds Perplexity on Professional, and adds Claude and Gemini on Scale.

Suite-based options

- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit:** Useful if you already use Semrush for SEO. Sources disagree on Claude: one says it tracks brand and product-level tracking across ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Claude, while another table lists Claude as not covered, so verify before buying.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar:** Works differently. It breaks out ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, and Gemini as separate channels in traffic reporting, which is useful for measuring referral traffic but is not the same as prompt-level tracking.

Caveats

- Most of these comparisons are published by vendors or affiliates, so treat rankings as a starting point.
- Plan limits and prices change often. Otterly's entry price is cited as \$29/mo, but its engine list may differ by tier.
- Before subscribing, confirm that Claude is included in your plan, that it tracks the prompts you care about, and how often it runs.

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RECOMMENDED Cognizo, Profound, Rankscale, Otterly.AI, Omnia, Peec AI, Semrush, Ahrefs

To track your brand's presence across multiple AI engines—specifically including **Claude** and **Perplexity** alongside ChatGPT and others—you should look for **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)** or "AI visibility" tools.

Because AI responses are non-deterministic (they change from session to session), these tools differ from traditional SEO trackers by using automated "probes" or browser-based simulations to record how different models answer your target prompts.

Top AI Visibility Tools (Broad Coverage)

These platforms are specifically designed to monitor brand mentions, citations, and recommendations across a wide array of LLMs.

- **BotRank.ai:** Offers multi-LLM analysis including **ChatGPT, Claude, Perplexity, Gemini, Copilot, and others**. It distinguishes itself by using real local browsers to simulate user behavior rather than relying solely on API data, which it claims provides higher accuracy for brand perception.
- **Cognizo:** Features an "Answer Engine Insights" module that provides comprehensive coverage, including **Claude, Perplexity, ChatGPT, Gemini, Grok, Meta AI, and DeepSeek**. It allows for data breakdowns by model, region, and specific prompt clusters.
- **Profound:** A leading choice for enterprise-level visibility, it monitors a wide range of engines (often 6–9+) and is noted for its polished dashboard and enterprise compliance features.
- **Rankscale:** Known for its broad engine coverage (17+ engines), making it one of the most comprehensive options if you need to track how your brand appears across a very long tail of AI assistants.
- **Otterly.AI:** A popular "budget-friendly" option that provides monitoring for major engines, including ChatGPT and Perplexity. It is often cited for its balance of ease of use and actionable insights.

Selecting the Right Tool for Your Needs

When choosing between these platforms, consider how you intend to use the data:

If you need...	Look for...
Enterprise Governance	Tools like Profound or Cognizo , which offer audit trails and compliance-grade intelligence.

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If you need...	Look for...
Budget/Small Team Use	Otterly.AI or Omnia are frequently highlighted for their lower entry costs and streamlined dashboards.
Direct Competitive Analysis	Platforms like Peec AI often focus heavily on correlating visibility with competitive benchmarks and clickstream data.
Actionable Content Fixes	Some tools (e.g., ReachLLM or Track My Visibility) go beyond reporting and suggest or generate content optimizations to help you "close the gap" in AI answers.

A Note on "Monitoring AI Usage" vs. "AI Visibility"

Be careful not to confuse **AI Visibility** (how AI engines talk *about* your brand) with **AI Usage Monitoring** (how your employees use AI tools *at work*).

- **For Brand Visibility:** Use the tools listed above (e.g., BotRank, Cognizo, Profound).
- **For Employee/Shadow AI Monitoring:** If your goal is to track if your staff is using Claude or Perplexity, you need **Workforce Intelligence** or **AI Usage Control** tools like **Teramind**, **Proofpoint**, or **TheDeskMonitor**, which log employee interactions and help enforce data security policies.

Pro-Tip: If you are already paying for a major SEO suite, check if they have launched an AI visibility add-on. **Semrush** and **Ahrefs** have both introduced AI-specific tracking modules that may satisfy your needs without requiring an additional vendor.

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RECOMMENDED Rankscale, Scrunch AI, Promptwatch, AthenaHQ, SERPs.io, Searchable, Nightwatch

Several AI visibility tools explicitly track **both Claude and Perplexity**:

- **Rankscale** – lists ChatGPT, Claude, Perplexity, and other engines. ¹
- **Scrunch AI** – covers Claude and Perplexity alongside ChatGPT and other platforms. ²
- **PromptWatch** – says it tracks ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, and Perplexity. ³
- **AthenaHQ** – includes Claude and Perplexity among its supported models. ⁴
- **SERPs.io** – monitors prompts across Claude and Perplexity, as well as ChatGPT and other engines. ⁵
- **Searchable** – tracks brand mentions across Claude, Perplexity, and other platforms. ⁶
- **Nightwatch** – is also listed as supporting Claude and Perplexity. ⁷

If you're comparing options, check the specific plan: some vendors make certain engines or higher prompt volumes available only on paid or higher tiers.

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AI visibility tool that also tells me what content to create to get recommended

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RECOMMENDED HubSpot AEO (top pick)

HubSpot AEO sounds like the closest fit: it tracks whether your brand appears in ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity, then recommends what to create or update—such as a page, social post, video, or outreach to a third-party site. HubSpot says its standalone AEO tool is **\$50/month**; its broader Marketing Hub workflow uses CRM and marketing data for more tailored recommendations. (hubspot.com)

Another option is **Amplitude AI Visibility**: it identifies low-visibility topics and competitor-cited pages, suggests content actions, and can generate drafts. It's included with Amplitude plans, with some features depending on your account. (amplitude.com)

My quick pick: try HubSpot for a standalone marketing tool; consider Amplitude if you already use its analytics. Treat recommendations as hypotheses, not guarantees—these tools suggest opportunities, but can't promise an AI platform will recommend your brand. (amplitude.com)

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RECOMMENDED Promptwatch, Writesonic, AthenaHQ, Profound, Otterly.AI, Openlens, Peec AI, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Ahrefs Brand Radar

Several tools combine AI visibility tracking with content recommendations. Pricing below is from vendor-run or review sites, so confirm it before you buy.

Strongest fit for "tell me what to create"

- **Promptwatch**: Its content agents draft, optimize, and publish to your CMS. Entry pricing is around \$95/month, per Botric's 2026 comparison (botric.ai).
- **Writesonic**: It is a closed loop that tracks, suggests fixes, and measures impact, starting at \$79/month, per Writesonic's own GEO roundup (writesonic.com). Its vendor-run page is the source, so weigh it accordingly.
- **AthenaHQ**: Its Action Center turns visibility data into specific next steps, though one review notes the recommendations often need real editing before use (TryProfound's comparison (tryprofound.com)). It starts at \$295/month.

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- **Profound:** This is the enterprise option, with broad engine coverage and content suggestions tied to tracked prompts. Pricing is custom, and one review calls it overkill if you only want a light visibility score.

Budget or simpler options

- **Otterly.AI:** Monitoring only, starting at \$29/month (Botric). Pair it with your own content process.
- **Openlens:** Combines tracking with recommendations, with a free plan and paid plans from \$39.99/month (Blazly).
- **Peec AI:** Shows where competitors get mentioned while you don't, and sometimes suggests content changes (Click Raven (clickraven.com)).

If you already pay for an SEO suite

- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** starts at \$99/month and combines GEO and SEO data (SearchEye).
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** is an add-on to Ahrefs, with one AI platform index at \$199/month.

My pick: For most small-to-mid teams, I'd start with Promptwatch or Writesonic. They're the cheapest tools that both track citations and produce specific content guidance. If you're enterprise-sized, look at Profound or AthenaHQ. Whichever you choose, run a free trial and test whether the suggested changes actually move your citation rate over several weeks.

If you tell me your budget, team size, and whether you already use an SEO platform, I can narrow this to one or two options.

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RECOMMENDED Hootsuite, Emplifi, Sprinklr, Metricool, SocialBee, Brandwatch, ChatGPT, Claude, Jasper, Buffer

It is important to distinguish between **AI Visibility tools** (which monitor if you are being cited by AI search engines like ChatGPT or Perplexity) and **Social Media Analytics tools** (which tell you what content to create to get recommended on platforms like TikTok or Instagram).

There is no "magic button" tool that perfectly predicts virality, but several platforms use AI to analyze your performance and recommend data-backed content strategies.

1. For Social Media Growth (What to create & when)

These tools analyze your historical performance to tell you which topics or formats resonate with your audience, helping you decide what to create next.

- **Hootsuite / Emplifi / Sprinklr:** These are comprehensive social media management platforms. They go beyond scheduling by using AI to analyze engagement patterns. They can highlight your top-performing content and suggest the best times and types of posts to increase your reach and visibility.
- **Metricool:** Highly recommended for creators and small teams. It provides clear analytics on which posts are getting the most engagement and can help you identify trends. It is particularly useful for seeing which content formats are "working" so you can double down on them.
- **SocialBee:** Offers AI-powered features to help with content planning and repurposing, making it easier to stick to a strategy that is informed by your own data.

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2. For AI Search & "Answer Engine" Visibility (GEO)

If your goal is to be recommended when people ask questions to AI models (like ChatGPT, Gemini, or Perplexity), you need **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)** tools.

- **Specialized GEO Tools:** Newer platforms are emerging specifically to track your "AI Visibility Score." These tools monitor if your brand or content is cited in AI-generated answers.
- **How they help:** They show you which prompts trigger mentions of your competitors but not you, and they provide actionable content suggestions—such as specific topics or questions you should answer in your content—to improve your chances of being cited by AI models.
- **Examples:** While this is a new category, platforms like **Brandwatch** (which has expanded into AI recommendation monitoring) or niche SEO platforms focusing on "AI Search" are the primary players here.

3. The "Winning" Strategy for 2026

Most experts recommend a "modular" approach rather than looking for one single tool to do everything:

1. **Use Analytics to Inform Strategy:** Use a tool like **Metricool** or **Hootsuite** to review your own data. If a specific video style or topic gets 2x the engagement, that is your data-backed recommendation for what to create next.
2. **Use Generative AI for Drafting:** Once you know *what* to create (e.g., "I need a tutorial on X because my audience loved my last tutorial"), use **ChatGPT**, **Claude**, or **Jasper** to draft the hooks, scripts, or captions.
3. **Use Monitoring to Verify:** If you are a business trying to capture AI traffic, use a dedicated AI visibility tracker to see if your content is actually being surfaced by tools like Perplexity or ChatGPT.

Recommendation: If you are a solo creator or small team, start with **Metricool** or **Buffer** for analytics-led planning. If you are a business focused on being the "answer" in AI search results, look into platforms that offer **AI Visibility/GEO tracking** features to close the loop between your content and how AI models cite you.

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RECOMMENDED Similarweb AI Optimization Recommendations (top pick), BrandVisibility.ai, Amplitude AI Visibility, LLM Pulse

Similarweb AI Optimization Recommendations sounds like the closest match: it tracks where your brand appears in AI answers, identifies topic and page-level gaps, then prioritizes what to create or update to improve visibility.¹²

Other options:

- **BrandVisibility.ai** – turns competitor citation gaps into article briefs and draft content.³
- **Amplitude AI Visibility** – gives URL- and topic-specific recommendations, including content updates, though you implement them yourself.⁴
- **LLM Pulse** – tracks AI citations and converts gaps into content briefs.⁵

If you want one tool that both recommends topics and helps produce content, compare Similarweb and BrandVisibility.ai first. These tools can guide your strategy, but none can guarantee an AI system will recommend your brand.

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Is it worth paying for an AI visibility tool if I already pay for an SEO suite?

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MENTIONED Semrush, Ahrefs, Brand Radar

Sometimes—but not by default. First check whether your SEO suite already covers the AI visibility you care about. Features and plan limits vary: for example, Semrush lists AI search tracking in some SEO plans, while Ahrefs offers AI visibility research and prompt tracking through Brand Radar. (semrush.com)

An extra tool is more likely worth it if you need **regular, cross-platform tracking**—such as whether your brand is mentioned or cited in ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, or Google’s AI results—and your current suite doesn’t give you useful coverage. It may also help if you manage multiple brands or need client-ready reporting.

It’s probably **not** worth paying extra if you’ll only glance at a visibility score, don’t have a plan to act on the findings, or mostly need standard SEO data your existing suite already provides. Treat AI visibility metrics as directional: mentions, citations, and share of voice are not the same as rankings, clicks, or revenue.

Practical test: use your current suite—or a trial—to track a small set of important customer questions for a few weeks. Pay for a separate tool only if it reveals actionable gaps your suite misses and you’ll use those findings to change content, PR, or measurement. Semrush, for instance, currently offers a free plan with limited AI visibility checks, while its paid options add broader tracking; check the exact features and limits for your plan before buying. (semrush.com)

If you tell me which SEO suite you use and what you want to measure, I can give you a more specific yes-or-no.

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MENTIONED Semrush, Ahrefs, SE Ranking, Peec AI

Usually not, unless AI visibility is a core part of your work. Start with your SEO suite’s own AI features, and add a dedicated tool only if you hit a specific gap.

Check what your suite already does. Most major suites now have AI tracking. Semrush, Ahrefs, and SE Ranking all offer AI visibility add-ons, and one reviewer found Semrush’s version accurately showed when clients were mentioned and for which prompts. The catch is depth: one comparison says suite add-ons offer less depth than dedicated platforms and usually cover fewer engines. Their pricing also varies. Semrush’s AI visibility add-on starts around \$99/month, while a dedicated tracker like Peec AI starts around \$95/month, but the figures differ by plan and prompt volume, so compare your actual needs.

Dedicated tools make sense when:

- AI search is a primary channel for you, not a side metric. One guide’s rule of thumb is that core AI visibility work justifies a dedicated platform.

- You need engines your suite skips. One guide says teams whose buyers use Claude, or who need more than about 25 prompts per brand, often get more tracking per dollar from a dedicated tool.
- You need more than monitoring. Some dedicated tools also show which sources drive AI answers or help you act on the findings. Suite add-ons mostly show you the score.
- You're an agency that needs granular, multi-client reporting.

Stick with your suite when: AI visibility is one of several things you check, your prompts are mainstream, and a monitoring dashboard is enough.

Set expectations about the data. AI answers vary from run to run, so treat the numbers as directional rather than precise. One reviewer found users describe AI tracking as potentially a "money trap" because of that variability, though experienced users treat it as useful trend information. Accuracy also depends on how the tool collects data; vendors' published accuracy claims vary and are hard to verify. Most of the sources I found are vendor blogs with an interest in the answer, so weigh them accordingly.

Before buying:

1. Run your own prompts in ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews for a week and compare against what your suite reports.
2. Check whether the tool tracks competitors and historical trends. Without both, the scores are hard to interpret.
3. Make sure the prompt list reflects how your customers actually search. Weak prompts make any tool less useful.
4. Use a free trial or the cheapest monthly plan before committing to an annual contract.

If you tell me your industry, whether you're an agency, and which suite you use, I can give a more specific recommendation.

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RECOMMENDED Profound MENTIONED Ahrefs, Semrush, Brand Radar

Whether it is "worth" paying for a dedicated AI visibility tool depends on your specific business goals, the volume of traffic you currently receive from AI platforms, and whether your existing SEO suite already offers adequate AI monitoring.

Here is a breakdown to help you decide if a separate investment is necessary for your situation.

1. Understand the Difference in Value

- **SEO Suites** (e.g., Ahrefs, Semrush) are built to measure **rankings, clicks, and traffic** from traditional search engines. They are the foundation of your digital presence and remain essential because AI engines often surface content that already performs well in organic search.
- **AI Visibility Tools** measure **mentions, citations, and trust** within generative AI answers (e.g., ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity). Because these platforms often provide a single answer rather than a list of links, the metric here is "being named" rather than "ranking position".

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2. When You *Might Not* Need a Separate Tool

- **You already have a "bolted-on" module:** Many major SEO suites (such as Semrush and Ahrefs) have introduced AI visibility or "Brand Radar" features. If you are already paying for these, check if their AI tracking meets your needs before buying a separate subscription.
- **Your AI traffic is negligible:** Recent studies suggest that for many businesses, traffic from AI assistants is still a small fraction of total organic search volume. If your primary revenue comes from traditional Google search, focus your budget on core SEO first.
- **You are just starting out:** If you haven't yet mastered technical SEO, site speed, and content structure, a dedicated AI tool will not fix those underlying issues. Fix your SEO foundation first; the same qualities that help you rank often help you get cited in AI responses.

3. When a Dedicated Tool *Is* Worth It

- **You are a brand-focused business:** If your category is highly competitive and being "shortlisted" in an AI response is a key part of your sales funnel, you need more granular data than a general SEO tool provides.
- **You need directional insights at scale:** Dedicated AI tools (like Profound or others) go beyond simple ranking to track how models interpret your brand, identify which sources AI trusts most, and monitor sentiment across multiple engines.
- **You have a complex portfolio:** If you need to prove ROI to stakeholders or manage visibility for a large brand across dozens of prompt variations, the automation and advanced reporting of a dedicated platform can save significant manual labor.

Summary Recommendation

- **The "Minimalist" Approach:** If you are a small-to-medium business, stick with your current SEO suite. Monitor AI visibility manually by occasionally testing key customer questions yourself, or use the AI modules already included in your suite.
- **The "Aggressive" Approach:** If you operate in a high-stakes, competitive industry where being recommended by an AI chatbot can significantly impact your pipeline, a dedicated AI visibility tool can provide a competitive advantage by identifying "citation gaps" your SEO suite might miss.

Pro Tip: Before committing to another monthly fee, ask the provider for a sample report. Because AI outputs are probabilistic (not fixed like search rankings), some cheaper tools may offer "hand-waving" data that isn't statistically reliable. Ensure the tool provides **actionable data**, not just a dashboard of volatile numbers.

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MENTIONED Semrush, AI Visibility Toolkit

It can be worth it—but only if the tool fills a gap your SEO suite doesn't. SEO suites and AI-visibility tools overlap, and a separate subscription is hard to justify if it mostly gives you another dashboard.

A dedicated tool may add value if it lets you track **specific prompts**, compare how your brand appears against competitors, inspect citations and sources, or monitor more AI platforms than your current suite supports. Those are different from traditional keyword rankings. For example, Semrush's current plans bundle SEO and AI-search features, while its standalone AI Visibility Toolkit is listed separately at \$99/month per domain; the feature limits and coverage differ by plan.¹²³

Before paying, check your existing suite for:

- Which AI platforms it tracks—and whether it covers the ones that matter to your customers.
- Whether you can track your own high-value prompts over time.
- Whether it reports citations and competitors, not just a broad visibility score.
- Whether its data and reporting are useful enough to guide an actual content or PR decision.

Keep in mind that these tools **sample prompts and AI responses**; they don't provide a complete record of what every user sees. Results vary, and different tools can produce different measurements because they use different prompts and methods. Treat the metrics as directional trends, not exact rankings.⁴⁵

A practical rule: start with your SEO suite's built-in features, if it has them. Trial a dedicated tool only if you can name a clear gap—such as better prompt tracking or broader platform coverage—and agree in advance what result would make the subscription worthwhile. If your team won't act on the findings, it's probably not worth paying extra.

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Tools to compare my brand's AI visibility against three competitors

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RECOMMENDED Peec AI (top pick), Otterly.AI, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Profound

Good options for comparing your brand against **three specific competitors**:

Tool	Best for	Why it fits
Peec AI	Straightforward, AI-search-focused benchmarking	Side-by-side visibility, position, sentiment, and share-of-voice comparisons; lets you add competitors and track the prompts that matter to your category. (peec.ai)
OtterlyAI	Comparing competitors on the <i>same prompts</i>	Builds reports for your brand and named competitors using the same prompt set, making comparisons more consistent. Reports cover mentions, citations, position, sentiment, and share of voice. (otterly.ai)
Ahrefs Brand Radar	Benchmarking plus SEO and broader discovery	Compare share of voice, mentions, and citations, and add competitors manually. Its custom-prompt tracking is useful for checking specific buyer questions; broader AI visibility data is based on a large, search-backed prompt index. (help.ahrefs.com)
Profound	Enterprise teams	Worth shortlisting if you need a more extensive AI-search research and monitoring program; compare its supported engines, reporting, and pricing with your needs before committing. (benchlinereports.com)

My quick take: Start with **Peec AI** for a dedicated comparison dashboard, or **OtterlyAI** if “same prompts, same metrics” is your top priority. Pick **Ahrefs** if you already use its SEO suite or want to explore a much larger prompt dataset as well as track custom questions.

Before choosing, confirm that each tool covers the platforms you care about—especially **ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, and Perplexity**—and check how often it refreshes data. These tools sample prompts and AI responses; they don’t reveal every answer shown to every user. Also verify that the plan you’re considering includes your desired engines and enough prompts.

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RECOMMENDED Ahrefs Brand Radar, Semrush AI Visibility, SE Ranking, SE Visible, Profound, Peec AI, Otterly.AI, Scrunch AI, Rankscale AI, AthenaHQ, Writesonic, HubSpot AEO

Several tools in 2026 let you put your brand side by side with named competitors. Here are the main options, grouped by what they're best suited for.

Best if you already use an SEO suite

- **Ahrefs Brand Radar:** A good fit if you already run Ahrefs. One reviewer says teams already using Ahrefs for SEO can access brand mention tracking from within the same interface. It lists six AI platforms, and its share-of-voice view puts rivals next to you.
- **Semrush AI Visibility:** This add-on reports which prompts surface your brand and how you compare to competitors, and it sits alongside the Semrush keyword and backlink toolset. Pricing is starting at \$99/mo per domain.
- **SE Ranking / SE Visible:** SE Ranking's AI Competitor Research feature lets you add up to five competitors and track presence over time. That is useful for your case of three rivals. SE Visible lets you track how often your brand appears compared to theirs, analyze sentiment and tone, and see which sources and prompts favor them over you.

Best dedicated AI visibility tools

- **Profound:** Strong on competitive benchmarking. One source says you can monitor multiple competitors' mentions and sentiment in AI. It is priced for enterprises, and a source lists it from \$99/month.
- **Peec AI:** Suited to smaller teams. It includes competitor comparisons and covers three to seven or more platforms. Prices differ across sources, from €85 to €95 a month.
- **OtterlyAI:** The cheapest entry point. It reveals your Share of AI Voice, the percentage of citations you own versus competitors. A review also notes the 15-prompt cap on lighter plans, which is worth checking before you buy.
- **Scrunch AI:** Useful if you care about how AI describes you. It gives a report telling if AI presents your brand as positive or negative and compares it to competitors.
- **Rankscale AI:** Its competitive benchmarking figures out who your top competitors are and then pits their AI visibility against yours.

Other options

- **AthenaHQ:** Focuses on prompt-level tracking and brand mention monitoring with competitive benchmarking included. It also ties share of voice to revenue.
- **Writesonic:** Combines monitoring with content creation, which helps if you want to act on gaps quickly.
- **HubSpot AEO:** Offers a free visibility snapshot across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity, which is a low-cost way to test the waters.

How I'd choose

1. Check engine coverage first. One guide notes that a tool that tracks only ChatGPT misses how Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, and Copilot describe your brand.
2. Confirm it shows share of voice against all three competitors, not just your brand on its own.
3. Check the prompt limits and whether you can export data for your team.
4. If you already use an SEO platform, start there, since it avoids adding another tool.

Pricing and feature details come from third-party review sites and vendor pages, and they often disagree or go out of date, so confirm current plans directly with the vendor. If you tell me your budget, your region, and whether you already use an SEO tool, I can narrow this to two or three options.

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RECOMMENDED KIME, Peec AI, Semrush (AI Toolkit), Ahrefs Brand Radar, Otterly.AI, Cognizo MENTIONED Gauge, Botric

To effectively compare your brand's AI visibility against your competitors, you need tools that track **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)** or **Answer Engine Optimization (AEO)**. Unlike traditional SEO, these platforms focus on whether AI assistants (like ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews) mention, cite, or recommend your brand compared to others.

Top Tools for AI Visibility & Competitor Benchmarking

The following platforms are highly regarded in 2026 for tracking brand presence in AI-generated answers:

Tool	Best For	Key Strengths
KIME	Overall AI Visibility	Tracks nine AI engines; provides sentiment/citation analysis and automated fixes for visibility gaps.
Peec AI	Competitor Benchmarking	Widely recognized for comparing brand mentions, competitor share of voice, and AI performance.
Semrush (AI Toolkit)	Integrated SEO & GEO	Ideal if you already use Semrush; connects AI visibility data with traditional search, keyword, and content tools.
Ahrefs (Brand Radar)	Brand & Citation Tracking	Excellent for tracking brand mentions and competitor comparison queries within an existing SEO stack.
OtterlyAI	Affordability	A straightforward, budget-friendly option for tracking brand mentions and citations across major engines.
Cognizo	Multi-Platform Monitoring	Offers a "Visibility Score" across a wide range of LLMs (including DeepSeek and Grok) and tracks ChatGPT paid ads.

How to Evaluate Your Options

When selecting a tool, ensure it provides the specific data you need to gain a competitive edge:

- **Prompt-Level Tracking:** A good tool should allow you to input specific "buyer questions" (e.g., "What are the best [industry] platforms?") and report exactly how often you versus your competitors appear in those answers.
- **Citation & Source Intelligence:** Beyond just being mentioned, you need to know which websites/pages the AI is citing. This helps you understand if the AI is favoring your competitors' content over yours.

Question m12 · Gemini, continued

- **Sentiment Analysis:** It is not enough to be mentioned; you want to ensure the AI describes your brand accurately and favorably.
- **Actionable Insights:** Many platforms (like **Gauge** or **Botric**) include "Action Centers" that recommend specific content updates or schema improvements to help you bridge the gap with competitors.

Recommended Workflow for Competitive Analysis

1. **Define Your Benchmarks:** Identify a core set of 20–30 "high-intent" buyer prompts (the questions your potential customers are actually asking).
2. **Run Across Engines:** Use one of the platforms above to monitor these specific prompts across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews.
3. **Identify the Gap:** Look for "competitor share of voice"—prompts where your rivals appear but you do not.
4. **Audit Sources:** Check the citations for the winning answers. If a competitor is cited, analyze their content (or their third-party mentions on sites like G2 or Reddit) to see why the AI trusts them for that query.
5. **Iterate:** Update your own content (product pages, comparison articles, or FAQs) to better answer those specific prompts, then re-run your tracking to measure the shift in visibility.

Note: If you are not ready for a paid platform, you can establish a **manual baseline** by running your top 20–30 buyer questions through various AI engines on a weekly cadence and logging the mentions, citations, and competitors in a spreadsheet. This is effective for small teams until the volume of tracking becomes too time-consuming.

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No web search run.

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RECOMMENDED Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit (top pick), Ahrefs Brand Radar, Semrush One

For comparing your brand with **three competitors**, these are strong options:

Tool	Why it fits	Cost / caveat
Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit	Its Competitor Research report compares your brand with up to four competitors —so three fits comfortably. It reports visibility, share of voice, mentions, citations and topic/prompt gaps. Covers ChatGPT, Gemini, Google AI Mode and AI Overviews, among others.	Starts at \$99/month for the AI Visibility toolkit, according to Semrush. ¹²
Ahrefs Brand Radar	Benchmarks AI share of voice, mentions and citations against competitors; Ahrefs says you can track up to ten competitors . Useful if you want broad prompt coverage plus custom prompts.	Custom prompt tracking is included with some paid Ahrefs plans; standalone options and pricing vary by platform and tracking tier. ³⁴
Semrush One	An alternative if you want AI visibility comparisons bundled with traditional SEO tools.	Starts at \$199/month . ¹

Best straightforward pick: Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit—it explicitly supports a four-competitor comparison and has a clearly stated starting price. **Consider Ahrefs Brand Radar** if you also want a large prompt database or more competitor capacity; check the plan details to confirm the AI platforms and prompt-check allowance you need. ²³

Before choosing, check whether the product lets you compare the same prompts, AI platforms, locations and reporting period across all four brands. That makes the results more useful than comparing headline visibility scores alone.

Question m12 · Perplexity, continued

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Tool to check if Google's AI answers mention my business, alongside ChatGPT

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RECOMMENDED Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Ahrefs Brand Radar, DoneHat

Yes—tools for this are usually called **AI visibility** or **GEO monitoring** tools. They run buyer-style prompts and track whether your business is mentioned or recommended in AI answers.

- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** – tracks ChatGPT and Google AI results, alongside Gemini and Perplexity; useful if you already use Semrush for SEO. (semrush.com)
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** – lets you track custom prompts across ChatGPT and Google AI Overviews/AI Mode, among other platforms. (help.ahrefs.com)
- **DoneHat** – offers a free checker that samples ChatGPT and, when available, Google AI Overviews and AI Mode. It's a spot check, not a guarantee of what everyone will see. (donehat.com)

Quick recommendation: Try DoneHat for a one-time check; consider Semrush or Ahrefs if you want ongoing tracking and competitor comparisons. AI answers can vary by prompt, location, and date, so treat the results as snapshots.

If you share your business name or website and whether you want a free check or ongoing monitoring, I can narrow it down.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, SE Ranking, Peec AI, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Semrush's free AI visibility checker, Mangools AI Search Watcher

Several tools track both ChatGPT and Google's AI answers. The main distinction is whether they cover Google's AI Overviews, AI Mode, and the Gemini app, since some tools only include some of these.

Good fits for your case (ChatGPT + Google AI):

- **Otterly AI:** Every plan includes ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, and Microsoft Copilot; Gemini, Google AI Mode, and Claude are paid add-ons. It's a good option if you're a small business, though you'd need an add-on to track Gemini specifically.
- **SE Ranking (AI Search Toolkit / SE Visible):** It covers brand mention and link tracking across AI Overviews, AI Mode, ChatGPT, and Gemini. Its entry plan covers 50 prompts across ChatGPT, Gemini and Google AI Overviews.

Question m13 · Claude, continued

- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit:** Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit costs \$99/mo and brings AI mention tracking into the SEO platform most teams already use. It covers ChatGPT, Gemini, Google AI Overviews and Google AI Mode.
- **Peec AI:** Tracks how often and where your brand appears across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini and Google AI Mode. Pricing is €89/month for 25 prompts and 3 engines at the entry level.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar:** Covers AI Overviews, AI Mode, ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini and Copilot, starting at \$199/month according to that source. It's pricier, but it's useful if you already use Ahrefs.

Free or cheap ways to start:

- **Semrush's free AI visibility checker:** 3 checks a day, no account, according to one review.
- **Mangools AI Search Watcher:** \$49/mo, or \$418.80/yr. It runs every prompt multiple times across ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, Grok and Google AI Overviews.

Do-it-yourself check: You can test this for free. Pick 10–20 questions a customer would ask (e.g., "best [service] in [city]"), run them in ChatGPT and in Google (AI Overviews appear on results pages, and AI Mode is a separate tab), and log whether your business is named and where it ranks. Repeat weekly, since answers vary between runs. Tools automate this, but the manual method works for a small set of prompts.

Tips:

- Confirm the current engine list and pricing on each vendor's site before you buy, since these change often.
- Check whether a tool tracks mentions and citations (links to your site) separately, since they often differ.

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RECOMMENDED Siftly, Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Searchable, Snoika, Dageno, LLM Pulse

To track how your business is mentioned in AI-generated answers, you should use specialized **AI Visibility** or **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)** tools. Unlike traditional SEO tools that track blue-link rankings, these platforms systematically query AI models (ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, etc.) to see if, how often, and in what context your brand appears.

Recommended Tools for AI Brand Monitoring

There are several reputable tools designed specifically for this purpose. They vary by depth of analytics and the number of AI models they monitor:

- **Ahrefs (Brand Radar):** A well-regarded option that checks mentions and citations across ChatGPT, Google Gemini, Perplexity, Microsoft Copilot, and Google AI Overviews. They also offer a free visibility checker for a quick audit.

Question m13 · Gemini, continued

- **Siftly:** Known for detailed monitoring that distinguishes between conversational AI responses and "search" mode responses, providing deep insights into citation rates, sentiment, and competitor benchmarks.
- **Otterly.ai:** Frequently recommended for teams that want to start with a controlled set of prompts to establish a baseline before scaling to enterprise-level tracking.
- **Peec AI:** Often cited by marketing teams for its ability to provide clean, multi-engine tracking with a focus on source and citation analysis.
- **Searchable:** Offers comprehensive tracking across Google AI Overviews, ChatGPT, and Perplexity, with specific tabs to analyze citations, visibility scores, and share-of-voice against competitors.
- **Other notable options:** Depending on your specific needs, tools like **Snoika**, **Dageno**, and **LLM Pulse** are also active in this space, providing varying levels of reporting on sentiment, competitor framing, and citation sources.

How These Tools Work

Because AI responses are dynamic and non-deterministic (they can change every time you ask), these tools do not just "scan" the web. Instead, they:

1. **Automate Queries:** They run a set of industry-relevant prompts (e.g., "What is the best [your product category]?") across multiple AI engines at scheduled intervals.
2. **Capture Data:** They record the actual text of the response, checking for your brand name (mention) or links to your website (citation).
3. **Analyze Context:** They look at **sentiment** (is the mention positive/neutral?) and **competitor framing** (are your competitors recommended in your place?).
4. **Trend Reporting:** They track these rates over time to show if your visibility is increasing or decreasing, allowing you to adjust your content strategy.

Should you use a tool or do it manually?

- **Manual (Under 10–20 queries):** If your needs are very limited, you can manually run a consistent set of questions in "private/incognito" browser windows once a week and log the results in a spreadsheet.
- **Automated (20+ queries):** As you scale, manual tracking becomes statistically unreliable because AI answers fluctuate. Dedicated tools are essential for capturing consistent data and identifying the specific sources (articles/pages) that are causing an AI to recommend you—or your competitor.

Pro-tip: When choosing a tool, look for one that tests the **consumer chat interface** rather than just an API, as the API output sometimes strips away the citations and links that you actually need to see.

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RECOMMENDED Semrush's AI Visibility Checker, Ahrefs Free AI Visibility Checker

Yes—**Semrush's AI Visibility Checker** is a good place to start. It checks whether your business is mentioned in **ChatGPT and Google AI Overviews**, and also reports visibility across Gemini and Google AI Mode. Its report includes mention counts, platform breakdowns, and cited pages.²

For a quick alternative, **Ahrefs' free AI Visibility Checker** checks your brand across ChatGPT and Google AI Overviews, along with several other AI platforms.³

For ongoing monitoring, **OtterlyAI** tracks a set of customer-style prompts over time and shows which platforms mention your brand and how that changes.⁶

Simple recommendation: Try Ahrefs for a quick snapshot; choose Semrush or OtterlyAI if you want ongoing tracking. AI answers can vary by prompt and over time, so treat any one check as a snapshot rather than a guarantee.

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Which tools track AI visibility in languages other than English?

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RECOMMENDED Evertune, Scrunch, Conductor AI Search Performance

Several AI-visibility tools say they track prompts or brand mentions in languages beyond English:

Tool	What it says about language support
Evertune	Lists support for 33 languages , including French, German, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, and Vietnamese. (evertune.ai)
Cituna	Lists 19 languages , including Spanish, French, German, Italian, Arabic, Hindi, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, and Thai. (cituna.com)
Scrunch	Says it supports prompts in any language supported by the AI platforms it monitors . (helpcenter.scrunchai.com)
PSentry	Says it monitors visibility in 5+ languages , and highlights English, German, French, Spanish, and Italian. (psentry.com)
Conductor AI Search Performance	Supports locations and languages available through the APIs of its supported AI search engines; availability varies by engine and market. (conductor.helpjuice.com)

For a broad stated language list, **Evertune** is a useful starting point; for support described as flexible across many languages, compare **Scrunch**. Before choosing, confirm that a tool runs prompts *in the target language and market*—not just that its dashboard can display translated results.

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RECOMMENDED Peec AI, SE Visible, SE Ranking, Profound, AthenaHQ, Otterly.AI, Citadex, Omnia, Allmond MENTIONED BrightEdge, Goodie, Talkwalker

Several tools now track AI answers in non-English languages, but coverage varies a lot and the vendors' claims are hard to verify. Most of what I found comes from vendor-written comparison posts, so treat the specifics as claims to test during a trial.

Tools that advertise explicit multi-language tracking

- **Peec AI:** Sources consistently cite 115+ languages, including Japanese, Korean, and Chinese, and one comparison says it offers unlimited countries and languages at every tier. Peec AI reports the broadest raw coverage at 115+ languages, including Japanese, Korean, and Chinese.

Question m14 · Claude, continued

- **SE Visible (SE Ranking):** Brand monitoring can be configured in English, French, German, Dutch, or Spanish, and the tool suggests localized prompts for native-language searches. SE Ranking's broader AI search tool tracks brand mentions and links in multiple languages across five major AI search platforms.
- **Profound:** One comparison says it covers 30+ languages across 150+ regions.
- **AthenaHQ:** Sources say it offers multi-language and multi-region support, but they disagree on specifics. One says it publishes support for 60+ countries and languages at its enterprise tier. Another notes that language support is not publicly documented.
- **Otterly.ai:** A list of its features says it tracks search prompts in various languages and throughout various countries. However, it does not publicly disclose a language count. Its dashboard is in English.
- **Citadex:** It claims support for tracking in any language your buyers use, including Japanese, Korean, Chinese, Arabic, and others, with visibility measured per market (country + language).
- **Omnia:** One listing says it offers unlimited brands, countries, and languages, including on the entry plan.
- **Allmond:** It covers 67+ countries, and one listing says it has unlimited languages.

Tools with unclear or limited non-English support

- **BrightEdge:** BrightEdge publishes very little about non-English market support, multilingual prompt handling, or per-language segmentation.
- **Goodie:** Which languages are supported for prompt tracking is not publicly disclosed.
- **Talkwalker:** This is a social and brand-listening platform rather than an AI-answer tracker, but it covers 180+ language coverage, which may matter if you also need to monitor social mentions.

Things to check before buying

- **Native prompts vs. translations:** One guide advises that the key question is whether prompt tracking runs natively in the target language, not just in translated versions.
- **Plan gating:** Non-English coverage varies more by plan than by capability – several tools gate it to enterprise tiers.
- **Per-market segmentation:** Look for language and country reported separately, not blended into one score.
- **Engine coverage:** Some tools skip engines that matter in certain markets. For example, one comparison notes that most tools omit Qwen and Mistral.

A practical approach is to run a trial with prompts written by native speakers in your target languages, then check whether the results match what you see when you run those queries yourself.

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RECOMMENDED LILT, AI Language Proficiency Monitor, Artificial Analysis, BenchLM.ai, Scale AI (MultiNRC), Hugging Face (evals-for-every-language), Cognizo, AnswerBench, LangSmith, Evidently AI

Tracking AI visibility and performance in languages other than English requires specialized approaches, as standard English-centric tools often miss localized errors, cultural nuances, and regional search behaviors.

Tools and resources in this space generally fall into two categories: **benchmarking frameworks** (for evaluating model proficiency) and **visibility/monitoring platforms** (for tracking brand presence and search performance).

1. AI Benchmarking Tools (Evaluating Model Performance)

These tools help you understand how well a model "thinks" or performs in different languages compared to English.

- **LILT:** Provides enterprise-grade multilingual benchmarking infrastructure. It uses localized "golden datasets" to evaluate models natively across over 200 languages, avoiding the pitfalls of simple English-to-target-language translation.
- **AI Language Proficiency Monitor:** A research-backed benchmark designed to systematically assess LLM performance across up to 200 languages, with a focus on tracking progress over time.
- **Artificial Analysis:** Offers a widely used leaderboard that compares the multilingual performance, pricing, and speed of leading AI models, allowing you to see how different LLMs stack up across languages.
- **BenchLM.ai:** Provides a leaderboard specifically focused on multilingual benchmarks (such as MGSM and MMLU-ProX) to evaluate cross-language reasoning.
- **Scale AI (MultiNRC):** Developed the "Multilingual Native Reasoning Challenge," which evaluates models using questions written natively by speakers of languages like French, Spanish, and Chinese, rather than relying on translations of English benchmarks.
- **Hugging Face (evals-for-every-language):** An open-source project that maintains evaluation snapshots for various languages, providing metadata on model performance per task and language.

2. AI Visibility & Monitoring Tools (Tracking Market Presence)

If you are tracking how your brand or content appears in AI search results across different countries and languages, you need tools that account for geographic and linguistic variables.

- **Cognizo:** Noted for its capabilities in multi-country AI search monitoring, helping brands track their AI visibility across different markets where AI engines surface varying results.

Question m14 · Gemini, continued

- **AnswerBench:** Uses an editorial methodology to track AI visibility, emphasizing that language alone does not define a market; it allows you to build separate observations for specific language-market combinations.
- **Custom Monitoring Setups:** Experts often recommend building your own "multilingual prompt panels" using tools like **LangSmith** or **Evidently AI**. These platforms allow you to:
 - Set up A/B testing across different prompt versions.
 - Maintain "golden datasets" in target languages to ensure consistent evaluation.
 - Implement "LLM-as-a-judge" workflows that can be calibrated for cultural nuance and specific language quality criteria.

Key Considerations for Multilingual Tracking

When selecting tools for non-English environments, ensure they address these critical "blind spots":

- **Native vs. Translated:** Avoid tools that only translate your English prompts; ensure the tool supports **native-language input** to capture genuine linguistic reasoning and cultural context.
- **Market Context:** A language (e.g., German) is spoken in multiple countries (Germany, Austria, Switzerland) with different market conditions. Ensure your tool treats **language and location/market as separate variables**.
- **Data Residency:** If your multilingual monitoring involves sensitive data (e.g., customer service transcripts), check for GDPR or regional compliance (e.g., Germany's BDSG) to ensure data stays within required borders.

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RECOMMENDED Rush Analytics, Otterly.AI, Promptwatch, Scrunch, Citadex

Several AI visibility platforms advertise tracking in languages beyond English:

- **Peec AI** – says it supports **115+ languages**, making it a strong option for broad language coverage.³⁷
- **Profound** – a recent comparison reports **30+ languages**; confirm which languages and plans are included with the vendor.³

Question m14 · Perplexity, continued

- **SE Ranking's SE Visible** – supports **English, French, German, Dutch, and Spanish**.⁹
- **Rush Analytics** – advertises **50+ languages** and localized queries.¹³
- **Otterly.ai** – says prompts can be tracked in **all languages** across 50+ country markets; its dashboard is in English.¹¹
- **Promptwatch** – lets you set a language per monitor, including regional variants such as French (Belgium).¹
- **Scrunch** – says prompts can be written in any language, with country targeting.¹
- **Citadex** – claims support for any language, segmented by country and language.³

Language coverage, market targeting, and plan access aren't always the same thing. Before choosing, check whether the tool runs prompts in your target language and location—not just whether its interface supports that language. These figures come from recent third-party comparisons and vendor claims, so it's worth confirming current details directly.

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Best AI visibility tool for a B2B company with a long sales cycle

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RECOMMENDED Profound (top pick), Semrush Enterprise AIO, Peec AI, Scrunch MENTIONED Semrush

My default pick: Profound—if you have an enterprise-sized marketing team and want deep AI-search intelligence. It's positioned for enterprise workflows across marketing, SEO, and PR, rather than just a simple brand-mention dashboard. (semrush.com)

For a B2B company with a long sales cycle, though, the best tool is the one you can connect to **buyer-stage questions and pipeline data**. Track prompts such as “best [category] platform for [use case],” “alternatives to [competitor],” and “how to evaluate [solution type]”—then compare visibility with AI-referred visits, account engagement, opportunities, and pipeline over time. **Visibility scores alone won't show whether the tool is influencing revenue.**

Consider these alternatives:

- **Semrush Enterprise AIO** if you already use Semrush or want AI visibility alongside your broader SEO and content workflow. Semrush describes its enterprise product as supporting larger-scale, multi-market tracking. (semrush.com)
- **Peec AI** if you mainly need focused prompt tracking and competitor benchmarking, without a larger enterprise platform. (semrush.com)
- **Scrunch** if understanding how AI systems represent your brand—and improving the experience AI agents get from your site—is a priority. (scrunch.com)

Bottom line: shortlist **Profound** and **Semrush Enterprise AIO** for a large B2B team; start with **Peec AI** for a leaner monitoring setup. In demos, ask vendors to show how you can tag prompts by persona and funnel stage, retain historical data, export it to your BI/CRM workflow, and distinguish brand mentions from citations. **How many people will use the tool, and what's your approximate budget?**

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Goodie, Dreamdata, HockeyStack, Peec AI, Otterly.AI, Semrush, Ahrefs, Scrunch MENTIONED Ahrefs Brand Radar, Sitecore NEGATIVE Hyros

Short answer: For a long B2B sales cycle, I'd shortlist **Profound** if you have enterprise budget, or **Goodie** if you also want revenue attribution. Pair either with a B2B attribution tool such as Dreamdata or HockeyStack, because most AI visibility tools don't track deals that close months later. Vendor-written listicles dominate this space, so treat the rankings as a starting point.

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What matters more than the tool's name

- **Retained history.** A B2B evaluation runs for months, and daily snapshots without retained history can't show whether a content change affected pipeline two quarters later. Confirm the platform keeps data beyond a rolling window. [15-3, 15-4, 15-5, 15-6]
- **Intent segmentation and competitor share of voice.** Separate commercial and comparison prompts from informational ones, and track who gets named instead of you. Aggregate visibility scores without these can move for reasons that don't affect pipeline. [15-7, 15-8]
- **Revenue linkage.** AI referral sessions can be tracked through to closed revenue in the CRM, and LLM-influenced pipeline can be captured through multi-touch models if CRM source fields are mapped properly. [14-4, 14-5, 14-6]

Candidates

- **Profound:** Described as the enterprise standard with a deep data layer, with an API and an action layer. Best if you need depth and reporting. [2-6, 8-7]
- **Goodie:** A full-stack AEO platform that includes revenue attribution, which is the closest match to your cycle-length problem. [8-11]
- **Peec AI or Otterly:** Cheaper monitoring options. Peec's July 2026 pricing listed \$95/month for 50 prompts. Otterly is often cited as the lowest-cost baseline at \$29/month. These suit small prompt sets but offer little on attribution. [6-14, 8-6, 9-5]
- **Semrush or Ahrefs:** Useful if you already run an SEO stack. Ahrefs Brand Radar's pricing can climb quickly. [3-15, 6-12]
- **Scrunch:** Now owned by Sitecore after its June 2026 acquisition, so factor in roadmap risk. [8-10]

Pair with a B2B attribution tool. Dreamdata and HockeyStack are built around CRM close dates rather than fixed windows. Hyros supports 365-day windows but suits shorter cycles better. [12-2, 12-3, 12-7]

Before you buy, ask each vendor:

1. How long is performance history retained?
2. Can you export prompt-level data to your CRM or BI tool?
3. Do you support intent segmentation and competitor share of voice?
4. Can you map AI referral sessions to opportunities?

If you tell me your rough prompt volume, budget, and CRM, I can narrow this to two or three options.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, AthenaHQ, Peec AI, Otterly.AI, Semrush, Ahrefs, Salesmotion, 6sense

In the context of B2B companies with long sales cycles, "AI visibility" is increasingly viewed as **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)**—ensuring your brand appears in AI-generated answers (e.g., ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, Gemini) when potential buyers perform early-stage research.

Because long sales cycles involve multiple stakeholders and complex, high-consideration research, being "invisible" in AI answers can result in being excluded from the shortlist before your sales team even knows the prospect exists.

Question m15 · Gemini, continued

Recommended AI Visibility Tools

There is no single "all-in-one" winner; the best choice depends on your organization's size, technical depth, and current marketing stack.

Tool	Best For	Key Focus
Profound	Enterprises	Multi-engine tracking, citation analysis, and deep AI agent integration.
AthenaHQ	Larger Organizations	Deep analytics, competitor benchmarking, and strategic recommendations.
Peec AI	Mid-size Teams	Clean, actionable dashboards with daily prompt tracking; strong balance of usability.
OtterlyAI	Small Teams / Entry	Budget-friendly monitoring of brand presence across AI engines.
Semrush / Ahrefs	Existing Users	Integrating AI visibility tracking into tools your team already uses.

How to Approach AI Visibility for Long Sales Cycles

1. Shift from Keywords to "Decision-Stage" Prompts

Unlike traditional SEO, where you track search volume for keywords, AI visibility requires tracking conversational, intent-driven prompts.

- **The Problem:** B2B buyers ask questions like, *"What are the best [Category] platforms for companies in regulated industries?"*
- **The Strategy:** Use your chosen tool to audit how frequently your brand appears in these specific, high-intent decision queries compared to competitors.

2. Prioritize "Citation Share" and Sentiment

In a long sales cycle, it is not enough to just be mentioned. You should monitor:

- **Citation Rate:** How often the AI uses your domain as an authoritative source.
- **Sentiment:** Whether the AI describes your brand favorably or as merely one of many alternatives.
- **Position Rank:** Being the first recommendation in three consecutive AI responses signals a much higher level of trust to a buyer than being mentioned seventh.

3. Connect Marketing Visibility to Sales Intelligence

To truly manage a long sales cycle, you must bridge the gap between "AI visibility" (marketing) and "Sales Intelligence" (revenue):

- **Use Signal-Based Prospecting:** Tools like **Salesmotion** or **6sense** can help your team identify when an account is "in-market," which is critical when buyers are doing much of their research in "zero-click" AI environments.
- **Close the Loop:** Ensure your sales team knows which competitors are winning the AI-answer "shortlist" so you can adjust your messaging and content strategy accordingly.

Summary Advice

If you are currently evaluating these tools, **prioritize workflow integration over the largest dashboard**. A tool that provides actionable data your marketing or content team can actually use to update site architecture—or that helps your sales team understand why they are being shortlisted (or not)—will provide the most ROI.

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RECOMMENDED HubSpot AEO (top pick), Profound, Peec AI MENTIONED HubSpot

Best fit: HubSpot AEO—if you already use HubSpot

For a B2B company with a long sales cycle, the key isn't just counting AI mentions; it's connecting visibility to the buyer questions and pipeline that matter. HubSpot AEO's CRM data can help identify relevant buyer prompts and relate AI visibility to marketing and sales outcomes, making it the most natural fit for HubSpot-based teams. It currently tracks ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini; the standalone plan is listed at \$50/month for 25 prompts.¹²

Choose another tool if:

- **You need broader monitoring and more analytical depth:** Evaluate **Profound**. It's positioned for enterprise teams that need deeper prompt, citation, and competitor reporting; pricing is generally custom.³⁴
- **You want a focused, less enterprise-heavy analytics tool:** Consider **Peec AI**. It offers prompt tracking, citation analysis, sentiment, and competitor benchmarking, with plans reported from \$95/month.⁵⁶

How I'd decide: Run a short pilot with prompts organized by buying stage—problem research, solution comparison, vendor shortlist, and implementation—and by persona. Track whether the brands and sources AI cites change, then compare that with qualified account activity and pipeline over time. Don't treat visibility alone as proof of revenue impact; with a long sales cycle, you'll need a longer attribution window.

*Pricing and product coverage can change, so confirm current plan limits and integrations before buying.*²⁵

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How do I see which pages on my site AI assistants cite most?

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RECOMMENDED Microsoft Clarity (top pick) NEGATIVE Google Search Console

Start with **Microsoft Clarity's AI Visibility dashboard** if you want a page-by-page list. Its **My cited pages** table shows your URLs, citation counts, and associated queries; sort by citation count to see which pages are cited most. (learn.microsoft.com)

For another free, first-party view, verify your site in **Bing Webmaster Tools** and open **AI Performance**. Its page-level citation activity shows which pages appear most often in supported Microsoft AI experiences, along with grounding queries and trends. That report covers Copilot, Bing AI-generated summaries, and select partner integrations—not every AI assistant. (bing.com)

A couple of caveats:

- **Google Search Console won't give you a separate list of pages cited in AI Overviews or AI Mode.** Google says that activity is included in the overall Search performance report, under the “Web” search type. (developers.google.com)
- For ChatGPT, Perplexity, and other assistants, you may need a third-party AI-visibility tracker. Treat those results as estimates for the prompts and platforms it monitors, not a complete record of every citation.

If you only want to try one thing, check **Clarity's “My cited pages”** first; then use Bing Webmaster Tools to compare its Microsoft-specific citation data.

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RECOMMENDED Bing Webmaster Tools (top pick), Ahrefs Brand Radar, Siftly MENTIONED Google Search Console

The most direct free option is Bing Webmaster Tools. Its AI Performance report shows which of your pages get cited, but it only covers certain assistants. For ChatGPT, Perplexity, and others, you'll need a third-party tool.

1. Bing Webmaster Tools (free, page-level data)

- AI Performance is a free report inside Bing Webmaster Tools that shows when pages from a verified website are cited in supported AI-generated answers. Verify your site first.
- The page-level view is the one you want. It shows citation counts by specific URL, showing which pages from your site are cited most frequently across AI-generated answers during the selected date range.
- Coverage is limited. The report covers Copilot, AI summaries in Bing, and select partner integrations.
- Treat the numbers carefully. The company notes this data represents a sample rather than complete citation activity. It also does not measure ranking, authority, importance or performance.

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- The grounding queries view can show the phrases the AI used to retrieve each cited page, which helps you understand why a page is being picked.

2. Google Search Console (partial)

Google reports AI features separately. Search Console shows impressions from AI Overviews and AI Mode. As far as these sources show, this gives impression data rather than a clear list of cited pages, so check the current report to see what it shows.

3. Third-party tools (ChatGPT, Perplexity, etc.)

- Ahrefs Brand Radar has a "Cited pages" report for your desired AI assistant, and you can export the top 1,000 pages.
- Siftly offers URLs that get cited when AI platforms discuss your brand, competitors, and industry topics.
- Experts disagree on how useful these are. While the efficacy of third-party tools is debated within the overall GEO and SEO industries, they are the main way to see citations from assistants that don't share data with you.

Practical approach: Start with Bing Webmaster Tools since it's free and gives you first-party page data. Then use a third-party tool if you need ChatGPT or Perplexity coverage. Check the cited pages against your organic rankings, since CXL's initial test found overlap between AI citations and organic performance.

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RECOMMENDED Google Search Console, Qvery, Ansvisor, Indexly, Otterly.AI, Semrush, Similarweb, GA4

To see which pages on your site are most frequently cited by AI assistants, you need to combine **native platform tools** (for Google) with **specialized AI citation tracking platforms** (for third-party AI engines like ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Claude).

Because AI platforms do not currently provide a unified "master dashboard" for site owners, you must use a layered approach.

1. For Google AI Overviews: Use Search Console

Google has introduced dedicated **Generative AI performance reports** within Google Search Console.

- **How to access:** Navigate to the **Performance** section in your Google Search Console dashboard. Look for the dedicated tab or filter for **Generative AI** (or "AI Overviews/AI Mode").
- **What it shows:** You can view impressions and identify which specific URLs from your site are appearing in Google's generative AI features.

Question m16 · Gemini, continued

- **Limitations:** This data is specific to Google. It currently focuses heavily on impressions and may not provide detailed click-through rates (CTR) or the specific queries that triggered the citation.

2. For ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, and Others: Use AI Citation Trackers

Since there is no universal dashboard for these models, you must use third-party **AI Citation Tracking tools**. These tools automate the process of "prompting" AI engines to see if they cite your brand or specific pages.

Top-rated tools in this category include:

- **Dedicated Trackers:** Platforms like **Qvery**, **Ansvisor**, **Indexly**, and **Otterly.ai** are specifically designed to monitor citations across multiple AI engines. They typically offer:
 - **URL-level reporting:** See exactly which of your pages are cited in answers.
 - **Prompt Monitoring:** Track which user questions trigger a citation for your site versus a competitor's.
 - **Competitor Benchmarking:** Compare your "AI share of voice" against competitors.
- **SEO Suite Add-ons:** Tools like **Semrush** and **Similarweb** have also integrated AI visibility and citation reporting features. These are often a good starting point if you already use these platforms for traditional SEO.

3. Manual Verification (For Low-Volume Monitoring)

If you do not want to invest in a paid tool, you can manually verify your visibility:

- **The "Test Prompt" Method:** Create a spreadsheet of high-value "buyer intent" questions relevant to your industry. Regularly enter these queries into ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini.
- **Log the Results:** Manually record whether your brand was mentioned, if a link was provided, and which page was cited. While time-consuming, this provides direct qualitative insight into *how* the AI is framing your brand.

Summary Checklist for Implementation

Step	Action	Tool/Method
1	Check Google Visibility	Use Google Search Console (Performance > Generative AI)
2	Monitor External AI	Choose an AI Citation Tracker (e.g., Qvery, Ansvisor, Indexly)
3	Analyze Traffic	Filter your GA4/Analytics to identify traffic coming from known AI referral domains (e.g., chatgpt.com, perplexity.ai)
4	Close the Gap	Use citation data to identify content that needs updates (e.g., better schema, clearer E-E-A-T signals)

Pro-Tip: Remember that being "cited" and receiving "traffic" are different. An AI may cite your page to provide a fact, even if the user never clicks the link. Prioritize tracking both **brand mentions** (for awareness) and **linked citations** (for traffic) to get a full picture of your AI visibility.

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RECOMMENDED Bing Webmaster Tools, Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit, GA4

To see which pages AI assistants cite most, combine **citation tracking** with **traffic analytics**—they measure different things:

1. Check Bing Webmaster Tools

If your site is verified there, look for the **AI Performance** report. It can show cited pages and queries associated with citations in supported Microsoft AI experiences. ⁹¹³

1. Use an AI citation tracker

Tools such as Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit or dedicated monitoring platforms can list your cited URLs and, in some cases, the prompts and answers where they appeared. Compare citation counts by URL and platform. ⁵¹²

1. Check analytics for visits from AI assistants

In GA4, review referral traffic from assistants and the landing pages those visitors reach. This tells you which pages AI is sending people to—not necessarily every page it cites, since many citations don't lead to a click. ⁶

1. Keep a simple recurring log

Choose a fixed set of questions customers might ask, check them across the assistants that matter, and record each cited URL, platform, question, and date. Repeat periodically so you can compare changes over time. ¹⁴¹⁵

A useful report is a table of **page URL**, **citation count**, **distinct prompts**, **platforms**, and **AI-referred sessions**. Treat counts as estimates: a tracker only observes the questions and platforms it checks, while analytics only records visits that reach your site.

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Affordable alternatives to enterprise AI brand monitoring platforms

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RECOMMENDED EyeOut

If you mean **AI-powered monitoring of public brand mentions**—social posts, forums, news, reviews, sentiment, and spikes—you can get useful coverage without an enterprise contract. A few options to consider:

Option	Current price / free option	Best fit
Google Alerts	Free	Basic web and news alerts; a simple starting point, but not full social listening or AI analysis.
Awario	Starter is listed at \$49/month or \$29/month billed annually ; free trial	Affordable keyword monitoring with Boolean search. Its pricing page lists 3 topics and up to 30,000 new mentions/month on Starter. (awario.com)
EyeOut	\$79/month monthly, or \$39/month billed yearly	Lower-cost option emphasizing AI sentiment and monitoring sources such as Reddit, news, forums, and podcasts. Its stated coverage is limited to publicly available mentions on those sources. (eyeout.com)
AI-search visibility trackers	Some start around \$29–\$49/month	For tracking how brands appear in ChatGPT, Perplexity, or other AI answers—not a replacement for traditional social/web listening. Check which AI engines and prompt limits are included. (citepack.com)
Brand24	Entry plan currently starts at \$199/month billed annually	A more capable small-team option if you need broader listening and AI analysis, though it may stretch a tight budget. (brand24.com)

My short take: Start with **Google Alerts** plus a **focused trial of Awario** if you mainly need mentions and alerts. Consider **EyeOut** if AI sentiment and its particular source mix fit your needs. If by “AI brand monitoring” you specifically mean **visibility inside AI-generated answers**, choose a dedicated AI-search tracker instead; those tools measure a different thing.

Before subscribing, test a few brand-name variations, product names, and common misspellings, then manually check whether the tool catches relevant mentions—and how much noise it returns. Prices and source access can vary, so confirm the plan details directly before budgeting.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Rankscale, Keyword.com, LLMrefs, Peec AI, Nightwatch, Writesonic, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Ahrefs Brand Radar, HubSpot AEO, Google Search Console, Bing Webmaster Tools, Gumshoe

Several affordable options exist, and most are priced a fraction of enterprise tools. Prices in these sources conflict and change often, so check each vendor's pricing page before deciding.

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Lowest-cost entry points

- **Otterly.AI** is the most cited budget pick. One source calls it the lowest-cost credible tracker in the category, and its entry plan is \$29 per month for 15 prompts across ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, and Microsoft Copilot. The tradeoff is that Claude is a paid add-on, and another review notes that \$189/mo (Standard) is the functional entry point for real tracking.
- **Rankscale** uses credit-based pricing from around \$20 a month, which suits smaller budgets.
- **Keyword.com** is another low-cost option, at \$16/month per one comparison, with citations, sentiment, and keyword triggers included.
- **LLMrefs** is positioned for tight budgets. One source says it at \$79/mo flat, it's one of the cleaner value-for-money options.

Mid-market tools with better value

- **Peec AI** is frequently recommended for teams. One review says it starts around EUR 89 a month with unlimited seats included, while another lists \$95/mo. Self-serve tiers typically limit engines, and Perplexity is a paid add-on.
- **Nightwatch** suits teams that also track classic SEO rankings. It is described as the only tool here that combines LLM brand monitoring, AI Share of Voice, citation tracking, citation-level sentiment, and traditional rank tracking in a single dashboard, with a starting price of \$32/month.
- **Writesonic** is listed at \$199/mo (annual).

If you already use an SEO suite

- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** is priced at \$99 a month per domain when billed annually. Its limits matter: 25 prompts included; extra prompts +50 for \$60/mo.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** pricing varies widely across sources, from \$199 per engine or \$699 bundled to \$398/mo. Confirm the current quote.
- **HubSpot AEO** is a standalone option at \$50/mo (\$45/mo annual), with a free trial.

Free or DIY approaches

- For a zero-cost start, one guide suggests Google Search Console and Bing Webmaster Tools, both free, plus a manual prompt panel you run by hand. It costs time instead of money.
- Pay-as-you-go tools exist too. One source mentions Gumshoe offers pay-as-you-go at \$0.10/conversation with the first 3 report runs free.

Tradeoffs to weigh

- Cheap plans usually cap the number of prompts and AI engines. One reviewer warns that the main trade-off is prompt volume. Lower tiers limit how many queries you can track simultaneously.
- Most lower-cost tools are pure monitors. One review notes that Otterly is a pure tracker; no recommendations or execution, so you'd need separate tools or manual work to act on findings.
- For agencies, look for seat-unlimited pricing. Peec AI and LLMrefs both offer unlimited seats, per one source.

Suggested starting points: Otterly.AI for the cheapest paid entry, Peec AI or LLMrefs for a balance of coverage and team access, and Semrush or Nightwatch if you already pay for SEO tooling. Run a free trial with your own prompt list before committing, because engine coverage is the factor most likely to differ from what the marketing pages suggest.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Profound, Moz AI Visibility, Brand24, Awario, Mention, Google Alerts **MENTIONED** Meltwater, Brandwatch

Finding an affordable brand monitoring platform today requires distinguishing between two distinct needs: **AI answer monitoring** (tracking where your brand appears in ChatGPT, Perplexity, etc.) and **traditional social listening** (tracking brand mentions across social media, news, and forums).

Many enterprise platforms bundle these together at a high cost, but specialized, budget-friendly tools can often solve your specific problem at a fraction of the price.

Recommended Affordable Alternatives

1. For AI Search & Visibility Monitoring

If your primary goal is to see if your brand is recommended or cited by AI search engines, consider these specialized, lower-cost tools:

- **Otterly.AI:** Highly regarded for its affordable entry point (starts at ~\$29/month). It focuses on tracking AI-powered answers across major engines like ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity.
- **Peec AI / Profound:** These are frequently recommended as budget-conscious alternatives for tracking AI citations and identifying visibility gaps without enterprise-level pricing.
- **Moz AI Visibility:** A specialized tool for tracking how your brand is being referenced within Large Language Models (LLMs).

2. For Traditional Social Listening & Media Monitoring

If you need to monitor social media, news, and forums, these tools are well-regarded for their balance of features and cost:

- **Brand24:** Often cited as a powerful, cost-effective alternative to enterprise suites. It provides solid AI-enhanced insights, sentiment analysis, and broad coverage of social media, blogs, and news.
- **Awario:** Excellent for budget-focused teams, offering straightforward tracking of web and social mentions with a very accessible starting price (often around \$29-\$39/month).
- **Mention:** Known for being user-friendly and more accessible than enterprise-heavy alternatives. It is a strong choice for small to mid-sized teams needing reliable alerts across the web and social channels.

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Summary Decision Framework

Before purchasing, clarify which "job" you are hiring the tool to do:

Need	Recommended Approach	Typical Price Range
AI Search Visibility	Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Moz AI Visibility	\$29 – \$200/mo
Social/Media Listening	Brand24, Awario, Mention	\$30 – \$200/mo
Full Enterprise Suite	Meltwater, Brandwatch	Custom (usually \$5k–\$25k+/yr)

Tips for Saving Money

- **Don't Over-Buy:** Many enterprise tools (like Meltwater or Brandwatch) include research depth or massive archives that small teams never use. Stick to tools that offer "frictionless" self-service rather than platforms that require expensive, white-glove onboarding.
- **Use Free Tools for Baselines:** If your needs are minimal, **Google Alerts** remains free and effective for basic web mention tracking.
- **Test Relevance Filtering:** If your brand name is a common word, ensure the tool has "Boolean" search or inclusion/exclusion filters. A cheap tool is only affordable if it doesn't waste your team's time filtering out spam.

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RECOMMENDED Google Alerts, Awario, BrandMentions, Brand24, Otterly.AI, LLMrefs

If by **AI brand monitoring** you mean tracking mentions across the web and social platforms, you can often avoid enterprise contracts with a combination of lower-cost listening tools and free alerts. If you mean tracking what ChatGPT and other AI assistants say about your brand, that's a separate category—look at the AI-visibility tools below.

For web and social mentions

- **Google Alerts – free.** A simple starting point for brand names, product names, and key people. It's basic web alerting, not full social listening or analytics.⁶

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- **Awario – about \$29/month billed annually, or \$49 month-to-month.** A budget option for monitoring social and web mentions; trade-offs include limited platform coverage compared with larger suites. Confirm current limits and sources during a trial. ¹³
- **BrandMentions – plans reported from roughly \$79–\$99/month.** A step up for web and social monitoring, alerts, sentiment, and competitor tracking. Pricing varies across current comparisons, so check the vendor's live pricing before deciding. ²⁵
- **Brand24 – about \$199/month billed annually, or \$249 month-to-month.** More analytics and source coverage, but its entry plan is still much pricier than the budget options. ⁸

For mentions in AI-generated answers

- **OtterlyAI – reported from \$29/month.** A lower-cost option for checking brand visibility in AI search and answer engines; compare prompt limits and which engines are included. ¹²
- **LLMrefs – reported from \$79/month, with a free plan.** Another AI-visibility option; check how much history and reporting the plan includes. ¹¹

Practical low-cost setup: Start with Google Alerts for broad web coverage, then add one paid tool that matches your main need: Awario or BrandMentions for social/web listening, or an AI-visibility tracker for responses from AI assistants. Test a few real queries and check source coverage, update frequency, mention limits, and export options before committing. Prices above are reported by third-party comparisons and may change. ¹⁵¹¹¹²

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AI visibility tool that tracks several brands for one company

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RECOMMENDED Birdeye AI Search, Rankshift, Diploria AI

For tracking **several brands under one company**, take a look at:

- **Birdeye AI Search** – Its enterprise setup lets you manage multiple brands, tie each to its own domain, and report on visibility by brand. (support.birdeye.com)
- **Rankshift** – Says you can monitor multiple brands from one account across AI platforms including ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity. (rankshift.ai)
- **Diploria AI** – Supports multiple brands in one account, with separate prompts, markets, and reports for each. (diploria.ai)

If you mean **one company with several sub-brands** (rather than an agency managing different clients), Birdeye's explicit brand-and-domain setup looks especially relevant. Check whether its plans fit your brand count before choosing.

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RECOMMENDED SE Visible, Rankscale, Semrush Enterprise AIO, Profound, Peec AI MENTIONED AI Visibility Toolkit NEGATIVE Slate, Chatbeat

Several AI visibility tools let one account track multiple brands. The best fit depends on whether your brands are separate product lines, or whether you're an agency with separate clients.

Strong candidates for multiple brands in one account:

- **SE Visible (SE Ranking):** Reviewers describe it as built for teams handling several brands, with shared access, exports, and source-level investigation. Its coverage includes ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Google AI Overviews, and AI Mode.
- **Rankscale:** It lets you track and optimize the AI search visibility of multiple brand presences within one account. It covers a broad set of engines, including ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews.
- **Semrush Enterprise AIO:** It supports large-scale prompt tracking (hundreds or thousands across all major LLMs), multi-brand reporting, regional segmentation, and API integrations for internal dashboards. Pricing is custom. The cheaper entry point, the AI Visibility Toolkit, starts at \$99/month per domain, so check whether per-domain pricing multiplies with your brand count.
- **Profound:** It's a premium option, but one reviewer notes that managing multiple companies from one account requires an agency or Enterprise plan. Expect custom pricing and a sales process.

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- **Peec AI:** Reviewers describe it as best for agencies tracking many brands and prompt sets. Check its project and prompt allowances.

Probably overkill or mismatched:

- **Slate** is built around agencies. Its own listing notes that solo brand teams or in-house marketers managing a single brand may find the multi-client architecture more than they need. It may also fit poorly if you're a single company with several brands rather than an agency.
- **Chatbeat** on its entry plan includes 30 prompts and 1 project, which growing teams can quickly outgrow.

Before you commit, confirm the brand and project limits on the plan you'd actually buy, since these tools often price by prompts, projects, or engines. Pricing and features change often, so check current vendor pages.

If you tell me roughly how many brands you track, your budget, and which AI engines matter most, I can narrow this to one or two options.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, SearchEye (Enterprise), Botric, BrandVisibility.ai, Cometly, Meltwater, GenAI Lens, Brandwatch

MENTIONED Trajaan

For a company managing multiple brands, the choice of an AI visibility tool depends on whether you need to track **how AI search engines (like ChatGPT or Perplexity) represent your brands or general media/social mentions** across your portfolio.

For enterprise-level needs where you must manage multiple brands from a single platform, the following tools are highly regarded as of late 2026:

1. Dedicated AI Visibility & Search Tracking

If your primary goal is to ensure your brands appear (and are accurately described) in AI-generated answers, you need tools specifically built for **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)**.

- **Profound:** Frequently cited as a top-tier choice for enterprise budgets. It offers robust data and dashboards capable of handling complex needs for public companies or organizations with significant scale.
- **SearchEye (Enterprise):** Specifically designed for organizations operating multiple brands or markets. It offers "enterprise brand team" features, including multi-brand governance, approval chains, audit history, and managed publisher execution.
- **Botric:** Highly recommended for teams that want to go beyond monitoring to active optimization. It provides multi-engine visibility tracking and includes a "Content Agent" that helps turn identified visibility gaps into publish-ready content.
- **BrandVisibility.ai:** Allows for uploading large volumes of queries to track visibility across multiple AI platforms, offering competitive analysis and actionable content recommendations to improve your rankings.

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2. Multi-Brand Enterprise Platforms

If you need a "single pane of glass" to manage performance, attribution, or media monitoring across a portfolio, these platforms are better suited for broader organizational needs:

- **Cometly:** Excellent for marketing teams managing several brands; its "multi-workspace architecture" allows you to maintain complete separation between brands while providing unified, rollup views for portfolio-level analysis.
- **Meltwater (with GenAI Lens):** A leader in media intelligence. It is well-suited for enterprise teams that need to combine traditional media/social monitoring with AI visibility tracking through their "GenAI Lens" product.
- **Brandwatch:** Best for enterprise-level social listening and consumer intelligence. While its AI visibility features (via the Trajaan add-on) are secondary to its core social suite, it remains a powerhouse for large organizations needing deep sentiment and trend analysis across multiple brands.

Key Criteria for Choosing Your Tool

When selecting a tool for multiple brands, prioritize those that offer these specific enterprise features:

- **Multi-Workspace Architecture:** Ensure the tool allows for dedicated environments for each brand so that data, alerts, and permissions remain separated while still being reportable at the company level.
- **Role-Based Access & SSO:** Avoid tools that require "shared logins." Enterprise-grade platforms should offer SSO and granular permissions for team members.
- **Actionable "Gap" Analysis:** The most valuable tools in 2026 do not just provide charts showing "where you rank"; they provide corrective actions (e.g., "update this specific page to be cited by Perplexity") to help you close the visibility gap.
- **Multi-Engine Coverage:** A robust AI strategy must go beyond ChatGPT. Look for tools that track your presence across **Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, Gemini, and Claude.**

Summary Recommendation

- **For pure AI visibility and GEO optimization across a brand portfolio:** Look at **SearchEye (Enterprise)** or **Botric.**
- **For broad media/social monitoring and PR intelligence:** Look at **Meltwater.**
- **For marketing attribution and cross-brand performance comparison:** Look at **Cometly.**

Note: Before purchasing, request a demo specifically focusing on "multi-brand rollup reporting," as many entry-level AI visibility tools are designed for single-domain use and may hit a "platform wall" when scaling to multiple business units.

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RECOMMENDED SE Visible, Vista AI, Semrush, Peec AI

SE Visible by SE Ranking looks like a strong fit if you want to track several brands under one company: it supports multiple brands in a shared workspace, with pricing reported at **\$79/month for three brands and 150 prompts**. It tracks visibility across ChatGPT, Gemini, Google AI Mode, and Perplexity.³⁹

Other options:

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- **Vista AI** – designed for tracking a company's brands, subsidiaries, or product lines in one workspace, with separate query sets and reports; enterprise pricing is available. ⁴
- **Semrush** – offers multi-client monitoring, but its toolkit is priced per domain, so costs may rise as you add brands. ¹²
- **Peec AI** – lets teams separate brands into workspaces and is described as suitable for tracking multiple brands; check its current plan limits and pricing. ¹⁴

For a straightforward starting point, I'd compare **SE Visible** and **Vista AI** based on how many brands and prompts you need.

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What should a brand track first when it starts measuring AI search visibility?

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MENTIONED Search Console

Start with **mention rate across a fixed set of real customer questions**—not a giant blended “AI visibility score.”

1. **Build a prompt set:** 20–50 non-branded questions people ask when exploring your category, comparing options, or choosing a product. Keep the wording and set consistent over time.
2. **Track whether the brand appears:** the share of sampled answers that mention you. Record competitors too, so you can see your share of voice—not just your raw mention count.
3. **Log the context:** was the mention accurate, positive or negative, and was your brand recommended or merely listed?
4. **Track citations separately:** note whether the answer links to your site, and which pages or outside sources it cites. A mention builds awareness; a citation shows your content is being used as a source.
5. **Check business impact:** monitor AI-platform referral visits and conversions in analytics, plus branded-search trends. OpenAI says ChatGPT referrals include a `utm_source=chatgpt.com` parameter, which can help identify that traffic. (help.openai.com)

Keep the platform, prompt, location, and measurement cadence as consistent as you can; AI answers vary, so a one-off check is a weak baseline. And don't expect one metric to cover every surface: Google's AI-feature visibility has historically been included in broader Search Console reporting, while ChatGPT referral traffic is measurable separately. (developers.google.com)

If you only start with three numbers: mention rate, citation rate, and AI-referred conversions.

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BRANDS READ none

The most common advice is to start with a fixed set of prompts and check whether your brand appears in the answers. Measure that before anything else.

1. **Presence across a fixed prompt set.** One source suggests starting by tracking a small cluster of 5–25 prompts that represent your core topics, which shows where you have presence gaps. Another defines the core number as the percentage of tested prompts where your brand name appears anywhere in the AI-generated answer. Because answers vary from run to run, one source warns that metrics are estimates from repeated prompt sampling, so they should be tracked over time and per model, never from a single answer.

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- 2. Platforms to cover.** Pick the AI tools your audience actually uses. One guide lists ChatGPT (general discovery), Gemini (Google ecosystem), Microsoft Copilot (enterprise users), and Perplexity (research-driven queries) as starting points.
- 3. Competitive context.** A raw mention count is hard to read on its own. Share of voice against rivals adds that context, and one source recommends pairing citation frequency with citation share for this reason.
- 4. Citations and sources.** Once presence is clear, check which sources the AI uses to back up its answers. Citations help show whether the model trusts your content enough to mention you at all.
- 5. Business link.** Later, connect visibility to outcomes. Track AI referral traffic separately in analytics, and watch branded search and conversions to see whether visibility translates into demand.
- In short, a brand should first measure whether it appears in answers to a small, fixed set of core prompts, across the main platforms, on a repeated schedule. Everything else builds on that baseline.

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MENTIONED GSC, GA4

- When a brand begins measuring AI search visibility, the first thing it should track is its **baseline visibility rate across a fixed, representative set of prompts**.
- Because AI search does not function like a traditional, rank-based search engine, you cannot simply look at a single "ranking" position. Instead, you must establish a repeatable, objective way to see if your brand is being "called" by the AI when users ask questions relevant to your business.
- 1. The First Step: Establishing Your Baseline**
- Before investing in complex tools, you need to understand your current standing.
- **Create a "Prompt Set":** Compile 20–30 real questions your target audience asks. These should span the entire customer journey, from awareness (e.g., "What is the best way to [solve problem]?") to decision-making (e.g., "[Brand A] vs. [Brand B]").
 - **Manual Audit:** Run these prompts across major AI engines (ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, Gemini).
 - **Log the Results:** Record whether your brand is mentioned, cited, or recommended. This manual log is the most important "first" step because it creates a grounded, traceable reality that dashboards might smooth over.
- 2. Core Metrics to Track**
- Once you have your baseline, focus on these three primary KPIs to understand your performance:

Metric	What it measures	Why it matters
Visibility Rate	How often your brand appears in AI answers for your prompts.	Tells you if the AI model "knows" you and considers you relevant.

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Metric	What it measures	Why it matters
Citation Share	How often the AI links directly to your website as a source.	Signals trust and authority, and is the primary driver of direct traffic from AI.
Share of Voice	Your mentions vs. your competitors' mentions.	Benchmarks your competitive position in AI-driven discovery.

3. Why Traditional Metrics Aren't Enough

It is critical to remember that **AI search visibility** is a "zero-click" or "low-click" environment.

- **Don't rely on GSC/GA4 alone:** Traditional analytics often misattribute AI-driven traffic (e.g., tagging it as "Direct" or "Organic" rather than "AI Referral").
- **Mind the gap:** A brand can rank #1 in traditional Google search results but be entirely missing from the AI answer that appears above those links. Measuring AI visibility separately ensures you aren't optimizing for a "blue link" world that is increasingly being bypassed.

Recommendation: Start by manually tracking a fixed prompt set weekly. Once you have enough data to identify trends, you can justify moving to a dedicated AI visibility platform to scale the process and track more complex metrics like **Sentiment** (how the AI describes your brand) or **Answer Position**.

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Start with a **small, repeatable set of customer-relevant prompts**—the questions people ask when comparing options, looking for recommendations, or trying to solve a problem. Then track:

1. **Brand mention rate:** In what share of those AI answers does your brand appear?
2. **Owned citations:** How often does the answer link to your site, and which pages does it cite?
3. **Competitive share of voice:** How often do you appear compared with the same competitors on the same prompts?
4. **Accuracy and context:** Is the brand described correctly, and is the description positive or negative?

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Run the same prompts across the AI platforms that matter to your audience, and record the platform, prompt, date, mentions, and cited URLs. That consistency makes changes meaningful. Once you have a baseline, add **AI-referred visits and conversions** in your analytics; referral traffic is useful, but it's a downstream measure and may be undercounted when platforms don't pass referral data.³⁴⁵

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AI visibility tools with a free trial that doesn't need a card

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RECOMMENDED Lindle, MaxAEO, Baarely, LLMMonitor, GEOflux, Citevana, AI Search Visibility

Here are some **AI brand-visibility tools you can try without entering a credit card**:

Tool	Free access	Best fit
Lindle	One-month trial; no card; daily refreshes and a starting audit	A longer, guided trial (lindle.ai)
MaxAEO	7-day trial; no card	Quick setup and tracking across several AI engines (maxaeo.ai)
Baarely	7 days; no card; one brand, up to 25 questions, and a scan	A small, clearly scoped trial (baarely.com)
LLMMonitor	Free trial; no card; up to 3 prompts and 2 scans	A quick, limited test (llmonitor.io)
GEOflux	Free tier with no card; also offers a separate 14-day trial	Ongoing lightweight monitoring rather than just a trial (geoflux.ai)

My shortlist: Try **Lindle** if you want a month to evaluate, or **GEOflux** if you want a free tier that can continue. For a quick snapshot, **Baarely** or **LLMMonitor** look straightforward.

If you mean **website audits** rather than ongoing brand tracking, **Citevana** advertises a free plan with no card, while **AI Search Visibility** offers five free audits per month. (citevana.com)

Free-trial limits and terms can change, so check the signup page before creating an account.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Visibility AI, Scrunch AI, LLMrefs, Knowatoa, DeepSmith, Search Atlas, Frase, SE Ranking, AIShortlist, Hall AI, Semrush AI Visibility Checker, AI Search Grader

Several AI visibility tools offer a trial without a card. The most consistent options from the results:

Free trials with no card (per vendor pages or reviews):

- **Otterly.AI:** A 7-day trial that tracks ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, and other engines. Its own site says no card is needed, and its entry paid plan is cited at \$29/month. One review page said the trial terms were unclear, so confirm at signup. Otterly provides a 7-day free trial for new users, with no credit card needed.

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- **Visibility AI:** Every plan starts with a 7-day free trial. No credit card is required, and you add your brand and it scans on day one.
- **Scrunch AI:** A 7-day free trial with no credit card required on the Core plan, which is listed at \$250/mo for one brand workspace.
- **LLMrefs:** A 7-day trial with no credit card, covering the full All-in-One feature set for the evaluation window.
- **Knowatoa:** A free 60-second audit shows where your brand stands across ChatGPT, AI Overviews, and AI Mode, and the trial turns that snapshot into ongoing tracking. It has no card requirement.
- **DeepSmith:** A 7-day free trial with a real workspace, tracked prompts, and data, with no credit card to start.
- **Search Atlas:** A one-time snapshot with no credit card, plus a Growth 7-day trial.
- **Frase:** A 7-day free trial with no card, and its tracking also connects to content fixes.

Free trials or free tiers that need no card for the check itself:

- **SE Ranking:** A free 14-day trial to track your brand's AI visibility in more detail. Its free checker is limited to a few runs per day.
- **AIShortlist:** A free trial with 10 questions across three engines, no card.
- **Hall AI:** A free tier with 1 project and 25 questions.

Free one-off checkers (no account needed, not ongoing tracking):

- **Semrush AI Visibility Checker:** Free three times per day without an account.
- **HubSpot's AI Search Grader:** A free one-time check.

Tips:

- Trial terms change often, and most of these claims come from vendor pages or review sites, so check the pricing page before you sign up.
- Some trials are only a snapshot. If you want ongoing monitoring, check how many prompts and engines the trial includes.
- If you tell me your brand's category and which engines matter most to you, I can narrow this down.

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RECOMMENDED Google Search Console, Bing Webmaster Tools

To find AI visibility tools—which track your brand's presence, citations, and "share of voice" in AI-powered search results like ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews—several options offer trials or free tiers that do not require a credit card.

AI Visibility Tools (No Credit Card Required)

These tools are specifically designed to monitor how your brand appears in AI-generated answers.

- **LLMrefs:** Offers a 7-day free trial that requires **no credit card**. It provides access to their full "All-in-One" feature set, covering a wide range of engines including ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Gemini, Perplexity, and more.
- **ZipTie:** Provides a 7-day trial that does not require a credit card. It focuses on brand mentions, citations, and sentiment across seven major AI engines.
- **Rankry:** Offers a 7-day free trial without a credit card, allowing you to test tracking across major AI engines like ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, and Perplexity.
- **Omnia:** Provides a 14-day free trial with no credit card required to access their AI visibility tracking, prompt discovery, and insight tools.
- **Dageno (Brand Explorer) (dageno.com):** Offers a "free forever" version of their Brand Explorer and Brand Overview tools with no credit card and no trial expiration.

Free Audits & Starting Points

If you just need a quick look at your current standing rather than ongoing monitoring, these tools are completely free with no signup or card:

- **AI Search Grader (HubSpot) (hubspot.com):** A lightweight audit tool that provides an instant check of your brand's AI search presence. It requires no account or credit card.
- **AdAmigo AI Search Visibility Audit (adamigo.ai):** A 100% free tool that audits your brand's AI search presence, including mentions and sentiment, without a trial or paywall.
- **Google & Bing Native Tools:** Google Search Console and Bing Webmaster Tools now include native reporting on how your site appears in AI Overviews and Copilot results. These are free, reliable starting points for any website owner.

Important Distinctions

When choosing, keep these categories in mind:

- **Free Trial:** Usually time-boxed (e.g., 7–14 days) and gives you full access to the product.
- **Free Tier:** A standing, ongoing "free forever" version that may have usage limits (like a set number of keywords or prompts).
- **Free Audit:** A one-time snapshot of your brand's data; useful for quick checks but does not provide ongoing tracking.

Always verify the current terms on the provider's website before signing up, as pricing and trial policies in the AI space can update frequently.

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RECOMMENDEDVisibility AI, Surva.ai, SE Visible, Advanced Web Ranking, AI Visibility, Frase

Here are AI visibility tools whose listings explicitly say you can start without a credit card:

Tool	What you get	No-card offer
Visibility AI	Ongoing brand tracking across AI engines, with competitor-gap insights	7-day full-featured trial; no card required ¹²
Surva.ai	Tracks AI answers across five engines, plus competitor gaps and site audits	7-day trial; no card required ⁵
SE Visible by SE Ranking	AI-search citation and mention tracking	10-day trial; no card required ¹¹
Advanced Web Ranking	AI search visibility tracking within its SEO platform	7-day trial; no card required ⁸
AI Visibility	Free Starter plan with ChatGPT and Gemini scans	Free to start; no card required. The page advertises this offer through October 31, 2026 ⁴

If you only need a **one-time check** rather than ongoing tracking, **AdAmigo's AI Search Visibility Audit** is free and says it requires neither a card nor a trial signup⁹. Frase also offers free AI visibility checks, with a ChatGPT result available without signup¹⁵.

Trial terms can change, so check the signup page before creating an account.

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Track whether Perplexity cites my blog posts, and tell me which ones

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BRANDS READ none

I can check your posts for Perplexity citations when you ask, but I can't monitor them continuously or send alerts in the background.

Send me your blog's URL or domain, and I can help identify which posts are being cited. For ongoing tracking, you'd need a citation-monitoring tool or a regular set of Perplexity searches; results can vary by query and over time. (hamitahm.com)

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RECOMMENDED Rankability, Beamtrace, GA4

I can't check Perplexity directly, and I don't have your blog's URL, so I can't tell you which posts it cites yet. Here are two ways to get that answer.

Option 1: Check manually (free)

Perplexity has no Search Console equivalent. You track Perplexity by asking it the same buyer questions every month, recording which pages it cites and which companies it names. Make a list of 20 or so questions your posts answer, run each one twice, and log the cited URLs. Rerun each prompt 2-4 times to check for consistency and citation rate, since answers vary between runs.

Option 2: Use a tracking tool

Several paid tools automate this. For example, Rankability scans Perplexity on your keywords automatically and tells you, every day, which URLs it's linking to. Beamtrace offers a 14-day trial on all plans, and you add your domain or specific URLs, and then we will monitor when Perplexity includes them as sources.

Option 3: Check your analytics

You can see Perplexity referral traffic in GA4. Set up a segment where the referrer contains "perplexity.ai". This shows visits from Perplexity, but not which answers cited you.

If you send me your blog URL and the topics or questions your posts cover, I can search for how Perplexity currently answers those questions and see which of your pages show up. Keep in mind that search results only show a sample of answers, so I can't give you a complete citation history.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Otterly.AI, Ansvisor, SE Ranking, Semrush, Google Analytics 4

Perplexity does not provide an official, built-in dashboard for creators to track which of their blog posts are cited. Because Perplexity operates as a real-time "answer engine," it retrieves and references content dynamically based on the specific query, meaning there is no static "ranking" or "backlink" list you can check in a standard analytics console.

However, you can track this information using a mix of manual methods and specialized third-party tools.

1. Manual Tracking (The Baseline Method)

Since Perplexity is transparent about its sources (it displays numbered, clickable citations), you can manually audit your visibility:

- **Create a "Gold Standard" Prompt Set:** Identify 20–30 common questions your customers ask that your blog posts are designed to answer.
- **Run Consistent Tests:** Periodically enter these questions into Perplexity and check the "Sources" section of the generated answer.
- **Log the Results:** Keep a spreadsheet recording the prompt, whether your domain appears, and—crucially— which specific URL was cited. This helps you see if specific pages are "citation-worthy" or if your site is being ignored.

2. Specialized AI Tracking Tools

If you need to scale your tracking, several tools are designed specifically to monitor AI citations (often called "Generative Engine Optimization" or GEO tools). These tools automate the process of running prompts and logging whether your site appears in the source list.

Popular options in this space include:

- **Dedicated AI Trackers:** Tools like **Profound**, **Otterly.ai**, and **Ansvisor** are built to track citations across platforms like Perplexity, ChatGPT, and Google AI Overviews.
- **SEO-Integrated Tools:** Some broader SEO platforms (like **SE Ranking** or **Semrush**) have begun integrating AI citation detection features.
- **Free/Lightweight Options:** Many providers offer a "free audit" where you can enter your domain to see an initial snapshot of your current citation profile.

3. Monitoring Traffic (Indirect Tracking)

You can also monitor the "results" of these citations in your existing analytics:

- **Check Referrer Data:** In Google Analytics 4 (GA4), you can set up a custom report to filter for traffic where the Session source/medium contains "perplexity".
- **Analyze Landing Pages:** By viewing which landing pages receive this "perplexity.ai" referral traffic, you can infer which of your blog posts are being cited frequently enough to drive clicks.

Question t01 · Gemini, continued

Pro-Tips for Improving Visibility

- **Ensure Crawlability:** Check your server logs for PerplexityBot. If you have blocked this bot in your robots.txt file, Perplexity will not be able to index or cite your content.
- **Focus on "Answer" Content:** Perplexity favors pages that provide clear, direct answers to specific user intent. Structuring your blog posts with concise summaries and clear headings can improve your chances of being selected as a source.
- **Don't Confuse Mentions with Citations:** An AI might "mention" your brand in the text, but a "citation" is the official numbered link at the bottom. Only the latter is typically tracked by these tools and provides a direct path for referral traffic.

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Yes—I can help track which of your blog posts Perplexity cites, but I'll need your **blog URL or domain** and a set of topics or questions you want monitored. I don't have enough information yet to identify your posts.

Perplexity's answers include links to their sources, so we can check a consistent set of relevant questions and record the exact cited URLs over time.¹² For ongoing monitoring, run the same prompts on a regular schedule and log the cited pages; specialized monitoring tools can automate that process.⁵⁶

Send me your blog URL and, if you have them, a few example questions your readers might ask. I can help set up a practical tracking list.

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How do I see which competitors AI assistants recommend instead of us for one specific use case?

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RECOMMENDED Measure, Searchscope

Use an **AI visibility tracker**: define the exact buyer question for your use case, run it across assistants, then compare which brands each one recommends.

A practical way to do it:

1. **Write several versions of the use-case prompt**, such as “What’s the best [type of product] for [specific job]?” and “Compare options for [job] if [constraint].”
2. **Test them in ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, and any other assistants your buyers use.** Record which competitors appear, their order, and what reasons or sources the assistant gives. One response is only a snapshot, so repeat the same prompts over time.
3. **For ongoing tracking, use a platform that reports results prompt by prompt**—including competitor mentions, recommendation position, cited sources, and changes across assistants. Tools such as Measure and Searchscope describe these kinds of tracking; compare their supported platforms and features before choosing. (measure.co)

The key is to keep the prompt tied to **one specific use case**. Broad “best products in this category” queries can mix in competitors who aren’t actually competing for that customer. Look for a tool that preserves the exact answer, not just a single overall visibility score. (apify.com)

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RECOMMENDED Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Peec AI, Otterly.AI, Profound, LLM Pulse brand mention checker, AEO Engine visibility checker

The most direct approach is to run prompts for your specific use case through AI assistants and record which competitors they name. You can do this by hand or with a monitoring tool.

Manual method

1. **Write use-case prompts.** Phrase them the way a buyer would, with your use case in the question and no brand named. Examples: "best [category] for [use case]," "what tool would you recommend for [problem]," and "[competitor] alternatives." One source suggests a set of 15 to 20 prompts that cover category, problem-solution, and comparison questions. Build a set of fifteen to twenty prompts that mirror how real buyers ask, spanning branded questions (your company and product names), category questions ("best [category] tools"), problem-solution questions (a pain point with no brand named), and comparison questions (you versus a named competitor).

Question t02 · Claude, continued

2. **Run each prompt several times on each assistant.** Answers vary between runs, so one answer proves little. One guide advises running each prompt 3 to 5 times on ChatGPT and Perplexity, and checking Gemini and Claude as well if your buyers use them.
3. **Log every competitor named, in order.** Record the brands mentioned, where each one appears in the response, and the sources cited. For each prompt, it is advisable to document the brands mentioned. Order of appearance is also worth recording. Adding the cited sources shows you which pages are driving those recommendations.
4. **Count frequency.** Divide the number of runs in which each competitor appears by the total runs. That gives you a rate you can compare across competitors and over time. Repeat the same prompts monthly to see movement.

Tools that automate this

Several platforms run your prompt set on a schedule and report which competitors appear. Examples include Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit, which tracks up to 9 competitors simultaneously, and Ahrefs Brand Radar, which covers prompts across brands, competitors, and topics. Other options include Peec AI, Otterly.AI, and Profound. Some tools also show which topics a rival owns, not only whether it outranks you overall. For a free one-off check, the LLM Pulse brand mention checker and the AEO Engine visibility checker can compare your domain against a few competitors.

Tips

- Test specific use cases, not just the broad category, because the competitors that appear can shift a lot between narrow and broad queries.
- Check regions and languages if you sell in more than one market.
- Look at the sources the assistants cite when they name a competitor. Those pages show where the recommendation comes from.

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RECOMMENDED Ahrefs Brand Radar, Amplitude AI Visibility, Beamtrace, Peec AI, Cognizo, Sight AI

To see which competitors AI assistants recommend instead of you, you need to shift from traditional SEO tracking to **AI Visibility Monitoring**. Because AI models synthesize answers rather than providing a list of blue links, you cannot rely on standard search rankings.

Here is how to uncover which competitors are winning these recommendations, ranging from a manual "do-it-yourself" method to professional tracking tools.

1. The Manual "Buyer Journey" Audit (Free & Fast)

If you want a quick pulse check, you can perform a manual audit. However, because AI answers are "stochastic" (they change from one session to the next), a single check is often unreliable.

Question t02 · Gemini, continued

- **Define your "Buyer Prompts":** Draft 5–8 high-intent questions your ideal customers ask.
 - *Direct:* "Which [your product category] do you recommend for [niche/use case]?"
 - *Comparison:* "Compare [your product] and [competitor product] for [use case]."
 - *Problem-based:* "How do I solve [problem your product solves]?"
- **Use Fresh Sessions:** Open a private or "incognito" browser window for each query to ensure previous conversation history doesn't bias the result.
- **Record in a Table:** Create a spreadsheet tracking:
 - **Prompt**
 - **AI Engine** (e.g., ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity)
 - **Brands Named** (Who is recommended?)
 - **Citation Source** (What website did the AI pull that recommendation from?)

2. Specialized AI Visibility Tools (For Continuous Tracking)

Manual checks are difficult to scale. To get accurate data on trends and competitor positioning, use dedicated monitoring platforms. These tools automate the process of querying various models and tracking which competitors appear, how often, and why.

- **What they track:**
 - **Visibility Score:** How often your brand appears versus your rivals.
 - **Citation Analysis:** They identify exactly which websites or articles are fueling your competitors' recommendations. This is key; if a competitor is recommended because of a specific Reddit thread or listicle, you know exactly where to take action.
 - **Prompt-Level Performance:** They break down which specific use cases or questions favor your competitors.
- **Popular options include:**
 - **Free/Freemium options:** Tools like **Ahrefs Brand Radar** or **Amplitude AI Visibility** provide free entry points to check brand mentions.
 - **Specialized Platforms:** Platforms like **Beamtrace**, **Peec AI**, **Cognizo**, and **Sight AI** are built specifically to monitor and optimize for AI search.

3. How to Turn Insights into Action

Once you identify the competitors being recommended, don't just watch the leaderboard—investigate the "why".

- **Analyze the Wording:** Does the AI describe them as the "leader," "affordable," or "best for enterprise"? Match or counter that positioning in your own content.
- **Check the Citations:** Look at the URLs the AI cites for your competitors. If they are winning because of a third-party review, blog, or forum post, you may need to improve your presence on those same platforms or earn your own mentions there.
- **Optimize Your Own Content:** Ensure your website content clearly answers the questions you identified in your audit. Use clear headings, FAQ sections, and structured data (Schema) to make it easier for AI crawlers to understand your expertise.

Pro Tip: Treat AI visibility as a "channel" rather than a "rank." If a competitor is being named, it's usually because they have an authoritative page or third-party content that the AI trusts for that specific query. Focus your effort on building that authoritative footprint.

Question t02 · Gemini, continued

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BRANDS READ none

Treat this as a **prompt-level competitor audit**:

1. **Define the use case precisely.** For example: “project-management software for small remote agencies” rather than just “project-management software.”
2. **Write a small, fixed set of buyer-style questions** about that use case. Try a few phrasings, such as:
 - “What are the best [category] tools for [use case]?”
 - “Which [category] product would you recommend for [constraint]?”
 - “Compare options for [use case] and explain the trade-offs.”
 - “What are alternatives to [competitor] for [use case]?”
3. **Run the same questions in each assistant you care about**—for example, ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Claude. Record the answers separately; assistants can recommend different brands for the same question, and results can shift over time.¹²¹⁴
4. **Track who gets recommended and how.** Note whether you’re included, which competitors appear, the order and rationale, and any links or cited sources. Those citations can reveal which pages or publications are shaping the recommendation.¹²
5. **Repeat on a regular schedule** with the same prompts. A one-off check is only a snapshot; consistent prompts make changes easier to spot.¹²

For a one-time check, a spreadsheet works. For ongoing monitoring, AI visibility or AEO tools let you track a set of prompts across assistants and compare brand mentions, competitor share of voice, and citations over time.²⁵ The key is to filter the report to **your specific use case**—broad brand visibility can hide the fact that competitors are winning one important buying scenario.

Question t02 · Perplexity, continued

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How do I see which review sites AI chatbots rely on in my industry?

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NEGATIVE Search Console

The most reliable way is to run a small **citation audit** for the questions people in your industry actually ask—not rely on a generic list of “AI-trusted” review sites. The sources vary by chatbot, question wording, and run, and ChatGPT shows clickable citations when it uses web search. (help.openai.com)

Try this audit

1. **Write 15–30 realistic prompts** a customer might ask, such as:

- “What are the best [product/service] companies for [need]?”
- “Compare [your company] with [competitor].”
- “Which [industry] providers have the best reviews for [specific use case]?”
- “Is [company] worth it? What are the pros and cons?”

1. **Test them in the chatbots your customers use.** Turn on web search where available, and record the date, prompt, chatbot, answer, and every cited URL. Don’t count uncited claims as a cited source.

1. **Make a simple spreadsheet** with columns for:

Prompt | Chatbot | Cited page | Domain | Source type | Your brand mentioned?

Label source types such as review site, directory, forum, news/article, analyst, or company website. For review sites, capture the *specific page* too—an industry comparison article can be more relevant than a platform’s general homepage.

1. **Repeat the same prompts** on another day or two. Treat your results as a sample, not a definitive ranking: answers and citations can change between runs. (searchengineland.com)

1. **Rank the domains** by how often they appear, and note which questions they show up for. Prioritize sites that recur across multiple prompts and chatbots, especially in “best,” “compare,” and “reviews” queries.

You can do this manually for a first pass. AI-visibility tools can automate repeated prompts and citation collection, but compare their platform coverage and methodology before paying; their results depend on the prompts they track. For Google, Search Console now has a generative-AI performance report, but that’s about links to **your own site** in Google AI features—not a complete audit of every review site chatbots cite. (searchintel.tech)

If you tell me your industry and a few competitors, I can draft a starter set of audit prompts.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Surfer's AI Tracker, Peec AI, Profound, Scrunch, SE Visible, Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit **MENTIONED** Trustpilot, Gartner Peer Insights, G2, Capterra, Software Advice, TrustRadius, Yelp, Tripadvisor, Clutch, Healthgrades, Zocdoc, Avvo, Justia, FindLaw, Houzz, Angi, HomeAdvisor

The most direct way is to run the questions your buyers ask through the AI tools and record which domains they cite. Tracking tools can automate this, and published studies give you industry benchmarks to compare against.

1. Check industry benchmarks first

Several 2026 studies list the review sites AI engines cite most. Seer Interactive's study of more than 800,000 AI responses found that Trustpilot was cited most often across ChatGPT, Google AI Mode, Gemini, and Perplexity (For this study, we analyzed ChatGPT, Google AI Mode, Gemini, and Perplexity. We found Trustpilot is the most frequently cited review website, and by sizable margins.). For software, an analysis of AI Overviews put Gartner Peer Insights, G2, Capterra, Software Advice, and TrustRadius at the top, with Gartner first at 26.0% of review-platform links (Gartner Peer Insights, G2, Capterra, Software Advice, and TrustRadius account for 88% of all review platform links.). Each industry tends to have its own sites: Yelp and Tripadvisor for local businesses and hospitality, Trustpilot for consumer services, G2 and Clutch for software and B2B services. Healthcare, legal, and home services have their own lists too, such as Healthgrades and Zocdoc, Avvo, Justia and FindLaw, and Houzz, Angi and HomeAdvisor (per the table in source 1).

2. Check your own category by hand (free)

- Write 20–50 questions a buyer would type, such as "best [your category] for small teams" or "is [your brand] legit."
- Run them in ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google (AI Overviews appear in search results).
- Note every source cited and tally the review domains. Repeat monthly, since results change.

3. Use a tool that logs cited domains

Several tools automate this and show which domains and URLs get cited:

- **Otterly.ai** tracks all cited URLs and source domains in AI responses for the prompts you set, and it can show trends against competitors.
- **Surfer's AI Tracker** evaluates a set of prompts and identifies which domains are being cited or referenced when those prompts are answered.
- **Peec AI, Profound, Scrunch, and SE Visible** also track citations across major engines, with varying price points and coverage. Profound is often described as the enterprise option.
- **Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit** is an option if you already use Semrush for SEO.

Start with a free trial or a small prompt set, since the tools differ in which engines they cover by default.

Caveats

- The published studies use different methods, sample sizes, and time windows, so their rankings don't fully agree. Treat them as directional.
- Citation patterns differ by platform. One analysis found that Perplexity 31%, Google AI Overviews 13%, ChatGPT about 7% for citations from social and community sites, so check each engine separately.
- Your own prompt list matters most. Industry-wide data helps less than seeing which sites appear for the questions your customers actually ask.

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RECOMMENDED DeepSmith, Profound, Ahrefs Brand Radar **MENTIONED** Trustpilot, Google Business Profile, Apple Maps

To determine which review sites and sources AI chatbots rely on in your industry, you must move beyond traditional SEO tools and focus on **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)**—the practice of analyzing and influencing how AI models retrieve, synthesize, and cite information.

Because there is no single "AI dashboard" that lists its sources, you can uncover this information through the following steps:

1. Perform "Retrieval Audits" (The Manual Method)

The most direct way to see what an AI "trusts" is to simulate the customer journey by asking the same questions your potential customers are asking.

- **Use Industry-Specific Prompts:** Ask chatbots (ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, etc.) questions like: *"What are the best [your industry] companies in [your city/region]?"* or *"Compare top [your industry] providers."*
- **Analyze the Citations:** Look at the footer or the specific links provided in the AI's response. These are the "grounding" sources. Record the domains (e.g., Trustpilot, Reddit, specific industry trade publications, or local directories) that appear consistently across multiple attempts.
- **Track Patterns:** You will likely notice that the AI favors certain high-authority domains. These are the platforms that currently hold the most "influence" in your specific industry's AI search results.

2. Use AI Visibility & Citation Tools

For a more scalable approach, several dedicated tools have emerged to track which sources AI engines cite for specific keywords and categories.

- **How they work:** These tools (e.g., DeepSmith, Profound, Ahrefs Brand Radar) automate the process of querying AI models and logging the domains cited in their answers.
- **What they provide:** They can show you a list of publishers, review sites, and expert roundups that AI models in your industry lean on. This allows you to pivot your PR and outreach efforts toward those specific platforms rather than "spraying and praying" your content.

3. Understand the "Review Source" Hierarchy

AI models typically pull from a few specific buckets of information. Knowing these can help you identify which sites to prioritize:

- **High-Confidence Directories:** Platforms like Google Business Profile, Apple Maps, and well-known industry directories are often prioritized because they provide structured data (Name, Address, Phone) that AI can easily verify.
- **Community & Discussion Forums:** Platforms like **Reddit** and **YouTube** are frequently cited across almost all industries because they are viewed as "unbiased" or "real-world" proof.

Question t03 · Gemini, continued

- **Editorial & Expert Content:** For many professional industries, AI leans on independent media, trade publications, and expert blogs. If a site consistently appears in your audits, it is a high-value target for your content or PR efforts.

4. What to Look For (The "Confidence" Signals)

AI does not just look for "reviews"; it looks for **evidence** to increase its "confidence" in a recommendation. When analyzing which sites are cited, look for:

- **Recency:** Is the AI citing reviews from three years ago, or does it prefer recent activity? (Current, active reviews are usually favored).
- **Specificity:** AI models often prefer reviews that mention specific use cases or details (e.g., *"fixed my HVAC in under an hour"* vs. *"great service"*).
- **Consistency:** The AI is looking for consensus. If a business has 5-star reviews on one platform but no presence elsewhere, the AI may be less likely to recommend it than a company with a consistent footprint across three or four trusted sources.

Summary Checklist for Your Industry

1. **Define your priority prompts:** Create a list of the top 5–10 questions customers ask about your industry.
2. **Audit the responses:** Run these prompts through major AI platforms and log the cited domains.
3. **Identify the "Power Sources":** Find the 3–5 domains that show up most frequently.
4. **Optimize your presence:** Ensure your business info is consistent, accurate, and active on those specific domains.

Pro Tip: If you see that your competitors are being cited from a particular forum or directory that you aren't on, that is your primary action item. Building a presence there is often more effective than trying to optimize your own website's keywords.

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No web search run.

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RECOMMENDED Semrush, Otterly.AI, Profound, Peec AI, HubSpot AEO

The most reliable approach is to **test the buyer questions people actually ask, then log the sources the AI names or links to**. AI answers can vary by prompt, platform, location, and date, so treat the results as a pattern—not a definitive list of sites an AI always “relies on.”

A practical workflow

1. **Build a prompt list.** Include questions such as:
 - “What are the best [product/service] options for [use case]?”
 - “Compare [your company] with [competitor].”
 - “Which [industry] providers are best for [customer type]?”
 - “What should I look for when choosing a [category]?”

Use the wording your customers use, and include relevant locations or specialties.

1. **Run the same prompts on several AI platforms.** Try the chatbots your customers are likely to use. For answers with web search or citations, record every linked source. For answers without visible citations, note that the source is unclear rather than guessing.

Question t03 · Perplexity, continued

1. **Keep a simple log.** Track the date, platform, prompt, cited URL, domain, and source type—for example, review site, industry publication, forum, comparison article, or company website. Repeat the tests periodically, since answers can change.
1. **Look for recurring domains.** Count which review sites appear most often overall and for specific query types. Also note whether they appear in answers about your competitors, even when your company is absent.
1. **Scale up with citation-monitoring software if needed.** AI visibility tools can run a prompt set repeatedly and report cited URLs, domains, and competitor mentions. Compare tools on which AI platforms they cover, how often they refresh results, and whether they show the actual source URLs—not just a visibility score. Citation-analysis products can also group sources into categories such as review sites, forums, and earned media.³⁴

A spreadsheet is enough to start. For a more automated view, tools such as Semrush, Otterly, Profound, Peec AI, or HubSpot AEO are among the products described in current AI-visibility coverage; verify platform coverage and features directly before choosing one, as they differ.¹²⁴

Tip: Don't focus only on sites that cite your own brand. The review and comparison sources repeatedly cited when buyers ask about your category can reveal where competitors are being discovered—and which sources may be worth evaluating for your own presence.

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Is there a tool that checks if AI crawlers can read my site, and whether that affects AI answers?

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RECOMMENDED CrawlCheck, Cituna

Yes. **CrawlCheck** is a free, no-sign-up option that tests what your site serves to several AI crawler identities and flags access or readability problems. **Cituna's checker** is another free option; it checks `robots.txt`, your homepage, sitemap, and whether key text is present in the page's HTML. (crawlcheck.io)

The important distinction is that “a crawler can read my site” doesn't mean “AI will cite or mention my site.” A checker can catch technical barriers, but you'd need to ask real questions in the AI services you care about—and track their answers over time—to see whether you're actually appearing. (cituna.com)

It can affect answers that use live web search: for example, OpenAI says **OAI-SearchBot** is used to surface sites in ChatGPT search, while **GPTBot** is a separate crawler used for potential model training. So check the specific crawler relevant to your goal, rather than treating “AI bots” as one switch. (developers.openai.com)

For a quick first check, try CrawlCheck or Cituna; if you share your site, I can help interpret the results.

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RECOMMENDED Rank Prompt, Sitemap.ai, Quantic, TK WebHosts, Google Search Console MENTIONED Cloudflare

Yes. Several free tools check whether AI crawlers can reach your site, and being blocked does affect AI answers, though the size of the effect is debated.

Tools that check access

Most free checkers read your `robots.txt` and report, bot by bot, whether GPTBot, ClaudeBot, PerplexityBot, Google-Extended and others are allowed. For example, the tool fetches your live `robots.txt` and shows, crawler by crawler, whether GPTBot, ClaudeBot, PerplexityBot, Google-Extended and the others are allowed or disallowed at your site root. Others give each tracked crawler an ALLOWED / BLOCKED / PARTIAL verdict, which User-agent group matched, and the exact blocked paths if any. Some also check your `llms.txt` file. Examples include Rank Prompt's free checker, Sitemap.ai, Quantic, and TK WebHosts. Google Search Console and your server or CDN logs can also show whether AI bots are actually reaching you.

The limit of robots.txt checks

A `robots.txt` checker only shows what your file requests. It doesn't show whether a firewall or CDN is stopping the bot. One tool notes that network-level WAF and CDN access is reported separately where it can be observed. A CDN setting can block a crawler even when `robots.txt` allows it. Also, a page the bot can fetch but that depends on JavaScript may still be hard for it to read. Checking the rendered HTML is a separate step.

Does it affect AI answers?

Question t04 · Claude, continued

Mostly yes, with caveats:

- Answer-time bots matter most. One source says the visibility risk is concentrated in blocking search index crawlers and assistant bots, not training crawlers. Blocking training bots alone is less likely to remove you from answers.
- Blocking can reduce citations. One guide puts it plainly: it may affect AI visibility, conversational search discoverability and inclusion in AI-generated responses.
- The evidence is mixed. A vendor blog reports that the New York Times blocked GPTBot but still received 240,600 visits from ChatGPT in January 2025. Another vendor reports no statistically significant traffic changes when sites blocked AI crawlers. Both are commercial sources, so treat them as indicative rather than conclusive.
- Watch for shared bots. One recent source warns that Cloudflare classifies Googlebot, Bingbot and Applebot as "multipurpose" crawlers: blocking AI training, including via the "Block AI bots" option, can therefore block them too. I couldn't confirm this against Cloudflare's own documentation, so verify it in your CDN settings before relying on it. If true, a single toggle could hide you from regular search too.

Practical steps

1. Run a robots.txt checker on your domain to see which AI bots are allowed.
2. Check your CDN or WAF bot settings, since they can override robots.txt.
3. Decide per bot. Training crawlers (such as GPTBot or Google-Extended) can be blocked while answer and search bots are allowed, if that fits your goals. Google-Extended, for instance, won't affect your Google Search visibility.
4. Recheck after any changes, and review your server logs to see whether the bots are actually visiting.

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RECOMMENDED xSeek, ZipTie MENTIONED Cloudflare, Akamai, Fastly

Yes, there are several tools available to check whether your website is accessible to AI crawlers.

Because AI crawling and traditional search indexing are becoming increasingly complex, it is important to understand that **not all "AI crawlers" do the same thing**.

Tools to Check AI Crawler Access

You can use specialized audit tools to verify if your site is blocking specific bots. These tools generally scan your robots.txt file, HTTP headers, and sometimes perform simulated crawls to see how a bot perceives your site.

Question t04 · Gemini, continued

- **Free Online Checkers:** Several websites offer free, no-signup tests where you can enter your URL to see if major bots (like GPTBot, ClaudeBot, or PerplexityBot) are allowed or disallowed.
- **Log File Analysis:** For the most accurate data, review your server, CDN (e.g., Cloudflare, Akamai, Fastly), or firewall logs. Sometimes, even if your `robots.txt` says "allow," a security setting on your hosting provider or CDN might be silently blocking bots.
- **Specialized Platforms:** Some tools (like xSeek or ziptie.ai) offer more advanced features, such as tracking which bots are actively visiting your site or monitoring how your brand is cited in AI-generated answers.

Does Blocking AI Crawlers Affect Answers?

Yes, it can, but it depends on which bots you block.

To manage this effectively, you should distinguish between three different types of AI crawlers:

1. **Training Crawlers (e.g., GPTBot, CCBot, Google-Extended):** These bots collect data to train future AI models.
 - **Effect:** Blocking these generally **does not** impact your standard SEO rankings or your presence in current AI-generated answers.
2. **Search & Retrieval Crawlers (e.g., OAI-SearchBot, PerplexityBot):** These bots fetch your content in real-time to provide up-to-date answers in AI search tools.
 - **Effect:** Blocking these **can** prevent your site from being cited or recommended as a source in AI-powered search results.
3. **User-Triggered Fetchers (e.g., ChatGPT-User):** These load your page when a specific user asks the AI to visit it.
 - **Effect:** These are often harder to control via `robots.txt` because they are treated as user-initiated requests.

Summary Recommendation

- **Don't block blindly:** Many websites accidentally block AI crawlers via CDN or firewall settings without realizing it. This can hurt your visibility in AI-driven traffic, which is a growing source of referrals.
- **Be strategic:** Most businesses benefit from allowing "Search & Retrieval" bots so they remain discoverable, while they may choose to block "Training" bots if they do not want their content used to train future AI models.
- **Check beyond robots.txt:** If you want to be sure, check your CDN settings (like Cloudflare's "Bot Management" or "AI Scraping" toggles) to ensure you haven't inadvertently flipped an "AI block" switch that overrides your other settings.

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RECOMMENDED AI Crawl Control, AI Crawl Checker, Omnibound

Yes. There are tools for both **checking crawler access** and **measuring whether your site shows up in AI answers**—but they measure different things.

- **For access and traffic:** Cloudflare's **AI Crawl Control** shows which AI crawlers are requesting your pages and lets you manage access. It's most useful if your site is routed through Cloudflare. ¹³
- **For a quick technical check:** Sona's **AI Crawl Checker** tests whether multiple crawlers can reach a URL and checks for issues such as robots.txt rules, blocking, or challenge pages. ¹²
- **For AI-answer visibility:** tools such as **Omnibound** test whether your brand or pages appear in answers from AI platforms, alongside crawler-access checks. ¹⁴

A crawler being allowed to read your site does **not** guarantee that an AI will cite or mention it. Access is one prerequisite; whether your content is retrieved or used in an answer depends on the particular AI service and query. So use a crawler checker to diagnose access, and an AI-visibility checker to see whether you're actually appearing in answers. ¹¹⁴

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AI visibility tracking for a mobile app rather than a website

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RECOMMENDED AppTweak AI Visibility for Apps (top pick), ASOScan MENTIONED LLMscope

If you mean **tracking whether AI assistants recommend your mobile app**—rather than tracking citations to your website—look for an **app-specific AI visibility / ASO tool**.

- **AppTweak AI Visibility for Apps** is the clearest app-focused option I found. It tracks app recommendations across AI answers and organizes visibility around app-discovery intents, rather than just your brand or domain. (help.apptweak.com)
- **ASOScan** also offers app-focused AI visibility tracking, including which apps assistants recommend and who appears instead. (asoscan.com)

A generic AI brand-monitoring tool can still be useful, but it may miss app-specific details such as **which app is recommended, app-store listing matches, and the discovery intent**. For example, LLMscope tracks brand mentions across several AI platforms, but describes itself as brand visibility monitoring. (play.google.com)

When evaluating tools, check that they track **prompts like “best app for ___,” named app recommendations, competitors, answer history, and relevant AI platforms**—not just mentions of your company or website. Also ask how they run scans and how often: AI answers can vary between runs, so one score alone may be misleading.

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RECOMMENDED AppTweak AI Visibility for Apps MENTIONED App Store Connect, Google Play Console NEGATIVE Semrush, Profoound, Peec AI, Otterly.AI

Tracking AI visibility for a mobile app is a different problem from tracking a website. Most general tools measure domain citations and brand mentions, which don't map well to app listings. Some app-specific options now exist.

Why website tools fall short

Mainstream platforms such as Semrush, Profoound, Peec AI, and Otterly.ai follow brand and domain mentions. That works for companies with a strong web presence but doesn't capture app-level discovery well. They track domain citations and brand mentions in AI responses, but cannot map recommendations back to real app IDs or app-specific user intents.

App-specific options

- **AppTweak AI Visibility for Apps:** The most prominent dedicated option. It runs 10,000+ prompts to ChatGPT weekly and matches responses back to real app IDs. It also offers an AI Visibility Score, a 0–100 benchmark of how often and how prominently your app is recommended relative to other apps. Coverage is

Question t05 · Claude, continued

still limited: per its comparison table, ChatGPT (Launched April 2026, more platforms coming soon). Note that these are vendor claims, not independent measurements.

- **Manual audits:** Lower-cost, less rigorous. Ask ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity the questions a prospective user would ask, such as which app serves a specific audience or has a particular feature. This works for a quick baseline but doesn't scale or show trends well.

What to measure

- Presence across a structured set of prompts per user intent, tracked over time rather than in single snapshots. Position and sentiment matter alongside raw mentions.
- Competitor share of voice in your category.
- Downstream effects: installs and traffic from App Store Connect and Google Play Console, plus branded search volume.

What tends to drive recommendations

AppTweak's analysis (its own data, so treat with some caution) found that App store listings account for 47.5% of the sources ChatGPT cites when recommending apps. That makes your store listing the most direct lever. Practical implications include writing the description so a model can easily extract who the app is for, what it does, and when to recommend it. Consistency across your website, store listing, and directory profiles also helps, since inconsistent positioning makes a model less confident about what your app is. Off-store evidence matters too: apps that ignore the off-site work and only optimize their own site rarely move the needle, so third-party reviews and mentions count.

Engine differences

Perplexity and ChatGPT behave differently. One guide notes that Perplexity has the highest citation count per answer and strong recency bias, while ChatGPT tends to recommend well-known apps. Smaller apps may find Perplexity an easier entry point, though this is again one source's view.

Suggested approach

If you're starting out, build a manual prompt set of 30–50 intent-based questions, run it monthly across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity, and log results in a spreadsheet. If you need ongoing, category-wide measurement, evaluate AppTweak or a similar app-specific tool, and check whether it covers the engines your users actually use. In either case, improve your store listing copy first, since it has the clearest measurable impact.

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RECOMMENDED AppTweak (top pick), Firebase, PostHog, AppsFlyer, Adjust, FullStory, Smartlook

"AI visibility" for mobile apps is a distinct concept from traditional in-app analytics. It refers to your brand's presence, mentions, and recommendations within **AI-driven search engines and conversational assistants** (like ChatGPT, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews).

Since users are increasingly discovering apps through these AI tools—often before they even visit an app store—you need a two-pronged strategy: tracking your **external visibility** (how AI describes/recommends you) and your **internal user experience** (how users behave once they arrive).

1. Tracking External "AI Visibility"

This measures how often and in what context your app appears in AI-generated answers. Because this is an emerging field, you need tools that specifically index mobile app market data rather than just web signals.

- **Dedicated AI Visibility Platforms:** Tools like **AppTweak** have launched specific "AI Visibility" modules for mobile apps. These platforms run thousands of curated prompts (simulating real user intent) across AI engines to track:
 - **Share of Voice:** How often your app is recommended versus competitors.
 - **Intent Performance:** Which specific user needs or "intents" your app is associated with.
 - **Brand Accuracy:** Detecting "hallucinations" where AI might misattribute features to your app or misrepresent your brand.
- **Manual/Small-Scale Auditing:** If you are in the early stages, you can monitor your presence by running a set of "fixed prompts" regularly across different AI assistants to see if your brand is cited and how it is described. Some specialized apps, such as **CreceRank**, also offer mobile-first monitoring for these metrics.

2. Tracking Internal User Behavior

Once a user finds you via AI and downloads your app, you need to track their "visibility" (or engagement) within the app itself to see if the AI-referred traffic actually converts.

- **Behavioral Analytics:** Use platforms like **UXCam, Mixpanel, or Amplitude**. These tools track:
 - **Session Replays & Heatmaps:** To see exactly how users interact with your interface.
 - **Funnel Analysis:** To identify if users from AI-referral sources (tracked via UTMs or MMPs) are dropping off at specific stages.
 - **AI-Powered Insights:** Many of these modern tools (e.g., Amplitude, Firebase, PostHog) use built-in AI to automatically identify friction points, rage taps, or unusual abandonment patterns, saving you from manual data mining.
- **Attribution Tracking:** Work with Mobile Measurement Partners (MMPs) like **AppsFlyer or Adjust** to bridge the gap between "AI discovery" and "App Store install". While AI-to-download attribution can be indirect, monitoring referral traffic from search-heavy channels will help you quantify the business value of your AI visibility.

Summary Strategy

Goal	Approach	Recommended Tools
External Visibility	Track mentions/recommendations in AI engines	AppTweak (AI Visibility), CreceRank
Internal Engagement	Monitor user taps, heatmaps, and screen flow	UXCam, FullStory, Smartlook
Business Outcomes	Attribute AI-referred users to installs/conversions	AppsFlyer, Adjust, Mixpanel/Amplitude

Question t05 · Gemini, continued

Recommendation: If you are focusing on "AI visibility" specifically, prioritize a tool like **AppTweak** to understand your position in the AI ecosystem. If you are concerned about "in-app visibility" (user flow), prioritize **UXCam** or **FullStory** for their ability to visualize the user journey without requiring manual tag configuration.

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RECOMMENDED AppTweak AI Visibility for Apps (top pick), AppTrail

If you mean **tracking whether AI assistants recommend your iOS or Android app**—not whether they cite your website—look for an app-specific AI visibility tool.

- **AppTweak AI Visibility for Apps** is the clearest fit in the results: it tracks app recommendations against user intents, competitors, and visibility trends. The current documentation says it's an add-on for Enterprise plans, with availability limited by country; the listed engines currently include ChatGPT.¹²
- **AppTrail** is another option if you want a self-hosted, open-source tracker. It checks AI answers for app mentions and links to your store listing or website, alongside app-store rankings.³

Useful metrics are **mention rate across repeated prompts, which intents trigger recommendations, position in the answer, share of voice, and cited sources**—rather than treating AI answers like stable keyword rankings. Results can vary between runs, so track trends over time.⁴

For a lean starting point, define prompts around real user needs (for example, “best app for...”) and monitor the same prompts, markets, and competitors regularly. Keep app-store keyword rankings and installs as separate measures; AI visibility is an emerging signal, not a proven proxy for downloads.⁵

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I launched a new product two months ago. How do I know when AI assistants start recommending it?

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RECOMMENDED Bing Webmaster Tools, Search Console

There's no single notification when an AI assistant begins recommending your product—and a referral visit only tells you someone clicked through, not exactly what they asked. Track **recommendations, citations, and resulting customers** separately.

Start with a simple weekly check:

1. **Write down 10–20 realistic buyer questions**, such as “What’s a good [category] for [use case]?” Include non-branded questions and comparisons with competitors.
2. **Run the same questions in the assistants your customers use**, in fresh chats, once a week. Record whether your product is mentioned, recommended, linked or cited—and which competitors appear. Answers can vary, so treat this as a trend, not a definitive ranking.
3. **Track visits and conversions from AI sources** in your analytics. Look for referrals from ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, Gemini and Copilot, then compare sign-ups or purchases—not just visits. OpenAI says ChatGPT Search referral links include `utm_source=chatgpt.com`; other sources may be less consistently identifiable. (help.openai.com)
4. **Check webmaster reporting**. Bing Webmaster Tools’ AI Performance report shows pages cited in supported AI answers and visibility trends. Google’s Search Console reporting covers generative AI features in Google Search; that’s useful for search visibility, though it’s not a complete view of every assistant. (bing.com)
5. **Ask new customers how they found you**. Add “AI assistant” as an option to your signup or purchase survey; analytics can miss visits when referral details aren’t passed along.

Since you launched two months ago, establish a baseline now. A useful weekly snapshot is: **tested prompts, recommendation rate, citations, AI-attributed visits, and conversions**. The clearest sign that assistants are recommending you is repeated appearances in relevant buyer prompts; the clearest sign it’s paying off is those appearances leading to qualified visits and customers.

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RECOMMENDED Beamtrace, Otterly.AI, Semrush, Peec AI, Ahrefs Brand Radar

You won't get an automatic alert from the AI assistants themselves, so you have to check on purpose. The most reliable way is a prompt set you run on a schedule, either by hand or with a tracking tool.

Question t06 · Claude, continued

Manual checks (free, but noisy)

Ask the assistants the questions your buyers would ask, such as "best [category] for [use case]," and see whether your product appears. AI answers vary from one run to the next, so a single manual query won't tell you how often you appear, in what context, or how you stack up against competitors over time. Run the same prompts repeatedly, across several locations if relevant, and log the results in a spreadsheet.

Dedicated tracking tools (automated)

These tools run your prompts on a schedule and record mentions. Dedicated trackers run many prompts on a schedule and average the results, which turns a one-off impression into a metric you can actually monitor. Some also send alerts. For example, Beamtrace says it can send real-time alerts when your brand appears in new AI-generated answers, new topics, or competitive scenarios. Pricing varies. Otterly AI starts at \$29/month with a 7-day trial, and most dedicated trackers offer a 14-day free trial with no card. Semrush, Peec AI, and Ahrefs Brand Radar are other common options.

What to look for

- Distinguish mentions from citations. Track mentions separately from citations, because the two often differ. A mention means the assistant named you. A citation means it linked to your site.
- Read the answers, not just the counts. A tool's count is only meaningful once you've checked what the answer actually says about you.
- Track name variations, such as the product name, company name, and common misspellings.
- Watch for inaccurate descriptions, not just absence. Some tools can show how each assistant describes your product and what sources it relied on.

Set expectations on timing

Two months is early. AI systems update on their own schedules, and some tools refresh monthly, so your monitoring should follow those cycles. Expect changes to show up slowly. Also, recommendations often depend on what third-party sites say about you, so reviews, comparison articles, and listings help.

A simple setup

1. Write 20 to 25 buyer-style prompts.
2. Run a baseline check now and record the results.
3. Re-run the same prompts monthly, or weekly if you use a tool.
4. Track mentions, citations, and how you are described, and note which competitors appear alongside you.

Separately, check your website analytics for referral traffic from ChatGPT, Perplexity, and similar sources. That won't show every recommendation, but it's a useful signal that assistants are sending people to you.

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RECOMMENDED Botric, MentionBird, Peec AI, Semrush's AI toolkit

Knowing whether AI assistants are recommending your product requires a shift from traditional SEO thinking to **"Answer Engine Optimization" (AEO)**. Because AI responses are non-deterministic (they change from run to run), a single manual search isn't enough to give you a reliable answer.

Here is how to track your brand's AI visibility effectively.

1. The "Do-It-Yourself" Method (For Initial Diagnostics)

If you are just starting, you can run a manual diagnostic to get a baseline. Do not search for your brand name directly (which is biased); instead, search for the **problems your product solves**.

- **Create a set of "Buyer Prompts":** Draft 10–20 questions your ideal customer would actually ask.
 - *Category questions:* "What are the best [your product type] under \$[price]?"
 - *Use-case/Problem questions:* "How do I solve [specific problem your product fixes]?"
 - *Comparison questions:* "Compare [Your Brand] with [Competitor]."
- **Use Fresh Sessions:** Use private/incognito windows for every query to prevent your personal search history or past conversations from influencing the results.
- **Record in a Spreadsheet:** Track:
 - **Mentioned?** (Yes/No)
 - **Recommended?** (Did it suggest you as a solution?)
 - **Cited?** (Did it link to your website?)
 - **Who else appeared?** (Which competitors are "winning" the prompt?)

2. The Professional Approach (Ongoing Monitoring)

Because AI results vary over time, manual tracking will eventually become unsustainable and statistically unreliable. To get a true trend line, consider dedicated tools that automate this process by querying multiple models (ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, Perplexity) consistently.

- **AI Visibility Tools:** Tools like **Botric, MentionBird, Peec AI, or Semrush's AI toolkit** are designed specifically for this. They systematically track thousands of prompts, providing you with a "Visibility Score" and alerts when your status changes.
- **What to Look For:**
 - **Citation Sources:** The most valuable insight these tools provide is *which websites* the AI is citing when it mentions you (or your competitors). This tells you exactly where you need to build more authority to improve your recommendations.
 - **Negative Framing:** See if the AI mentions you but includes caveats or mentions competitor strengths over yours.

3. Immediate Technical Checklist

Before investing in tools, ensure your website is actually "readable" by AI:

- **Check robots.txt:** Ensure you haven't blocked AI crawlers (like GPTBot, ClaudeBot, or PerplexityBot) from accessing your site.
- **Optimize Structured Data:** AI models rely heavily on the structured data (schema) in your page code—price, stock status, ratings, and clear product descriptions. If you aren't sending this data, the AI may skip you because it lacks the confidence to recommend you.

Question t06 · Gemini, continued

- **Monitor "How did you hear about us?":** Add this field to your signup or checkout form. If people start selecting "AI" or "ChatGPT," you have a qualitative business signal that confirms your visibility efforts are paying off commercially.

Summary Recommendation: Start by manually testing 10 buyer prompts in a spreadsheet this week to see where you stand. If you find you are being missed or misrepresented, look into an AI visibility tool to help identify the "source sites" you need to target to earn more influence.

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The best way is to treat AI recommendations as something you **measure repeatedly**, not something you can reliably detect from a single answer. Responses vary by platform, prompt, and sometimes session, so establish a baseline and watch for a trend.

1. **Create a short list of buyer questions**—around 15–25 is a useful starting point. Include discovery prompts (“What are the best options for...?”), comparison prompts (“How does [product] compare with...?”), and specific use cases your product serves. ¹⁶
2. **Check the main AI assistants** your customers use, such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews. Run the same prompts periodically, preferably in logged-out or fresh sessions to reduce personalization effects. ¹¹⁰
3. **Log the results:** date, assistant, prompt, whether your product was mentioned, its position, how it was described, competitors named, and any cited sources. Repeat prompts more than once when possible, since answers can differ between runs. ⁵¹¹
4. **Track a few simple metrics over time:**
 - **Mention rate:** share of tested prompts that mention your product.
 - **Recommendation rate:** share that put it forward as a choice, ideally among the first few options.
 - **Share of voice:** your mentions compared with competitors.

Question t06 · Perplexity, continued

- **Citations:** whether assistants cite your site or other sources about your product. ²⁶¹¹

A spreadsheet is enough to get started. If manual checks become a burden, AI-visibility monitoring tools can rerun prompts and compare mentions, citations, and competitors across supported platforms. ¹¹²

Also check your website analytics for visits and conversions from AI-related sources, and Google Search Console for AI-feature search traffic. These can show whether visibility is bringing people to your site, but they **won't tell you every time** an assistant mentioned your product. ³

Since you launched two months ago, start tracking now and keep the prompt set and testing schedule consistent. That will give you a useful baseline; a one-off answer is only a snapshot, not proof of a lasting recommendation trend.

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Tool to track AI answers to the same questions in several countries at once

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RECOMMENDED AmlCited

This is generally called an **AI visibility tracker** (also **GEO/AEO tracker**). **AmlCited** appears to match your description: it lets you run the same questions from different countries and compare the answers. (amicited.com)

Other options include **Paprik AI** and **FullReach AI**, which also advertise multi-country AI answer tracking. (paprik.ai)

If you meant a particular tool you'd heard about, share any other detail you remember—such as its name, logo, or which AI platforms it tracked.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Profound, Peec AI, Omnia, LLMrefs, Trackerly, Nightwatch, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Semrush (AI Toolkit)

The best fits for running the same prompts across several countries at once are Otterly.AI, Profound, Peec AI, Omnia, and LLMrefs. Most tools report one global number, so check the country feature before you buy.

- **Otterly.AI:** Its own blog says it tracks 50+ countries and languages, and it reports results market by market. Another roundup lists 67+ countries, so confirm the current figure. Its entry plan is cheap, but it has limited AI engine support unless you pay for a Standard plan or add-ons.
- **Profound:** The enterprise option, with 10+ AI answer engines in 18 countries and 6 languages. Expect enterprise pricing. One roundup puts its entry point at \$99/month, but that is a single vendor-review source.
- **Peec AI:** The starter plan is limited to one country per project; multi-country tracking is available in Advanced (the most expensive plan). Unlimited regions may also be enterprise only, per a competitor's comparison table.
- **Omnia:** Its own blog says every plan includes tracking across seven AI answer engines, unlimited country and language coverage. That is a vendor claim, so verify it before relying on it.
- **LLMrefs:** Offers geo-targeting across 20+ countries and 10+ languages, with all AI search engines with no additional fees on its plan. Its listing is older, so check that it is current.
- **Trackerly:** A simpler option for agencies. One review notes it has the ability to create prompt groups for different countries, but no detailed prompt-level analysis.
- **Nightwatch:** Strong on precision. It monitors performance across global locations with zip-code accuracy, and it also covers traditional keyword rankings.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar and Semrush AI Toolkit:** Good if you already use those SEO suites. Brand Radar tracks at \$199/month as an add-on, and Semrush's AI tracking is an add-on, not a core capability.

Question t07 · Claude, continued

How to choose

1. **Confirm the countries you need.** Tools differ a lot in market coverage, so check your specific markets rather than the headline count.
2. **Ask how the answers are collected.** One review praises a tool whose prompts run through 4G private proxies of real users, so the results show what people in each market see. Local-proxy collection is more realistic than tools that query a model centrally, so ask vendors how they do it.
3. **Check the plan limits.** Look at prompt counts, which engines are included, and whether country tracking is on your tier. Costs usually scale with prompts and models.
4. **Run a test.** Use a trial to run 5 to 10 identical prompts in two or three countries, then compare the results with a manual check in each market.

Most of these rankings come from vendor blogs and affiliate-style reviews, so the specifics (prices, country counts) may be out of date or self-reported. Verify them on each vendor's pricing page before you commit.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Dageno, Peec AI, seoClarity (Clarity ArcAI), Otterly.AI

To track and monitor AI answers across different countries and regions, you should look for **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)** or **AI Visibility** platforms. These tools are specifically designed to simulate user queries from various geographic locations and analyze how different AI models (like ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews) respond.

Recommended Tools for Multi-Country Tracking

Several platforms provide the geographic segmentation you need to see how your brand's visibility varies by region:

- **Profound:** A leading enterprise-scale platform that supports multi-country and multi-language monitoring. It is well-regarded for its depth of analytics and breadth of AI engine coverage.
- **Dageno AI:** This platform is highly rated for connecting regional monitoring with actual content workflows, allowing you to track how your brand is cited and represented across specific markets.
- **Peec AI:** A popular choice for agencies and teams that require GDPR-compliant, browser-level simulation of AI answers. It is known for its ability to organize prompts by region and topic.

Question t07 · Gemini, continued

- **seoClarity (Clarity ArcAI):** Offers robust enterprise infrastructure designed for complex multi-market SEO and AEO (Answer Engine Optimization) programs, allowing for extensive global coverage.
- **Otterly.AI:** A mid-market-friendly tool that provides multi-country monitoring. It is often cited for its balance of affordability and comprehensive AI engine coverage.

Key Features to Look For

When evaluating these tools, ensure they provide the following capabilities to meet your specific needs:

- **Geographic Simulation:** Not all "global" tools actually simulate location. Look for platforms that explicitly state they can run prompts from specific cities or countries to ensure you are seeing what a local user sees.
- **Multi-Engine Coverage:** Ensure the tool covers the specific AI systems your audience uses most, such as Google AI Overviews (AIO), ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, and Gemini.
- **Citation & Sentiment Analysis:** Beyond just "appearing" in an answer, these tools should track which URLs are cited and the sentiment of the brand mention.
- **Integration with SEO Workflows:** If you already use tools like **Semrush** or **Ahrefs**, check their dedicated AI visibility modules. They are often the most efficient way to layer AI tracking onto existing search monitoring.

Why Geography Matters in AI Tracking

Generic global metrics can be misleading because AI models personalize responses based on the user's location. A business might be a top recommendation for a query in one country but completely invisible in another. Using a GEO tool that allows for **country-level segmentation** is the only way to get an accurate picture of your true global AI footprint.

Recommendation: If you are an enterprise, **Profound** or **seoClarity** are strong contenders for their multi-market depth. If you are a smaller team or agency, **Peec AI** or **Otterly.AI** offer excellent, more accessible solutions for regional monitoring.

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RECOMMENDED Promptwatch

Promptwatch is a good fit: it lets you run the same prompts by country and compare AI answers across markets. You can also set language and, optionally, a city or US state. ⁵

Question t07 · Perplexity, continued

Other options include **OtterlyAI**, which tracks prompts by country across several AI search platforms,¹⁰ and **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit**, which offers country-specific prompt tracking.¹ Check each tool's supported countries, AI platforms, and plan limits before choosing.

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How can I test whether our content work changed what AI assistants recommend?

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RECOMMENDED Search Console

The cleanest test is a **controlled before/after study**, not a handful of prompts. AI answers vary between runs, and a mention isn't the same as a recommendation—so track both consistently.

A practical test

1. **Define “recommend.”** For example: your brand is named as a suitable option, is included in a shortlist, or is preferred over competitors. Track simple mentions separately.
2. **Build a fixed prompt set.** Use real questions your audience asks, including comparison and “best option for...” prompts. Keep the exact wording and split prompts into topic groups.
3. **Record a baseline before publishing.** Run the prompts across the assistants that matter to you, repeating each prompt several times on different days. Save the full answers, citations, and URLs—not just a yes/no score.
4. **Use a comparison group.** Update some comparable pages or topics and leave others unchanged for a while. Compare the change in outcomes for updated topics against the change for untouched topics. This helps distinguish the content's effect from general shifts in models, competitors, or the web.
5. **Repeat the same test after publication.** Keep the assistant, settings, search/browsing mode, prompt wording, and sampling schedule as consistent as possible. Record model/version and date when available.
6. **Score the answers.** Useful measures include:
 - recommendation rate: share of runs where your brand is recommended
 - shortlist share: share of runs where you appear among the options
 - citation rate: share citing your page, and which page
 - recommendation position and accuracy of the claims
 - competitor share, as a comparison—not a substitute for your own results

Because results fluctuate, compare averages across repeated runs and report the sample size or uncertainty. A single answer—or a single “AI visibility” score—can be misleading. (arxiv.org)

Check whether visibility led to business impact

Separately monitor AI referrals, conversions, and branded search. These are useful downstream signals, but they don't prove the content caused a change in recommendations: many people may see an answer without clicking. OpenAI says ChatGPT search referral URLs can include `utm_source=chatgpt.com`, which may help identify some visits in analytics. (help.openai.com)

For Google specifically, Search Console's generative AI performance report provides impressions for links shown in AI Overviews and AI Mode, grouped by dimensions such as page and date. That measures visibility in those features, not recommendations across all assistants. (support.google.com)

A compact experiment: choose 20–50 representative prompts, collect repeated baseline answers, update a subset of relevant pages, keep matched pages unchanged, then repeat the prompt set on a regular schedule. Report the treatment-versus-control change in recommendation and citation rates. That gives you a much more credible answer to “did our content work change what assistants recommend?” than a one-off spot check.

Question t08 · ChatGPT, continued

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RECOMMENDED Search Console, Semrush, Profound, Scrunch, Meltwater, Muck Rack's Generative Pulse

Treat this as a before-and-after experiment. A single AI answer tells you very little, because the same prompt can produce different answers on different runs.

1. Lock down the prompt set before you change anything

- Use a fixed set of prompts, roughly 20 to 50 commercial prompts. One guide suggests starting there and moving to a dedicated tool once volume gets unmanageable. Pick 20 to 50 high-value commercial prompts, run them across LLMs of choice, and calculate your visibility score as brand mentions divided by total answers tested, multiplied by 100.
- Ground the prompts in real buyer language. Pull from Search Console queries, site-search logs, sales and support questions, and "People also ask" items.
- Split prompts into two groups: unbranded category prompts (e.g., "best CRM for startups") that test whether you get discovered, and branded prompts that test how you're described. Brand and nonbrand prompts should not share one unqualified total. Within the unbranded group, separate comparison and selection prompts from educational ones, since content often moves one more than the other.

2. Record a baseline, and run each prompt several times

- Run every prompt multiple times on each engine you care about (ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, Google AI Mode, Claude, Copilot, etc.). Run-to-run variation is large. One study found identical brand recommendations in under 1 in 100 repeated runs, so treat single-run rankings as noise. SparkToro research running nearly 3,000 prompts across multiple AI platforms found that these produce identical brand recommendations less than 1 in 100 times.
- Log the date, engine, model version if visible, location, and whether the interface was web-enabled. Save the full answer text and the cited sources.

3. Score a small set of metrics

- **Mention rate:** share of prompts where your brand appears in the answer text.
- **Citation rate:** share of prompts where your domain is linked as a source. Keep this separate from mentions, because a model can know your brand without citing your pages.
- **Share of voice:** your mentions as a proportion of all brands named in those answers.
- **Position and sentiment:** whether you're the first recommendation or a footnote, and whether the description is accurate and favorable.

Question t08 · Claude, continued

4. Make the change and re-run on a schedule

- Re-run the identical prompts, on the same engines, with the same scoring, at fixed intervals after publishing. Repeating panels at fixed intervals lets you see drift as well as the effect of your changes.
- Keep a control. Leave some prompt families untouched, or change content only for a subset of topics. If visibility rises across the board, including in the untouched group, the cause may be model updates or market noise rather than your work.

5. Decide whether the change is real

- Compare the before and after rates against the run-to-run noise. With enough repeats, a two-proportion test or a confidence interval on each rate will tell you whether a movement of a few points is meaningful. Most small prompt sets won't clear that bar for modest changes, so expect to need more runs or a larger set.
- Compare the treated prompts against the control prompts, not just against your own past numbers.

6. Check downstream signals too

- Track AI referrals in your analytics by creating a channel group for known AI referrers. This undercounts, because referrers are often stripped, so treat it as a floor.
- Check whether the pages that gained citations are the ones you changed.

Tools vs. DIY: A spreadsheet and manual runs are enough to start. Dedicated trackers (Semrush, Profound, Scrunch, Meltwater, Muck Rack's Generative Pulse, and others) automate repeated sampling and scoring, which matters once you have hundreds of prompts. Whichever you use, make sure you can export the raw answers, since you'll want to audit them.

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RECOMMENDED ZipTie, Lumar, Otterly.AI, Profound, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Google Analytics 4

Testing whether your content work influences AI assistant recommendations requires a shift from traditional "ranking" metrics to **"visibility" and "citation" tracking**. Because AI models generate answers dynamically rather than serving a fixed list of links, you must measure presence, accuracy, and sentiment across a variety of simulated user journeys.

To effectively test and track your impact, use the following framework:

1. Build a "Prompt Library" (The Baseline)

You cannot measure improvement without a consistent baseline. Create a spreadsheet of 20–40 high-intent prompts that your ideal customers actually use. Categorize these to track performance trends:

- **Category Questions:** "What is the best [product category]?"
- **Use-Case Questions:** "How do I solve [specific problem] using [tool type]?"
- **Comparison Questions:** "[Your Brand] vs. [Competitor]?"
- **Problem Questions:** "Why is [pain point] happening?"

Question t08 · Gemini, continued

Testing Method: Run these exact prompts periodically across major AI assistants (ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, Copilot, etc.). Record whether your brand is mentioned, if it is recommended, and if you are cited as a source. **A single test is an anecdote; a trend across weeks of testing is a measurement.**

2. Monitor Key Visibility Metrics

Move beyond "rank" and focus on these four indicators of AI-driven visibility:

- **Mention Rate:** How often the AI names your brand in its response.
- **Citation Frequency:** How often the AI links to your website as a source for its claims.
- **Share of Voice (SOV):** How often you appear relative to your competitors for the same prompts.
- **Sentiment/Accuracy:** Is the AI describing your value proposition correctly, or is it hallucinating or favoring a competitor?

3. Use Purpose-Built AI Visibility Tools

Manual testing is a great start, but enterprise or dedicated AI tracking tools can automate the process and provide deeper insights into "why" a model is—or isn't—citing you.

- **Specialized Platforms:** Tools like **ZipTie**, **Lumar**, **Otterly.AI**, **Profound**, and **Ahrefs Brand Radar** are built to monitor citations and brand sentiment across LLMs.
- **Integrated Solutions:** Many SEO platforms (e.g., **Semrush**, **Similarweb**) have expanded to include AI visibility features that bridge the gap between traditional search and generative engine optimization (GEO).

4. Track "Hidden" AI Referral Traffic

AI-driven traffic is often misclassified in analytics tools like Google Analytics 4 (GA4).

- **Check Referrals:** Look for traffic from sources like `chatgpt.com`, `perplexity.ai`, or `gemini.google.com` in your referral reports.
- **Account for "Direct" Spikes:** A significant portion of AI-driven traffic is often bucketed under "Direct" or "Organic Search" because the user may see a brand mention in an AI answer and then search for the brand by name later. Cross-reference traffic spikes with the dates you published new, highly targeted content.

5. Optimize for "Answer Engine" Mechanics

If your testing shows low visibility, your content may need to be restructured for how AI models "read" the web (often called **Generative Engine Optimization** or **GEO**):

- **Structure for Clarity:** AI favors self-contained, concise answers. Use clear H2/H3 headers phrased as questions, followed by a direct, evidence-based answer in the first two sentences.
- **Use Schema Markup:** Implementing Article, FAQ, and Product schema helps AI crawlers parse your site's data more accurately.
- **Focus on "E-E-A-T":** AI models prioritize content that is perceived as authoritative. Ensure your content includes expert insights, real-world case studies, and citations from other high-authority domains.

Summary Checklist for Your Next Review

Action	Frequency	Goal
Run Prompt Library	Monthly	Track changes in mention/citation rate.
Review Referral Sources	Monthly	Identify if AI tools are sending qualified traffic.
Audit Competitor Mentions	Quarterly	See if your content updates closed a specific "gap."
Refresh Content	Ongoing	Ensure data, stats, and expert quotes remain current.

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BRANDS READ none

Treat it as an experiment, not a one-off “ask an AI” check. AI answers vary, and a simple before-and-after comparison can’t show that your content caused a change.³¹⁰

1. **State a specific hypothesis.** For example: “Adding a clear pricing comparison will increase our inclusion in answers to pricing-comparison prompts.”
2. **Choose a fixed prompt set** that reflects real customer questions. Use the exact same prompts, AI products or modes, locale, and account context each time; record the date and any model/version details shown.³⁷
3. **Record a baseline.** Run the prompts repeatedly before publishing, saving the full answers and citations—not just a visibility score. A practical starting point is a few weeks of baseline observations, though the right amount depends on how variable the answers are.⁴⁸
4. **Change one thing at a time.** Log what you changed, when it went live, and which pages and prompts it was meant to affect. If possible, leave comparable pages unchanged as controls.⁴⁸
5. **Check that the change can be found.** Confirm the updated pages are accessible and eligible for indexing, then allow time for the relevant search systems to pick them up before measuring.⁸
6. **Repeat the same measurements** under the same conditions. Compare brand inclusion, recommendation position or grouping, cited URLs, and whether the answer accurately reflects the content. Keep “mentioned,” “cited,” and “recommended” as separate outcomes.⁷¹⁰
7. **Compare against controls.** Look at how the changed pages or prompt group moved relative to the unchanged group. If both move similarly, an outside change may explain the shift. Repeat the pattern before treating it as a reliable finding.⁸¹⁰

A simple primary metric could be **the percentage of eligible runs in which your brand is recommended for a defined prompt group**. Track citations and accuracy alongside it. Report results as *evidence consistent with an effect*, not proof, unless the comparison design supports a causal conclusion.⁷¹⁰

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AI brand monitoring that flags when an assistant says something wrong or outdated about us

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RECOMMENDED Measure, NewsGuard, Zeo, SKYA

Yes—this is a real product category, usually called **AI answer accuracy monitoring** or **AI brand-reputation monitoring**. It's different from basic AI-visibility tracking: visibility tools tell you whether an assistant mentions your brand; accuracy monitoring compares what it says against facts you've approved.

A few options that specifically describe checking for wrong or outdated claims:

- **Measure** — checks answers from tracked prompts against a fact library, and shows the answer sentence alongside the fact it contradicted. It notes that some paraphrased claims may need human review. (measure.co)
- **NewsGuard** — a more enterprise-oriented service combining analyst review and alerts for false narratives across AI outputs, websites, and social media. (newsguardtech.com)
- **Zeo** — describes a human-reviewed, claim-level process that labels claims as supported, contradicted, outdated, disputed, or unverifiable. (fog.zeo.org)
- **SKYA** — compares claims in assistant answers with your company's own facts and flags contradictions. (skya.one)

When evaluating vendors, ask whether they **save the exact answer and timestamp, compare claims to your approved facts, send alerts, and show which assistants and prompts were checked**. Also ask how they handle subjective or paraphrased statements: automated checks can miss those or flag them for review. These tools can help you catch errors, but they can't guarantee an assistant will change its answer. (measure.co)

If you share your company size, budget, and which assistants matter most, I can narrow the shortlist.

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The category already exists, so the open question is whether you can do the accuracy part better than current tools.

What's already on the market

Question t09 · Claude, continued

- Most tools track mentions and sentiment. Several major platforms, including Meltwater, Brand24, and Talkwalker, have added AI-answer tracking to existing media-monitoring suites. Meltwater says its GenAI Lens flags inaccurate or outdated AI narratives early so teams can respond.
- Profound has the closest match to your idea. Its FactCheck feature puts the exact LLM claim in the AI response side by side with your ground truth, reports an accuracy score, and shows which URLs and domains are feeding the wrong answers. It also targets stale pricing and product specs after launches or rebrands.
- Nightwatch evaluates the tone and accuracy of each AI mention at the citation level. It also notes that this feature is notably absent from several tools on this list.
- Authoritas reviewed a tool that extracts facts that LLMs make about your brand and allows you to manually flag ones that are factually incorrect. The same review noted that the tool separated answers grounded in live search from answers based on training data.

Why the problem matters

Searchable's study of 32,556 AI-stated facts across 1,704 brands found 9.2% were false, and three in four brands that checked at least 20 facts found at least one falsehood about themselves. That is a strong basis for a sales pitch, though you should check the methodology before relying on the numbers.

Where the gap probably is

- Accuracy checking is less common than mention tracking, and most tools that do it compare against a fact sheet you supply. Automatic detection of errors without that fact sheet is harder and less proven.
- Outdated answers are hard to catch because they depend on when a fact changed. A "last verified" date on each fact, linked to the change event (a price change, a rebrand, an acquisition), would be a useful feature.
- Your differentiator could be the fix path: tracing each wrong claim to the page feeding it and telling the team exactly what to correct there, which Profound and Semrush only partly cover.

Build risks

- Answers vary from run to run, so you need repeated sampling and a threshold before raising an alert. Otherwise you get noisy false alarms.
- Grounded answers (live web search) and training-data answers fail in different ways and need different fixes.
- You need a maintained ground-truth source per client, which becomes the main operating cost.

If you tell me whether you're building this as a product, an internal tool, or a feature for an existing platform, and who the buyer is (comms, SEO, or legal), I can narrow the competitive comparison and suggest an MVP scope.

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RECOMMENDED Searchscope, Visibian Brand Intelligence, Botric, LLM.co, Trakkr, Braintrust, Galileo, Arize Phoenix, LangSmith

To monitor whether AI assistants (like ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Claude) are providing wrong or outdated information about your brand, you need a specialized category of tools often referred to as **AI Brand Monitoring** or **AI Visibility Tracking**.

Traditional media monitoring tools (like standard social listening or PR software) are generally ineffective here because they are not built to audit the generated, often "hallucinated" responses of AI models.

Top Tools for AI Brand & Hallucination Monitoring

The following platforms are specifically designed to track, audit, and flag inaccuracies in AI-generated answers:

- **Dedicated AI Visibility & Monitoring Tools:** These platforms are built to specifically monitor how your brand is represented in AI responses.
 - **Searchscope:** Focuses on running consistent, scheduled queries across major AI assistants to track mentions, citations, and specific factual claims, keeping a record of exactly what the AI said.
 - **Visibian Brand Intelligence:** Provides dashboards that track your brand's visibility, sentiment, and accuracy across major AI engines (ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, Perplexity, etc.) on a recurring basis.
 - **Botric:** Offers multi-engine tracking, prompt-level citation analysis, and competitor comparisons. It is particularly useful for identifying "visibility gaps" where competitors are recommended instead of you.
 - **LLM.co:** Provides specific "Brand Hallucination Monitoring" that tests models against a battery of queries regarding your leadership, financials, and org structure to detect falsehoods.
 - **Trakkr:** Known for broad platform coverage (8+ AI assistants) and providing both sentiment and prompt-level signals.
- **Technical AI Observability & Evaluation Tools:** If you are looking to monitor the AI assistants *you* build (e.g., your own customer support chatbot), these tools are the industry standard:
 - **Braintrust:** Excellent for "LLM-as-a-judge" scoring, where you can set up regression tests to ensure your AI doesn't drift from factual accuracy.
 - **Galileo:** Best for runtime guardrails that can block high-risk or factually incorrect responses in real-time.
 - **Arize Phoenix & LangSmith:** Provide tracing and observability for developers to see exactly why an AI model generated a specific (and potentially wrong) response.

How to Implement a Monitoring Strategy

If you aren't ready for a full enterprise tool, you can implement a manual or "hybrid" monitoring process:

1. **Define Your "Ground Truth":** Create a document of verified facts about your company—current pricing, executive names, office locations, and product features. This is your source of truth for all audits.
2. **Conduct Scheduled Audits:** Don't just check once. Use a tool (or a manual calendar reminder) to ask the same set of "customer" questions (e.g., "*How much does [Brand] cost?*" or "*Who is the CEO of [Brand]?*") across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity every week or month.
3. **Use "Prompt Tracking":** When you find an error, don't just fix it on your website. Ensure your **Schema.org** markup is updated, your **Wikipedia** entry is current, and your **LinkedIn/Crunchbase** profiles are consistent. AI models often synthesize information from these "source of truth" hubs.
4. **Analyze the "Why":** Most AI hallucinations happen because the model is blending outdated data with newer information or failing to find a clear, authoritative signal. Ensure your most important company facts appear in clear, plain text on your official website.

Question t09 · Gemini, continued

Summary: Choosing the Right Tool

- **For Marketing/PR Teams:** Use **Searchscope**, **Visibian**, or **Botric**. These are "plug-and-play" and focused on reputation management and visibility.
- **For Product/Engineering Teams:** Use **Braintrust**, **Galileo**, or **LangSmith**. These are deeper technical tools designed to monitor and fix the behavior of AI agents you control.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Meltwater GenAI Lens, Brand Armor AI, Siftly, Ahrefs Brand Radar

Yes—this is an emerging category, often called **AI brand monitoring**, **AI visibility monitoring**, or **hallucination monitoring**. These services regularly test a set of questions against AI assistants, save the answers, and track mentions, citations, and changes. Some also flag claims that conflict with your verified facts.

A few options to investigate:

- **Profound** – tracks brand mentions in AI-generated answers and offers fact-checking features for potentially misleading claims.⁴⁶
- **Meltwater GenAI Lens** – may suit teams already using Meltwater; it monitors AI answers and is described as helping surface inaccuracies or negative narratives.⁴
- **Brand Armor AI** – positioned specifically around hallucination monitoring and prompt-level accuracy scoring.¹²
- **Siftly** – tracks answers across several AI platforms and advertises hallucination alerts.²¹¹
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** – offers scheduled prompt tracking and visibility/accuracy trends.¹

One important caveat: these tools generally **sample responses to prompts you specify**; they can't see every private conversation people have with an assistant.³ To evaluate a vendor, ask which assistants it covers, how often it checks, whether it compares claims against *your* approved source of truth, and whether alerts show the exact answer and evidence behind the flag.

For a quick start, define 20–50 common questions about your company—pricing, features, policies, and comparisons—and use a tool that lets you review the full answer and correct factual mismatches.

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Cheapest tool that tracks AI answers daily rather than weekly

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RECOMMENDED BrandAxis Lite (top pick), Apify

Cheapest ready-made daily tracker I found: BrandAxis Lite at \$19/month, for 20 prompts checked daily across three AI models, including ChatGPT. (geotoolindex.com)

If you're comfortable setting up a more DIY option, **Apify's tracker charges per answer instead of a monthly subscription**: \$0.15 per check, plus model usage (typically about \$0.001–\$0.01 per answer). It can be scheduled daily, but it's less of a plug-and-play dashboard. (apify.com)

Bottom line: BrandAxis for the cheapest simple subscription; Apify if you only need a small number of prompts and don't mind some setup. Daily AI answers can vary from run to run, so treat them as snapshots rather than a fixed ranking. (searchable.com)

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI Lite, Wellows Basic, Rankscale, Peec AI, Nightwatch

The cheapest tools that refresh daily start at about \$29/month, but the sources disagree on the details, so check the vendor's pricing page before you pay.

Top picks

- **Otterly.AI Lite, \$29/month.** This is the most cited option. The Lite plan includes daily tracking of 15 prompts and tracks Google AI Overviews, ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Microsoft Copilot. Claude, Google AI Mode, and Gemini cost extra. One source lists the annual price at \$25 annual.
- **Wellows Basic, \$29/month.** This is the main alternative. One roundup says its tracking is Daily (every plan) and covers All five – ChatGPT, AI Overviews, AI Mode, Gemini, Perplexity. The same roundup gives its trial as a 7-day free trial.

Cheaper, but check daily coverage first

- **Rankscale, from \$20/month.** It has the lowest headline price, but one review says Not for: Heavy daily tracking on the base tier. Its entry plan's limits are also Limits not published.

Next tier up, if 15 prompts is too few

- **Peec AI, \$95/month.** Its Starter plan is \$95/month for 50 prompts and 3 AI models, and one roundup describes it as Best for daily tracking on a budget.
- **Nightwatch, from \$32/month.** It is a broader SEO tool. Its LLM tracking is not clearly daily at the entry price, and one source lists its daily-refresh plan at \$39/mo.

Question t10 · Claude, continued

Recommendation: Start with Otterly Lite if you track fewer than about 15 prompts on ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews. Choose Wellows Basic if you need Gemini or AI Mode at the same price. Before paying, confirm on the vendor's site that the plan refreshes every day and see how many prompts it allows. Vendors change prices often, and these figures come from third-party roundups dated within the last few weeks.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Arvow, ZipTie

For tracking AI answers—specifically monitoring how your brand is mentioned, cited, or ranked in AI-generated responses (like ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, or Perplexity)—the "cheapest" option often depends on your specific needs (e.g., whether you need a simple monitoring tool or a full SEO suite).

Based on current 2026 market data, here are the most cost-effective tools that provide daily tracking.

Top Recommendations for Daily AI Answer Tracking

Tool	Starting Price	Best For
Otterly.AI	\$29/mo	Small teams/solo marketers; lowest entry price for daily multi-engine monitoring.
Arvow	\$39/mo	Brands wanting all major AI platforms included in one price without per-platform upcharges.
ZipTie	~\$26/mo	Users prioritizing high accuracy and UI-simulation tracking at a low price point.

Key Insights for Your Search

- **"Daily" Definitions Vary:** Be aware that "daily tracking" can mean different things across platforms. Some run one scan per day at a specific time, while others use a credit system that allows you to distribute your daily checks across different engines. Always confirm whether the plan you choose includes the specific AI engines (e.g., Gemini vs. ChatGPT) you care about, as some cheaper tiers limit the number of platforms.
- **Avoid "Over-Buying":** If you already pay for a major SEO suite like **Semrush** or **SE Ranking**, check your existing plan. They have introduced "AI Visibility" toolkits that may already be included or available as an affordable add-on, which is often more cost-effective than adding a new subscription.
- **Monitoring vs. Observability:**
 - If you are a **marketer** looking to see how your brand appears in AI search results (AEO), use tools like **Otterly.AI** or **Arvow**.
 - If you are a **developer** looking to monitor the performance, cost, and quality of your *own* AI application/agent, look at observability tools like **Langfuse** or **Helicone**, which often have generous free tiers for low-volume daily monitoring.

Question t10 · Gemini, continued

Summary of Best Value

- **Lowest Price: Otterly.AI** is widely recognized as the lowest entry price for daily monitoring of the four major AI engines.
- **Most Comprehensive Budget Option: Arvow** is a strong contender because it bundles multiple AI platforms into one flat rate, avoiding the common "pay-per-engine" trap that makes other tools more expensive as you scale.

Recommendation: If you are just starting out, **Otterly.AI** or **ZipTie** are excellent starting points. Use their trials to confirm they track the specific prompts and engines that are most relevant to your business before committing to a monthly subscription.

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Otterly.ai Lite appears to be the cheapest option, at \$29/month for 15 prompts tracked daily across ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, and Microsoft Copilot.¹²

If you're willing to pay annually, one comparison lists it at **\$25/month**.³ Check Otterly's current pricing page before signing up, since plan prices and prompt limits can change.

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Can I track AI visibility for a personal brand, like a consultant or author?

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RECOMMENDED Ahrefs Brand Radar, Yoast AI Brand Insights, Ahrefs

Yes. You can track whether AI tools mention or recommend a consultant, author, or other personal brand—usually by monitoring a set of questions people might ask, such as “Who are good consultants for [topic]?” or “What books should I read about [subject]?”

Tools such as **Ahrefs Brand Radar** and **Yoast AI Brand Insights** offer AI-visibility tracking; Ahrefs also has a free checker. Check whether a tool lets you track a **person’s name** (not only a company or website), along with variations of your name, book titles, and expertise. (ahrefs.com)

For a useful baseline, track:

- Whether your name appears—and whether you’re recommended or just mentioned
- How AI describes your expertise, books, or services
- Which sources it cites, and whether those sources accurately represent you
- The same prompts across several AI platforms, repeated over time

One caveat: these are **snapshots, not a definitive measure of what every user sees**. Results vary by prompt, platform, and time; some tools query APIs rather than reproducing the exact consumer-app experience. (measure.co)

You can start manually with a spreadsheet and a small, fixed list of prompts, then consider a paid tracker if you want recurring reports.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Scrunch AI, Siftly, Ahrefs

Yes. Several tools track how AI assistants mention a name, and you can also do a manual check for free. Most of these products are built for companies and product categories, though, so for a person you’ll likely need to write your own prompts.

Automated tracking tools

- Tools like Otterly.AI let you define search prompts that mirror real user queries, then report when your name appears in ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews.
- Ahrefs’ Brand Radar includes share-of-voice tracking and cited URL tracking, with plans listed at roughly \$129 to \$449 per month.
- Scrunch AI lists brand mentions and citations tracking, competitor insights, AI bot crawl logs, with a starting plan around \$100 per month.

Question t11 · Claude, continued

- Siftly describes tracking how the prompt set is sampled repeatedly across ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews, which helps because AI answers vary from run to run.

Free option

Ahrefs offers a free AI visibility checker. It checks ChatGPT along with Gemini, Perplexity, Copilot, and Google AI Overviews – all in one report, with no signup required. It gives a one-time snapshot, not ongoing monitoring.

Making it work for a person

Tools are typically tuned to brands, so you'll get the most value by setting up prompts like the ones a client or reader would type. Examples include "best [your niche] consultant," "who writes about [your topic]," or "recommend a book on [subject]." Then track:

- Whether your name appears, and in what context
- How it's described, including whether anything is inaccurate
- Which competitors appear alongside you
- Which sites or pages the AI cites when it mentions you

Those cited sources are useful because they show where your authority is coming from. Most personal brands can get a lot out of a free check each month plus a manual prompt log in a spreadsheet. A paid tool makes sense if you need daily tracking or want to compare against several peers.

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RECOMMENDED Semrush, Nightwatch, Menra, Centium

Yes, you can absolutely track AI visibility for a personal brand. In fact, for consultants and authors, monitoring how AI models like ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity represent your expertise is becoming as important as traditional SEO.

Tracking this—often called **Answer Engine Optimization (AEO)**—is different from traditional keyword tracking because AI answers are dynamic, conversational, and rarely return the exact same result twice.

How to Track AI Visibility

You have two primary ways to approach this: using automated tools or implementing a manual monitoring framework.

1. Automated AI Visibility Tools

There is a growing market of tools designed to monitor brand mentions, citations, and competitor comparisons across major AI platforms.

- **If you already use SEO software:** Check if your current provider has added these features. Many platforms have integrated AI tracking into their existing suites:
 - **Ahrefs:** Their "Brand Radar" tool is widely used for monitoring mentions and competitor benchmarks in ChatGPT and other AI engines.

Question t11 · Gemini, continued

- **Semrush:** Offers an "AI Visibility Toolkit" specifically for tracking brand presence in AI-generated answers.
- **Nightwatch:** Excellent for those who want to unify traditional rank tracking with AI citation intelligence.
- **Specialized AI Tracking Platforms:** These tools are built specifically for "Answer Engine" intelligence:
 - **Options for different budgets/needs:** Tools like **Peec AI**, **Otterly.AI**, **Profound**, and **Scrunch AI** provide deep insights into citation sources, sentiment, and competitor gaps.
 - **For detailed citation mapping:** Platforms like **Menra** or **Centium** focus heavily on which specific pages AI models are pulling from when they discuss your brand.

2. The DIY Manual Framework

If you are an individual consultant or author and don't want a recurring subscription, you can build a highly effective manual system.

- **Define Your "Gold Standard" Prompts:** Create a fixed list of 15–25 questions your potential clients would ask an AI.
 - *Example:* "Who is the best consultant for [Your Niche]?" or "What are the most authoritative books on [Your Topic]?"
 - **Crucial:** Never include your own name in these prompts; you want to see if the AI *naturally* suggests you.
- **Run on a Schedule:** Do not just check once. Run these same prompts across ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini once a month.
- **Log in a Spreadsheet:** Record:
 - **Mention:** Did it name you?
 - **Citation:** Did it link to your website or book?
 - **Competitor:** Who did it name instead of you?
 - **Sentiment:** How did it describe your expertise?

What You Should Actually Measure

Don't get distracted by vanity metrics. For a personal brand, focus on these three indicators:

1. **Mention Rate:** How often does your name appear when your industry is discussed?
2. **Citation Quality:** When you are mentioned, does the AI link to your primary asset (e.g., your website, your book page, or a high-quality article you wrote)?
3. **Competitor Share of Voice:** Are you losing potential client interest to other experts? Seeing *who* replaces you in an AI answer often tells you exactly what content you need to create to fill the gap.

Pro-Tip for Consultants/Authors

AI models prioritize "authoritative" sources. To increase your visibility, ensure that your own website contains clear, structured information about your credentials, your specific methodology, and links to your published work. The more often third-party sites (blogs, podcasts, news, reviews) cite you, the more "trust" the AI models will assign to your brand name.

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RECOMMENDED Peec AI, Otterly.AI, Semrush

Yes. AI visibility tracking can work for a **person**, not just a company. The tools generally monitor whether a name or brand appears in answers to selected prompts, how it's described, which sources are cited, and how often competitors or other experts appear instead. ¹¹²

For a consultant or author, track prompts people might actually ask, such as:

- “Who are leading consultants in [specialty]?”
- “Recommend an author or expert on [topic].”
- “Who can help a [type of client] with [problem]?”
- “What is [your name] known for?”

You can start manually: run a fixed set of prompts in a few AI services, note whether and how you're mentioned, and repeat periodically. Or use a monitoring platform; options mentioned in current roundups include Peec.ai, Otterly.ai, and Semrush, with features such as prompt tracking, mention monitoring, citations, and competitor comparisons. ¹⁸

A few caveats: results can vary by prompt and platform, and a visibility score reflects the prompts and engines you chose—not a universal ranking. Include name variations and relevant topics, and check whether the answer represents you accurately, not just whether it mentions you. ⁸¹²

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AI visibility tool for agencies that can white-label reports

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RECOMMENDED GetIntel (top pick), Semrush, Scrunch

GetIntel looks like the closest fit if you want a purpose-built agency tool: it offers multi-client tracking and white-label PDF/link reports, with pricing published at **\$79 per client/month for 3–9 clients** and **\$59 per client/month for 10–24**. Its reports can be scheduled and use your agency's branding. (getintel.ai)

Other options to compare:

- **Semrush** – a good fit if you already use Semrush. Its reporting tools support custom branding and AI visibility metrics; pricing depends on your toolkit and report needs. (semrush.com)
- **Scrunch** – worth a look for larger agencies needing custom reporting and broader AI visibility workflows; confirm current white-label scope and pricing with sales. (semrush.com)

Before choosing, check whether “white-label” covers **the report itself, client-facing links/portals, scheduled delivery, and your own domain**—vendors don't always mean the same thing by it. **My quick pick: GetIntel for transparent per-client pricing; Semrush if you want AI visibility folded into an existing SEO reporting stack.**

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RECOMMENDED Rank Prompt, Ayzeo, AI Brand Report, LLM Pulse, Otterly.AI, Trakkr, Rankscale, Nightwatch MENTIONED Arvow
 NEGATIVE Profound

Several tools support white-label AI visibility reporting, but the depth varies a lot. Some only brand a PDF, while others give you a client portal on your own domain. Most of the comparison pages I found are written by vendors, so verify current pricing before you commit.

Options with a clear agency offer

- **Rank Prompt:** The Agency plan runs \$149/mo and includes white-label reports, emailed to your clients after every scheduled run, plus 500 brands. Agency Plus at \$299/mo adds a full agency dashboard, client logins, prospecting, and 1,000 brands.
- **Ayzeo:** White-label PDF and Word (DOCX) reports are included in Pro (\$149/month). Pro includes 3 projects; each additional project is \$49/month. Its guide also says dashboard branding and the Prospect Scanner are now included in Pro and Enterprise when your organization is set to Agency.
- **AI Brand Report:** Manage up to 25 client brands/projects from a single dashboard on its Agency plan, with white-label PDF reports included.

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- **LLM Pulse:** Its white-label option lets you brand LLM Pulse as your own platform. Clients see your agency logo, colors, and custom subdomain. Starter is €49/month for 50 prompts and 10 competitors. Growth is €99/month for 150 prompts and 15 competitors. Note that white label uses an agency arrangement, so you'll need to ask for terms.
- **Otterly.ai:** Agencies can export reports stripped of Otterly's branding and add their own logo and color scheme. Pricing is inconsistent across sources: one lists \$79-249/month and another lists \$29/month.

Portal-level white-label (client logins on your domain)

- **Trakkr:** Its genuine level 3 portal is a +\$49 per brand per month add-on, so white-labelling ten clients costs roughly as much again as the plan itself.
- **Rankscale:** Ten brand dashboards at \$99/mo is the cheapest route to double-digit clients, but white label only arrives at \$385/mo. Its credit pool is also tight, since a client with a serious prompt set will eat the pool.
- **Nightwatch:** Its custom-domain client portal is available on the Professional tier and up, and AI visibility is bundled into its rank tracker.

Enterprise

- **Profound:** Enterprise-first platforms like Profound quote custom pricing that typically starts in the four figures per month, which suits large in-house teams more than multi-client agencies.

Caveats

- Arvow's own comparison says its reports carry Google Search Console data: clicks, impressions, positions. They do not carry brand-monitor data. So check which data a white-label report actually includes.
- A key question is whether you get a branded PDF, a scheduled branded email, or a full client portal. Those are very different products.

If you tell me how many clients you have and whether you need a client-facing login or just branded reports, I can narrow this to one or two options.

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RECOMMENDED Rank Prompt, Geneo, LLM Pulse, Perkydash MENTIONED AgencyAnalytics, DashThis

For agencies looking to provide AI visibility services (also known as Answer Engine Optimization or GEO) with professional, white-label reporting, the market currently offers several platforms designed to handle multi-client portfolios and custom branding.

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Top AI Visibility Tools for Agencies (White-Label)

These platforms are specifically built to monitor how AI models like ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Claude cite and represent your clients' brands.

- **Rank Prompt:** Highly regarded for its agency economics, offering robust white-label reports, dedicated client portals, and multi-brand management. It is often cited as a top choice for agencies needing to scale across many clients.
- **Geneo:** Offers a comprehensive platform for AI visibility that includes fully customizable client portals on your own domain, allowing clients to see branded visibility scores, share-of-voice metrics, and sentiment analysis.
- **LLM Pulse:** Known for advanced white-label modes, including live embeddable dashboards on your own domain, which goes beyond standard static PDF reports.
- **Perkydash:** A newer, specialized tool focused on white-label monitoring for agencies, offering custom branding (domain, logo, colors) and client viewer accounts.

Key Considerations for Agencies

When selecting a tool, consider how it handles your specific agency workflow:

- **Client Separation:** Ensure the tool allows for truly isolated client workspaces so that one client cannot see another's projects or data.
- **Level of White-Labeling:** Look for more than just logo swaps. The best tools offer **custom domains** (e.g., `reports.youragency.com`), custom email senders, and fully branded client portals where clients can log in.
- **Actionable Insights:** While tracking visibility is the core function, the most valuable tools provide diagnostic data—such as *why* a brand was or was not cited—enabling you to provide strategic recommendations rather than just raw numbers.
- **Pricing Structure:** Compare cost per active client or project rather than just the base subscription price. Many tools use credit-based systems for prompts or scans, which can vary significantly as you scale.

Summary of Agency Needs

Feature	Importance for Agencies
Multi-Client Portals	Critical for managing 10+ clients without administrative friction.
Custom Domains	Builds trust and ensures the software feels like an extension of your agency.
Diagnostic Data	Necessary to prove value and explain fluctuations in AI rankings.
API Access	Useful if you eventually want to push data into your own proprietary reporting stack.

If you are already using traditional reporting platforms like **AgencyAnalytics** or **DashThis**, note that while they are excellent for multi-channel marketing, you may need to supplement them with one of the specialized AI visibility tools above until they fully mature their AI-specific tracking capabilities.

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RECOMMENDED Writesonic, Surva.ai, Searchable, Trakkr, Prefer, LLM Metrix, Indexly

Here are several AI-visibility tools that advertise white-label reporting for agencies:

- **Writesonic** – Agency-focused platform with client workspaces, AI-visibility monitoring, shareable audit reports, and white-label reporting on its custom agency plan.⁹
- **Surva.ai** – Branded PDF reports and scheduled delivery; tracks visibility across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews.³
- **Searchable** – White-label reports and report links or slide decks, with agency branding and multi-client workspaces.¹
- **Trakkr** – White-label client portal, reports, and prospect-pitch reports; supports your logo, colors, and domain.¹¹
- **Prefer** – White-label PDFs, share links, CSVs, slides, client views, and scheduled report emails; its agency page lists a \$199/month Agency plan.¹³
- **LLM Metrix** – Branded report pages, PDF printing, CSV/JSON exports, and scheduled account digests.¹⁴
- **Indexly** – Agency dashboard with customizable branded reports covering mentions, citations, sentiment, competitor share of voice, and AI traffic; exports to PDF or presentation.¹⁵

Quick shortlist: If you mainly need branded reports, compare Surva, Prefer, and LLM Metrix. If you also want a branded client portal or domain, look at Trakkr or Searchable. Check current pricing, model coverage, and what “white-label” includes before choosing—some tools brand only exported reports, while others also white-label the client experience.

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How do I check whether AI assistants describe my product's features correctly?

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Treat it as a **repeatable accuracy audit**, not a one-off “ask ChatGPT” test.

1. **Write down the source of truth.** Make a compact, dated fact sheet for each important feature: what it does, limits, compatibility, availability, pricing or plan requirements, and what it *doesn't* do. Link each fact to an authoritative product page or internal documentation.
1. **Build a test set of realistic questions.** Include common buyer questions, tricky edge cases, comparisons, and questions with false assumptions—such as “Does it work offline?” when it doesn't. Test wording variations, not just one carefully phrased prompt.
1. **Check several assistants and conditions.** Run the questions in the assistants your customers use, both with fresh chats and, where relevant, with web search enabled. Record the date, assistant/model, settings, prompt, full answer, and any cited sources. Answers can vary, and current features may change.
1. **Score the answers claim by claim.** Label each product claim **correct**, **incorrect**, **unsupported**, or **missing/unclear** against your fact sheet. Track especially serious errors—such as invented capabilities, wrong plan limits, or outdated availability—separately from minor omissions.
1. **Review the scoring yourself.** A second AI can help flag claims, but don't make it the final judge: automated graders can miss subtle errors. For a formal evaluation, keep a human-checked set of examples and compare any automated grader against it. Evaluation guidance similarly recommends representative examples, edge cases, and measurable criteria. (developer.apple.com)
1. **Repeat on a schedule and after changes.** Rerun the same questions after product, pricing, or documentation updates, and periodically even when nothing changes. Compare accuracy over time and investigate recurring errors.

A simple tracker can have columns for **question**, **assistant/date**, **answer**, **claims checked**, **result**, **severity**, **source**, and **follow-up**. Your most useful headline metrics are the share of claims that are correct, the share that are wrong, and the rate of serious errors—not just whether an answer “sounds right.” Generative models can confidently produce unsupported information, so checking claims against your own authoritative facts matters. (nvlpubs.nist.gov)

If you want, I can help you turn your feature list into a small test set and scoring rubric.

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Start with a fixed set of questions, run them on the major assistants, and compare each answer against a verified fact sheet for your product.

1. Write a fact sheet of ground truth. List your core features, supported integrations, pricing, limits, availability, and anything you've recently changed or discontinued. Each AI claim will be checked against this document, so keep it current.

2. Build a prompt set that mirrors real buyers. Aim for about 10 to 15 prompts across a few types:

- Direct brand questions, such as "What do you know about [Your Product] and what does it do?"
- Category searches where you should appear, such as "best tools for [your use case]."
- Comparisons, such as "[Your Product] vs. [Competitor]."
- Critical or skeptical questions, such as "What are the main criticisms of [Your Product]?"
- Specific feature questions, such as "Does [Your Product] support [feature]?"

One source suggests that direct brand queries reveal whether the AI has any information about you at all, and that a "don't have information" reply signals a visibility gap. These reveal whether AI models have any information about you and how accurate that information is. If an AI model responds with "I don't have specific information about that company," you've identified a critical visibility gap.

3. Run the prompts on several assistants. One guide recommends testing across ChatGPT, Claude, Perplexity, and Gemini at minimum. Add Copilot and Google AI Overviews if your buyers use them. Record the full response, the date, and the model or version when you can. Answers vary between runs, so repeat important prompts a few times and on different days.

4. Grade each answer. For every response, mark each factual claim as correct, wrong, outdated, missing, or invented. One rubric weights factual accuracy most heavily and scores each response on a scale. Every claim in the response should be verifiable against your product data, policies, or order system. You can also score sentiment and whether competitors are framed better than you.

5. Automate the monitoring. Once you have a baseline, you can stop checking by hand. Some teams schedule recurring checks of AI answers with page-monitoring tools, while others use platform APIs to run prompts in scripts and log the results. Some AI platforms offer APIs that allow automated testing. You can build scripts to run queries programmatically and track responses over time. Also sample a set of responses regularly, such as a few dozen per week, and compare them against your catalog.

6. Fix the source, then re-test. Most wrong answers trace back to thin, outdated, or ambiguous public information. Publish clear, authoritative, well-structured content stating the correct facts, ensure your own pages are extractable and consistent, and use any vendor feedback channel to report the error. Then rerun the same prompts to see whether the answers change. Keep in mind that assistants that lack live data access may guess, so the freshness of your public pages matters.

Tip: keep the same prompt set and grading rubric for every run. Without that consistency, you can't tell whether a change in an answer reflects a real improvement or just different wording.

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RECOMMENDED Google's Rich Results Test

Checking whether AI assistants accurately describe your product features requires a proactive, systematic approach. Because AI outputs can vary from one interaction to the next, a single check is insufficient.

1. Perform Manual "Secret Shopper" Audits

The most direct way to understand how AI perceives your brand is to act like a customer.

- **Use Diverse Prompts:** Ask the same questions your potential customers ask. Cover different categories: **problem-based** ("How do I fix [issue] with [product type]?"), **comparison-based** ("Compare [Your Product] with [Competitor]"), and **intent-based** ("What are the best [product type] under [price]?").
- **Test Multiple Platforms:** Do not rely on just one AI. Run your tests across major engines including ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, Claude, and Grok. Each has different retrieval behaviors and sources.
- **Maintain a "Clean" Testing Environment:** Use private or incognito browser windows to avoid personalized search history influencing the results. Record the platform, the exact prompt, the date, and whether your brand was mentioned, recommended, or described accurately.
- **Look for Trends, Not Anecdotes:** Track these results in a spreadsheet over weeks. If you see recurring inaccuracies, you have identified a specific information gap that needs to be corrected at the source.

2. Audit Your Technical "AI Readiness"

AI assistants often "read" your product data via machine-readable formats rather than your visual website layout.

- **Check Structured Data:** Ensure your website uses schema markup (JSON-LD) to clearly define product names, prices, availability, and features. Tools like Google's Rich Results Test can show you exactly what data "machines" see when they crawl your page.
- **Review robots.txt:** Ensure you have not accidentally blocked AI crawlers (like GPTBot, Claude-Web, or Google-Extended) from accessing your site.
- **Optimize for Clarity:** AI models predict the "likely next word." If your product pages contain blank descriptions, outdated specs, or ambiguous language, the AI is more likely to hallucinate or omit your product. Use clear, concise, and factual descriptions.

3. Leverage Dedicated Monitoring Tools

If you have a large product catalog, manual checking is not scalable.

- **AI Visibility Platforms:** There is a growing category of tools—such as **Alclicks**, **Slate**, or **Foglift**—designed specifically to monitor brand mentions, citation accuracy, and competitive positioning across multiple AI engines.
- **Automated Tracking:** For higher volumes, you can use scripts or API-based tools to run a fixed set of prompts on a weekly schedule. These tools log responses and help you build an audit trail of how your brand's representation evolves over time.

Question t13 · Gemini, continued

4. Maintain a "Single Source of Truth"

Ultimately, AI accuracy is a reflection of the data you provide to the web.

- **Regular Data Hygiene:** Treat your product data as a living asset. If you update a feature or price, ensure that change is reflected in your structured data, on your website, and on third-party marketplaces or review platforms where AI might pull its information.
- **Fact-Check Regularly:** If you use AI to generate any of your own marketing content, manually verify every number, name, and claim before publishing. Unchecked AI-generated content can create a feedback loop where AI models "learn" your own hallucinations as facts.

Summary Checklist for Your Team

- [] **Monthly Audit:** Run a consistent set of ~20–40 "buyer intent" prompts across ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews.
- [] **Technical Review:** Use Schema/Structured Data to ensure your product specifications are machine-readable.
- [] **Competitive Benchmarking:** Track your "Share of Voice" in AI responses relative to your top 3–5 competitors.
- [] **Data Maintenance:** Establish a process to update technical specs and product descriptions immediately upon any product launch or change.

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Treat it like a repeatable factual audit—not just a check of whether assistants mention your product.

1. **Create a source of truth.** List each important feature and its exact facts: what it does, limits, compatibility, pricing or plan availability, and any relevant qualifiers. Link each fact to the current product page or documentation, and note when it was last checked.
1. **Test realistic questions.** Ask several assistants the kinds of questions customers might ask, including:
 - "What does [product] do?"
 - "Does it support [specific feature or integration]?"
 - "How does it compare with [alternative]?"

Question t13 · Perplexity, continued

- “Which plan includes [feature]?”
- “Is it suitable for [use case]?”

Include direct product questions and broader category or comparison questions; assistants may describe you differently depending on how the question is phrased.

1. **Save the evidence.** Record the exact prompt, assistant, date, locale, and full answer, including any citations. Answers can vary, so repeat important tests and keep the original wording.
1. **Check claims one by one.** Compare each factual statement with your source of truth. Mark it **correct**, **incorrect**, **outdated**, or **unclear**. Pay particular attention to feature availability, limits, integrations, pricing, and compatibility. A favorable description can still be inaccurate.
1. **Look for patterns and likely causes.** If an answer cites a page, check whether that page really supports the claim and is current. Review your own site and docs for conflicting descriptions, stale pages, duplicate PDFs, or missing details. Assistants may also rely on third-party sources, so note those separately.
1. **Fix and retest.** Correct the pages or documentation you control, then rerun the same prompts over time. Track which errors recur and how quickly they disappear. AI-visibility monitoring tools can help automate this, but verify any tool’s findings against the saved answers and source material; mention counts alone don’t measure accuracy.⁴⁶⁹

A simple tracker can use: **prompt | assistant | date | answer | claim | source/evidence | status | follow-up.**

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How do AI visibility tools differ in how they collect answers, API or scraping?

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AI visibility tools generally collect answers in one of two ways—and some use a mix.

Method	What it does	Main advantage	Main limitation
Provider API	Sends prompts to a model through an official or third-party API, sometimes with a web-search tool enabled.	Fast, repeatable, and easier to run at scale.	May not reproduce the consumer app's exact experience: model versions, search behavior, citations, and interface features can differ.
Browser/UI automation ("scraping")	Submits prompts through the AI product's website or app, then captures the rendered answer and often its citations.	Closer to what a user sees in that interface, including search results or source cards.	More fragile and expensive to operate; interfaces change, and login, location, personalization, or access restrictions can affect results.

Neither method gives a definitive view of what every user sees. An API answer measures a particular model-and-settings configuration; a browser run measures a particular interface, account/session, location, and moment. Answers can also vary between repeated runs, so sampling frequency and prompt choice matter as much as the collection method. (metehan.ai)

Some tools use a **hybrid approach**, choosing a different method for different platforms or using APIs for routine tracking and UI runs for checks that need to match a consumer interface. Ask vendors which method they use **for each AI platform**, whether web search is enabled, how often they repeat prompts, and whether you can inspect the raw answers and citations. One methodology page, for example, explicitly notes that its answers come from a third-party collection service and that consumer answers can differ from API answers. (visibilitytool.ai)

Rule of thumb: If your question is “What does this product’s app show?”, favor UI-based collection. If it’s “How does this fixed set of prompts trend over time?”, API collection can be useful—provided you track the same model, settings, and prompts consistently. Don’t compare visibility scores across tools without checking how each one collects answers and calculates its score.

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Most AI visibility tools use one of two methods, or a mix. The main difference is which product they measure: the raw model API or the consumer chat interface.

Question t14 · ChatGPT, continued

API collection. The tool sends tracked prompts to the provider's developer endpoint and parses the output. API-based collection often queries a different model than the one consumers actually use, without web search, personalization or interface-specific behavior. Vendors that use this approach include Semrush, Ahrefs, Peec AI, and Otterly AI, and Conductor uses official APIs from each AI engine to fetch responses. The upside is that the method is documented and repeatable. One analysis notes that for long-term time series, APIs provide measurement conditions that are easier to control and document.

UI scraping. The tool runs prompts through the actual chat product, such as ChatGPT or Perplexity, and records the rendered answer and its sources. Vendors cited as using this approach include Superlines, Profound, and ZipTie. Its advantage is fidelity: the chat product runs live web retrieval and shows citations, which the bare API often skips. Its drawbacks are cost, speed, and consistency. Scrapers can struggle with feature-specific results such as whether browsing is enabled, and what your scraper sees at one moment might not match what real users see an hour later.

Google AI Overviews are a special case. Google has no official AI Overviews API, so teams parse the Overview from the search result page.

Why the results differ. Vendor studies report sizable gaps between the two methods, though most are published by companies that sell one approach, so treat the numbers as indicative. One comparison of scraped and API answers found scraped answers contained an average of 16 sources, compared with seven through the API. Another test of ChatGPT found the API without web search surfaced 84% smaller brand universe across 300 responses. The gap narrows when web search is enabled on the API. Adding web search to the API helps significantly, but still doesn't fully replicate what users experience.

What to ask a vendor. Rather than asking whether a tool "measures ChatGPT," ask how it collects data, which model or surface it uses, whether web search is on, and how often it samples. One analysis argues that one run per week is a poll, not a measurement. Also check whether you can see the raw answers behind a score, since that is what lets you verify the results.

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The primary difference between AI visibility tools that use APIs versus those that use scraping lies in **whether they measure the "backend" data provided by the AI developer or the "frontend" experience seen by a real user.**

Because AI models generate dynamic, personalized responses, these two methods often produce significantly different results, leading to a major debate in the industry regarding which approach is more accurate.

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1. API-Based Data Collection

API-based tools interact with the official programming interfaces provided by AI companies (e.g., OpenAI's API for ChatGPT).

- **How it works:** The tool sends a prompt to the AI platform's official API and receives a structured, machine-readable response (usually in JSON format).
- **Pros:**
 - **Stability & Reliability:** Data is consistent, structured, and legally compliant, with documented rate limits and support from the platform provider.
 - **Scalability:** It is much easier to run thousands of queries systematically and cost-effectively.
- **Cons:**
 - **Lack of Realism:** The API response often differs from what a human sees in a web browser. It may lack the "search-augmented" features (like live web browsing, ads, or specific interface elements) that appear in the consumer version of the chatbot.
 - **"False Precision":** Critics argue that API data doesn't reflect the true user experience, making measurements potentially misleading for marketers trying to understand how their brand appears to consumers.

2. UI Scraping (Interface Scraping)

Scraping-based tools simulate a human user visiting the AI's website through a browser.

- **How it works:** The tool uses automated scripts or headless browsers to log into the AI platform, type the prompt into the chat box, and capture the actual rendered output, including text, links, citations, and images.
- **Pros:**
 - **High Accuracy:** Because it "sees" what the user sees, it captures the exact branding, citations, and layout that an actual customer experiences.
 - **Full Context:** It captures all the extra "layers" of an AI response—such as shopping results, specialized formatting, and live search citations—that might be stripped out of a raw API call.
- **Cons:**
 - **Technical Fragility:** If the AI platform changes its website layout, the scraper often breaks and requires constant maintenance to fix its "selectors."
 - **Legal & Compliance Risks:** Scraping often violates an AI platform's Terms of Service (ToS). Platforms frequently use anti-bot measures to block scrapers, leading to potential service interruptions or IP bans.

Comparison Summary

Feature	API-Based Monitoring	UI Scraping
Data Source	Official endpoints	Browser-rendered web pages
Accuracy	Varies (often doesn't match UI)	High (mirrors user experience)
Reliability	High (stable)	Low (prone to breaking)
Legal Risk	Minimal (compliant)	Higher (violates some ToS)
Cost/Effort	Lower maintenance	Higher infrastructure & upkeep

The Industry Perspective

There is currently no consensus on which method is "best." Proponents of **scraping** argue that if your goal is to track brand visibility, you *must* track what the user sees, as API data can have a very low overlap (sometimes as low as 30%) with the actual user interface.

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Conversely, those favoring **APIs** argue that scraping is unsustainable at scale and that the legal and technical risks make it a poor foundation for enterprise-level reporting. As a result, many modern tools are shifting toward **hybrid approaches** or managed scraping services that attempt to provide the stability of an API with the coverage of a scraper.

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AI visibility tools generally collect answers in two ways: **through model APIs** or by **scraping/automating the consumer-facing interface**. Some tools use a mix, depending on the AI platform.

- **API-based collection:** The tool sends prompts to a provider's developer API and records the returned answer, and often citations or other fields. This is usually easier to scale and can produce consistent, structured data. But the API may use different models, settings, search behavior, or system instructions from the consumer app—so its answer may not match what a person sees in ChatGPT or another interface.²⁵
- **Interface scraping:** The tool submits prompts through an AI product's website or app and parses the displayed results, citations, and related information. This can better reflect the consumer experience, but it can be slower and more brittle: interface changes, login requirements, rate limits, and bot protections can affect collection.²³
- **A key distinction:** A vendor may offer an **API for accessing its data** while collecting that data by scraping. "Available via API" doesn't necessarily mean "collected from the AI provider's API."³¹¹

So the practical tradeoff is **scale and repeatability versus fidelity to the end-user product**. Before comparing visibility scores, check each tool's methodology: which route it uses for each engine, which model or product version it queries, whether web search is enabled, and how it handles repeated or failed runs. Scores gathered by different methods aren't necessarily directly comparable.¹²⁹

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AI answer tracking tool with an API so my developers can pull the data

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RECOMMENDED Mentionable (top pick), Foglift, Trackee

If you mean **tracking how often AI answers mention or cite your brand**, take a look at:

- **Mentionable** – likely the closest fit for developers who want to *pull tracking data*: its read-only REST API provides daily metrics, individual AI answers, and competitor share-of-voice data in JSON or CSV. (mentionable.ai)
- **Foglift** – offers a REST API for running prompt checks and retrieving answer text, brand mentions, citations, sentiment, and competitors across several AI engines. Its site lists API access on paid plans starting at \$49/month. (foglift.io)
- **Trackee** – an API-oriented option covering AI visibility, answers, citations, and share of voice, with SDKs advertised on its site. (trackee.dev)

My starting pick: **Mentionable** if you want to ingest *ongoing monitoring data* into your own dashboards or product. Pick **Foglift** if you also want to trigger checks on demand and retrieve the underlying answer evidence.

One important question for your developers to check: does the service track answers from the AI products' **user-facing apps**, or generate answers through model APIs? Those can produce different answers, so it affects what your tracking represents.

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RECOMMENDED SE Ranking, Otterly.AI, Promptwatch, Profound, DataForSEO

Here are the tools that look most relevant for developer access, based on current vendor and review pages. Pricing and API tiers change often, so check the docs before committing.

- **SE Ranking (AI Search API):** Pulls brand presence, share of voice, the prompts that surface a domain, and competitor comparisons across five engines into your own dashboards or workflows, according to SE Ranking's AI Search API pulls AI visibility data (brand presence, share of voice, the prompts that surface a domain, and competitor comparisons) across the same five engines into your own dashboards or workflows. The site also lists a full REST API and a starting price of pay-as-you-go starting at \$50/mo. This is the strongest fit if you also want SEO data in the same pipeline.
- **Otterly.AI:** Has a public API. The OtterlyAI Public API lets you programmatically access brand reports, prompts, citations, and workspace data from the OtterlyAI platform. It's a lower-cost option, listed at \$29/month in one comparison.

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- **Promptwatch:** A vendor claims MCP and API access included on every plan, including the entry tier. Treat that as a vendor claim until you confirm it.
- **Profound:** Strong on coverage (it tracks ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, Microsoft Copilot, Google AI Overviews, Google AI Mode, Google Gemini, Grok, Amazon Rufus, Meta AI, and DeepSeek), but its API is an enterprise offering with custom pricing. Note that Profound says it captures directly from the browser—what you see in Profound is what your customers see when they query AI. That's a methodological difference from tools that query APIs, so ask any vendor how they collect answers.
- **DataForSEO:** Not a tracker itself. It offers raw SERP and SEO infrastructure for teams that would rather build the product layer themselves, with AI Overview data. Choose it if you want to build your own tracker.

Questions to ask vendors before you pick one:

1. Does the API return raw answer text and citations, or only aggregated scores? Your developers will likely need the raw data.
2. Which engines are covered through the API specifically, since coverage sometimes differs from the dashboard?
3. What are the rate limits, prompt caps, and historical data retention?
4. How do they collect answers (API queries versus browser capture), and does that affect comparability with what real users see?
5. Are webhooks or scheduled exports available, or is it pull-only?

If you tell me your rough prompt volume, engines you need, and budget, I can narrow this to one or two options.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Ansvisor, Langfuse, LangSmith, Helicone, Braintrust MENTIONED LangChain

To select the right tool for tracking AI answers with an API, you must first clarify whether you need to track **external AI visibility** (how your brand appears in ChatGPT, Perplexity, and AI Overviews) or **internal product performance** (your own chatbot's logs, traces, and metrics).

1. If you need to track your brand in AI Answer Engines

If your goal is to monitor how often AI models mention your brand, cite your website, or rank your products, you need an **AI Visibility/Monitoring** tool. These platforms provide APIs to pull brand mention data, citation share, and sentiment metrics into your own BI dashboards.

- **Profound:** Built for enterprise-scale AI visibility. It tracks mentions and citations across numerous LLMs and provides a robust API for integrating data into internal pipelines.
- **Otterly.AI:** A strong mid-market choice with broad engine coverage (ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, etc.) and API access for exporting tracking data.

Question t15 · Gemini, continued

- **Peec AI:** Focuses on browser-level simulation (capturing what users actually see). It is GDPR-compliant and offers API capabilities for teams needing to feed AI tracking data into their own systems.
- **Ansvisor:** An open-source platform built specifically for developers, offering API/MCP tools to access prompts, citations, and visibility scores.

2. If you need to track your own AI Chatbot/Agent

If you are building an AI application and need your developers to pull logs, traces, and evaluation scores (e.g., to debug "hallucinations" or track latency), you need an **LLM Observability** platform.

- **Langfuse:** A leading open-source platform that excels in tracing and evaluation. It provides a comprehensive API that allows developers to export trace data, feedback, and evaluation scores for custom analysis.
- **LangSmith (by LangChain):** The industry standard for production debugging, testing, and monitoring. Its API is highly integrated, allowing teams to programmatically pull metrics, manage datasets, and inspect traces.
- **Helicone:** An AI gateway and observability tool that sits between your application and your LLM provider. It is designed for developers to get API-level visibility into cost, latency, and request logs.
- **Braintrust:** Excellent for teams that prioritize "evals" (evaluation). It provides a full lifecycle API that connects production data back to testing and human-in-the-loop review.

Summary Comparison Table

Use Case	Recommended Tools	Best For
Brand Visibility	Profound, Otterly.AI, Ansvisor	Marketing/SEO teams needing to track external AI citations.
Product Observability	Langfuse, LangSmith, Helicone	Engineering teams needing to debug/monitor their own AI agents.
Custom Integration	Apify (for scraping)	Building custom web-search scrapers to feed your own tracking logic.

How to decide

- **If you are a developer building an app:** Choose **Langfuse** or **Helicone**. They are developer-first, support OpenTelemetry, and are specifically designed to expose their data via API so your team can build custom monitors or dashboards.
- **If you are a marketer/business owner:** Choose **Profound** or **Otterly.AI**. These provide "ready-to-use" insights about how your brand is perceived by AI, with APIs available if your developers need to pull those specific insights into internal systems.
- **If you need raw, custom-scraped data:** Use **Apify**, which allows you to run "Actors" (web crawlers) that perform queries on ChatGPT or Perplexity and push the results directly to your database via their API.

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RECOMMENDED DataForSEO, Keyword.com, MentionsAPI

If you want developers to **pull AI-answer visibility data through an API**, these are the best fits from the results:

- **DataForSEO** – Best for building your own data pipeline. Its APIs cover brand mentions and citations, plus querying ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, and Perplexity with a common request format. The mentions data is based on an indexed prompt database, so distinguish that from live model responses.⁵⁸

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- **Keyword.com** – Best for importing **aggregated visibility metrics** into dashboards or reporting. Its API includes visibility, sentiment, competitor benchmarks, and trends across engines, but it does **not** provide raw answer text. ³¹⁵
- **MentionsAPI** – Best if you want scheduled prompt checks and results delivered to your system. It offers monitoring endpoints and webhooks, with mentions, sentiment, position, and cited sources across ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, and Perplexity. ⁶

My quick recommendation: choose **DataForSEO** if your developers need flexible API access and both visibility data and model responses; choose **Keyword.com** for ready-made reporting metrics; choose **MentionsAPI** for scheduled monitoring with webhook delivery.

Before choosing, confirm pricing, rate limits, data retention, and whether you need **live answers** or **historical/aggregated tracking**—those are different products.

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Why would an AI assistant recommend a competitor over us?

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Usually, it's not a judgment that your business is worse. The assistant may simply have found clearer or more relevant evidence for the competitor—or the user's prompt may have favored what the competitor offers.

Common reasons include:

- **The competitor fits the stated criteria better**—for example, price, location, features, availability, or a particular use case.
- **Their information is easier to find or compare.** Clear, current product or service details help; missing or inconsistent details can make an assistant less confident about you.
- **Your site or listings aren't accessible to the assistant's search tools.** For ChatGPT Search, for example, OpenAI says sites need to allow OAI-Searchbot crawling to be eligible for inclusion. (help.openai.com)
- **The answer is based on incomplete or outdated information.** Search results and citations can be incomplete, outdated, or incorrect. (help.openai.com)
- **For shopping results, the assistant weighs product data and the user's context.** ChatGPT says product results are selected for relevance to intent, using factors that can include structured product metadata and other third-party content; not every matching product will necessarily appear. (help.openai.com)

A useful first step is to test the exact prompt that produced the recommendation, then check what sources it cited and whether your own pages clearly state your strengths, pricing, availability, and who you serve. If you share what “us” is—a product, company, or service—and the prompt where the assistant recommended a competitor, I can help diagnose the likely reason.

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AI assistants usually aren't picking a competitor on purpose. The recommendation mostly reflects how well the model knows each brand and how often trusted sources connect that brand to the problem being asked about. The evidence I found is mostly from marketing and SEO vendors rather than peer-reviewed research, so treat it as well-informed practitioner consensus.

Likely reasons

- **Training-data footprint.** Models learn from a snapshot of web text, and a brand's presence in that snapshot shapes what the model "knows" about it. When someone asks for a recommendation, the model draws on patterns: which brands were discussed most frequently, most authoritatively, and most consistently across many sources.

Question t16 · Claude, continued

- **Third-party mentions outweigh your own site.** LLM visibility isn't primarily about your website. Coverage in publications, review platforms, and forums often matters more than your marketing pages.
- **Brand-topic association.** The more tightly a brand name sits next to a topic in the training corpus, the higher the probability the model names it for that topic. If a competitor is repeatedly tied to "best tool for X," it gets named for X.
- **Entity clarity.** Before an assistant can recommend you, it has to correctly identify who you are and which bucket you belong in. If a model can't confidently say what category you belong to, it won't risk recommending you.
- **Reviews and sentiment.** One vendor's analysis lists five factors: how often a brand appears in training data and retrieved pages, the authority of the sources that mention it, review sentiment, how closely the brand fits the specific query, and structured data that makes the brand legible.
- **Live retrieval.** Some tools search the web at answer time, so current content matters too. Perplexity and Claude's web search features, and ChatGPT's browsing mode, pull in real-time data on top of their training.
- **Incumbency.** This training foundation explains why established brands often dominate AI recommendations even when newer alternatives might be superior.

What to do about it

1. Ask the main assistants (ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, Perplexity) the buying questions your customers ask, such as "best X for Y," and record who gets named and how each one is described. Results vary by platform, so test several.
2. Look at where competitors are mentioned and where you're absent: review sites, comparison articles, analyst coverage, and community forums.
3. Make your category and use cases explicit and consistent across your site, directories, and press. Vendors recommend specific use cases and measurable results over vague positioning.
4. Keep factual details current, since some tools retrieve live pages.

I can't see how assistants currently describe your product, so I can't tell you the specific reason in your case. If you tell me your product, category, and main competitors, I can help you design a prompt test or review your positioning.

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It can be incredibly frustrating to see an AI assistant suggest a competitor when you know your business offers a superior product or service. However, it is important to understand that **AI recommendations are generally based on "legibility" and data availability, not on the actual quality of your work.**

AI models do not "experience" your service or "taste" your craftsmanship. Instead, they function as information-retrieval and synthesis engines that prioritize clarity, trust, and verifiable data.

Here is why your competitor is likely being recommended over you, and how you can change that.

1. The "Confirmation" Trap (The AI's Memory)

Unlike traditional search engines that crawl the web to discover new information, AI often operates by "confirming" what it already knows.

- **Established Authority:** Your competitor may have been in the AI's training data longer. If they have years of press, articles, and forum mentions, the model associates their name with your category by default.
- **"Best-Of" Lists:** AI models heavily rely on third-party directories, "best of" articles, and industry lists. If your competitor is featured on these lists and you are not, the AI considers them a safer, more "verified" recommendation.

2. Lack of "Legibility"

Even if you are the better choice, the AI may simply be unable to "read" your business effectively.

- **Ambiguous Messaging:** If your website uses flowery or vague language (e.g., "We create beautiful outdoor spaces") instead of specific, keyword-rich descriptions (e.g., "Paver patios and pool landscaping in [City Name]"), the AI won't know exactly when to recommend you.
- **Missing Context:** AI needs to see your business name, services, and location clearly linked across different parts of the web. If your competitor uses the exact language your customers type into search engines, the AI will prioritize them because it can match the user's intent to their content more easily.

3. The "Share of Voice" Gap

AI visibility is often a result of how much third-party "noise" exists about a brand.

- **Third-Party Validation:** AI trusts what *others* say about you more than what you say about yourself. If you have fewer reviews, mentions in industry articles, or backlinks from reputable sources, the AI has less "evidence" to support recommending you.
- **Missing Metadata:** If your website isn't structured for machines—meaning it lacks clear schema, organized service pages, or accessible business details—the AI may skip over it during its synthesis process.

How to Improve Your AI Visibility (GEO)

You can improve your chances of being recommended by shifting your focus to **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)**:

- **Speak Your Customer's Language:** Audit your website to ensure it uses the specific, literal terms customers use when searching for your services. Avoid industry jargon that doesn't align with how a typical user asks a question.
- **Create "Answer-Focused" Content:** Build pages that specifically answer the questions your customers ask (e.g., "What does a patio project cost?" or "What is the process for [X]?"). This makes your content highly quotable for AI models.
- **Build a Consistent Digital Footprint:** Ensure your business name, services, and location are consistent across all directories, social platforms, and review sites.
- **Get Listed:** Prioritize being included on independent, reputable industry lists and directories.
- **Audit Your "AI Score":** You can use tools (or even just perform manual queries on ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini) to see exactly how your brand is being described. If the AI is describing you using a competitor's features, you know you need to update your on-site content to clarify your unique value.

Question t16 · Gemini, continued

The bottom line: You aren't losing because you're worse at your job; you are losing because you aren't yet "readable" to the AI. By providing the AI with clear, consistent, and factual information, you can transition from being an "invisible" option to a primary recommendation.

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An AI assistant recommending a competitor **doesn't necessarily mean the competitor is better**. Often, the assistant has clearer or more credible information showing that the competitor fits the user's specific request.

Common reasons include:

- **Closer fit to the prompt:** The competitor's positioning, features, price, location, or use cases match what the user asked for more directly.
- **Clearer, more current information:** Their pages make details like pricing, availability, integrations, and product capabilities easy to find and verify.
- **More independent evidence:** Reviews, industry coverage, comparison articles, and customer discussions may give the assistant more confidence in the competitor. AI answers can draw on these sources, not just companies' own websites.²⁸
- **A visibility or access gap:** Your relevant pages may be hard to discover, crawl, or interpret, while the competitor's are more accessible and directly answer common buyer questions.⁸
- **Different information in different places:** Inconsistent or outdated facts about your company can make it harder for an assistant to describe your offering confidently.⁹

The useful next step is to look at the *exact prompt and answer*. What need did the user express, which sources did the assistant rely on, and what specific advantage did it attribute to the competitor? Then check whether your own public information clearly and accurately explains how you meet that need—and whether independent sources support it. There isn't one universal recommendation formula, and different assistants may rely on different sources.⁸¹⁴

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What's the best way to test whether a new comparison page gets my product into AI answers?

ChatGPT gpt-6-luna · 28 October 2026, 18:33 UTC

RECOMMENDED Bing Webmaster Tools, Google Search Console

Use a **repeatable prompt test plus citation tracking**, not a one-off “I asked ChatGPT and it mentioned us” check.

1. **Build a prompt set** of 20–50 questions real buyers might ask—especially “compare X vs. Y,” “best alternatives to X,” and “which product fits [use case]?” Keep the wording, location, language, and AI products tested consistent.
 2. **Record a baseline before publishing**: whether your product is named, whether your page or another page is cited, which competitors appear, and the answer’s wording. Save the full answer and cited URLs.
 3. **Publish the comparison page**, then check that it’s crawlable, indexable, linked from relevant pages, and that its important content is visible as text. Google says AI features have no special technical requirements beyond Search eligibility and standard SEO fundamentals. (developers.google.com)
 4. **Repeat the same prompts on a schedule**—for example, weekly for 6–8 weeks. AI answers can vary, so compare repeated runs rather than relying on a single result. Track:
 - **Page citation rate**: runs citing the new page ÷ total runs
 - **Product mention rate**: runs that name your product
 - **Recommendation/share rate**: runs that recommend you versus competitors
- Keep results separate by AI product; don’t treat one platform as a proxy for all of them.
5. **Check first-party reporting too**. Bing Webmaster Tools’ AI Performance report can show cited pages and aggregated grounding queries for Microsoft AI experiences, though it doesn’t show exact prompts or answers. (bing.com) Google Search Console includes AI-feature traffic in its overall Web performance reporting, but that isn’t a clean, page-level citation test. (developers.google.com)
 6. **Use a comparison page against a control**. If you can, publish a similar page for another product/category—or compare with a comparable existing page. That helps distinguish the effect of the new page from general changes in AI answers or demand.

The main success signal is **the new URL being cited repeatedly for relevant comparison prompts**, not just your brand being mentioned. Also watch referral visits and conversions, since citations alone don’t mean people clicked or bought.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Peec AI, AthenaHQ MENTIONED SparkToro, Gumshoe

The most reliable approach is a before-and-after test on a fixed set of prompts, run several times on each AI engine, with your results tracked as rates rather than single answers.

1. **Set a baseline before you publish.** Choose the prompts a buyer would type before choosing you, such as "best X for Y" or "X vs Y" queries that your new page targets. Run them now and record the results. One sheet is enough: whether your brand appears, its position, which competitors appear, and which sources are cited. Log the four answers in a simple sheet: appeared yes/no, position, competitors named, sources cited.
1. **Run each prompt several times.** AI answers vary a lot from run to run. One source says AI answers are non-deterministic and a single run is closer to a coin flip than a measurement. A January 2026 SparkToro and Gumshoe.ai study found the same brand list repeats less than 1% of the time. So measure a visibility rate: how often your brand appears across repeated runs of a prompt category. Use the same engines and prompts each time.
1. **Use a control group.** Split your prompts into two groups. Target the comparison page at one group and leave the other alone, or use a group where you're not expected to change. Without this, you can't tell whether a change came from your page or from normal volatility. One vendor report claims AI citations can fluctuate by 40-60% month-over-month. Treat that figure as a vendor claim, but it's a good reason to wait before reading a change as real.
1. **Check whether your page is cited, not just whether your brand is mentioned.** These are different outcomes. A mention can shape perception with no click, while a citation of your page is what sends traffic. Record both separately, and note which domains the engine cites in place of yours. If competitors dominate specific prompts, note the sources feeding those answers, because that is your target list for the next round of changes.
1. **Track referral traffic separately.** Create an AI-assistant segment in your analytics, so you can see whether visits from AI tools reach your comparison page and convert. Keep platforms in separate columns. A 50% visibility rate on ChatGPT and a 50% visibility rate on Perplexity are not equivalent.
1. **Re-run on a schedule.** Repeat the same prompts weekly or every couple of weeks for at least a month or two after publishing. Some sources note that only 30% of brands visible in one AI answer remain visible in the next, so one check tells you little.

For tooling, you can do this by hand with a spreadsheet, or use a paid tracker (Profound, Peec AI, AthenaHQ and similar) to automate repeated runs across engines. Manual testing is fine for 10 to 20 prompts. Automation becomes worth it when you need many runs per prompt or many prompts.

A success criterion you could set in advance: your page is cited for at least X% of runs on the target prompts, and the control group doesn't move. That tells you more than any single screenshot.

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BRANDS READ none

To determine if your comparison page is successfully reaching AI answers, you must move away from "one-off" spot checks and adopt a **sampling-based monitoring approach**. AI models generate dynamic, non-deterministic responses, meaning a single successful appearance doesn't guarantee future visibility.

Here is the most effective way to test and measure your visibility.

1. Build a Consistent Prompt Library

Do not rely on random questions. Create a library of 30–60 prompts that mirror how your actual customers speak. Categorize these to get a clear picture of your performance:

- **Comparison Queries:** "[Your Brand] vs [Competitor]"
- **Category/Discovery Queries:** "Best [Product Category] for [Use Case]"
- **Problem-Aware Queries:** "How to solve [Problem] with [Product Category]"
- **Brand-Specific Queries:** "Is [Your Brand] good for [Need]?"

2. Control Your Testing Environment

Because AI responses are influenced by conversation history, location, and personalization, you must standardize your testing:

- **Use Fresh Sessions:** Always use private/incognito modes or "clear chat" sessions to ensure previous interactions don't skew the results.
- **Standardize Location:** If you sell locally or regionally, ensure your queries include the location (e.g., "in [City]") to see how the AI interprets local intent.
- **Run Repeated Samples:** Run the same prompt 3–5 times across different sessions to account for the inherent volatility in AI outputs. If you appear in 3 out of 5, you have a 60% visibility rate for that query.

3. Log and Analyze (The "Pattern" Approach)

Do not just look for your brand name. Maintain a spreadsheet (or use an AI visibility tool) to track the following data points monthly:

- **Mention vs. Citation:** Was your brand mentioned in passing, or was your URL cited as a source? A citation is a much stronger signal of trust and is more likely to drive traffic.
- **Competitor Presence:** Who else is the AI recommending? If you see a competitor consistently appearing when you are not, that is your primary target for improvement.
- **Answer Accuracy:** Did the AI accurately describe your product? Sometimes you may appear, but with outdated pricing or incorrect feature lists—which can be more damaging than not appearing at all.

4. Use AI Visibility Tools (For Scale)

If manual testing becomes too time-consuming, specialized tools can automate the collection of this data. Look for platforms that track:

- **Share of Voice:** How often you appear versus competitors across your prompt library.
- **Citation Sources:** Which pages from your site are being pulled into AI answers.
- **Trend Reporting:** Changes in your visibility over time (months/quarters) rather than just a single snapshot.

Quick Tips for Better AI Visibility

If you find your page is not showing up, focus on these "AI-first" content adjustments:

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- **Use Structured Data:** AI models prioritize clear, machine-readable formats like **comparison tables**, **pros/cons lists**, and **"best for" summaries**.
- **Be Fair and Specific:** Avoid marketing fluff. AI models are trained to detect bias; they favor neutral, fact-based comparisons that acknowledge trade-offs (e.g., "X is better for price, while Y is better for enterprise features").
- **Verify Freshness:** Add a "pricing/data verified as of [Month Year]" line to your comparison tables. AI engines favor content that appears current and verifiable.
- **Optimize for "Answer-First" Structure:** Place your most important summary/verdict in the first 100 words. Do not make the AI "hunt" for the conclusion.

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RECOMMENDED Search Console

Treat it as a small, controlled experiment—not a one-off prompt.

1. **Set a baseline before launch.** Build a fixed list of real buyer questions, such as “Product A vs. Product B for [use case]” and “What are the best alternatives to Product A?” Include prompts where your page could reasonably be useful, and note which competitors you expect to appear. Run them on the AI platforms your customers use, saving the full answers and citations.
1. **Publish the page, then repeat the exact test.** Keep wording, platform, region, and account or personalization conditions as consistent as you can. Run each prompt several times in fresh chats, then repeat over days or weeks; AI answers vary between runs, so a single result is weak evidence. Track whether your product is named, whether the **new page itself** is cited, competitor mentions, and whether your product is recommended.⁹¹⁰
1. **Compare rates, not anecdotes.** For each platform, calculate the share of runs that mention your product and the share that cite the new URL. Compare those with the baseline. If possible, track a similar page or query set you didn’t change as a control—otherwise, other changes or normal answer variation can look like an effect.¹¹

Question t17 · Perplexity, continued

1. **Check site analytics too.** Look for visits and conversions from AI referrals, but don't treat referral traffic as a complete measure of visibility: an answer can mention or cite you without sending a click. For Google AI features, Search Console can report impressions for pages shown in AI Overviews and AI Mode; its reports can help check whether the page is surfacing, though impressions alone don't establish that the page caused a change.²³

A useful simple scoreboard is: **date, platform, prompt, product mentioned, page cited, competitors mentioned, referral visit, conversion**. Keep the prompt set fixed for the first few weeks, and judge success by a sustained improvement across repeated runs—not one favorable answer.

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AI visibility monitoring with email or chat alerts for a small team

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RECOMMENDED LiveMentions, Linkstonic, Mentionable, MentionsFlow

If you mean **monitor whether ChatGPT and other AI search tools mention or cite your brand**, these look like the best fits for a small team:

- **LiveMentions – simplest budget pick:** Starter is **\$40/month** for one brand and 15 prompts, with email alerts and unlimited seats. Its **\$95/month Growth** plan adds Slack alerts, competitor and citation tracking, and 50 prompts across up to five domains. (livementions.com)
- **Linkstonic – best if you want Discord alerts:** Tracks ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini and Perplexity; sends immediate or weekly email alerts, or immediate Discord notifications. It offers a free start, but check its pricing page for the current plan limits before committing. (linkstonic.com)
- **Mentionable – best for a quiet weekly email:** Sends a weekly recap of gained/lost mentions, visibility changes and new competitors. It says plans start at **€79/month**; alerts go to the workspace owner rather than individual teammates. (mentionable.ai)
- **MentionsFlow – best if you want prompt-level reporting and team seats:** The **\$99/month Pro** plan lists three seats, 50 prompts, daily tracking across five AI engines, threshold/citation alerts and a weekly digest. The \$49 Individual plan is limited to one seat and three engines. (mentionsflow.com)

My short take: Try **LiveMentions Starter** for a shared team inbox and low cost; choose **Linkstonic** if Discord alerts matter; choose **MentionsFlow Pro** if you need several teammates and broader tracking. Start with 15–25 buyer-style prompts, and favor weekly summaries over alerts for every small change. These tools report what they observe in tracked prompts and AI answers—not a complete measure of every user's AI experience.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Nightwatch, Rankscale, Promptwatch, Semrush, Ahrefs, Alertmouse, Akii, Profound

For a small team that wants alerts in email or Slack, I'd start with a shortlist of three, then check alert features on the vendor's site before you buy, since the sources don't document alert setup for every tool.

Best fits for a small team

- **Otterly.AI (cheapest entry point).** It starts at \$29 per month for 15 prompts. Reviewers call it sufficient for a solo marketer or small in-house team tracking one brand across a focused topic cluster. The limit is that standard plans have low prompt limits, and full AI engine support requires add-ons. Alerts aren't clearly described in these sources, so confirm them first.

Question t18 · Claude, continued

- **Peec AI (team dashboards and Slack).** One comparison lists its reporting as dashboard and Slack and its pricing as €89–€499+. Another notes its setup is quick and it handles benchmarking across major answer engines. Pricing is on request for its starter tier, so expect to talk to sales.
- **Nightwatch (if you also do classic SEO).** It tracks AI share of voice, mention rate, citations, and sentiment alongside classic rankings, starting at \$32/month. Its Pro tier, at \$99/month, includes email and Slack support. Note that this refers to vendor support, not alert delivery.

Other options to consider

- **Rankscale.** It has the lowest entry price, at roughly \$20 per month, and a competitor benchmarking feature with real-time alerts when clients gain or lose citations. That alert feature was described in an agency context.
- **Promptwatch.** It is a prompt-level AI visibility tracker that provides daily refreshes and real-time alerts.
- **Semrush or Ahrefs.** If your team already pays for either, check whether their AI visibility add-on covers your needs before adding another tool.
- **Mention-only alerts.** If you mainly want to know when your brand name appears online, a traditional tool like Alertmouse covers email alerts, exact phrase tracking, and competitor mention tracking. It doesn't track AI answers specifically.

How to choose

1. Decide what should trigger an alert: a new competitor showing up in answers, a drop in your mention rate, or a negative sentiment shift. Competitor-alert coverage is strongest in Akii, Profound, and Peec according to one guide.
2. Count how many prompts you need. Prompt limits drive cost more than anything else.
3. Confirm which engines are covered on your plan (ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Google AI Overviews, Claude, Copilot). Some tools charge extra for them.
4. Run a free trial or the free tier with your real prompts for two weeks, and check whether the alerts arrive in your team's Slack or inbox.

Prices and plan details change often, so verify them on each vendor's pricing page before you commit.

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RECOMMENDED Wellows, Otterly.AI, Searcherries, Confident AI, LangSmith, Langfuse, Helicone

To effectively monitor AI visibility and performance as a small team, it is important to distinguish between two different types of "AI monitoring" often discussed in 2026: **Brand AI Visibility** (how often your brand is cited in AI search engines) and **Technical AI Observability** (how your own AI applications perform in production).

1. Monitoring Your Brand’s AI Visibility

If you want to track whether your brand appears in AI-powered answers (like ChatGPT, Perplexity, or Google AI Overviews) and receive alerts when things change, focus on "AI Visibility" platforms.

- **Best for Small Teams:** Tools like **Wellows**, **Otterly.AI**, and **Searcherries** are designed specifically for lean teams. They provide:
 - **Automated Tracking:** Regular, automated checks of how your brand is cited across major AI engines.
 - **Alerts:** Notification of changes in citations or when competitors start appearing in your place.
 - **Actionable Insights:** Many of these tools don't just report data; they identify content or outreach gaps to help you "earn" your way back into AI answers.
- **Pricing:** These tools generally range from **\$20 to \$100 per month** for entry-level plans, making them accessible for smaller budgets without requiring an enterprise-grade commitment.

2. Monitoring Your Own AI Applications (Technical Observability)

If you are building AI agents or chatbots and need to monitor their "health" (e.g., latency, cost, hallucinations, or prompt errors), you need an observability platform.

- **Top Platforms:**
 - **Confident AI:** Excellent for teams that need high-level quality monitoring. It supports alerting via **Slack**, **Microsoft Teams**, and **PagerDuty**, making it ideal for proactive team notifications.
 - **LangSmith / Langfuse:** Industry standards for tracing and debugging LLM applications. They offer deep visibility into prompt versions and model performance.
 - **Helicone:** Often preferred by smaller teams for its proxy-based setup, which is easy to integrate and provides immediate visibility into costs and performance.
- **Key Features for Teams:** Look for platforms that support **OpenTelemetry** and offer "evaluation" features, which automatically judge whether your AI's response was accurate or safe before it reaches a user.

Comparison Summary

Need	Recommended Category	Example Tools
Brand Presence	AI Visibility / Search	Wellows, Otterly.AI, Searcherries
App Performance	LLM Observability	Confident AI, LangSmith, Helicone

How to Choose

1. **Define your goal:** Do you need to know if people can find you via AI search (Visibility), or do you need to make sure your custom-built AI doesn't break or hallucinate (Observability)?
2. **Start small:** For visibility, look for a tool with a free trial or a "lite" plan (e.g., **Otterly.AI**). For observability, start with a tool like **Helicone** or **LangSmith** if you want to trace production issues quickly.
3. **Alerting requirements:** If real-time alerts to Slack or Email are critical, ensure your shortlist explicitly supports these integrations. **Confident AI** is specifically noted for its strong alert routing capabilities for team collaboration.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, HubSpot AEO, Peec AI, Promptwatch

For a small team, I'd shortlist these:

- **Otterly.AI – budget-friendly:** Starts at about **\$29/month** and tracks AI-search visibility. Email alerts are reported; Slack may require a webhook or an integration, so confirm what the plan includes before buying.⁴⁵
- **HubSpot AEO – simple, low-cost option:** Listed at **\$50/month** standalone, with tracking across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity. A good candidate if email reporting is enough; verify alert frequency and collaboration features for your setup.²
- **Peec AI – monitoring-focused:** Starts around **\$95/month** and includes email summaries. Slack alerts appear to require a higher tier or a custom setup, so it's less attractive if native Slack notifications are essential.²³
- **Promptwatch – consider if your team works in Slack:** A recent comparison reports a native Slack app, alerts, and an in-Slack agent, with pricing around **\$95/month**. Check current plan details and whether the features you want are included.³¹³

Quick pick: Choose **Otterly.AI** if keeping costs low matters most and email is sufficient. Choose **Promptwatch** if Slack is central to your team's workflow. Pricing and alert features can change, so confirm them directly with the vendor before committing.³⁴¹³

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Pay-per-check AI visibility tool instead of a monthly subscription

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RECOMMENDED LLMRank

If you mean a tool to check how often AI search engines mention or cite your brand **without a monthly subscription**, try:

- **QuickAEO** – \$5 per keyword, one-time report; no account needed. (tryquickaeo.com)
- **VisibilityAudit.io** – one-time audits advertised from \$1 per prompt. (visibilityaudit.io)
- **LLMRank** – one-time, per-project audit pricing rather than a subscription. (citablesearch.com)

For a quick, low-cost check, **QuickAEO** looks like the clearest pay-per-check option. Compare which AI platforms and prompts each tool actually tests before buying; a one-off report is a snapshot, not ongoing tracking.

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RECOMMENDED MentionChecker, AI Rank Checker, ZipTie, Canonry, Arobis AI, HubSpot, Mangools, Frase, Semrush, Ahrefs
MENTIONED Otterly.AI, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Searchable Pro

Yes, a few AI visibility tools sell credits or per-check pricing instead of a monthly plan. Most of the market still uses subscriptions, and most of the "no subscription" options are free one-off checkers.

Pay-per-check or prepaid options

- **MentionChecker**: You buy credits once and spend them one check at a time. The first check is free, then it starts at \$9. Its own directory says the credits last 12 months. This is a vendor page, so treat its "only one" claim with caution.
- **AI Rank Checker**: Pricing is pay-per-check (\$0.03-\$0.18 per keyword check, varying by AI platform). It works from a pay-as-you-go wallet system, and the wallet never expires, according to the vendor-friendly source.
- **ZipTie**: pay-per-check pricing with unlimited seats and projects.
- **Canonry**: Open-source and self-hosted, with no subscription. You'd run it yourself, so it's a different trade-off.
- **Arobis AI**: sells a one-time purchase at 399 US dollars, per the same directory.

Free one-time checks (not ongoing tracking)

HubSpot, Mangools, Frase, Semrush and Ahrefs offer free checks. These are one sample of how AI describes a brand, with no card and no contract. Use these for a baseline, not for monitoring.

Monthly subscriptions for comparison

Question t19 · Claude, continued

- Otterly AI: \$29/month for its entry tier.
- Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit: \$99 a month for 1 domain and 25 prompts.
- Searchable Pro: \$125/month (100 tracked prompts, 1 project...).

Which model is cheaper?

Pay-per-check wins at low volume. Per-check pricing gets expensive with daily tracking. For example, 100 prompts checked daily on one engine is about 3,000 checks a month. At AI Rank Checker's listed rates, that's roughly \$90 to \$540 per engine. Compare that with a \$29 to \$125 subscription.

One analysis of API-based costs found that below roughly 90 checks a day (about 2,800 a month), paying per response through an official-API aggregator is cheaper than a scraping subscription; above it, the subscription wins. That analysis is about building your own tracker, but the break-even logic applies.

Also note that one industry pricing study argues that a new AI Search Visibility Tool should not start with pure pay-as-you-go unless the workflow is unusually narrow. The usual concern is whether a pay-per-check vendor will keep its tool maintained over time.

Practical suggestion: If you need a few dozen checks a month, such as spot-checking brand mentions before a pitch or a report, a pay-per-check tool is the cheaper choice. If you need ongoing daily tracking across several engines, a \$29-\$99/month subscription is likely better. Before paying for anything, confirm which AI engines each tool covers, whether credits expire, and whether the price is per check or per prompt.

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RECOMMENDED Honeyb, Ahrefs, Peekl, ZipTie, Originality.ai, TurnitinEye, aicheckr.io, Scribbr, Bing Webmaster Tools, Google Search Console, Otterly.AI, Peec AI

Finding "pay-per-check" tools for AI visibility (tracking brand mentions in AI search) is significantly different from finding them for AI content detection (checking if text was written by AI).

Most professional AI visibility tracking is subscription-based because it requires scheduled, recurring queries to establish trends. However, you can avoid ongoing monthly costs by utilizing free "spot-check" tools or specific pay-as-you-go services.

Question t19 · Gemini, continued

1. AI Visibility Tools (Brand Tracking in ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity)

If you just need to know "Am I mentioned?" rather than tracking a trend over time, you do not need a subscription.

- **Free "Snapshot" Tools:** These tools perform one-time checks against major AI engines at no cost. They are ideal for an initial audit to see if you have a visibility problem.
 - **Honeyb:** Offers a free, no-signup AI visibility check that audits how major engines (Gemini, etc.) recommend your brand in your category.
 - **Free Checkers from SEO Suites:** Tools like those provided by Ahrefs or similar platforms often include a free AI visibility audit feature without requiring a subscription.
- **Pay-Per-Check Alternatives:**
 - **Peekl:** Specifically designed as an alternative to monthly subscriptions. It offers a one-time audit (e.g., ~\$99) that provides a comprehensive look at your visibility across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Claude without locking you into a recurring bill.
 - **ZipTie:** Provides usage-based pricing where you pay per check rather than a fixed monthly fee, which can be much cheaper if you only need infrequent monitoring.

2. AI Content Detection (Is this text written by AI?)

If you need to verify content authenticity, the market offers more "pay-per-use" flexibility than the visibility tracking market.

- **Originality.ai:** Operates on a usage-based model rather than a strict monthly subscription, making it highly economical for occasional checks (\$0.01 per 100 words).
- **TurnitinEye:** Offers a pay-per-check model (starting at approximately \$3.99 per check) with no subscription required.
- **Free Alternatives:** Many tools offer high-accuracy free tiers. **aicheckr.io** and **Scribbr's free detector** have been noted for performing as well as or better than some paid subscriptions in accuracy tests.

Strategy: How to avoid a subscription

- **Start with "Zero-Cost" First:** Use **Bing Webmaster Tools** (for Copilot/Bing) and **Google Search Console** (for AI Overviews). These are free, first-party sources that track your actual performance in AI-driven search results.
- **Manual Spot-Checks:** If you only need to check once a month, perform the search yourself in a "Private/Incognito" browser window on ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity. Note the results. This costs nothing and provides the most "real-world" view of what a user sees.
- **Only Pay for Trends:** Only move to a paid tool (like Otterly.ai or Peec AI) if you find that manual checking is taking up more of your time than the \$29/month cost of an entry-level plan.

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RECOMMENDED MentionChecker, NitroShock AI, Ahrefs' AI Visibility Checker

If you mean an **AI search visibility checker you can pay for only when you run a check**, **MentionChecker** is one option: it sells one-time credit packs, with no monthly plan. Its page lists a smallest pack of **50 credits for \$9**; credits are used per question and AI engine, and purchased credits expire after 12 months.⁷

NitroShock AI also advertises pay-per-use credits with no subscription or per-domain fee, and says its credits never expire.⁵ For a single, no-cost snapshot rather than repeat checks, **Ahrefs' AI Visibility Checker** is listed as a free one-time checker.⁸

Check each vendor's current pricing and what counts as a "check" before buying—one check may involve multiple prompts or engines.

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Alternatives to writing my own scripts to ask ChatGPT about my brand every day

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RECOMMENDED ChatGPT Scheduled Tasks (top pick), Peec AI, Profound, Semrush, Google Alerts

If you mean **checking what ChatGPT and other AI assistants say about your brand**, you don't need to build scripts. The main options are:

- **Try ChatGPT Scheduled Tasks first.** Set up a recurring task to check a defined set of questions and summarize what it finds. Availability depends on your account, app, and app version; OpenAI says tasks can run on a recurring schedule and monitor for changes. (help.openai.com)
- **Use an AI-visibility tracker** if you want a history, competitor comparisons, or results across several AI platforms. Tools such as **Peec AI**, **Profound**, and **Semrush** are examples; compare which assistants they cover and how they sample prompts before choosing. (searchengineland.com)
- **Use a social-listening tool** if you mean what people are saying *about* your brand online—not what AI assistants answer. **Brand24**, for example, offers scheduled email reports; **Google Alerts** is a simpler option for web mentions. (help.brand24.com)
- **Use a no-code automation platform** if you want results delivered to email or Slack but need a custom process. That's more flexible than a monitoring product, though it takes some setup.

A starter scheduled-task prompt could be:

Every day, check how ChatGPT describes [brand] in response to these questions: [3–5 customer questions]. Note whether it mentions or recommends us, which competitors it names, and any cited sources. Compare with the previous check when possible, and flag meaningful changes. Don't guess if you can't verify something.

Quick distinction: if you want to know what AI says, use an AI-visibility tracker or scheduled task. If you want to know what the internet says, use social listening or alerts.

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RECOMMENDED AthenaHQ, Nightwatch

Several products do what your scripts do: they send your prompts to ChatGPT on a schedule, log the answers, and track mentions over time. They fall into three groups.

Dedicated AI visibility trackers (usually cheapest)

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- **Otterly AI:** Monitors six AI search platforms (ChatGPT, Google Overviews/Mode, Perplexity, Copilot, Gemini, Claude) with daily updates. One review lists its entry price at \$29/mo.
- **Peec AI:** Positioned as lightweight LLM tracking for brand monitoring, starting around \$95/month by one source. Another source lists it at €89/mo, so check current pricing.
- **Promptmonitor:** Automatically sends your target queries to ChatGPT and logs every response. You see each mention of your brand, the full AI-generated answer, sentiment, and how consistently you appear.
- **FinSEO:** Sends your prompts to ChatGPT every day and records each answer that names your brand, so it is closest to a direct replacement for a daily script.
- **Rankprompt, AthenaHQ, ZipTie, LLMrefs:** Smaller options. One comparison says AthenaHQ has a free tier, and Rankprompt covers six [engines] for \$49.

Enterprise platforms

- **Profound:** Aimed at large teams. One source describes it as enterprise-grade LLM visibility tracking, and pricing is typically several hundred dollars a month or more.
- **Scrunch AI:** includes seven [engines] at every tier from \$300.

SEO suites that now include AI tracking

- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit and Ahrefs Brand Radar:** Useful if you already pay for either. One source lists Brand Radar as Daily refresh with a \$199 starting price.
- **SE Ranking:** Tracks brands appearing inside AI-generated answers, including ChatGPT and Google AI surfaces, and ties that data directly to keyword and competitor workflows.
- **Nightwatch and Keyword.com:** Rank tracking tools with AI monitoring added. Nightwatch is listed from \$32/month in one comparison, which is cheap if you already track search rankings.

What to compare before you buy

- **Engines covered.** Some tools track only ChatGPT. Others cover Perplexity, Gemini, Claude, and Google AI Overviews. Price per engine varies a lot.
- **Refresh rate and history.** Most offer daily runs and stored history.
- **API access.** If you want to keep your own scripts for some tasks, check whether the vendor exposes an API and what it costs per query.
- **Prompt limits.** The number of prompts included in each plan drives cost more than the headline price.
- **Output quality.** Answers vary from run to run. LLMs are probabilistic: the same prompt can return different results on different runs. Judge the tools on trends across many prompts, not single-day swings.

If you tell me your budget, how many prompts you need, and whether you already use an SEO suite, I can narrow this to two or three options. Prices change often, so confirm them on each vendor's site.

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You do not need to rely on custom scripts to keep tabs on your brand's presence in AI. As of late 2026, a specialized category of **AI Brand Monitoring and Visibility tools** has emerged specifically to automate this process.

These platforms track how your brand is mentioned, cited, or perceived across major AI engines like ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, Claude, and Google AI Overviews, sparing you from manual "prompting" or script maintenance.

1. Dedicated AI Brand Monitoring Platforms

These tools are built for the exact problem you are describing: moving beyond traditional social listening to understand how "AI search" (or Generative Engine Optimization) portrays your brand.

- **Top Industry Tools:** Platforms such as **Botric**, **Profound**, **Peec AI**, **Semrush (AI Visibility Toolkit)**, and **Ahrefs Brand Radar** are leaders in this space.
- **What they do:** They automatically query AI models about your brand and your industry keywords on a schedule you set (e.g., daily or weekly).
- **Key Insights:** They provide reports on:
 - **Share of Voice:** How often you appear versus competitors in AI-generated answers.
 - **Citations:** Which URLs or sources AI models are actually citing when they mention you.
 - **Sentiment & Context:** Whether the AI describes your brand positively, neutrally, or negatively.
 - **Visibility Gaps:** Where you are missing out on being recommended for high-intent buyer questions.

2. No-Code Automation (If you prefer to "build" it)

If you want to keep your custom logic but remove the need for coding, you can use **no-code automation platforms** like **Make (formerly Integromat)** or **Zapier**.

- **How it works:** Instead of writing Python scripts, you use a visual "canvas" to connect triggers and actions.
- **The Workflow:** You can set a "Schedule" trigger (e.g., every morning at 9:00 AM) that sends a pre-written prompt to the OpenAI API and then automatically pipes the response into a Google Sheet, a Slack channel, or an email report.
- **Why choose this:** It is more flexible than a SaaS tool if you have highly specific, multi-step workflows (e.g., "If the AI sentiment is negative, draft a suggested response and email it to my PR team").

3. Native "Agentic" Features

OpenAI and other providers are rapidly rolling out built-in "Agent" capabilities.

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- **ChatGPT Scheduled Tasks:** OpenAI has introduced features that allow for recurring, scheduled tasks directly within ChatGPT. Check your workspace or pro account settings for "Scheduled Tasks" or "Agent" modes, which can handle repetitive, rule-based queries without needing external platforms.

Summary: Which path should you take?

If you want...	Recommended Approach
Comprehensive, "Set-it-and-forget-it" data	Use an AI Brand Monitoring tool (e.g., Botric, Profound). These provide dashboards, competitive tracking, and historical trend data automatically.
Custom, specific, or low-cost workflows	Use Make.com or Zapier . These allow you to build custom AI workflows for under \$30/month without touching code.
Immediate, simple check-ins	Utilize ChatGPT's internal "Scheduled Tasks" if available in your plan to automate your existing prompts.

Recommendation: Start by checking a few of the specialized tools like **Botric** or **Profound**. Because they are purpose-built for AI visibility, they often identify "citation gaps" and "source influence" that a simple custom prompt won't show you, providing much higher ROI for the time saved.

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RECOMMENDED ChatGPT Scheduled Tasks, Zapier

If you mean a **daily scan for what people are saying about your brand**, you probably don't need to write scripts. The best option depends on what you want ChatGPT to look at:

- **ChatGPT Scheduled Tasks – simplest.** Ask ChatGPT to check for recent news or public mentions of your brand every day and send you a summary. Tasks can run recurring prompts; availability and task limits depend on your account. ¹
- **Zapier – flexible, no-code automation.** Set a daily schedule, send a prompt to ChatGPT, and deliver the result by email or to a connected app. Zapier documents a daily schedule trigger and a ChatGPT “Send Prompt” action. ¹⁴
- **A brand-monitoring service – better for broad mention tracking.** If you want coverage across sources such as news, websites, or social media, use a service built to monitor mentions and send alerts; you can then summarize its alerts with ChatGPT. A daily ChatGPT prompt alone may not reliably cover every mention or platform.

A useful prompt to start with:

Every day, look for new public mentions of [brand] from the past 24 hours. Summarize notable positive and negative feedback, press coverage, competitor comparisons, and emerging issues. Include links and dates, distinguish confirmed facts from opinions, and say when you find nothing relevant.

For a quick start, try Scheduled Tasks. For more control over delivery or connecting your existing tools, use Zapier. ¹¹⁴

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