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AI search visibility tools: what AI recommends, November 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 29 October 2026. Every answer is published with this report.

38.2%

Otterly.AI's recommendation rate, the highest of 342 brands (90% interval 32.4–43.8)

48.6

points between the four AIs on Otterly.AI: Claude 65.3%, 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 | 38.2% | Otterly.AI leads. The four AIs recommended it in 38.2% of decision answers (90% interval 32.4–43.8), ahead of Peec AI at 33.1% and Profound at 30.4%. |
| 02 | 48.6 pts | The AIs disagree. Among the top 15, the widest gap is Otterly.AI: Claude recommended it in 65.3% of its decision answers, ChatGPT in 16.7%. |
| 03 | 36 of 60 | Gemini often answers without searching. It ran a web search on 36 of 60 questions and answered 24 without one. The others searched on nearly every question (ChatGPT 60, Claude 60, Perplexity 60). |
| 04 | 43 → 3 | Found is not cited. ChatGPT found a median of 43 pages per answer and cited 3. Claude cited 6, Perplexity 5, Gemini 10.5. |
| 05 | 16.3% | One site leads the citations. semrush.com was cited in 39 of 240 answers (16.3%), more than any other domain. |
| 06 | 1 of 36 | They rarely agree on the best. On 36 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 38.2% of decision answers (90% interval 32.4–43.8), followed by Peec AI (33.1%) and Profound (30.4%). The AIs disagreed: Claude recommended Otterly.AI in 65.3% of its decision answers, ChatGPT in 16.7%, the widest gap among the top 15. The figures come from 239 valid answers of 240 planned, to 60 questions asked once of each AI on 29 October 2026, which named 342 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 342 brands named.

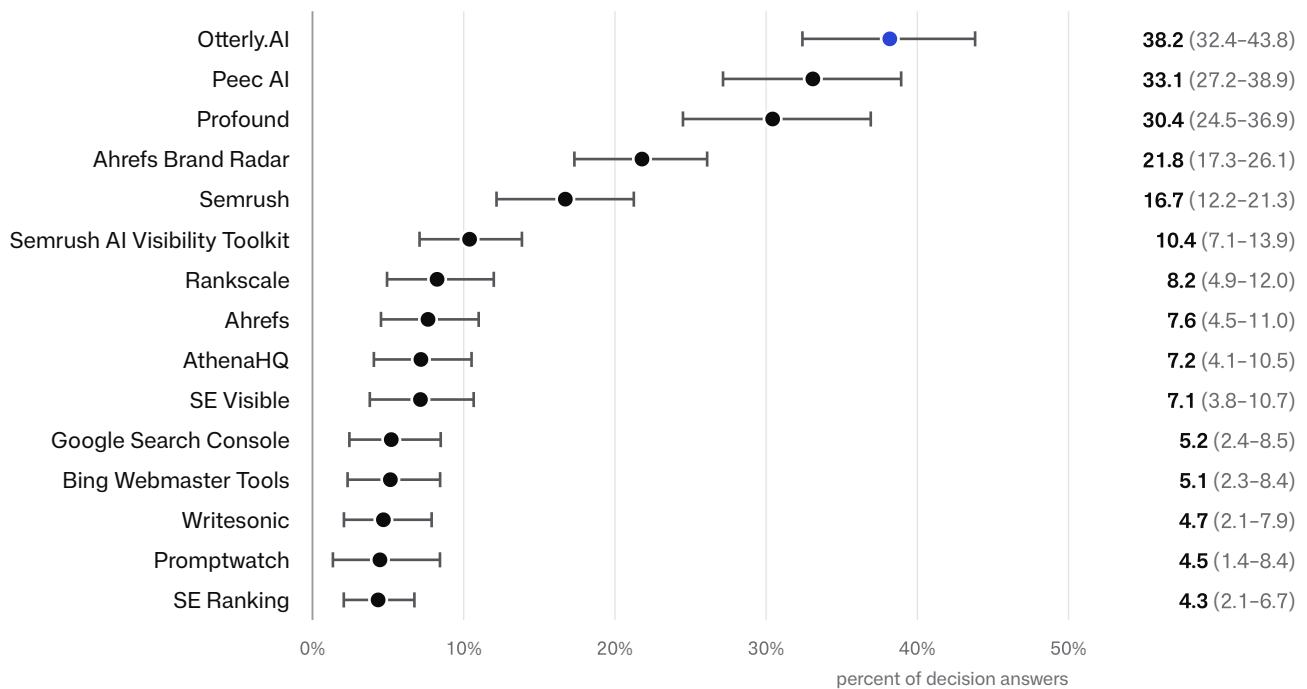


Figure 1. Recommendation rate with its 90% interval, top 15 brands. Dot: the rate; line: the interval, from a cluster bootstrap over questions. The leader is marked in blue.

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	38.2	32.4-43.8	16.7	65.3	37.0	33.8
2	Peec AI	33.1	27.2-38.9	16.7	58.8	29.1	27.8
3	Profound	30.4	24.5-36.9	14.8	53.5	31.2	22.2
4	Ahrefs Brand Radar	21.8	17.3-26.1	18.8	38.2	19.1	11.1
5	Semrush	16.7	12.2-21.3	7.9	34.0	17.6	7.4
6	Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit	10.4	7.1-13.9	9.3	17.1	3.8	11.3
7	Rankscale	8.2	4.9-12.0	0.0	21.1	10.1	1.8
8	Ahrefs	7.6	4.5-11.0	3.9	16.9	7.9	1.8
9	AthenaHQ	7.2	4.1-10.5	0.0	19.0	6.0	3.7
10	SE Visible	7.1	3.8-10.7	0.0	17.1	7.7	3.7
11	Google Search Console	5.2	2.4-8.5	7.4	3.7	7.6	2.1
12	Bing Webmaster Tools	5.1	2.3-8.4	9.3	5.6	3.9	1.8
13	Writesonic	4.7	2.1-7.9	1.8	13.0	0.0	3.9
14	Promptwatch	4.5	1.4-8.4	2.1	6.0	2.1	7.6
15	SE Ranking	4.3	2.1-6.7	0.0	11.6	5.8	0.0

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	65.3%	ChatGPT	16.7%	48.6
Peec AI	Claude	58.8%	ChatGPT	16.7%	42.1
Profound	Claude	53.5%	ChatGPT	14.8%	38.7
Ahrefs Brand Radar	Claude	38.2%	Perplexity	11.1%	27.1
Semrush	Claude	34.0%	Perplexity	7.4%	26.6

Do the AIs recommend themselves?

Some of the products recommended here are made by the AIs answering. Each row is one AI recommending one AI maker's products: in how many of its decision answers, how often it had searched the web, and how often the maker's own site was among its sources. Rows where an AI recommends its own maker come first.

Table 2a. Each AI recommending an AI maker's products: its decision answers that did, how often it had searched, and how often the maker's site was among its sources. Its own maker first.

ANSWERING AI	RECOMMENDED	ANSWERS	SEARCHED	MAKER'S SITE AMONG SOURCES
ChatGPT	OpenAI ChatGPT Scheduled Tasks own maker	1 of 52	100%	100%
Perplexity	Perplexity Perplexity's developer API own maker	1 of 52	100%	100%
Perplexity	OpenAI ChatGPT Scheduled Tasks	1 of 52	100%	100%

When ChatGPT recommended itself (1 of its 52 decision answers), the pages its own search found never named it; 100% of those answers had a page on OpenAI's own site among the sources.

When Perplexity recommended Perplexity's developer API (1 of its 52 decision answers), the pages its own search found never named it; 100% of those answers had a page on Perplexity's own site among the sources.

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	36 of 60	60 of 60
Searches per answer	3	2	3.5	3
Pages found	43	18	10.5	15
Pages cited	3	6	10.5	5
Brands named	2	7	5	2
Brands recommended	2	6	4	2
Words per answer	192	425	503	212.5

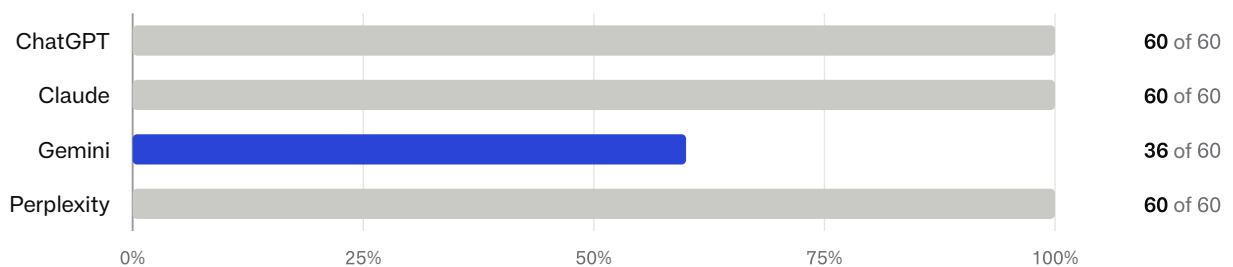


Figure 2. Questions on which each AI ran a web search, of 60. Blue: fewer than all.

Gemini answered 24 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, 701 searches were run; 18.0% 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	39	16.3%
2	blog.hubspot.com	31	12.9%
3	otterly.ai	29	12.1%
4	ahrefs.com	23	9.6%
5	developers.google.com	18	7.5%
6	reddit.com	18	7.5%
7	therankmasters.com	15	6.3%
8	hubspot.com	14	5.8%
9	visible.seranking.com	14	5.8%
10	sona.com	13	5.4%

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	20.0%	therankmasters.com	23.3%	reddit.com	30.0%	blog.hubspot.com	48.3%
developers.google.com	16.7%	otterly.ai	18.3%	semrush.com	15.0%	otterly.ai	21.7%
ahrefs.com	13.3%	visible.seranking.com	16.7%	youtube.com	15.0%	sona.com	21.7%
help.ahrefs.com	13.3%	seranking.com	13.3%	botric.ai	11.7%	semrush.com	20.0%
help.openai.com	13.3%	semrush.com	10.0%	llmpulse.ai	11.7%	business.adobe.com	15.0%

5 Agreement

On 36 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.** 29 October 2026, 09:01-09:27 UTC. 239 valid answers of 240 planned: 204 named at least one brand, 35 named none, 1 were refused or off topic.

- **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 207 decision answers (52 decision questions).
- **Method.** v0.8, benchmark v1, scoring run 20261029T101326353Z. The full method: citewake.com/methodology.

7 Limitations

- **One run.** Each question was asked once of each AI, in one 27-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.** peecai was counted as Peec AI; otterlyai was counted as Otterly.AI; rankscaleai was counted as Rankscale; diploriaai was counted as Diploria; adamigoai was counted as Adamigo; alhenai was counted as alhena.
- **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.
- **Self-recommendation sources.** Whether the pages an AI found named a product is read from their fetched text where Citewake has it, and otherwise from the page's address and title alone (the two are counted apart); where none of an AI's pages can be read, it is shown as not known, never as zero. Decision answers only; cross-category questions are left out.
- **Top picks are rare.** Most answers do not name a single best choice. Even Otterly.AI was the top pick in only 1.5% 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

ID	QUESTION	TIER	TYPE
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
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

ID	QUESTION	TIER	TYPE
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
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 342 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 · 29 October 2026, 09:01 UTC

BRANDS READ none

For a **quick, free check**, try **Kite's AI Visibility Checker**. It's specifically designed to test whether ChatGPT recommends your business, and it can help you move from a one-off check to ongoing tracking. (kite.ai)

For a useful reality check, also ask ChatGPT a few customer-style questions yourself—such as “What are the best [type of business] in [city]?”—and see which businesses it names. Results can vary by wording and over time, so don't treat one answer as a definitive ranking.

If you share your business type and whether you want a free spot-check or ongoing monitoring, I can suggest a better-fit option.

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Claude claude-haiku-5-5 · 29 October 2026, 09:01 UTC

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

There isn't one universal "best" tool. The right pick depends on your budget and how many prompts you want tracked. The most common recommendation across 2026 roundups is **Otterly AI** as a starting point.

- **Otterly AI (budget pick):** One source calls it the best all-around option, with every plan including ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, and Microsoft Copilot, starting around \$29/month. Another notes it starts at \$29/mo for a basic tier.
- **Peec AI (daily tracking):** One roundup says it's best for quick ChatGPT visibility snapshots to track prompts and brand presence. Its entry plan starts at \$95/mo for 50 prompts across 3 models, per one comparison.
- **Semrush (if you already use it for SEO):** Its AI visibility add-on tracks brand mentions, citations, and sentiment in AI-generated answers across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Google AI Mode, and Copilot.
- **Profound (enterprise):** One source describes it as best for enterprise teams needing deeper analytics, governance, and links between AI visibility and business impact.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar:** If you already use Ahrefs, it scores how often your name shows up in ChatGPT, Perplexity, and AI Overviews, and who gets cited instead.

Question h01 · Claude, continued

Free option: If you're a solo founder or have a small business, you can check manually. One guide notes manual checks are enough for solo founders. Manual checks take time, though, and ChatGPT's answers vary from one run to the next, so a one-off check can be misleading. That's the main reason paid tools run the same prompts repeatedly.

A few caveats: most of the roundups I found are written by vendors or affiliates, so their rankings favor their own products. Before paying, I'd test a free trial or the cheapest plan with 10 to 20 prompts your real customers would ask, such as "best [your service] in [your city]." Then check whether your business appears and which competitors show up instead.

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Gemini gemini-3.1-flash-lite · 29 October 2026, 09:01 UTC

RECOMMENDED Peec AI, Botric, Otterly.AI, Trakkr MENTIONED Google Business Profile, LinkedIn

To see if ChatGPT recommends your business, you should move beyond simple "asks" and use a structured, repeatable process. Because AI models are personalized and their answers fluctuate, a single manual search is often misleading.

1. How to Check for Free (The "Audit" Method)

If you want to perform a quick, manual check, you must avoid "training" the AI to recognize your brand. Follow this "clean room" method:

- **Use Incognito/Private Mode:** Always open a fresh, private browsing session for every test to ensure previous chat history or your own branding efforts don't bias the results.
- **Use Buyer-Style Prompts:** Do not ask, "Does ChatGPT recommend [Your Business Name]?" Instead, act like a potential customer. Use queries like:
 - "What is the best [your category] in [your city/region]?"
 - "Top [your category] tools for [your target audience]."
 - "[Competitor Name] alternatives."
- **Run Multiple Times:** AI answers vary by run. Run your top 5–10 buyer prompts at least 3–5 times each across different engines (ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity) to get a realistic view of your "share of voice".
- **Record the Data:** Note three specific things for each prompt:
 1. **Mentioned?** (Yes/No)
 2. **Position:** (Are you the first, second, or third recommendation?)
 3. **Cited?** (Does the AI provide a link to your website or a source that supports you?)

Question h01 · Gemini, continued

2. Tools for Ongoing Monitoring

If you need to track this regularly to see if your marketing efforts are working, dedicated **AI Visibility (or GEO – Generative Engine Optimization)** tools are much more reliable than manual checks.

These platforms automate the "clean room" audit process, tracking your brand’s mention rate, sentiment, and competitor activity across multiple AI engines.

Tool	Best For
Semrush (AI Visibility Toolkit)	Established brands already using SEO tools.
Peec AI	Teams needing deep prompt-level and citation analytics.
Botric	Companies wanting both visibility monitoring and "Content Agent" fixes.
Otterly AI	Smaller teams looking for a fast, lower-cost entry.
Trakkr	Broad platform coverage (tracking up to 8 AI engines).

Key Takeaway: Why You Might Not See Yourself

If you aren't showing up, it is rarely a technical "error". ChatGPT and other AI models recommend businesses based on their **public footprint**.

To improve your visibility, focus on:

- **Third-party validation:** The AI relies on being mentioned in credible places—reviews, directory listings (like Google Business Profile), LinkedIn, and editorial listicles.
- **"Answer-ready" content:** Ensure your website clearly answers the specific questions buyers ask, such as pricing, service areas, and "how-to" information.
- **Consistent NAP:** Ensure your Name, Address, and Phone number are consistent across all web platforms.

Warning: Be wary of tools that claim to "guarantee" placement. Organic AI recommendations are based on synthesized web data, not paid advertising.

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For a quick, free check, try **Semrush's AI Search Visibility Checker**. It gives a snapshot of whether your business appears in AI answers, including ChatGPT, and shows mentions and topics where you're visible.¹

If you want ongoing tracking—checking specific customer questions over time and comparing your visibility with competitors—**Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit** is a stronger fit. It tracks chosen prompts across ChatGPT and other AI platforms.²

One caveat: these tools sample prompts and AI responses; they can't guarantee what ChatGPT will say to every person. For a useful test, track realistic questions customers ask, such as “best [your service] in [your city],” along with a few competitor comparisons.

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Which tools track whether AI assistants mention my brand?

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

These tools are usually called **AI visibility** or **LLM mention tracking** tools. They test sets of prompts in AI assistants and report whether—and how—your brand appears.

- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** – tracks mentions, citations, and competitor visibility across several AI platforms; also supports custom prompts. (help.ahrefs.com)
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** – monitors brand mentions, citations, sentiment, and competitors; offers prompt tracking and a free checker for a quick snapshot. (semrush.com)
- **Peec AI** – AI search analytics with brand and competitor tracking. (help.peec.ai)
- **Profound** and **Otterly.AI** – other dedicated options in this category; compare which assistants and reporting features their current plans cover.
- **Brand24 / Chatbeat** – worth checking if you want AI visibility alongside broader brand monitoring. (brand24.com)

Important distinction: These services generally run sampled or scheduled prompts and analyze the answers. They don't see every private conversation people have with an assistant, so treat results as a repeatable visibility snapshot—not a complete count of all mentions. (ahrefs.com)

For a quick start, try Semrush's free checker. For ongoing tracking, compare Ahrefs, Semrush, and a specialist tool based on your target AI platforms, custom-prompt support, and whether you need citations and sentiment—not just mention counts.

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RECOMMENDED ZipTie

Several vendors now sell this kind of monitoring. Most track brand mentions across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, and Gemini, and many add Claude and Copilot. Here are the ones that come up most often in current reviews:

Question h02 · Claude, continued

- **OtterlyAI:** Monitors when your brand appears in AI answers and compares your visibility with competitors. It also shows which engines mention you most and how that changes over time. It is used by 40,000+ marketing professionals.
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit:** Adds AI visibility tracking to a broader SEO suite. It tracks brand mentions, prompts, citations, sentiment, and competitor visibility across major AI platforms, so it suits existing Semrush users.
- **Peec AI:** Shows where your brand is mentioned in AI results and how often. It is positioned as a more affordable, simpler option.
- **Profound:** Aimed at enterprises. It covers how AI systems describe and compare your brand across major LLMs.
- **AthenaHQ:** Tracks mentions and citations in ChatGPT, Perplexity, and other AI search engines, and includes competitor and sentiment analysis.
- **Search Atlas LLM Visibility:** Tags mentions as positive, neutral, or negative, which can flag when a chatbot describes your brand inaccurately.
- **Mangools AI Search Watcher:** A lower-cost option that shows when and where your brand is mentioned in ChatGPT and Google AI Overviews, and lets you track competitors side by side.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** and **ZipTie:** Also mentioned in current roundups. ZipTie combines mention tracking with an overall score and technical checks on whether AI bots can index your pages.

Features, platform coverage, and pricing change often, and most of this information comes from vendor sites and review blogs. Before you buy, check which models each tool covers, how often it refreshes data, and whether it lets you run the exact prompts your customers would use. Most offer free trials, so testing two or three against your own brand is a practical way to choose.

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RECOMMENDED MentionBird, Beamtrace, Profound, Otterly.AI, Siftly, Rank Prompt, Ahrefs Brand Radar

To track whether AI assistants (such as ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Claude, and Google AI Overviews) are mentioning your brand, you need specialized **AI visibility** or **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)** tools. Unlike traditional SEO tools that track blue-link rankings, these platforms simulate user prompts to see if your brand appears, is cited, or is recommended in AI-generated responses.

Popular AI Brand Monitoring Tools

Several platforms have emerged to help you monitor this "black box" of AI recommendations:

- **Dedicated AI Visibility Platforms:**
 - **MentionBird:** Tracks visibility across multiple platforms (ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, Perplexity) and provides ranking advice.
 - **Beamtrace:** Offers a dashboard for monitoring mention frequency, citation sources, and trends over time.
 - **Profound:** An enterprise-focused tool that provides deep insights into brand mentions, sentiment, and competitive citations.
 - **Otterly.ai & Siftly:** Frequently cited as effective tools for tracking AI search visibility and managing prompt-based monitoring.

Question h02 - Gemini, continued

- **Rank Prompt:** Known for being a strong all-around choice for multilingual and prompt-level tracking.
- **Other notable mentions:** Tools like **Omnia**, **Peec AI**, and **Lumar** (which includes a GEO toolkit) also provide specialized tracking for AI-driven brand presence.
- **Free or Lightweight Options:**
 - **Ahrefs Brand Radar:** Offers a free AI Visibility Checker that allows you to see how your brand appears across major AI assistants.
 - **Manual Tracking:** For small budgets or a limited number of prompts, you can create a spreadsheet to log results from ChatGPT and Perplexity once a week. This involves using consistent prompts (e.g., "What is the best [product category]?") and recording if/how your brand is mentioned.

Key Concepts for AI Monitoring

When selecting a tool, keep these operational differences in mind:

- **Prompt-Based Tracking:** AI answers are not static like search results; they change based on the prompt. Effective tools run a fixed set of "buyer-intent" prompts on a schedule to ensure your data is consistent and actionable.
- **Beyond "Rankings":** You are looking for **mentions** (being named), **citations** (linking to your site), and **recommendations** (being suggested as a solution).
- **Competitor Benchmarking:** A critical feature of these tools is the ability to see when a competitor is mentioned instead of your brand.
- **Sentiment & Accuracy:** Some advanced tools help you detect "hallucinations" or negative framing, ensuring the AI isn't providing incorrect pricing, outdated features, or false information about your company.

Recommendation on How to Start

1. **Run a free check:** Use a free tool like **Ahrefs' AI Visibility Checker** to get a baseline understanding of your current standing.
2. **Define your intent:** Determine if you need enterprise-level reporting (like **Profound** or **Lumar**) or a simpler, cost-effective tracker (like **Beamtrace** or **Otterly.ai**).
3. **Establish a schedule:** Because AI answers fluctuate, ensure whatever tool or manual process you choose is set to monitor your brand at least weekly to capture trends rather than snapshots.

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

Tools in this category are usually called **AI visibility**, **LLM monitoring**, or **answer-engine optimization (AEO) trackers**. They repeatedly test prompts across AI assistants and report when your brand is mentioned or cited, often alongside competitors, sentiment, and trends.

A few options to consider:

- **Otterly.ai** – a focused tracker for brand mentions and citations across AI answer engines. ¹³
- **Peec AI** – tracks mentions, ranking position, sentiment, and citation sources. ¹⁴
- **Profound** – a dedicated AI visibility and intelligence platform. ¹⁵
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** – combines AI visibility tracking with its broader SEO and competitor research tools. ¹⁰
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** – tracks mentions and citations as part of Ahrefs' search research offering. ¹⁰
- **HubSpot AEO** – tracks brand visibility, citations, and competitor share of voice across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity. ³

Compare the **specific assistants covered**, how often checks run, whether you can track your own prompts, and whether the tool reports citations as well as simple mentions—coverage and features vary by plan. A free starting point is HubSpot's **AI Search Grader**, which provides a one-time check rather than ongoing monitoring. ³

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

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RECOMMENDED Google Search Console

Use a **repeatable prompt audit**—ask the kinds of questions your customers ask, then record which brands the chatbots recommend.

1. **Build a list of 20–50 buyer questions.** Include prompts such as:
 - “What are the best [type of product/service] for [use case]?”
 - “Compare [your brand] with [competitor].”
 - “Who would you recommend for [customer need] in [location]?”
 - “What’s a good [product/service] under [budget]?”
1. **Run the same prompts across the AI services your customers use**—for example, ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews. Keep the wording, location, and settings consistent, and rerun them periodically. Answers vary by platform and can change over time; Google says its AI search features may use different models and techniques, so results can differ. (developers.google.com)
1. **Track more than just whether your name appears.** In a spreadsheet, note the date and platform, whether you and competitors were recommended, your position in the answer, whether your site was cited, which other sources were cited, and whether the answer was positive or accurate.
1. **Use an AI-visibility tracking tool if you need scale.** These tools generally automate prompt testing and competitor comparisons. Treat their results as a sample of answers—not a complete record of what every customer sees—and check that the tool covers the platforms and regions you care about.
1. **Check traffic and Google visibility as supporting signals.** In analytics, look for visits referred from AI services and whether those visitors convert. Google Search Console now has a dedicated report for impressions in Google’s generative AI features, including AI Overviews and AI Mode. These signals can show visibility or impact, but they won’t by themselves tell you every prompt where a competitor beat you. (developers.google.com)

A useful first step is a **small baseline audit**: choose your 10 most important customer questions, test them in a few major chatbots, and repeat monthly. If competitors keep winning, inspect the sources the answers cite—those often point to the reviews, comparison pages, or other information influencing the recommendation. ChatGPT search responses can include citations, though OpenAI notes that citations and results may be incomplete or incorrect. (help.openai.com)

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RECOMMENDED Peec AI, SE Visible, Profound

You can check this yourself for free, then use a paid tool if you need ongoing tracking.

1. Run a manual audit

- **Write the questions your buyers actually ask.** Focus on "best [product] for [use case]," "alternatives to [competitor]," and "[you] vs [competitor]" comparisons. One tracking vendor describes building a prompt set from comparisons, "best of" lists, and how-to questions. (We map the questions your buyers actually put to ChatGPT, Claude, Perplexity and the rest, from comparisons and 'best of' lists to how-to prompts.)
- **Run them across several engines.** Start with ChatGPT and Perplexity, since both will actually show you their sources, so you can see exactly which page, if any, they pulled your brand from. Then try Gemini, which won't give you a source, so you're left reading the answer itself to see if your brand is mentioned. Also check Claude, Copilot, and Google AI Overviews.
- **Repeat each prompt several times.** AI answers can change every time you run the same prompt. One run tells you little.
- **Log the results in a spreadsheet.** For each prompt and engine, record which brands are named, in what order, how they're described, and which sources are cited. Then tally how often you appear compared with each competitor.
- **Trace the sources.** When a competitor is recommended, look at the pages the answer cites. Those pages are often where you're losing ground, such as review sites, comparison articles, or directories.

Your results may also vary by location and account, so note the region and whether you're logged in.

2. Use a dedicated monitoring tool

These tools automate the process above. Options include:

- **OtterlyAI:** monitors when your brand appears in AI-generated answers, and compares your brand visibility against competitors.
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit:** tracks mentions across several engines and monitors up to 25 custom prompts a day, and includes competitor comparison.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar:** lets you benchmark your visibility against competitors and surface citations you could turn into more mentions.
- Others include Peec AI, SE Visible, and Profound. Prices and engine coverage vary, so compare them against the platforms your customers use.

3. Metrics to watch

- **Share of voice:** the percentage of mentions across your tracked prompts that go to you versus competitors. Tools generally measure share of voice against competitors.
- **Citation rate:** how often AI tools link to your website as a source. Citations are stronger authority signals.
- **Position and sentiment:** whether you're listed first or buried, and whether the description is positive.
- **Prompt gaps:** questions where competitors appear and you don't. These show you where to focus content work.

Start with a manual audit of 10-20 high-intent prompts. That will show you quickly whether the problem is real and which competitors are winning, and it will tell you whether a paid tool is worth the cost.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, SearchScore, Mentionova, Surnex

To find out if AI chatbots are recommending your competitors instead of you, you need to perform an **"AI Visibility Audit."** Because AI search results are dynamic and often personalized, this involves testing how these engines respond to the specific questions your potential customers are asking.

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

You do not need specialized software to get an initial diagnosis. You can perform a manual audit by following these steps:

- **Define Your Prompts:** Write down 5–10 questions your ideal customers would likely ask an AI to find a solution in your industry. Include different types:
 - **Direct Recommendation:** "Which are the best [your product] companies for [your niche]?"
 - **Comparison:** "Compare [your product] and [competitor product]—which should I choose?"
 - **Problem-Based:** "How do I solve [the specific problem your product fixes]?"
 - **Local/Specific:** "Who offers [your service] in [your city]?"
- **Run "Clean" Searches:** Open ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Claude in **private/incognito browser windows** to ensure previous search history doesn't bias the results.
- **Record the Results:** Create a table to track:
 - The prompt used.
 - The AI model (ChatGPT, Gemini, etc.).
 - Whether your brand was mentioned or recommended.
 - Which competitors were named instead.
 - Which sources (URLs) the AI cited.

2. Use Dedicated AI Monitoring Tools

If you want ongoing tracking without manual effort, several tools are specifically designed to monitor "AI Visibility" or "Generative Engine Optimization" (GEO). These tools automate the process of running prompts and logging mentions, citations, and competitor comparisons.

- **Popular Monitoring Platforms:** Tools like **Otterly.ai**, **SearchScore.ai**, **Mentionova**, and **Surnex** are built specifically to track how frequently your brand appears in AI responses.
- **What They Track:** These tools typically monitor:
 - **Mention Rate:** How often the AI names your brand.
 - **Citation Rate:** How often the AI links to or references your website.
 - **Competitor Share of Voice:** Which rivals are appearing in the same answers where you are missing.

Question h03 · Gemini, continued

- **Why Use a Tool?** AI responses can shift over time. Manual checks are a snapshot, but dedicated tools provide trend data that helps you understand if your visibility is increasing or decreasing across different AI models.

3. Understanding Why You Aren't Being Recommended

If you find that competitors are being recommended instead of you, remember that AI systems do not "rank" websites the way traditional Google SEO does. They synthesize information to provide a helpful answer. To improve your chances, consider these strategies:

- **Create "Bottom-of-Funnel" Content:** Build highly specific pages on your website that address exact customer needs (e.g., "Best [Product] for [Industry] in [Region]"). AI tools excel at matching these specific queries to relevant content.
- **Improve Technical Crawlability:** Ensure your website is easily crawlable. If an AI cannot read your site or verify your business facts (like location, pricing, or features), it will be less likely to recommend you as a "safe" or "credible" choice.
- **Focus on Topical Depth:** Instead of keyword stuffing, ensure your content clearly explains the relationships between concepts and provides comprehensive answers to customer problems.
- **Build Third-Party Trust:** AI engines often pull from multiple sources to "verify" information. Having consistent information and positive references across reputable third-party websites helps build the authority signals the AI relies on to make a recommendation.

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The most reliable way is to **test the questions buyers actually ask, then repeat the tests over time**. AI answers vary between runs, so one result is only a snapshot—not proof of a lasting trend.²⁷

Start with a simple audit

1. **Make a prompt list:** Include category questions ("best [type of product] for..."), comparison questions ("[you] vs. [competitor]"), and alternatives or problem-solving questions.
2. **Test the same prompts** in the AI tools your customers use, such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Google's AI search features.
3. **Log each answer:** Did it recommend you? Which competitors did it name, and in what order? Did it cite your website—or other sources? Save the answer, date, and platform.²¹³
4. **Repeat regularly:** Run the same set monthly to begin with; repeat more often during a major campaign. Use fresh chats where possible, and keep the prompt wording and test conditions consistent.³⁷

Track a few measures:

- **Recommendation rate:** How often you're recommended across your test prompts.
- **Competitor share of voice:** Your mentions compared with competitors' mentions.

Question h03 · Perplexity, continued

- **Citation rate:** How often your site or content is cited.
- **Position and sentiment:** Where you appear in a list, and how the answer describes you.¹³

A spreadsheet is enough for an initial check. If you want ongoing reporting, AI-visibility monitoring tools can rerun prompts and compare mentions, citations, and competitors over time. Compare tools based on which AI platforms they cover and how many prompts they support; their scores depend heavily on those choices.⁸¹⁴

One useful distinction: **being named isn't the same as being recommended**, and a recommendation isn't the same as a citation. Track those separately so you can see whether the issue is your brand being overlooked, your content not being cited, or competitors simply being favored in the answer.⁷

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

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RECOMMENDED Ahrefs Brand Radar

Yes. This category is usually called **AI visibility** or **answer-engine monitoring** software. It tracks whether and how your company appears in answers from services such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews.

Examples include **Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit**, **HubSpot's AI Search Sensor**, **Ahrefs Brand Radar**, **OtterlyAI**, and **Peec AI**. Depending on the product, you can track brand mentions, citations, competitors, and changes over time. (hubspot.com)

One caveat: these tools test selected prompts and sample answers, which can vary between runs. Treat their scores as directional—not a definitive measure of what every customer sees. (arxiv.org)

If you tell me your company size and whether you want a free/basic check or ongoing monitoring, I can narrow down the options.

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RECOMMENDED Peec AI, Profound, AthenaHQ, Semrush, Ahrefs, Goodie AI, SE Visible, Rankscale, Scrunch, HubSpot AI Search Grader, GetCito

Yes. A category of "AI visibility" tools now tracks whether ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Google AI Overviews and similar engines mention your brand, which sources they cite, and how you compare to competitors. Most are subscription products, though some have free tiers.

Tools that come up repeatedly in 2026 reviews:

- **Otterly AI:** Low-cost, simple option for a first look. One listing puts its entry price at from \$29/month, and it covers a broad set of engines.
- **Peec AI:** Aimed at marketing teams that want dashboards and reporting. It measures visibility as the share of chats that mention the brand, and reports position, sentiment and citations.
- **Profound:** Enterprise-focused. One review says it offers the deepest analytics, up to 9 engines, with a free 7-day trial and custom pricing.
- **AthenaHQ:** Aimed at teams that want recommendations, not just tracking. It focuses on citation and authority gap analysis for B2B and SaaS brands, from \$295/month.
- **Semrush and Ahrefs:** If you already pay for an SEO suite, their add-ons may be enough. Ahrefs' Brand Radar costs \$129 base plus an add-on.

Question h04 · Claude, continued

- **Goodie AI, SE Visible, Rankscale AI, Scrunch:** Other names reviewers often compare, with varying scope and price.

Free ways to start:

- **HubSpot AI Search Grader:** A free first look at your AI presence, according to one roundup.
- **GetCito:** Its open-source tracking tool is free to self-host.
- **Manual checks:** You can run the same set of buyer questions on each engine each month and log whether your brand is named and cited. One guide estimates this takes about 2 hours a month, and suggests using fresh sessions so personalization doesn't skew results.

Practical tips:

- Start by listing the questions your customers actually ask, then check which engines matter most for your market.
- Test a tool's trial with your own competitors and prompts. Some vendors don't disclose how they estimate prompt volume, and one review flags that AthenaHQ's prompt volume relies on a model it keeps largely under wraps.
- Prices and engine coverage change often, and many reviews are published by vendors themselves, so confirm current pricing on each company's site.

If you tell me your industry, company size, budget, and which AI tools your customers use most, I can narrow this to two or three options.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, SE Visible, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Ahrefs AI Visibility Checker MENTIONED SE Ranking

Yes, there is a rapidly growing category of software specifically designed to track how companies and brands appear in AI-generated answers. This field is often referred to as **Answer Engine Optimization (AEO)** or **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)**.

These tools monitor platforms like ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, Gemini, and Microsoft Copilot to see if your brand is mentioned, cited, or recommended when potential customers ask relevant questions.

How These Tools Work

Unlike traditional SEO tools that track blue-link rankings on Google, these platforms use "prompt tracking." They run a set of industry-specific questions (prompts) through various AI models on a scheduled basis and analyze the resulting text for:

- **Brand Mentions:** Whether your company is named in the response.
- **Citation Rate:** Whether the AI links directly to your website as a source.

Question h04 · Gemini, continued

- **Sentiment:** Whether the AI describes your brand positively, neutrally, or negatively.
- **Share of Voice:** How often you appear in answers compared to your competitors.

Popular AI Visibility Tools

There are several reputable tools available depending on your budget and needs:

- **Dedicated AI Visibility Platforms:** Tools like **Peec AI**, **Profound**, **Otterly.AI**, **Rankscale**, and **SE Visible** (by SE Ranking) are purpose-built to track these specific metrics across multiple AI engines.
- **Integrated SEO Suites:** Many established SEO platforms have added AI tracking features to their existing offerings, such as **Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit** and **Ahrefs Brand Radar**.
- **Free Checkers:** If you want a quick, one-time snapshot, several providers offer free tools, such as the **Ahrefs AI Visibility Checker** or **HubSpot's AI Search Grader**. These are excellent for getting a baseline understanding of your current "AI footprint."

Which one should you choose?

- **If you are just getting started:** Try a free tool like the **Ahrefs AI Visibility Checker** or **HubSpot's AI Search Grader** to see what data is available.
- **If you need ongoing monitoring:** Look for a dedicated tool like **Peec AI** or **Otterly.AI**, which are often cited for their ease of use and focused reporting on mentions and citations.
- **If you want enterprise-grade depth:** Tools like **Profound** are frequently recommended for their deep analytics and ability to handle complex, large-scale prompt testing.

A Note on Strategy

Because AI models are probabilistic (they can give different answers to the same prompt at different times), these tools work best when you monitor them over time rather than relying on a single snapshot. Experts recommend defining a set of "buyer intent" questions—the specific things your customers ask—and tracking your brand's presence across those specific queries to see meaningful trends.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, HubSpot AI Search Grader, Similarweb AI Brand Visibility

Yes. These are often called **AI visibility** or **answer-engine optimization (AEO)** tools. They track whether—and how—your company appears in answers from services such as ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews. Many also show competitor mentions, citations, sentiment, and changes over time.²⁷

A few options:

- **Otterly.AI** – monitors brand mentions and cited links across several AI search platforms; listed as starting at \$29/month in one comparison.¹⁰⁹
- **Peec AI** – tracks mentions, visibility, sentiment, and citations, with competitor comparisons.²
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** – may suit you if you already use Semrush for SEO; it combines AI visibility tracking with its SEO tools.⁷
- **HubSpot AI Search Grader** – a free, one-time snapshot; HubSpot also offers ongoing AEO monitoring.¹³¹²
- **Similarweb AI Brand Visibility** – tracks mentions, topics, citations, and competitor visibility.⁸

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One caveat: these tools generally test a set of prompts repeatedly, so their scores are useful for tracking trends –not a guarantee of what every person will see. Compare supported AI platforms, regions, prompt limits, and pricing before choosing.

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What are the best GEO tools?

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RECOMMENDED Ahrefs Brand Radar, Profound, Writesonic, Peec AI

If by **GEO** you mean **generative engine optimization**—tracking and improving how your brand appears in answers from ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, Perplexity, and Google AI—the best tool depends on whether you need broad research, ongoing monitoring, or help acting on the results.

Tool	Best for	Why consider it
Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit	Best all-around for teams already doing SEO	Combines AI visibility tracking with SEO, competitor research, and content workflows. Its current toolkit starts at \$99/month . (semrush.com)
Ahrefs Brand Radar	Broad brand and citation research	Useful for benchmarking brands and finding cited pages and domains across AI answers and other channels. It also offers custom prompt tracking. (help.ahrefs.com)
Profound	Enterprise teams	A fit for organizations that need deeper analytics and workflows across marketing, SEO, and PR. (semrush.com)
Otterly AI	Small teams starting out	A relatively accessible way to monitor AI mentions and citations; its entry plan is listed at \$29/month . Check engine coverage on the plan you're considering. (semrush.com)
Writesonic	Teams that want tracking plus content work	Combines visibility monitoring with content and optimization workflows, so teams can move from findings to updates in one platform. (semrush.com)
Peec AI	Agencies and growing teams	Worth evaluating for project-based tracking and competitor benchmarking. (semrush.com)

My quick picks: Start with **Semrush** if you already use its SEO suite; try **Otterly AI** for a lower-cost monitoring entry point; evaluate **Profound** for enterprise needs; consider **Ahrefs Brand Radar** when broad discovery and citation research matter most.

One caveat: GEO tools measure samples of AI answers, not every private conversation or every result a user might see. Treat visibility scores as directional, and compare the same prompts, engines, and locations over time. (ahrefs.com)

If you tell me your budget, team size, and which AI platforms you need to track, I can narrow this to one or two.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Writesonic, Goodie AI, AthenaHQ, Otterly.AI, Peec AI, HubSpot's AI Search Grader, Rankability, SE Ranking, Scrunch AI

There's no single best GEO tool. Rankings vary a lot between lists, and many of the "best of" roundups are written by the vendors they rank. The right pick depends mostly on budget, team size, and whether you have people to act on the data.

Enterprise analytics: Profound comes up most often. One roundup describes it as the deepest analytics surface in the category, but it requires you to handle the execution layer separately. Another notes that its wide engine coverage sits on the custom Enterprise tier.

Closing the loop (tracking plus content): Writesonic is the most common pick. One list says 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. Other options in this group include Goodie AI, which one list calls the most complete GEO platform on the market, and AthenaHQ, which focuses on automated on-page GEO, applying schema markup and entity tagging to improve machine readability.

Budget and getting started: Otterly.AI is the usual low-cost starting point. One review calls it the cheapest way to test the channel at \$29/month. Peec AI is another common choice, and one review says it is built for multi-country and multi-language tracking. Free tools like HubSpot's AI Search Grader can serve as a baseline check.

Agencies: Rankability is often suggested because it suits agencies wanting tracking and content in one platform, with unlimited clients and users. SE Ranking is another option, since it blends AI visibility with traditional SEO in one platform.

Already using an SEO suite: Semrush's AI visibility toolkit is the natural add-on if you already use Semrush, and Ahrefs' Brand Radar plays a similar role for Ahrefs users.

Technical/crawlability: Scrunch AI is described as focusing on the technical side and AI crawlability.

Caveats:

- Rankings conflict. One independent-style scoring report put AthenaHQ first and Profound lower, while vendor blogs put their own products at the top.
- Pricing changes often and is frequently custom for enterprise tiers, so check current pricing directly.
- Most tools offer free trials or low entry tiers, so testing two or three against your own prompts is the most reliable way to decide.

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RECOMMENDED Esri ArcGIS, CARTO, Kepler.gl, PostGIS, GeoPandas, Rasterio, OSMnx, Profound, LLM Pulse, Geoptie, Genrank, Yotpo Discover **MENTIONED** Snowflake, BigQuery, PostgreSQL

The term "GEO tools" refers to two entirely different fields. Depending on your needs, you are likely looking for either **Geospatial (mapping and location intelligence)** tools or **Generative Engine Optimization (AI search visibility)** tools.

1. Geospatial Tools (Mapping, GIS, and Location Data)

If you are looking for software to analyze geographic data, create maps, or perform spatial analysis, these are the industry leaders for 2026:

- **Esri ArcGIS (ArcGIS Pro / Online):** The undisputed **enterprise standard** for professional GIS. It is highly robust, supporting everything from 3D visualization and predictive analytics to enterprise-scale data management. Best for government, utilities, and large-scale infrastructure projects.
- **QGIS:** The leading **open-source alternative**. It is free, highly flexible, and has an enormous library of plugins. It is the preferred choice for researchers, NGOs, and teams that want powerful functionality without expensive licensing costs.
- **Modern/Specialized Stacks:**
 - **CARTO:** Excellent for cloud-native geospatial analytics, especially if your data already lives in cloud warehouses like Snowflake or BigQuery.
 - **Kepler.gl:** An open-source, high-performance tool (by Uber) for visualizing massive geospatial datasets using WebGL.
 - **PostGIS:** The essential "spatial database" extension for PostgreSQL, used to store and query complex spatial data.
 - **Python Libraries:** For data scientists, the standard stack includes **GeoPandas** (for data manipulation), **Rasterio** (for imagery), and **OSMnx** (for street network analysis).

2. Generative Engine Optimization (GEO) Tools

If you are looking for tools to improve how your brand or content appears in **AI-generated search answers** (like ChatGPT, Gemini, or Perplexity), the landscape focuses on visibility, sentiment, and citation tracking:

- **What they do:** These tools monitor whether AI platforms cite your brand, analyze your "share of voice" in AI-generated answers, and provide actionable insights to improve your content so it is more likely to be retrieved and recommended by AI.
- **Top Platforms in 2026:**
 - **Profound:** A leading full-stack platform that offers "Answer Engine Optimization" (AEO) and automation, helping teams benchmark performance and execute content updates at scale.
 - **LLM Pulse:** Often cited as a top choice for tracking citations, sentiment, and overall visibility across various AI models.
 - **Geoptie:** Positioned as an "all-in-one" platform for managing AI-search presence.
 - **Other notable mentions:** Tools like **Genrank** (specializing in ChatGPT) and platform-specific suites like **Yotpo Discover** (for e-commerce brands) help integrate AI visibility into broader marketing strategies.

How to choose?

- **If you are a GIS Analyst or Engineer:** Start with **QGIS** if you need a free, powerful tool, or **ArcGIS Pro** if you require industry-standard enterprise support.
- **If you are a Marketer or SEO Professional:** Focus on **Profound** or **LLM Pulse** to track how your brand is being represented by AI chatbots and search engines.

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

Assuming **GEO means generative engine optimization**—improving how brands appear in answers from tools like ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google AI—the best choice depends on whether you need visibility tracking, content workflows, or enterprise analytics.

- **Best all-around for an SEO team: Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit.** A natural fit if you already use Semrush and want AI visibility alongside your existing SEO work. Its reported starting price is \$99/month per domain.²⁴
- **Best for enterprise analytics: Profound.** Built for deeper AI-answer monitoring and analytics, including crawler and server-log insights; pricing is enterprise-oriented or tier-dependent.²⁴
- **Best for a straightforward self-serve tracker: Peec AI.** Focuses on tracking visibility and citations across AI engines, with reported plans starting around \$80/month when billed annually.²⁴
- **Best budget pick for smaller teams: Otterly.ai.** A lower-cost starting point for monitoring brand presence, with reported plans from \$29/month.²
- **Best if you want to turn insights into content: Frase or Writesonic.** Both combine GEO-related tracking with content workflows; Frase is particularly geared toward researching and improving pages, while Writesonic offers optimization recommendations.⁴⁵
- **Best for citation and source analysis: Ahrefs Brand Radar.** Worth considering if you already use Ahrefs and want AI visibility data alongside your SEO research.³⁴

Quick recommendation: Start with **Semrush** if it's already in your stack; try **Otterly** for a low-cost monitoring pilot; choose **Profound** for enterprise-level analysis. Compare how each tool tracks prompts, engines, citations, competitors, and site recommendations—not just its headline visibility score. Pricing and features can change, so confirm current plan limits before buying.²⁴

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

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RECOMMENDED Semrush, Ahrefs Brand Radar

Best practice: combine a small, consistent prompt-tracking set with real traffic and citation data. Don't rely on one "AI visibility score"—these tools sample different prompts, locations, models, and answer modes, so the score is best treated as a trend, not a measure of actual audience reach. (ahrefs.com)

A practical setup

1. **Build a prompt set around real customer questions.** Start with 20–50 prompts across categories such as “best [product] for [need],” comparisons, alternatives, local recommendations, and questions about your brand. Include your brand and competitors in some prompts, but mostly use neutral prompts—those show whether you're discovered without being named first.
1. **Track the answers separately for each platform.** Record whether your brand is mentioned, recommended, and cited; which competitors appear; which sources are cited; and whether the description is accurate and favorable. Keep prompts, geography, and cadence consistent. Check weekly or monthly rather than reacting to individual answer changes.
1. **Use one tracker if you want automation.** Semrush's current reports cover ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity, with weekly brand-performance reporting. Ahrefs Brand Radar supports custom prompt checks on all three, with configurable frequency. Compare the **data collection method, prompt controls, location coverage, and platform-specific reporting** before choosing; their metrics and coverage aren't interchangeable. (semrush.com)
1. **Verify what matters manually.** Open a sample of answers in the actual consumer products, using the same prompts and locations. Trackers are useful for repeatable comparisons, but their collected answers may not match every user's personalized experience.
1. **Connect visibility to business outcomes.** In analytics, segment referrals from ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity where identifiable; watch conversions and assisted conversions, and compare branded-search trends. Mentions and citations are useful signals, but they aren't the same as visits, leads, or sales.
1. **Use the findings to improve the sources AI systems can find.** Fix incorrect company facts and outdated pages; make key product, pricing, comparison, and support information clear and crawlable; and look at credible third-party sources that AI answers cite. For ChatGPT Search specifically, OpenAI says allowing OAI-SearchBot to crawl your site is one step toward eligibility for inclusion—not a guarantee of being cited. (help.openai.com)

If you're starting small: track 20–30 prompts in a spreadsheet across all three platforms once a month, and review referral traffic alongside it. Buy a paid tracker once you need regular reporting, competitor comparisons, or coverage across lots of prompts and locations.

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RECOMMENDED Semrush

The most practical approach is to start with a manual baseline, then move to a dedicated monitoring tool once you need ongoing, scaled tracking.

1. Build a prompt set and run a baseline

Start with an audit rather than ongoing monitoring. One guide suggests 20 to 30 queries across branded, category, and comparison types, run on ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini, with results logged in a spreadsheet. Pick 20 to 30 queries across three types: branded queries (your company name plus category), category queries (best tools for X), and comparison queries (your brand vs. a competitor). Run each across ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini and log the results in a spreadsheet.

For each answer, record more than just whether you were named. One source lists the platform, exact prompt, mention status, tone, cited source URL, and any factually wrong claims. For each query, record: the platform, the exact prompt, whether your brand was mentioned, the tone of the mention (positive, neutral, negative), whether a source was cited and which URL, and any factually wrong claims. Also note where you rank in lists and which competitors appear.

2. Account for variability

AI answers change between runs and phrasings. Test several wordings of the same question, since they will often return different results from the same LLM, including different brand citations. Also test a follow-up question, because visibility often changes after the first answer. Use the consumer interface where you can, since APIs can diverge; the front end reflects user reality.

3. Run it on a schedule

Repeat the full round monthly, and always date each run so you can see trends. Run a full round monthly and always record the date so you can track changes over time. Manual checks get hard to sustain. But you can't easily run a volume of prompts every week manually.

4. Automate when manual tracking gets hard

Dedicated tools handle recurring prompts, competitor comparisons, and alerts. Options with the strongest coverage of your three engines include:

- **Otterly AI:** Monitor answer rankings in real-time, with alerts and competitor tracking across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity.
- **Profound, Peec AI, and Semrush:** Commonly listed for ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity coverage. Semrush's AI toolkit is best if you already use Semrush. One review notes that Perplexity coverage is limited compared to dedicated tools; requires existing Semrush subscription.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar:** Lets you enter your brand name and any competitors you want to benchmark against, then save the report. Its coverage list in one comparison includes ChatGPT, Claude, and Gemini.

Vendor coverage claims and pricing change often, and most of these comparisons come from vendors or affiliates. Check current coverage, pricing, and whether they track the Gemini app versus Google AI Overviews before you buy.

Question h06 · Claude, continued

5. Track metrics over time

Focus on a few numbers: how often you're mentioned (share of voice versus competitors), how often your own URLs are cited, where you appear in the answer, and how you're described. Strong tracking looks at mentions, citations, sentiment, competitor presence, share of voice, and changes over time.

Practical recommendation: Spend a day building 25 or so prompts and running them manually across the three engines to get a baseline. If you need to track weekly or across several markets, add a tool. Perplexity is the easiest to track because it shows source links, so you can see exactly which pages it draws from.

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RECOMMENDED Google Sheet, Otterly.AI, Siftly, Dageno, Slate, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Semrush

Monitoring your brand in AI tools like ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity is fundamentally different from traditional SEO. Because these systems generate unique, dynamic answers rather than static, ranked lists, you cannot simply "track rankings." Instead, you must monitor **AI Visibility**—a process of systematically sampling how these engines answer your target queries over time.

1. The Core Strategy: Systematic Prompt Auditing

Since AI models can provide different answers to the same question depending on the user, time, and session history, a single manual check is statistically meaningless. You need to treat brand monitoring as a **sampling project**.

- **Build a "Prompt Panel":** Create a list of 30–300 questions that your potential customers actually ask when researching your category (e.g., "What are the best tools for [X]?", "Compare [Brand] and [Competitor]").
- **Automated Scheduling:** To get reliable data, run these prompts automatically on a recurring schedule (daily or weekly). This helps you identify trends, detect "drift" in how you are described, and see which competitors are being cited in your place.
- **The Four Metrics:** When you record results, track these four distinct dimensions:
 - **Mention:** Does the AI explicitly name your brand?
 - **Citation:** Does the AI link to your website as a source?
 - **Sentiment:** Does the AI frame your brand in a positive, neutral, or negative tone?
 - **Share of Voice:** How often are you recommended compared to your top competitors?

2. How to Execute

Depending on your scale and budget, you can approach this in one of two ways:

For Small Teams (Manual Baseline)

If you are tracking fewer than 20 prompts, you can do this manually:

Question h06 · Gemini, continued

- Use a **private/incognito window** to avoid your own search history biasing the results.
- Maintain a Google Sheet to log: *Date, Prompt, Platform, Mentioned (Y/N), Position, Competitors Named, and Cited URLs*.
- Judge your performance based on **monthly trends** rather than individual daily results.

For Scaling (Automated Tools)

If you need to monitor multiple platforms across many prompts, manual testing will not scale. Several tools have emerged specifically for AI Search Optimization (AISO):

- **Dedicated AI Monitoring:** Platforms like **Otterly.ai**, **Siftly**, **Dageno**, and **Slate** are built to run your prompt sets automatically across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Claude. They provide dashboards to track your "Share of Voice" and identify content gaps.
- **Enterprise/SEO Suites:** Established tools like **Ahrefs (Brand Radar)** and **Semrush** have integrated features for tracking AI visibility and citations, particularly for Google AI Overviews and major LLMs.

3. Key Differences to Remember

- **Mentions vs. Citations:** You might be mentioned in the text but not cited as a source. Distinguish between these, as a citation indicates the AI is actively "trusting" your content as a source of truth.
- **Dynamic Answers:** Understand that AI answers are "black boxes." If you see a decline, it is usually because the model has shifted its preference to a competitor's content or updated its training/retrieval index.
- **Actionable SEO:** If you are not appearing, don't just "optimize for the bot." Instead, identify the sources the AI is currently citing for your competitors and work to earn coverage, mentions, or authoritative links on those specific platforms.

Pro-Tip: Focus on your **"Shortlist Visibility."** In AI-mediated discovery, the answer engine acts as the filter. If you aren't in the 3–4 options the AI presents, you effectively don't exist for that user. Use your monitoring data to refine your content so that it becomes the "authoritative source" the AI pulls from.

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The best approach is a **repeatable prompt-tracking program**, not occasional searches for your brand name. AI answers vary, so look for trends across the same questions, engines, and time period—not a single snapshot. Specialized monitoring tools can automate this across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity, tracking mentions, citations, competitors, and changes over time.¹⁴

A practical setup:

1. **Build a prompt set** from real customer questions: category recommendations, "best for" queries, comparisons with competitors, and questions about your products or reputation. Include different stages of the buying journey.
2. **Track the same prompts on all three platforms.** Record whether your brand is mentioned, how it is described, which competitors appear, and whether the answer cites your site or other sources.¹³
3. **Measure a few useful indicators:** mention or inclusion rate, share of voice against competitors, sentiment or accuracy of the description, and citation URLs.²¹³

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4. **Review changes regularly.** Check trends and investigate meaningful shifts in mentions, wording, or citations. A monitoring platform can make this easier; compare options based on whether they cover all three services, preserve actual answers and source URLs, and offer a cadence and prompt volume that fit your needs.¹³
5. **Act on what you find.** Fix inaccurate or outdated information on your own site, strengthen pages that should explain your brand or products, and review the external sources AI answers cite. Then rerun the prompts to see whether the picture changes.

For a small brand, a spreadsheet and periodic manual checks are a reasonable starting point. For ongoing competitive tracking, use a platform that explicitly covers **ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity**—engine coverage and reporting details vary by product and plan.⁴⁵

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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

The best way is to combine **first-party webmaster reports**, **referral analytics**, and **repeatable spot checks**. No single dashboard covers every AI search product.

1. **Check Bing Webmaster Tools.** Verify your site, then open **AI Performance**. It reports pages cited in AI-generated answers across Microsoft Copilot, Bing, and some partner experiences, plus citation trends and grounding queries. The newer Intents, Topics, Citation Share, and Compare features are rolling out in preview. (bing.com)
1. **Check Google Search Console.** Google says links shown in AI Overviews and AI Mode are included in the Search Console **Performance** report under the **Web** search type. A generative-AI report may also appear in Search Console; availability and detail can vary, so check your property's reports. (developers.google.com)
1. **Look for visits from AI services in your analytics.** In GA4 or your analytics platform, inspect referral sources and landing pages for traffic from services such as ChatGPT, Perplexity, or Copilot. This shows visits that reached your site—not every time an AI cited you, since many citations may not get clicked.
1. **Run a small, repeatable manual test.** List 10–20 questions your customers might ask, test them in the AI search tools you care about, and record whether your **site URL is linked**, which page is linked, and whether your brand is merely mentioned. Repeat periodically; answers can vary between runs.

If you want broader coverage, paid AI-visibility tools can monitor a set of prompts across multiple platforms. Treat their results as estimates: platform coverage and tracking methods differ.

Keep the measurements separate: a *mention* names your brand; a *citation* links to your site; a *referral* is a click that reaches your analytics. Google also notes that its AI-feature traffic is part of overall Search Console reporting, so it may not always be possible to isolate every AI citation there. (developers.google.com)

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RECOMMENDED Google Search Console, Bing Webmaster Tools, GA4, Otterly.AI, Semrush's AI Toolkit, Peec AI, SE Ranking's AI visibility tracking, Frase, Semrush

Here are the main ways to check, from free and manual to automated.

1. Ask the AI engines yourself

Pick the questions your pages answer and run them in ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Claude, and Google AI Mode. Then look for your domain in the sources or in the text of the answer. You can manually check for AI references by prompting ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, Gemini, and Google AI Mode with questions your website answers. Perplexity is the easiest starting point, since it lists numbered source citations automatically,

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making it the easiest platform to verify whether AI is pulling from your domain. Google's AI Overviews show source links you can open from the summary. ChatGPT is less direct, so you may need to ask it which sources it used.

Run the same test several times. AI answers change too often for manual checks to be effective on their own, so one miss doesn't prove much. A single check is only a snapshot.

2. Use your first-party reports

- **Google Search Console:** Its Generative AI performance report shows how your pages appear in AI Overviews and AI Mode.
- **Bing Webmaster Tools:** Its AI Performance report covers Copilot citations.
- **Google Analytics (GA4):** Look at referrals from chatgpt.com, perplexity.ai, and gemini.google.com to see AI-driven visits.

These sources are the most reliable for real data, though they don't show every prompt where you're cited.

3. Check your server logs for AI crawlers

Logs show whether AI bots are visiting your pages. Look for user agents such as Google-Extended, ChatGPT-User, PerplexityBot, and ClaudeBot. Repeat visits to a particular page suggest the AI systems find it useful. Note that a crawler visit is not the same as a citation.

4. Search for unique phrases

Pick a distinctive sentence or statistic from one of your pages, put it in quotation marks, and search for it on Google. This can reveal where your content has been copied or reused, which is a related but different signal.

5. Use a tracking tool

For ongoing, prompt-level monitoring, paid tools are the practical choice. Options include Otterly.AI, Semrush's AI Toolkit, Peec AI, and SE Ranking's AI visibility tracking. Several offer free checks. For example, Frase's free AI Visibility Checker returns an actual ChatGPT citation result with no account required. Semrush also has a free AI visibility checker. Some tools report the total number of times AI platforms link to your website alongside their answers as a source, and others show which of your specific pages get cited most.

Suggested approach: Start with the free manual checks and Search Console/Bing reports. Choose 10 to 20 questions your site should answer, test them monthly, and log the results. If you need more coverage, add a paid tool.

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RECOMMENDED Similarweb, Frase, Google Search Console

To check if your website is being cited by AI search engines (such as ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, or Google AI Overviews), you can use a combination of automated tracking tools and manual testing.

Because AI search results are non-deterministic (they can change every time a question is asked), "ranking" in the traditional SEO sense does not exist. Instead, you should measure **citation frequency**—how often your site appears as a source across a consistent set of industry-relevant prompts.

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1. Automated AI Citation Tracking Tools

Dedicated AI visibility tools are the most efficient way to monitor these citations. They automate the process of querying AI engines and logging whether your URL or brand appears in the results.

- **Dedicated AI Visibility Tools:** Platforms like **Otterly.ai**, **Profound**, **Ansvisor**, and **RankControl** are built specifically to track mentions and citations across multiple AI engines (ChatGPT, Perplexity, etc.).
- **Search Intelligence Platforms:** Tools like **Similarweb** offer AI citation analysis that can identify which domains hold the most influence in your category and track your own site's performance over time.
- **Free Checkers:** Some services, such as **Frase** or specific "AI Visibility Checkers," offer free, one-time snapshots to see if your domain is currently being cited for relevant queries.
- **Google Search Console:** For Google-specific AI Overviews, check the **Search Generative AI performance reports** within Google Search Console to see your impressions and performance in AI-powered search results.

2. The Manual DIY Method (Free)

If you want to perform a baseline check without buying a tool, you can conduct a manual audit. This method is less scalable but effective for getting an immediate sense of your visibility.

1. **Define Your Prompts:** Create a list of 10–25 "buyer questions" that are highly relevant to your business (e.g., "What are the best [industry] solutions for [problem]?").
2. **Test Consistently:** Run these exact prompts on a fixed schedule (e.g., weekly) across the major AI engines: ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, and Google AI Mode.
3. **Log Results:** Maintain a simple spreadsheet recording whether your site or brand was cited for each prompt.
4. **Analyze Frequency:** Over time, look for the percentage of prompts where you appear. A stable frequency of appearance is a stronger signal of "AI authority" than a single-time mention.

Key Metrics to Understand

When tracking, keep these distinctions in mind to avoid misleading data:

- **Citations vs. Mentions:** A **citation** is a linked source (often a URL) provided by the AI as a reference. A **mention** is when your brand name appears in the text without necessarily being linked. Both are valuable, but citations are more likely to drive direct traffic.
- **Sampling Noise:** Because AI answers change frequently, don't overreact to a single "missing" result. Focus on trends over several weeks to understand your actual visibility.
- **Competitive Gap:** Use these tools to see which websites *are* being cited when you are not. This identifies your "citation gaps"—content areas where competitors are currently outperforming you in the eyes of the AI.

Recommendation: Start by using a free tool or a manual "snapshot" to get a baseline. If your business relies heavily on organic search, investing in a dedicated AI visibility platform will provide the ongoing, granular reporting needed to adjust your content strategy effectively.

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RECOMMENDED Bing Webmaster Tools, GA4

Use a mix of **direct citation checks** and **analytics**. They answer different questions: citation tracking shows whether an AI answer names or links to your site; analytics shows whether that mention sent visitors.

1. Check the search engines' own reports.

- **Bing/Copilot:** Verify your site in Bing Webmaster Tools and look for **AI Performance**. Its report shows citation counts, cited URLs, trends, and some retrieval queries across supported Microsoft AI experiences.²
- **Google AI Overviews and AI Mode:** Google currently includes traffic from AI features in the regular Search Console **Performance** report under **Web**; it does not provide a separate citation report there.¹

1. Track referrals in your web analytics.

In GA4 or your analytics platform, review referral sources for AI services—for example, chatgpt.com or perplexity.ai—and see which landing pages and conversions they bring. This catches visits, not citations that users saw but didn't click.¹²

1. Run a repeatable set of test queries.

List the questions your customers might ask, then check whether each engine cites your domain and which page it links to. Record the date, query, engine, cited URL, and whether your brand is mentioned. Repeat periodically: results can vary by query and over time.

1. Consider a third-party AI visibility tracker

if you need regular, multi-engine reporting. These tools can monitor mentions and cited URLs across services such as ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI features; compare which engines and features a tool actually covers before choosing one.⁵¹¹

Practical starting point: set up Search Console and Bing Webmaster Tools, add referral reporting in GA4, and manually track a small, stable set of important queries. Don't treat a single test—or referral traffic alone—as a complete measure of AI citations.

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Which AI visibility tools are worth paying for?

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

Short answer: Peec AI is my best default pick; Otterly.AI is the budget option. Pay for one tool to track a carefully chosen set of real buyer questions—not several overlapping dashboards.

Tool	Worth paying for when...	Current starting point
Peec AI	You want a focused marketing dashboard for prompt-level tracking, competitors, citations, and share of voice. Good middle ground for an in-house team.	Starter is \$95/month for 50 prompts across 3 chosen models; Pro is \$245/month for 150 prompts. (peec.ai)
Otterly.AI	You're testing the category or have a modest budget and want straightforward daily tracking. Check whether the models you care about cost extra.	Lite is \$29/month for 15 prompts and four engines; Claude, Gemini, and Google AI Mode are add-ons. (otterly.ai)
Ahrefs Brand Radar	You already use Ahrefs, or want broad brand discovery from its large prompt database—not just tracking your own hand-picked questions.	Custom prompt tracking starts at \$50/month as an add-on; standalone AI indexes start at \$199/month for one index. (ahrefs.com)
Profound	You're a larger company and need enterprise-scale monitoring, integrations, or governance. I'd ask for a trial and a clear quote before committing.	Pricing is sales-led, so compare the quote against your actual prompt volume and required features. (citepoint.ai)

My practical recommendation: start with **Peec** if you'll use the insights in regular SEO/content work; choose **Otterly Lite** if you mainly want to see whether your brand appears at all. If you already pay for Ahrefs, try its included prompt allowance before adding another vendor. (peec.ai)

One caveat: these tools sample answers to selected prompts; they don't give a definitive count of every time an AI recommends your brand. Treat changes as directional, and track the same commercially important questions consistently. Before buying, check **which engines are included, the true cost of add-ons, prompt limits, and whether the tool distinguishes being mentioned from being cited.**

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RECOMMENDED Bing Webmaster Tools, Hall Lite, Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Geoptie, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Ahrefs Brand Radar, SE Ranking, Profound, Scrunch AI, AthenaHQ

Most of these tools are worth paying for only if you already know what you'll do with the data. Monitoring alone is cheap. Tools that also help you fix gaps cost more. Treat the rankings below with some caution: most "best of" lists come from vendors who rank their own products first, and prices change often.

Start free if you're testing the waters. Bing Webmaster Tools shows which of your pages Copilot cites. Hall Lite tracks 25 questions at no cost.

Budget monitoring (roughly \$30–\$100/month)

- **Otterly.AI** is the most common entry pick. \$29 a month buys 6 engines, a 25-point GEO audit, and unlimited team members.
- **Peec AI** is a good value for teams. One review notes Peec AI is the better practical pick for most teams because it is focused, clean, and easier to adopt. Its starter plan is €85/month - 50 prompts, 1 project, 3 models.
- **Geoptie** is worth a look if you want execution, not just tracking. Content generation, content optimization and audits are unlimited alongside tracking from the \$49/mo Starter plan.

If you already pay for an SEO suite

- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** is the usual choice. One guide lists it at \$99 per domain, and it avoids adding another vendor.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** is an add-on. Pricing varies by source, and one listing has it at \$199/month add-on (\$129/month for standard plans).
- **SE Ranking** bundles AI tracking into a broader SEO workflow, so it suits teams that want one platform.

Enterprise

- **Profound** is the most cited enterprise option. It's custom-priced, and one source says it offers 10+ engines, API and SSO access, and server-level tracking of how models crawl your content.
- **Scrunch AI** is pricier at \$250 (Core, 5 seats), and its focus is on how AI crawlers read your site.

Action and attribution-focused

- **AthenaHQ** is \$295 (\$95 first month) and includes an action center and revenue attribution.

Practical tips before buying

- Check how many prompts each plan allows, since that is often the real limit. Plans range from about 25 to 300 prompts.
- Confirm which engines are covered. Coverage varies a lot between tools.
- Run the free trial with your own brand and competitor prompts, then compare results across two tools if you can.

My overall suggestion: for most small or mid-sized teams, Otterly or Peec AI is enough to start. If you already use Semrush or Ahrefs, use their add-on first. Pay for Profound or similar only when you have analysts who will use the detailed data.

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RECOMMENDED Peec AI, Profound, Otterly.AI, Rankscale, Levo.ai, LogicMonitor, Google Search Console, Bing Webmaster Tools

Whether an AI visibility tool is "worth paying for" depends entirely on your goals, the size of your organization, and whether you are looking to **monitor** your brand's presence in AI answers or **manage/secure** AI systems.

Because the market is currently split between *marketing-focused* visibility (getting cited by AI) and *enterprise-focused* visibility (observability and security), the "best" choice depends on your specific use case.

1. Marketing & SEO Use Case (Brand Mentions)

These tools track whether ChatGPT, Perplexity, or Google AI Overviews cite your brand when users ask relevant questions.

- **When it's worth it:** If your brand relies on being in the "consideration set" for B2B or high-intent searches, tracking your "share of voice" in AI answers can provide a necessary competitive edge.
- **Top Recommendations:**
 - **If you already use SEO platforms:** Lean on **Semrush (AI Visibility Toolkit)** or **Ahrefs (Brand Radar)**. If you already pay for these, their add-on features are often the most cost-effective way to get started without adding new vendors.
 - **For specialized tracking:** **Peec AI** and **Profound** are frequently cited for strong mid-market and enterprise-grade reporting.
 - **Budget-friendly:** **Otterly.AI** and **Rankscale** are often recommended for those starting with smaller budgets.
- **Crucial Caveat:** Many of these tools serve as **directional signals, not KPIs**. Do not treat a "mention score" as a revenue metric. Use them to identify if you are being left out of conversations, then fix it by improving your content strategy rather than just watching the dashboard.

2. Enterprise Observability & Security Use Case

These tools focus on "runtime visibility"—monitoring what your own AI agents, LLMs, and applications are doing, how they behave, and whether they are violating security policies.

- **When it's worth it:** If you have deployed internal AI agents or customer-facing AI applications, this is not optional—it is a critical security and compliance requirement. These tools protect against data leakage, hallucinated actions, and policy violations.
- **Top Recommendations:**
 - **Levo.ai** is highly regarded for runtime depth and enterprise-scale observability.
 - **LogicMonitor** and other observability platforms have expanded to include agentic AIOps for the full AI stack.

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- **Decision Criteria:** Procurement for these tools should focus on **SOC 2 compliance, SSO support, and integration** with your existing security operations center (SIEM).

Is it worth the investment?

Goal	Verdict
Tracking Brand Mentions	Proceed with caution. Start with the free reports in Google Search Console and Bing Webmaster Tools. Only pay for a tool if you have a clear plan for how you will use the data to adjust your content strategy.
Monitoring AI Agents/Ops	Highly recommended. If you are scaling AI, the risk of "silent failure" (security breaches, data leaks) makes observability tools a mandatory investment for risk management.

Summary Advice

- **Don't overpay for basic monitoring:** If you just want to know if you're being mentioned, use the free tools from search engines first.
- **Avoid "Dashboards only" traps:** The most valuable tools aren't just those that show you a score; they are those that provide actionable paths to fix content or secure infrastructure.
- **Start with a pilot:** For enterprise security tools, always run a 30-day pilot before committing to a contract to ensure the tool integrates into your specific stack and approval workflows.

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

Short answer: For most teams, the best value is a focused tracker—not the priciest “GEO platform.” I'd shortlist **Otterly.ai**, **Semrush**, and **Peec AI**, depending on what you need.

- **Otterly.ai – best low-cost starting point.** Its entry plan is listed at **\$29/month** and tracks a limited set of prompts across several AI search products. Good for a small business or marketer who wants to see whether they're being mentioned and cited before committing more. Check prompt and engine limits: the low price buys limited coverage. ¹³¹⁴

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- **Semrush – best if you already use Semrush.** It combines AI visibility monitoring with a broader SEO toolkit, so it can be worthwhile if it replaces or complements tools you already pay for. Less compelling if you'd be buying the whole platform just for AI tracking.¹¹³
- **Peec AI – best for teams that want dedicated, ongoing monitoring.** It offers daily prompt tracking and competitor visibility comparisons; listed plans start around **\$95/month**. Worth a trial if you'll use the findings to change content or reporting—not just watch a score.¹¹¹⁴
- **Profound – for enterprise teams, not casual experimentation.** It has broad AI-answer and citation tracking, but pricing can be substantial or custom. Consider it when you need deeper analysis, multiple brands, or enterprise workflows and have a clear owner for acting on the data.¹¹¹¹²
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar – best for market research if you're already in Ahrefs.** It's useful for researching brand visibility across a broader set of prompts, but check what the package actually includes: one comparison lists the add-on at **\$179/month**, while another lists different package pricing.¹³¹⁵

My practical pick: Try **Otterly** for a budget baseline; choose **Semrush** if you already pay for it; consider **Peec** when you need more regular monitoring and competitor analysis. Run a short pilot before buying annually.

One caveat: vendors count prompts, engines, refresh frequency, and citations differently, so headline prices aren't directly comparable. Measure whether the tool helps answer actionable questions—*which prompts mention us, which sources are cited, and what should we improve?*—rather than treating a single “AI visibility” score as proof of business impact.¹¹¹⁵

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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”—helps a business monitor and improve how it appears in AI-generated answers, such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, or Google’s AI search features.

Most tools mainly do three things:

- **Monitor:** Run a set of questions and report whether your brand is mentioned, cited, or recommended—and sometimes which sources the answer used.
- **Compare:** Show how your visibility stacks up against competitors.
- **Suggest:** Point to content or site changes that might make your information clearer or easier to find.

The important caveat: **a tool can measure and suggest; it can’t guarantee an AI system will mention you.**

Results can vary by the question, platform, and time. And AEO isn’t a replacement for SEO: Google says its existing SEO fundamentals still apply to AI search, and there’s no special markup required to appear in its AI features. (developers.google.com)

Do you need one?

- **Probably not yet** if you run a small business or site, haven’t done basic SEO, or just want to understand your current visibility. Try asking a handful of realistic customer questions in the AI tools your customers use, note whether your business appears, and check your regular search analytics.
- **Maybe** if AI search is an important source of potential customers, you manage a lot of content or brands, or you need repeatable reporting across many questions and competitors.
- **Before paying**, check what the tool actually measures, which AI platforms it covers, whether you can choose your own questions, and whether it helps you act on findings—not just display a score.

Bottom line: An AEO tool is primarily a monitoring and workflow tool, not a magic ranking switch. Start with the basics and a small manual check; pay for software when that process becomes too large or repetitive to manage yourself.

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RECOMMENDED HubSpot’s AEO Grader MENTIONED Otterly.AI, Conductor, Profound, Athena, Evertune

What an AEO tool does

Most AEO tools do one of two jobs, and some do both.

- **Measurement:** They run a set of prompts on a schedule across AI engines and report how often your brand appears. One source describes tools that measure whether you appear in those answers, help you optimize content to win them, and at the high end analyze the bots and citations behind the scenes. The metrics

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usually include mention rate, citation count, and sentiment in addition to position.

- **Optimization:** Some tools recommend content changes, such as structure, FAQs, or schema markup, or generate content. Others add competitor comparisons and specific optimization opportunities.

The category is loosely defined. Some products are rebranded SEO or GEO tools, and vendors use "AEO" and "GEO" interchangeably, so check what a tool actually measures before buying.

Cost

Prices vary a lot, and sources don't always agree. One guide says entry-level tools start around \$12–\$99/month. Mid-market platforms like Otterly.AI run \$189–\$489/month depending on prompt volume. Enterprise platforms like Conductor, Profound, Athena, and Evertune are priced for enterprise scale. Entry points for smaller tools such as Otterly.AI start around \$29/month, while enterprise tools often don't publish prices. Verify current pricing on vendor sites.

Do you need one?

Probably not yet, unless some of these apply:

- Your buyers do a lot of research in AI tools before they contact you, and you want to track that channel.
- You have a marketing budget and someone who will act on the reports.
- You need to show leadership or clients measurable AI visibility.

You can start without spending money. Pick 20–30 questions your customers would actually ask, run them in ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google's AI features once a month, and record whether you're mentioned or cited and what competitors appear. That gives you a baseline. Free audit tools also exist. HubSpot's AEO Grader, for example, is listed as a free quick audit.

Two caveats:

- AI answers vary from run to run, so treat tracking numbers as directional rather than precise.
- The advice behind AEO is mostly good content practice: answer real questions clearly, keep facts accurate, and show expertise. A paid tool doesn't replace that work. If your content is thin, a tool will mainly show you that.

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RECOMMENDED Google Business Profile

Answer Engine Optimization (AEO) tools are designed to help your brand appear as a cited source within AI-generated responses (such as those from ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, or Google AI Overviews) rather than just ranking as a blue link on a traditional search results page.

What Do AEO Tools Actually Do?

While traditional SEO tools track keyword rankings and click-through rates, AEO tools focus on **visibility, mentions, and citations** within AI environments. Their core functions include:

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- **Tracking AI Citations:** They monitor how often your brand is mentioned or cited by AI models when users ask questions related to your industry.
- **AI Visibility Metrics:** Instead of "rankings," they provide scores based on your brand's presence in AI-generated answers.
- **Gap Analysis:** They identify questions or topics where your competitors are being cited, but your brand is not, helping you understand where you are missing out.
- **Content Optimization:** Many tools offer suggestions on how to structure your content—using clear headings, FAQ formats, and schema markup—to make it "digestible" and "quotable" for AI models.

Do You Need an AEO Tool?

Whether you need one depends entirely on your business model and your current digital maturity.

You likely **DO NOT** need an AEO tool if:

- **You are a small, local business:** If most of your customers find you through "near me" searches on Google Maps, your time and money are better spent on local SEO (optimizing your Google Business Profile, gathering reviews, and ensuring your NAP—Name, Address, Phone—data is consistent).
- **You are just starting out:** If you haven't mastered traditional SEO fundamentals (high-quality, helpful content and technical site health), an AEO tool will not fix your problems. Most AEO best practices—like clear, authoritative writing and proper site structure—are simply "good SEO".

You **MIGHT** benefit from an AEO tool if:

- **You are an enterprise or mid-sized brand:** If your target audience is increasingly using AI for research (e.g., "What is the best software for X?") and you are losing visibility to competitors in those AI-generated answers, specialized tracking can provide a competitive edge.
- **You operate in a high-stakes/regulated industry:** If you need to monitor how AI is representing your products or financial/health claims, these tools provide essential oversight.

Summary Advice

Before paying for a dedicated AEO tool, audit your current efforts. Are you already creating clear, authoritative content that directly answers your customers' questions? If the answer is "no," start there. AEO tools are designed to amplify your visibility, but they cannot create authority for you.

If you feel you have mastered the basics and are still "invisible" in AI-driven research, then a trial of an AEO platform may be worth the investment to see if it provides the data you need to adjust your strategy.

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BRANDS READ none

An **AEO (answer engine optimization) tool** checks how often your brand or website appears in answers from AI search products—such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, or Google’s AI search features. It typically tests a set of relevant questions repeatedly, then reports things like:

- whether your brand is **mentioned** or your pages are **cited**
- which sources are being used, including competitors’ pages
- how your visibility changes across questions and over time
- sometimes, how your brand is described or whether the portrayal seems favorable ²⁵

It’s a **measurement tool, not a way to guarantee placement**. AI answers vary, and the metrics are signals—not a promise of traffic or sales. ¹²

Do you need one? Probably not if you’re just getting started. Google says the usual SEO fundamentals still apply to its AI search features: make your site accessible to search, publish helpful and reliable content, and use structured data appropriately. It also says there’s no special schema markup required for AI features. ¹

An AEO tool may be worthwhile if you have a team responsible for search or marketing, AI-driven discovery matters to your business, and you need to track many questions, competitors, or changes over time. If you’re a small business or haven’t yet nailed the SEO basics, start by checking a few realistic customer questions manually and improving the pages that should answer them. Consider paying for a tool only if repeated tracking would help you make decisions you otherwise couldn’t make. Google likewise frames AEO/GEO as work that largely overlaps with SEO. ¹⁵

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

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RECOMMENDED LLMMonitor Free LLM Check

Yes. There are free options for checking whether AI assistants mention your brand:

- **Searlo AI Visibility Checker** – free, no account, up to **3 checks a day**; checks ChatGPT and Gemini for mentions, placement, and cited sources. (searlo.tech)
- **LLMMonitor Free LLM Check** – a one-off ChatGPT check for up to five prompts; it requires your own OpenAI API key. (llmmonitor.io)
- **Manual checks** – ask ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity the same buyer-style questions, such as “What are the best [category] options?” Then record whether your brand appears and which sources are cited.

Treat any single check as a **snapshot**, not a definitive score: AI answers can vary between runs. For a useful comparison, test several questions and repeat them periodically. Free tiers and limits can change.

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RECOMMENDED Ahrefs AI Visibility Checker, Semrush AI Visibility Checker, HubSpot AEO Grader, LLM Pulse Brand Mention Checker, AmI Cited, LLMrefs, Knowatoo, AI Rank Lab, Bing Webmaster Tools

Yes. Several free tools check whether AI assistants mention your brand, though most give a one-time snapshot rather than ongoing monitoring.

Free checkers that need no signup

- **Ahrefs AI Visibility Checker** queries ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, Copilot, and Google AI Overviews, then reports whether each one names your brand. This free tool gives you a one-time snapshot.
- **Semrush AI Visibility Checker** is free to use. You can use the tool three times per day for free, without registering or creating an account.
- **HubSpot AEO Grader** gives a one-time snapshot of sentiment, recognition, and share of voice across ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini.
- **LLM Pulse Brand Mention Checker** runs prompts across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Google AI Mode, and AI Overviews and sends the report by email. It requires your email address.

Free checkers that need an account or have limits

- **Am I Cited** and **LLMrefs** offer free reports with a free account, and **Knowatoo** lets you check for free before paying.
- **AI Rank Lab** runs 25 prompts across ChatGPT, Claude, and Gemini and reports your citation rate per platform. Creating a free account enables report saving and reruns.

Free first-party data

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- **Bing Webmaster Tools** shows free first-party data on Copilot and Bing AI citations of your pages, but only for a site you have verified.

Do it yourself

You can also test manually. Ask ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Claude the questions your customers would ask, such as "best CRM for small teams," and note whether your brand appears. Repeat across several prompts and over time, since answers vary from run to run.

Caveats

- Free results are usually a sample of prompts, so treat them as a baseline rather than a precise measure.
- Free tiers and limits change often, so confirm the current terms on each site.
- Some "free" tools are marketing funnels for paid products, and at least one review notes its author works on the tool it recommends, so compare results across two or three tools.

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RECOMMENDED Ahrefs AI Visibility Checker, HubSpot AI Search Grader, LLMClicks.ai, BrandAuditor, Siftly

Yes, there are several free tools and manual methods available to check if AI models (like ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, and Perplexity) mention your brand.

Because AI responses are generated on-demand rather than indexed like traditional web pages, "AI visibility" is a specialized field. Here is how you can check your brand's presence:

1. Free "One-Off" Audit Tools

Several platforms offer free, instant visibility checkers that run a sample set of queries to see if your brand appears in AI-generated answers. These are excellent for a quick pulse check:

- **Ahrefs AI Visibility Checker:** Allows you to enter your brand and category to see how you appear across major AI platforms like ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity.
- **HubSpot AI Search Grader:** A free tool that evaluates your brand's presence across AI engines and provides a composite score and report.
- **LLMClicks.ai / BrandAuditor / Siftly:** These are specialized tools that offer free "snapshot" audits. They typically ask for your brand and category, then run queries through multiple AI models to report if you are mentioned, who appears instead, and what sources the AI cites.

2. The Manual "Do-It-Yourself" Method

If you prefer not to use a third-party tool, you can perform a reliable manual audit. This is often the best way to get a baseline since it allows you to test the specific questions your actual customers are asking.

- **Step 1: Create a list of "Buyer Queries":** Write down 10–20 questions a customer would ask when looking for your product or service (e.g., "What is the best [your category] for [specific need]?").
- **Step 2: Use Neutral Prompts:** Avoid asking the AI "Do you know [Your Brand]?" as this is a leading question. Instead, ask about the category to see if you appear in the "shortlist" of recommendations.

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- **Step 3: Test Across Multiple Models:** Manually input your queries into **ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, and Perplexity**. Note whether your brand is mentioned, where it ranks, and—most importantly—which sources the AI cites.
- **Step 4: Keep a Tracking Sheet:** Record these results monthly. Because AI responses are "probabilistic" (they can change from one session to the next), a single check is just a snapshot. Tracking the same queries over time allows you to see if your brand's visibility is trending up or down.

3. Important Considerations

- **Why manual checks can be noisy:** AI models are influenced by your personal search history, location, and past conversations. For the most accurate manual audit, consider using a "clean" browser or Incognito mode.
- **Mentions vs. Citations:** A **mention** is just your name appearing in the text; a **citation** is a link to your website. Citations are generally more valuable because they prove the AI is retrieving your content as a trusted source.
- **Moving Beyond Free Tools:** If your brand needs continuous monitoring, alerts for when a competitor is recommended instead of you, or deep analysis of citation sources, free tools may become limiting. Most of the companies mentioned above (like Ahrefs or specialized AI monitoring services) offer paid tiers for ongoing, automated tracking.

Recommendation: Start with one of the free "Visibility Checker" tools to get a baseline score. If you find your brand is missing or underperforming, use the manual prompt method to experiment with how different phrasings of your category influence whether the AI names you.

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RECOMMENDED Ahrefs AI Visibility Checker, Semrush AI Visibility Checker, HubSpot AI Search Grader

Yes. There are free tools for checking whether AI answers mention your brand, though most give a **one-time snapshot** rather than ongoing monitoring:

- **Ahrefs AI Visibility Checker** – Free, no signup; checks ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, Copilot, and Google AI results. It shows mentions, topics, and cited sources, with a limited preview.²
- **Semrush AI Visibility Checker** – Free up to three checks per day; reports mentions across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Google AI results.¹
- **HubSpot AI Search Grader** – Free snapshot of how ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity describe your brand.³

For a quick start, try Ahrefs or Semrush with your brand name. Keep in mind that AI responses vary by prompt and can change over time, so one check isn't a definitive measure. Free checkers are useful for a baseline; regular tracking across saved prompts may require a paid plan or a self-hosted tool.²¹⁰

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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 Google Search Console, Bing Webmaster Tools

Think of AI-search tracking as a **second dashboard alongside Google rankings**, not a replacement. AI answers don't give you one stable position for a keyword: they can vary by prompt, platform, location, and time. Track your **share of answers and citations**, not a single "AI rank."

A practical setup

1. **Build a fixed prompt list.** Start with 20–50 questions real customers ask, grouped by intent:
 - Discovery: "What are the best [category] options?"
 - Comparison: "[Your brand] vs. [competitor]"
 - Problem-solving: "How do I solve [customer problem]?"
 - Purchase: "Which [product/service] should I choose for [specific need]?"
1. **Run the same prompts regularly** on the AI platforms your customers use—such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Copilot. Keep the wording, region, and settings consistent. Re-run prompts over time; a single answer is just a snapshot.
1. **Log a few useful measures:**
 - **Mention rate:** How often your brand appears in relevant answers.
 - **Recommendation rate:** How often it's recommended, especially among the first options.
 - **Share of voice:** Your mentions compared with selected competitors.
 - **Citation rate:** How often the answer links to your site, and which pages it cites.
 - **Accuracy and sentiment:** Whether the description, facts, and recommendation are correct.
 - **Referral visits and conversions:** Use analytics to see whether AI platforms send visitors who engage or convert.

Keep brand mentions and your site's citations separate: an AI answer can name your brand without linking to you, or cite your page without recommending your product.

1. **Use official reporting where available.** Google Search Console now has a Generative AI performance report for impressions and pages appearing in Google AI Overviews and AI Mode; it's useful for your site's visibility, but it isn't a full brand-mention or competitor share-of-voice report. (support.google.com) Bing Webmaster Tools' AI Performance report shows citation activity and grounding queries across supported Copilot and Bing AI experiences. (bing.com)
1. **Use a third-party tracker—or a spreadsheet—to cover the gaps.** AI visibility platforms can automate repeated prompt tests and competitor comparisons. Before choosing one, check which platforms it actually tests, whether you can bring your own prompts, how often it runs them, and whether it reports citations separately from mentions. Treat its scores as estimates, not official rankings.

A simple monthly report could show **mention rate, recommendation rate, share of voice, cited pages, and referrals**—broken down by platform and customer-intent group. Keep your prompt set stable for trend comparisons, and make changes to it deliberately rather than silently.

Bottom line: Google-style keyword positions don't map neatly to AI answers. Track a consistent set of customer questions, measure whether and how your brand appears, and use official tools for the AI citations they expose. Google also cautions that third-party tools don't have access to its internal AI or ranking systems.

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RECOMMENDED Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Otterly.AI, Profound, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Peec AI, LLMrefs, Surfer's AI Tracker, Nightwatch

The core shift is that AI answers don't have fixed positions, so you track how often your brand shows up across a set of prompts rather than where it ranks. Here's how to set that up.

Why rank tracking doesn't transfer directly

A SparkToro study cited by Backlinko found that repeated runs of the same prompts across AI platforms almost never produced the same brand list or ordering, so the author calls "AI rankings" statistically meaningless. The key metric is aggregate visibility percentage: how often your brand appears across a representative sample of prompts.

The metrics to track instead of rank

- **Mention or visibility rate:** the share of prompts where your brand appears. Visibility is the frequency of appearance in AI answers for your keywords, and share of voice is the percentage of AI answers where you appear versus competitors.
- **Citation rate:** how often your domain is linked as a source. Citation rate is the share of prompts where your domain is used as a linked source.
- **Answer position:** whether you're the main recommendation or a passing mention.
- **Sentiment:** how the answer describes you, since accurate framing matters as much as presence.
- **Source domains:** which third-party sites the AI relies on when it talks about your category. Record these so you know what the engine is trusting.

How to set up tracking

1. **Build a prompt library.** This is the foundation. If your prompts don't reflect how buyers actually ask, your data is off from the start. Include branded queries, category queries ("best X for Y"), and competitor comparisons ("alternatives to Z"). Prompts like "best options for X" and "alternatives to Y" are where displacement happens.
2. **Run each prompt multiple times across engines.** Because answers vary, one run tells you little. Some tools run replicates for each prompt and platform before calculating metrics.
3. **Calculate share of voice.** Divide your brand mentions by total brand mentions across the tracked prompts. Track the trend against named competitors over weeks, not days.

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4. **Keep engines separate.** ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews often behave differently, so report them individually and then roll them up.
5. **Review on a schedule.** Monthly reviews of share of voice, position trends, and sentiment work well, with a weekly check on your key prompts.

Tools, if you don't want to build this yourself

- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit:** Its Brand Performance Report shows share of voice, sentiment, and the exact domains and URLs LLMs pull from.
- **Otterly.AI:** It sends your search prompts to AI engines and analyzes the responses for brand mentions, citations, and source links. It tracks brand mentions and citations across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, and Microsoft Copilot.
- **Profound:** Its Share of Voice score compares your brand mentions to competitors' mentions across all responses tracked.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar:** It tracks how a brand appears in AI search across large sets of search-backed prompts and helps benchmark AI share of voice and identify cited pages.
- **Other options:** Peec AI, LLMrefs, Surfer's AI Tracker, and Nightwatch also appear in current roundups. Pricing and engine coverage vary, and some engines like Gemini or AI Mode are sometimes add-ons, so check before you buy.

A free starting point

You can start manually with a spreadsheet of 20 to 30 prompts, a few engines, and a monthly run. Record whether you're mentioned, whether you're cited, your position, and the sentiment. This is slower, but it gives you a baseline before you pay for a tool. Note that AI answers are personalized and change over time, so treat the numbers as directional trends rather than precise measurements.

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RECOMMENDED Google Search Console

Tracking your brand's visibility in AI search is fundamentally different from traditional SEO because AI engines don't provide a stable, ranked list of links. Instead, they synthesize information to create unique, conversational answers.

To track this effectively, you must move away from "rankings" and toward "**mention and citation monitoring**."

Question h11 · Gemini, continued

1. The Core Strategy: Sampling vs. Tracking

Because AI responses change based on context, history, and location, you cannot "track" them in real-time like a search engine results page (SERP). Instead, use a **sampling approach**:

- **Build a Prompt Library:** Create 30–60 prompts that reflect how your customers actually research (e.g., "What are the best [industry] tools for [use case]?", "Compare [Brand A] and [Brand B]", "How do I solve [specific problem]?").
- **Maintain Consistency:** Run these prompts on a schedule (e.g., monthly) in a fresh, "clean" session for each AI engine (ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Copilot, and Google AI Overviews).
- **Track Patterns, Not Single Points:** Use a spreadsheet to log whether your brand appears, if it is cited (linked), and if competitors were mentioned instead.

2. Key Metrics to Measure

Replace traditional "rank" with these three KPIs:

- **Mention Rate (Share of Model):** The percentage of your test prompts where your brand name appears in the AI's answer.
- **Citation Rate:** How often your specific URL is used as an authoritative source in an answer. This indicates the AI trusts your content as a factual reference.
- **Sentiment Framing:** In what context is your brand mentioned? Are you being recommended as a top-tier solution, or just listed as an alternative?

3. Tools to Simplify the Process

If manual tracking becomes too time-consuming, several tools are designed to automate this "AI visibility" monitoring:

- **Specialized AI Trackers:** Platforms like **Ahrefs (Brand Radar)**, **Semrush**, and newer dedicated tools (such as **Botric**, **Peec AI**, or **OtterlyAI**) are built specifically to monitor brand mentions and citation gaps across LLMs.
- **Google Search Console (GSC):** Use the "Generative AI" performance reports (if available for your property) to see impressions from Google AI Overviews. Note that these reports often lack click data, so use them as a directional signal rather than a precise traffic count.

4. How to Improve Your Visibility

If you find your brand is missing, the optimization strategy is different from traditional SEO:

- **Focus on "Answer-Ready" Content:** AI models prioritize content that directly answers a specific question. Use structured headers, clear FAQs, and concise summaries that an AI can easily extract.
- **Prioritize Semantic Authority:** AI systems value expertise. Ensure your site has deep, comprehensive coverage of your core topics rather than just keyword-heavy pages.
- **Leverage Third-Party Citations:** AI models are heavily influenced by what is said about you across the web. Build a presence on platforms like Reddit, industry forums, and third-party review sites, as these are frequently cited by AI.

Summary Recommendation: Start by manually running your top 15 "buyer intent" prompts across the major AI engines to establish a baseline. Once you identify where you are missing, invest in a dedicated AI visibility tool to scale your monitoring and reporting.

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RECOMMENDED Semrush, Otterly.AI, Profound, Peec AI

Treat AI visibility as a **separate measurement layer from Google rankings**. Google rank tracking asks, “Where does my page rank for this keyword?” AI visibility asks, “For which customer questions does my brand appear in the answer, how is it described, and what sources support that answer?”

Set up a repeatable tracker

1. **Build a prompt list.** Start with 20–50 questions real buyers might ask, grouped by topic and buying stage—for example, “best [category] for [use case],” “[brand] alternatives,” and “how to solve [problem].” Track the same prompts over time so you can compare results meaningfully.¹²
1. **Choose the answer engines that matter to your audience.** Track a consistent set—such as ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Copilot, and Google AI Overviews—rather than treating one model as representative of all AI search.¹²
1. **Record more than mentions.** For each prompt and engine, capture:
 - **Mention/coverage rate:** share of responses that name your brand.
 - **AI share of voice:** your share of brand appearances compared with competitors.
 - **Citation rate and cited URLs:** whether the answer links to your site, and which pages it cites.
 - **Position and context:** whether you’re a primary recommendation, an alternative, or only briefly mentioned.
 - **Accuracy and sentiment:** whether the answer describes your product and brand correctly.
 - **Referral visits and conversions:** whether AI platforms send visitors who take valuable actions.⁴¹⁰
1. **Run it on a schedule.** A weekly or biweekly check is a reasonable starting point. Save the exact answers, because a simple “mentioned/not mentioned” score can hide changes in positioning or factual accuracy. AI results can vary, so look for trends across prompts and dates—not one isolated response.
1. **Use a tool or a spreadsheet.** AI-visibility platforms can automate prompt checks and track mentions, citations, competitors, and trends; options in the search results include Semrush, Otterly.ai, Profound, and Peec AI. Check each provider’s current engine coverage, prompt limits, sampling method, and pricing before choosing. For a small initial test, you can run prompts manually and log the results in a spreadsheet.

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1. **Connect visibility to business outcomes.** Use web analytics to monitor visits referred from AI services and conversions from those visits. Treat that alongside visibility metrics—not as a substitute, since an answer can influence a buyer without producing a directly attributable click.⁴

A practical starter dashboard is **prompt coverage, share of voice, citation rate, top cited pages, description accuracy, and AI-referred conversions**. Keep traditional SEO rankings in the same report if useful, but don't assume a strong Google position guarantees a mention in AI answers.⁴¹⁰

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APPENDIX A · QUESTION H12 · HEAD · RECOMMEND · DECISION

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

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RECOMMENDED Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit (top pick), Ahrefs Brand Radar

For a **general-purpose starting point**, use **Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit** if you already use Semrush or want a dashboard for brand-versus-competitor share of voice across several AI platforms. It reports AI SoV and lets you compare platforms such as ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI. (semrush.com)

Other good fits:

- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** if you're already an Ahrefs user or care about **mentions, citations, and cited sources** alongside SoV. It covers multiple AI platforms, but its figures are based on sampled prompts—not a count of every real chatbot conversation. (help.ahrefs.com)
- **A small manual audit** if you're not ready to pay for a platform: choose 20–50 questions buyers actually ask, run them on the chatbots that matter to you, and record your brand's mentions, competitors, citations, and recommendation position.

Whichever you choose, treat SoV as a **directional comparison, not an exact market-wide number**. Keep the prompt set, competitors, region, and platforms consistent over time, and look at results **by platform**—a blended score can hide important differences. Also track mention rate and citation rate separately: being named isn't the same as being cited as a source. (help.ahrefs.com)

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Peec AI, Evertune, Gauge, Semrush, Ahrefs, Semrush AI Visibility, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Otterly.AI, Honeyb
MENTIONED Cognizo

The tool matters less than how you set up the measurement. Most people start with a dedicated AI visibility tracker and pick based on which engines they need, how many prompts they can afford to monitor, and their budget.

How to measure it

- Build a prompt set from the questions your buyers actually ask. Share of voice is then your brand's mentions as a share of all brand mentions across that set. AI share of voice tracking starts with a set of prompts that reflect what buyers actually ask in your category. A tool runs those prompts across AI platforms on a schedule, records every answer, and parses each one to track brand mentions. Your share of voice is your brand's mention count as a percentage of all brand mentions across that prompt set.

Question h12 · Claude, continued

- Track position and sentiment too, not just whether you appear. Mentions can be first or buried, and positive or negative.
- Expect volatility. Research suggests AI citations can fluctuate significantly month over month, so continuous tracking beats one-time audits.
- Results differ by platform. You may do well in one chatbot and barely show up in another, so look at engine-level numbers.

Tool options

- **Dedicated trackers:** Profound is a common enterprise pick; it covers up to nine answer engines, and its agents generate and publish content. Peec AI reports every prompt on its own, with citation analysis across several markets. Evertune is listed for prompt-level share-of-voice analytics, and Gauge is aimed at B2B SaaS teams focused on GEO.
- **Suite add-ons:** If you already use an SEO suite, check Semrush or Ahrefs. Semrush AI Visibility is an add-on within the Semrush platform that tracks brand mentions and share of voice across AI answer engines. Ahrefs Brand Radar is best for existing Ahrefs users.
- **Lower-cost entry points:** OtterlyAI starts at \$29/mo and is aimed at marketing teams and agencies. Honeyb lists a \$29 starting price, with all 8 engines available from \$199.

What to compare before buying

- **Engine coverage per dollar.** Costs vary a lot. One comparison notes that at its cheapest published tier, Profound covers one engine for \$99 a month.
- **How answers are captured.** Cognizo, for example, captures answers through UI scraping, recording the rendered response a real user would see rather than relying solely on API sampling. Ask vendors how they collect data.
- **Prompt volume and refresh rate.** Daily refresh and prompt limits vary by plan.
- **Whether it recommends actions.** Some tools only report; others suggest content fixes.

Vendor pricing and feature claims change often and are usually self-reported in comparison articles, so verify current pricing and engine coverage directly. Most of these tools offer free trials or free checkers. Run two or three of them on the same prompt set for a few weeks before committing.

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To measure your share of voice (SOV) in AI chatbot answers, you should use **dedicated AI visibility or monitoring tools** that automatically run controlled queries across multiple engines (like ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Claude) to track how often your brand is mentioned or cited compared to your competitors.

Question h12 · Gemini, continued

Why Traditional Methods Don't Work

Traditional SEO tools track links on a ranked list, but AI chatbots generate unique, synthesized answers where there is no "rank" in the traditional sense. Because AI answers can fluctuate significantly even for the same prompt, a single manual check is insufficient. Effective measurement requires **repeated, schedule-based tracking** to identify stable trends.

Recommended Tools

Several platforms have emerged specifically to solve this problem by providing dashboards for AI-generated responses. Popular options include:

- **Specialized AI Visibility Tools:** Platforms such as **Peec AI**, **Profound**, **SE Visible**, **Otterly**, **Cogny**, and **MaxAEO** are specifically designed to track brand presence, mentions, and share of voice across major LLMs.
- **Broad Marketing Suites:** Some established platforms, like **Semrush**, have integrated AI visibility toolkits to help you track your competitive positioning within AI answers.

The Core Methodology

Regardless of the tool you choose, the measurement process generally follows this framework:

1. **Define a Prompt Set:** Create a list of 30–50 high-intent, category-specific queries that your potential customers are likely to ask (e.g., "What are the best [your industry] tools for [use case]?").
2. **Run Scheduled Audits:** Use your chosen tool to run these prompts repeatedly across multiple AI engines (ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, etc.).
3. **Calculate Your Metric:** Apply the standard formula for AI Share of Voice:

$$\text{AI Share of Voice} = \left(\frac{\text{Your Brand Mentions}}{\text{Total Brand Mentions for All Tracked Competitors}} \right) \times 100$$
4. **Monitor Granular Data:** Look beyond the top-level percentage. Use the tool's dashboard to see which prompts you are missing, where competitors are appearing instead of you, and whether your brand is being *cited* (linked) or merely *mentioned* (named).

Key Metrics to Watch

When evaluating these tools, ensure they track more than just a raw "mention". Look for:

- **Mention Rate:** How often your brand appears at all.
- **Citation Rate:** How often the AI links to your website (a higher-trust signal).
- **Positioning:** Whether you appear in the first few mentions of an answer, as users rarely read long lists of recommendations.

By focusing on these metrics through automated, recurring audits, you can shift your strategy from generic SEO to **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)**, ensuring your brand is consistently recommended by AI assistants.

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

Use a **dedicated AI visibility tracker** if you want ongoing measurement. Tools to evaluate include **Profound, Peec AI, Otterly, Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit, and HubSpot AEO**; they automate prompt testing and can track brand mentions, competitor presence, citations, and sometimes sentiment across AI answer engines. Coverage varies, so choose based on which engines matter to you and verify the platforms and features included in the plan.⁶⁸¹²

For a lightweight start, you can also test a fixed set of prompts manually—but keep the prompt wording, engines, language, and location consistent, and repeat tests over time. AI responses can vary, and there's no single standard share-of-voice formula, so treat the result as a trend or comparison within your own tracking setup, not an absolute market measure.⁷¹¹

A useful baseline is to report **two separate numbers**:

- **Mention share:** your brand's mentions ÷ mentions of all tracked brands.
- **Citation share:** citations to your site ÷ citations to all tracked sites.

Keep mentions and citations separate: being named in an answer isn't the same as being linked as a source.⁷⁹

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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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The main category is **AI visibility monitoring** (also called AEO/GEO tracking). These tools repeatedly check how a brand appears in answers to selected questions, then report mentions, competitors, citations, and changes over time. They're useful for trends—not a definitive ranking: answers can vary by prompt, location, platform, and run.

Tool	What it's strongest at	Main trade-off
Profound	Deeper brand analysis: visibility, share of voice, sentiment, citations, and checking whether AI descriptions are accurate. A free industry index is available; the fuller platform is aimed at teams needing more analysis. (tryprofound.com)	More of an enterprise-oriented platform than a lightweight monitor.
Peec AI	Dedicated AI-search analytics: compare brands and prompts, and track visibility, position, sentiment, and citations across AI engines. (peec.ai)	Check which engines and features are included in the plan you're considering.
Otterly.AI	Straightforward prompt monitoring: tracks chosen prompts daily and reports brand coverage, sentiment, mentions, competitors, and domain citations. (help.otterly.ai)	A good fit when you want regular monitoring; less of a broad SEO suite.
Scrunch	Detailed prompt-level monitoring, including brand position, sentiment, competitor presence, and cited URLs; its documentation lists nine supported platforms. (scrunch.com)	Broader analysis may be more than you need if you only want a basic mention check.
Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit	Combines AI visibility with an established SEO toolkit. It offers prompt tracking plus broader reports on mentions, citations, topics, competitors, and sentiment. Its data refresh cadence differs by report. (semrush.com)	Confirm which report and platforms cover your needs; its features don't all update on the same schedule.
Ahrefs Brand Radar	Strong for broad discovery and competitive benchmarking using a large, search-backed prompt index, plus custom prompt tracking. (help.ahrefs.com)	The pre-collected index and custom prompt tracking are different modes; the latter is better for watching specific buyer questions over time.

Quick shortlist:

- Want an enterprise-level view of how AI describes your brand? **Profound**.
- Want focused prompt-by-prompt monitoring? **Peec AI** or **Otterly.AI**.
- Want detailed placement and citation analysis? **Scrunch**.
- Already use a major SEO suite? Compare **Semrush** and **Ahrefs** before adding another subscription.

When comparing plans, check **which AI platforms are actually covered**, whether you can track your own prompts, how often answers are rechecked, and whether you can inspect the underlying responses and citations. Don't compare headline "visibility" scores across vendors as if they were the same metric: the tools may use different prompt sets and calculations.

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Short answer: The main options fall into three groups: AI-native visibility trackers (Profound, Peec AI, Otterly), SEO suites that added AI modules (Semrush, Ahrefs), and traditional social-listening tools that have only started covering AI answers. The right pick depends mostly on budget, how many AI engines you need, and whether you want recommendations or just measurement. Pricing in these sources varies, so check vendor sites before buying.

1. AI-native trackers

- **Profound** is the enterprise option. One source calls it the deepest published option in this set for companies with budget. Its entry plan is limited: the \$99 Starter plan is limited to ChatGPT-only with snapshot reports. Real ongoing tracking starts at \$399/month on the Growth plan, and full coverage requires a custom Enterprise contract. It also has security credentials that matter to large buyers, such as SOC 2 compliance.
- **Peec AI** is usually the mid-market pick. One review says every plan includes daily tracking and unlimited users, which is rare at this price. Extra models cost more: Claude, Gemini, DeepSeek, and Grok each add roughly 20 to 30 euros per month.
- **Otterly.AI** is the cheapest entry point. Its base plans cover four core engines: ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, and MS Copilot. Claude, Google AI Mode, and Gemini are paid add-ons. Credit counting can raise costs: each engine-prompt combination counts as a separate capture.
- Others in this group include AthenaHQ, Scrunch AI, Rankscale, and SE Visible. Rankscale is noted for historical rank tracking for prompts over time.

2. SEO suites with AI add-ons

- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** suits teams already on Ahrefs, since it cross-references AI mentions with backlink and keyword data you already have, but it requires a paid Ahrefs base subscription.
- **Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit** is a bolt-on for existing Semrush users. A limitation noted in one review is that 25 tracked prompts at the base tier is thin for a multi-product brand.

Question h13 · Claude, continued

- **SE Visible** (from SE Ranking) is positioned as a strategic overview. One roundup says it covers ChatGPT, Google AIO, AI Mode, Gemini from \$99/mo.

3. Traditional social-listening tools

Brandwatch, Meltwater, Talkwalker, Brand24, and Mention are strong at web and social monitoring, but their AI coverage is thin. One comparison rates Mention as No (web and social) for AI answers, and Brandwatch's AI coverage as Emerging. They are useful if you need both social and AI tracking, and one guide suggests pairing one of these with an AI visibility platform.

How they compare on key dimensions

- **Engine coverage:** Profound and Otterly lead on breadth, but their cheaper tiers often cover only a few engines. Peec covers three engines on its base plans.
- **Pricing model:** Most AI-native tools charge by prompt volume, so costs scale with how many questions you track across how many engines.
- **Beyond counting mentions:** Some tools add sentiment scoring, citation source analysis, and fact-checking. One guide lists Profound (FactCheck Agent), Goodie (Brand Command), Meltwater, Talkwalker for flagging false statements about a brand.
- **Actions:** Some tools only report what happens. Others suggest content changes. Otterly, for example, is a monitoring tool with no optimization layer, according to one review.

Practical guidance

- Small team testing whether AI search matters: start with Otterly or Peec.
- Mid-market or agency: Peec or Rankability, depending on whether you need multi-country tracking.
- Enterprise with procurement and security reviews: Profound.
- Already on Ahrefs or Semrush: their AI add-ons are the lowest-friction choice.

Caveats: Most comparison articles are published by vendors or affiliates, and the prices conflict. For example, Otterly's entry plan is listed at \$25 in one source and \$29 in another, and Peec's is listed at €85, €89, and \$95. Treat these as rough guides, and confirm current pricing and engine coverage on each vendor's site.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Botric, xSeek

To track brand mentions in AI-generated answers, you need tools designed for **Answer Engine Optimization (AEO)** or **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)**. Unlike traditional SEO tools that monitor "ten blue links," these platforms simulate user prompts to see if and how AI models like ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Claude mention or cite your brand.

Main Tools for Tracking AI Brand Mentions

The market for AI visibility tracking is diverse, ranging from enterprise-grade intelligence platforms to accessible tools for SMBs. As of late 2026, leading tools include:

- **Comprehensive Platforms:** Tools like **Peec AI**, **Profound**, and **Dageno AI** are widely recognized for their deep analytics, covering multiple engines (ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, Claude, AI Overviews) and providing actionable data on citations and competitor positioning.
- **Integrated SEO Stacks:** If you already use established SEO software, **Ahrefs (Brand Radar)** and **Semrush (AI Visibility Toolkit)** are strong choices as they integrate AI mention tracking into existing SEO workflows.
- **Affordable/Entry-Level Options:** For teams starting their AEO journey, tools like **Otterly AI**, **Beamtrace**, and **AEO Vision** offer more accessible pricing or "pay-per-use" models, focusing on essential prompt-level monitoring.
- **Action-Oriented Tools:** Platforms like **Botric** and **xSeek** differentiate themselves by not just tracking mentions but providing "content agents" or workflows that help you rewrite or update your content to close visibility gaps automatically.

How These Tools Compare

When comparing these tools, they generally differ based on four primary criteria:

Feature	What to Look For	Why It Matters
Engine Coverage	Does it cover ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews?	AI models pull from different sources; limited coverage creates blind spots.
Methodology	Frontend (browser-based) vs. API-based monitoring.	Frontend monitoring captures the <i>exact</i> experience of a user (including formatting/citations), whereas API-based tools may miss UI elements.
Actionability	Does it provide just a dashboard or also optimization suggestions?	A "visibility score" tells you you're failing; an optimization agent tells you how to fix it.
Pricing Model	Prompt-based vs. subscription-based.	Costs can scale quickly based on how many "buyer-intent" questions you want to track daily.

Key Strategy: Why One-Off Checks Aren't Enough

A critical takeaway from current market guidance is that **AI answers are dynamic**. Unlike traditional search rankings, an AI model may provide a different answer depending on the session, phrasing, and current grounding data.

1. **Stop Tracking "Brand" Prompts:** Searching for your own brand name tells you little. Instead, track **"buyer-intent" prompts**—the questions customers ask when they are in the research phase (e.g., *"What is the best CRM for a 10-person agency?"*).
2. **Focus on Patterns:** Because answers fluctuate, tools should be used to establish a **baseline of patterns** (e.g., "Do we appear in at least 30% of these category-intent prompts?") rather than reacting to a single negative response.

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3. Combine Tools with Human Insight: Many consultants recommend a "hybrid" approach: use a specialized platform for automated, continuous tracking, but conduct periodic manual spot-checks to understand the *sentiment* and *context* of how the AI is describing your brand.

Recommendation: If you are an enterprise, lean toward platforms like **Profound** for deep intelligence. If you are an SEO/marketing team looking for efficiency, **Peec AI** or **Ahrefs Brand Radar** are highly recommended for their balance of ease-of-use and robust insights. Always start with a small, high-intent prompt set before committing to a long-term enterprise contract.

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RECOMMENDED **Profound**

The main options fall into two groups: **purpose-built AI visibility monitors** and **SEO platforms adding AI tracking**. They generally run a chosen set of prompts through AI answer engines, then report whether your brand or competitors were mentioned, which sources were cited, and how visibility changes over time. Results can vary between runs, so compare trends across repeated checks rather than treating one answer as a definitive measure.

Tool	Best fit	What stands out
Profound	Enterprise teams and agencies	Deep analytics for mentions, citations, sentiment, and competitor visibility, with broad engine and regional coverage on higher tiers. More suited to teams needing scale and analysis than a lightweight starter setup. ¹⁴
Peec AI	Marketing teams wanting focused analytics	Tracks mentions, citations, sentiment, and competitors; useful for seeing where you're visible and where competitors appear instead. ¹⁸
Otterly.AI	Small teams and first-time users	Lower-cost entry point and straightforward monitoring, with citation tracking and some SEO-oriented auditing features. Check the plan limits and which engines are included before signing up. ²¹³
Semrush	Existing Semrush users	Adds AI visibility monitoring to a broader SEO and marketing workspace, making it a convenient choice if you already use Semrush. ¹⁷
Ahrefs Brand Radar	Existing Ahrefs users	Combines AI visibility and custom-prompt tracking with Ahrefs' broader SEO data. ⁷
HubSpot AEO	Teams already working in HubSpot	Tracks mentions, citations, and competitor visibility across several AI platforms, with recommendations alongside monitoring. ⁵⁷

Quick way to choose: For an affordable starting point, look at Otterly; for dedicated competitive analytics, compare Peec and Profound; and if you already rely on Semrush, Ahrefs, or HubSpot, check whether their built-in tracking covers your needs before adding another platform. ¹⁵⁷¹³

Before deciding, compare the **specific engines and regions included**, prompt limits, update frequency, citation and sentiment detail, historical reporting, and total price. Coverage and plan features differ by tier, and published comparisons may use different definitions of "coverage." ¹²

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Scrunch

AI search visibility tools typically cost about \$25–\$200/month for basic monitoring, and several hundred dollars monthly for larger prompt volumes, more features, or agency use. Enterprise plans are often custom-priced.

Examples of current published pricing:

- **OtterlyAI:** \$29/month for 15 prompts; \$189/month for 100; \$489/month for 400. Annual billing lowers those prices. (otterly.ai)
- **Scrunch:** Explorer is \$83/month billed annually; Growth is \$417/month billed annually; Enterprise is custom. (ai-cdn.scrunchai.com)

Prices aren't directly comparable: check how many prompts and AI platforms are included, how often results refresh, and whether adding models or users costs extra. For a small business just testing the waters, budget roughly **\$25–\$100/month**; for broader or agency-scale tracking, **\$150–\$500+/month** is a reasonable ballpark based on these examples.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Rankscale, Geoptie, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Peec AI, Profound, Scrunch, AthenaHQ, Ahrefs Brand Radar

AI search visibility tools mostly cost **about \$30 to \$400 a month**, with enterprise plans priced custom or higher. Prices vary by vendor and by how many prompts and AI engines you track, and sources disagree on some figures.

Entry tiers (roughly \$20 to \$100/month)

- Otterly is the usual low-end pick. Otterly plans start at \$29/month and scale based on the number of prompts tracked.
- Rankscale's entry plan is cheaper still. One comparison lists it at \$20/mo, though another puts its base plan at a higher price.
- Several tools start near \$100/month. For example, Geoptie starts at \$49/mo and Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit at \$99/mo.

Mid-tier (roughly \$100 to \$400/month)

- Peec AI is commonly cited at plans starting at \$95/month for 50 prompts and 1 project, with Pro (\$245/month) with 150 prompts and 2 projects.

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- Profound's entry plan is around \$99/month for brands, but its paid growth tier is much higher: the Growth plan costs \$399 per month.
- Scrunch's entry plan is \$250/mo Core (125 prompts, 1 brand workspace, basic content generation).
- AthenaHQ's paid entry plan is the Self-Serve plan at \$295/month, and it also has a free tier.
- Ahrefs Brand Radar is \$199/mo per index, though one source lists a lower-priced Lite plan at \$129/mo.

Enterprise tiers

- Enterprise pricing is usually custom. One guide puts enterprise plans with unlimited engines and custom integrations at \$1,000-4,500+/month.
- Some higher tiers are published. For example, Rankscale's Enterprise plan is \$780/month.

Costs that add up

- Extra prompts, engines, and seats often cost extra. Otterly notes that additional prompts and AI platforms are available as paid add-ons.
- Annual billing typically lowers the price. For example, annual billing includes a 17% discount on Profound.

Caveats

- Vendor pricing changes often, so check each vendor's pricing page before deciding. Several sources disagree on the same tool's price (for example, Peec AI appears as €85, \$95, and \$95 across different guides).
- These are list prices from third-party roundups. Some of the articles are sponsored or affiliate-driven, so treat them as a starting point.

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RECOMMENDED Semrush, Ahrefs

The cost of AI search visibility tools varies significantly depending on the depth of analysis, the number of prompts you track, and whether the tool offers additional services like content generation or automated SEO execution.

Pricing Overview

While entry-level options exist, the category is generally priced closer to professional SaaS tools than lightweight marketing plugins.

- **Price Range:** Most mid-market tools typically cost between **\$29 and \$200 per month**.
- **Enterprise/Advanced Tiers:** For high-volume prompt tracking or all-in-one platforms, costs can range from **\$400 to \$2,000+ per month**.

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- **Median Entry Price:** Studies of the market in 2026 suggest a median starting price of approximately **\$79 per month** for entry-level plans.

Factors Influencing Price

When comparing tools, you will find that costs are usually driven by the following factors:

- **Prompt Allowance:** Pricing is often tiered based on how many "questions" or "prompts" you track across AI engines (e.g., ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews).
- **Engine Coverage:** Tools that track a wider array of AI search engines (or more specific models) typically command higher prices.
- **Actionable Capabilities:** A "monitoring" tool (which only provides data) is generally cheaper than an "optimization" or "execution" platform (which suggests fixes, generates content, or audits your site).
- **Bundling:** Some established SEO suites (like Semrush or Ahrefs) include AI visibility features in their existing plans. If you already pay for these, it may be more cost-effective to utilize their integrated features before purchasing a standalone specialist tool.

Typical Market Tiers

Tier	Monthly Cost (Approx.)	Best For
Budget/Starter	\$29 – \$60	Small businesses or individuals needing basic monitoring.
Mid-Market	\$70 – \$200	Growing teams requiring more prompts and deeper insights.
Enterprise/Advanced	\$400+	Large agencies or brands with extensive portfolio/prompt needs.

Recommendations for Choosing

- **Start with a Baseline:** Use free graders or trial versions to understand how your brand currently appears in AI answers before committing to a monthly subscription.
- **Define Your "Prompt" Needs:** Before purchasing, count the specific buyer questions you need to track. If your needs are limited (e.g., 20-50 prompts), you can often find lower-cost entry tiers.
- **Check Existing Subscriptions:** Always verify if your current SEO platform has added AI visibility features to avoid paying for redundant software.
- **Look Beyond the "Score":** Avoid tools that only provide a visibility "score." The best tools provide actionable data, such as identifying citation gaps or explaining why your brand is missing from a specific response.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Profound, Semrush One

AI search visibility tools range from **about \$30/month for basic tracking to several hundred dollars per month for fuller-featured plans**. Enterprise packages are usually custom-priced.

Examples from current listings:

- **Otterly AI:** starts at about **\$29/month** for basic brand tracking.¹³
- **Peec AI:** **\$95/month** for 50 prompts, **\$245/month** for 150, and **\$495/month** for 350; enterprise pricing is custom.¹⁴
- **Profound:** offers a free, limited trial; some listed self-serve plans are **\$99/month** and **\$399/month** when billed annually, while enterprise pricing is custom.³¹²
- **Semrush One:** starts at **\$199/month**, combining AI visibility features with broader SEO tools.¹³

The headline price isn't the whole story: plans can differ in how many prompts, AI platforms, countries, and projects they cover, and whether reporting or integrations are included. Annual billing may lower the effective monthly price. For a small team trying out the category, budget roughly **\$30–\$100/month**; for broader, ongoing monitoring, expect **\$200–\$500/month or more**. Prices and plan details can change, so check the vendor's pricing page before buying.

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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, Quattr, OpenSEO's AI Visibility Checker

You're looking for an **AI visibility** or **AI citation-tracking** tool. It asks assistants questions about your industry and shows which sources they cite in their answers.

For example, **CitePrism** tracks citations across several AI assistants and lets you inspect the answers and cited pages. **Quattr** is another option for tracking citations across prompts and platforms. (citeprism.com)

If you just want to try a question or two, **OpenSEO's AI Visibility Checker** says it shows the sources different assistants cite. (openseo.gg)

These tools sample answers to selected prompts, so results can vary by question and platform—not a definitive list of everything AI uses about your industry. (axios.com)

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Scrunch AI MENTIONED Google Analytics 4, Google Search Console

The category you want is **AI citation tracking tools** (sometimes called generative engine optimization or AI visibility tools). They run prompts related to your industry through AI assistants and record which web pages each answer cites.

Some well-known options:

- **Profound:** Its citation feature includes source categorization and Outreach Intelligence, and it covers ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, Gemini, and several others.
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit:** It tracks which sources AI cites in answers, alongside mentions and sentiment.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar:** It has an AI Citations report that covers Google AI Overviews, ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Copilot, and Grok.
- **Otterly.AI:** This is a lower-cost option, with plans starting around \$29 a month according to one comparison.
- **Peec AI and Scrunch AI:** Both appear in 2026 roundups of citation tools.

Prices and engine coverage change often, so check each vendor's current pricing page before you buy. Also, these tools sample prompts, so they show patterns across the queries you track rather than a complete list of every source an assistant uses.

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If you want a free starting point, Google Analytics 4 can show traffic arriving from AI platforms, but it doesn't reveal which sources the assistants cited. Google Search Console aggregates AI Overview data with standard web search data, with no separate filter for AI Overview citations. Running a set of prompts by hand in each assistant is another free option, though it's time-consuming.

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

To track the sources that AI assistants use when discussing your industry or brand, you should look into **AI Search Visibility** (or Generative Engine Optimization - GEO) tools.

Unlike traditional SEO tools that monitor "blue link" rankings, these platforms are specifically designed to monitor how LLMs (like ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Claude) cite websites and mention brands in their generated answers.

Top Tools for Tracking AI Citations & Sources

Several specialized platforms currently lead this space. The "best" choice often depends on whether you need simple monitoring, deep competitive analysis, or automated content optimization:

- **Profound:** Highly regarded for enterprise-level teams, offering robust AI search intelligence, citation analytics, and workflows to help you influence the sources AI engines choose.
- **Peec AI:** Popular among marketing teams for its focus on prompt-level analytics and competitive tracking. It allows you to see how your brand stacks up against competitors across specific buying questions.
- **Dageno AI:** A comprehensive platform that bridges the gap between monitoring and optimization. It helps you identify where you are missing from AI answers and provides actionable content briefs to improve your visibility.
- **OtterlyAI:** Frequently recommended for small businesses and agencies; it is known for monitoring multiple platforms (ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Copilot, etc.) in a single dashboard.
- **Ahrefs (Brand Radar) & Semrush:** If you already use these platforms for traditional SEO, their built-in AI visibility features (such as Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit) provide a convenient way to integrate AI tracking into your existing workflow.
- **Searchable:** An AI-native platform that provides visibility analytics and suggests technical or content-based fixes to help AI models better understand and cite your content.

What These Tools Actually Do

When you use these tools to monitor your industry, they typically perform the following functions:

1. **Citation Tracking:** They monitor which URLs and domains are consistently cited by AI models when responding to industry-specific prompts.
2. **Competitor Benchmarking:** They reveal which competitors are being recommended or mentioned in your category and how your "Share of Voice" compares.

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3. **Gap Analysis:** They identify "visibility gaps"—queries where your competitors appear but you do not—so you can create targeted content to fill those voids.
4. **Sentiment Monitoring:** Beyond just being mentioned, they help you understand the context and sentiment the AI assigns to your brand (e.g., is the AI presenting your brand as a top choice or an outdated option?).

How to Get Started

If you are evaluating these tools, **start by defining your "prompt universe"**—the top 10–20 questions your customers actually ask AI about your industry (e.g., *"What is the best [product category] for [use case]?"*).

Most of these platforms offer free trials or demos. During a demo, ask them to run one of your core "buying questions" through their system to show you exactly which sources are currently influencing the AI's answer—and why your brand might be missing.

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RECOMMENDED Peec AI, Similarweb's AI Citation Analysis

You're looking for an **AI citation-tracking** or **AI visibility** tool. It shows which websites and pages assistants cite when answering questions in your industry, often broken down by assistant, topic, and competitor.²¹⁵

For a straightforward option, **Peec AI** tracks sources that influence AI answers; **Similarweb's AI Citation Analysis** lets you explore cited domains and URLs by topic and platform.³¹⁵ Just note that results reflect the answers the tools monitor—not every source an assistant may use behind the scenes.

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

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RECOMMENDED Peec AI, Otterly.AI, Profound

Use an **AI visibility tracker**—also called an **AI search visibility** or **AEO/GEO** tool. It checks whether your product appears in answers to buyer questions across platforms such as ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google's AI search features.

A practical starting point:

- **Try a free or low-cost tracker** such as HubSpot's AI Search Sensor, or compare specialist tools like Peec AI, Otterly.AI, and Profound. Check that the tool covers the AI platforms your customers use and lets you track your own prompts and competitors. (hubspot.com)
- **Track real buying questions**, not just your product name: “best [type of product] for [use case],” “alternatives to [competitor],” and “[your product] vs. [competitor].”
- **Measure mentions and citations separately**. Record whether your product is named, whether your website or other sources are cited, and which competitors appear.
- **Repeat the same prompts regularly**. AI answers vary, so one check doesn't tell you when you've “started ranking.” Look for a sustained pattern across prompts and platforms.
- **For Google specifically**, use Google Search Console for your site's search performance; an AI visibility tracker can give you a broader view across AI assistants. (hubspot.com)

If you're just getting started, I'd pick **one tracker that supports several AI platforms**, add around 20–30 realistic buyer prompts, and review the results weekly. Treat its visibility score as a trend—not a definitive ranking.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Profound

Use an AI visibility tracker. These tools run a fixed set of buyer-style prompts through ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini and other engines on a schedule, then log whether your brand is mentioned and recommended. An AI visibility tracking tool runs a set of prompts through ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini. It records whether your brand is mentioned, how it's described, and which sources get cited. Set up alerts on the prompts where you want to be recommended, and you'll see the first time it happens.

Options by budget (prices change, so confirm on each vendor's site):

- **Cheapest start:** Otterly.ai. Lite is \$29/mo, and it's aimed at small teams. Its core plans cover ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity and Copilot, with Claude, Google AI Mode, and Gemini available as add-ons.
- **Mid-range, team dashboards:** Peec AI. One source lists its Starter plan at €85 per month, and another calls it mid-market prompt tracking with strong multilingual coverage and transparent per-prompt pricing.

Question h16 · Claude, continued

- **Already on Semrush:** Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit. For teams already subscribing to Semrush, it is the most convenient way to add AI visibility without adopting a separate tool.
- **Enterprise:** Profound. Growth is \$399/mo and Enterprise is custom with all 10+ platforms and API access.
- **Free one-time check:** HubSpot's AEO Grader gives a snapshot of your current position, but not ongoing tracking.

What to check before buying:

1. **Engine coverage.** Make sure it covers the AI tools your customers actually use. Coverage varies a lot between tools.
2. **Prompt count.** Plans are priced by how many prompts you can track. Start with 20–50 buyer-intent prompts, such as "best [category] for [use case]," rather than your brand name.
3. **Multi-run sampling.** AI answers vary between runs, so one check tells you little. Prefer a tool that repeats prompts and reports how often you appear.
4. **Competitor and source data.** Recommendations shift over time, so you need to see which competitors are mentioned and which pages the AI cites.

Suggested setup: Pick one tool, track 30 or so high-intent prompts daily or weekly, and record your baseline now. Then watch the mention rate and share of voice against competitors. Most tools offer a free trial, so test two before committing.

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RECOMMENDED Beamtrace, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Google Rich Results Test

To know if AI is recommending your product, you need to move beyond traditional SEO tracking and implement **AI Visibility Monitoring** (often called Answer Engine Optimization or AEO).

Because AI models are "stochastic" (they can provide different answers to the same question depending on the session), a one-time check is insufficient. You need a systematic, repeatable process.

1. How to Start Immediately (DIY Method)

You do not need a paid tool for a first diagnosis. You can perform a "10-minute audit" manually to establish a baseline:

- **Create a "Prompt Panel":** Draft 5–10 questions your ideal customers actually ask. Avoid branded questions (e.g., "Is [Brand] good?"); instead, use buyer-intent questions like:
 - "What is the best [product category] for [niche/need]?"
 - "Compare [Competitor A] and [Competitor B]."
 - "Which [product] should I buy if I am on a budget?"

Question h16 · Gemini, continued

- **Use Clean Sessions:** Run these prompts in "incognito" or private browser windows for ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews to avoid personalization bias.
- **Score the Results:** Create a simple spreadsheet to track:
 - **Mention:** Did your brand appear?
 - **Position:** Were you the primary recommendation, part of a list, or missing?
 - **Context:** How were you described? (Being described incorrectly is often worse than being absent).
 - **Sources:** Which third-party websites did the AI cite? (This reveals which sites you need to be featured on to earn the AI's "trust").

2. Tools for Ongoing Monitoring

If you want to automate this and track trends over time, several "AI Visibility" tools have emerged that run these prompts for you on a schedule.

- **For Low-Cost/Entry Level:** Tools like **OtterlyAI** or **Beamtrace** are popular for brands starting their tracking journey. They typically allow you to set up specific prompts that the tool runs automatically across multiple AI engines.
- **For SEO-Integrated Workflows:** If you already use major SEO platforms, check if they have dedicated modules. **Ahrefs Brand Radar** and the **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** are widely used by teams that want to bridge the gap between traditional search and AI search.
- **For Advanced/Enterprise Needs:** Platforms like **Profound**, **SearchEye**, and **Orchly** offer deeper analytics, such as sentiment analysis, competitive gap analysis, and recommendations on how to fix missing mentions.

3. Critical "Checklist" for AI Readiness

AI doesn't "see" your brand the way a human does. If you aren't being recommended, it is often because the AI cannot "read" or "trust" your product data. Check these three areas:

1. **Robots.txt:** Ensure you have not blocked AI crawlers (like GPTBot, ClaudeBot, etc.) in your site's robots.txt file.
2. **Structured Data:** Assistants rely on the "data layer" of your pages. Use tools like the **Google Rich Results Test** to ensure your product name, price, availability, and ratings are explicitly clear in your site's code.
3. **Third-Party Authority:** AI models prioritize high-authority sources (industry blogs, review sites, Reddit). If an AI isn't recommending you, it is likely because it hasn't "read" enough positive, authoritative mentions of your product on the sites it trusts.

Recommended Routine

Frequency	Action
Weekly	Run your core "Prompt Panel" through major engines and record the top mentions in your tracker.
Monthly	Analyze trends: Are you being mentioned more or less? Are competitors stealing your "spot" in the AI's answer?
Quarterly	Audit your product page data (schema/structured data) to ensure accuracy.

Important Note: Treat every isolated answer as "noise" until it becomes a pattern. Focus on the trend of your mentions rather than a single good or bad screenshot.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, HubSpot AEO

Use an **AI visibility tracker** (also called an AEO or GEO tracker). It regularly tests the kinds of questions your customers ask across AI assistants and records whether your product is recommended, which competitors appear, and which sources the assistants cite. Otterly.AI is one example; Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit and HubSpot AEO are other options. Check which assistants each tool covers and whether its plan lets you track your own prompts.⁷⁸

To make the results useful, start with 20–50 realistic buying questions, such as “best [product type] for [customer/use case]” and “alternatives to [competitor].” Track recommendations, position, citations, and competitors over time—not just a one-off score. Prompt choice matters, and results can vary, so treat the metrics as directional rather than a guarantee of what every user will see.¹⁰¹⁴

If you're just getting started, manually test a small set of questions in the AI assistants your customers use, then move to a tracker once you want consistent monitoring.

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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 (top pick), Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Ahrefs Brand Radar

A good alternative is an **AI visibility tracker**: it runs a set of brand- and category-related prompts across AI platforms on a schedule, then reports when your brand or competitors appear and which sources get cited.

For a simple starting point, try OtterlyAI. It monitors tracked prompts daily across ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, Perplexity, and other platforms, with reports on brand mentions and citations. (help.otterly.ai)

Other options:

- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** – worth considering if you already use Semrush or want AI visibility alongside traditional SEO. It offers brand and competitor reporting, plus daily tracking for custom prompts. (semrush.com)
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** – useful for broad discovery across a large library of search-backed prompts, as well as tracking your own selected questions over time. (help.ahrefs.com)

One caveat: these tools provide a **sample**, not a complete record of what every person sees. AI answers can vary between runs, so focus on trends across a consistent set of relevant prompts—not a single visibility score. (ahrefs.com)

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Profound, Semrush, Ahrefs, Ahrefs Brand Radar **MENTIONED** Sellm

The usual alternative is an AI visibility tracker. These tools send your prompts to ChatGPT and other assistants on a schedule, record which answers name your brand, and compare you with competitors. Your manual checks are a single snapshot, and answers vary from run to run, so a tracker's repeated sampling is its main advantage. One vendor, Sellm, runs each prompt multiple times and aggregates the results to produce visibility scores that reflect a statistically significant sample rather than a single noisy snapshot.

Options by type:

- **Budget, small-team option:** Otterly AI is the most frequently recommended starting point. One comparison puts it at the most affordable entry point at \$29/month.

Question h17 · Claude, continued

- **Dedicated mid-market tools:** Peec AI is often cited for clean analytics. One review describes it as monitoring brand visibility and sentiment across major AI platforms, with strong multi-country and multi-language support.
- **Enterprise tools:** Profound covers the most engines. One source says Profound lists the most engines at 10+, though the count leans on low-usage models.
- **If you already use an SEO suite:** Semrush and Ahrefs offer AI tracking add-ons. Ahrefs Brand Radar is listed from \$199 a month, and Semrush's AI features make it familiar for teams already using the platform.

How to choose:

1. **Engines covered:** Confirm the tool tracks the assistants your customers actually use. Some vendors list engines that appear only on higher tiers.
2. **Sentiment and accuracy:** Counting mentions isn't enough. A mention can be negative or factually wrong, and some tools distinguish a positive recommendation from a misrepresentation.
3. **Prompt control:** Look for the ability to define your own prompts that mirror real customer questions.
4. **Pricing:** Figures vary widely across sources. For example, Profound appears at \$99, \$499, and \$5,000 a month in different comparisons, so check current pricing directly.

Most of these vendors offer free trials or demos, so you can test one or two with your own prompts before committing. Since the rankings above come from vendor-friendly review blogs, treat them as a shortlist rather than a verdict.

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RECOMMENDED Brand24, Peec AI, Analyze AI, BrandMentions, Mention, Mentionlytics, Semrush Brand Monitoring, Lumen by Talkwalker, Brandwatch, Meltwater

Manual ChatGPT searches are often inconsistent and lack a baseline for comparison. To move beyond manual checks, you should transition to **automated brand monitoring and AI visibility tools** that provide consistent, repeatable, and data-driven insights.

Why Move Beyond Manual Searches?

Manual checks are "snapshots" that vary every time you prompt the AI. They don't provide the trend analysis, sentiment tracking, or competitive benchmarking needed to actually manage your brand's reputation.

Recommended Alternatives

The right tool depends on your team size, budget, and specific needs (e.g., social listening vs. AI search visibility).

Question h17 · Gemini, continued

1. AI Visibility & "Answer Engine" Monitoring

If your goal is to see how AI models (like ChatGPT, Perplexity, or Gemini) talk about your brand, these specialized tools are designed to track "AI visibility":

- **Brand24:** A highly recommended tool for AI-powered brand monitoring and LLM visibility tracking. It tracks mentions across a vast number of sources and provides sentiment analysis.
- **Peec AI:** Often cited as a budget-friendly option for tracking brand visibility across AI models.
- **Analyze AI:** Focuses on "agentic" operations, specifically built for brands that need to track perception and attribution in AI search channels.

2. Comprehensive Brand Monitoring & Social Listening

For broader coverage (social media, news, forums, and blogs), these tools offer "always-on" monitoring:

- **BrandMentions:** Highly effective for measuring "buzz" and sentiment around your brand, products, or keywords across the internet.
- **Mention / Mentionlytics:** Good for small to mid-sized teams needing rapid setup and real-time alerts.
- **Semrush Brand Monitoring:** Excellent if you are already using Semrush for SEO; it integrates brand mentions directly into your existing marketing workflows.
- **Lumen by Talkwalker (formerly Talkwalker):** A powerful, enterprise-grade platform that combines social listening with deep media monitoring (including broadcast and print).

3. Enterprise-Level Intelligence

If you have a larger budget and need deep, cross-channel analytics:

- **Brandwatch:** Known for its deep consumer intelligence and extensive social media management capabilities.
- **Meltwater:** A top choice for PR and communications teams that need to combine social listening with earned media/news coverage and journalist outreach.

How to Choose

- **If you are a solo founder or small team:** Start with **Brand24** or **Mention**. They provide a good balance of automation, ease of use, and cost.
- **If your priority is AI search visibility:** Look at **Analyze AI** or **Peec AI** to automate the specific prompts you are currently running by hand.
- **If you need PR & media coverage tracking:** Choose **Meltwater** or **Talkwalker**.

Pro Tip: Before committing to a paid plan, utilize the free trials most of these platforms offer to see which one's dashboard provides the most actionable data for your specific brand.

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

A dedicated **AI visibility tracker** is the easiest alternative. You set up a small list of questions customers might ask—such as “What’s a good [category] for [need]?”—and the tool checks them on a schedule across ChatGPT and other AI answer engines, recording brand mentions, competitor mentions, and cited sources.

A few options to consider:

- **Otterly.AI** – a straightforward option for scheduled prompt monitoring across several AI platforms; it reports mentions and citations.³
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** – useful if you already use Ahrefs or want competitor comparisons and visibility metrics.¹
- **SE Visible** – tracks mentions, sentiment, competitors, and sources across ChatGPT and other platforms.²
- **Semrush** – worth considering if you already use its SEO toolkit and want AI visibility tracking alongside SEO data.¹²

For a lean start, pick one tool and track **10–20 representative prompts**, including category, comparison, and recommendation questions. Review the actual answers and cited pages—not just a single visibility score—and treat results as directional: AI responses can vary by prompt and over time. HubSpot’s guide also recommends prompt tracking rather than relying on occasional manual checks.⁶

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

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RECOMMENDED Google Search Console, Bing Webmaster Tools

Marketing teams typically measure AI-answer visibility with a **repeatable prompt set**: the questions customers might ask, tested across AI tools such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Google's AI search features. They track several different signals rather than relying on one "AI visibility score":

- **Mention rate:** How often the answer names your brand.
Formula: answers mentioning your brand ÷ answers tested.
- **Citation rate:** How often an answer links to your website or another source about your brand. Keep **your own-site citations** distinct from third-party citations.
- **Share of voice:** Your brand's share of brand mentions—or citations—compared with selected competitors. Define which version you're reporting; the formulas aren't uniform across tools.
- **Prominence and context:** Whether you're recommended, where you appear in the answer, how you're described, and whether the description is accurate and favorable.
- **Downstream impact:** AI-referred visits, branded search, leads, and conversions. These help connect visibility to business outcomes, but shouldn't be treated as a complete measure of exposure.

A practical process is to build a stable set of **unbranded buyer questions**, test them across platforms on a regular schedule, and record the answer, mentions, citations, competitors, and sentiment. Because answers can vary between runs, compare trends over time using consistent prompts and settings—not a single test. AI visibility metrics are also not fully standardized, so document how your team defines each one.

Use first-party reporting where available: **Google Search Console** has reports for visibility in generative Search features, while **Bing Webmaster Tools** reports AI-answer citations and related query data for supported Microsoft AI experiences. Dedicated monitoring tools can help with cross-platform prompt testing and competitor comparisons. These sources measure different things: a citation count isn't the same as a brand mention, a click, or proof that an AI answer caused a conversion. (developers.google.com)

A useful dashboard: mention rate, own-site citation rate, competitor share of voice, accuracy/sentiment, AI-referred traffic, and conversions—segmented by platform and by customer-question type.

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Marketing teams generally measure this by running a fixed set of buyer-style questions through AI platforms on a schedule, then scoring the answers. There's no industry standard yet, so the details vary by team.

1. Build a fixed prompt set and competitor list

One common approach is to run a consistent set of buyer-style questions through the major AI platforms and record which brands each answer mentions, cites and recommends. Teams keep the prompts and competitor set stable between periods so results can be compared over time. One guide suggests recording binary mentions (1 = mentioned, 0 = not mentioned) for each brand and calculating results separately for each engine.

2. Core metrics

- **Mention rate / Share of Model:** The share of answers that name your brand. One definition is the percentage of AI-generated responses, across a defined query set relevant to your category, that include your brand.
- **AI share of voice:** Your portion of all tracked brand mentions. One calculation divides your brand mentions by all tracked brand mentions for the same prompt set, engines, and measurement window, then multiplies by 100.
- **Citation frequency and citation share:** How often answers link to your pages or domain. One tool weights citations 1.25× higher than mentions because linked sources carry stronger authority.
- **Recommendation language:** Whether the brand is placed in "best of" lists or framed as a top pick. One agency says this carries the most weight because it places the brand in "best of" lists or presents it as a top choice.
- **Accuracy:** Whether the AI describes your products, pricing, and positioning correctly. One guide notes that if an AI system repeats the wrong brand fact, that error can spread fast.
- **Sentiment:** How favorably the brand is framed, often broken down by platform and prompt type.
- **Competitive gaps:** Prompts where competitors appear but your brand doesn't. One approach sorts topics into missing topics, weak topics, and shared topics.

3. Connecting visibility to business results

Because AI answers often don't produce clicks, teams usually pair visibility scores with analytics. One guide recommends a monthly scorecard covering citation rate, answer-share, sentiment score, AI referral traffic, and branded search lift. AI referral traffic can be tracked in GA4, and one vendor reports that AI-driven traffic is smaller but significantly higher intent, converting 6x to 23x higher than traditional organic search. Treat that conversion figure as vendor-reported.

4. Tools

Many teams use third-party trackers that automate prompt runs across engines like ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews. Examples include Profound, AthenaHQ, Ahrefs Brand Radar, and SE Visible. Some of these tools preserve the underlying responses collected through real browser sessions, which helps with auditing.

Caveats

- Metrics are sampled estimates. One vendor warns that metrics are estimates from repeated prompt sampling. Track them over time and per model, never from a single answer. AI answers vary between runs, so one-off checks are unreliable.
- Benchmarks differ by vendor. For example, one tool treats appearing in 40 to 60% of relevant AI-generated answers as success, while another calls a mention rate above 70% strong. Treat these as rough guides, not universal targets.

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- Source analysis is gaining weight. One analyst expects that source analysis will matter more than mention counts.

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RECOMMENDED Ahrefs Brand Radar, TopCited, MentionBird, HubSpot AEO

Marketing teams measure visibility in AI-generated answers by shifting focus from traditional keyword rankings to **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)** and **Answer Engine Optimization (AEO)** metrics. Because AI models synthesize information dynamically, teams no longer rely on static SERP positions, instead using specialized frameworks to track their brand's presence within AI narratives.

Core Metrics for AI Visibility

Marketing teams typically track the following KPIs to quantify their presence in AI platforms like ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, Gemini, and Claude:

- **Mention Rate (Share of Model):** Measures how often a brand is named in AI-generated responses for a defined set of high-intent prompts. When calculated against competitors, this is often referred to as **AI Share of Voice (AI SoV)**.
- **Citation Rate:** Tracks how often an AI explicitly links to or references a brand's website as a source. This is distinct from a mention; it represents "earned" authority where the AI validates the brand with an evidentiary link.
- **AI Visibility Score (AVS):** A normalized composite metric (typically 0–100) that aggregates frequency, prominence (e.g., being a top recommendation vs. a trailing list item), and sentiment.
- **Sentiment Framing:** Evaluates the tone and context of a brand mention—whether the AI presents the brand positively, neutrally, or negatively.
- **Prompt Coverage:** Monitors how many industry-relevant, natural-language questions surface the brand, helping teams identify "blind spots" in their category authority.

How Teams Measure It

Because AI responses are probabilistic and can change based on the user, location, or model update, teams avoid relying on single-snapshot checks. Instead, they use a more systematic approach:

Question h18 · Gemini, continued

1. **Defining a Prompt Library:** Teams build a comprehensive set of natural-language questions that real customers ask (e.g., "Best software for [use case]" or "Compare [Brand A] and [Brand B]").
2. **Automated Monitoring:** Rather than manual searching, teams use specialized AI monitoring tools (e.g., Ahrefs Brand Radar, TopCited, MentionBird, or HubSpot AEO). These tools run these prompt sets across various engines on a schedule to track trends over time.
3. **Cross-Platform Comparison:** Since different models (e.g., Perplexity vs. Gemini) yield different results, teams track visibility per platform to identify where they have a competitive advantage or a specific platform-based gap.
4. **Connecting to Business Impact:** Sophisticated teams correlate AI visibility trends with "downstream" metrics, such as branded search volume, direct traffic, and conversion rates, to ensure their presence in AI answers is actually driving growth.

Why This Matters

In the AI-search era, a brand can rank #1 in traditional Google search results but be entirely omitted from an AI-generated answer. By tracking these new metrics, marketing teams can move beyond "vanity" metrics to understand if they are winning the initial, high-intent discovery phase of the buyer journey where consumers are increasingly looking for authoritative AI-generated recommendations.

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Marketing teams typically measure AI-answer visibility by running a **consistent set of relevant prompts** across answer engines—such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Google's AI results—and recording what appears. The main measures are:

- **Mention or inclusion rate:** the percentage of sampled answers that name the brand. For example, if the brand appears in 30 of 100 answers, its mention rate is 30%.¹³
- **AI share of voice:** the brand's presence compared with competitors on the same prompts. Teams should state which competitors are included and how mentions are counted, since those choices affect the result.²⁶
- **Citation rate and cited sources:** how often answers link to the brand's own pages, and which owned, competitor, or third-party sources are cited. A brand can be mentioned without being cited, so these are separate measures.³⁶
- **Positioning and quality:** where the brand appears in the answer, whether it is recommended, how it is described, and whether the description is accurate and favorable.³⁷
- **Platform and prompt coverage:** results broken out by answer engine, topic, and prompt type, rather than only reported as one blended score.³¹⁰
- **Downstream outcomes:** AI referral visits and leads, tracked alongside visibility metrics. These help connect observed presence to business impact, though visibility alone doesn't establish that AI exposure caused a conversion.⁸¹¹

For a useful trend, keep the prompt set and measurement rules consistent, repeat checks over time, and report the sample size and platform. AI answers vary between runs, and a tracked prompt panel is a controlled sample—not a direct estimate of what all users see or how much traffic the brand receives.⁶¹⁴

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What tools help a business get recommended by AI assistants?

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RECOMMENDED Google Search Console, Bing Webmaster Tools, Semrush, Ahrefs, Google Business Profile

Businesses use a mix of **AI-visibility trackers**, **standard SEO tools**, and **reputation/data-management tools** to improve their chances of being mentioned or recommended. None can guarantee a recommendation; they help you see where you're absent and improve the information AI systems can find.

Tools to consider

- **AI visibility monitoring:** **Semrush AI Visibility**, **Ahrefs Brand Radar**, and **HubSpot AEO** can track brand mentions, citations, competitors, and the prompts or topics where your business appears. Coverage differs by tool and AI platform, so check that it includes the assistants your customers use. (semrush.com)
- **Free search and citation reporting:** **Google Search Console** reports on performance in Google's generative search features; **Bing Webmaster Tools' AI Performance report** shows pages cited in Microsoft Copilot and related experiences. (developers.google.com)
- **Technical SEO tools:** Google Search Console and tools such as Semrush or Ahrefs help find crawlability, indexing, and content issues. Google's guidance is to keep applying SEO fundamentals and publish useful, distinctive content—not to rely on special “AI hacks.” (developers.google.com)
- **Local-business listings and reputation tools:** Keep your Google Business Profile, business directories, review sites, and your own location or service pages accurate and consistent. This helps maintain reliable public information about what you offer and where.

A practical starter setup

Start with **Search Console + Bing Webmaster Tools**, then manually test the questions customers actually ask—such as “best [service] near me” or “alternatives to [competitor].” If you need repeatable competitor and prompt tracking, add one paid visibility platform. Use its findings to improve the underlying site content, business details, and credible third-party coverage.

Treat visibility scores as **directional**, not as a promise of rankings: different tools test different prompts and platforms, and AI answers can vary.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Profound, AthenaHQ, Scrunch, Semrush, Ahrefs Brand Radar, SE Visible, Writesonic, Conductor, Gauge, Goodie, Evertune, HubSpot's AEO Grader, Yotpo Discover, cloro API

Several categories of tools can help, though none guarantees that an assistant will recommend your business. Most of them work by checking what assistants say about you, then pointing to content or citation gaps you can fix.

1. Monitoring platforms (track mentions and citations)

- **Otterly AI:** Tracks a fixed set of prompts and shows which links AI answers cite. Its entry price is from \$29/month, and it tracks brand mentions in AI Search platforms like ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, and AI Mode.
- **Peec AI, Profound, AthenaHQ, Scrunch:** Also monitoring tools. One 2026 roundup pings ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Claude with a set of prompts on a schedule, then logs whether your brand was mentioned, ranked, or cited. Engine coverage varies by product.
- **Semrush and Ahrefs Brand Radar:** Useful if you already use these SEO suites. Semrush tracks brand mentions, citations, and sentiment in AI-generated answers, and Ahrefs Brand Radar starts from \$199 a month for index research.
- **SE Visible:** Focuses on sentiment, share of voice, and source depth.

2. Full GEO platforms (monitoring plus content and optimization)

- **Writesonic:** Combines tracking with writing tools. One comparison describes it as combining AI visibility tracking, content optimization, and SEO workflows in a single platform.
- **Conductor:** Pairs AI visibility data with website monitoring and crawler activity.
- **Gauge and Goodie:** Both are enterprise-oriented. Goodie offers built-in AI writing and optimization tools for GEO-focused content in some setups, and Gauge emphasizes concrete steps to improve your AI visibility, though that is vendor-written.
- **Evertune:** Positions itself as a platform that analyzes responses at scale and delivers actionable insights.

3. Free or low-cost starting points

- **HubSpot's AEO Grader:** Gives a free visibility snapshot across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity, which is a reasonable baseline before you pay for anything.

4. Ecommerce-specific

- **Yotpo Discover:** Focuses on product catalogs and monitors how your catalog surfaces across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews at the structural SKU and category level.

5. DIY options

- **Manual testing:** Ask the assistants the questions your customers would ask, then record the results. This is free but slow.
- **cloro API:** For teams building their own tracking, it covers several engines through an API rather than a dashboard.

Caveats

- Most published rankings of these tools are written by the vendors themselves, so treat them as starting points and compare trials directly.
- Monitoring tells you where you stand. The part that changes outcomes is the work behind it: accurate and up-to-date information on your own site, clear product and service descriptions, credible third-party mentions and reviews, and content that answers the questions customers ask. A tool helps you find the

Question h19 · Claude, continued

gaps, but the fixes are still on you.

- Research on this is still early. One recent paper found that content-side edits can raise a source's visibility, but the effect appears only when a source is already among the content the model retrieves, so results will vary.

If you tell me your industry, budget, and whether you sell products or services, I can narrow this down.

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RECOMMENDED Contentpen, SE Ranking

To help your business get recommended by AI assistants—a practice often called **Answer Engine Optimization (AEO)** or **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)**—you need tools that move beyond traditional keyword tracking and into monitoring how AI models synthesize and cite your brand.

Because AI assistants like ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews retrieve information differently than traditional search engines, the following tools and strategies are essential for securing visibility.

1. Dedicated AI Visibility & Monitoring Tools

These platforms are specifically designed to track if, when, and how your brand is cited in AI-generated answers across various models.

- **AI Search Visibility Platforms:** Tools like **Alclicks.io**, **OtterlyAI**, **Profound**, and **HubSpot AEO** specialize in tracking your brand's "share of voice" in AI responses. They help identify which queries trigger AI recommendations for your competitors and where your brand is currently invisible.
- **Performance Analytics:** Platforms such as **Contentpen** and **SE Ranking** offer features that integrate traditional SEO data with AI-specific insights, helping you bridge the gap between organic rankings and AI citations.

2. Strategy-Focused Tools

While monitoring is key, improving your chances of being recommended requires high-quality, "extractable" content.

- **Content Optimization Tools:** Tools like **Clearscope**, **Frase**, and **MarketMuse** help you create authoritative, structured, and topic-focused content. AI models prioritize content that directly answers "best for" and "how-to" questions with clear, scannable reasoning.

Question h19 · Gemini, continued

- **Entity & Authority Building:** Since AI models prioritize credibility, you should utilize tools that manage your brand's reputation and third-party mentions. This includes PR and backlink-building platforms (like **Respona**) to ensure your brand is cited by other respected, authoritative sources that AI systems trust.

3. How to Approach AI Optimization (AEO)

Don't treat AI search as a single channel; each assistant has different preferences.

- **Audit Your Own Visibility:** The most cost-effective "tool" is manual testing. Regularly ask your key business prompts to ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews to see if you appear. Pay attention to the **follow-up questions** suggested by these tools; they reveal exactly what your customers are looking for.
- **Focus on "Answer-First" Content:** Restructure your website pages to be machine-readable. This means using clear headings, concise FAQ blocks, and structured data that directly addresses the specific problems your customers are trying to solve.
- **Verify Technical Accessibility:** Ensure your website's `robots.txt` file does not inadvertently block AI crawlers (like GPTBot or PerplexityBot). Some businesses accidentally become invisible to AI by using overly broad blocking rules.

Summary Recommendation

- **For small teams/startups:** Begin by manually testing your top-tier search queries across the major AI models and use free or low-cost monitoring tools (like **OtterlyAI**) to track your citations.
- **For enterprise brands:** Invest in platforms like **Profound** or **Aiclicks.io** that provide comprehensive, multi-model monitoring and actionable data to maintain your competitive edge as AI search behaviors evolve.

By focusing on being the most **"extractable"** and **"trustworthy"** source for your core topics, you increase the likelihood that AI assistants will confidently recommend your brand to users.

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RECOMMENDED AI Search Grader

Businesses can use **AI visibility (AEO/GEO) tools** to check whether AI assistants mention or cite them—and to spot gaps. They can't guarantee a recommendation; the tools help measure visibility and improve the underlying information assistants may draw on.

Examples

- **HubSpot AEO:** Tracks brand presence, citations, competitors, and prompts across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity. HubSpot also offers a free, one-time AI Search Grader. ⁵⁹
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit:** Combines AI-answer monitoring and competitor research with broader SEO workflows. ⁶
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar:** Tracks brand mentions and citations alongside SEO data. ⁵
- **OtterlyAI:** A monitoring option for mentions and citations across several AI search surfaces. ¹⁴
- **Profound or Peec AI:** Options to evaluate for broader monitoring and analysis, particularly for teams that need more extensive reporting. ⁶

These tools are most useful when paired with solid fundamentals: publish clear, accurate pages about your products and services; keep business details consistent across reputable sites; and make your site easy to crawl. Google says there's no special schema markup required for AI features, and structured data should match what users can actually see on the page. ¹²

A practical starting point: choose a small set of questions customers ask, track whether your business appears and which sources are cited, then improve the pages or third-party information that seem to be missing or unclear. Treat visibility scores as directional: AI answers can vary by prompt and platform.

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

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RECOMMENDED Linkstonic, Prompt Monitoring

Yes. **AI-visibility monitoring tools** repeatedly ask ChatGPT and other chatbots a set of questions you choose, then alert you when your company starts appearing, disappears, or changes position in the answers.

For example, Linkstonic advertises email or Discord alerts for new mentions and changes across ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, and Perplexity. Prompt Monitoring advertises email alerts when a brand drops out of an answer it previously appeared in. (linkstonic.com)

One caveat: these tools generally check **sampled prompts on a schedule**—they can't watch every private chatbot conversation or tell you every time any user gets an answer mentioning your company. Results can also vary with the prompt and model, so treat alerts as a useful signal, not a complete count of mentions. (beamtrace.com)

To get useful alerts, track the questions your customers might actually ask (for example, “best [type of product] for [use case]”) and set up both **new-mention** and **lost-mention** notifications.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Cognizo, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Brand24, Peec AI, Semrush, Profound, Google Alerts

Yes. No major chatbot sends you alerts about its own answers, but several third-party AI visibility tools run your key questions through the chatbots on a schedule and notify you when mentions change.

How it works: These tools send queries (search prompts) to AI search engines like ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, and AI Mode, and analyze the responses for brand mentions, citations, and source links. Because answers vary from run to run, good tools repeat the sampling rather than relying on a one-off check.

Tools that offer alerts or change tracking:

- **Otterly.AI** offers citation tracking across six AI platforms, competitive benchmarking reports, and alerts when brand mentions change.
- **Cognizo** is built around alerts. It surfaces shifts in visibility score, sentiment, and citations, broken down by model, topic, prompt, and region.
- **Sitepoint's 2026 comparison** lists Ahrefs Brand Radar at \$129/month, and describes Brand24 as offering real-time detection of AI-influenced brand mentions. Check current pricing, since vendor pages change.
- **Brand24** is a general social and web listening tool. One source says it has added monitoring of brand mentions in ChatGPT, Perplexity and Gemini alongside its web and social listening. It is better for alerts than for detailed AI analysis.

Question h20 · Claude, continued

- Others worth trialing include **Peec AI**, **Semrush**, and **Profound**. One review suggests Peec AI, OtterlyAI and Semrush are the entry points we would test first, then run 25 prompts before you report anything.

Free option: You can run a fixed set of prompts yourself. One guide says this means asking ChatGPT and Perplexity a fixed set of category prompts and recording the results in a spreadsheet, optionally adding Google Alerts for web mentions. It is labor-intensive, with roughly 2 to 5 hours per week and no reliable trend history.

Things to check before you buy:

- **Alert noise:** Because answers change between runs, a single missing mention may not mean much. Look for tools that show repeated results.
- **Verify the answers:** One reviewer warns that a dashboard count of brand mentions is not a result until someone has read the answers behind the count. Choose a tool that lets you open the underlying response.
- **Coverage:** Confirm the tool tracks the chatbots your customers actually use, and whether it captures the rendered answer or only API output.
- **Competitors:** Many tools also alert you when a rival starts appearing in answers where you used to.

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RECOMMENDED Peec AI, Beamtrace, TopCited, Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Otterly.AI, Mangools AI Search Watcher, HubSpot **NEGATIVE** Google Search Console

Yes, you can get alerts when AI chatbots mention your company. Because AI models like ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, and Perplexity generate conversational responses rather than simple lists of links, traditional SEO tools (like basic Google Search Console) cannot track these mentions.

Instead, you need to use **AI Search Visibility** (or "Generative Engine Optimization" - GEO) tools. These platforms automate the process of querying AI chatbots on your behalf and alerting you when your brand appears or disappears from their answers.

How It Works

These tools function by running a set of "seed prompts"—questions your target customers are likely to ask—across various AI platforms on a regular schedule (e.g., daily or weekly).

- **Monitoring:** They record whether your brand is mentioned, cited, or recommended in the AI's response.
- **Alerting:** Many platforms offer automated notifications that alert you when your brand visibility changes (e.g., if you stop being recommended or if a competitor starts appearing in your place).
- **Context:** They often provide the full context of the mention, allowing you to see if the sentiment is positive, neutral, or negative, and whether the AI is citing your website as a source.

Question h20 - Gemini, continued

Popular AI Brand Monitoring Tools

As of late 2026, several platforms specialize in this type of monitoring. Some common options include:

- **Comprehensive Platforms:** Tools like **Peec AI**, **Beamtrace**, and **TopCited** are built specifically for multi-engine AI monitoring and alerting.
- **SEO-Integrated Tools:** Some established SEO platforms have added AI visibility modules, such as **Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit** and **Ahrefs' Brand Radar**, which may be convenient if you already use their services.
- **Specialized/Affordable Options:** Tools like **Otterly.AI** or **Mangools' AI Search Watcher** are often cited for being user-friendly and effective for tracking across major engines like ChatGPT, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews.
- **Free Diagnostics:** If you aren't ready to invest in a paid subscription, you can use one-time "AI Search Grader" tools (such as those offered by HubSpot) to get a snapshot of how AI engines currently perceive your brand.

Best Practices for Monitoring

To get the most out of these alerts, experts recommend the following strategy:

1. **Define Your Query Set:** Don't just track your company name. Create a list of 20–30 queries your customers actually use, such as:
 - *Category questions:* "What is the best [product category] for [use case]?"
 - *Comparison questions:* "Compare [Your Brand] and [Competitor Name]."
 - *Problem-first questions:* "How do I solve [problem your product addresses]?"
2. **Monitor Multiple Engines:** Because different models (ChatGPT vs. Gemini vs. Perplexity) may give different answers, ensure your chosen tool covers all the major platforms your customers use.
3. **Track Trends, Not Just Hits:** A single mention is less important than a pattern. Look for tools that provide historical trend data so you can see if your "Share of Voice" in AI responses is growing or shrinking over time.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI

Yes. AI-visibility monitoring tools can regularly test a set of customer-relevant questions across chatbots and alert you when your company starts appearing—or stops appearing—in the answers. They typically track mentions over time, alongside things like competitors, position, citations, and sentiment.¹¹³

For example, OtterlyAI lets you configure prompts and monitor answers across services including ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, Perplexity, and Google AI features.¹³ Some services also advertise alerts specifically when a mention or ranking changes.⁶

A key caveat: these tools generally check selected prompts on a schedule, rather than watching every conversation users have with a chatbot. So results are best treated as a trend for your chosen questions, not a complete or instant record of all chatbot responses. To get started, list the questions your customers are likely to ask, then compare how your brand appears across tools and over time.¹²

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

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RECOMMENDED Peec AI, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Profound MENTIONED Looker Studio

Best fit for a small agency: Otterly.AI Standard—especially if you're managing a handful of clients and want a straightforward, relatively low-cost tracker. Its Standard plan is listed at **\$189/month** and supports unlimited client workspaces; the trade-off is that it doesn't offer native white-label reports, so you may need a Looker Studio workflow for client-facing reporting. (semrush.com)

Other good fits, depending on how you work:

- **Peec AI** – consider it if competitive analysis and flexible multi-client tracking matter more than keeping costs very low. Agency plans start at **\$245/month** and include three client projects; higher tiers add more projects and tracking capacity. (semrush.com)
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** – best if your agency already uses Semrush and wants AI visibility alongside SEO tools. It's listed at **\$99/month per domain**, so costs can add up across clients; white-labeled reports are available through a paid add-on. (semrush.com)
- **Profound** – worth exploring if clients need deeper analysis and you have a larger budget. Its agency pricing may be less attractive for a small roster: the cited comparison lists client workspaces as an additional **\$399/month each** on Agency Growth. (semrush.com)

My practical shortlist: Try Otterly.AI first if you're price-conscious; compare it with Peec AI if you need more robust client-by-client analysis. Before committing, test the tools on the same client prompts and check whether the reports clearly show *which AI platforms were tracked, how often, and what sources were cited*—those details matter more than a single headline “visibility score.” Prices and plan limits can change, so confirm them with the vendor before signing up.

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Claude claude-haiku-5-5 · 29 October 2026, 09:04 UTC

RECOMMENDED Rankability, Searchable, Listable Labs, SE Visible, Otterly.AI, Peec AI NEGATIVE Profound, Scrunch

Short answer: For a small agency with several clients, I'd shortlist **Rankability's Agency plan, Searchable's agency tiers, or Listable Labs** and trial one before committing. Pick based on how many clients you have and whether you sell SEO alongside AI visibility. Pricing changes often, so check vendor sites before buying.

Pricing model matters more than the feature list. Some tools charge per client, which gets expensive fast. Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit is \$99/month for one domain, and that price can scale quickly if you need multiple domains, more prompts, or additional users. Profound's agency setup charges per client workspace;

Question m01 · Claude, continued

one comparison puts it at \$2,094 a month at five clients and \$10,074 at twenty-five. Look for plans with flat pricing and a client-workspace allowance instead.

Options that fit small agencies:

- **Rankability:** Starter is \$97/month, Agency \$297/month, and Agency Pro \$497/month, and all paid plans include unlimited client workspaces, unlimited team members, branded reports, and API/MCP access. Best if you also do SEO work.
- **Searchable:** Its agency plans add pitch prompts and white-label reports, with a Launch tier at \$250/month for 200 prompts and 5 projects.
- **Listable Labs:** One roundup recommends its Scale plan at \$249/month, which gives 5 client workspaces, 200 prompts, white-label reports on your own report subdomain and role-based client access. Note that this comes from the vendor's own comparison.
- **SE Visible (SE Ranking):** Good if you already use rank tracking. One source lists it starting at \$79/month annually for 200 prompts across 3 projects. Another notes it brings white-label reporting and client portals inside a full SEO suite.
- **Otterly.ai:** The cheapest entry point, starting at \$29/month with 1 workspace, 15 search prompts, and 4 LLMs. It's workable for a trial or very small client list, but the prompt limits will bind quickly across several clients.
- **Peec AI:** Strong for competitor comparisons. Its entry plan is €89/month for 25 prompts and 3 engines, so budget for more than one plan if you manage several clients.

Tools to skip at your size: Profound is built for enterprise portfolios and is priced accordingly. Scrunch has historically listed plans starting around \$300/month, which is hard to justify across a small client base.

How to decide:

1. Count your clients and prompts per client. Total prompts across all clients, not per-brand, drive most of the cost.
2. Confirm whether white-label reports are included or cost extra, since client-facing reporting is usually why agencies buy these.
3. Run the free trial on one real client and check whether the citations and mentions it reports match what you see when you query the assistants yourself.

Caveat: Most of the rankings I found are published by the vendors themselves or by competitors, so treat their "best overall" verdicts with caution. The pricing figures are the most reliable part, and they still need confirming on each vendor's current pricing page.

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RECOMMENDED Botric, Dageno AI, Mentionova, SE Ranking, Geoptie, HubSpot's AI Search Grader

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

Because AI visibility tracking relies on sampling (repeatedly testing prompts) rather than static rank checking, costs can spiral quickly if not managed through an agency-specific plan.

Top Recommendations for Agencies

Based on current agency-focused reviews for 2026, here are the platforms that best balance features and agency workflows:

Tool	Best For	Key Agency Advantage
Botric	Overall Agency Workflow	Built specifically for agencies; combines visibility tracking with content generation/optimization.
Dageno AI	Comprehensive SEO/AEO	Excellent for linking AI monitoring to competitor analysis, citation intelligence, and content opportunities.
Mentionova	Reporting & Speed	Offers six-engine tracking with daily briefs and pre-drafted action items, ideal for keeping clients informed.
SE Ranking	All-in-One Integration	Best if you need to report traditional SEO rankings alongside AI visibility from a single, established platform.
Geoptie	Affordable Scalability	Strong option for agencies wanting to move quickly from tracking to actionable content briefs.

Critical Features to Evaluate

When choosing a tool for your agency, do not just look at the number of AI engines (ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, etc.) they cover. Instead, prioritize these agency-specific criteria:

- **Per-Client Workspace Isolation:** Ensure the tool allows you to separate each client's data, prompts, and credentials so you can provide them with their own dashboards or reports without data overlap.
- **Actionable "Next Steps":** Tracking is only the first half of the service. The most valuable tools provide **content optimization suggestions** or **citation gap analysis** so you can bill for the *improvement* of visibility, not just the report.
- **Scalable Pricing:** Many tools are built for in-house teams and charge per domain, which can become prohibitively expensive for an agency. Look for platforms with tiered agency plans or "unlimited brands" pricing models.
- **White-Label Reporting:** Your ability to hand off branded, professional reports is a core component of client retention. Check if the tool allows you to remove their branding and add your own.

A Practical Approach for Small Agencies

If you are just starting to offer AI visibility services:

1. **Start with a "Baseline Audit":** Don't commit to a high-cost enterprise tool immediately. Use a tool like **HubSpot's AI Search Grader** (free) or a low-cost trial from one of the specialized trackers to audit your clients' current state.
2. **Combine & Conquer:** Most successful agencies pair a comprehensive SEO suite (like **SE Ranking** or **Semrush**) for foundational tasks with a dedicated, smaller "specialist" AI tracker for deep-dive citation and prompt monitoring.

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3. **Focus on Bottom-of-Funnel Prompts:** As you scale, track prompts where users are looking for recommendations (e.g., "best [service] for [target audience]"). These are the queries that directly impact your clients' revenue and are easier to justify as a billable service.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.ai Standard (top pick), Peec AI, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Otterly Lite **MENTIONED** Looker Studio

My default pick: Otterly.ai Standard for a small agency with several clients. The key advantage is that its Standard plan is reported at **\$189/month with unlimited workspaces**—useful when you want separate client projects without buying a subscription for each brand. It tracks several major AI search surfaces and supports Looker Studio reporting. Check the current prompt limits and reporting options before signing up, since agency features and plan details can change.⁹¹¹

A few alternatives, depending on your priorities:

- **Peec AI** – worth comparing if you want broader AI-platform coverage and expect to scale. Agency-oriented plans are reported to start around **\$245/month**, with higher tiers for more tracking capacity.¹²
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** – a good fit if your agency already uses Semrush and wants AI visibility alongside traditional SEO. The reported price is **\$99/month per domain**, which can add up across several clients.¹²
- **Otterly Lite** – a low-cost way to test the workflow, reported at **\$29/month**, but its limited prompt allowance may be too restrictive for routine multi-client reporting.¹¹

Bottom line: Start by trialing Otterly Standard if client separation and predictable agency use matter most. Compare it with Peec if you need more room to scale, and verify each vendor's current project, prompt, AI-engine, and white-label limits directly—the published comparisons differ on some plan details.⁹¹¹¹²

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Cheapest way to track if ChatGPT mentions my startup

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI

Cheapest: \$0. If you mean “does ChatGPT recommend my startup when potential customers ask relevant questions?”, start with **Trackbase’s free plan**: it currently offers one brand and five ChatGPT prompts tracked daily. (trackbase.ai)

Or do it manually: write 5–10 questions buyers might ask, run the same prompts in ChatGPT once a week, and log whether your startup appears and which competitors do. Keep the prompts consistent so you can compare over time.

Important limitation: this checks ChatGPT’s answers to *your test prompts*; it won’t alert you whenever some other person asks ChatGPT about your startup. For a paid tracker, Otterly.AI is listed at about **\$29/month** for daily monitoring, but I’d try the free approach first. (pikaseo.com)

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RECOMMENDED Wellows' ChatGPT Visibility Tracker, Semrush's free AI Visibility Tool, Ahrefs Free AI Visibility Checker, Rankscale

The cheapest option is free: a manual check you repeat monthly. Paid tools only make sense if you want automated daily tracking.

Free (about \$0)

- **Manual spreadsheet check.** Write 20 to 30 questions a buyer would ask, not questions that name your brand. Run each one in a temporary chat, several times, and log whether you're named, whether your site is cited, and how you're described. Repeat monthly for free, or use a prompt tracking tool to automate daily checks. Running each prompt several times matters because ChatGPT's answers vary from run to run, so one check proves very little.
- **Free checkers for a snapshot.** Wellows' ChatGPT Visibility Tracker is listed as free with no signup, but it covers only ChatGPT. Wellows ChatGPT Visibility Tracker | ChatGPT only | Mention and rank check per prompt | Free | Yes, no signup. Semrush's free AI Visibility Tool and Ahrefs' free AI Visibility Checker also exist, and they cover more platforms. Treat any single free check as a one-time reading, not a trend.

Cheapest paid (about \$17 to \$29/month)

- **Otterly.AI Lite, \$29/month.** It tracks 15 prompts across ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity and Microsoft Copilot. One source notes it runs 15 prompts on 4 engines daily.
- **Rankscale, from \$17/month on yearly billing.** One comparison lists Essentials \$17/mo, yearly only, with 9 engines on every plan. Check the current terms, since it's a less established option.

Question m02 · Claude, continued

My recommendation: Start with the free manual test this week. If you want automatic alerts and a monthly trend line, Otterly Lite at \$29 is the lowest-cost paid option I found. Prices change often, so confirm on each vendor's pricing page before you buy.

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RECOMMENDED Searcherries, Otterly.AI MENTIONED Google Search Console

Tracking mentions in ChatGPT and other AI models is a relatively new but critical part of brand monitoring, often called **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)** or **AI Visibility tracking**. Since there is no official "Google Search Console" for AI, you have two primary ways to track this:

1. The Cheapest Way: Manual "Audit" Workflow

If you are on a tight budget, you can perform effective tracking manually. The goal is not to monitor *everything*, but to establish a "visibility baseline" by tracking how often you appear for the specific questions your customers actually ask.

- **Define Your "Buyer Prompts":** Don't just search for your company name. Create a list of 15–20 queries your customers use, such as:
 - "What is the best [product category] for [your niche]?"
 - "Compare [Competitor A] and [Competitor B]."
 - "How much does [service] cost?"
- **Use a Standardized Process:**
 - Use a **fresh, logged-out, or private/incognito browser window** each time so previous history doesn't bias the result.
 - Run the same list of questions across ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, and Perplexity (as your audience likely uses all of these).
 - **Repeat 3–5 times per prompt.** AI responses are probabilistic (they change), so a single result is not reliable.
- **Log in a Spreadsheet:** Create columns for: *Date, Platform, Prompt, Brand Mentioned (Yes/No), Position (e.g., 1st, 2nd, etc.), and Cited Source (Yes/No).*
- **Frequency:** Do this once a month. This is enough to identify trends without it becoming a full-time job.

2. The Automated Way: AI Visibility Tools

If manual tracking becomes too time-consuming, various dedicated tools have emerged. These tools automate the "prompt-and-log" process mentioned above.

Question m02 · Gemini, continued

- **Entry-Level/Budget Options:** Look for tools that offer free tiers or low-cost starter plans. Some tools like **Searcherries** and **Otterly.ai** are often cited for being more cost-effective compared to enterprise-grade platforms.
- **What to Look For:**
 - **Multi-Engine Support:** Ensure they track more than just ChatGPT (Gemini, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews are critical).
 - **Citation Tracking:** It is just as important to see *if* the AI cites your website as it is to see if it mentions your name.
 - **Competitor Benchmarking:** Choose a tool that tracks your competitors simultaneously so you can see why you might be losing "share of voice."

Key Metrics to Track

When tracking, focus on these three indicators rather than trying to chase "referral traffic" (which is often missing from AI answers):

1. **Mention Rate:** How often are you named in responses to category-level questions?
2. **Citation Rate:** How often is your website linked as a source?
3. **Share of Voice:** When your competitors are mentioned, are you included in that same shortlist?

Important Reality Check

- **It's Directional, Not Precise:** Anyone claiming they have 100% accurate, real-time data on every AI mention is oversimplifying. AI models vary by session, geography, and time. Treat your data as a **trend indicator** to see if your brand's visibility is improving over time.
- **Fix the Source First:** If you aren't appearing, it is usually because the AI doesn't have a clear, authoritative "story" about your business in its training data. Ensure your website clearly answers the questions you are tracking, uses FAQ schemas, and maintains accurate listings on review and directory sites.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI

Cheapest: do it manually for \$0. Pick 10–20 questions potential customers might ask (for example, “What are the best tools for [problem]?”), ask them in ChatGPT once a month, and record whether your startup appears in a spreadsheet. It's a useful baseline, but results can vary between runs and won't give you automatic history. ⁶

If you want automatic tracking, **Otterly.ai starts at \$29/month** and lets you monitor a set of prompts across ChatGPT and other AI search platforms. ¹⁰ Some tools advertise free tiers, but their prompt limits and monitoring frequency vary—check the current limits before signing up. ⁷

My suggestion: start with the spreadsheet; pay for a tracker only if you need recurring checks, trend history, or competitor comparisons.

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

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RECOMMENDED Searchpanel, RankX AI MENTIONED Shopify, WooCommerce, BigCommerce

For a store with **thousands of products**, prioritize a tool that connects to your catalog and reports at the **SKU or product level**—not just brand mentions across a small set of prompts.

A tool worth evaluating: Searchpanel says it provides per-SKU visibility scores, daily tracking across several AI platforms, and product-content fixes. Verify during a trial how it handles your catalog size and what it counts as a “check.” (searchpanel.ai)

Also compare: RankX AI, which says it supports Shopify, WooCommerce and other platforms, and can work from product pages, feeds or files. Its published plans start at \$49/month, but confirm product and usage limits for your catalog before choosing. (rankxai.com)

For thousands of SKUs, ask vendors:

- Can it import and sync the full catalog, including variants?
- Can it prioritize high-revenue or high-impression products instead of checking every SKU equally?
- Does it show which products and competitors appear in actual shopping answers?
- Can it report changes over time and connect visibility to traffic or sales?
- What are the limits and costs for catalog size, prompts and refresh frequency?

One caution: general AI-visibility platforms may track brand mentions well but offer little product-feed or catalog-level insight, so make sure the demo uses **your actual store data**. (triplewhale.com)

If you share your ecommerce platform (Shopify, BigCommerce, WooCommerce, etc.) and approximate SKU count, I can narrow this to a better-fit shortlist.

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RECOMMENDED Peec AI, Alhena AI Visibility, Profound, Ranketta, ReFiBuy, Nudge, Orchly, Otterly.AI MENTIONED Shopify, Google Merchant Center

For a store with thousands of products, the main requirement is **SKU-level tracking tied to your live catalog**. Brand-level tools won't show which products AI assistants recommend. Based on current 2026 comparisons, these are the strongest fits:

Best fits for thousands of SKUs

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- **Peec AI** is a strong budget pick. It launched AI Shopping Analytics on June 17, 2026, tracking visibility, win rate, position, the price AI mentions, and competing brands for each SKU. You can connect your catalog by pasting your Shopify store domain, uploading a Google Merchant Center feed, or using CSV. Pricing starts around \$95/month.
- **Alhena AI Visibility** is the most catalog-native option in one comparison. For catalogues in the thousands of SKUs, it syncs a live product feed and tracks individual products across ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity and Gemini with rendering analysis. Its paid plans start at \$199/month, with a free tier.
- **Profound** is the deepest option, but it's priced for larger budgets. Its ChatGPT-only Starter plan is \$99, and Perplexity and AI Overviews require the \$399 Growth plan. Claude, Gemini, and Grok are only available on Enterprise.

Tools that focus on fixing product data

- **Ranketta** is useful if your listings are thin. It pairs tracking with product-feed merchandising, where an AI agent rewrites titles, descriptions and attributes, then pushes them to AI shopping engines. Pricing starts at €29/month.
- **ReFiBuy** is built for enterprise catalog enrichment. It ingests product data, identifies gaps, enriches content, distributes updates, and monitors how products surface in AI shopping experiences.

Enterprise (50K+ SKUs)

- **Nudge** is aimed at SKU-level tracking, PIM/OMS/CDP integrations, SOC 2, SSO, and catalog optimization at scale.

Budget entry points

- **Orchly** starts at \$49 and offers ChatGPT shopping position and price checks against your catalog.
- **Otterly.ai** is the cheapest way to test the channel, but it charges extra for Gemini, Google AI Mode, and Claude on every tier.

Recommendation: For a catalog of thousands of SKUs on a mid-market budget, I'd shortlist **Alhena** or **Peec AI** for tracking, and consider **Ranketta** if the real problem is weak product data. Before you buy, check three things:

1. Does it sync with your platform (Shopify, Merchant Center, or your PIM)?
2. Does it track each SKU, or only brands and prompts?
3. Does it report revenue or only visibility?

Pricing and feature claims vary across the sources, and many come from vendor-affiliated blogs, so confirm current pricing and run a trial on a sample of your products. Also, the tracking tool matters less than the feed. Several sources stress that clean, machine-readable catalog data is the foundation for AI discoverability, so budget for feed quality (titles, attributes, structured data) as well.

If you tell me your platform, SKU count, and monthly budget, I can narrow this to one or two options.

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RECOMMENDED Peec AI, Ranketta, Era, Indexly, Searchable, Bazaarvoice MENTIONED GA4, Adobe Analytics

For an online store with thousands of products, your approach to AI search visibility must go beyond brand-level tracking. Because your inventory is large, you need **product-level (SKU-level) visibility**—tracking not just if your store is mentioned, but whether your specific products are recommended when shoppers ask AI engines for solutions.

Recommended AI Search Visibility Tools

The following platforms are recognized for their ability to handle large catalogs and provide the granular, SKU-level data necessary for high-volume e-commerce.

Platform	Best For	Key Strength
Peec AI	SKU-Level Analytics	Deep reporting on individual products, win rates, and attributes AI uses for comparisons.
Ranketta	Feed Optimization	Connects your product feed (XML/CSV) to an AI agent that audits and rewrites titles/descriptions to be "AI-ready."
Era	Enterprise/Multi-Region	Handles large catalogs with multi-region support; focuses on content autopilot and GEO/AEO.
Indexly	Full-Funnel Visibility	Strong for closing "citation gaps" and distributing content effectively to improve recommendation rates.
Searchable	Comprehensive Tracking	Provides a dedicated AI search agent that learns your brand voice and products to track performance across major engines.

Critical Strategy: Why Standard SEO Tools Aren't Enough

For thousands of SKUs, standard SEO tools (which track "blue link" rankings) are insufficient. AI visibility (often called **Generative Engine Optimization** or **GEO**) operates differently:

- **Move Beyond Brand Mentions:** Don't pay for tools that only tell you if your brand name appears. You need to know if your **specific products** win recommendations for intent-based queries like *"best waterproof hiking boots under \$150."*
- **Prioritize "AI-Ready" Feeds:** AI shopping assistants (like those in ChatGPT, Gemini, or Amazon Rufus) rely heavily on the structured data you provide. Tools like **Ranketta** or **Bazaarvoice** emphasize enriching your product feeds and using schema markup (JSON-LD) so AI can "understand" your product attributes, pricing, and availability.
- **The "Winner-Take-Most" Model:** In AI-generated answers, the assistant often provides a very short list. If your product isn't in that top 3-5, it effectively does not exist for that user. Focus your optimization on the high-intent queries that drive your category volume.

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How to Execute at Scale

1. **Audit Your Content Structure:** Use platforms like **Peec AI** or **Searchable** to identify which products are currently being recommended and which are ignored.
2. **Enrich Product Data:** AI systems require precise, conversational, and attribute-rich data. Ensure your product descriptions answer common buyer questions (e.g., "What are the benefits of X?" "How does it compare to Y?").
3. **Use Feedback Loops:** Implement a workflow where your visibility data informs your merchandising. If a product has high traffic but low AI citation, prioritize that SKU for content enrichment, review generation, and schema improvements.
4. **Consolidate Reporting:** For large catalogs, use enterprise-ready tools (e.g., **Era** or **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit**) to link your AI performance data with your existing traffic and revenue metrics (GA4/Adobe Analytics) to track real business impact rather than just impressions.

Recommendation: Start by evaluating **Peec AI** (for its specialized focus on SKU-level shopping analytics) or **Ranketta** (if your primary challenge is the technical quality of your product feed and catalog data).

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RECOMMENDED Goodie AI, Peec AI, Promptwatch, Orchly MENTIONED Shopify, Google Merchant Center

For a store with **thousands of products**, look for **catalog-level SKU tracking**, not just brand mentions in AI answers.

Best fit to investigate:

- **Goodie AI** – Says it monitors visibility across thousands of SKUs, syncs product data from ecommerce platforms and PIMs, and prioritizes optimization opportunities. A good candidate for a large or enterprise catalog. ¹
- **Peec AI** – Its AI Shopping view can import a Shopify store, CSV, or Google Merchant Center feed and track product visibility, position, win rate, and quoted prices. The cited comparison lists plans from \$95/month; verify current pricing and SKU limits with the vendor. ²
- **Promptwatch** – Supports catalog CSV uploads up to 5,000 rows and matches products by ID in tracked shopping answers. That makes it worth considering if your catalog is around that size and product-level monitoring is the priority. ³
- **Orchly** – Supports Shopify, CSV, and Merchant Center feed imports, with product-level shopping-answer tracking and price checks. Confirm its catalog limits and whether its automation fits your workflow. ²

My starting recommendation: shortlist **Goodie** for enterprise-scale catalogs; shortlist **Peec AI** or **Orchly** for a feed-based setup; and consider **Promptwatch** if you have up to about 5,000 products and can provide matching product IDs. These are vendor and comparison-site claims, so confirm coverage, refresh frequency, SKU limits, and pricing in a demo.

When evaluating, ask each vendor:

1. Can it ingest and refresh your full catalog automatically?
2. Does it track **individual SKUs/products** in AI shopping results, or only brand mentions?
3. Which AI platforms and shopping surfaces are covered?
4. Can it flag inaccurate prices or product details and show competitor products?

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5. What happens when your catalog exceeds its stated SKU limit?

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Which GEO tool is best for SaaS companies?

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

Assuming you mean **generative engine optimization** (getting your SaaS brand cited or recommended in AI answers): **Peec AI is my default pick for an in-house SaaS marketing team** that wants to monitor AI visibility and see which sources are being cited. It's built for marketing teams, including B2B SaaS, and its Actions feature helps turn visibility findings into next steps. It's mainly an analytics tool, though—it won't write or publish the fixes for you. (peec.ai)

Choose based on your needs:

- **Peec AI:** A practical starting point for a SaaS team focused on visibility and competitor tracking.
- **Profound:** Consider it if you're an enterprise SaaS company needing deeper reporting, broader workflows, or enterprise controls. (tryprofound.com)
- **OtterlyAI:** Consider it if you want a more budget-friendly way to monitor AI search answers; check that its engine coverage and prompt limits fit your needs. (otterly.ai)

Bottom line: I'd start with **Peec** for a typical SaaS marketing team, but pilot it against your own high-intent prompts before committing. GEO tools measure and guide optimization; no tool can guarantee that AI systems will mention your product.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Profound, Semrush, Ahrefs, AthenaHQ, Writesonic, Goodie AI, Foglift, GrackerAI, Botric

There's no single consensus winner. The best GEO tool for a SaaS company depends on budget, whether you need tracking or content execution, and whether you already use an SEO suite. Most of the "best of" lists I found were written by vendors, so treat their rankings with some caution.

Common picks by situation

- **Budget-conscious or first GEO project:** Otterly AI is the most frequently recommended entry point. One comparison lists its Lite plan at \$29/month for 15 prompts, and it's the lowest real monitoring price I found from an established tool. Its limitation is that it offers no optimization tools, so it tracks visibility without helping you fix it.
- **Mid-market tracking with clean analytics:** Peec AI comes up often. One source describes it as mid-market prompt tracking with strong multilingual coverage and transparent per-prompt pricing, though another notes it has a limited execution layer.

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- **Enterprise depth:** Profound is the usual choice for larger budgets. One review calls it the enterprise category leader for share-of-voice and answer-narrative monitoring across major engines, and it's priced at \$99 to \$5,000/Month.
- **Already using Semrush or Ahrefs:** Their AI add-ons may be the simplest path. One guide suggests use their AI add-ons first, and Semrush's AI Visibility lists a Base plan at \$99 per month per domain when billed annually.
- **Tracking plus content and action:** AthenaHQ, Writesonic, and Goodie AI are the usual options. One source describes AthenaHQ as SEO and AI visibility integration in one platform, though that's from a different tool's row; for AthenaHQ specifically, another source says it turns gaps into assignable optimization tasks.

Tools marketed specifically for SaaS

Some SaaS-focused options are Foglift, GrackerAI, and Botric. Foglift's own blog names itself the top pick, and GrackerAI's source describes itself as the only tool here built specifically for B2B SaaS. Those claims are self-promotional, so verify them before relying on them.

How to choose

1. Decide whether you need monitoring only or monitoring plus content and technical fixes.
2. Check engine coverage and prompt limits. One guide warns that a cheap plan gets expensive fast once you add the engines you actually care about.
3. Test with your own buyer prompts, such as "best [your category] tool for [use case]," during free trials. Most of these vendors offer one.

If you tell me your budget, team size, and whether you need content creation, I can narrow this to two or three options.

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RECOMMENDED Botric, GeoGenie, Spike AI, GrackerAI, AthenaHQ, Peec AI, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Ahrefs Brand Radar

In the context of SaaS, the term "GEO" has evolved to represent **Generative Engine Optimization**, which is distinct from traditional geographic or location-based tools.

If you are looking to improve your SaaS product's visibility in AI search results (like ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews), you are looking for **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO) tools**.

Top GEO Tools for SaaS

The "best" tool depends on whether you primarily need to **monitor** your visibility or **actively optimize** your content to gain more citations.

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- **For Comprehensive Strategy & Content Workflow:**
 - **Botric:** Highly regarded for tracking visibility across all major AI engines (ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, Perplexity) and offering content drafting capabilities to close visibility gaps.
 - **GeoGenie:** Specifically built for SaaS marketing teams, focusing on the "shadow funnel"—the phenomenon where buyers research tools directly in AI chatbots rather than on search engines.
 - **Spike AI:** Focuses on bridging the gap between identifying GEO requirements and executing them through actionable, weekly content fixes.
- **For Monitoring & Specialized Analysis:**
 - **GrackerAI:** Often cited as a strong choice for B2B SaaS, specifically because it includes content generation within its entry-level plans, making it very "actionable".
 - **AthenaHQ:** A solid option for teams prioritizing citation monitoring with a free entry tier and an enterprise-grade "Citation Engine".
 - **Peec AI:** Offers granular tracking of brand mentions, useful if you need to monitor how your brand appears across specific LLM versions.
- **For Teams Already Using SEO Suites:**
 - **Semrush (AI Visibility Toolkit) & Ahrefs (Brand Radar):** If your team is already heavily invested in these platforms, their native AI visibility add-ons are often the most efficient starting point, as they layer AI data over your existing SEO infrastructure.

Key Distinction: GEO vs. Geolocation

To avoid confusion, ensure you are selecting the right category of tool:

Tool Category	Primary Purpose	Best For
GEO (Generative Engine Optimization)	Improving visibility in AI chatbot answers (e.g., ChatGPT/Perplexity).	SaaS companies wanting to win "best tool for..." queries.
Geolocation / Location Intelligence	Using physical location data for marketing or app functionality (e.g., Maps, regional personalization).	Local businesses, mobile apps, or SaaS with location-dependent features.

Recommendation: If you are a SaaS company aiming to capture demand from AI-driven search, start by auditing your current "AI Presence Score" using a platform like **Botric** or **GrackerAI**. Focus on tools that provide a **worklist of content fixes** rather than just a dashboard of "mention" statistics, as the latter will not improve your actual visibility.

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

For most SaaS companies, Peec AI is a good default starting point: it focuses on tracking AI visibility and competitor mentions, which helps teams see whether their product appears in the category and comparison prompts buyers use. A recent SaaS-focused comparison lists it as a straightforward option for AI visibility and competitor tracking ².

Choose based on what you need:

- **Peec AI:** a practical starting point for monitoring brand mentions and competitors ².
- **Profound:** consider it for enterprise-scale reporting and workflows ².
- **OtterlyAI:** consider it if budget is the main constraint ⁴.
- **Semrush or Ahrefs:** consider their AI visibility features if your team already uses those SEO platforms ⁴.

There isn't a universal winner: GEO-tool comparisons vary in their rankings and reported pricing. Before committing, trial your shortlist against the prompts your buyers actually search—such as “best [category] software” and “[your product] vs. [competitor]”—and check whether the tool tracks the AI platforms and citations that matter to you. ²¹⁰

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AI visibility tool for a local service business with one location

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RECOMMENDED BrightLocal (top pick)

For a one-location local service business, I'd start with BrightLocal's Local AI Visibility. It tracks whether your business appears for local prompts in ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, and Google AI Mode, compares you with nearby competitors, and shows which sources AI cites. You can track up to 20 prompts for your location. (brightlocal.com)

It's included in BrightLocal plans starting at \$31/month, and there's a 14-day free trial. (brightlocal.com)

One caveat: treat its score as a **directional tracking metric**, not an official ranking from the AI platforms. If you only want to try the idea first, BrightLocal also offers a free local AI visibility checker. (brightlocal.com)

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RECOMMENDED BrightLocal, Local Falcon, HubSpot's AI Search Grader NEGATIVE Yext Scout, Profound, Scrunch, AthenaHQ

Short answer: For one location, start with BrightLocal's Local AI Visibility if you want one subscription that also covers local SEO basics. Choose Local Falcon if you want to see how AI answers change across your service area. Use Otterly if you're on a tight budget and will write your own prompts. Enterprise tools aren't worth it at this scale.

Top picks

- **BrightLocal (about \$41/mo):** This is the tool most aimed at a single local business. It gives a 0–100 visibility score for your specific location, broken down by platform (ChatGPT, Google AI Mode, Google AI Overviews) and by prompt, and it benchmarks you against competitors. Up to 20 prompts per location are included. One reviewer notes that it's best for a single-location owner who wants AI tracking bundled with local SEO basics. Its listed drawback is 20 prompts, manual refresh only for now.
- **Local Falcon (from about \$24.99/mo):** This is the best option if you care about neighborhoods, not just the city. It tracks local brand visibility across eight AI platforms, building on its Google Maps and Apple Maps rank tracking. The AI tracking runs separately from the map grid, so you won't get a street-by-street AI map. Pricing is credit-based, and credits drain fast on big grids.
- **Otterly.AI (from \$29/mo):** This is the cheapest dedicated tracker. One review says fifteen prompts is plenty for a single-location business, as long as you write them the way locals ask, town name included. Its weakness is that it has no city setting, so location comes only from the prompt wording.

Free starting point: HubSpot's AI Search Grader is a one-time check of how a few AI tools describe your brand. It grades the brand, not a location, and it doesn't keep watching. Use it to get a baseline before paying.

Likely overkill: Yext Scout is built for multi-location businesses. Profound, Scrunch, and AthenaHQ are priced for enterprise or multi-location teams, usually \$250 a month or more.

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Before you buy:

- Prices change often and vary across sources. Confirm current pricing and free trials on each vendor's site.
- Check whether the tool samples results from your actual location. Many trackers only set a country, which misses how ChatGPT answers a 'near me' question.
- Pick tools that track the AI platforms your customers use. Coverage varies a lot between products.
- Tracking is only useful if you act on it. Most of the gains for a local business come from accurate Google Business Profile details, reviews, and service-area pages.

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RECOMMENDED BrightLocal, Otterly.AI, Localo

For a local service business with a single location, the goal of "AI visibility" is to ensure that when customers ask platforms like ChatGPT, Perplexity, or Google AI Overviews for recommendations, your business is recognized, understood, and recommended by name.

Because you are a single-location business, you do not need enterprise-grade software. You need tools that focus on **local entity accuracy, citation tracking, and AI-specific prompt monitoring**.

Recommended Tools for Single-Location Businesses

The following tools are well-suited for smaller teams and single-location businesses looking to improve their presence in AI-driven search results:

- **BrightLocal (Local AI Visibility):** Excellent for small businesses already focused on local SEO. Their built-in "Local AI Visibility" feature allows you to track how your business shows up across major AI engines for specific "best of" or local service prompts. It bridges the gap between traditional local SEO (Google Business Profile) and new AI-driven discovery.
- **Otterly.AI:** A strong, lower-cost option designed for self-service prompt and citation monitoring. It tracks your brand's presence across key AI search engines (ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, and Microsoft Copilot) and is ideal for businesses that want to stay updated on their AI "share of voice" without high monthly fees.
- **Localo:** This tool is highly recommended for businesses that want a "guided" approach. Instead of just giving you data, it acts like an AI consultant by analyzing your Google Business Profile and website, then providing a specific, prioritized checklist of what to fix (e.g., "add photos to this category," "update this attribute") to improve your visibility.

The "4-Layer" Strategy for AI Visibility

You do not need to rely solely on expensive software. AI visibility is largely built on how well you structure your online "identity." Most experts recommend focusing on these four pillars:

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1. **Google Business Profile (GBP) Optimization:** This remains the foundation. Ensure your name, address, phone number (NAP), and service categories are perfectly consistent and updated. AI engines pull heavily from your GBP to verify your existence and location.
2. **Website Structure (Schema):** Your website needs to be "readable" by AI. Use **LocalBusiness Schema** (structured data) to explicitly tell AI engines what your business is, where it is located, its operating hours, and the services you provide. If this information is hidden in images or scripts, AI will struggle to "see" it.
3. **Third-Party Citations:** AI systems "corroborate" your information by looking at other sites. Ensure your business is accurately listed on key directories (Yelp, industry-specific sites, and local chamber of commerce pages). If your competitors appear on more authoritative lists or directories than you, they are more likely to be recommended by AI.
4. **Review Sentiment & Frequency:** AI engines analyze the content of your reviews to determine if you are "highly rated for [specific service]." Encourage customers to mention specific services in their reviews, as these keywords help AI "learn" what you are best at.

How to Get Started (Without Spending Thousands)

- **Run a Manual Audit:** Before buying a tool, go to ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini. Ask them questions your customers would ask, such as: *"Who is the best [your service] in [your city]?"* See who appears and, crucially, look at what **sources** the AI cites.
- **Identify the Gaps:** If an AI engine recommends a competitor, look at the sources it linked to for that competitor. Is it a specific directory, a local news article, or a specific page on their website? That is your roadmap for what you need to build or update.
- **Prioritize Reviews:** If you have limited time, focus on your reviews first. They are often the most influential "signal" that raises your ranking floor in AI responses.

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RECOMMENDED **BrightLocal**, **Local Falcon**

For a **one-location local service business**, I'd start with **BrightLocal** if you want AI visibility tracking alongside everyday local SEO tools. Its AI visibility feature is included in plans starting around **\$31/month**, with up to 20 prompts per location; it also covers local rankings, reviews, and citations. ¹

If your main concern is **where you rank across your service area**, consider **Local Falcon** instead. It uses map grids to show visibility at different search points, with plans starting at **\$24.99/month**; credit use depends on how many locations and grid points you scan. ²

Quick pick: BrightLocal for an all-in-one local SEO subscription; Local Falcon for service-area map visibility. Pricing and features can change, so check the vendors' current plan details before subscribing. ¹²

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APPENDIX A · QUESTION M06 · MID · COMPARE · INFORMATIONAL

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

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BRANDS READ none

An SEO tool measures and helps improve your visibility in traditional search results. An AI visibility tool measures whether—and how—your brand appears in answers from AI assistants and answer engines.

	SEO tool	AI visibility tool
Looks at	Search rankings, keywords, clicks, indexing, technical issues, backlinks	Brand mentions, recommendations, and linked sources in AI-generated answers
Typical question	“Do we rank for this search?”	“When someone asks an AI about this, does it mention or cite us?”
Useful for	Finding and fixing search-performance problems	Seeing how your brand is represented across AI answers

There’s considerable overlap: clear, useful content and solid technical SEO can help with both. Google says its usual SEO fundamentals still apply to its AI search features, with no separate special optimization required. (developers.google.com) But a traditional rank tracker generally won’t tell you what ChatGPT, Gemini, or Perplexity says about your brand; AI visibility tools typically track those mentions and citations across selected prompts and platforms. (hubspot.com)

Do you need both?

- **Start with SEO** if you need to choose one. It covers the foundation: whether search engines can find your site and whether people reach it through search.
- **Add AI visibility tracking** if buyers are likely to research your category through AI assistants, or if you need to monitor how your brand and competitors are described there.
- **You may not need a paid AI tool yet.** First, manually test a small set of real customer questions across the AI services your audience uses. If you do buy a tracker, check which platforms it actually covers and how it gathers answers; treat its scores as directional, since they reflect sampled prompts rather than a universal ranking. (searchable.com)

Bottom line: SEO tools measure search performance; AI visibility tools measure presence in AI answers. For most businesses, SEO is the baseline, and AI tracking is an optional layer when it answers a real marketing question.

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MENTIONED Semrush, Ahrefs, Ahrefs Brand Radar

Short answer: Traditional SEO tools measure how you rank in Google. AI visibility tools measure whether AI assistants mention or cite you. Since the two overlap, many people can start with one platform that covers both, and add a dedicated AI tool only if AI discovery matters a lot to your business.

How they differ

- **What they measure:** Traditional SEO tools track keyword positions and organic traffic from Google. AI visibility tools check whether your brand shows up in AI-generated answers. Traditional SEO tools track keyword rankings and organic traffic from Google. AI visibility tracking tools go further: they monitor whether your brand appears in AI-generated answers.
- **Unit of measurement:** AI engines don't work like a ranked list. AI engines like ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity don't rank pages, they cite sources. So AI tools focus on things like mention frequency, citations, and share of voice across prompts.
- **How the work is done:** AI tools run a set of prompts through several AI platforms and record the answers. This has a practical drawback. With AI visibility tools you need to know what prompts to track in advance. SEO tools can surface new keywords on their own, but AI tools depend on you choosing the questions to ask.
- **Coverage:** Many AI tools also report on sentiment and on which sources AI engines pull from, which SEO tools generally don't do.

Do you need both?

They are complementary rather than interchangeable. Your SEO work still feeds AI visibility. Content that ranks highly in Google is more likely to be cited by AI engines. That said, the overlap is not complete. One source notes that only 14% of AI Mode citations come from top-10 Google results, so good rankings don't guarantee AI citations.

Platform choice matters too. Semrush and Ahrefs have added AI tracking, but one vendor comparison argues that these are bolt-on additions to SEO infrastructure. They typically cover 1-3 AI models and use limited prompt samples. Dedicated tools generally cover more models, though they cost more. Sources also differ on pricing: one lists Lite - \$129/month for Ahrefs Brand Radar, plus its base plan.

A practical way to decide

- **Start with an SEO platform** if your customers mostly find you through Google, or your budget is limited. Check whether its AI add-on covers the assistants your customers actually use.
- **Add a dedicated AI visibility tool** if buyers in your market research through ChatGPT, Perplexity, or Google's AI answers, if you're in a competitive category, or if brand reputation in AI answers matters to you.
- **Get both** if AI is a meaningful channel. The most useful setup is usually one tool for rankings and technical SEO, plus one for prompt-level AI tracking.

Most of the sources above are vendor blogs that sell these products, so their rankings and claims about their own strengths should be checked against a trial or your own data.

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The fundamental difference between an SEO tool and an AI visibility tool lies in **what they measure and how they define "success"**.

The Core Difference

- **SEO Tools (The "List" Strategy):**
 - **Goal:** To help you rank in a list of blue links on search engine results pages (SERPs).
 - **Measurement:** They track keyword rankings, organic traffic, clicks, and impressions.
 - **Focus:** They monitor how well your site is optimized for search engine crawlers, looking at backlinks, technical health, and keyword density.
- **AI Visibility Tools (The "Answer" Strategy):**
 - **Goal:** To help your brand get mentioned, cited, or recommended inside an AI-generated answer (e.g., in ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, or Perplexity).
 - **Measurement:** They track "mentions," "citations," and "share of voice" within conversational AI responses.
 - **Focus:** They monitor how AI models perceive your brand, whether they associate you with the right expertise, and whether your content is being used to synthesize answers for users.

Do You Need Both?

In most cases, yes—but they serve different parts of your workflow.

Think of them as complementary, not competing, investments. Here is why you typically need both:

1. **SEO is your foundation:** Strong technical SEO (site speed, mobile-friendliness, clean structure) is often the "entry ticket" for AI. AI models frequently crawl the web and rely on the same high-quality, authoritative pages that rank well in traditional search. Without a solid SEO base, you may struggle to be "trusted" by AI models.
2. **Different user behaviors:**
 - **SEO tools** help you capture users who are in "research mode," looking through lists of options to make a decision.
 - **AI visibility tools** help you capture users who are in "answer mode," looking for a quick, definitive recommendation without clicking through multiple links.
3. **Different blind spots:** A rank tracker will not tell you if an AI is giving your competitor credit for your unique insights or ignoring your brand entirely in a summary. Conversely, an AI visibility tool won't help you fix a broken site structure or a technical crawl issue on your website.

Question m06 · Gemini, continued

Summary Recommendation

- **Keep your SEO tools** to maintain the health, traffic, and discoverability of your website.
- **Add an AI visibility tool** if your business relies on being a "top-of-mind" recommendation or if you are losing traffic to "zero-click" AI summaries.

Many modern platforms are beginning to integrate both, but the key is to ensure you are measuring **outcomes** (rankings vs. citations) rather than just features.

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RECOMMENDED Google Search Console

An **SEO tool** measures how your website performs in conventional search: keyword rankings, organic traffic, backlinks, technical issues, and sometimes content opportunities.

An **AI visibility tool** checks how your brand or pages show up in AI-generated answers—for example, whether ChatGPT or Perplexity mentions you, whether your pages are cited, and how your visibility compares with competitors. These tools often track prompts, citations, and share of voice rather than rankings alone.⁵⁷

Do you need both? Usually, not right away.

- **Start with SEO basics** if you need to improve your site, attract search traffic, or haven't yet built a solid SEO process. Google says many foundational SEO practices also apply to its AI search features.¹
- **Add AI visibility tracking** if customers in your market use AI answer tools to research or compare options, or if you need to know whether your brand is being mentioned and cited there. It can reveal coverage that ordinary rank tracking won't.⁵⁷
- **Avoid paying for duplicate features:** some platforms bundle AI tracking with SEO, and Google Search Console provides data about your site's appearances in Google's AI search features.¹²

Question m06 · Perplexity, continued

A practical rule: use **SEO tools to improve how people find your pages**; use **AI visibility tools to understand whether AI answers include or recommend your brand**. If budget is tight, get the SEO fundamentals in place first, then add dedicated AI tracking when you have a clear business question it can answer.

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APPENDIX A · QUESTION M07 · MID · RECOMMEND · DECISION

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

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RECOMMENDED Google Alerts (top pick), EyeOut Starter

For a solo founder, I'd start with **Google Alerts** for free, then add a paid tool only if you need more than web/news coverage.

- **Free, simplest:** Set alerts for your exact brand name, your domain, common misspellings, and your own name. It's a lightweight baseline, but it won't give you the full social-listening picture.
- **Paid, still founder-friendly:** **EyeOut Starter** is listed at **\$39/month** and includes up to three keywords, AI sentiment analysis, a daily digest, and monitoring across Google News, Reddit, Hacker News, and other listed sources. It's a reasonable option if you want a tidy, low-effort feed. (eyeout.com)
- **Another low-cost option:** **MentionDrop** says it starts at **\$29/month**, with AI summaries and sentiment; check its source coverage against the places your customers actually talk. (mentiondrop.com)

My practical pick: Try Google Alerts first. If it misses conversations you care about—especially on Reddit or forums—trial a paid monitor and see whether its alerts are genuinely useful before subscribing. If by “AI brand monitoring” you mean *whether ChatGPT or other AI assistants recommend your company*, that's a different category from tracking ordinary web and social mentions.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI (top pick), Awario, Google Alerts, Peec AI MENTIONED Brand24 NEGATIVE Meltwater, Mention

Short answer: Start with **Otterly AI** for checking what ChatGPT, Perplexity, and similar tools say about you. Add **Awario** (or free Google Alerts) for mentions on social media and the web. Together that's roughly \$29 to \$60 a month, or free if you skip the paid mention tracker.

Why two tools: One analysis suggests most organizations benefit from a two-tool stack because social listening captures human conversations while AI visibility tools track ephemeral model-generated responses that influence purchasing decisions. A solo founder can start with one and add the other later.

Top picks

- **Otterly AI (AI answers):** Its starting plan is \$29/month, covering four major LLMs. It answers the most pressing question without the dashboard complexity that slows down a solo founder: is my brand being cited, and for which keywords? Note that the cheapest tier is limited. One review says it caps prompts at 15 and tracks a single workspace.

Question m07 · Claude, continued

- **Awario (social and web mentions):** It's the budget choice for paid mention tracking. One source lists Starter at \$29/month billed annually (\$49/month if paid monthly) covers 3 topics, 30,000 mentions per month, and 1 team member.
- **Google Alerts (free):** It's the zero-cost fallback, but you have to accept significant coverage gaps. It misses social media entirely.
- **Peec AI (if Otterly's limits bite):** It's an alternative for AI visibility, starting at \$95/month per one listing.

What to avoid for now: Enterprise tools. Meltwater contracts typically start at \$6,000 per year and can easily exceed \$25,000. Mention's single Company plan starting at \$599/month is also out of reach for most solo founders.

Pricing caveat: Prices vary a lot between sources and change often. Brand24 is listed at anywhere from \$79 to \$249 a month across different reviews, so check each vendor's pricing page before you buy. Most of these tools offer free trials, so you can test one for a couple of weeks.

Suggested setup (about 15 minutes a week):

1. Pick 10 to 20 prompts a buyer would type, such as "best [your category] tool for [customer type]."
2. Track your brand and your top two or three competitors in Otterly.
3. Set up Google Alerts or Awario for your brand name, product name, and common misspellings.
4. Once a week, note any wrong or outdated descriptions of your product and fix the source pages.

If you tell me your budget, your category, and whether you care more about AI search or social mentions, I can narrow this down.

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RECOMMENDED F5Bot, KWatch NEGATIVE Brandwatch, Meltwater, Sprinklr

As a solo founder, you need tools that offer high leverage—automating the "listening" part so you can focus on the "doing" part.

Because "brand monitoring" in 2026 covers two distinct areas—**Social Listening** (what people say on social/forums) and **AI Visibility** (how AI tools like ChatGPT or Perplexity describe you)—the best approach for a solo founder is to start with a focused tool rather than an expensive, all-in-one enterprise platform.

Question m07 · Gemini, continued

1. For "AI Visibility" (How AI engines talk about you)

If your goal is to ensure you aren't being "hallucinated" out of existence or skipped over when potential customers ask AI for recommendations, look at these lightweight options:

- **Botric:** Excellent for solo founders because it doesn't just monitor; it helps you act. It tracks your mentions across major LLMs (ChatGPT, Perplexity, etc.) and includes a "Content Agent" to help you create content that fills those visibility gaps. It has a very accessible entry-level price point.
- **Peec.ai:** A straightforward, budget-friendly choice that focuses entirely on AI search visibility. It's great if you want a clean dashboard without the bloat of marketing-heavy features.
- **Otterly AI (otterly.ai):** Often cited as a low-cost, effective starting point if your primary need is simply tracking mentions, citations, and prompt performance across different AI models.

2. For "Social & Web Listening" (What humans say about you)

If you need to track Reddit, X, and general web mentions to catch PR issues or customer feedback:

- **Google Alerts (google.com):** Always the best starting point for a solo founder. It is free, simple, and effective for basic web mentions. Do not pay for a premium tool until you have proven that you have enough incoming volume to justify it.
- **Brand24:** If you eventually need something more robust, this is the industry standard for "AI-enhanced" social listening. It is powerful but remains relatively accessible for smaller teams compared to enterprise giants like Brandwatch or Meltwater.
- **Community Trackers (e.g., F5Bot, KWatch):** These are "niche" tools that monitor platforms like Reddit and Hacker News specifically. They are often cheaper and more effective for solo founders who need to engage in developer or founder communities rather than broad social media.

Recommended "Solo Founder" Strategy

1. **Start with the Basics (Free):** Set up **Google Alerts** for your brand name and your main competitors. Use a free tier or trial of **Botric** or **Otterly AI** to see if your brand is actually appearing in AI search results.
2. **Pick One "Deep" Tool:** Once you see where the noise is coming from, pick **one** paid tool that covers your biggest blind spot (e.g., if you are a SaaS, focus on AI visibility; if you are a consumer brand, focus on social/review sites).
3. **Avoid "Feature Overload":** Do not pay for enterprise tools (Brandwatch, Meltwater, Sprinklr). They are designed for teams of 10+ people and will require more time to manage than you have.

Crucial Advice: The most common mistake solo founders make is treating "monitoring" as a task that ends with reading a report. **Pick a tool that helps you execute.** If a tool tells you "you are not mentioned in this AI summary," it should ideally help you write the content that fixes that problem.

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RECOMMENDED Google Alerts (top pick)

For a solo founder, **start with Google Alerts** if you mainly want basic web coverage at no cost. Set alerts for your company name, product name, and common misspellings, then send them to your inbox. It's simple, but it won't give you the same breadth of social listening, prioritization, or AI summaries as a paid tool.

If you want a single dashboard that does more of the sorting for you, **Brand24 is a practical paid option**: its Individual plan is listed at **\$249/month, or \$199/month billed annually**, for one user, three keywords, and up to 2,000 mentions/month. It includes AI sentiment analysis, reports, and alerts; the tradeoff is that the entry plan refreshes every 12 hours, rather than in real time. There's a 14-day trial. ¹³

A lightweight setup:

1. Monitor your brand name, product name, and one key competitor.
2. Turn on alerts for negative mentions; use a daily digest for everything else.
3. Spend 10 minutes each week checking what customers praise, complain about, or ask for repeatedly.

My pick: use Google Alerts first if you're keeping costs down; choose Brand24 if you're already spending time manually checking social media, forums, and news. Pricing and plan details can change, so confirm them on the vendor's pricing page before subscribing. ¹³

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How do I report AI visibility to clients each month?

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RECOMMENDED Search Console, Bing Webmaster Tools

Treat **AI visibility** as a **set of signals, not one magic score**. Each month, show clients whether their brand or pages appeared in AI answers, how that changed, and what you'll do next—while keeping visibility separate from traffic and leads.

A simple monthly report

1. Executive summary

- One sentence on the biggest change: “More of our priority pages appeared in AI answers this month, but referral traffic has not yet moved.”
- One win, one concern, and one priority for next month.

2. Visibility trend

Report month-over-month:

- **Google AI impressions:** use Search Console's Generative AI performance report for AI Overviews and AI Mode; show impressions and the pages receiving them. It does not show every AI platform. (support.google.com)
- **AI citations:** use Bing Webmaster Tools' AI Performance report for citations, cited pages, and grounding queries across its supported AI experiences. Bing says its data is a sample, so treat it as a trend signal, not a complete count. (bing.com)
- **Prompt-based tracking:** if you use a third-party tracker, report the brand's mention or citation rate against a **fixed set of relevant prompts** and competitors. Label it as a sampled estimate, not a universal measure.

3. What the answers said

Show a few representative examples:

- Was the brand mentioned or cited?
- Was the description accurate and favorable?
- Which page or outside source was referenced?
- Which important questions did competitors appear for instead?

4. Business impact

Track AI-referral visits and conversions in analytics where they can be identified, and compare them with overall organic traffic, leads, and branded search. Don't imply that a citation caused a lead unless the tracking supports that conclusion.

5. Actions and next steps

Close with 2–3 specific items: for example, update a page that is being cited, improve a weak answer to a buyer question, or strengthen measurement. Tie each action to the observation behind it.

Make comparisons fair

Keep the prompt list, competitors, platforms, location, and checking method consistent month to month. Note any changes in the methodology. AI answers can vary, and tools cover different surfaces, so avoid presenting third-party “visibility scores” as directly comparable to official platform data.

Question m08 · ChatGPT, continued

A useful one-slide summary is: **What changed → evidence → why it matters → what we'll do next**. Google now offers a dedicated Search Console report for generative AI impressions, while Bing's report provides citation-oriented signals; keep those metrics distinct rather than blending them into one score. (support.google.com)

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RECOMMENDED Search Console, GA4

Here's a practical monthly process, built from current agency guidance.

1. Lock a fixed prompt panel

Choose a set of queries that stays the same from month to month. One guide suggests 30–60 queries per client, focusing on buying intent, comparison moments, and brand accuracy. Another recommends a prompt library of 15–50 queries across brand, category, and comparison clusters. Keep the panel fixed so month-over-month comparisons mean something.

2. Collect the data

- Run the same prompts in ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, and others. Manual testing works, or you can use a monitoring tool.
- Use first-party data where it exists. Search Console's generative AI report covers AI Overviews and AI Mode impressions, but it doesn't show the question behind it, the answer text, or competitors. For ChatGPT, there's no mention data, only referral visits that show up in analytics, usually tagged with `utm_source=chatgpt.com`.
- Log each answer in a sheet, one row per answer, noting brand mentioned (yes/no), position, competitors named, sentiment, and cited URLs.

3. Calculate the core metrics

- **Presence rate:** the share of tested prompts where your brand appears.
- **Share of voice:** your mentions divided by all tracked brand mentions in those answers. For example, one guide's formula is (Your brand mentions / Total brand mentions across all tracked brands) × 100.
- **Citations:** which of your pages the engines link to.
- **Accuracy and sentiment:** whether the description of the brand is correct and favorable.
- **AI referral sessions and conversions** from GA4.

4. Build the report

A common structure is a one-page summary followed by supporting detail. One guide recommends that page one carry four numbers: 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. The per-engine split, citation sources, and methodology go on later pages. Other useful sections are:

- An executive summary with the trend (up, down, or stable).

Question m08 · Claude, continued

- The specific prompts tested and how the brand appeared in each.
- Pages cited and by which platform.
- Changes made that month (directory listings, structured data, third-party mentions).
- Next month's actions, with owners and due dates.

Rename jargon for clients. One agency suggests translating "Presence Rate" into how often your brand shows up in AI answers.

5. Handle the caveats

- **AI answers vary between runs.** Run prompts more than once, and show a range or confidence band rather than a single exact number.
- **Don't add metrics together.** Impressions, citations, and visits measure different things. One guide notes that summing these metrics is mathematically meaningless, so report them as separate measures.
- **Set a baseline first.** If you have no controlled baseline, make the first month a baseline rather than announcing a percentage gain.
- **Be upfront about attribution limits.** Zero-click attribution isn't clean, but branded search lift, surveys, UTM tracking, and lag analysis all help.

6. Run the monthly routine

Set a fixed calendar: re-run the panel, log results, update the calculations, write the summary, review it internally, then send. Many agencies also add a weekly internal check and a quarterly strategy review, since a three-tier AI visibility reporting system: weekly tactical, monthly operational, and quarterly strategic keeps each report focused on one job.

If you tell me how many clients you have, which engines matter most, and whether you're doing this manually or with a tool, I can draft a report template or a tracking spreadsheet.

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RECOMMENDED n8n, Zapier

Reporting AI visibility and performance to clients requires a shift from simply listing tasks to demonstrating **tangible business outcomes and transparent processes**. Because "AI visibility" can refer to both *brand presence in AI search results* (e.g., ChatGPT/Perplexity) and *the use of AI in your service delivery*, you should tailor your approach to address both.

1. Define What You Are Reporting

Before building the report, clarify which type of "AI visibility" the client is asking about:

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- **AI Search Visibility:** How often and in what context the brand is mentioned or recommended by AI tools.
- **AI-Powered Delivery:** Transparency regarding how you use AI to improve their results, save time, or generate insights.

2. Best Practices for Transparent Reporting

Transparency builds trust, especially as regulations (like the EU AI Act) and ethical standards evolve.

- **Distinguish Human vs. AI:** Always clarify when AI is assisting (e.g., "AI-drafted with human review") versus when a human is making the final decision.
- **Translate to Impact:** Avoid technical jargon (e.g., "token counts"). Instead, use "impact-oriented" language (e.g., "AI-driven content generation increased production speed by 30% while maintaining brand voice").
- **Contextualize Metrics:** AI metrics (like engagement or visibility) are meaningless in isolation. Always compare them to non-AI baselines or previous periods to show the "delta"—the real value AI added.
- **Include Limitations:** Be upfront about what AI cannot do or where it might fluctuate (e.g., data lags, hallucinations, or lack of niche contextual nuance).

3. Recommended Reporting Structure

Use a consistent, clean structure for every monthly report:

Section	What to Include
Executive Summary	High-level win: "AI tools helped us identify X opportunity, resulting in Y outcome".
AI Performance Metrics	Use "North Star" metrics (e.g., ROI, conversion rate, or recommendation frequency in AI search).
Transparency Disclosure	Briefly note the AI tools used for the client's work this month to maintain ethical standards.
Insights & "Why"	Don't just show charts; explain the <i>cause</i> behind the trends.
Next Steps	Actionable recommendations based on the AI-driven data.

4. Efficient Workflow Tips

- **Automate, Don't Manualize:** Use AI agents or automation platforms (like n8n, Zapier, or native CRM integrations) to pull data from your sources directly into your reporting templates.
- **"Human-in-the-Loop" Review:** Use AI to draft the narrative of your report, but **always** perform a human review to verify accuracy and add strategic value.
- **Standardize Templates:** Use a reusable template or a custom prompt for your reporting tool. This ensures consistency and prevents you from "starting from scratch" every month.
- **Establish a Feedback Loop:** Provide a clear channel (or a link in the report) where clients can ask questions or challenge AI-generated findings.

By treating AI as a "copilot" that supports your expert judgment, you position yourself as a strategic partner rather than just a service provider.

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Treat AI visibility as a **monthly, sampled indicator**, not as a direct measure of traffic or revenue. The most useful report is consistent month to month: same prompts, engines, markets, and competitors.

A simple monthly workflow

1. **Set a fixed prompt set.** Use real customer questions from search queries, sales conversations, and support. Group them by topic or intent—such as informational, comparison, and purchase prompts. Keep the wording stable, and note the number of prompts in the report. ⁶¹⁴
1. **Check the same AI platforms each month.** For each prompt and platform, record whether the client is mentioned, whether its site is cited, which competitors appear, and which pages or domains are cited. Answers can vary between runs, so consider repeating prompts several times and reporting the rate rather than relying on a single result. ⁹¹⁴
1. **Report a small set of clear metrics:**
 - **Mention rate:** responses naming the brand ÷ total responses.
 - **Citation rate:** responses citing the brand’s content ÷ total responses.
 - **AI share of voice:** the brand’s mentions relative to tracked competitors.
 - **Platform and topic breakdowns:** where visibility is improving or lagging.
 - **AI referral visits and conversions:** from analytics, shown separately from visibility metrics. ³⁶¹⁴
1. **Compare with last month and explain the movement.** Include the change, notable prompts or pages behind it, and a short action list—for example, improving a page that competitors are being cited for.

Suggested one-page report

Area	This month	Previous month	Takeaway
Mention rate			

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Area	This month	Previous month	Takeaway
Citation rate			
Share of voice			
Visibility by platform			
Top cited client pages			
AI referral visits / conversions			

Add a brief methodology note: prompt count, platforms, market/language, number of runs, and how you define “mention,” “citation,” and share of voice. Keep platform results visible rather than combining everything into one score; if you do use a composite score, explain its formula and weights.⁴¹⁵

The key is to present the results as a **consistent trend from a defined sample**, not a definitive measure of how often every AI user sees the client.¹⁴¹⁵

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APPENDIX A · QUESTION M09 · MID · RECOMMEND · DECISION

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

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RECOMMENDED Ahrefs Brand Radar, Meltwater GenAI Lens, Profound, Peec AI, Trendos, Measure

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

- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** – tracks both; Claude is available for **custom prompts**, while its broader index covers other platforms. (help.ahrefs.com)
- **Meltwater GenAI Lens** – tracks both, alongside other AI platforms; geared toward PR and brand-monitoring teams. (meltwater.com)
- **Profound** – listed among platforms covering both Claude and Perplexity. (searchengineland.com)
- **Peec AI** – its current help material includes Claude and Perplexity features, though check the plan and reporting view you need before choosing. (help.peec.ai)
- **Trendos** – says it tracks both, including on its free plan. (trendos.com)
- **Measure** – tracks both, but its scan frequency varies by plan. (measure.co)

If you want a straightforward shortlist: **Ahrefs** for SEO-adjacent research, **Meltwater** for PR/earned-media analysis, and **Profound or Peec AI** for dedicated AI-answer monitoring. Check whether Claude is included in the specific tier and whether the tool measures answers from the consumer-facing service or via an API—that can affect what you're actually tracking.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Writesonic, Scrunch AI, Rankscale, Semrush AI Toolkit, Evertune, Allmond, Visiblie, Frase, Gauge, Athena (AthenaHQ), LLMrefs MENTIONED Otterly.AI, Peec AI NEGATIVE SE Visible, Ahrefs Brand Radar

Several tools cover Claude and Perplexity alongside ChatGPT. Coverage varies a lot, and many of the sources are vendor-written roundups, so check each tool's current engine list before buying.

Tools that list Claude and Perplexity in their standard coverage:

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- **Profound:** Its tracks brand visibility across 10+ AI engines: ChatGPT, Perplexity, both Google AI formats, Gemini, Copilot, Meta, Grok, DeepSeek, and Claude. It is aimed at enterprises. Writesonic GEO, Profound, Scrunch AI, and Rankscale include Claude and Gemini in their standard engine sets.
- **Rankscale:** It is one of the broadest. One roundup says it tracks 17+ engines including ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini/AI Overviews, Claude, DeepSeek, Grok, Copilot, and Mistral.
- **Semrush AI Toolkit:** Coverage claims conflict. One source says it tracks ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Gemini, Claude, Grok, Perplexity, and Deepseek. Another says it tracks ChatGPT, Gemini, Google AI Mode/Overviews, and Perplexity, but does not list Claude. Confirm this one directly.
- **Writesonic:** One source describes it as a comprehensive AI visibility and Generative Engine Optimization (GEO) platform that helps brands monitor, analyze, and enhance their presence across AI search systems like ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, Gemini, and Claude.
- **Scrunch AI:** It monitors brand presence and citations across ChatGPT, Claude, Perplexity, Gemini, Google AI Overviews, AI Mode, and Meta AI.
- **Evertune:** Its multi-model analysis covers ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, Perplexity, Meta AI, and DeepSeek.
- **Allmond:** It monitors brand mentions across ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, and Perplexity, helping teams track visibility, analyze competitors, and identify citation opportunities. It is positioned as a lower-cost option.
- **Visible:** Its Growth plan covers ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, and Gemini (4 models). The Starter plan focuses on ChatGPT only.
- **Frase:** It tracks ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews while connecting monitoring directly to research, writing, optimization, and publishing.
- **Gauge:** It monitors brand mentions across major LLMs like ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, and Perplexity.
- **Athena (AthenaHQ):** Its coverage spans ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, Google AI Mode, Gemini, Claude, Copilot, and Grok.
- **LLMrefs:** It is listed as covering AI Overviews, AI Mode, Gemini, ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, Copilot, Meta AI, Grok, DeepSeek in one comparison.

Tools that cover Perplexity but may not cover Claude:

- **Otterly.AI:** Otterly.AI tracks four engines by default – ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, and Copilot – while Claude, Gemini, and Google AI Mode are add-ons on top of the base plan.
- **Peec AI:** Its base tiers include 3 models of your choice, with additional models available as paid add-ons, and one source notes it covers ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini – no Claude. Another source lists Claude among its up to 10 models, so this conflicts.
- **SE Visible:** It tracks visibility across ChatGPT, Gemini, Google AI Mode, Google AI Overviews, and Perplexity. Claude is not listed.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar:** Its listed platforms are AI Overviews, AI Mode, ChatGPT, Perplexity, Copilot, with no Claude.

Practical notes:

- If Claude matters to you, check whether it is in the base price or an add-on. Otterly and Cloro-tested pricing treat it as an add-on, and one reviewer notes that Claude, Gemini, and Google AI Mode sold as add-ons, so price the engines you need before comparing the headline figure.
- Coverage counts often rely on the vendor's own claims. A quick test is to run your own prompts in Claude and Perplexity and compare the results against each tool's dashboard.
- Some tools track Claude through its web-search-enabled answers, so the results may not match what a user would see in the Claude app.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Rankscale, Cognizo, Mentionable

The market for AI visibility (often called Generative Engine Optimization or GEO) has expanded significantly to address the "multi-engine" reality, where different models like Claude, Perplexity, ChatGPT, and Gemini provide vastly different answers.

If you are looking for tools that track **Claude** and **Perplexity**—not just ChatGPT—you have several options ranging from dedicated specialist platforms to broader marketing suites.

Recommended AI Visibility Tools

The following tools are recognized for their multi-engine support, specifically including Claude and Perplexity:

- **Profound:** Often cited as a leader for enterprise-level needs. It provides deep analytics, polished dashboards, and extensive engine coverage (10+ surfaces), making it a top choice for brands requiring compliance-grade data.
- **Otterly.AI:** A highly popular choice for smaller teams or those looking for a lower entry price. It tracks major assistants including Claude, Perplexity, ChatGPT, and Google AI Overviews.
- **Peec AI:** Focuses on deep AI search analytics and competitor analysis. It is noted for its specialized Claude tracking and provides actionable data rather than just reporting.
- **Rankscale:** Known for wide engine coverage (tracking 17+ engines) and is a strong contender for those needing broad visibility across almost every AI surface.
- **Cognizo:** Offers an "Answer Engine Insights" module that monitors sentiment, citations, and visibility scores across a comprehensive list of engines including Claude, Perplexity, ChatGPT, Grok, and others.
- **Mentionable:** Positions itself as a multi-LLM tracking platform that explicitly highlights the differences in answers between engines, covering Claude, Perplexity, ChatGPT, Gemini, and Google AI Mode.

Key Considerations for Choosing a Tool

When selecting a tool, keep these factors in mind, as they often distinguish between "repackaged" SEO trackers and true AI visibility platforms:

- **Engine Coverage:** Ensure the tool specifically supports **Claude's** index (which often differs from the index used by ChatGPT or Google). Not all SEO tools that have "bolted on" AI features offer full support for all major LLMs.

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- **Tracking vs. Acting:** Some tools only report "visibility scores" or "mention rates". Others, like **ReachLLM** or **CLEO**, aim to "close the loop" by offering content optimization or actionable steps to improve your brand's presence.
- **Budget & Scale:** Many tools price by the number of tracked prompts. If you are a B2B SaaS with 50+ product and competitor keywords, ensure your plan covers enough prompt volume to avoid a significant price jump.
- **Data Source:** Look for tools that conduct live queries rather than relying on stale data. AI answers fluctuate; daily or automated rolling checks are essential for maintaining accurate trends.

Summary Recommendation

- **For Enterprise:** **Profound** is widely regarded as the most robust for large-scale, compliance-heavy needs.
- **For SMBs/Startups:** **Otterly.AI** is frequently recommended for its balance of price (\$29/mo entry) and essential multi-engine coverage.
- **For Deep Analysis:** **Peec AI** or **Rankscale** offer more granular data and competitor benchmarking if you are focused on aggressive GEO strategy.

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RECOMMENDED Promptwatch, Scrunch AI, Rankscale, Brantial, Visibility.so, SERPs, Profound, Hikoo

A number of AI-visibility platforms track **Claude and Perplexity alongside ChatGPT**:

- **PromptWatch** – tracks ChatGPT, Claude, Perplexity and other engines.³
- **Scrunch AI** – includes Claude and Perplexity in its engine coverage.³
- **Rankscale** – lists both among 17+ supported engines.⁵
- **Brantial** – tracks ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude and Perplexity, with daily monitoring.²
- **Visibility.so** – tracks mentions across ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini and Perplexity.⁶
- **SERPs.io** – runs tracked prompts across ChatGPT, Claude, Perplexity and other engines.⁴
- **Profound** and **Hikoo** – also list both in their multi-engine coverage.⁸

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If you're comparing options, check the plan details: engine availability, refresh frequency, and whether the tool reports citations and competitor mentions can vary by tier.

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APPENDIX A · QUESTION M10 · MID · RECOMMEND · DECISION

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

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RECOMMENDED MentionFlow (top pick), Visibly, Surfer, HubSpot AEO

MentionFlow sounds like the closest fit: it tracks whether AI tools recommend your business, shows where competitors appear instead, and helps you create content to close those gaps. (mentionflow.ai)

Also worth a look: **Visibly**—it connects missing AI recommendations to cited competitor sources and suggests specific content fixes. (getvisibly.app)

If you want more of a content-marketing suite, **Surfer** combines AI visibility tracking with content optimization; **HubSpot AEO** offers visibility tracking and prioritized recommendations. (techradar.com)

I'd start with MentionFlow or Visibly, and check whether the tool gives you **specific briefs or page edits based on actual AI answers**, rather than just a visibility score. No tool can guarantee an AI will recommend you.

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RECOMMENDED Goodie AI (top pick), Writesonic, Gauge, Findable, Semrush, Otterly.AI

Several tools do both, so you don't need two subscriptions. The ones that best match "tell me what to create" are these:

- **Goodie AI** has the most complete match. Its Optimization Hub gives content, schema, and entity recommendations, and its Topic Explorer finds prompt-volume gaps. One vendor-side comparison puts it at the enterprise and scaling-team end of the market. Real-time tracking across 11 AI engines including ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude and Copilot. Its AI Optimization Hub suggests semantic content and schema tags.
- **Writesonic** combines tracking with writing. It finds blind spots in visibility and provides mention rates to guide content strategies. Its Action Center flags missed opportunities, and it has built-in writing tools. A plan can start at Writesonic pricing from \$49/mo to \$499/mo.
- **Gauge** is the most content-automated option. Its Content Engine generates content briefs and full articles and publishes them directly to your CMS. It is also the priciest of these, \$599/month starting price per the vendor's table.
- **Findable** suits small teams and founders. It has AI Citation Gap Detection that flags queries where competitors get cited instead of you, and it starts at \$29/mo per the vendor's listing.
- **Semrush** adds GEO to an SEO suite. Its toolkit includes brand analysis and recommendations, GEO content generation, optimization assistant, and it's priced at \$99/mo per domain plus add-on prompt packs.

Question m10 · Claude, continued

- **Otterly.AI** is the cheapest entry point. It's the budget entry point at \$29/month, though with weekly (not daily) refreshes and tight prompt caps. It is mainly a monitoring tool, so you'd add your own content process.

For a pure "what should I write" focus, I'd shortlist Goodie AI and Writesonic. Both show gaps and recommend content. Gauge is best if you want the tool to draft and publish. Otterly or Findable are the cheap way to test before committing.

Things to check before buying:

- Prices and plans change often, and the figures above come from third-party roundups. Confirm on each vendor's site.
- Most "best tools" lists are written by vendors or affiliates, so weigh them accordingly.
- Ask each vendor how many prompts it tracks, how often it refreshes, and whether its recommendations come from prompt data or just generic SEO advice. The quality of the recommendations depends on that.
- Run the free trials or free scans on your own brand and two competitors, then compare which tool surfaces gaps you can actually act on.

If you tell me your budget, team size, and whether you want drafting or just recommendations, I can narrow this to one or two.

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To achieve better visibility on social media, you need a tool that moves beyond basic writing and scheduling to provide **data-driven strategic insights**. In 2026, the best tools for this specific purpose analyze your niche, competitors, and audience behavior to tell you exactly what to create to get recommended.

Here are the top-rated AI tools that offer both content strategy recommendations and execution features:

1. The Content Labs (Best for Data-Driven Strategy)

Unlike general-purpose AI, this tool is specifically built to create content strategies.

- **Why it fits:** It analyzes thousands of videos across various niches to build personalized 30-day content plans.
- **Key Features:** It provides full scripts, high-performing hooks, and calls-to-action (CTAs) based on what is currently trending. It also includes competitor video analysis so you can see what is working for others in your field.

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2. Supergrow (Best for LinkedIn Growth)

If your focus is LinkedIn, Supergrow is a leader in closing the gap between strategy and execution.

- **Why it fits:** It is designed to manage the entire LinkedIn lifecycle, from ideation and drafting to performance tracking.
- **Key Features:** It offers specific "LinkedIn-first" analytics to help you understand which topics and formats (like their AI-branded carousel generator) are actually driving reach, rather than just vanity metrics.

3. Metricool (Best for All-in-One Analytics & Strategy)

Metricool is highly regarded because it combines AI content generation with deep, real-world account analytics.

- **Why it fits:** It bridges the gap by using your actual account performance data to suggest future content.
- **Key Features:** It helps you find the right hashtags and, most importantly, turns your own top-performing posts into templates for future content, ensuring you double down on what already works.

4. Taplio (Best for LinkedIn Intelligence)

Taplio acts as a "content intelligence" tool specifically for LinkedIn.

- **Why it fits:** It allows you to track and analyze top-performing content in your specific niche.
- **Key Features:** You can see what content is currently gaining traction and use that intel to shape your own posts, making it easier to be recommended by the platform's algorithm.

5. Glimpse (Best for Predictive Trend Spotting)

If you want to know what to create *before* it becomes a saturated trend, Glimpse is a specialized tool.

- **Why it fits:** It scours data from high-signal platforms (like TikTok, Reddit, and Discord) to identify emerging momentum.
- **Key Features:** It provides "predictive trend scoring," which helps you identify topics that are accelerating, giving you a head start on content that is likely to get recommended.

Summary Recommendation

- **If you want a full content strategist:** Choose **The Content Labs**. It is the most focused on building a data-backed plan from the ground up.
- **If you want a mix of analytics and scheduling:** Choose **Metricool**. It is excellent for keeping your workflow in one place while ensuring your content strategy is informed by your own data.
- **If you are focused on LinkedIn:** Use **Supergrow** or **Taplio** to specifically target the professional audience and algorithm.

Pro-Tip for 2026: The most effective strategy currently used by top creators is to **combine a strategy tool** (like The Content Labs or Glimpse) with a **flexible production stack** (like Canva for visuals and a scheduler like Buffer or Hootsuite). This allows you to plan based on data, then produce and distribute your content efficiently without "burning out" your creative process.

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RECOMMENDED Similarweb AI Brand Visibility (top pick), Milestone GEO Intelligence, Otterly.AI

Similarweb AI Brand Visibility looks like the closest match: it tracks where your brand and competitors appear in AI answers, then turns those findings into prioritized recommendations for what content to create, update, or optimize.¹

Two other options:

- **Milestone GEO Intelligence** identifies content gaps and recommends fixes, with a connected workflow for creating and publishing content.²
- **OtterlyAI** finds prompts where competitors are mentioned and you aren't, shows the sources behind those answers, and turns gaps into ranked recommendations. It can help distinguish when you need new content from when you need third-party coverage.⁶

My quick take: Start by evaluating Similarweb if you want a direct “what should we publish or improve?” workflow. Look at OtterlyAI if competitor gaps and cited-source analysis are especially important. These tools can suggest actions, but they can't guarantee an AI system will recommend your brand.

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APPENDIX A · QUESTION M11 · MID · PRICE · DECISION

Is it worth paying for an AI visibility tool if I already pay for an SEO suite?

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MENTIONED Ahrefs, Semrush, Semrush One, Search Console

Usually, don't add another subscription right away. First check whether your SEO suite already includes AI visibility features—or enough prompt tracking to test whether you'll use them. A separate tool is worth paying for when it fills a real gap and its reporting leads to actions you can take.

It may be worth it if you:

- Need to track brand mentions and citations across several AI platforms, not just Google.
- Regularly compare your visibility with competitors or monitor many prompts, products, or locations.
- Need repeatable reports for clients or leadership, and the time saved justifies the cost.
- Can point to concrete follow-up work—such as improving a page or correcting inaccurate brand information.

It's probably not worth it yet if:

- You'd only check it occasionally, or you don't have a plan for acting on the results.
- Your suite already covers the prompts and competitors you care about. For example, paid Ahrefs plans include some custom-prompt tracking; Semrush offers AI visibility separately and in its Semrush One bundle. Check your exact plan and limits before buying. (help.ahrefs.com)
- You expect precise "AI rankings" or reliable revenue attribution. AI answers can vary, and visibility tools generally report a sample of responses—not every real user interaction. (ahrefs.com)

One useful distinction: **Google's AI search visibility and visibility in third-party assistants aren't the same measurement problem.** Google now has Search Console reporting for impressions in its generative AI features; a third-party tool may add broader cross-platform prompt monitoring and competitor comparisons. (developers.google.com)

Practical test: use your suite's built-in features—or a trial—for a month. Track a small set of important buyer questions and competitors. If the results are stable enough to inform changes, and you'll keep using those reports, consider paying. Otherwise, keep the SEO suite and revisit later.

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Claude claude-haiku-5-5 · 29 October 2026, 09:05 UTC

RECOMMENDED Ahrefs, Semrush, SE Ranking

Short answer: Usually not, at least not yet. Check whether your current suite already includes AI visibility tracking, and only buy a separate tool if AI search is a core channel for you.

Start by checking your current suite. Many SEO platforms now include AI tracking. One review notes that if your current SEO suite already has a built-in AI visibility tool, there's a chance you already have what you need, but that depends on what features it offers. Ahrefs, Semrush, and SE Ranking all have add-ons or higher-tier modules, and Semrush's add-on has been priced at about \$199/mo in some listings, so the cost can be significant.

Where the suite falls short:

- **Depth:** Suite features usually track fewer AI engines and offer less diagnostic detail. One guide says there is less depth than dedicated AEO platforms, and engine coverage is usually narrower.
- **Measurement vs. action:** Dedicated platforms tend to add recommendations and content workflows. One comparison found that AI metrics in all-in-one suites are shallower than the specialists, and their automation is essentially nonexistent.
- **Metric mismatch:** Classic SEO metrics don't map cleanly onto AI citations. One source argues that classic SEO metrics correlate weakly with AI citation, which is a reason to look beyond your rankings. That's a vendor claim, so weigh it accordingly.

When a dedicated tool is worth it:

- AI answers are a meaningful source of your leads or sales, or your category is heavily influenced by AI search.
- You have someone who will act on the data (content, PR, digital shelf, etc.). Without that, a dashboard mostly sits unused.
- You need coverage across several AI engines or competitor benchmarking that your suite doesn't provide.

When to skip it:

- AI visibility is a side metric for you. One framework puts it this way: if it's a side metric, the AI features in Ahrefs, Semrush, or SE Ranking are enough.
- You're a small team with a limited budget. Entry-level standalone tools exist, but the full-featured tiers can get expensive quickly.

A practical approach:

1. Use the AI module in your current suite for 1–2 months, or use a free trial of a standalone tool.
2. Track 20–50 prompts that your customers actually ask, and note which competitors get cited.
3. Buy a dedicated tool only if the data is changing decisions you'd otherwise make blind.

Keep in mind that most published comparisons are written by vendors or affiliates, and AI answers vary between runs, so treat the numbers as directional. Pricing also changes often, so confirm current prices before committing.

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MENTIONED Semrush, Ahrefs, SE Ranking, Brand Radar

Deciding whether to pay for a dedicated AI visibility tool when you already have an SEO suite is a common dilemma. The short answer is: **Start with your current suite, but monitor your "blind spots" before committing to an extra subscription.**

Most of the time, you do not need to double up immediately. Here is a breakdown of how to evaluate if you need an additional tool.

1. The "SEO vs. AI" Reality Check

- **They share the same foundation:** Good technical SEO (fast site speed, clear structure, authoritative content) is the best "AI SEO" you can do. AI systems largely crawl and synthesize the same web content that Google uses to rank pages.
- **They measure different things:**
 - **SEO Suites:** Focus on *rankings, clicks, and traffic* to your website.
 - **AI Visibility Tools:** Focus on *citations and mentions* within AI-generated responses (e.g., ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini). These responses often don't require the user to click through to your site, making them harder to track via standard traffic analytics.
- **The "Zero-Click" Problem:** Traditional SEO suites are excellent at tracking the "blue links" you are used to. They are often less effective at telling you *why* you didn't get mentioned in an AI's answer to a specific customer question.

2. When to Stick with Your Current SEO Suite

If you are already using a major SEO platform (like Semrush, Ahrefs, or SE Ranking), check if they have already added AI tracking features. Many have recently integrated "Brand Radar" or "AI Visibility" modules into their existing tiers. If yours has this, you likely have enough data to get started without an extra bill.

3. When an Extra Tool Might Be Worth It

You should only consider paying for a dedicated AI visibility tool if you reach a stage where "manual" checking isn't enough:

- **Scale:** You need to track your brand's presence across hundreds of different prompts and multiple AI engines (ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, Perplexity) on a daily or weekly basis.
- **Strategic Priority:** Your business relies heavily on "discovery" via chat-based research (e.g., you are a B2B SaaS product or a local service provider where users frequently ask AI for recommendations).
- **Lack of Insight:** Your current suite shows you have lost search traffic, but you cannot figure out if it's because of a Google algorithm shift or because AI engines have replaced those search results with their own summaries.

4. How to Test for Free First

Before you add another monthly subscription, perform these "free" checks to see if you even have a problem to solve:

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1. **The Manual Audit:** Take your top 10–20 highest-intent customer questions (e.g., "What is the best [your industry] software?") and ask them to ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini.
2. **Analyze the Results:** Does your brand appear? If you are missing, look at who *is* appearing. Are they mentioned because they have better reviews, more mentions across the web, or clearer answers to that specific question?
3. **Use Free Tools:** Many AI visibility tools offer free "audit" features or limited trials. Use these to get a snapshot of your current standing before paying for ongoing, automated tracking.

Summary Recommendation

- **If you are still working on your website's fundamentals:** Do not buy an extra tool. Fix your content, schema markup, and site architecture. That will do more for your AI visibility than any tracking tool ever will.
- **If you have strong fundamentals but need to scale:** Only then should you look into a specialized tool for deeper, automated tracking across multiple LLMs.

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MENTIONED Search Console

Maybe—but don't pay for a second tool until you've checked what your SEO suite already includes.

An SEO suite mainly helps with conventional search tasks—rankings, keywords, links and site health. An AI-visibility tool can answer a different question: whether your brand is mentioned or cited in answers from ChatGPT, Perplexity and other AI search products, and how that compares with competitors. Some SEO suites now include this kind of tracking, so the overlap depends on your plan. ³⁵⁶

It's more likely worth paying for if:

- AI referrals or brand recommendations matter to your business.
- Your team needs regular, prompt-level tracking across several AI platforms.
- You need competitor comparisons, citations, or share-of-voice data your current suite doesn't provide.
- Someone will use the findings to change content or marketing—not just collect dashboards.

It's probably not worth it yet if:

- You're only curious about whether your brand appears in AI answers.
- Your suite already tracks the platforms and metrics you care about.

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- You don't have a process for acting on the results, or can't connect them to a meaningful business outcome.

Start with the AI features in your existing suite and your first-party analytics. Google says AI-feature traffic is included in Search Console reporting; its newer reporting offers visibility data such as impressions and pages for Google's generative search features. That helps with Google, but it doesn't answer how your brand appears across other AI platforms.¹⁸⁹

Practical test: Pick a small set of high-value customer questions and competitors. Check whether your suite can track those prompts across the AI platforms that matter, and whether it reports useful citations or changes over time. If it can't, trial a dedicated tool for a month. Keep it only if it reveals actionable gaps or saves your team time.

Bottom line: Buy for a specific measurement gap, not simply because "AI visibility" is a new category. Prices and platform coverage vary, so verify current plan limits and which AI engines are included before committing.

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Tools to compare my brand's AI visibility against three competitors

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RECOMMENDED Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit (top pick), Peec AI, Ahrefs Brand Radar

For a direct **your brand vs. three competitors** comparison, I'd shortlist these:

Tool	Why it fits
Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit	The clearest match if you want to compare a set number: its Competitor Research report lets you enter your domain and up to four competitors , and shows mentions, visibility benchmarks, and prompts or topics where competitors appear and you don't. That's your brand plus three rivals. (semrush.com)
Peec AI	A focused option for tracking competitors against the same prompts . It supports manually adding competitor brands and compares visibility, position, sentiment, and share of voice by AI engine. (help.peec.ai)
Ahrefs Brand Radar	Worth considering if you already use Ahrefs or want AI visibility research connected to broader search discovery. It tracks brand presence across AI platforms and can identify associated competitors; check whether its current workflow gives you the exact fixed competitor set and reporting granularity you need. (help.ahrefs.com)

My quick pick: Start with **Semrush** for a straightforward four-brand benchmark. Choose **Peec** if your priority is monitoring a curated set of prompts and comparing how AI answers change across engines.

Before choosing, check that the platform covers the AI services you care about—especially **Claude**—and separates **being named** from **having your website cited**. These tools' metrics and tracked prompts can differ, so treat scores as useful for comparing brands *within the same tool*, not as a universal measure. Semrush says its benchmark supports up to four competitors; its listed coverage varies by feature, so verify that the specific report includes your required engines. (semrush.com)

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RECOMMENDED SE Ranking AI Visibility Tracker, Peec AI, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Profound, Rankscale, Otterly.AI, Scrunch AI, Beamtrace

Several dedicated tools can benchmark your brand against up to three or more competitors. The best fit depends on your budget, whether you already use an SEO suite, and how deep you need to go.

Tools with built-in competitor comparison

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- **SE Ranking AI Visibility Tracker:** You can add up to five competitors and track presence over time, and it covers AIOs, AI Mode, Gemini, ChatGPT, Perplexity. It suits teams that already use SEO software, and one review notes it connects LLM brand visibility with rankings, competitors, and content performance in one system.
- **Peec AI:** Its competitor benchmarking tracks how rivals perform across the same prompt sets. Pricing is reported differently across sources, from \$95/mo to €85 / month.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar:** It offers share-of-voice metrics and prompt-level benchmarking integrated into familiar Ahrefs interface. It makes most sense if you already use Ahrefs.
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit:** Its tools reveal which specific content pieces or sources are being referenced by AI for each competitor.
- **Profound:** This is aimed at enterprises. One source describes it as the deepest multi-engine data (10+ AI platforms) with white-glove service, starting at \$99/month.
- **Rankscale AI:** It figures out who your top competitors are and then pits their AI visibility against yours.
- **Otterly AI:** This is a budget option. One source says Otterly AI offers no-fuss prompt tracking from \$29/month.
- **Scrunch AI:** It gives a report telling if AI presents your brand as positive or negative and compares it to competitors.
- **Beamtrace:** One listing says it covers prompt-level tracking, an AI Visibility Score, share-of-voice trends, and five competitors for \$20/mo billed yearly, though that is a less established option.

Choosing among them

- For a tight budget, start with Otterly or Beamtrace. For an SEO-suite user, SE Ranking or Ahrefs is the easiest integration.
- If you need sentiment or how AI describes your brand, Scrunch is the one sources point to most often.
- Check methodology before trusting the numbers. One source notes that some track live sessions, others use synthetic prompts; those differences produce different results, so compare tools using the same prompt set.
- Pricing and feature lists vary across review sites, so confirm current prices on each vendor's site.

Most offer free trials (SE Ranking and Peec list 14 days or a trial, per the sources above). Running your four brands through the same 20–30 buyer-style prompts in two tools is a practical way to decide.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Peec AI, Dageno AI, MaxAEO, Semrush, Ahrefs, Otterly.AI

To compare your brand's AI visibility against your competitors, you should move beyond traditional SEO tools and utilize **AI visibility monitoring platforms**. These tools are specifically designed to track "Answer Engine Optimization" (AEO)—monitoring whether, how, and in what context your brand (and your rivals) are mentioned in AI-generated answers.

Recommended Tools for Competitor Benchmarking

The following tools are highly regarded for their ability to track competitor mentions, share of voice, and citation gaps across major AI engines like ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews.

Tool	Best For	Key Competitive Features
Profound	Enterprise/Depth	Deep prompt intelligence, historical trend analysis, and granular competitor benchmarking.
Peec AI	Mid-Market	Clean dashboards, ongoing competitor tracking, and clear, actionable share-of-voice reporting.
Dageno AI	Execution	Connects competitive gaps directly to content strategy and execution workflows.
MaxAEO	SaaS/Action	Strong for comparing why competitors win specific prompts and how to bridge those gaps.
Semrush / Ahrefs	Existing Stacks	Best if you already use these platforms; their AI toolkits offer integrated visibility monitoring.
OtterlyAI	Affordability	A cost-effective, straightforward option for recurring prompt monitoring and mention tracking.

How to Evaluate These Tools

When choosing a platform to track your brand versus three competitors, prioritize tools that offer:

- **Custom Prompt Sets:** The ability to run your own list of buyer-intent queries is critical. Do not rely solely on "general" visibility scores; you need to see how the AI answers *your* specific industry questions.
- **Share of Voice (SOV) Analysis:** Look for tools that explicitly calculate your SOV against your three competitors—i.e., how often they are mentioned in the same prompt clusters where you are absent.
- **Citation Source Tracking:** The most actionable data comes from seeing which websites or content pieces AI engines are citing for your competitors. This reveals exactly what you need to optimize or earn via digital PR to displace them.
- **Multi-Model Coverage:** Ensure the tool tracks a mix of LLMs (e.g., GPT-4, Claude, Gemini) and search-integrated engines (Perplexity, Google AI Overviews), as brand visibility can vary significantly between them.

A Low-Cost "DIY" Starting Point

If you are not ready for a paid subscription, you can establish a baseline manually:

1. **Select 20–30 high-intent prompts** relevant to your category (e.g., "What is the best [your product type]?").
2. **Run these prompts monthly** across ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews.
3. **Log the results** in a spreadsheet: Record whether your brand appeared, which competitors appeared, and what source/URL was cited for each.
4. **Analyze the gap:** Identify the prompts where your competitors appear and you do not. This list is your initial "to-do" list for content and SEO improvements.

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Strategic Tip: Most marketers now combine tools. For example, using **Semrush** or **Ahrefs** for your broad SEO/keyword data, while layering in a specialized tool like **Peec AI** or **Profound** for targeted AI-answer competitor analysis.

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

For comparing your brand with three competitors in AI-generated answers, I'd shortlist these:

Tool	Best for	What to compare
Peec AI	Straightforward, ongoing competitor benchmarking	Share of voice, prompt-level visibility, position, and citation/source gaps. Its starter plan is listed at about \$95/month , with 50 prompts and three selected models. ¹⁴
Semrush AI Visibility	Teams already using Semrush for SEO	Competitor visibility and share of voice alongside SEO data, plus prompts or topics where competitors appear and your brand doesn't. Listed at \$99/month per domain on an annual plan. ⁸¹⁴
Otterly.AI	Lower-cost monitoring	Brand and competitor mentions, citations, and prompts where competitors show up without you. Listed plans start around \$25–\$29/month , depending on the source and billing. ⁵¹⁴
Ahrefs Brand Radar	Broader competitor and citation research	AI share of voice, citation comparisons, and competitor gaps across a large prompt index. Pricing is listed from \$199/month per AI index . ⁸¹³
Profound	Larger teams needing deeper analytics	Competitor visibility and citations across multiple answer engines; listed pricing starts at \$99/month billed yearly, with higher-tier coverage. ²

Quick recommendation: Try **Peec AI** if competitor comparison is the main goal; choose **Semrush** if you want AI visibility connected to your existing SEO workflow; choose **Otterly.AI** if budget is the priority. Before committing, check which AI engines and countries matter to you, how many prompts you can track, and whether the plan lets you add all three competitors. Pricing and engine coverage can change.

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Tool to check if Google's AI answers mention my business, alongside ChatGPT

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RECOMMENDED Measure

Yes—**Ahrefs' free AI Visibility Checker** is a good first check. It checks whether your business appears in answers from **ChatGPT and Google AI Overviews**, along with Gemini, Perplexity, Copilot, and Google AI Mode. For ongoing tracking, Ahrefs' paid **Brand Radar** adds historical trends and competitor comparisons. (ahrefs.com)

If you want **regular tracking of your own chosen prompts** across both ChatGPT and Google AI Overviews, **Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit** covers both; **Measure** also tracks ChatGPT on a schedule and offers Google AI Overview checks as live runs. (semrush.com)

One caveat: AI answers can vary by query and over time, so check a set of questions your customers might actually ask—not just your business name.

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RECOMMENDED Ahrefs Free AI Visibility Checker (top pick), Semrush's free AI visibility checker, Otterly.AI, SE Ranking's AI Visibility Tracker, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Peec AI

If you want one tool that checks both Google's AI answers and ChatGPT, these are the best options I found.

Free, quick check

- **Ahrefs Free AI Visibility Checker:** It checks ChatGPT, Google Gemini, Perplexity, Microsoft Copilot, Google AI Overviews, and Google AI Mode. It requires no signup, so it's the fastest way to see whether you're mentioned at all.
- **Semrush's free AI visibility checker:** Per one comparison, it allows 3 checks a day, no account.

Paid tools that cover both Google and ChatGPT

- **Otterly AI:** Its base plan covers ChatGPT and Google AI Overviews, but Gemini, Google AI Mode, and Claude are paid add-ons. It's one of the cheaper options for small teams.
- **SE Ranking's AI Visibility Tracker:** It covers brand mention and link tracking across AI Overviews, AI Mode, ChatGPT, and Gemini. It also keeps historical data, which helps you see changes over time.
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit:** It costs \$99/mo and brings AI mention tracking into the SEO platform you may already use.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar:** It covers the same platforms as the free checker with full data, plus extras.
- **Peec AI:** Per one review, it starts at \$95/month and tracks ChatGPT and AI Overviews.

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Do-it-yourself option

You can also run the same prompts by hand in ChatGPT and Google, logging whether your business appears. One guide describes this as running consistent prompts across platforms like ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity and Claude. This is free but slow, and it only gives you a snapshot.

Things to keep in mind

- Results vary from run to run, so a single check can be misleading. Paid tools typically run every prompt multiple times to smooth this out.
- Coverage differs by tool. Google's AI Overviews and AI Mode are often add-ons or missing, so check that the tool names the exact Google product you care about before you pay.
- Pricing changes often, so confirm current prices on each vendor's site.

My suggestion: Start with the Ahrefs free checker to get a baseline. If you need ongoing tracking, SE Ranking or Otterly are the most direct fits for Google plus ChatGPT, and Semrush is the better choice if you already use it for SEO.

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RECOMMENDED Peec AI, Profound, Otterly.AI, Beamtrace, SE Visible, ContextBolt, Arobis MENTIONED Google Search Console

To check if your business is being mentioned by AI, you need "**AI visibility**" or "**Generative Engine Optimization**" (GEO) tools. Unlike traditional SEO tools that track blue-link rankings, these platforms simulate user prompts (e.g., "What is the best software for X?") across AI engines like ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Gemini, Perplexity, and Claude to see if and how your brand appears.

Popular AI Visibility Tools

There is a growing market of dedicated tools for this purpose. Many offer free diagnostic snapshots, while others provide ongoing, automated monitoring.

- **Dedicated AI Visibility Platforms:**
 - **Peec AI:** Frequently cited for clean, multi-engine tracking and ease of use.
 - **Profound:** Often recommended for enterprise-level needs, offering deep analytics and built-in workflows to help improve your visibility.
 - **Otterly.ai:** Known for its affordability and focus on longitudinal monitoring (how your visibility changes over time).
 - **Beamtrace:** Provides tracking for mentions, context, and the sources that drive AI recommendations.
 - **SE Visible (by SE Ranking):** A solid option for high-level AI visibility snapshots.
- **Well-Known SEO Suites with AI Features:**
 - **Ahrefs (Brand Radar):** Offers a "Brand Radar" tool that tracks mentions and citations across major AI platforms.

Question m13 · Gemini, continued

- **Semrush (AI Brand Performance):** Provides tools to track share of voice, sentiment, and competitive positioning within AI-generated answers.

How These Tools Work

1. **Prompt-Based Tracking:** You define the queries your customers are likely to ask. The tool automatically runs these prompts through various AI engines on a schedule.
2. **Monitoring Output:** They record whether your brand was mentioned, if your website was cited as a source, and the sentiment of the mention.
3. **Competitor Benchmarking:** You can see if your competitors are being recommended instead of you for the same queries.

Important Considerations

- **Volatility:** AI answers are dynamic—the same prompt can yield different results based on the time of day, user location, and model updates. One-off checks are often misleading; look for tools that provide **long-term trend data** rather than just a single point-in-time snapshot.
- **Start with Free Audits:** Many providers, such as **Ahrefs** (Brand Radar) or various "AI Visibility Checkers" found online (e.g., **ContextBolt**, **Arobis**), offer free or limited-access diagnostics. These are excellent for performing an initial audit to see if you are "in the game" before investing in a paid subscription.
- **"Proxy" Metrics:** Since AI platforms generally do not share traffic data, remember that AI mentions often function as "zero-click" awareness. You can track their impact by monitoring branded search volume in Google Search Console and correlating spikes in interest with your improved AI visibility.

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BRANDS READ none

Yes—**Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit** is one option. It tracks brand mentions and citations across **Google AI Overviews** and **ChatGPT**, and can also show prompt-level visibility and competitor comparisons.¹²

For a quick check, Semrush also offers a **free AI Visibility Checker**: enter your business domain to see where your brand appears in AI answers, including Google and ChatGPT.³

One caveat: these tools estimate visibility by checking sets of prompts; they don't guarantee that every person will get the same AI answer. For a simple start, test the kinds of questions customers ask—such as “best [service] in [city]”—and check both whether your business is **mentioned** and whether your website is **cited**.⁴

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Which tools track AI visibility in languages other than English?

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, PSentry

Yes. **Otterly.AI**, **Semrush**, and **SE Visible** explicitly offer non-English AI-visibility tracking; **PSentry** also advertises multilingual monitoring.

- **Otterly.AI** – Lets you enter prompts in **any language** and monitors them as written, with a selected country context. Its prompt-suggestion feature supports a more limited set of languages. (help.otterly.ai)
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** – Supports tracking by location and language; its Brand Performance reports list **53 languages**, and Prompt Tracking has a language selector where available. (sv.semrush.com)
- **SE Visible (SE Ranking)** – Offers localized monitoring in **English, French, German, Dutch, and Spanish**. (visible.seranking.com)
- **PSentry** – Says it monitors visibility in **5+ languages** across AI platforms such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Claude. (psentry.com)

Quick pick: Otterly.AI if you want to test your own prompts in a less common language; Semrush for broader language-and-location coverage; SE Visible if one of its five listed languages fits your market. Before choosing, check that the tool actually *runs prompts in the target language*—some platforms' language support refers to their interface or prompt suggestions, not necessarily the monitoring itself.

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RECOMMENDED SE Visible, Citadex, Renown, Surfaced, Kai Footprint, Goodie AI, AirOps, AthenaHQ, Otterly.AI MENTIONED Peec AI, Profound, Scrunch AI, Ahrefs Brand Radar

Several tools now track AI answers in non-English languages, though coverage varies a lot. Most vendors' language lists are self-reported, so verify them before buying.

Tools with explicit multilingual tracking

- **SE Visible (SE Ranking):** Its product page lists tracking across seven countries and a set of configurable languages, including English, French, German, Dutch, and Spanish. It also suggests localized prompts. It tracks visibility in the US, UK, Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands, and Spain. Its brand monitoring can be configured in English, French, German, Dutch, or Spanish. A third-party comparison notes that the language list isn't fully named on the product page, so check the current list directly.

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- **Citadex:** It is a dedicated multilingual option and the most-cited example for Asian markets. A Citadex blog says it tracks brand visibility across 12 AI engines, including Mistral, Qwen, and Doubao, and supports tracking in languages such as Japanese, Korean, Chinese, and Arabic, measured per country and language. This is a vendor's own content.
- **Renown:** This is a vendor's comparison page that claims 150+ languages by default. It also says it tracks regional models such as Arabic and Indian-language assistants, which matters because the models return different brands when asked the same question in two languages, because they are reading different sources.
- **Surfaced:** It advertises tracking across 100+ languages, paired with content generation. This is also a vendor claim.
- **Kai Footprint:** A review ranks it as strong for tracking visibility across non-English prompts, particularly strong in APAC markets.
- **Goodie AI:** Reviews describe it as supporting multi-language GEO tracking.
- **AirOps:** Its Enterprise tier adds tracking by region, persona, and language.
- **AthenaHQ:** It lists multi-language and multi-region support, though one comparison notes its Starter plan covers a single language and region.
- **Otterly.ai:** Its feature list claims it supports multiple languages and regions, but its dashboard is available in English.

Tools with limited or unclear non-English coverage

- **Peec AI:** Reviews describe it as useful for detailed tracking across countries and languages. Its published language count is a key point of comparison, and a competing vendor argues it is more of a translated-prompt approach.
- **Profound, Scrunch AI, Ahrefs Brand Radar, and others:** Most reviews I found don't list non-English language support clearly. Profound and Scrunch focus on engine coverage, and Ahrefs focuses on its existing SEO data.

Caveats

- Industry commentary says most AI visibility tools support English first; only a few platforms track brand mentions across non-English languages and multiple markets simultaneously.
- Distinguish per-language tracking from per-country tracking. One guide notes that the critical capability to verify is whether prompt tracking runs natively in the target language, not just in translated versions.
- Language support often depends on plan tier. One analysis observes that non-English coverage varies more by plan than by capability, and several tools gate it to enterprise tiers.
- Many of these rankings come from vendor blogs with commercial interests. Before you buy, run a test set of your own prompts in each target language and check whether the tool reports the local engines your audience uses.

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RECOMMENDED Evertune, Peec AI, Veesie, Profound, Scrunch, SE Visible, AI Language Proficiency Monitor, IBM watsonx.governance, LILT, LangSmith, DeepEval

Tracking AI visibility across multiple languages is a specialized task because generative AI engines (like ChatGPT, Claude, and Gemini) often provide different answers, citations, and brand sentiment based on the language and geographic context of the query.

To effectively monitor this, you need tools that allow for **market-specific prompt tracking**—meaning the ability to define queries in the native language of your target audience rather than simply translating English prompts.

Tools for AI Visibility Tracking (Multi-Language)

Several dedicated Generative Engine Optimization (GEO) and AI visibility platforms explicitly support multi-language and multi-country monitoring:

- **Evertune:** Tracks brand visibility across various AI models in over 140 countries and 33 languages. It allows you to integrate language and country specifications directly into your prompts to mirror real-world user behavior in specific markets.
- **Peec AI:** Noted for its user-friendly interface and support for multi-language monitoring. It provides tracking for brand mentions, citations, and competitor presence, making it a strong option for agencies and SMBs.
- **Veesie:** Specifically highlights its ability to measure brand visibility in Dutch, French, and English, making it a viable choice for European markets.
- **Profound & Scrunch:** These platforms are often cited for enterprise-scope checks, which are generally required for broader language coverage across multiple global markets.
- **SE Visible:** While its support varies, it is frequently evaluated by teams looking to match documented country and language coverage with their specific target markets.

Key Considerations for Multilingual AI Monitoring

When selecting a tool, ensure it addresses these three core requirements to avoid "multilingual blind spots":

1. **Native Prompt Configuration:** A common mistake is translating English prompts. Native speakers or localized keyword research should be used to write prompts that reflect how buyers in a specific country actually search.
2. **Geographic/Contextual Context:** Ensure the tool allows you to set the "collection country" for the AI engine. A prompt in French might be processed differently if the AI assumes the user is in France versus Canada.

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3. **Metrics Beyond English:** Standard English-centric benchmarks often fail to capture performance issues in other languages. Look for platforms that allow you to track **mention rates, citation shares, and competitor presence** specifically for your target language-country pairs.

Evaluation Platforms for Technical Teams

If your goal is to evaluate the underlying performance of AI models (e.g., accuracy, hallucination rates) rather than just brand visibility, consider:

- **AI Language Proficiency Monitor:** An open-source benchmark for tracking how LLMs perform across up to 200 languages.
- **IBM watsonx.governance:** Allows for the selection of specific languages when configuring quality metrics and evaluations.
- **LILT:** Focuses on enterprise-grade multilingual benchmarking, providing localized datasets and native-language evaluations.

Recommendation: If you are a marketing or SEO team, start with platforms like **Evertune or Peec AI**, as they are purpose-built to track how brands appear in AI-generated answers across different languages and regions. If you are a developer team, platforms like **LangSmith or DeepEval** can be used to build custom evaluation pipelines that include multi-language support.

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RECOMMENDED Promptwatch, Scrunch AI, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, SE Visible (by SE Ranking), AthenaHQ, Amplitude AI Visibility, LLMrefs, Trackerly

Several AI-visibility tools support tracking in languages beyond English. The clearest options in the sources I found are:

- **Promptwatch** – lets you set a language per monitor, including regional variants such as French (Belgium), and compare markets separately.¹
- **Scrunch AI** – supports prompts in any language, with country targeting per prompt.¹
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** – offers a language selector in locations that support more than one language.¹¹
- **SE Visible by SE Ranking** – lists support for five languages.¹
- **AthenaHQ** – supports multiple languages on Enterprise; the Starter plan is limited to one language.¹

Question m14 · Perplexity, continued

- **Amplitude AI Visibility** – lets you configure prompts and responses in any language, though models may sometimes answer in English. ³
- **LLMrefs** – advertises geo-targeting across 20+ languages. ¹⁰
- **Trackerly.ai** – is described as tracking in 20+ languages. ²

Language support and market targeting can vary by plan, so check whether a tool can run prompts *in your target language* and report results separately for the relevant country or region.

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Best AI visibility tool for a B2B company with a long sales cycle

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RECOMMENDED HubSpot AEO (top pick), Profound

Best fit: HubSpot AEO—if your company already uses HubSpot. For a long B2B sales cycle, the key isn't just tracking whether AI mentions you; it's connecting visibility to contacts, opportunities, and pipeline over time. HubSpot says its AEO tool tracks prompts and citations across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity, and can use CRM context in its Marketing Hub plans. Its standalone version is listed at **\$50/month for 25 prompts**. (hubspot.com)

If you need deeper enterprise-scale monitoring across more AI platforms, evaluate Profound instead. It positions itself for enterprise reporting and broad engine coverage, but check the current plan and integrations in a demo. (tryprofound.com)

For a long sales cycle, make the tool prove it can track **buyer-stage prompts**—problem discovery, category comparisons, vendor shortlists—and connect AI-referred visits or self-reported AI discovery to CRM records. Treat visibility scores as an early indicator, not proof of pipeline impact; compare trends over several months.

Bottom line: HubSpot AEO for CRM-connected measurement; Profound for broader enterprise monitoring. If you tell me your CRM, budget, and approximate number of products or markets, I can narrow it down further.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Peec AI, Scrunch, Semrush, Ahrefs, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Dreamdata, HockeyStack MENTIONED Sitecore

Short answer: For a long B2B sales cycle, I'd start with **Profound** if you have enterprise budget, or **Peec AI** if you want something lean. Neither tool tracks pipeline, though, so you'll also need an attribution layer. The sources below are mostly vendor-authored comparison posts, so verify pricing and features directly before buying.

Visibility tools

- **Profound** is the most-cited enterprise option. One source describes it as having enterprise AI visibility analytics and suggests it for larger teams prioritizing deep monitoring and enterprise reporting. Another lists its entry price as custom, with a 7-day free trial.
- **Peec AI** suits smaller budgets. One list calls it the best focused prompt tracker for lean brands and agencies, and another puts its entry price at \$95/mo.

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- **Scrunch** fits site-heavy enterprises. It is best for enterprise AI customer experience, bot traffic, and governance, and one source notes it is now part of Sitecore.
- **Semrush or Ahrefs** make sense if you already run an SEO suite. Ahrefs' Brand Radar is strong for macro discovery and SEO-connected research, and Semrush offers AI visibility inside a broader integrated marketing and SEO suite.

Why the long cycle changes the choice

Visibility tools measure whether you get cited, not whether that citation produces revenue. Your deals may take months, so you need a pipeline view. One source notes that early visibility signals such as changes in brand mention rate and share of voice typically appear within two to three months, while measurable conversion impact usually follows in the four to eight month range. Plan for that delay before judging results.

Attribution layer

- **Dreamdata** is the most-recommended fit for your situation. One guide describes it as a strong fit for mid-market and enterprise B2B SaaS companies with longer sales cycles and multiple decision-makers per deal.
- **HockeyStack** is an alternative that consolidates marketing, sales, and product data into a unified revenue view with multi-touch attribution.
- **Lookback windows matter.** One agency says many enterprises use 60- to 90-day attribution windows to account for longer consideration cycles influenced by AI. For a long cycle, you may need longer windows than that.
- **Capture self-reported AI influence.** AI referrals rarely show up as clicks, so one source suggests you add an "AI assistant" option to your demo form and tag sales calls where prospects mention an AI recommendation.

Practical recommendation

1. Choose one visibility tool based on budget: Profound (enterprise), Peec (lean), or your existing SEO suite's add-on.
2. Pair it with Dreamdata or HockeyStack, connected to your CRM.
3. Add a self-reported "how did you hear about us" option that includes AI assistants.
4. Set expectations: about two to three months for visibility signals and four to eight months for conversion impact.

If you tell me your budget, CRM, and average deal length, I can narrow this to one or two options.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Profound, AthenaHQ, SearchEye, Semrush, Sybill, Gong, Coffee CRM

For B2B companies with long sales cycles, "AI visibility" can refer to two very different but equally critical challenges: **Market-facing visibility** (ensuring buyers find you when they ask AI tools for recommendations) and **Internal pipeline visibility** (knowing the true status and risk level of your deals).

Because long sales cycles involve multiple stakeholders and months of research, you likely need a combination of these capabilities to stay competitive.

1. Market-Facing AI Visibility (The "Early Funnel")

In 2026, many B2B buyers start their journey by asking generative AI (like ChatGPT, Perplexity, or Claude) to recommend vendors. If your brand isn't cited in those answers, you may lose the deal before your sales team even knows it exists.

- **How to track it:** You need tools that monitor how your brand appears across various AI platforms.
- **Recommended Tools:**
 - **OtterlyAI:** Often cited as one of the easiest entry points for tracking brand presence across AI search platforms and comparing your "citation rate" against competitors.
 - **Profound / AthenaHQ:** Recommended for larger organizations needing deeper reporting and more complex enterprise-grade visibility tracking.
 - **SearchEye / Semrush:** Useful if you want to integrate AI-search tracking into broader SEO or marketing workflows you may already use.

2. Internal Pipeline Visibility (The "Execution Layer")

In a long, complex sales cycle, deals often stall because activities go unlogged, stakeholder sentiment shifts, or next steps are forgotten. Revenue intelligence platforms use AI to capture "hidden" data from emails and calls to give you an accurate view of deal health.

- **How to track it:** These tools automatically sync data to your CRM and provide AI-driven risk scoring, so you aren't relying on manual, often inaccurate, rep updates.
- **Recommended Tools:**
 - **Sybill:** Highly effective for teams with unreliable CRM data. It captures sentiment, objections, and commitment signals directly from calls and writes them into your CRM, making forecasting significantly more accurate.
 - **Gong:** The industry standard for conversation intelligence. It is excellent for enterprise teams needing to see deep into deal risks, identify coaching opportunities, and understand the "why" behind deal status.
 - **Coffee CRM:** An "AI-first" approach that focuses on fixing the data layer by autonomously capturing interactions and keeping CRM records (like BANT/MEDDIC) clean and up-to-date.

Summary Recommendation

To choose the right tool, identify where your primary bottleneck lies:

If your bottleneck is...	Focus on...	Top Options
Early Discovery	Getting mentioned when buyers ask AI for solutions	OtterlyAI, Profound
Pipeline "Blind Spots"	Understanding deal risk and stalling in long cycles	Sybill, Gong
CRM Data Hygiene	Reps failing to log details in the CRM	Sybill, Coffee CRM

Pro-Tip for Long Cycles: Avoid "tool fatigue." Instead of buying a new tool for every small problem, prioritize a **unified execution layer** (like Gong or a similar revenue intelligence suite) if you have the budget, or ensure your chosen tools have strong native integrations with your existing CRM.

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RECOMMENDED HubSpot AEO (top pick), Profound, Peec AI

Best fit: HubSpot AEO—if your CRM is already HubSpot. For a B2B company with a long sales cycle, the key isn't just tracking how often AI mentions you; it's connecting AI visibility and AI-referred visits to contacts, opportunities, and pipeline. HubSpot's AEO tracks visibility, citations, sentiment, and competitor share of voice across ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini. Its CRM context can help connect AI-referred activity to deals, though you'll want to verify that the attribution detail you need is available in your specific HubSpot plan.²¹²

If you don't use HubSpot: shortlist **Profound** for deeper enterprise monitoring and analytics, and **Peec AI** for a simpler, more focused visibility and competitor-tracking tool. Before choosing, check whether either can integrate with your CRM or export the data you need; visibility scores alone won't prove pipeline impact.¹³⁶

For a long sales cycle, judge tools by whether they let you follow a credible chain from **AI answer or citation → site visit → known contact → opportunity → revenue**. Treat AI visibility as an early signal, not proof that AI caused a deal.

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How do I see which pages on my site AI assistants cite most?

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RECOMMENDED Bing Webmaster Tools, GA4

Use **Bing Webmaster Tools' AI Performance report** for a direct list of cited pages. After verifying your site, open **AI Performance → Citations & Pages** and sort page-level citation activity by citation count. You can also see the grounding queries associated with citations. The report covers Microsoft Copilot, Bing's AI answers, and some partner experiences—not every assistant. (blogs.bing.com)

For Google, check **Search Console → Generative AI performance** and switch the table to **Pages**. It shows impressions for pages surfaced in Google AI Overviews and AI Mode; it's an impressions report, not a universal citation count. (support.google.com)

For assistants not covered by those reports, use an AI-visibility tracker that tests a set of relevant prompts across platforms and records the cited URLs. Treat those results as a sample: answers and citations can vary by prompt and over time.

GA4 is useful too, but for a different question: it can show which landing pages received visits referred by AI services. That tells you which citations generated clicks—not which pages were cited most overall, since many citations don't lead to a visit.

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Claude claude-haiku-5-5 · 29 October 2026, 09:06 UTC

RECOMMENDED Google Search Console, Screaming Frog Log File Analyser, Profound, Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Semrush

The most direct free option is **Bing Webmaster Tools' AI Performance report**. Google and ChatGPT/Perplexity are harder to see, so you'll likely combine a few sources.

1. Bing Webmaster Tools (free, closest to what you're asking)

- Verify your site in Bing Webmaster Tools and open the AI Performance tab. It breaks down which specific URLs get cited most often, and it covers Copilot, AI summaries in Bing, and select partner integrations.
- The "grounding queries" view shows the phrases the AI used when retrieving your content. You can select a query to see the pages cited for it, or select a page to see its queries.
- Limitations: Microsoft says it does not measure ranking, authority, importance or performance, and it doesn't directly attribute clicks or conversions.

2. Google Search Console

Question m16 · Claude, continued

- Google has impressions from AI Overviews and AI Mode in its reports, and these can be broken down by page. This shows Google exposure only, not citations in ChatGPT, Perplexity, or Gemini. It doesn't show which URLs ChatGPT cites, which competitors Perplexity references, or which sources Gemini relies on.

3. Server logs (free, but shows crawling rather than citing)

- Filter your access logs for AI user agents such as ChatGPT-User, PerplexityBot, ClaudeBot, and Google-Extended, then count hits per URL. A tool like Screaming Frog Log File Analyser can do this. Treat it as a signal of which pages AI systems fetch, not proof they were cited, since crawling doesn't guarantee a citation.

4. Third-party citation trackers (paid)

- Tools such as Profound, Otterly AI, Peec AI, and Semrush's AI toolkit run your target prompts across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI, then log which of your URLs appear. Pricing varies; for example, OtterlyAI starts at \$29/month. Results depend on the prompts you choose, so pick ones that reflect how your customers ask questions.

Suggested approach: Start with Bing's page-level report for a free baseline, add Search Console for Google, check logs for AI bot activity, and use a paid tracker only if you need ChatGPT or Perplexity citation data. Note that some of these tools' metrics are estimates, and the vendor claims I found came from marketing content, so test a tool's accuracy on a few known prompts before relying on it.

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RECOMMENDED Semrush, Similarweb NEGATIVE Google Analytics

To see which pages on your site AI assistants cite most, you need to shift from traditional SEO tracking to **AI Citation Tracking**. Because standard analytics tools (like Google Analytics) often fail to capture traffic or mentions from AI-generated answers, you must use specialized methods to uncover these "hidden" sources.

Here is how you can monitor your AI citations, ranging from free manual checks to professional automated solutions.

1. The Manual Approach (Free, for Baseline Insights)

You can perform a "snapshot" analysis to see how your site is performing compared to competitors.

- **Create a List of Queries:** Identify 10–20 buyer-intent questions your customers are likely to ask AI assistants (e.g., "best [your industry] tools for [use case]").
- **Run Consistent Tests:** Ask these questions across major platforms (ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews).

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- **Log the Sources:** Record the URLs cited in the answers for each query. Note whether your site appears or if a competitor is cited instead.
- **Identify Patterns:** After running these tests, you will likely see a pattern. If a competitor consistently appears, look at their page structure—do they answer the question more directly or clearly than you do?

2. Automated AI Citation Tracking Tools

For ongoing monitoring, manual checking is not scalable. Several platforms specialize in tracking which specific URLs and domains are being cited by AI models.

- **Dedicated AI Visibility Platforms:** Tools like **Rankshift**, **Orchly**, **Profound**, and **Ansvisor** are built specifically to log citations across engines like ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini. They typically provide:
 - **URL-level reporting:** Seeing exactly which pages the AI chooses.
 - **Competitive benchmarking:** Seeing who the AI picks when it doesn't pick you.
 - **Alerts:** Notifications when your citation status changes for important keywords.
- **Integrated SEO Suites:** Platforms like **Semrush** (via their AI Visibility Toolkit) and **Similarweb** offer citation analysis features that integrate AI data with your broader SEO efforts.

3. Why This Matters (The "Black Box" Problem)

AI assistants do not use a standard ranking algorithm; they use **Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)**. They "read" (retrieve) relevant pages and then synthesize an answer.

- **If you aren't cited, you are invisible:** Unlike Google Search, where you might appear on page 1 or 2, AI answers often provide a single recommendation.
- **Optimize for "Extraction":** AI assistants prioritize content that is structured, answers questions directly, and is easily crawlable. If you find that a page is rarely cited, ensure it has:
 - Direct answers (short, factual paragraphs) immediately following headings.
 - Clear, logical heading hierarchy.
 - High-authority external mentions (social media, reviews, and community threads) which often correlate with AI trust.

Summary Recommendation

- **If you have no budget:** Use the **manual checklist method** once a month to establish a baseline.
- **If you have a budget:** Use a **specialized AI citation tracker** (e.g., Rankshift, Orchly, or Semrush's AI tools). These tools save hours of manual research and provide a clear "gap analysis" to help you improve your content to better align with what AI models prefer.

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RECOMMENDED Peec AI, Profound, Otterly.AI, Ahrefs Brand Radar, GA4

To see **which pages AI assistants cite most**, use an AI-visibility or citation-tracking tool—not just your web analytics.

1. **Track citations by URL.** Choose a tool that reports the specific pages cited in answers, citation counts, and which AI platforms or prompts cited them. Examples include Peec AI, Profound, Otterly, and Ahrefs Brand Radar; features and platform coverage vary. ¹²¹³¹⁵
2. **Compare citations over time.** Track a consistent set of questions relevant to your site and review the “top cited pages” or URL-level source report. These tools generally query selected prompts and record the sources returned, so results reflect the prompts and platforms you monitor—not every answer an assistant gives. ¹¹¹³
3. **Use GA4 for visits, not citations.** In GA4, look at AI-referred sessions and landing pages to learn which pages people visit after clicking through from an assistant. That’s useful alongside citation data, but it won’t show all citations: many answers generate no click, and referral data is available only when the assistant passes it along. ¹⁸

In short: **citation tracking tells you what gets cited; GA4 tells you what gets clicked.** Comparing the two helps distinguish pages that are frequently referenced from those that actually bring visitors. ¹²

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Affordable alternatives to enterprise AI brand monitoring platforms

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RECOMMENDEDGoogle Alerts, Awario, BrandMentions, Brand24, Otterly.AI, Peec AI

“AI brand monitoring” can mean two different things: **tracking web/social mentions with AI analysis** or **tracking whether ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, and similar tools mention your brand in their answers**. Those are separate product categories, so the best budget option depends on which you need.

Tool	Best for	Current entry price*
Google Alerts	Free, basic alerts for web pages Google indexes	Free
Awario	Lower-cost web and social listening	\$29/month billed annually, or \$49 monthly; Starter includes 3 topics and up to 30,000 new mentions/month. (awario.com)
BrandMentions	SMB brand and competitor monitoring with AI analysis	\$79/month billed annually; its trial page lists \$99/month billed quarterly after trial. Check the billing commitment before signing up. (brandmentions.com)
Brand24	Broader web/social monitoring and AI sentiment/insights	\$199/month billed annually, or \$249 monthly; the Individual plan has 3 keywords and 2,000 mentions/month. (brand24.com)
OtterlyAI	Visibility in AI-generated search answers	\$29/month for 15 prompts and 4 engines; Claude, Gemini, and Google AI Mode are listed as add-ons on that tier. (otterly.ai)
Peec AI	More structured AI-search visibility tracking	Starter includes 50 prompts, 3 models, daily tracking, and 1 project; check its pricing page for the current price. (peec.ai)

Quick shortlist

- **Tight budget, conventional mentions:** Start with Awario; add Google Alerts as a free backstop.
- **Need AI analysis of online conversations:** Compare BrandMentions and Brand24. Brand24 costs more, but its entry plan’s limits and update frequency are clearly stated.
- **Need to know what AI assistants say about you:** Try OtterlyAI or Peec AI. Don’t assume a social-listening platform covers AI-generated answers; verify the exact engines, prompt quota, and whether each engine is included or an add-on.
- **Want to test before committing:** Use a trial with a small set of brand, product, competitor, and category queries, then compare missed mentions and irrelevant alerts.

*Prices and plan details are from vendor pages or recently checked pricing references and can change. Enterprise replacements may also differ substantially in source coverage, historical data, alert speed, and reporting depth—check those before switching.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Rankscale, ZipTie, BrandPeek, Linkeddit, Peec AI, Listable Labs, Promptwatch, Am I On AI, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Writesonic, Frase, Google Alerts, HubSpot's AI Search Grader, Apify, Semrush, Ahrefs

MENTIONED Profound, Brand24

Several budget options cost roughly \$20–\$100 a month, compared with enterprise tools that are quote-only. Prices change often, so check each vendor's pricing page before you buy.

Lowest-cost AI answer monitoring (about \$20–\$50/month)

- **Otterly.AI** is the most cited budget pick. Its Lite plan is \$29 per month and includes 15 search prompts, AI search monitoring across major platforms, daily tracking, AI keyword and prompt research, citation analysis, and limited GEO audits. Some engines, such as Claude and Google, are add-ons on that tier.
- **Rankscale** starts from \$20 per month on yearly billing, and is priced by credits.
- **ZipTie** starts from \$25.65/mo, and its price depends on how many engines and prompts you configure.
- **BrandPeek** has a free plan with 25 credits, and a Starter tier at \$25/mo.

Mid-market AI monitoring (about \$60–\$150/month)

- **Linkeddit** is \$60 per month for six engines plus competitor tracking and Google rank tracking.
- **Peec AI** starts around \$95, and transparent self-serve pricing from \$95/mo, unlimited seats, and agency plans are part of its pitch. Peec also charges extra for models beyond the three you pick.
- **Listable Labs** is starting at \$89/month for 50 prompts, ChatGPT, Gemini and Google AI Mode tracking, 10 articles and 2 seats.
- **Promptwatch** is a \$95 per month plan that logs ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity citations, then surfaces share-of-voice analysis inside a self-service dashboard.
- **Am I On AI** is around \$100 per month, which includes weekly scans, tracking for one product, and monitoring of approximately 100 prompts.

If you already use an SEO suite

- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** is priced at \$99 a month per domain when billed annually. It tracks gaps, but won't fill them.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** is an add-on at \$199/month, and \$699 bundled is the alternative listed for multiple engines.

Content-focused tools (if you also want content produced)

- **Writesonic** is cheaper with significantly more content production capacity than Profound, and opens at \$79 billed annually.
- **Frase** offers a free AI Visibility Checker that returns your ChatGPT result with no signup, and an email address unlocks Perplexity and Gemini, also free. Its paid plans are more of a content platform than a pure monitor.

Question m17 · Claude, continued

Traditional brand and social monitoring (not AI answers)

If your concern is web and social mentions rather than what chatbots say, look at **Mention**, which excels at providing immediate alerts for keyword and page mentions, or **Awario**, which is more affordable (starting at \$29/month vs \$199/month) than Brand24 and includes a prospecting feature. **Google Alerts** is the zero-cost option for basic web mentions.

Free and DIY options

- **HubSpot's AI Search Grader** offers a free one-time score, useful for a first check but not for ongoing monitoring.
- **Apify** is a pay-as-you-go option where the pay-as-you-go pricing starts around \$19 per month for low-volume usage. It suits technical teams who are willing to script their own tracking.
- Manual tracking, with a spreadsheet and a set list of prompts, costs nothing but staff time.

How to choose

- Under \$50 a month: Otterly.AI for basic coverage, or a free grader to test the waters.
- Around \$100 a month: Peec AI, Listable Labs, or Promptwatch if you need more prompts or engines.
- Already paying for Semrush or Ahrefs: use their add-on before adding a new vendor.
- Want the report to lead to action: favor tools that generate content or recommendations, since some critics note that monitoring-only tools show you problems without helping you solve them.

Caveats

- Price points differ between sources. For example, Peec AI appears as €89 in some listings and \$95 in others, and Profound's self-serve tiers have reportedly been removed from its pricing page in favor of custom quotes.
- Most cheap plans limit the number of prompts and engines. Compare prompts per month and engines covered, not just the headline price.
- Cheap tools typically cover fewer engines, so check whether the ones your customers use (ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, Claude, Copilot, Google AI Overviews) are included in the base plan.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Peec AI, MentionBird, Brand24, Awario, Google Alerts, Apify MENTIONED Brandwatch, Meltwater

For teams seeking alternatives to expensive enterprise-level AI brand monitoring platforms, there are several cost-effective, specialized tools available in 2026. Because "brand monitoring" can refer to social listening, reputation management, or the newer field of "AI visibility" (tracking how AI models like ChatGPT or Perplexity cite your brand), it is important to select a tool based on your specific goal.

1. Affordable AI Visibility Tools

These tools are specifically designed to track your brand’s presence in AI-generated answers, which is distinct from traditional SEO.

- **Otterly AI:** Widely cited as one of the most budget-friendly options for small businesses. It offers a "Lite" plan starting around **\$29/month**, which covers daily tracking across major engines like ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews.
- **Peec AI:** Another popular, budget-conscious choice for teams that need to track a specific set of prompts and monitor citation gaps across AI engines.
- **MentionBird:** Starts at approximately **\$79/month** and is noted for tracking across several AI platforms (ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, etc.) with actionable ranking advice.

2. Social Listening & Brand Monitoring (Web/Social)

If your goal is to monitor brand mentions, sentiment, and reputation across news, social media, and forums, these platforms are more accessible than enterprise giants like Brandwatch or Meltwater.

- **Brand24:** Often recommended for small-to-mid-sized businesses. It provides real-time alerts, sentiment analysis, and mention tracking across a vast range of online sources. It is significantly more accessible than enterprise suites while still offering robust reporting.
- **Awario:** Known for being user-friendly and affordable, making it a strong contender for teams that prioritize sentiment analysis and crisis detection without the high price tag of enterprise solutions.
- **Google Alerts:** For a **free, baseline solution**, Google Alerts remains a reliable starting point to receive notifications when your brand name appears in indexed web content.

3. Comparison & Selection Framework

When choosing a platform, avoid paying for features you do not need by following this decision framework:

If your priority is...	Look for tools like...	Why?
AI Search Visibility	Otterly AI, Peec AI	These monitor what AI models say about you, helping you improve your "Answer Engine Optimization."
Social Media & Sentiment	Brand24, Awario	These excel at tracking public chatter, sentiment, and news coverage in real time.
Small Business/Budget	Otterly AI, Free Trials	Many specialized AI tools offer entry-level tiers that cover essential prompts for under \$50–\$100/mo.

Important Considerations for Your Search

- **Avoid "Data Dumps":** Look for platforms that offer **actionable insights** (e.g., "Fix this specific page to be cited by AI") rather than just showing you volume charts.
- **Integration:** If you already use tools like **Semrush** or **Ahrefs**, check if they offer AI-specific add-ons or modules. Utilizing tools already in your stack can often be more cost-effective than adding a new subscription.

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- **Pilot Testing:** Many of these platforms offer free trials or starter plans. Use a narrow set of "high-intent" questions (e.g., "What is the best [your product category]?") to test a tool's effectiveness before committing to a paid plan.

Pro Tip: If your team has technical resources, some companies are using **Apify** to build custom, highly affordable scrapers that track specific mentions across the web, effectively "owning" the data for a fraction of the cost of an enterprise subscription.

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RECOMMENDED Brand24, Google Alerts, Otterly.AI MENTIONED Semrush

Affordable options depend on what you mean by **AI brand monitoring**: tracking mentions across the web and social media is different from tracking whether ChatGPT or other AI assistants mention your brand.

For web and social listening

- **Awario** – A low-cost starting point, with plans reported around **\$29/month when billed annually**. It covers core web and social monitoring, but has fewer AI features and some channel limitations.¹⁹
- **Brand24** – A step up for teams wanting broader coverage and AI-assisted analysis. Its Individual plan is reported at **\$199/month billed annually**, with limits on keywords and mentions.²⁹
- **Google Alerts** – A free option for basic web mentions. It's useful as a lightweight supplement, but not a substitute for a full social-listening platform.⁴

For visibility in AI-generated answers

- **Otterly.ai** – Reported to start at **\$29/month** for tracking a limited set of prompts across AI assistants. Check which models and prompt volume are included before choosing a plan.⁸
- **Chatbeat** – Reported plans start at **\$99/month**, with a focus on tracking brand visibility and competitors in AI chatbot answers.⁶
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** – Reported to start at **\$199/month**; may make sense if you already use Semrush for SEO.⁶

Practical shortlist: Try **Awario** for inexpensive conventional monitoring, **Otterly.ai** for a focused AI-answer visibility tracker, or combine a free alert service with a dedicated AI tracker if your needs are modest. Prices and plan limits can change, and comparison sites sometimes show conflicting figures, so verify current terms directly with vendors.¹⁸⁹

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AI visibility tool that tracks several brands for one company

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RECOMMENDED Allswap, Diploria, Zumi, Omnia

If you mean a tool that monitors **multiple brands under one company**, **Allswap** looks like a direct fit: it offers multi-brand tracking in one workspace, with separate prompts, competitors, and reports for each brand, plus a portfolio overview. (allswap.app)

Other options to check:

- **Diploria AI** – one account for multiple brands, with separate prompts, markets, and reports. (diploria.ai)
- **Zumi** – separate workspaces per brand or region, with portfolio switching and reporting features. (zumihq.com)
- **Omnia** – positions its platform for teams tracking AI visibility across multiple brands. (useomnia.com)

If you share how many brands you need to track and whether you want **AI-answer mentions, citations**, or both, I can narrow it down.

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RECOMMENDED SE Visible (top pick), Rankscale, Peec AI, Slate, Profound, Semrush, Ahrefs, Ahrefs Brand Radar

For one company tracking several brands, **SE Visible** (from SE Ranking) is the strongest match in the results. Several other tools also support multiple brands, but many are built for agencies, so check whether they suit an in-house team.

- **SE Visible**: It lets you track multiple brands or clients in one platform, and it monitors brands, sentiment, and competitors in ChatGPT, AI Mode, and more. One review says it supports up to 10 brands with regional breakdowns. Pricing reportedly starts at \$99/mo (Basic, 200 prompts, 3 projects), so check whether the brand limit matches your plan.
- **Rankscale**: It is designed for agencies and enterprises managing multiple brands, letting you track visibility for multiple brand presences within one account. It covers 17+ engines, including ChatGPT, Perplexity, Claude, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews.
- **Peec AI**: One guide says it fits agencies tracking many brands and prompt sets. Another lists its price at \$95/month, with a 7-day free trial.
- **Slate**: It is built specifically for marketing agencies managing multiple client brands from a single, unified workspace. Its best fit is agencies managing 10+ client brands, so it may be more than a single company needs.

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- **Profound:** It is a strong option for agencies running GEO for various clients, but managing multiple companies from one account requires an agency or Enterprise plan.
- **Semrush or Ahrefs:** These fit if your team already uses them. Ahrefs Brand Radar comes with any Ahrefs account, and an Ahrefs subscription starts at \$129/month for the Lite plan. I did not find clear confirmation that either handles several brands well, so verify that directly.

Before you buy, confirm three things:

1. **Brand limits and pricing:** Some plans cap brands, projects, or prompts, and one guide notes that coverage and pricing change quickly.
2. **Per-brand separation:** Check that each brand gets its own prompts, competitors, and reports.
3. **Engine coverage:** Make sure the tool covers the AI engines your customers actually use.

Most tools offer free trials, so testing two candidates with your real brand names is the quickest way to decide. If you tell me your budget, number of brands, and whether you already use an SEO suite, I can narrow this down.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Peec AI, SE Visible, Geoptie, Sight AI, Semrush, Ahrefs

For companies managing a portfolio of multiple brands, several AI visibility and brand monitoring tools are specifically designed to consolidate tracking into a single workspace. These platforms allow you to monitor AI search performance (e.g., ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Claude) across all your brands without needing separate logins or duplicate setups.

Top AI Visibility Tools for Multi-Brand Management

When evaluating tools for a multi-brand portfolio, look for platforms that offer **workspace isolation** (to keep data/permissions separate) and **portfolio-level reporting** (to compare brand performance side-by-side).

Tool	Best For	Key Features for Multi-Brand
SearchFIT	Centralized Portfolio Tracking	Designed for holding companies and agencies; tracks AI visibility for all brands in one workspace.
Profound	Enterprise-Grade Intelligence	Offers high-level analytics, citation tracking, and share-of-voice data for large-scale operations.
Peec AI	Agencies & Scaling Brands	Known for SKU-level tracking and handling multiple brand/client workspaces efficiently.
SE Visible	Multi-Brand Reporting	Specifically noted for its ability to handle reporting across several brands or client accounts.

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Tool	Best For	Key Features for Multi-Brand
Geoptie	Multi-Brand & Market Coverage	Supports multiple brands and unlimited team members; offers white-label reporting.

Key Considerations for Your Choice

- **Actionability vs. Monitoring:** Many tools provide only a "dashboard" of metrics. If your team is small, prioritize platforms like **Profound** or **Sight AI**, which offer more than just data—they often provide content-generation workflows or diagnostic features to help you fix visibility gaps.
- **SKU/Product-Level Granularity:** If your company owns multiple product lines, ensure the tool can track them separately. A "blended" visibility score for a parent company often masks the fact that one product line is performing well while another is invisible.
- **Workflow Integration:** If your team already uses SEO suites like **Semrush** or **Ahrefs**, these platforms have integrated AI visibility toolkits that may save you from purchasing and managing a separate, standalone tool.
- **Security & Compliance:** For larger enterprises, check for **SOC 2 compliance** and role-based access controls (RBAC), which ensure that brand managers can only see data for their specific brands while leadership maintains a portfolio-wide view.

Recommendation for Starting

If you are looking for a "clean" way to track multiple brands at scale:

1. **Test the "Single Dashboard" capability:** Use platforms like **SearchFIT** or **Peec AI** that specifically advertise multi-brand management to see if they can reduce your administrative overhead.
2. **Evaluate the "So What?":** Before signing an enterprise contract, ask for a demo that shows how the tool suggests *remedies* for low visibility, not just reporting.

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If you're looking for an **AI visibility platform to monitor several brands under one company account**, these are the strongest fits from the current results:

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- **Peec AI** – A good match for managing brands as separate projects in one account. Each brand can have its own prompts, competitors, markets, and AI engines, with side-by-side benchmarking and enterprise reporting integrations. ¹⁴
- **SE Visible** – Worth considering for multi-brand reporting; it tracks brand mentions, sentiment, competitors, and sources across ChatGPT, Gemini, Google AI Mode, and AI Overviews. ⁵⁷
- **AthenaHQ** – A more enterprise-oriented option, with portfolio-wide benchmarking across multiple brands or business units in one workspace. ¹³
- **SE Ranking's SE Visible** – A lower-cost option noted for supporting multiple brands, with a reported entry tier for three brands at \$79/month; confirm current plan limits directly. ²

My starting recommendation: try **Peec AI** if you want clearly separated brand projects and cross-brand comparisons. For a larger organization that needs portfolio-level benchmarking, evaluate **AthenaHQ** as well. Check each vendor's current brand/project limits, engines, markets, and prompt allowances before choosing, since plans can change. ⁴

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What should a brand track first when it starts measuring AI search visibility?

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Start with **mention rate on a fixed set of real buyer questions**: across the AI search tools your customers use, how often does your brand appear in the answer?

Make it a usable baseline:

1. **Build a small prompt set** around buyer intent—category discovery, comparisons, recommendations, and branded questions.
2. **Track mentions and citations separately.** A brand can be named without its site being linked; record both, and note which pages or other sources the AI cites. (learn.microsoft.com)
3. **Include competitors and accuracy.** Is your brand being recommended, how does its visibility compare, and is the description correct?
4. **Repeat the same prompts on a regular cadence** and compare trends, rather than treating one set of answers as a definitive score. AI visibility tools generally measure responses to tracked prompts, and their metrics aren't standardized across providers. (searchable.com)
5. **Then connect visibility to outcomes**—referral visits, leads, or sales—where your analytics can identify them.

In short: **first measure whether you show up for important buyer questions; then measure whether you're cited, represented accurately, and driving business.**

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MENTIONED Visblie, Scalenut, Semrush, Search Influence, GA4

Start with a fixed prompt set and one number: how often your brand appears in the answers.

1. **Build the prompt set.** One guide suggests starting by tracking a small cluster of 5-25 prompts that represent your core topics. Another recommends a prompt set of 20-50 questions your target buyers are most likely to ask AI tools about your category. Either works. The point is to ask the same questions every time.
1. **Measure mention rate first.** This is the share of prompts where your name shows up. Visblie defines Brand Mention Rate as the percentage of tested prompts where your brand name appears anywhere in the AI-generated answer. It calls this the most fundamental visibility metric.
1. **Sample repeatedly, per platform.** AI answers vary, so one check tells you little. Visblie advises that metrics are estimates from repeated prompt sampling. Track them over time and per model, never from a single answer. Search Engine Land also found that between 40 and 60% of cited sources change from month to month.

Question m19 · Claude, continued

1. **Add citations once presence is baselined.** Mentions show that you were named; citations show whether your site was used as a source. Scalenut puts it this way: mentions show whether your brand appears in AI answers, while citations show whether your website is used as a source. Track citation frequency and which of your URLs get cited.
1. **Then add competitive context.** Share of voice shows how you compare. Semrush suggests pairing metrics so they're meaningful: frequency alone doesn't show how you're performing against rivals. Pairing the two gives you an accurate view of your brand's performance relative to competitors.
1. **Later, connect to business results.** Once the basics are stable, add AI referral traffic from your analytics, sentiment, and branded search trends. Searchinfluence describes the baseline stack as brand mention frequency across major AI platforms, citation share within relevant query sets, branded search volume trends as a proxy for upstream awareness, and AI-referred session data in GA4, where available.

In short, begin with mention rate across a fixed prompt set, measured repeatedly on each platform. Citations, share of voice, and then traffic and sentiment come after that baseline is in place.

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When a brand starts measuring AI search visibility, the first thing it should track is **AI citation frequency** (or mention rate) across a controlled, representative set of buyer-intent queries.

Because AI search does not function like traditional blue-link rankings, you cannot rely on keyword positions. Instead, you must build a repeatable, data-driven baseline to understand if, how often, and how accurately AI models are referencing your brand.

Why Citation Frequency is the Best Starting Point

- **It is Concrete and Actionable:** Unlike abstract "visibility scores," knowing how many times your brand is cited in response to specific buyer questions gives you a clear "yes/no" signal of your current standing.
- **It Reveals the "Zero-Click" Reality:** AI search often answers questions entirely within the interface. Tracking citations is the only way to know if you are part of that conversation, even if no user ever clicks through to your website.
- **It is Highly Segmentable:** You can immediately see which platforms (e.g., ChatGPT vs. Perplexity vs. Google AI Overviews) are ignoring your brand and which are recommending it, allowing you to prioritize your optimization efforts.

Question m19 · Gemini, continued

How to Set Up Your Initial Measurement

To move beyond guessing, you should follow this repeatable process:

1. **Define a "Prompt Set":** Create a fixed list of 20–30 high-intent questions that your target customers actually ask (e.g., "What is the best [product category] for [use case]?" or "Compare [Brand A] and [Brand B]").
2. **Select Your Platforms:** Choose the primary AI engines your audience uses (e.g., ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, Gemini, and Claude).
3. **Establish a Cadence:** Run these same prompts consistently (e.g., weekly or monthly). Because AI models update frequently, consistent testing is necessary to build a defensible dataset that shows whether your optimizations are actually working.
4. **Track Key Signals:** Beyond just appearing in an answer, record:
 - **Mention Rate:** How often are you named?
 - **Citation Rate:** How often are you cited with a link?
 - **Share of Voice:** How often are you named compared to your direct competitors?

Moving Beyond the Basics

Once you have established your baseline for citations, you can layer in more advanced metrics to understand the full impact of your AI visibility:

- **Sentiment:** Are you being recommended positively or neutrally?
- **Referral/Assisted Conversions:** Use analytics to monitor direct traffic or branded search spikes that correlate with your AI visibility efforts.
- **Competitive Gap Analysis:** Identify the specific prompts where competitors appear and you do not, which helps you decide exactly what content or entity signals to improve next.

The bottom line: Do not wait for a perfect, all-encompassing dashboard. Start by manually or systematically tracking a fixed set of questions to see if you exist in the AI-generated answers that matter most to your business.

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Start with **mention rate**: how often your brand appears in answers to a fixed set of relevant prompts. It gives you a simple baseline for whether AI search is surfacing you at all.⁵¹³

To make that number useful:

1. **Choose a small set of buyer-style questions** across your key topics—say 20–50 to begin.
2. **Run the same prompts across the AI platforms your customers use**, and repeat them on a regular schedule. Answers vary by platform and over time, so keep the prompt set and method consistent.¹¹³
3. **Record three things for each answer:** whether your brand is mentioned, whether your own pages are cited, and which competitors appear. A mention measures presence; an owned citation shows your content is being used as a source.¹³
4. **Then add share of voice**—your appearances compared with competitors across that same prompt set—to put your baseline in context.⁵

Question m19 · Perplexity, continued

Also note whether mentions are accurate and favorable, but avoid starting with a complicated scorecard. First establish a repeatable baseline for **mentions and citations**; then track changes over time. ⁴⁸

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RECOMMENDED Lindle, GEOlytic, Visibiliti, Launch at Dawn, AI Search Visibility

Here are AI visibility tools whose **current pages say you can start without entering a credit card**:

Tool	No-card option	Notes
Lindle	Free for 1 month	Brand visibility baseline, competitor comparison, daily refreshes, and an introductory audit. It says there's no automatic paid conversion. (lindle.ai)
GEOlytic	14-day free trial	Trial includes one brand, four AI engines, content generation, and website audits. (geolytic.ai)
Visibiliti	7-day free trial	Full access to tracking across ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Claude, plus citation and competitor insights. (visibiliti.ai)
Launch at Dawn (launchatdawn.com)	7-day trial and a free tier	Free tier includes one website, 10 prompts, weekly scans, and a 30-day trendline. (launchatdawn.com)
AI Search Visibility (aisearchvisibility.ai)	Free plan, no trial needed	Up to five audits per month; focused on auditing pages for AI-search visibility rather than ongoing brand tracking. (aisearchvisibility.ai)

My quick picks: For a time-limited trial, try **GEOlytic** or **Lindle**. For something you can keep using free, try **Launch at Dawn** or **AI Search Visibility**. Trial terms can change, so confirm the no-card requirement at signup.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Visibility AI, Rankry, LLMrefs, Knowatoa, Aiso, AI Peekaboo, Writesonic, SE Ranking, Gauge, Searchable, PromptRush, HubSpot AI Search Grader, Geoptie MENTIONED Peec AI, ZipTie, Scrunch, Rankscale, Trakkr, Semrush
NEGATIVE Profound

Several AI visibility tools offer free trials without a card, though terms vary by source, so confirm on each vendor's signup page before you commit.

Confirmed no-card trials (vendor pages say so)

- **Otterly.AI:** Its site advertises a 14-day trial with no card, though its FAQ mentions a 7-day trial for new users. The length conflicts across sources. Its paid plans start at \$29/month.
- **Visibility AI:** Its site lists a 7-day free trial for every plan, with no card needed; you add your brand and the scan runs on day one.
- **Rankry:** A 7-day trial with no card that opens the full product, including the seven-engine catalogue. Plans start at \$99/mo (\$79 annual) after the trial.

Question m20 · Claude, continued

- **LLMrefs:** A 7-day trial that requires no credit card and gives you the full All-in-One feature set for the evaluation window.
- **Knowatoa:** A 7-day trial with no card. It has limited prompts and monitoring frequency during the trial.
- **Aiso:** 7-day free trial, no credit card required.
- **AI Peekaboo:** 14-day free trial, no credit card required.
- **Writesonic:** Free trial with no credit card, per one review. Its self-serve plans cover only 3 engines.
- **SE Ranking:** A 14-day trial. Both its \$129/mo Core and \$279/mo Growth plans come with the trial and no card required.
- **Gauge:** Starts with a free trial, with paid plans from \$99/month. I could not confirm the card policy.

Trials where card policy is unclear or conflicting

- **Peec AI, ZipTie, Scrunch, Rankscale, Trakkr:** These have trials of 7 to 14 days, but sources disagree on whether a card is required. One source says AIShortlist, Otterly.AI and Scrunch say no card is needed, while another lists Scrunch's trial without mentioning a card.
- **Semrush:** Its AI Visibility Toolkit has no standalone trial. A 14-day trial is offered only through Semrush One. It also has a free AI Search Visibility Checker with limited functionality.

Free checkers (no trial needed, just a report)

- **Searchable:** Free AI visibility score and full report in minutes, no credit card needed.
- **PromptRush:** An instant preview with a visibility score and top-competitor ranking. A free account, still with no card, unlocks sources, per-prompt responses, and tracking over time.
- **HubSpot AI Search Grader:** Fully free with no signup and returns an instant visibility score and basic recommendations.
- **Geoptie:** Its free GEO audit and AI rank tracker run with no account and no credit card.

Not recommended if you want to avoid paying first

- **Profound:** One major platform, Profound, offers no trial at all, though another source says it has a 7-day trial. Its trial is also limited to 3 answer engines with 50 daily prompts.

If you want the least friction, I'd start with Otterly.AI or LLMrefs, since they have clear no-card trials and low entry prices. Tell me your budget, the AI engines you care about, and whether you're a brand, agency, or SaaS team, and I can narrow this down.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, SE Ranking, Omnia, Noveum.ai, Observe by Snowflake, BetterClaw

When looking for AI visibility tools (often used for monitoring how your brand appears in AI search results or tracking AI agent performance), several providers offer free trials or free tiers that do not require a credit card.

Below are options categorized by their primary use case.

AI Search Visibility & Brand Monitoring

These tools help you track whether AI engines like ChatGPT, Perplexity, or Google AI Overviews are citing your brand.

- **LLMrefs:** Offers a 7-day free trial that requires **no credit card**. It provides broad engine coverage, including ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, Claude, and Copilot.
- **Otterly AI:** Known as a budget-friendly entry point, it offers a 7-day free trial that generally does not require a card to start. It focuses on tracking brand mentions across major AI search engines.
- **SE Ranking (AI Visible):** Offers a 14-day free trial without a credit card. This is well-suited for teams who want to combine AI visibility tracking with a broader SEO suite.
- **Omnia:** Provides a 14-day free trial with no credit card required. It is designed to help brands monitor their positioning and citations within AI assistants.

AI Observability & Agent Performance

These tools are typically used by developers or teams building AI applications to monitor performance, logs, and "drift."

- **Noveum.ai:** Offers a "Free" tier that includes 2,500 credits per month without needing a credit card. This covers eval scoring, testing, and analytics for your AI agents.
- **Observe by Snowflake:** Provides a 14-day free trial for their observability platform (logs, metrics, and traces) without requiring a credit card.
- **BetterClaw:** Offers a free, hosted AI agent plan that includes 100 credits per month and 3 connectors. It is "free forever" with no trial expiry and no credit card required.

Question m20 · Gemini, continued

Important Tips for "No-Card" Trials

- **Verify the "End of Trial" Policy:** Many tools (like those mentioned above) are designed so that when your trial ends, the monitoring simply pauses or stops rather than automatically charging you. Always check the FAQ or pricing page to confirm it does not auto-convert to a paid subscription.
- **Distinguish Between "Trial" and "Audit":** Some platforms offer a free "Visibility Grader" or "Snapshot" tool that requires no account at all. These are excellent for a one-time check, but if you need ongoing, daily monitoring, you will eventually need to look for a platform with a standing free tier or a trial.
- **Trial Limitations:** Even with "no card" trials, providers often limit the number of prompts, keywords, or engines you can track. For example, some base plans may track four engines, while "full coverage" might require an add-on or a higher tier later.

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RECOMMENDED Visibility AI, LLM Monitor, Sona, Surva.ai, Mentionable, LLM Metrix

Here are a few **AI visibility tools that say you can try them without entering a credit card:**

Tool	No-card option	Best for
Visibility AI	7-day free trial; no card required	Straightforward brand and competitor visibility monitoring ¹
LLM Monitor	1-month free trial; no card required	Exploring AI visibility reports before choosing a paid plan ²
Sona	14-day free trial; no card required	Tracking prompts and citations, with broader analytics ⁴
Surva.ai	7-day free trial; no card required	Tracking answers across AI engines plus site audits and content tools ⁸
Mentionable	Free tools without signup; also offers a 7-day no-card trial for ongoing tracking	Trying one-off checks before signing up for monitoring ⁷
LLMMonitor	Free trial with up to 3 prompts and 2 scans; no card required	A quick, limited test of how AI models describe your brand ⁶

If you want something **free beyond a trial**, LLM Metrix advertises a free plan with no card and no time limit, limited to one domain and three tracked prompts per week across four AI models. ¹⁴

Trial terms and limits can change, so confirm them on the signup page before creating an account.

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APPENDIX A · QUESTION T01 · TAIL · RECOMMEND · DECISION

Track whether Perplexity cites my blog posts, and tell me which ones

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BRANDS READ none

I can help monitor this, but I can't keep checking in the background or send you future alerts from this chat.

Send me your blog's URL (or domain) and, ideally, the topics or questions you want tracked. I can check which posts appear in Perplexity's citations now. For ongoing tracking, the practical approach is to run a fixed set of relevant questions on a schedule and record the cited URLs—citation tracking tools can automate those repeated checks. (answerline.dev)

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Perplexity citations monitoring alerts track when Perplexity cites your website blog posts
Perplexity API citations search answers source URLs monitoring website mentions

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RECOMMENDED GA4, Rankability, Wellows, Beamtrace

I can't track this directly. I don't have access to your blog or to Perplexity's citation records, and I can't reliably run live Perplexity searches to see which of your posts it links to. Here's what would work.

Option 1: Send me your blog URL and a list of your key topics. I can search for the posts and related queries, but that only shows what appears in search results on the day I run it, not a continuing record.

Option 2: Check manually. Perplexity's answers are not consistent, so you need repeated checks. One guide suggests that Incognito/Private browsing and make sure you are logged out helps, because Perplexity personalizes results when you are signed in or have search history. Keep a log of prompts, dates, and cited URLs. Another guide recommends that you run each prompt twice in quick succession on day 1, since the same prompt can return different sources.

Option 3: Check your analytics. Perplexity sends referral traffic, so a GA4 referral filter for perplexity.ai shows visits from its links. This shows clicks, not citations, but it's a good ongoing signal.

Option 4: Use a paid tracker. Tools such as Rankability, Wellows, and Beamtrace track every citation your domain earns, which exact URLs Perplexity is linking to, and how that changes over time. Rankability is listed at US\$99 a month. Check current pricing and trial terms on each vendor's site before subscribing.

If you send me the blog URL and a set of questions your posts answer, I can run searches for them and show which of your posts appear, with the caveat that this is a snapshot.

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how to track Perplexity citations of my website

Question t01 · Claude, continued

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Rankability, Ansvisor, Finseo, Google Analytics 4 (GA4)

Perplexity does not provide a built-in dashboard or notification system to alert you when it cites your blog posts. Because Perplexity functions as an "answer engine" that retrieves and synthesizes information in real-time, you must actively monitor for these citations.

To track whether your blog posts are being cited and which ones are appearing, you can use the following methods:

1. Manual Checking (The "Baseline" Method)

This is the most direct way to see if you are being cited.

- **Identify Key Queries:** Create a list of 10–20 "buyer-intent" or "informational" questions relevant to your content (e.g., "What are the best [your topic] strategies in 2026?").
- **Search and Audit:** Manually type these queries into Perplexity and inspect the "Sources" section of the generated answers. Check if your domain or specific blog post URLs appear in the numbered citations.
- **Repeat Periodically:** Since Perplexity's citations change based on fresh content and algorithm updates, perform this check consistently (e.g., monthly) to see if your visibility is stable.

2. Using Dedicated AI Citation Trackers

If you want to automate this process, several specialized tools have emerged to track brand mentions and URL citations across AI engines like Perplexity, ChatGPT, and Gemini.

- **Dedicated Tools:** Platforms such as **Otterly.ai**, **Rankability**, **Ansvisor**, and **Finseo** (among others) are specifically designed to monitor where your domain is cited. They can often show you:
 - Which specific URLs are being referenced.
 - Which prompts or queries trigger a citation.
 - How your visibility compares to competitors.
- **Analytics Integration:** Even without a dedicated tool, you can set up custom filters in **Google Analytics 4 (GA4)** to track referral traffic specifically from `perplexity.ai`. While this won't show you every time you are cited (since a user might not always click), it helps you identify which content is successfully driving traffic from Perplexity.

Key Tips for Visibility

- **Verify Indexing:** Ensure that PerplexityBot is allowed in your `robots.txt` file. If the bot cannot crawl your site, you cannot be cited.
- **Distinguish Mentions vs. Citations:** A brand mention (where your name appears in the text) is not the same as a citation (where Perplexity explicitly links to your URL). Focus on increasing **citation rate**—the frequency with which your actual URLs are linked in the response.

Question t01 · Gemini, continued

- **Content Strategy:** Perplexity prioritizes "answer-first" content that is fresh, authoritative, and directly addresses user questions. Improving the structure of your blog posts to provide direct, concise answers can improve your chances of being selected as a source.

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RECOMMENDED Perplexity's developer API

Yes—Perplexity shows linked sources in its answers, so you can check whether a specific blog URL was cited ¹². But I can't monitor Perplexity in the background or tell which of your posts have been cited without your blog URL and a set of questions to check.

Share your blog's URL (or sitemap) and the topics or questions you care about. I can help you set up a repeatable check; for ongoing tracking, you'd rerun those questions on a schedule and record the cited URLs. Perplexity's developer API also provides citation/source data for programmatic tracking ⁵.

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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 Ahrefs Brand Radar

The quickest way is to **test the exact buyer question** across several assistants, then track the results over repeated runs.

1. **Write one realistic prompt for the use case.** Be specific about the buyer, situation, and criteria—for example:

“What’s the best [type of product] for [specific use case], if I need [key requirement]?”

Try a few natural variations, including prompts that **don’t name your company**.

1. **Run it in the assistants your buyers use**—for example, ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, and Perplexity. Record:
 - Which brands are recommended, and in what order
 - Whether you’re mentioned
 - What strengths or weaknesses each brand is assigned
 - Any sources or citations the assistant provides
1. **Repeat the same prompts periodically.** Answers can differ by assistant and change between runs, so one response is only a snapshot.

For a one-time check, a spreadsheet is enough. If you need ongoing monitoring, use an AI-visibility tracker that lets you **set custom prompts** and compares brand mentions, competitor recommendations, and cited sources across assistants. For example, Ahrefs Brand Radar offers custom-prompt tracking; other tools also advertise cross-assistant competitor monitoring. Check that a tool supports your specific assistants and prompts before choosing it. (techradar.com)

The key is to track the use case, not just your brand name. A useful first report is a table of prompt × assistant × recommended brands × cited sources.

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RECOMMENDED SE Ranking, SE Visible, Airank

You can get this from an AI visibility tool or by running the prompts yourself. Both approaches work the same way: you define the use-case prompts, then record which brands the assistants name.

Option 1: Use an AI visibility tool

Tools in this category typically let you enter a set of prompts, run them across several assistants, and compare the results with your competitors. Some examples from current reviews:

Question t02 · Claude, continued

- **Competitor gap reports:** SE Ranking's tool spots competitive gaps where rivals show up, and you don't, and lets you drill into the prompts behind those results.
- **Topic-level view:** SE Visible benchmarks competitors on visibility, share of voice and sentiment topic by topic, so you can see which topics a rival owns, not just that it outranks you overall.
- **Entity gaps:** Airank identifies entities your competitors are associated with that your brand isn't.
- **Citation sources:** Several tools also show which sources influence AI mentions, which helps explain why rivals are being recommended.

Before buying, check that the tool covers the assistants your buyers use and lets you set your own prompts. Several reviews note that you can see where rivals are winning citations you're not only if the tool tracks competitors alongside your brand.

Option 2: Do it manually (free, good for a first pass)

1. **Write 10–20 prompts** that a buyer with this use case would actually type, such as "best [category] for [use case]" or "what should I use for [specific problem] on a small team?" Include a few with constraints like budget or company size.
2. **Run each prompt** in ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews. Use logged-out or fresh sessions where you can, since personalization changes answers.
3. **Log every brand named**, its position in the answer, and whether it was recommended or merely mentioned. Note the cited sources too.
4. **Repeat several times.** Answers vary between runs, so one result isn't reliable. Count how often each competitor appears across runs.
5. **Look at the sources** the assistant cites for the competitors it recommends. Those pages show what the assistant is drawing on.

Tips

- Keep the use case narrow. "Invoice software for freelance designers" will surface different competitors than "accounting software."
- Track the same prompts over time so you can see changes after content or PR work.
- The manual method gives you a snapshot. Tools are better for ongoing tracking, larger prompt sets, and sharing reports with a team.

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MENTIONED Google Business Profile

To discover which competitors AI assistants recommend over your business, you need to move beyond simple one-off searches and adopt a systematic tracking approach. Because AI answers are dynamic—generated fresh each time and influenced by context—a single prompt is not a measurement; it is merely an anecdote.

To get reliable, actionable data, follow this framework:

Question t02 · Claude, continued

1. Perform the "Buyer Intent" Test (Manual Method)

If you want to start immediately without specialized tools, use this 20-minute routine to establish a baseline:

- **Draft Your Prompts:** Create a list of 5–10 specific questions your ideal customers actually ask. Do not use industry jargon; use the language of your customers (e.g., *"What is the best [service] for [specific problem] in [your city/region]?"*).
- **Use Fresh Sessions:** Open ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews in "incognito" or "fresh" browser sessions to ensure no past search history or context biases the results.
- **Record Results in a Spreadsheet:** Track the following for each prompt:
 - **The Query Used:** The specific wording of your test question.
 - **The Assistant:** Which engine (e.g., ChatGPT, Perplexity) provided the answer.
 - **Mentioned Brands:** Who exactly was named?
 - **Citation Source:** Which websites did the AI link to as its "proof"? (This is critical—it tells you *why* they were recommended).
- **Look for Patterns:** Run these same prompts across different days. If a competitor appears in 3 out of 5 tests, they have established "AI visibility" for that use case.

2. Move to Automated "AEO" Tracking

"Answer Engine Optimization" (AEO) is the field of ensuring AI surfaces your brand as a trusted answer. If manual tracking is too slow, use purpose-built platforms that automate this visibility monitoring:

- **Visibility Scoring:** Tools like **Beamtrace**, **SearchFIT**, **Reachd**, or **Sight AI** automatically run these queries daily across multiple engines.
- **Competitive Benchmarking:** These platforms provide side-by-side comparisons, showing you your "share of voice" versus specific competitors in AI responses.
- **Gap Analysis:** They can alert you when a new competitor enters the conversation or identify the specific buyer queries where you are completely absent but your rivals are thriving.

3. Analyze the "Why" (The Competitive Context)

When you find a competitor being recommended instead of you, do not just note their name. Investigate the underlying cause:

- **Check the Source:** Look at the websites the AI is citing. Is the AI recommending the competitor because they have a high-authority article that perfectly answers that specific user problem?
- **Review Your Content:** If you are missing, it is often because your content does not clearly define *who* you serve and *what* problems you solve in plain, structured language.
- **Entity Clarity:** Ensure your business name, services, and location are consistently updated across your website, Google Business Profile, and third-party directories. AI assistants prioritize "verified" entities.

Key Takeaway for Strategy

Treat AI recommendations as a **probability game** rather than a fixed search ranking. Your goal is to map your content to the questions buyers ask at every stage of their journey (category questions, use-case questions, and comparison questions). If you are consistently absent from these answers, use the competitive data you've gathered to create high-quality, "answer-ready" content—such as comparison pages or problem-solving guides—that makes it easy for AI engines to cite you as the authority.

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BRANDS READ none

Treat it as a **prompt-level competitor audit**: test the exact use case buyers care about, then record which assistants recommend you, which recommend competitors, and what sources they rely on.

1. **Write a small set of realistic buyer prompts** for that use case. Include a recommendation prompt, a comparison prompt, and an alternatives prompt. For example:
 - “What are the best [product category] options for [specific audience/use case]?”
 - “Which tools help [audience] achieve [outcome] under [constraint]?”
 - “Compare [your product] with the best alternatives for [use case].”
1. **Run the same prompts** in the assistants that matter to your customers—such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews. Use fresh sessions and keep the wording, region, and settings consistent. Repeat each prompt a few times: answers can vary between runs.²⁷
1. **Log the results** in a spreadsheet: prompt, assistant, date, brands recommended and their order, whether you were included, cited sources, and how each brand was described. Save the full answer so you can inspect the reasoning and citations later.³¹¹
1. **Compare results by prompt**, not just with one overall score. Calculate how often your brand is recommended versus each competitor, and look for recurring differences in positioning or cited sources. A brand mention is not necessarily a recommendation, so define those separately.⁷⁸

For a recurring view, AI search visibility tools can automate prompt tracking and competitor comparisons across supported assistants; check that a tool covers the specific assistants and custom prompts you need.

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A useful first output is a simple table: **prompt | assistant | recommended brands | your inclusion/order | cited sources | notes**. That will show you exactly where competitors are winning for this use case.

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How do I see which review sites AI chatbots rely on in my industry?

ChatGPT gpt-6-luna · 29 October 2026, 09:07 UTC

RECOMMENDED HubSpot's AI visibility reporting, Birdeye's AI Search

The most reliable way is to **test the questions your customers actually ask and record the sources the chatbots show**. There isn't one fixed list of "trusted review sites": sources can differ by chatbot, prompt, location, and whether web search is enabled.

A practical workflow

1. **Build a prompt list.** Start with 20–50 real buyer questions, such as:
 - "What are the best [industry] providers in [city]?"
 - "Which [product/service] has the best reviews?"
 - "[Your brand] vs. [competitor]"
 - "Is [provider] worth it? What are the downsides?"
1. **Test across the chatbots your customers use.** Try ChatGPT with search, Perplexity, Gemini, and Claude. Keep the prompts, location, and settings consistent; repeat important questions a few times.
1. **Record the cited links—not just the answer.** In a spreadsheet, note the date, chatbot, prompt, whether your business was mentioned, and each cited URL. ChatGPT's web-search answers can include citations you can open directly. (help.openai.com)
1. **Classify each source.** Tag sites as review platforms, editorial reviews, comparison/listicle pages, forums, directories, social/video, or company websites. Then count:
 - which domains appear most often;
 - which ones appear for high-intent questions;
 - which competitors are named alongside them; and
 - which sites show up across multiple chatbots.
1. **Repeat monthly.** Treat the results as a snapshot, not a permanent ranking. AI systems don't necessarily cite the same sources for the same question, and studies report differences across platforms. (vercite.io)

If you'd rather not collect the results manually, AI-visibility tools such as **HubSpot's AI visibility reporting** and **Birdeye's AI Search** describe features for tracking cited websites or citation sources by topic. Check that a tool shows the *actual cited pages and prompts*—not only a visibility score. (knowledge.hubspot.com)

One important distinction: a chatbot may **mention your brand without citing a review site**, or cite a site without naming you in the answer. Track both.

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RECOMMENDED Similarweb's AI Citation Analysis, Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit, Peec AI, Otterly.AI, Profound Amazon, Yelp, G2, TripAdvisor, Trustpilot, Capterra, Software Advice, Reddit, Quora, Stack Overflow MENTIONED

Start with a manual check, then add a tool if you need to track it over time.

1. Check manually (free)

Write 10 to 20 questions a buyer in your industry would actually ask, such as "best [product] for [use case]" or "top [service] providers in [city]." Run them in ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI Mode, then log every domain each one cites. Perplexity is the easiest to read because it shows numbered sources. Repeat the runs, since answers vary between sessions.

2. Use a citation tracking tool

Dedicated tools automate this step:

- **Similarweb's AI Citation Analysis** reveals which domains and URLs are being cited by AI platforms like ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and AI Mode when generating answers about your tracked topics.
- **Semrush's AI Visibility Toolkit** covers citation tracking, mention tracking, and sentiment across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Google AI Mode, and Copilot.
- **Peec AI** tracks used and cited sources at domain and URL level, with citation frequency.
- **Otterly AI** is a lower-cost option; it makes AI search monitoring accessible to smaller teams with its \$29 starting price.
- **Profound** is more enterprise-focused and offers URL-level citation data across 10+ engines. Its starting price is listed at \$99/mo.

Prices and features change often, so confirm them on each vendor's site.

3. Compare against industry benchmarks

A 2026 index of the most-cited sites lists review platforms by category. For example, Amazon (#6), Yelp (#18), G2 (#19), TripAdvisor (#38) and Trustpilot (#39) are among the most cited review and commerce sites. Each leans toward different platforms and buying questions, so check which ones matter for your sector. For software, G2 and Capterra are the usual candidates. A citation audit typically sorts sources into third-party review sites such as G2, Capterra, Trustpilot, or Software Advice. It also covers community and UGC platforms such as Reddit threads, Quora answers, and Stack Overflow.

4. Interpret what you find

- Look at the sites that appear alongside your competitors, not just your own. Gap analysis shows which sources AI engines cite for a set of buyer prompts, compares them with your domain and your competitors' domains.
- Track the same prompts over several weeks. One answer is not reliable evidence.
- Focus effort on the review sites that keep appearing for high-intent prompts, and make sure your profiles there are complete and current.

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MENTIONED G2, Yelp, TripAdvisor, Reddit, Capterra, Gartner, LinkedIn, YouTube, Google Business Profile, Apple Maps, Bing Places

To identify which review sites AI chatbots and search engines rely on for your industry, you must move beyond traditional SEO tools and adopt a "generative audit" approach. AI platforms do not have a single, static list of trusted sites; instead, they synthesize information from various sources in real-time or from their training data based on the specific query.

Here is how to determine the specific sites influencing your industry's AI recommendations:

1. Conduct a "Source Audit" (Manual Testing)

The most direct way to see where AI gets its data is to perform a controlled experiment using the industry-specific questions your customers actually ask.

- **Create a Query Set:** Develop a list of 20–50 common buyer questions (e.g., "What is the best [service/product] for [problem] in [city/sector]?").
- **Run Across Multiple Platforms:** Input these queries into ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews.
- **Log the Citations:** For every response, record the domains that the AI explicitly cites.
- **Identify Patterns:** Group these citations by domain. You will likely see a recurring "canon" of sites (e.g., G2 for software, Yelp or TripAdvisor for local services, or Reddit for community-based trust).

2. Use AI Visibility & Tracking Tools

Because AI behavior is "fuzzy" and inconsistent, manual checking can be labor-intensive. Specialized tools have emerged to automate this process:

- **AI-Specific Analytics:** Tools like **Ansvisor**, **BaaDigi** (AI Citation Finder), **Snezzi**, or **ziptie.ai** are designed to monitor which sources AI platforms use to answer industry-specific queries.
- **What They Track:** These tools analyze the "citation gap" by comparing your brand's presence against competitors, tracking which review sites the AI models favor for your category.

3. Understand the "AI Trust" Hierarchy

AI platforms weigh sources based on their authority and community sentiment. You can often infer which sites matter most by looking at these three categories:

- **Authoritative Aggregators:** These are platforms the AI trusts for factual benchmarks (e.g., G2, Capterra, Gartner, or industry-specific directories).
- **Community & Forum Platforms:** For "real-world experience," AI models heavily favor Reddit, LinkedIn, and YouTube. If your industry has active subreddits or forum communities, these are likely primary data sources for the AI.

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- **Direct Business Listings:** For local businesses, the AI cross-references information across Google Business Profile, Apple Maps, and Bing Places.

4. Look for "Structural" Signals

If you want to know why a specific review site is being cited, look at its technical setup:

- **Structured Data:** Review sites that use clear Schema.org markup (Product, FAQ, and Review schema) are much easier for AI crawlers to parse and trust.
- **Bot Traffic:** If you manage a site or have influence with a partner site, check server logs for activity from OAI-SearchBot (OpenAI), Claude-SearchBot (Anthropic), or PerplexityBot. Frequent visits from these bots on specific review pages indicate that the AI considers that content highly relevant.

Summary Checklist for Your Strategy

Step	Action	Purpose
Audit	Run 20+ "Best [Service]" queries across major AI tools.	Identify which sites are currently winning the AI's "trust".
Analyze	Group results by domain (e.g., G2, Yelp, Reddit).	See if your industry favors community feedback vs. expert reviews.
Optimize	Ensure your business info is consistent across those specific sites.	Help the AI find "consistent signals" to recommend you.
Engage	Aim for press/guest posts on the cited domains.	Build direct authority in the places the AI looks.

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The best way is to **test the questions your customers actually ask, then record the sources the AI links to**. A chatbot's linked citations are evidence of what supported that particular answer—not a complete list of everything the model may have learned from.

1. **Build a representative prompt list.** Include questions at different stages, such as “best [product/service] for [need],” “[category] reviews,” and “[brand] vs. [competitor].” Keep wording and location consistent between checks.
2. **Run the prompts in the AI services your customers use.** Save the full answers and every linked source, noting the date and service. Repeat periodically: answers and citations can change.
3. **Sort the sources.** Separate review sites from forums, industry publications, directories, competitors' sites, and your own pages. Track both citation counts and which prompts each source appears for.
4. **Check the results against your goals.** Look for review sites cited repeatedly, sources competitors appear on but you don't, and any inaccurate or outdated descriptions of your business.
5. **Automate if you need regular reporting.** AI-visibility tools can rerun a set of prompts and report cited domains and URLs across services; compare their engine coverage, prompt limits, geography settings, and ability to show the underlying answers before choosing one. Citation trackers can report which sources appear in answers, but results depend on the prompts and services they monitor.⁶¹⁴

For a simple start, use a spreadsheet with columns for **date, AI service, prompt, cited URL, site type, brands mentioned, and notes**. This will show which review sites are recurring in *your sample*—without implying that any one chatbot has a fixed, transparent list of sources.

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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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Yes. A quick starting point is a free **AI crawler checker** such as Citevana's AI Crawler Checker (citevana.com) or Robotstester. These check your public robots.txt rules and show which listed AI crawlers appear allowed or blocked. (citevana.com)

The important caveat: a “crawler allowed” result **doesn't guarantee your site will appear in AI answers**. These checkers generally test the published rules—not whether a site's firewall/CDN blocks the bot in practice, or whether an AI system chooses to cite the page.

And “AI crawlers” aren't all for the same purpose. For example, OpenAI says **OAI-SearchBot** is used to surface sites in ChatGPT search, while **GPTBot** is for potential model training; those can be controlled separately. Allowing search crawling makes a site *eligible* for ChatGPT search, but placement isn't guaranteed. (developers.openai.com) Google, meanwhile, says its AI search features use its existing search infrastructure and don't require special llms.txt files or AI-specific markup. (developers.google.com)

Practical check: run a crawler checker, then have your developer check server/CDN logs and bot-protection rules for real requests and blocks. Think of the result as an **access check**, not a prediction of how often AI will mention you.

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RECOMMENDED Centium's AI Access Tester, MRS Digital's AI Crawler Access Checker, CrawlerCheck, Otterly.AI, Adamigo

Yes. Several free tools check whether AI crawlers can reach your site, and whether that matters depends on which kind of crawler is blocked.

Tools that check access

- **Robots.txt checkers:** Centium's AI Access Tester scans your website to see if 21 AI crawlers can see your content. MRS Digital's AI Crawler Access Checker allows you to see whether popular AI crawlers such as GPTBot, ClaudeBot and PerplexityBot can reach your website's pages.
- **Simulated fetches:** CrawlerCheck shows whether robots.txt, meta tags, or headers allow or block AI crawlers. Otterly.AI's tool works by sending real HTTP requests using the unique user-agent strings of various AI crawlers.

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- **Rendering checks:** Adamigo's tool fetches your page as a "bot" and shows what content is visible without JavaScript. This matters because a page can be open at the robots.txt level but still show crawlers little text if content is loaded by scripts.
- **Server logs:** You can confirm real visits by searching logs for names like GPTBot or PerplexityBot and checking the status codes. 200 means the crawler accessed the page successfully. 403 means access was forbidden.

Caveat: these tools mostly test what your robots.txt says. Firewalls or CDN rules can block bots anyway. One vendor notes that Web Application Firewall (WAF) rules override robots.txt, so a tool that only reads robots.txt can report "allowed" while bots are still blocked at the edge. Test a few pages yourself, and check your firewall or CDN bot settings.

Does it affect AI answers?

It depends on the crawler type:

- **Retrieval/search bots** (e.g., OAI-SearchBot, PerplexityBot) matter most for live answers. One publisher guide says blocking OAI-SearchBot, Claude-SearchBot, or PerplexityBot removes you from live AI-generated answers immediately.
- **Training bots** (e.g., GPTBot, ClaudeBot, CCBot) work differently. Blocking a bulk training crawler such as CCBot or Google-Extended keeps your content out of future model training but does not, by itself, remove you from live AI answers. Blocking them is also forward-looking; blocking GPTBot today does not remove your content from models already trained on it.
- **Google** is a special case. AI Overviews in Google Search follow standard Googlebot rules. If your content is accessible to regular search, it remains accessible to AI Overviews. Google-Extended mainly affects Gemini grounding and training.

The sources are mostly vendor blogs, so treat their specifics with some caution. The general pattern (retrieval bots drive citations, training bots have slower effects) is consistent across them.

Practical approach

1. Run a robots.txt/access checker on your domain.
2. Confirm in your server logs or CDN that AI bots actually get 200 responses.
3. Decide per bot: allow retrieval/search bots if you want citations, and consider blocking training-only bots if you're concerned about content use.
4. Make sure key content is in the HTML, not only loaded by JavaScript.

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RECOMMENDED xSeek

Yes, there are several tools available to check if AI crawlers can access your website. Because "AI crawlers" encompass various types of bots—some for training models and others for real-time search—it is important to distinguish between them when configuring your site.

Tools to Check AI Crawler Access

Several free and paid tools can help you verify if your site is accessible to AI bots:

- **Dedicated AI Crawler Checkers:** Tools like **CrawlerCheck**, **RankX AI**, and **LLMrefs** allow you to enter your domain to see if major AI bots (like GPTBot, ClaudeBot, or PerplexityBot) are blocked by your robots.txt file or other server-level configurations.
- **Infrastructure & Log Analysis:** Some advanced tools like **xSeek** provide specialized tracking to see which bots are actually visiting your site, as standard analytics often miss AI bot traffic. Reviewing your **server or CDN logs** is the most definitive way to see if a crawler is receiving a 200 (success), 403 (forbidden), or other status code.
- **Platform-Specific Tools:** If you use services like **Cloudflare**, their dashboard provides specific bot management settings that allow you to distinguish between "Training," "Search," and "Agent" bots.

Does Blocking AI Crawlers Affect AI Answers?

The short answer is **yes, it can**, but it depends entirely on *which* crawlers you block.

1. Distinguish Between Bot Types

Not all AI bots perform the same task:

- **Training Crawlers (e.g., GPTBot, Google-Extended):** These are used to ingest your data to train or improve AI models. Blocking these usually has **no impact** on your standard search engine rankings or your visibility in AI-generated answers.
- **Search/Retrieval Crawlers (e.g., OAI-SearchBot, PerplexityBot):** These bots fetch your content in real-time to "ground" an AI's answer, essentially allowing the AI to cite your site as a source. If you block these, your site is less likely to appear in AI-generated responses, effectively removing you from that traffic channel.

Question t04 · Gemini, continued

2. The Risk of "Blind" Blocking

Many website owners accidentally block AI search crawlers by using overly broad rules in their `robots.txt` or through aggressive security settings on their hosting provider or CDN.

- **The Impact:** If you block the wrong bots, you may lose the ability to be cited or recommended in AI platforms like ChatGPT, Claude, or Perplexity.
- **The Best Practice:** Most experts recommend a **selective approach**. You can generally block "Training" bots if you are concerned about your content being used for model development, while keeping "Search" or "Assistant" bots allowed to ensure your brand remains discoverable and linkable in AI search experiences.

Summary Recommendation: Before making changes, use one of the mentioned checker tools to see exactly how your site is configured. Avoid a blanket "block all" approach if your business relies on being discovered, cited, or recommended in online searches.

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Yes. An **AI crawler checker** can test whether crawlers such as OpenAI's, Anthropic's, and Perplexity's are allowed by your `robots.txt` and can fetch your pages. For example, Sona's AI Crawl Checker (sona.com) tests bot access and flags issues such as blocks, challenge pages, and rendering problems ¹. Hostinger's AI Visibility Checker (hostinger.com) also checks crawler access and whether your site's content is readable ⁴.

Can that affect AI answers? Potentially, yes—but it's not a guarantee. If a crawler or retrieval system can't access a page, that page is less likely to be used or cited by services that rely on it. But passing a checker doesn't ensure your site will appear: different services use different crawlers and systems, and access checks don't prove a page has been indexed or cited ¹⁰.

One useful distinction: some bots are for **search and retrieval**, while others relate to **model training**. Allowing or blocking one does not necessarily control the other, so check which crawler each setting applies to. A practical next step is to test a few important URLs—not just your homepage—and then separately ask the AI services questions your customers might ask to see whether your site is actually cited.

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RECOMMENDED 44Degrees, Zene

Yes—**AI visibility tracking specifically for a mobile app** is different from tracking whether your website or brand gets cited.

The closest fit I found is **AppTweak's AI Visibility for Apps**. It tracks whether an app itself is recommended in AI answers, across app-specific discovery prompts, and lets you compare visibility and sentiment against competing apps. Its help page says it covers ChatGPT and Gemini, with markets including the U.S., U.K., France, and Germany. (help.apptweak.com)

Other options include:

- **44Degrees** – an app-focused visibility check across several AI assistants, with competitor benchmarking; it looks more like an audit than an ongoing tracker. (44degrees.ai)
- **Zene** – offers mobile-app tracking linked to App Store and/or Google Play listings. (tryzene.com)
- **General AI-visibility tools** – can track whether your app's *brand or website* appears in AI answers, but may not reliably identify recommendations of the app listing itself.

When evaluating one, check that it tracks **app-level recommendations**, not just website citations; supports your target AI engines and countries; and lets you track relevant user intents, competitors, and changes over time. **AppTweak looks like the strongest direct match** from the current results.

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

For a mobile app, the main limitation is that most AI visibility tools are built around websites. You'll likely need an app-aware tool or a custom prompt-based process.

What exists today

- **AppTweak's AI Visibility for apps and games** is the most app-specific option I found. It builds intent-level visibility from app market data rather than only from prompts you write, and it can show where competitors get recommended while your app is absent. Its current limitation is that it covers only ChatGPT, with more engines planned. (source (apptweak.com))
- **LLM Pulse** lists app store tracking as a feature, monitoring AI citations in the iOS App Store and Google Play. (source (llmpulse.ai))
- **General GEO platforms** (Profound, Peec AI, Otterly, Semrush, Ahrefs Brand Radar, and others) cover ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Google AI Overviews, and similar engines. Their core unit is usually a web domain, so AppTweak's comparison groups Profound, Peec, and Otterly under web domains. (source

Question t05 · Claude, continued

(apptweak.com))

How to set it up for an app

1. **Build prompts from user intent, not your brand name.** Use questions like "best budgeting app for freelancers" or "alternatives to [competitor app]." Most tools work by sending prompts like these to AI engines and analyzing the answers for mentions, citations, and sources. (source (otterly.ai))
2. **Track the sources, not just the mentions.** For apps, the sources that matter may be app store listings, review sites, Reddit threads, and YouTube rather than your homepage. Ahrefs has YouTube and Reddit visibility in beta. (source (ahrefs.com))
3. **Benchmark against competitor apps** on mention rate, position in the answer, and sentiment. Most platforms offer these metrics.
4. **Cover your web presence too.** Your landing page and docs can still be cited, and Google's own guidance says optimizing for generative AI search is still SEO. (source (en.wikipedia.org))

Caveats

- Engine coverage varies a lot. Check which engines a tool tracks before you buy, especially whether it covers Gemini, Perplexity, and Claude, which matter for mobile audiences.
- Results from a single prompt run fluctuate, so track trends over time rather than one-off snapshots.
- Pricing and features change quickly. Confirm current plans on each vendor's site.

If you tell me your app category, the platforms you care about most, and your budget, I can narrow the shortlist and draft a prompt set.

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RECOMMENDED Amplitude, Mixpanel, Fullstory, UXCam

"AI visibility tracking" for mobile apps is a distinct discipline from traditional web SEO. Because app discovery is shifting from app stores to AI-generated answers (where users receive recommendations before they ever click to an app store), you need a strategy that focuses on **AI-driven discovery** rather than just in-app element tracking.

1. What "AI Visibility" Means for Mobile Apps

Unlike web tracking, which monitors page rankings, AI visibility for mobile apps measures **how often, how prominently, and how accurately your app is recommended** by AI assistants (like ChatGPT, Gemini, or Perplexity) when a user describes a need or intent.

- **The "Zero-Click" Shift:** Users now ask AI for recommendations (e.g., "What is the best meditation app for beginners?"). If your app isn't recommended in that conversation, you are invisible to that user before they even reach the App Store or Google Play.
- **Leading Indicator:** AI visibility is an "upper-funnel" signal. It doesn't replace app store analytics; it explains why your organic traffic might be changing.

Question t05 · Gemini, continued

2. How to Track It

You should distinguish between tracking **AI search presence** (external discovery) and **in-app behavioral tracking** (internal user experience).

A. Tracking External AI Discovery (The "Visibility" Part)

To track how AI talks about your app, avoid simple API-based tools, as they often don't reflect what a real user sees. Use platforms specifically built for mobile app discovery:

- **Dedicated AI Visibility Platforms:** Tools like **AppTweak** (specifically their AI Visibility module) are designed for mobile apps. They use thousands of curated prompts and intents—built on real app store data—to measure your share-of-voice in AI responses.
- **Manual/Bespoke Monitoring:** If you want to perform your own checks, simulate a real user:
 - Use a clean, logged-out browser or app instance.
 - Use a VPN to match your target audience's location.
 - Ask questions from the perspective of a user ("What is a good app for X?") and track your mention rate as a percentage over multiple runs, as AI results are rarely identical twice.

B. Tracking In-App Behavior (The "UX" Part)

If you meant tracking *user visibility* of specific elements inside your app (e.g., "Did the user see the promo banner?"), you should use **Mobile Product Analytics**:

- **Tools:** Platforms like **Amplitude**, **Mixpanel**, or **Fullstory** are industry standards for this.
- **Methodology:**
 - **Event Tracking:** Trigger an event when a specific component enters the user's viewport.
 - **Session Replay:** Tools like Fullstory or UXCam allow you to watch actual user sessions to see if they scrolled far enough to "see" specific UI elements.
 - **Heatmaps:** These help visualize where users tap and how far they scroll, providing an aggregate view of element visibility.

3. Key Differences for Mobile Apps

Feature	Web AI Visibility	Mobile App AI Visibility
Primary Signal	Domain/URL citations	App Store ID / Brand entity
Data Source	Web SEO signals	App Store metadata, reviews, external references
Goal	Website traffic / Click-through	App store intent / Download decision
Tracking Focus	SERP / AI Overviews	Conversational recommendations

Summary Recommendation

- **If you want to grow downloads:** Invest in a mobile-first AI visibility platform (like AppTweak) to understand how your app's metadata and external brand reputation influence AI recommendations.
- **If you want to optimize UX:** Use product analytics tools (like Mixpanel or Fullstory) to track in-app element visibility and user behavior.

Pro Tip: Treat AI visibility as a brand-building exercise. Since AI relies on external trust signals, ensure your app's category, purpose, and unique value proposition are clearly and consistently articulated across your web content, app store description, and third-party review sites. This consistency helps AI engines "confidently" recommend your app when asked.

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RECOMMENDED AppTweak AI Visibility for Apps, AppTrail, ASO Agent

If you mean **tracking how often AI assistants recommend your iOS or Android app**—not tracking a website’s visibility—look for app-specific AI visibility tools. They monitor prompts such as “What apps help me build a habit?”, then report whether your app appears, how it compares with competitors, and how that changes over time.

- **AppTweak AI Visibility for Apps** is specifically designed for mobile app discovery in AI answers. It tracks recommendations across prompts and intents, with metrics such as mention rate, position, intent coverage, share of voice, and sentiment. ⁴⁶
- **AppTrail** is an open-source option for tracking App Store and Google Play rankings alongside AI mentions and citations. You choose the apps, prompts, countries, and languages to monitor. ³
- **ASO Agent** combines conventional app-store optimization tracking with AI visibility monitoring across ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini. ¹⁰

For a useful comparison, check that a tool supports **app listings**, not just brand websites, and can track your relevant AI platforms, countries, languages, competitor apps, and prompt categories. Look at **mention rate, recommendation position, share of voice, and cited sources**; AI answers don’t behave like stable search rankings. ⁴⁶

You can also monitor AI-referred visits or downloads in your analytics and app-store reporting where available, but treat that as a separate signal from whether an assistant recommends the app. ⁷

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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 Semrush

Use **two kinds of evidence**: whether assistants name your product, and whether that attention brings visitors or customers. Neither alone tells the whole story.

1. **Make a list of real buyer questions.** Include prompts like “What’s a good [product category] for [use case]?” and “Compare [your product] with [competitor].” Use the wording your customers actually use, not just your brand name.
2. **Check those prompts regularly** in the assistants your buyers use. Record whether your product is recommended, where it appears, which competitors are named, and any links or sources shown. Keep the prompts and conditions consistent; answers can vary, so a single result isn’t proof of a lasting change.
3. **Use an AI-visibility tracker** if you want this automated. Tools such as Semrush offer prompt tracking across selected AI platforms. Treat the results as a sample of answers to monitored prompts—not a complete count of every recommendation assistants make. (semrush.com)
4. **Track the visits and outcomes you can observe.** In your analytics, look for referrals from AI assistants and measure sign-ups, purchases, or other conversions from those visits. OpenAI says ChatGPT search referral URLs include `utm_source=chatgpt.com`, which can help identify some traffic. But referral analytics only catch people who click through; they won’t reveal every recommendation, and some visits may be unattributed. (help.openai.com)
5. **Ask new customers how they found you.** Add “Did an AI assistant recommend us?” to a signup or checkout survey. It can catch influence that web analytics misses.

Since your product launched two months ago, **start a baseline now** and compare week to week. Track recommendation rate, competitor mentions, citations, AI-referred visits, and conversions. The strongest signal is not just “an assistant mentioned us,” but “it keeps recommending us for relevant questions, and that visibility is associated with qualified customers.”

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

There’s no alert from AI platforms when they start mentioning a product, so you have to check for it yourself. The usual approach is to run a fixed set of questions on a schedule and log the answers.

1. Set up a manual test (free)

Question t06 · Claude, continued

- Write 15 to 25 questions a real buyer would ask, such as "best [category] tool for [use case]," plus a few branded ones like "is [product] good for [use case]?" Unbranded prompts show whether you're discovered at all. Branded prompts show how the AI describes you.
- Run the same list on ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, Claude, and Google AI Overviews. One guide recommends running branded and unbranded test prompts across multiple LLMs weekly.
- Log whether you're mentioned, your position in the answer, which competitors appear, and which sources are cited.
- Answers vary from run to run, so a single screenshot can mislead. One analysis notes that every AI visibility number is a sample from a changing response distribution, not a permanent rank. Run each prompt several times and look at the percentage of runs where you appear.

2. Use a monitoring tool (paid, if you want less manual work)

Several products automate this. Examples mentioned in recent comparisons include OtterlyAI, which starts at \$29 a month, Peec AI, Semrush, and Ahrefs Brand Radar. Pricing and coverage change often, so check current details. Most tools report mention rate, position, sentiment, and citations on a recurring basis, which is what you need to spot the first change.

3. Check your analytics

Look for referral traffic from chatgpt.com, perplexity.ai, and similar domains in your analytics tool. This is an indirect signal, and it only shows people who clicked through, but it can catch changes your prompt tests miss.

4. Expect a lag, and know what drives it

Two months is early. AI assistants often rely on what they can find about a product across the web, including reviews, comparison articles, and mentions on sites they trust. A new product may not show up until that coverage exists. Your own website matters less than third-party sources. Several sources in my search also noted that traditional SEO tools do not reveal how often a brand is cited or relied upon in AI-generated answers, so you'll need the prompt testing above.

Practical next step: Run your baseline this week, before you expect any change. Then repeat the same prompts every week or two. Compare the percentage of runs where you appear, not individual answers. That trend will tell you when recommendations start.

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RECOMMENDED Google's Rich Results Test

To know when AI assistants are recommending your product, you must move beyond traditional search engine tracking and adopt a strategy of **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)**. Because AI responses are "stochastic" (they change from run to run) and do not provide native analytics dashboards, you need a systematic, repeatable process.

Question t06 · Gemini, continued

1. How to Track AI Recommendations

Since there is no "rank" to check, you must track **patterns** rather than isolated answers.

- **The Manual "Spot Check" (Free & Immediate):**
 - Create a fixed list of 20–40 prompts that your real customers use (e.g., "What are the best [product category] for [use case]?", "Compare [your brand] with [competitor]").
 - Run these queries periodically (e.g., weekly) across the major assistants: **ChatGPT, Claude, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews/Gemini**.
 - Document the results in a spreadsheet. Record if you were mentioned, recommended, described accurately, or if a competitor was chosen instead.
- **Automated Monitoring Tools:**
 - If you want to scale this, several specialized tools now track "AI Visibility" or "AI Share of Voice" by automating these prompt-and-response tests.
 - Look for platforms like **Beamtrace, RankZero, Sophyx, or Foglift**, which provide dashboards to track your brand's mention frequency, sentiment, and competitive context over time.
- **Analytics & Referral Tracking:**
 - Check your web analytics for referral traffic from `chatgpt.com`, `perplexity.ai`, or `google.com` (AI Overviews). While AI traffic is often harder to pinpoint than organic search, some platforms provide referral headers that allow you to isolate these visits.

2. Why AI Might Be Skipping You

If you aren't appearing, it is rarely due to a "writing trick." AI assistants prioritize **trustworthy, structured data**. Before you change your marketing copy, audit these technical foundations:

- **Check Your "Agent-Readiness":** Use tools like Google's Rich Results Test to see what an AI actually "sees" when it scrapes your site. If your product pages are missing price, stock status, ratings, or clear product names in the structured data, the AI will likely skip you because it cannot verify the information.
- **Remove Technical Blocks:** Ensure your `robots.txt` file is not blocking crawlers like GPTBot, ClaudeBot, or Google-Extended.
- **Corroboration is Key:** AI models prioritize information confirmed by multiple third-party sources. Getting your product mentioned on reputable industry blogs, review sites, and directories helps the AI "build confidence" in your brand.

3. The "Visibility" Framework

When you monitor your results, classify them into one of these stages to know how to improve:

- **Invisible:** The AI doesn't know you exist. *Fix: Improve structured data and site indexing.*
- **Cited:** The AI links to your site but doesn't recommend you. *Fix: Strengthen your brand's presence on trusted third-party sites.*
- **Recognized:** It knows you when asked directly but ignores you in discovery. *Fix: Improve your product's category associations and descriptions.*
- **Recommended:** You are actively suggested. *Goal: Maintain by ensuring data consistency and positive customer feedback.*

Pro Tip: Don't panic if you see a competitor in one result and you in another. Because AI answers are probabilistic, **trends over weeks** are the only data that matters.

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RECOMMENDED Google Search Console

You won't get a single reliable notification that an assistant has "started recommending" your product. Treat it as something to measure over time across the assistants your customers use.

1. **Make a small prompt list.** Write 10–30 questions buyers might ask, such as "What's a good [product type] for [use case]?" or "Alternatives to [competitor]?" Include your product name in only some prompts.
2. **Check the same prompts regularly.** Test them in ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and other relevant assistants, using the same country, language, and account conditions where possible. Record whether your product is named, described positively, linked or cited, and which competitors appear. A mention in one answer is a clue—not proof of broad visibility.
3. **Track the trend.** Calculate the share of prompts where your product is recommended, and compare it month to month. Also save the exact answers and cited sources so you can see what changed. AI visibility tools can automate this across prompts and platforms, but compare their coverage and methodology before choosing one.⁶⁸
4. **Watch for traffic and demand.** Check analytics for visits referred from AI services and for later increases in branded searches or product-page visits. These are useful signals, but they won't capture every recommendation: someone may see your product in an answer and never click. Google Search Console includes AI-feature activity in its search reporting, though those metrics don't show what every chatbot says about your brand.²⁵
5. **Improve the evidence assistants can find.** Keep your product pages clear and specific, and build a consistent footprint in trustworthy reviews, comparisons, directories, and other relevant sources. When you see an assistant citing a page, note whether it's yours or someone else's.

For a new product, start with a simple spreadsheet and a weekly or biweekly check. You'll learn more from a consistent set of realistic prompts over several weeks than from occasional spot checks.

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Tool to track AI answers to the same questions in several countries at once

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RECOMMENDED Promptwatch, Omnia, Measure, MentionFlow

You're looking for an **AI visibility tracker** (also called an **LLM answer monitor** or **GEO/AEO tracker**). It runs the same prompts for different countries and compares the answers.

A few options:

- **Promptwatch** – tracks by country and language, and compares markets side by side. (promptwatch.com)
- **Omnia** – compares AI answers by prompt, engine, country, and language. (useomnia.com)
- **Measure** – tracks prompts by country and shows the recorded answers and visibility metrics. (measure.co)
- **MentionFlow** – lets you set a location for a prompt and track markets separately. (mentionflow.ai)

For a straightforward starting point, try **Promptwatch** or **Omnia**. Check that the tool shows the full answer and lets you set both **country and language**—those can affect the result independently. (amicited.com)

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Promptwatch, SE Visible, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, Rankscale, Evertune, Profound, Trackerly, Scout by Yext, Authoritas

Several tools do this. The best fit depends on whether you need a few countries or dozens, and whether you need local-language prompts.

Strongest options for multi-country tracking

- **Otterly.AI**: It tracks by country, so you see results market by market instead of one global average. It covers 50+ countries and languages. Its base plan covers ChatGPT, AI Overviews, Perplexity, and Copilot, with AI Mode, Gemini, and Claude as add-ons. It is also one of the cheaper options: it starts at \$29/mo after a 7-day trial.
- **Promptwatch**: It sets up one monitor per country and language, and can add a city or US state. Monitoring runs on every plan from \$95/month, and it shows a world map of where your brand appears and which markets you don't track yet. Note that this comes from the vendor's own blog. Its comparison table also flags that country and language are separate settings, so each market needs both configured correctly.
- **SE Visible (SE Ranking)**: It is a smaller, simpler option. It covers 7 countries (US, UK, Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain) and 5 languages, with unlimited user seats on published plans.

Question t07 · Claude, continued

- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit:** It is useful if you already use Semrush. It supports analysis across 220+ countries and regions and updates key AI visibility data daily. Its prompt tracking starts at \$99/mo for 25 prompts.

Broader coverage (check the details)

- **Rankscale** claims 240+ countries and all languages, and **Evertune** claims 140+ countries and 33 languages, with settings built directly into prompts. These are vendor claims, so ask for a trial and test a few markets you care about.
- **Profound** covers 80+ countries through geo-distributed servers and proxy networks, but it is mainly enterprise-priced.

Other options

- **Trackerly:** You can create different prompt groups for different countries, such as Spanish queries for Spain and English queries for the US and UK. That is useful if you want each market asked in its own language.
- **Scout by Yext:** Good for multi-location brands. It shows how you appear across AI and traditional search not just nationally but in each individual market.
- **Authoritas:** It can track visibility on local AI tools that are popular in particular countries but little known elsewhere.

How to choose

1. Start with the countries and languages you actually sell in, then check each tool's country list against them.
2. Confirm the tool queries the live interface of each AI engine with a local location. Some tools rely on API calls, which can return different answers than a real user would see.
3. Check whether your key engines are on the base plan or are paid add-ons.
4. Run a free trial on your own prompts in two or three markets before committing, since vendor coverage claims vary a lot.

If you tell me your countries, languages, and budget, I can narrow this to one or two tools.

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RECOMMENDED Promptwatch, SE Ranking AI Search, Profound, Nightwatch, Rankscale, Peec AI

To track how AI models answer the same questions across different countries, you need tools categorized under **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)** or **AI Visibility Monitoring**.

Because AI models provide different answers based on a user's geographic location (due to regional data sources, language nuances, and local authority signals), standard SEO tools are often insufficient. You need platforms that specifically support **multi-region/multi-country monitoring**.

Top Recommended Tools for Multi-Country Tracking

The following platforms are recognized for their ability to simulate queries from specific locations and track AI responses across multiple markets:

- **Promptwatch:** Highly regarded for its ability to track multiple AI platforms simultaneously. It scrapes the live interface of engines using geo-located residential proxies, ensuring that the results reflect the specific location and language you select.
- **SE Ranking AI Search:** Supports a vast range of countries (190+) and languages (100+), making it one of the most flexible options for global teams needing to configure market-specific prompts.
- **Profound:** A strong choice for enterprise-level needs. It provides deep geographic "prompt volume" tracking and is well-regarded for its technical crawler analytics, which help you understand why you are or are not being cited in specific regions.
- **Nightwatch:** Offers precision at the city level and supports 190+ countries and 100+ languages, providing a high degree of geographic granularity.
- **Rankscale:** Known for covering all regions on all its plans, allowing for flexible query "fan-out" where you can monitor performance across diverse markets simultaneously.
- **Peec AI:** Particularly noted for being EU-based and GDPR-regulated, which is often a requirement for European teams managing multi-country visibility. It supports multi-country tracking on its advanced tiers.

Key Features to Look For

When selecting a tool for your specific needs, verify these three capabilities:

1. **Geo-Simulation:** Ensure the tool does not just "switch language" but actually uses **geo-located residential proxies**. This ensures the AI model "thinks" it is receiving a query from, for example, Tokyo vs. Berlin.
2. **Engine Breadth:** Confirm that the tool monitors the specific AI engines relevant to your audience (e.g., ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, Claude, Gemini, and local engines like DeepSeek/Kimi if applicable).
3. **Citation & Sentiment Analysis:** A good tool should go beyond a simple "Yes/No" mention. Look for reporting on **who gets cited** (your competitors vs. you) and the **sentiment** (how the AI describes your brand), as these vary significantly by country.

Why This Matters

As noted by industry research, a brand can dominate AI-generated recommendations in one country while remaining completely invisible or even being negatively framed in another. Even for non-location-specific queries (like "best SaaS for project management"), AI engines frequently pull in different local media, competitors, or authority sources depending on where the query originates. Tracking these differences allows you to adjust your content strategy—such as localizing landing pages or targeting specific regional publishers—to improve your visibility globally.

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RECOMMENDED Promptwatch (top pick)

Promptwatch appears to fit: it lets you compare answers to the same prompts across countries, languages, and even cities, side by side across AI platforms.⁸

Other options include **Onsoble**, which explicitly compares the same question across countries and cities,⁴ and **Semrush Prompt Tracking**, which lets you set a location and language for tracked prompts.¹²

If you want a simple starting point, try Promptwatch; check the available markets and platforms against your needs before choosing a plan.

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How can I test whether our content work changed what AI assistants recommend?

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RECOMMENDED Search Console

Treat it as an **experiment**, not a before-and-after screenshot. AI answers vary across runs and over time, so repeated, consistent measurements matter. (arxiv.org)

A practical test

1. Define what “recommend” means.

Don’t count every brand mention as a recommendation. For each answer, record whether you were:

- recommended as an option;
- named but not recommended;
- cited or linked as a source;
- absent—or described inaccurately.

1. Build a fixed set of real buyer questions.

Include non-branded prompts like “What’s a good...?”, “Compare...”, and “Alternatives to...”. Keep the wording, language, location, and intent consistent; don’t test only prompts that already name your company.

1. Create a comparison group.

Select similar topics or pages that won’t receive the new content work yet. Measure both the pages you update and the untreated group before and after. If the treated group improves more than the control group, that’s stronger evidence of an effect than a simple before/after increase. If all your content is changed at once, you can still track outcomes—but it’s harder to attribute the change specifically to that work.

1. Run the same tests repeatedly.

Ask the prompts across the assistants that matter to your audience, several times at baseline and after the content is live and has had time to be discovered. Record the date, assistant, model if visible, prompt, full answer, and cited URLs. Compare **rates across runs**, not one-off answers.

1. Track a small set of outcome metrics.

For example:

- **Recommendation rate:** answers that recommend you ÷ answers that returned a relevant recommendation.
- **Citation rate:** answers citing your site ÷ relevant answers.
- **Position and competitor share:** whether you’re a leading option and which competitors appear.
- **Qualified visits and conversions:** where referral data is available.

1. Interpret the result cautiously.

Look at the change for treated pages versus controls, and check whether it holds across prompts and assistants. Note other changes during the test—PR, product launches, site changes, or model updates—that could also explain a shift.

For Google Search’s AI features, use Search Console alongside your prompt tests. Google now documents a generative-AI performance report for AI Overviews and AI Mode, with impressions by page and date; that measures visibility in Google Search, not whether assistants generally recommend you. (support.google.com)

Question t08 · ChatGPT, continued

Minimum viable setup: a spreadsheet, a fixed prompt set, treated and control topics, repeated runs, and a rubric that separates “mentioned,” “recommended,” and “cited.”

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RECOMMENDED Ahrefs Brand Radar, Amplitude, GenAI Lens

You can answer this with a before-and-after test: run a fixed set of prompts through the assistants before and after your changes, then compare the results, accounting for the fact that AI answers vary from run to run.

1. Set a baseline before you change anything

- Pick 20 to 50 high-value commercial prompts. One source suggests starting manually with that many, then moving to a dedicated tool once prompt volume becomes 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. Move to a dedicated tool once the prompt volume becomes unmanageable.
- Include a mix of informational, comparative, and transactional prompts, since they influence perception and choice differently. What types of queries (informational, comparative, transactional) influence perception and choice?
- Record the date, the assistant, the model version, and whether you used a logged-in or logged-out session for every run.

2. Sample repeatedly, not once

- Answers are not deterministic. One tracker notes that tools differ on whether they scrape the chat interface or the API, models change constantly, and personalization means the same prompt can return different answers. Run each prompt several times per assistant, using fresh sessions, and use the same method at both baseline and follow-up.
- Metrics are estimates from repeated prompt sampling. Track them over time and per model, never from a single answer.

3. Score the answers, not just whether your name appears

- **Mention rate:** how often your brand appears at all.
- **Recommendation rate:** how often the answer actively suggests you. A neutral list entry differs from a recommendation. Calculate it as the number of answers that contain an explicit recommendation for your brand by the total prompts tested.
- **Share of voice:** how often you appear compared with named competitors in the same answers.
- **Sources cited:** which pages the assistant draws on. This matters most for your test, because it shows whether your new content is being used at all. Trace the data citations behind responses.
- **Accuracy and sentiment:** whether the description of your brand is correct and favorable.

4. Separate your effect from background noise

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- Keep a control group of relevant prompts that your content work did not target. If the targeted prompts move and the control group does not, the change is more likely your work. If both move, the cause may be model updates or market shifts.
- Compare the change against your run-to-run variation. A 5-point move may be noise if repeated runs routinely differ by that much.
- Allow time for effects. Content may take weeks to be crawled, indexed, and picked up, so check at several intervals, not just once.

5. Connect it to business outcomes (optional)

- Track AI-referred traffic, branded search, and sales inquiries alongside visibility scores. Treat these as supporting evidence, since the causal link is weaker than in your prompt tests.

Tools: You can start with a spreadsheet. Dedicated trackers such as Ahrefs' Brand Radar, Amplitude's AI visibility product, or Meltwater's GenAI Lens automate the sampling. Check how each one collects answers (interface scraping versus API), because that affects comparability with your manual results. Free audits also exist, but they are one-off snapshots rather than longitudinal tests.

Caveat: A single-session check or one tool's score can mislead. The most convincing evidence is a consistent, repeated, controlled comparison across several assistants over time.

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RECOMMENDED Geoptie, Profound, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Conductor, Google Analytics 4 **MENTIONED** Google Search Console

Testing whether your content updates have changed AI assistant recommendations requires shifting from traditional "rank tracking" to **Answer Engine Optimization (AEO)**. Because AI answers are generated dynamically and vary by prompt and model, you cannot rely on a single, static position.

Instead, use the following framework to measure your impact over time.

1. Build a Fixed "Prompt Set"

To see if your content changes are actually working, you must test them consistently against a "ground truth" set of questions.

- **Define Your Prompts:** Create 20–40 prompts that your ideal customers actually ask (e.g., "What are the best tools for [Your Category]?", "How to solve [Specific Problem]?", or "Compare [Your Brand] vs. [Competitor]").
- **Establish a Schedule:** Run this same set of prompts across major platforms (ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, Google AI Overviews, and Claude) on a fixed cadence—weekly or bi-weekly.
- **Track Trends, Not Anecdotes:** A single check is meaningless because AI responses are inconsistent. Record whether your brand is:
 - **Mentioned:** Simply named in the response.
 - **Recommended:** Positively framed or suggested as a solution.
 - **Cited:** Linked as a source (the gold standard for traffic and authority).

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2. Use "Directional" Monitoring

Since there is no "AI tab" in Google Search Console, you must assemble a view from multiple sources to track the impact of your work.

- **Manual Tracking (Free):** Use a spreadsheet to log your prompt results over time. This is the most defensible method because it forces you to look at the qualitative shift in how the AI "talks" about your brand.
- **Server Log Analysis:** Check your server logs for "live retrieval fetches." Unlike bulk training crawls, these occur when an AI system is actively reading your page to answer a user's live question. A spike in these specific fetches is a high-confidence signal that your content is being chosen as relevant.
- **AEO Monitoring Tools:** If you have the budget, tools like **Geoptie, Profound, Ahrefs Brand Radar, or Conductor** can automate the tracking of brand mentions, citation rates, and competitive share-of-voice across multiple AI engines.

3. Measure Business Outcomes

Visibility is a vanity metric if it doesn't lead to action. Connect your AI visibility efforts to business KPIs:

- **AI Referral Traffic:** Use Google Analytics 4 (or your preferred analytics platform) to isolate traffic from AI-driven domains (e.g., chatgpt.com, perplexity.ai).
- **Branded Search Spikes:** Monitor if your direct traffic or branded keyword volume increases when your content begins to earn more citations in AI summaries.
- **Conversion Rates:** Track if visitors arriving from these AI-engine referrers are higher quality (e.g., longer time on site, higher conversion rates) compared to traditional search traffic.

Summary Checklist for Your Team

Step	Action	Why?
1. Baseline	Run 20+ core questions through 3–5 AIs before publishing.	You need to know your starting point.
2. Audit	Check if the AI cites your site or a competitor's.	Identifies your direct "AI competitors."
3. Optimize	Update content to answer the "missing" parts of the AI answer.	AI often prioritizes concise, structured, and authoritative answers.
4. Monitor	Re-run the same 20+ prompts every 2 weeks.	Tracks if the "fix" actually changed the AI's behavior.

Important Note: Avoid looking for a "ranking" number. Instead, look for **consistency**. If your brand was absent from your "category" prompt but starts appearing in 3 out of 10 runs after your content update, you are moving the needle.

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RECOMMENDED Search Console

Treat it like a **before-and-after experiment**, not a one-off “ask an AI and see” check.

1. **Define what “changed the recommendation” means.** Track separately whether an assistant:
 - mentions your brand,
 - recommends it (not just names it),
 - links to or cites your specific content,

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- recommends competitors instead,
- describes your offering accurately.

1. **Choose a fixed prompt set.** Use real questions from customers, sales calls, support, and search queries. Include discovery, comparison, and purchase-intent prompts. Keep the wording and market context consistent.

1. **Record a baseline before changing content.** Run each prompt on the assistants and platforms that matter to your audience. Save the date, prompt, full answer, brands named, recommendation, and cited URLs. Use fresh chats and repeat each prompt several times—answers can vary between runs. A practical starting point is three to five runs per prompt per assistant.⁹¹⁵

1. **Make the content change and keep a change log.** Note the page, what changed, publication date, and the prompt groups you expect it to affect.

1. **Rerun the same test.** After the content has had time to be found and reflected in results, use the same prompts, assistants, settings, and number of repetitions. Compare rates, not isolated answers:

- **Recommendation rate** = runs that recommend you ÷ total runs
- **Citation rate** = runs citing your page ÷ total runs
- **Mention rate** = runs mentioning you ÷ total runs

Break results down by assistant and prompt category, and track competitor mentions or citations too.⁸¹⁰

1. **Check business outcomes separately.** Monitor visits and conversions from AI-referred traffic, alongside ordinary organic clicks and conversions. For Google's AI search features, Search Console documentation currently describes reporting on impressions and pages shown; use analytics for visits and conversions.²³

Be cautious about causality. AI answers vary, and platforms, retrieval systems, and competitors change over time. A better test is to update some comparable pages or topic groups while leaving others unchanged, then compare how both groups shift. Keep the observation window and measurement method the same, and report the sample size and dates. A rise in recommendations after an edit is evidence of a possible effect—not proof by itself.⁸¹⁰

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AI brand monitoring that flags when an assistant says something wrong or outdated about us

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RECOMMENDED LLM Metrix, SearchFIT, AskWatch

Yes—this is usually marketed as **AI brand monitoring** or **AI answer monitoring**. For your specific need—catching *wrong or outdated claims*, not just tracking whether you're mentioned—these look especially relevant:

- **LLM Metrix** says it flags potentially inaccurate claims about things like pricing, features, and funding, and saves the exact answers for review. (llmmetrix.com)
- **SearchFIT** says it looks for outdated pricing, incorrect features, and missing context in AI answers. (searchfit.ai)
- **AskWatch** says it monitors answers on a schedule and alerts you when a model repeats outdated or incorrect product information. (askwatch.ai)

When evaluating them, ask for a demo using **your** facts: give the tool a source of truth—current products, pricing, policies, and key dates—and see whether it flags specific conflicting claims, shows the original AI answer and cited sources, and lets you review alerts before calling something wrong. Many AI-monitoring tools focus mainly on visibility and mentions, so confirm that accuracy checking is actually included. (gumshoe.ai)

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RECOMMENDED Profound, AthenaHQ, Scrunch, Xtrusio, Goodie AI, Sanbi, Jasper's GEO Hub, Meltwater GenAI Lens, Brand24 (AI Visibility), Talkwalker (LLM Insights) NEGATIVE Brandwatch, Sprout Social

Tools that do this exist, though most treat accuracy as one feature among several. A few are built around catching wrong or outdated claims.

How it works

- Most setups run a fixed set of buyer-style prompts (pricing, comparisons, "is X worth it") across several assistants on a schedule, then log each factual claim. Vendors describe this as recording whether your brand is mentioned, how it is ranked, the sentiment of the framing, and whether any claim is inaccurate.
- Flagging "wrong" requires a reference. Your own current facts (prices, product specs, positioning) are what the output gets compared against, so keep that source of truth up to date. Outdated answers are the hardest case to catch because they look plausible.
- Accuracy has to be checked per engine. One source describes monitoring as per engine, per prompt, over time, since answers shift with model updates and re-crawls.

Tools that emphasize accuracy

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- **Profound:** its FactCheck feature traces the URL behind each inaccurate claim, and an agent can update a page or draft outreach. Enterprise pricing is quote-based.
- **AthenaHQ:** its Enterprise plan lists a knowledge base, claim review and discrepancy detection, which it describes as ways to catch inaccurate claims.
- **Scrunch:** focuses on brand safety, detecting when ChatGPT says incorrect things about your brand.
- **Xtrusio:** keeps full answers beside the cited pages and writes and places a correcting page, counting the fix as verified only when an engine cites that exact page on the question.
- **Goodie AI:** one guide lists it for real-time misinformation detection.
- **Sanbi:** runs your prompt set on a schedule and flags answers whose claims diverge from your current positioning.
- **Jasper's GEO Hub:** runs scheduled analyses across major assistants and flags the answers that misrepresent your brand.

Established platforms with an AI add-on

Meltwater (GenAI Lens), Brand24 (AI Visibility), and Talkwalker (LLM Insights) run prompts against AI engines. One review says the legacy vendors lean on the accuracy angle even harder than some of the AEO-native tools. Brandwatch's and Sprout Social's AI features are thinner, according to the same review.

Things to weigh

- Error rates are lower than people often assume, but the errors matter. One 2026 study found engines accurate 95.9% of the time when they answered, and they declined to answer 31% of brand prompts, rising to 80% on comparison prompts. Missing mentions may be a bigger issue than wrong ones.
- Another dataset reports wrong claims at 4.3% – 6.8% of brand claims per engine, with little overlap between engines. Those figures come from a vendor's own research, so treat them as indicative.
- Most tools detect problems but can't fix them. Fixes generally mean changing the pages the model reads, and an AI answer changes only when the pages the engine reads change.
- Pricing ranges widely. Some entry points are free or around \$99/month as an add-on, while Starter plans start near \$250–300/month and enterprise tiers are quote-only.
- No native alerting exists from the assistants themselves, so every tool here is polling prompts on its own schedule. Alerts are only as timely as the polling cadence.

If you tell me your category, the assistants you care most about, and whether you need detection only or also correction, I can narrow this to two or three tools and suggest a prompt set to test them with.

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RECOMMENDED Profound, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Peec AI, Botric, Rankscale, AthenaHQ, Brand24 (AI Visibility), Talkwalker (LLM Insights), Rippit, ArtificialQA, NeuralTrust

Monitoring how AI assistants (like ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Claude) represent your brand has become a critical business function, often referred to as **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)** or **AI Visibility Tracking**.

Because these models synthesize information rather than simply listing links, traditional SEO tools often miss these "hallucinations" or outdated claims. To address this, specialized platforms have emerged to monitor, flag, and help you correct misinformation about your brand in real-time.

Top Categories of AI Brand Monitoring Tools

When evaluating solutions, it is helpful to understand the three main categories of providers currently in the market:

1. **AI-Native Point Trackers:** Built specifically to monitor AI search and chatbot responses. They run recurring prompts across multiple LLMs to check if your brand is mentioned, accurately described, and cited correctly.
 - *Examples:* **Profound, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Peec AI, Botric, Rankscale, and AthenaHQ.**
 - *Best for:* Teams that need specific, prompt-level diagnostics on how their brand appears in AI answers.
2. **Legacy Monitoring Platforms (with AI Extensions):** Established media monitoring or social listening tools that have added specific features to track AI-generated outputs.
 - *Examples:* **Meltwater (GenAI Lens), Brand24 (AI Visibility), and Talkwalker (LLM Insights).**
 - *Best for:* Teams that already use these platforms for PR/social listening and want to consolidate their monitoring.
3. **Governance & Accuracy Platforms:** Focused on auditing AI agents (like your own customer service chatbot) to ensure they aren't "going off-script" or hallucinating policies.
 - *Examples:* **Rippit, ArtificialQA, and NeuralTrust.**
 - *Best for:* Managing the accuracy of *your own* AI systems and ensuring compliance with brand standards.

How to Implement an AI Brand Monitoring Workflow

To effectively stop outdated or wrong information from spreading, follow this "detect-to-correct" lifecycle:

- **Establish a Baseline (Audit):** Use tools to run representative queries (e.g., "Is [Your Brand] good for enterprise?" or "What is [Your Brand's] refund policy?") across major engines to identify what the AI currently says.
- **Continuous Monitoring:** Configure your chosen platform to trigger alerts when it detects changes in how your brand is described or if new, incorrect citations appear.
- **Trace and Correct:** When an inaccuracy is flagged, these tools usually show you the **cited source**. Often, the AI is hallucinating because it is pulling from an outdated press release, a forgotten microsite, or an old review. You must update or remove these "source" pages on your own website or request corrections from the third-party platforms hosting the bad data.
- **Proactive Grounding:** Feed your updated, accurate information into your brand's digital estate (structured data, updated FAQ pages, and authoritative content). AI models rely on these "signals" to build their knowledge base.

What to Look for When Choosing a Tool

If you are evaluating vendors, ensure they provide the following "table stakes" capabilities:

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- **Multi-Model Tracking:** It should monitor ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, and Perplexity simultaneously, as they often give different answers.
- **Citation Analysis:** It must show you *where* the AI got its information so you know exactly which webpage needs fixing.
- **Prompt-Level Reporting:** Look for dashboards that show you the *exact* prompt that led to an inaccurate answer, rather than just abstract sentiment scores.
- **Actionable Insights:** The best tools don't just alert you; they provide recommendations on how to adjust your content to correct the AI's future responses.

Recommendation: If you are a mid-market or enterprise brand, start by demoing **Profound** or **AthenaHQ** for strategic brand monitoring, or look into **Meltwater's GenAI Lens** if you require integration with existing PR workflows. If you are struggling with a custom chatbot you built, look into **Rippit** or **ArtificialQA** to audit your specific agent's behavior.

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RECOMMENDED Profound FactCheck (top pick), Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit, BrandRank.AI

Yes—this is an emerging category often called **AI brand accuracy monitoring** or **AI answer monitoring**. These tools regularly test prompts across AI assistants, compare factual claims against your approved information, and flag incorrect or stale descriptions.

A few options to evaluate:

- **Profound FactCheck** is the most directly aimed at accuracy: it checks answer claims against a brand-maintained knowledge base, shows the answer alongside the verified facts, and identifies cited sources that may be contributing to errors. Its announcement lists coverage across ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, Perplexity, Grok, Copilot, and other answer engines.¹³
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** tracks brand mentions, sentiment, topic associations, and changes in responses across AI platforms. It may suit teams already using Semrush, though its description is broader than claim-by-claim fact checking.⁹
- **BrandRank.AI** advertises continuous monitoring and alerts for risky claims across several answer engines. Verify its alert rules, evidence trail, and source coverage in a demo.¹

When comparing vendors, ask to see an example alert with the **exact AI response, the specific claim flagged, the approved fact it conflicts with, the assistant and prompt, and any cited source**. Also confirm whether “alerts” are immediate or based on scheduled checks: answers can vary, so a single test shouldn't be treated as proof of a lasting error.³⁶

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Cheapest tool that tracks AI answers daily rather than weekly

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RECOMMENDED DoIShowUp (top pick)

Cheapest I found: DoIShowUp – \$9/month for 10 prompts checked daily across ChatGPT and Google AI Mode. It offers a 7-day free trial and is month-to-month. (doishowup.com)

If you're okay with **annual billing**, PromptRepeat's Lite plan is **\$24/month** for up to 250 prompts and 500 checks monthly, with daily schedules—but that's a larger allowance, not the cheapest entry price. (promptrepeat.com)

Bottom line: DoIShowUp is the lowest-priced clearly listed option I found for daily tracking. If you need other AI platforms besides ChatGPT and Google AI Mode, the cheapest fit may differ.

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RECOMMENDED Rankscale, Otterly.AI (top pick), Keyword.com, Cituna

Short answer: Rankscale and Otterly.AI are the cheapest options that clearly offer daily checks. Keyword.com may be cheaper still, but its sources disagree on price.

- **Rankscale (about \$20/mo):** One review describes it as starting around \$20 a month on a credit model, where each engine query typically costs 0.25 credits per engine per prompt, and prompts can run hourly, daily, weekly, or monthly. You choose the cadence, but you'll need to estimate your credit usage before buying.
- **Otterly.AI Lite (\$29/mo, or about \$25 billed annually):** This is the most common recommendation for a low-cost daily tracker. It tracks 15 prompts on 4 engines and covers ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, and Microsoft Copilot. The limit is 15 prompts, so it suits a small set of key queries rather than a full category.
- **Keyword.com (from about \$9.80 to \$26/mo):** One source says Keyword.com from \$9.80 is the lowest bill, while another puts its 360° Visibility plan at \$26/month with the AI-only plan starts at \$31.17/month. Check the live pricing page before relying on either figure. It's a good fit if you already use it for Google rank tracking.
- **Cituna (\$49/mo):** Every plan checks ChatGPT daily with Perplexity, Gemini, Claude, Grok, Google AI Overviews and Google AI Mode, so it covers the most engines for the price, though it's a newer tool.

Avoid the cheapest-looking plans that refresh weekly. For example, one free tier updates weekly, and the paid tiers on that page update only a few days a week.

My pick: Start with Otterly Lite if 15 prompts covers what you need. If you need more prompts or engines, compare Rankscale's credit math against Cituna's \$49 flat plan. Prices change often, so confirm the daily-refresh claim on each vendor's site before you pay, and use free trials where they exist.

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BRANDS READ none

To track how your brand appears in AI answers (such as ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, and Gemini) on a daily basis, several affordable options exist.

When selecting a tool, be mindful that "cheapest" can be deceptive because many platforms charge based on the number of **prompts, checks, or engines** used.

Top Affordable Options for Daily Tracking

As of late 2026, the following tools are frequently cited for their low entry costs and daily monitoring capabilities:

- **Otterly.AI**: Often cited as one of the lowest entry-price options, with plans starting at approximately **\$29/month**. This plan typically includes daily tracking for a limited number of prompts and four major AI engines. Note that adding more engines or advanced features may require an upgrade.
- **ZipTie.ai**: Recognized for having a very competitive price point, with entry options starting around **\$25–\$27/month**. It focuses on UI-simulated tracking, which provides a more accurate view of what a user actually sees compared to some API-only tools.
- **Rankscale**: Offers an "Essentials" plan for approximately **\$17/month** (if billed annually), which supports up to 480 AI answers per month. It allows for daily sampling and categorizes prompts by the customer journey stage (Awareness, Consideration, Purchase).
- **Geoptie**: Offers a starter plan at around **\$49/month** that includes daily tracking across any 4 of 7 supported AI engines for up to two brands.

Important Considerations Before You Buy

- **Check the "Cost-Per-Check"**: Don't look at the monthly fee alone. If you track 50 prompts daily across 4 engines, you are performing 200 checks per day. Ensure your chosen plan covers this volume, or your costs will escalate quickly.
- **Engine Coverage**: Ensure the tool explicitly covers the AI models your audience uses. "AI Overviews" and "AI Mode" are different surfaces; some cheaper plans only cover standard chat interfaces.
- **Existing Tool Suites**: If you already pay for **Semrush** or **SE Ranking**, check your existing dashboard. Both now include AI visibility tracking features that may be "free" or significantly cheaper than adding a standalone, dedicated tool.
- **Methodology**: Look for tools that use "UI simulation" or "browser-level rendering" rather than just API calls. API results and what a real user sees in a chat interface can differ significantly.

Recommendation: If your budget is the primary constraint, **Rankscale** or **Otterly.AI** are your best starting points. If you need high accuracy for a specific brand narrative, consider **ZipTie.ai** for its focus on UI-based verification.

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RECOMMENDED GetIntel Monitor, Otterly.AI, BrandAxis

GetIntel Monitor and Otterly.ai Lite appear to be the cheapest straightforward options at \$29/month with daily tracking. GetIntel lists 25 daily-tracked prompts, while Otterly Lite lists 15; so GetIntel looks like better value if its included AI engines suit you. ⁴

If you need only a few prompts and want the lowest possible cost, BrandAxis offers pay-as-you-go daily tracking, starting at \$0.51 per prompt-and-model tracker per month, plus a \$1 monthly base fee. ⁶

Prices and plan details can change, so check the providers' current pricing pages before subscribing.

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APPENDIX A · QUESTION T11 · TAIL · RECOMMEND · DECISION

Can I track AI visibility for a personal brand, like a consultant or author?

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RECOMMENDED Ahrefs, Brand Radar, Semrush

Yes. AI visibility tracking can monitor whether tools like ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Google AI Overviews mention or recommend a person—and what sources they cite.

For a consultant or author, track **questions your audience might actually ask**, such as “Who are the leading consultants on [topic]?” or “Which books explain [subject]?” Then measure whether your name or book appears, how it’s described, and which sites AI relies on.

You can start with periodic manual checks, or use a tracker. Ahrefs offers a free checker across several AI platforms, while its Brand Radar adds ongoing trends and custom-prompt tracking; Semrush offers brand-visibility and narrative reports across AI search experiences. (ahrefs.com)

One caveat: treat results as **directional, not a definitive ranking**. AI answers can vary, so compare the same prompts across platforms and over time. For a personal brand, include variations of your name, expertise, book titles, and audience questions—and keep an eye on the cited sources, not just whether you’re mentioned.

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RECOMMENDED AI Visibility Checker, AI Search Toolkit, OpenLens, Otterly.AI MENTIONED Semrush, Profound, Similarweb

Yes. Several tools now track how AI assistants mention a person, not just a company, and you can also do a basic version yourself.

Tools that handle personal names

- **Ahrefs' free AI Visibility Checker** says it works with product names, personal brands, or competitor names. It queries ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, Copilot, and Google AI Overviews, then reports total mentions and mentions by platform. It gives a limited preview, but it's a good baseline.
- **SE Ranking's AI Search Toolkit** checks for linked and unlinked references to brands, products, businesses, or personal names. That matters for authors and consultants, since AI tools often mention your name without linking to your site.
- **OpenLens** has a free-forever plan. You enter a domain, and it runs prompts on ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews and reports your AI visibility score alongside share of voice and total mentions. It is built around a website, so it may fit a personal site better than a name alone.
- **Paid platforms** like Semrush, Profound, and Similarweb are built mainly for companies and tend to be pricier. Otterly.ai is one of the cheaper options and focuses on scanning LLMs to see how a brand is being described and whether hallucinations or biases are affecting your reputation. For a solo consultant or author, that description tracking may be the most useful feature.

What to look for

Question t11 · Claude, continued

- Sentiment and framing, not just mention counts. Seeing how an AI describes your expertise or book matters as much as whether it names you.
- Competitor comparison. Seeing who appears alongside you helps you find the peers and categories you're being grouped with.
- Custom prompts. Pick the questions your clients or readers actually ask, such as "best consultant for X" or "books about Y," and track those.

A DIY version

You can run a simple check by hand: pick 10 to 20 questions your audience would ask, run them monthly in ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and Google AI Overviews, and log whether your name appears, how it's described, and which sources are cited. Tools mainly automate this and keep history, and AI answers vary between runs, so a single check is only a snapshot.

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RECOMMENDED Botric, Profound, Beamtrace, TopCited, Ahrefs, Semrush, Petra Labs

Yes, you can track AI visibility for a personal brand, and it has become an essential part of modern digital strategy for consultants, authors, and thought leaders.

Because AI platforms (like ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and Claude) do not provide the same kind of public analytics as Google Search Console, tracking requires a different, more "investigative" approach.

How to Track Your AI Visibility

Since there is no "universal rank" in AI search, you must use a combination of manual testing and specialized monitoring tools.

1. The Manual "Clean-Room" Method (Free)

You can conduct a basic audit yourself without any software.

- **The Rule:** Use a fresh, private (incognito) browser session for every test so the AI isn't biased by your past search history or personal data.
- **The Prompts:** Do not search for your own name—that only tells you if the AI "knows" you. Instead, search for the **problems your clients have**.
 - *Example:* Instead of searching "Who is [Your Name]?", search "Who are the best consultants for [Your Niche]?" or "What are the top books on [Your Topic]?"
- **Record Results:** Create a spreadsheet to log which brands are mentioned, how they are described, and which sources (links) the AI cites. Repeat this monthly to track patterns.

2. Specialized AI Monitoring Tools

If you want to move beyond manual testing, several platforms now specialize in **Answer Engine Optimization (AEO)** or **Generative Engine Optimization (GEO)**. These tools automate the process by repeatedly querying AI engines with your target prompts.

Question t11 · Gemini, continued

- **Dedicated AI Trackers:** Tools like **Botric**, **Profound**, **Beamtrace**, and **TopCited** are built specifically to monitor brand mentions and citation frequency across major AI engines.
- **Established SEO Suites:** Platforms like **Ahrefs** (via their "Brand Radar" feature) and **Semrush** (via their AI Visibility Toolkit) have integrated AI tracking into their existing platforms, making them convenient if you already use them for traditional SEO.
- **Enterprise/Advanced:** Tools like **Petra Labs** offer deeper, often more costly, insights into how specific content pieces are being cited by AI models.

Key Metrics to Track

When tracking your personal brand, focus on these metrics rather than clicks or rankings:

- **Mention Rate:** How often are you mentioned when users ask about your industry or topic?
- **Share of Voice:** What percentage of the time does the AI recommend you compared to your competitors?
- **Citation Source:** Which of your articles, social posts, or third-party features is the AI citing? (This tells you what content the AI actually "trusts").
- **Sentiment & Accuracy:** How is the AI describing you? Is it accurately reflecting your expertise, or is it misinterpreting your value proposition?

Why This Matters for Your Personal Brand

For a consultant or author, being an AI-recommended expert is the new "first page of Google." If a potential client asks an AI, "Who should I hire to help with X?" and your name is not in the response, you are effectively invisible to that lead.

Pro Tip: Because AI models prioritize authoritative, credible sources, the best way to improve your AI visibility is to **earn mentions on high-authority third-party sites** (like industry news, podcasts, or reputable publications) and to consistently publish original, data-backed insights on your own platform that the AI can easily "read" and cite.

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BRANDS READ none

Yes. AI visibility can be tracked for an individual just as it can for a company: measure whether AI assistants mention you, how they describe or recommend you, and which sources they cite.

A practical way to start:

1. Write 10–20 questions a prospective client, reader, or event organizer might ask—for example, "Who are trusted consultants on [topic]?" or "Which authors explain [subject] clearly?"
2. Test the same questions separately in ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and other relevant AI search tools. Record whether you appear, how you're described, which peers are named, and any cited pages.
3. Repeat periodically. AI answers vary by platform and over time, so treat individual responses as snapshots rather than a definitive ranking.⁹¹⁰

You can do this manually in a spreadsheet, or use AI-visibility platforms that track prompts and report mentions, citations, descriptions, and competitor comparisons. Some offer a free baseline check; paid options vary in platform coverage and price.³⁷

Question t11 · Perplexity, continued

For a personal brand, track **your name and relevant topics**, not just your website or a generic brand name. Also pay attention to whether your bio and expertise are represented accurately, and whether the cited sources support that description. These measurements show what happens for the prompts you test—they don't guarantee what every person will see.¹²

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AI visibility tool for agencies that can white-label reports

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RECOMMENDED AIRIX, Searchable, Tower GEO, Ninar AI, Gensiv

If you're looking for an **AI visibility tool agencies can white-label**, these are worth comparing:

- **AIRIX** – A straightforward agency option: multi-client tracking, weekly checks across 16 AI platforms, and reports with your logo. (airix.app)
- **Searchable** – White-label reports are included on its agency plans; full platform white-labeling is a separate offering to discuss with the vendor. (searchable.com)
- **Tower GEO** – More of a client-portal setup: branded PDFs and dashboards, custom domain, multi-client management, and scheduled reports. (towergeo.com)
- **Ninar AI** – Combines branded reports with diagnosis and content-publishing features, if you want more than monitoring. (ninar.ai)
- **Gensiv** – Agency workspaces and branded PDF/CSV reports; its page describes a plan for up to 10 client brands. (gensiv.com)

Quick shortlist: AIRIX for weekly, branded reporting; Tower GEO if clients need their own dashboard; Searchable if you want to compare agency reporting with a separate platform-white-label option.

Before choosing, check whether “white-label” means just a branded PDF or also a client portal/custom domain, and compare prompt limits, AI-engine coverage, scan frequency, and per-client pricing. Some vendors advertise those capabilities without publishing clear pricing, so confirm the terms directly.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Scrunch AI, Profound, AI Brand Report, Ayzeo, Rank Prompt, Rankfender, OpenLens, Semrush, Ahrefs MENTIONED Looker Studio

Several tools now offer white-label AI visibility reporting. The best fit depends on how many clients you run and how much branding control you need. Most of the rankings I found are written by vendors, so verify the details below before you buy.

Options with white-label reporting

- **Otterly.AI:** Its per-client workspaces are a good match for agencies. One review says exports can drop Otterly's branding and add yours. It tracks brand visibility across ChatGPT, Perplexity, Google AI Overviews, Bing Copilot, and Claude, and one source lists it at \$29 a month.

Question t12 · Claude, continued

- **Peec AI:** Its agency plans include pitch projects, client projects, client seats, and consolidated billing. One source notes that Looker Studio comes with its Growth tier. Pricing estimates vary, so check the current page.
- **Scrunch AI:** One comparison says it offers API-led dashboards, fully white-labelled outputs, multi-client workspaces and access controls. Agency pricing is quote-based, and one source notes that agency and advanced capabilities may require a sales conversation.
- **Profound:** It's the enterprise option. Its agency mode includes client workspaces and pitch environments. One source puts it at \$499/month, though terms vary.
- **AI Brand Report:** It is a smaller option. It includes white-label PDF reports and allows 25 brands on Agency plan.
- **Ayzeo:** Its Pro plan at \$149/month includes white-label PDF and Word reports. Dashboard branding is a separate add-on, reported at \$299/month.
- **Rank Prompt:** Its Agency plan is \$149/mo and includes white-label reports, emailed to your clients after every scheduled run, plus 500 brands. Its higher tier adds client logins on your own domain.
- **Rankfender:** Its client portal is fully white-labeled with your agency branding.
- **OpenLens:** One listicle describes it as free, unlimited client-login dashboards. I'd treat that claim with caution until you test it.

Established SEO suites with an AI add-on: Semrush and Ahrefs can work if you already pay for them.

Semrush's AI add-on is reported at \$99/mo. Their white-label options are less AI-specific than the tools above.

How I'd narrow it down

- **Small agency, mostly recurring reports:** Start with Otterly, AI Brand Report, or Rank Prompt.
- **Selling AI visibility as a full service with pitches:** Look at Peec AI or Ayzeo.
- **Large roster or enterprise clients:** Look at Profound or Scrunch.

What to verify before buying

- Whether white-labeling covers only PDF/CSV exports or also the dashboard, emails, and login pages.
- Whether the vendor's name disappears from every output, including emails.
- Which AI engines it tracks, and how often it runs.
- Whether prices are per brand, per seat, or per project.

If you tell me your client count, monthly budget, and whether you need a client-facing dashboard or just PDF reports, I can narrow this to two or three tools.

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RECOMMENDED Rank Prompt (top pick), Ceyo, CrunchJunkie, Perkydash

When choosing an AI visibility tool for your agency, it is essential to prioritize platforms that offer **data isolation** (ensuring client A cannot see client B's data) and **true white-labeling** (custom domains, branding, and no vendor-branded emails).

Based on current 2026 industry evaluations, here are the top-rated AI visibility tools specifically designed for agency workloads.

Top AI Visibility Tools for Agencies

Tool	Best For	Key Agency Features
Rank Prompt	Overall Agency Use	Multi-client workspaces, white-label reports, client portals, and prospecting tools.
Ceyo	Presentation-Ready Reports	Creates slide-deck-style reports that are branded and easy to present.
LLM Pulse	Flexible Branding	Offers three white-label modes, including live embeddable dashboards on your own domain.
CrunchJunkie	Automated Reporting	Uses AI to draft executive summaries and pulls brand colors/logos automatically.
Perkydash	Affordable Monitoring	Full custom branding (domain, logo, colors) and client viewer accounts at a flat monthly price.

Key Considerations for Your Agency

When evaluating these tools, keep the following "agency-first" criteria in mind:

- **Data Isolation:** Ensure the platform guarantees that client workspaces are entirely separate. This is non-negotiable for maintaining professional standards and data security.
- **Beyond "Reskinning":** Many tools simply allow you to slap a logo on a PDF. Look for platforms like **Rank Prompt** or **LLM Pulse** if you need diagnostic depth (e.g., seeing specific citation sources) that you can explain to clients during strategy calls.
- **Pricing Models:**
 - **Per-Client Pricing:** Can be expensive as you scale.

Question t12 · Gemini, continued

- **Per-Seat/Flat Fee:** Often better for margins. Check if the platform charges for "active clients" or "seats," as this will significantly impact your profitability.
- **Avoid "Leaky" Branding:** Be wary of tools that send automated emails from the vendor's domain (e.g., noreply@platform.com). Clients may search that name and find your vendor, bypassing your agency. Opt for tools that offer **custom sending addresses** and **custom domains**.
- **Prospecting Features:** Some platforms (like Rank Prompt) include tools to pull a quick AI visibility audit for a potential client before you even start working with them. This can be a powerful "foot-in-the-door" tactic to win new business.

Recommendation

If you are looking for a balanced tool that handles the "multi-client" reality well, **Rank Prompt** is frequently cited as the strongest overall for its combination of diagnostic data, agency-friendly pricing, and robust white-labeling. For agencies prioritizing presentation-heavy, executive-style reporting, **Ceyo** or **CrunchJunkie** offer strong, automated alternatives.

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RECOMMENDED Searchable, Writesonic, GetIntel, Indexly, Ayzeo, Genmark AI

If you're looking for an **AI visibility tool you can resell or report on under your agency's brand**, these are worth shortlisting:

- **Searchable** – Agency workspaces, client-ready white-label reports, and API access. Its agency page says reports can carry your logo, name, and colors, with vendor branding hidden; white-label reports are included in agency plans.¹⁵¹¹
- **Writesonic** – Offers an agency platform with client workspaces and white-label reporting.⁶
- **GetIntel** – Multi-client dashboard with white-labeled PDF or shareable-link reports. Its agency page lists Studio at **\$79/client/month for 3–9 clients**, **\$59/client/month for 10–24**, and custom pricing for 25 or more.⁹
- **Indexly** – Multi-client tracking and branded PDF or presentation reports, including visibility, citations, sentiment, and competitor share of voice.⁸
- **Ayzeo** – White-label PDF and Word reports; its page lists Pro at **\$149/month** and says white-label reports are included.⁷
- **Genmark AI** – White-label client workspaces and reports are available on Enterprise.¹⁰

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Quick pick: Start with **Searchable** if you want agency reporting plus API access; **GetIntel** if per-client pricing and shareable branded reports matter; **Indexly** if you want customizable PDF or presentation exports. Check each vendor's current plan terms and reporting limits before committing, since pricing and feature availability can change.⁵⁸⁹

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How do I check whether AI assistants describe my product's features correctly?

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Use a small, repeatable **product-accuracy audit**:

1. **Write a source of truth.** List the product's key features, limits, integrations, pricing or plan restrictions, and any important "does not do" facts. Link each fact to an authoritative page or document, and note when it was last verified.
1. **Create realistic test questions.** Include direct questions ("Does it integrate with X?"), buyer-style comparisons, edge cases, and questions with false assumptions ("Can it do Y?" when it can't). Test both what assistants say and what they leave out.
1. **Ask several assistants the same questions.** Use fresh chats, keep the wording and settings consistent, and repeat important questions—answers can vary. Save the exact prompt, answer, date, assistant/model, and any sources or citations shown. (foundclearly.com)
1. **Check each claim against your source of truth.** Mark claims as **correct**, **incorrect**, **unsupported**, **outdated**, or **missing**. Track errors by feature and severity; don't treat a fluent answer or a model's own confidence as evidence.
1. **Score and rerun.** A simple scorecard can track accuracy of stated claims, missing critical facts, and whether the assistant correctly says "I don't know" when information isn't available. Keep the same test set and rerun it after product or website changes so you can see whether things improved.

If you're evaluating **your own AI assistant**, also measure whether it retrieved the right product documentation separately from whether its final answer stayed faithful to that documentation. Groundedness/faithfulness checks are useful, but verify automated judge scores against human review—especially for consequential or ambiguous claims. (learn.microsoft.com)

A spreadsheet is enough to start: **question | expected facts | answer | evidence | issue | severity | date/model**. After a few rounds, use the recurring mistakes to decide which product pages or documentation need clearer, more current information.

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You can test this by asking the assistants the questions your buyers ask, scoring the answers against your own product documentation, and tracing wrong claims back to their sources. Repeat it on a schedule.

Question t13 · Claude, continued

1. Build a fixed question list. Include feature-specific prompts such as "What are the key features of [product]?" and "Does [product] support [capability]?" (AirOps). Add comparison questions and a few critical questions, like asking for the main criticisms of your product (LinkedIn). One guide suggests starting with 15 to 30 questions and keeping the list unchanged so results stay comparable month to month (Georacle).

2. Run the questions in each assistant under controlled conditions.

- Test each platform separately, since they draw on different sources. ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini are the usual starting points, and Claude and Google AI Overviews are worth adding if your audience uses them (Frictionai).
- Use fresh sessions with memory off. Turn on web search where available, because without it the model may answer from older training data (JK Techhub (jktechhub.com)).
- Ask each question several times. Answers vary between runs, so one answer tells you little (Georacle). Five runs per question per assistant is a reasonable first pass.

3. Score each answer against a source of truth. Keep a document with your correct feature list, specifications, pricing, and limits. Then grade each answer. A simple scale works well: correct, partly wrong (outdated feature name or a missing capability), or seriously wrong (a feature you don't have, confused with a competitor, or fabricated details) (AirOps; JK Techhub (jktechhub.com)). Log the date, assistant, question, grade, and a screenshot of each answer.

4. Trace the errors to their sources. Perplexity and similar tools show citations, so you can see which page supplied the wrong claim (The Rank Masters (therankmasters.com)). Wrong feature details often come from outdated third-party reviews, comparison sites, or cached pages rather than your own site (AirOps). Fix or request corrections at those sources, and make sure your current documentation is clear and crawlable.

5. Repeat on a schedule and track trends. A monthly cycle is common. Compare each run with the last, flag new errors first, fix the sources behind the worst answers, and re-test. Changes can take weeks to appear (SproutMedia).

Optional automation: Some platforms have APIs that let you script the questions and log responses over time (LinkedIn). Monitoring tools can also run prompts across assistants and flag accuracy changes automatically. Verify any tool's methodology before relying on its numbers.

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To ensure AI assistants (like ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, and Perplexity) describe your product features accurately, you must shift from a "set it and forget it" mindset to a proactive, continuous auditing process.

Because AI models are probabilistic rather than deterministic, they can generate different, sometimes conflicting, answers to the same question. Here is the recommended framework to monitor and correct these descriptions.

1. Build a "Golden Test" Set

Do not rely on a single search. Create a fixed list of 20–40 prompts that mimic how real customers discover or compare your products.

Question t13 · Gemini, continued

- **Category Questions:** "What are the best [product type] for [problem]?"
- **Comparison Questions:** "Compare [your brand] vs [competitor] for [use case]."
- **Use-Case Questions:** "How can I [solve problem] using [your product]?"
- **Fact-Check Questions:** "Does [your product] include [specific feature]?"

2. Implement a Regular Audit Cadence

Run these prompts across major AI assistants (ChatGPT, Claude, Perplexity, Gemini) on a scheduled basis (e.g., monthly or quarterly).

- **Use "Clean" Chats:** Always use a new, fresh chat session with history/memory turned off to ensure the results are not biased by your past interactions.
- **Log Everything:** Maintain a spreadsheet tracking the date, the specific prompt used, the assistant, the response (verbatim), and whether the accuracy was correct, incorrect, or absent.
- **Look for Trends:** A single incorrect answer is an anecdote; a pattern across multiple runs indicates a "hallucination" that needs correction at the source.

3. Fix the "Source of Truth"

AI assistants do not "know" your product; they scrape and synthesize existing data. If they describe features incorrectly, your digital footprint is likely the culprit.

- **Check Robots.txt:** Ensure you haven't blocked AI crawlers (like GPTBot or ClaudeBot) from accessing your site.
- **Use Structured Data:** AI models rely on machine-readable data. Use Schema markup (JSON-LD) on your product pages to explicitly define product names, pricing, availability, and key features.
- **Audit Owned Content:** Review your own website, PDFs, and third-party directory listings for outdated information. If you changed a pricing model or retired a feature, ensure old blog posts or press releases are updated or redirected.

4. Leverage Specialized Tools

If manual auditing becomes too time-consuming, several "AI visibility" or "AI audit" tools can automate this tracking. These platforms:

- Monitor how your brand appears across different AI engines.
- Flag factual inaccuracies or hallucinations in real-time.
- Identify which external sources (review sites, news outlets) the AI is citing when it talks about you, helping you understand where to focus your PR and link-building efforts.

Summary Checklist for Remediation

If you find an error, follow this workflow:

1. **Maintain an "Approved Fact Sheet":** A single internal document with the current, accurate specs.
2. **Clean Your Site:** Update the specific pages the AI is citing.
3. **Third-Party Outreach:** If the AI is citing an outdated review site or third-party directory, contact them to request an update.
4. **Re-Test:** Run your "Golden Test" prompts again after a few weeks to verify the correction has propagated.

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Treat this as a recurring fact-check, not a one-time search.

1. **Write down the facts AI should get right.** Make a short reference sheet with each feature, what it does, availability or plan limits, pricing, and any important caveats. Include links to the most authoritative pages on your site.
2. **Test realistic customer questions.** For example: “Does [product] support SSO?”, “Which plan includes [feature]?” and “How does [product] compare with [alternative]?” Cover discovery, comparisons, and specific feature questions.
3. **Check several assistants.** Try the prompts in the AI tools your customers use. Repeat them periodically: answers can vary between runs, and not every assistant uses the same sources.
4. **Score each answer against your reference sheet.** Record the date, assistant, prompt, answer, cited sources, and whether each claim is correct, incomplete, outdated, or false. Flag high-impact errors—especially wrong prices, plan limits, availability, or security claims.
5. **Trace errors to their sources.** If an answer cites an outdated page or third-party listing, correct the information there where you can. Make your own feature and pricing pages clear, specific, and consistent, and date them when facts change.
6. **Track the trend.** A spreadsheet is enough to start. If you have many prompts or want recurring reports, AI-visibility tools can track prompts, mentions, descriptions, and citations across multiple assistants; compare options based on the platforms and accuracy checks they actually support.¹⁴²

A simple metric is **accuracy rate**: correct product claims ÷ all product claims checked. Track it alongside the types of errors and the sources assistants cite. Visibility tools can show what assistants say, but verify important claims manually against your source of truth.¹⁰¹²

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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 use two main collection methods, and they’re measuring slightly different things:

	API-based	Browser/UI scraping
How it works	Sends prompts to a model or search API and records the response.	Automates the AI product’s website or app, then captures the answer shown in its interface.
What it represents	The response from a specified API model and configuration. Search can sometimes be enabled or controlled explicitly.	A snapshot of what that product’s interface returned for that session. The product may choose the model, whether to search, and how to present results.
Strengths	Usually easier to run consistently at scale; model and settings can be controlled.	Closer to the user-facing experience; can capture interface-specific citations and behavior, including on products without a suitable public API.
Limitations	May not match the consumer app’s model, retrieval, location, or answer format.	Can be slower and more brittle when interfaces change; results may vary by session, account, region, or product updates.

The key point: **an API response isn’t automatically a proxy for what a customer sees in the app**. For example, ChatGPT’s user-facing search can use web search and location information, while an API-based measurement depends on the model and tools the tracker configures. (help.openai.com) One vendor’s documentation makes the distinction explicit: its UI-scraped ChatGPT tracking lets ChatGPT decide whether to search, while its API option can force web search—but the vendor cautions that the results and sourcing can differ. (help.peec.ai)

Some tools use a **hybrid** approach—scraping certain platforms and using APIs for others—so “API vs. scraping” may vary by engine even within one product.

How to evaluate a tool: Ask which method it uses *for each platform*, whether search is enabled, what model or default experience is being measured, and what location/account settings apply. Also check whether it repeats prompts: one captured answer is only one sample of a variable system. As a rule of thumb, use UI collection when you care most about the user-facing experience; use API collection when you want controlled, repeatable comparisons—and treat the results as a trend, not a definitive ranking.

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Most AI visibility tools use one of two methods, or a mix. The main difference is whether they call the model directly or capture what the consumer app shows.

API collection. The tool sends prompts to the model's developer interface and records the text that comes back. API-based tracking uses model APIs to generate structured, repeatable responses at scale. Its strengths are speed, cost, and control. You can log the exact model version and settings. Just remember that API outputs don't always match the consumer-facing experience exactly, especially when the product includes live search, personalization layers, or interface-specific retrieval behavior. A plain API call may skip web search entirely, which changes the answer. Some API setups do search the web and return sources, but the answer can still differ from the app.

UI scraping. The tool runs browser automation against the chat interface, such as ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, or Google AI Overviews, and captures the rendered answer. This is closer to what a user sees, including citations, links, and formatting. The latter is a bit harder from the technical standpoint, but tends to produce the best results. That claim comes from a vendor that favors scraping, so weigh it accordingly. Scraping is more fragile: UI scraping silently breaks during UI updates, authentication changes, and bot detection measures, according to a comparison from an API-focused vendor. Some vendors also raise terms-of-service concerns about scraping.

How much it matters. Surfer ran a study comparing scraped answers with API answers from the same models, reporting roughly 75% of the brand list doesn't overlap and up to 95% of cited sources don't match, depending on how sources are compared. Surfer sells a scraping-based tool, so treat the figures as one data point. Still, they suggest two tools using different collection methods can report very different visibility numbers.

Vendor positions differ. Scraping-based vendors argue that API data misses what users actually see. API-based vendors argue that scraping captures a skewed slice of AI behavior and is less reproducible. Neither side is neutral, and both are reasonable about their own tradeoffs. One vendor's guide also notes that neither method is wrong, but you should know which one a vendor uses before comparing its numbers with another tool's.

Practical checks when evaluating a tool:

- Ask whether it captures the app or calls the API, and which model version and search settings it uses.
- Check whether it runs each prompt multiple times. Individual responses are samples and should not be interpreted like fixed search engine rankings.
- Compare the same prompts across tools only when the collection method is known.

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AI visibility tools primarily use two methods to collect data: **API-based collection** and **UI scraping** (or "interface crawling"). Each method captures different versions of AI behavior, leading to significant discrepancies in the "visibility" data provided to users.

1. API-Based Collection

This method uses the official, developer-facing APIs provided by AI companies (e.g., OpenAI, Google, Anthropic) to submit queries and receive structured responses.

- **How it works:** The tool sends a request directly to the model's backend, receiving a clean, programmatic response.
- **Pros:** It is stable, compliant with platform terms of service, and generally faster and more reliable. It offers a consistent, predictable way to monitor how models process information.
- **Cons:** **It does not reflect what real users see.** AI platforms often serve different, sometimes "downgraded" or "legacy" models via API compared to their consumer web interfaces. Furthermore, APIs lack the search-engine features (like AI Overviews or specialized retrieval-augmented generation) that appear in the consumer UI.

2. UI Scraping (Interface Crawling)

This method involves using automated bots to navigate the actual consumer-facing web interface (e.g., the ChatGPT or Perplexity website), mimicking how a real human would interact with the chat.

- **How it works:** The scraper opens a headless browser, enters a prompt into the chat box, and extracts the full response—including text, citations, and layout elements.
- **Pros:** It captures the **exact experience** of the end-user, including the specific model versions, retrieval logic, personalization, and UI-specific features that APIs often skip.
- **Cons:** It is fragile, as changes to the website's design can break the scraper. It also exists in a legal and technical "gray area," as it may violate a platform's terms of service and requires sophisticated anti-bot handling to stay functional.

Summary Comparison

Feature	API-Based Collection	UI Scraping
Source	Official developer endpoints	Consumer web interface
Accuracy	Lower (simulated/different results)	Higher (reflects real user experience)
Reliability	High (stable, documented)	Lower (prone to site changes/blocks)
Compliance	Fully compliant	Risky (may violate Terms of Service)
Cost	Generally predictable	Higher (requires proxies/maintenance)

Why the Difference Matters

The industry is currently divided because the data output from these two methods often shows very little overlap (sometimes as low as 30%).

If you are choosing a tool for brand monitoring:

- **API-based tools** are better for broad, stable, and cost-effective tracking of "model sentiment" or general information retrieval.

Question t14 · Gemini, continued

- **Scraping-based tools** are preferred if you need to know exactly what a customer sees when they ask about your brand, as these tools account for the specific search features and interface nuances that drive real-world purchasing decisions.

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AI visibility tools mainly differ in **where they get the answer**:

- **Official model APIs**: The tool sends a prompt to a provider's developer API and analyzes the returned response. This is generally structured and easier to run at scale, but it may not match what a person sees in the provider's app: the consumer interface can add browsing, citations, formatting, or other behavior.⁴⁶
- **Browser automation ("UI scraping")**: The tool submits prompts through a public AI interface and captures the rendered answer, often including visible citations or other UI elements. That can better reflect a user's experience, but it is typically slower and more operationally complex; interface changes can also disrupt collection.²⁶
- **Hybrid collection**: Some providers say they use both approaches, choosing a method by platform or data type. For example, Scrunch describes using browser automation and official APIs.¹³

One naming wrinkle: **"API" can mean the customer-facing way to access a monitoring vendor's data**, not how that vendor collected the answers. A vendor might collect through browser automation, then let customers retrieve results through its own API.¹³

When comparing tools, ask which method they use **for each AI platform and surface**, whether they capture the consumer-facing citations, and how they handle repeated runs and changes in the interface. A tool's method can vary by platform, so "API-based" or "scraping-based" may not describe its whole product.¹⁰¹³

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APPENDIX A · QUESTION T15 · TAIL · RECOMMEND · DECISION

AI answer tracking tool with an API so my developers can pull the data

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If you mean **tracking whether your brand appears in ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, and Perplexity answers**, these are worth checking:

- **MentionsAPI** – best fit if your developers want a direct API. One request can query several answer engines and return structured brand mentions, rank, and citations. (mentionsapi.com)
- **Heading** – offers an API for per-prompt, per-model, per-day visibility records; useful if you want to pull ongoing tracking data into your own dashboard. (api.useheading.com)
- **BotSeen** – read-only API for projects, visibility scores, and recent answers across several AI platforms. (botseen.com)
- **Indexly** – API for integrating AI search visibility and brand analytics into your own applications. (indexly.ai)

My first look would be MentionsAPI if you want your developers to run checks themselves. Before choosing, verify whether its results come from the consumer-facing AI products or from model-provider APIs—those can produce different answers—and whether it returns the full answer and citations, not just a visibility score. (mentionsapi.com)

If you meant tracking **your company's answers/support responses** rather than **brand visibility in AI answers**, tell me—that's a different category.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Profound, SE Ranking AI Visibility API, Promptwatch, Omnia, Rankscale, cloro, DataForSEO, LLMRefs Analytics MENTIONED Semrush, Conductor, Surfer SEO

Several tools in this category expose APIs. The best fit depends on whether you want a finished platform with an API or raw data infrastructure you build on.

Platforms with a developer API

- **Otterly.AI**: It has a public API for brand reports, prompts, citations, and workspace data, and API access and MCP are available from its Standard plan. Its account endpoint also reports plan limits and current usage, which helps your code manage quota.
- **Peec AI**: It offers a REST API along with CSV exports, a Looker Studio connector, and MCP. It measures visibility as the share of chats that mention a brand.

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- **Profound:** It is aimed at enterprise teams. One review says it lets you export everything via API or CSV/JSON, but Profound, Semrush, and Conductor provide API or export options at higher tiers, so confirm what your plan includes.
- **SE Ranking AI Visibility API:** It covers ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, AI Overviews, and AI Mode. Per the vendor, API access is included in every SE Ranking plan.
- **Promptwatch:** A review notes MCP and API access included on every plan, including the entry tier.
- **Omnia:** Per its listing, it offers REST API and an MCP server, read and write, on every paid tier.

Developer-first or build-your-own

- **Rankscale AI:** One roundup describes it as an API for LLM visibility built first for developers and data teams.
- **cloro:** It returns parsed results through one endpoint. Its listing says it returns structured JSON responses: cited source URLs with position, label, and description per citation.
- **DataForSEO:** It is raw data infrastructure, not a finished tool. One review warns that it requires significant development work and has no ChatGPT or Perplexity mention tracking.
- **LLMRefs Analytics:** One ranking calls it the most developer-friendly platform evaluated, with raw JSON data exports, a custom query builder, and webhook support. It is priced at USD 349/month (Developer) – USD 999/month (Enterprise API).

Things to check before you commit

- **Collection method:** Some tools query engines through APIs and others capture the browser-visible answer. Profound says other tools pull AI responses from the API and that it captures from the browser instead. Surfer SEO's study argues API-based collection is less representative of what real users see. Decide which matters for your use case.
- **Quotas and cost:** Check monthly query limits and whether each engine is included. Pricing and plan details change often.
- **Source reliability:** Most comparison pages are written by vendors or affiliates, so verify API docs, rate limits, and webhook support directly with the vendor.

If you tell me which engines you need, how many prompts you'll track, your budget, and whether you want a full dashboard or raw data, I can narrow this to two or three options.

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RECOMMENDED Datadog LLM Observability MENTIONED LangChain, Datadog, New Relic

To track AI answers and pull the data programmatically, you should look into **LLM Observability** or **AI Visibility** platforms. These tools are specifically designed to capture prompts, model responses, tokens, and latency, providing APIs that allow your developers to export or query this data for your internal systems.

The right tool depends on your specific goal—whether you are tracking **how your own AI performs** (observability) or tracking **how your brand appears in public AI search engines** (visibility/SEO).

1. For Internal AI Observability (Tracking your own AI/Chatbots)

If you are building an AI application and need to monitor what it says, identify hallucinations, and track usage costs, these platforms offer robust APIs for developers:

- **Langfuse:** A popular open-source observability platform. It is excellent for tracing chains, sessions, and individual model calls. It provides a comprehensive API that allows developers to pull trace data, logs, and evaluation scores.
- **LangSmith** (smith.langchain.com): Built by the team behind LangChain, it is highly optimized for debugging, testing, and monitoring agents. It offers a powerful API to manage experiments, pull execution traces, and monitor production behavior.
- **Braintrust:** Focused heavily on evaluation and quality. If your primary goal is to ensure your AI answers are accurate, Braintrust's API allows you to pull structured evaluation data and quality scores alongside performance metrics.
- **Traceloop:** Built on OpenTelemetry, it is designed to fit into existing developer workflows. It exposes a REST API that lets you manage monitors and query metrics/spans across your AI pipelines.

2. For AI Search Visibility (Tracking your brand in AI engines)

If your goal is to track how models like ChatGPT, Perplexity, or Gemini answer questions about your brand or industry, use these "Answer Engine Optimization" (AEO) tools:

- **Ansvisor:** An open-source visibility platform that provides programmatic access to prompt volumes, citation data, and competitor analysis via its APIs and MCP tools.
- **Sellm:** A specialized API that allows you to send prompts and receive structured JSON data including share-of-voice, position, sentiment, and cited sources from major AI search engines.
- **Apify (AI Visibility Tracker)** (apify.com): Apify offers actors that programmatically query AI models (ChatGPT, Perplexity, etc.). Their API allows you to run these trackers at scale and retrieve the raw text responses and citations.

Summary: How to Choose

Your Goal	Recommended Path
I need to debug/monitor my own AI bot.	Use Langfuse or LangSmith ; they provide the best "trace" data (prompts, tool calls, final output) via API.
I need to track brand mentions in public AI.	Use Sellm or Ansvisor ; they are built to scrape and structure "real" consumer-facing AI answers.
I already use Datadog/New Relic.	Check if your existing APM has an LLM Observability add-on (e.g., Datadog LLM Observability), which allows you to keep your AI logs alongside your existing infrastructure data.

Developer Tip: If you choose an observability tool, ensure it supports **OpenTelemetry**. This standard allows your developers to instrument your AI pipeline once and easily send that data to whichever monitoring platform you eventually decide to use, preventing vendor lock-in.

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RECOMMENDED DataForSEO, Meltwater GenAI Lens, Honeyb AI Mentions API, Keyword.com, MentionsAPI

If you mean **tracking your brand's mentions and citations in AI answers**, there are several options with developer APIs:

- **DataForSEO** – A flexible API suite for querying models, retrieving structured answers and citations, and searching a large database of prompts for brand mentions. Best if your developers want to build a custom data pipeline or product. ¹²¹³
- **Meltwater GenAI Lens** – Its API provides prompt data, aggregate metrics, trends, and brand share of voice. Worth considering if you already use Meltwater. ²
- **Honeyb AI Mentions API** – Returns mention-level records, including engine, prompt, position, sentiment, answer excerpt, and cited sources. ¹¹
- **Keyword.com** – Provides an API for aggregated visibility, sentiment, competitor benchmarks, and trends; its documentation says it's for reporting data rather than retrieving full answer text. ¹
- **MentionsAPI** – Offers scheduled prompt monitoring across several answer engines, with mention and sentiment data and webhook delivery. ⁴

Quick pick: Start with **DataForSEO** if you want broad, API-first data for a custom build; choose **Honeyb** if you specifically want structured brand mentions and citations; choose **Keyword.com** if dashboard-style aggregate reporting is enough. Confirm current engine coverage, answer-text access, pricing, and API limits with each vendor before committing. ¹¹¹¹²

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Why would an AI assistant recommend a competitor over us?

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An AI assistant usually isn't making a judgment that your competitor is *better* overall. It's generating an answer from information it can find and interpret—and the competitor may look like the clearer or more relevant choice for that particular question.

Common reasons include:

- **A closer match to the question.** The competitor's public materials may spell out the exact use case, feature, location, or customer type the user asked about.
- **More visible evidence.** The competitor may be mentioned more often in useful third-party sources, reviews, directories, or comparisons. Assistants that search the web draw on sources they can find and assess; ChatGPT Search, for example, may show web results and citations in its answers. (help.openai.com)
- **Clearer, more consistent information.** If your site and listings are vague, outdated, or contradictory, the assistant may have less confidence describing you.
- **A recommendation that fits the stated criteria better.** Price, availability, ratings, or specific capabilities may make the competitor seem like a better fit for *that prompt*.
- **A narrow or incomplete answer.** AI answers can omit good options; one recommendation isn't a definitive ranking.

To diagnose it, test a few realistic prompts and note **what the assistant recommends, which sources it cites, and which criteria it uses**. Then check whether your own site and credible third-party pages clearly and accurately explain who you serve, what you offer, and how you compare—without exaggerating or trying to game the system.

If you share your company, industry, and an example prompt where the competitor gets recommended, I can help pinpoint the likely reason.

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AI assistants have no paid placement, so a competitor usually wins on signals the model has absorbed or can retrieve. Several factors tend to matter:

- **Third-party presence.** Assistants appear to weigh independent evidence, such as press coverage, reviews, and directory listings, more than what a brand says about itself. One guide puts it as independent sources outweigh self-published content. Vendor blogs make this claim, so treat it as practitioner consensus rather than settled fact.

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- **Clear category and name.** If a model can't confidently tie your brand to a category, it may skip you. Entity confusion is most common with brands that share names with cities, common nouns, or other companies, and ambiguous category signals can suppress recommendations even when other signals are strong.
- **Consistent descriptions.** Multiple credible sources repeating the same core facts without contradictions helps the model feel sure about you. Conflicting descriptions across sites work against you.
- **Fit to the user's stated needs.** A peer-reviewed-style study found that brands omitted from category-only recommendations can become more prevalent when consumers articulate relevant needs. A competitor may simply match the user's constraints better, such as budget, use case, or integration needs.
- **Familiarity and marketplace visibility.** An arXiv preprint on LLM recommendations reports that established brands get more visibility, while new or less-known brands have difficulty gaining exposure. The same research links prominence to consumer search interest, news coverage, and online brand conversation. The authors note these are correlations, and the paper is a preprint.
- **Thin product information.** Retail-focused guidance notes that listing quality, completeness, and shopper feedback can shape what gets recommended. If your product pages or reviews are sparse, the model has less to work with.

Caveats: most practical guidance comes from GEO/AEO vendors with an interest in selling services, and the research is largely observational. The results also vary by platform and product category, so no single fix is guaranteed.

To find out what's happening in your case, I'd suggest:

1. Ask several assistants category-only questions (e.g., "best [category] for [use case]") and needs-based questions with your typical customer's constraints.
2. Record who gets named, in what order, and what reasons the assistant gives. Those reasons often reveal the gap.
3. Check whether your brand description is consistent across your site, directories, and review platforms.
4. Look at where the competitor is covered (press, reviews, comparison lists) and whether you're absent from the same places.

If you tell me your category and which competitor keeps getting recommended, I can help you think through the likely causes.

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When an AI assistant recommends a competitor over your business, it is rarely a personal slight or a sign of product inferiority. Instead, it is typically a reflection of "**AI visibility**"—a set of signals the AI uses to determine which companies are the most trustworthy, relevant, and easy to explain.

AI models are not search engines that simply rank websites; they are "answer engines" that synthesize information to make a decision. If your business is being overlooked, it is likely because your competitor has done a better job of providing the "evidence" the AI needs to feel confident in a recommendation.

Here is why your competitor is likely being chosen and how to bridge the gap:

1. The "Evidence" Gap

AI models prioritize brands that have a large, consistent footprint of "trusted" information. If an AI cannot find clear, verifiable information about you, it will default to competitors that it "knows" better.

- **Third-Party Validation:** AI places high weight on mentions from credible external sources like industry publications, forums (e.g., Reddit), review sites, and news coverage. If your competitors have more "buzz" in these spaces, the AI views them as more authoritative.
- **Consistency Across the Web:** AI looks for consistent information—the same brand name, service descriptions, and claims—across your website, social media, and business directories. Fragmented or outdated info across the web can make the AI hesitate to recommend you.

2. Lack of "Answer-First" Content

Traditional SEO often focuses on keywords, but AI models focus on **user intent**.

- **Answering Real Questions:** Does your website explicitly answer the questions your customers ask? (e.g., "What does [Service] cost?" or "How long does [Project] take?"). Competitors often win because they create dedicated pages or FAQs that answer these specific questions directly, making them easier for the AI to "quote".
- **Extractability:** If your content is buried in complex layouts, heavy scripts, or non-text formats (like images), the AI may struggle to parse it. Clear, structured content (using headers and bullet points) is much easier for an AI to digest.

3. The Role of Structured Data

AI systems rely on "machine-readable" signals to understand who you are and what you do.

- **Schema Markup:** This is code on your website that explicitly tells search engines and AI crawlers your business details, location, and services. Businesses that use robust schema markup are significantly more likely to be surfaced in AI recommendations because it removes the "guesswork" for the model.

4. How to Improve Your AI Visibility

You do not need to "manipulate" the AI; you need to provide it with better data.

- **Run a Diagnostic:** Ask your preferred AI tools the same questions your customers ask. Record the results to see which competitors appear and analyze their content.
- **Optimize for "Answer Engine Optimization" (AEO):** Shift your strategy from just ranking for keywords to being the *best answer*. Create content that directly addresses buyer questions and provides verifiable, quantitative results (e.g., "We helped 500+ clients achieve X").
- **Build Your Digital Footprint:** Ensure your brand is mentioned consistently across trusted third-party platforms. Encourage reviews, participate in industry discussions, and ensure your business profile is consistent everywhere it appears online.

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The Bottom Line: Being invisible to AI is an "existence problem," not just a marketing one. By treating your website and your presence across the web as a knowledge base for AI, you can move from being an unknown to a top recommendation.

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An AI assistant recommending a competitor doesn't necessarily mean the competitor is objectively better. More often, the assistant has clearer or stronger evidence that the competitor fits the specific question.

Common reasons include:

- **Better fit for the prompt:** The competitor's price, features, availability, or use case may match what the user asked for more closely.
- **More independent validation:** Reviews, expert coverage, comparison articles, and community discussions can give an AI more confidence than a brand's own claims.²⁷
- **Clearer, easier-to-compare information:** Specific specs, pricing, use cases, and pros and cons are easier to interpret than broad marketing language.⁸
- **Stronger or more consistent public information:** If your product details are sparse, outdated, or inconsistent across sources, the assistant may have less confidence in describing it accurately.³¹¹
- **Different information sources:** Some assistants use live web results; others may rely more on information learned earlier. So the answer can vary by platform and may not reflect the latest changes.⁸

To find out what's happening in your case, compare answers to the same prompts across assistants, note which competitors and sources are mentioned, and check whether your product pages clearly state who you're for, what you do best, current pricing, and verifiable proof. Then look for gaps in independent reviews and credible comparisons—not just your own website.⁷¹²

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What's the best way to test whether a new comparison page gets my product into AI answers?

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The best test is a **small, controlled before-and-after experiment**—not one-off prompting. AI answers vary, so track the same realistic buyer questions repeatedly and compare the page against a baseline.

1. **Choose 10–20 non-branded comparison questions** buyers might ask, such as “What are good alternatives to [competitor] for [use case]?” Include several relevant competitors.
2. **Record a baseline before publishing:** test those exact questions on the AI services that matter to your customers. Save the answers, dates, and any cited URLs.
3. **Publish the page, then repeat the same test** on a regular schedule—say weekly for 4–6 weeks. Keep the wording, location, account state, and other test conditions as consistent as possible.
4. **Track more than whether your brand appears:**
 - Was your product named or recommended?
 - Was the new page cited or linked?
 - Was it described accurately?
 - Did competitors appear instead?
5. **Use a comparison group if you can.** Track similar questions that the page was not designed to answer. If visibility rises only for the questions the page targets, that’s more suggestive than a general increase across all questions.
6. **Check whether the page is crawlable and indexed**, and watch analytics for AI referrals. OpenAI says ChatGPT referral URLs include `utm_source=chatgpt.com`; referral clicks are useful evidence, but they won’t capture answers that mention you without sending a visit. (help.openai.com)
7. **Treat Google separately.** Google’s AI features follow its general Search eligibility and SEO guidance; Search Console can help assess Search performance, but don’t treat impressions or clicks alone as proof that this specific page caused an AI answer to mention you. (developers.google.com)

A simple scorecard is **share of tested answers that mention you, share that cite the new page, and accuracy of the product description**—reported separately for each AI service. Save the actual answers as evidence; an aggregate “AI visibility” score can hide what changed. The key caveat: this shows a pattern, not definitive causation, because answers can vary with time, query, and retrieval context.

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RECOMMENDED Google Analytics 4, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Semrush

The most reliable approach is a repeated, before-and-after test on a fixed set of prompts, not a single check.

1. Set a baseline before you publish. Pick 15–20 buyer-intent prompts that the new page should answer, such as "best [category] tools" or "[your product] vs [competitor]." One guide suggests testing 15–20 buying-intent prompts across ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Gemini, then recording mentions for your brand and competitors and calculating each brand's mention rate. Run them now, so you have a "before" number.

2. Run each prompt several times. Answers vary between runs, so one screenshot proves little. One 2026 guide warns that single-run measurements can create misleading precision. Repeat each prompt and report a rate, such as the share of runs where you're mentioned.

3. Use clean sessions and turn on web search. Start with a clean session to avoid prior context shaping responses, using incognito mode or logging out. In ChatGPT, one method is to run each prompt with web search enabled, then check the answer body for your name and the source list for your link.

4. Log more than yes/no. Track the query, platform, date, whether you're mentioned, your position, how you're described, which competitors appear, and which sources are cited. "Cited" means the engine links to you, while "mentioned" means your name appears in the answer text without necessarily linking. Citation depends on the engine being able to reach, parse, and lift a clean passage from your page. Those are separate outcomes, so record them separately.

5. Check whether the new page is the source. Perplexity usually shows source links, but ChatGPT does not always display direct citations, and your brand may appear without a clickable source link. So a mention doesn't prove the page drove it. Look for your page's URL or distinctive wording where you can.

6. Use a control. Compare the prompts you target with similar comparison prompts the page doesn't cover, and compare against a competitor's comparison pages. This helps separate the page's effect from general brand awareness. This is my suggestion, not something from the sources.

7. Watch referral traffic too. For the traffic side, the most reliable method is tracking AI referral traffic in Google Analytics 4, filtering for chatgpt.com, perplexity.ai, and gemini.google.com.

8. Allow time, then retest. Rerun the same prompt set on a regular cadence, such as monthly, and compare against the baseline. I don't have a source for a specific waiting period, so start with a few weeks and adjust based on what you see.

Tools: If you need to scale, GEO trackers like Ahrefs Brand Radar or Semrush's AI tools run prompts across platforms and report mention and citation rates. A manual test of 20 prompts across three platforms is enough to start.

What to expect: A 2026 study of 100+ brands found that the ranked "best-of" listicle is the most-cited content format, at about 21% of all citations. A comparison page is a reasonable format to test. That study was run by a GEO vendor, so treat the figures as directional.

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To test whether your new comparison page is successfully appearing in AI answers, you should move beyond traditional rank tracking and adopt a multi-layered approach that monitors both visibility (impressions) and direct citation.

1. The Primary Diagnostic: Google Search Console

As of late 2026, Google Search Console is the most reliable "official" way to track your performance in generative AI features.

- **Use the Generative AI Report:** Navigate to the **Performance** tab in Search Console and look for the **Generative AI** report (often broken down into Search/AI Overviews and Discover). This will show you which of your URLs are appearing in AI-generated responses and the volume of impressions they are generating.
- **Analyze Trends:** Since this report tracks impressions (not necessarily clicks), look for upward trends in impressions for your comparison page following its publication. If the report is missing or shows zero, it may indicate that your page has not yet gained enough visibility to be reported or lacks sufficient authority for those specific queries.

2. Manual Verification (The "Human" Audit)

Automated tools are helpful, but manual testing is essential to see the "why" behind the results.

- **Define Your "High-Intent" Queries:** Identify 10–15 specific questions your customers actually ask, such as *"What is the best [Product Category] for [Specific Use Case]?"* or *"Compare [Your Product] vs. [Competitor]."*
- **Search in "Clean" Environments:** Perform these searches in incognito/private windows or using specialized SEO tools that simulate user locations.
- **Check Different Engines:** Don't limit yourself to Google. Test the same prompts in **ChatGPT, Perplexity, and Claude**. These models often pull from different indexes, and seeing your site cited in one but not others can reveal where your content structure is (or isn't) working.

3. Use Dedicated AI Visibility Tools

Manual checks are inconsistent and time-consuming. Several specialized tools can help you track citations systematically:

Question t17 · Gemini, continued

- **AI Visibility Trackers:** Tools like *Semrush (AIO Visibility Checker)* or *AEO Engine* can automate the process of querying AI models for your target keywords and reporting whether your page is cited, which competitors are appearing, and if you are being left out.
- **What to Look For:** Use these tools to capture the actual AI response. A "no citation" result isn't just a failure –it's a data point. Check if the AI provided a *different* answer entirely or cited a competitor, which helps you understand what content (e.g., specific features, pricing tables) you might be missing.

4. Optimize for "Extractability"

If you find your page isn't being cited, it is likely because the AI cannot easily extract the answer. To improve your odds:

- **Direct Answers:** AI-cited pages often answer the user's question in the very first few lines of the page.
- **Structure Matters:** Use **tables, lists, and clearly defined "Pros vs. Cons" sections**. AI models are significantly more likely to cite content that is already formatted for quick extraction rather than dense, narrative prose.
- **Align with Intent:** Ensure your page explicitly addresses the "versus" or "best-for" intent. Data suggests that **"X vs Y" comparison pages** are currently the strongest predictors of AI search traffic in B2B and commercial sectors.

5. Measure "Halo Effect" Traffic

Since AI answers are often "zero-click" (users get the answer without visiting your site), traditional traffic metrics may be misleading.

- **Watch Branded Search:** If your page is being cited in AI answers, you may see a "halo effect"—an increase in direct traffic or branded search queries (people searching for your company name by heart) shortly after the AI answer appears.
- **Check GA4:** While traffic from AI is often lumped into "Organic Search," keep an eye on your conversion rates. AI-referred traffic often has a lower bounce rate and higher engagement because the user has already received a "recommendation" from the AI before clicking through.

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RECOMMENDED Google Search Console

The best test is a **repeatable before-and-after check**, not a one-off prompt. AI answers vary between runs, so look for a pattern across questions, engines, and time.

1. **Set a baseline before launch.** Write down 10–20 realistic buyer questions that might lead to your comparison page, such as “Product A vs Product B” and “best [category] for [use case].” Run the same prompts in the AI products your customers use.
2. **Repeat after publishing.** Use the same prompts in fresh chats, across multiple engines, and run each prompt a few times. Check again after a few weeks; a single answer can be noisy.⁶⁷
3. **Record separate outcomes:**
 - Is your product mentioned—and where in the answer?
 - Is the **new page's exact URL** linked as a source?
 - Which competitors and other sources appear?
 - Is your product described accurately and favorably?

Question t17 · Perplexity, continued

4. **Compare rates, not anecdotes.** For example, track the share of runs that mention your product and the share that cite the new page. Keep those as distinct measures: a brand mention isn't the same as a page citation.⁶¹¹
5. **Check traffic and business impact too.** In Google Search Console, AI-feature links are included in Search performance reporting; Google's documentation also describes a generative-AI performance report for impressions and pages, where available. Use analytics to look for visits and conversions from AI referrals as a downstream signal.¹⁴

A simple spreadsheet with **date, engine, prompt, product mentioned, answer position, page cited, competitors cited, and referral/conversion data** is enough to start. If the page isn't cited, that doesn't necessarily mean it had no effect: AI answers can mention a product without linking to the page, and citation sources can shift from run to run.⁵¹²

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AI visibility monitoring with email or chat alerts for a small team

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RECOMMENDED Scout LLM, Linkstonic, Presenc AI MENTIONED Slack, Discord

If you mean **monitoring how your brand appears in ChatGPT, Perplexity, Gemini, and similar AI answers**, I'd shortlist these for a small team:

- **Scout LLM** – A good fit if **Slack or email alerts** are the main requirement. It offers threshold alerts for visibility, competitors, and sentiment, plus a daily Slack digest. Alerts are checked after its daily tracking run, rather than being instant. (scoutllm.ai)
- **Linkstonic** – Worth a look if you want **email or Discord notifications** for new mentions, ranking changes, or new platforms. It also offers weekly email digests. (linkstonic.com)
- **Presenc AI** – Consider it if you need **Slack, email, or webhook delivery** and want alerts tied to tracked prompts and sentiment changes. (presenc.ai)

My practical starting point: trial Scout LLM if your team uses Slack; try Linkstonic if Discord or email suits you better. Before committing, check the plan limits and run the same small set of buyer questions across each tool –coverage, query volume, and alert rules can vary.

For a lean setup, track 10–20 real customer questions, check a few key AI platforms, and send one weekly digest to a shared team channel. AI-answer results can fluctuate, so avoid reacting to a single change; look for a repeated trend.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Presenc AI, Hall, Profound, Ahrefs Brand Radar, Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit MENTIONED Slack, Ahrefs, Zapier, Microsoft Teams

For a small team that wants email or chat alerts, I'd shortlist **Otterly, Peec AI, and Presenc AI**, then check Hall if Slack-first alerts matter most. Vendor pricing and feature lists change often, and many of the sources below are vendor-written or affiliate roundups, so confirm details on each vendor's site before you buy.

Shortlist

- **Otterly AI (lowest cost)**. Otterly starts at \$29, and one source says it is the lowest-cost way to get real data on brand mentions, citations, and share of voice. The catch: native Slack and email are not first-class product features. It publishes a public REST API, so you can build webhook-driven alerts, and there is also a published Slack automation recipe. Choose it if someone on the team can handle light setup.
- **Peec AI (mid-tier, alerts reported)**. One guide describes it as instant notifications via email and Slack when AI models mention tracked brands. Pricing varies by source: one lists Starter (\$95/month): 50 prompts, 3 models, unlimited users, daily tracking, while another lists Starter: €89/mo (25 prompts, ~2,250 answers/month). Check which prompt limits apply before you commit.

Question t18 · Claude, continued

- **Presenc AI (good for digests).** Its Slack integration lets you choose alert types, including new AI brand mention detected, visibility score change (up or down), competitor displacement alert, citation added or removed, weekly visibility report, and daily summary digest. Toggle each alert type on or off per channel. I didn't find pricing for it in these results.
- **Hall (Slack-first).** It is a Slack-first experience with AI citation heatmaps and alerts. The Starter – \$199 per month (billed annually) or \$239 per month (billed monthly) for up to 500 tracked questions. That is a step up in cost.

Higher-end options

- **Profound** has a dedicated Slack app: get alerts for time-sensitive changes in visibility or citations, but it starts higher, with one source listing Starts at \$499/mo.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** is an add-on, starting at \$199/month (as an add-on to Ahrefs plans starting at \$129/month). Pick it if you already use Ahrefs.
- **Semrush AI Visibility Toolkit** is \$99 a month per domain on annual billing. I couldn't confirm its alert delivery options from these sources, so check that directly.

Setup tips for a small team

- Send alerts to one dedicated channel, and route by severity. One guide suggests SEO Manager owns Severity 2 and a cross-functional group handles the most serious ones.
- Start with a small prompt set: your top commercial queries, a few comparison queries, and your main competitors.
- Use a weekly email digest for leadership and real-time alerts only for significant changes, so the channel stays useful.

Questions to ask vendors before buying

- Does the alert fire on any mention change, or only on a score threshold?
- Are email alerts native, or do you need Zapier or a webhook?
- How many prompts and AI engines are included, and how often does tracking refresh?
- Can you turn alert types on or off per channel?

If you tell me your budget and whether you already use Slack or Microsoft Teams, I can narrow this to one or two tools.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Rankscale, Sight AI, Pydantic Logfire, Langfuse, Arize Phoenix MENTIONED LangGraph, Slack

For a small team, "AI visibility" can mean two different things depending on your goals: either **monitoring your brand's presence in AI search engines** (SEO for AI) or **observing the health and performance of your own AI applications/agents**.

Here is a breakdown of how to approach both, with tools suited for smaller teams.

1. If you mean "Brand Visibility in AI" (AI SEO)

If your goal is to ensure your business appears in answers from ChatGPT, Gemini, or Perplexity, you need **AI Visibility Monitoring**. These tools track if your brand is cited and help you optimize your content.

- **Best for Small Teams:**
 - **Otterly.AI & Rankscale:** Excellent for lean teams/solo founders. They provide affordable monitoring (\$20-\$30/mo) to track prompts and citations without requiring enterprise-level setup.
 - **Sight AI:** A more comprehensive option if you are serious about multi-platform tracking (ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, etc.) and want a unified dashboard.
- **What to look for:**
 - **Multi-model coverage:** Ensure the tool tracks the major players your customers actually use.
 - **Actionable insights:** Don't just look for "rankings"; look for tools that tell you *why* a competitor was cited (e.g., specific content gaps).
 - **Alerts:** Most of these platforms allow you to set up dashboards; for smaller teams, prioritize those that offer simple email summary reports.

2. If you mean "Monitoring Your Own AI Apps/Agents"

If you are building your own AI software (e.g., customer support bots, internal agents) and need to ensure they aren't hallucinating, breaking, or burning through your budget, you need **AI Observability**.

- **Best for Small Teams:**
 - **Pydantic Logfire:** Highly recommended for teams building AI applications. It offers deep tracing (model calls, tools, databases) and integrates well with common frameworks like LangGraph.
 - **Langfuse:** A top choice for teams that prefer open-source options. It is excellent for tracking prompt quality and cost, and it scales well as you grow.
 - **Arize Phoenix:** Another strong open-source, self-hostable option if you need to keep data control in-house.
- **Key Features to Prioritize:**
 - **Tracing:** You need to see the "steps" an agent takes. If an agent fails, you need to see exactly where the reasoning went wrong, not just that it returned an error.
 - **Cost/Token Alerts:** Essential for small teams to avoid "runaway" AI costs. Look for tools that can notify you via Slack/Email if token usage spikes.
 - **"Silent Failure" Detection:** AI apps often return a "200 OK" status code even when the answer is wrong. Choose tools that specifically monitor for response quality/evaluation.

Summary Recommendation Table

Goal	Recommended Tool	Why?
Brand Presence	Otterly.AI / Rankscale	Low cost, low setup, great for initial visibility audits.

Question t18 · Gemini, continued

Goal	Recommended Tool	Why?
App Observability	Pydantic Logfire	Best-in-class tracing for AI agents; very developer-friendly.
Self-Hosted/OSS	Langfuse	Flexible, transparent, and great for teams wanting to own their stack.

How to get started (Action Plan):

1. **Define your alert threshold:** Before paying for a tool, define what "alerts" you actually need. Do you need a daily email summary of rankings, or an instant Slack ping when token costs exceed a certain amount?
2. **Start with free tiers:** Most observability platforms (like Logfire or Langfuse) offer generous free tiers for low-volume production use.
3. **Audit First:** Don't buy a monitoring tool until you have manually sampled 10–20 queries across ChatGPT and Perplexity to see if your brand is appearing. This helps you understand what you are actually trying to fix before you spend money on tracking it.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, LLM Pulse, ApifyMENTIONED Slack

For a small team, I'd shortlist these:

- **OtterlyAI** – a budget-conscious option; a recent comparison lists plans starting at **\$29/month**. Check whether your chosen plan includes alerts and the channels you need, since features can vary by tier. ⁶⁹
- **LLM Pulse** – worth considering if alerts are the priority: a 2026 comparison lists **\$49/month for 50 weekly prompts**, with negative-answer alerts sent to Slack or email. ³
- **Apify-based monitoring** – a flexible, lower-commitment route if someone on the team is comfortable setting up a scheduled workflow. A recent example uses pay-per-check runs and sends changes to Slack or email via a webhook; it's less turnkey than a dedicated monitoring product. ⁸¹⁰

Quick recommendation: Start with a dedicated tool if you want minimal setup; consider Apify if keeping costs flexible matters more than having a polished dashboard. Before signing up, confirm prompt limits, monitoring frequency, supported AI platforms, alert thresholds, and whether alerts are included in the entry plan.

These prices and feature details come from recent web results and may change, so verify them on the vendors' pricing pages before choosing. ³⁶⁸⁹

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Pay-per-check AI visibility tool instead of a monthly subscription

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RECOMMENDED VisibilityAudit.io, Sleepwalker

If you mean a tool to **check whether AI engines mention or recommend your business without paying monthly**, these are current pay-per-use options:

- **Cruelx – simplest one-off scan: \$19.99 once**, no subscription. Checks 15 buyer questions across ChatGPT, Gemini, Google AI Overviews, Google AI Mode, Perplexity, and Claude, with repeated runs and a report. (cruelx.com)
- **VisibilityAudit.io – pay per audit**: starts at **\$5** for 5 prompts; **\$25** for 25 prompts. Tests ChatGPT, Claude, and Gemini and gives you a scored report. (visibilityaudit.io)
- **Sleepwalker – metered, pay-as-you-go**: no subscription; credits cost **€0.02 each**, with a **€5 minimum top-up** after 10 free credits. Better suited to running specific prompts or using its API than buying a polished one-off audit. (sleepwalker.ai)

My quick pick: Cruelx for a broad, ready-made snapshot; VisibilityAudit.io if you want to spend just a few dollars for a smaller check. These are snapshots of AI answers, which can vary between runs—not a guarantee of future visibility.

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RECOMMENDED AI Rank Checker, MentionChecker, BrandAxis MENTIONED Ahrefs Brand Radar, Otterly.AI

Pay-per-check AI visibility tools exist, and they are cheapest when you check occasionally. Daily tracking can cost about as much as a subscription.

Pay-per-check options

- **AI Rank Checker**: Top up a wallet from \$5 and pay \$0.027 per check. Its per-check price varies by AI platform, from \$0.03 to \$0.18. Those two figures conflict, so check the current pricing page.
- **MentionChecker**: A credit buys one question on one AI engine, and unspent credits stay in your balance for 12 months. Your first check is free. This is a vendor's own page, so verify it.
- **BrandAxis**: Starting at \$0.51 per tracker per month, plus a \$1 monthly base fee. One tracker is one prompt on one model for a month, so it is billed monthly per tracker rather than per check.

Pay-per-check vs. subscription

- Subscriptions have a low per-check cost at volume. Ahrefs Brand Radar, for example, runs larger packages starting at \$50 a month for 2,500 checks, which is about \$0.02 per check.
- Entry subscriptions are cheap: Otterly.AI has the lowest listed price, at \$29 a month for 15 prompts.

Question t19 · Claude, continued

- Your usage decides which is cheaper. My rough math: 25 prompts across 4 engines, checked daily, is about 3,000 checks a month. At \$0.027 each, that is about \$81 a month. Weekly checks of the same set would cost about \$20.

Tradeoffs

- Pay-per-check suits occasional audits, one-off launches, or testing a few prompts.
- Subscriptions suit daily monitoring, team access, and reporting. One analysis argues that a new tool should not start with pure pay-as-you-go unless the workflow is unusually narrow, and a monthly subscription with clear usage caps is the safer default. That view comes from a vendor-side pricing study, so weigh it accordingly.
- Check what counts as a "check." One prompt across several engines can use several credits, so the real cost per answer may differ from the headline price.

Recommendation: If you check fewer than about 1,000 prompt-engine combinations a month, a pay-per-check tool is probably cheaper. Multiply your prompts × engines × check frequency, then compare that against the subscription's included allowance. Prices change often, so confirm on each vendor's pricing page before you buy.

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RECOMMENDED Google Search Console, Bing Webmaster Tools, Otterly.AI MENTIONED turnitin0, Genutext

For "AI visibility" (tracking whether AI engines like ChatGPT or Perplexity mention or cite your brand), there is currently **no standardized "pay-per-check" model** similar to what exists for AI detection or plagiarism tools.

Because AI visibility tracking requires recurring, scheduled prompts (to see if your brand's position changes over time), the market has almost exclusively adopted **monthly subscription models**.

If you are looking to avoid monthly fees, here is how you can achieve your goal using the alternatives available as of late 2026:

1. Use Free Snapshots (Best for "One-Off" Checks)

If you do not need to track daily changes and just want to know if you are currently visible, you can use free, "no-subscription" checkers. These provide a snapshot of how AI engines currently see your brand.

- **Google Search Console & Bing Webmaster Tools:** These are the most reliable, free, first-party sources. They now provide reports on how often your pages appear in AI Overviews and AI Mode (Google) or Copilot (Bing).

Question t19 · Gemini, continued

- **Third-Party Free Checkers:** Several services offer free, one-time checks where you enter your domain and a prompt to see if you are named or cited. These do not require a subscription, though they are not designed for long-term tracking.

2. Why "Pay-Per-Check" Doesn't Exist for Visibility

Unlike AI detection (where you check a single document), AI visibility is a **longitudinal measurement**.

- **Snapshot vs. Tracking:** A single check is often considered "worth less than it looks" because AI answers change frequently.
- **The "Subscription" Norm:** Most tools charge monthly because they automate the process of asking the same questions across multiple engines (ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, etc.) daily. This constant, automated monitoring is the core service they sell.

3. If You Need Data Without a "Subscription"

If you have a strict "no subscription" policy but need more than a one-time free check, you have two practical options:

- **Manual Monitoring:** Many professionals perform their own checks periodically using free tools or direct interaction with AI engines. While time-consuming, it is the only way to avoid a recurring fee.
- **Prepaid Credit Models (Rare):** While some AI *detection* tools (like Turnitin0 or Genutext) offer "pay-as-you-go" credit packs, this model has not migrated to the AI *visibility* space. You might find enterprise-level platforms that allow custom, usage-based billing, but these are typically far more expensive than standard monthly subscriptions.

Summary Recommendation

- **If you just want to know if you have a problem:** Use the **free reports** inside Google Search Console and Bing Webmaster Tools.
- **If you want to track progress:** You will likely need to choose a low-cost entry-tier subscription (often starting around \$29/month). Tools like **Otterly.AI** or other entry-level SEO/visibility suites are generally the most affordable options if you decide a subscription is necessary.

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RECOMMENDED Cruelx AI Visibility Scan, HubSpot AI Search Grader

If you mean an **AI search visibility check without a recurring subscription**, there are a few pay-per-use options:

- **MentionChecker** – credits are bought once; pricing shown is **\$9 for 50 credits**. Each credit checks one question on one AI engine, so the cost depends on how many questions and engines you choose. ¹³
- **AI Search Visibility** – one-time audit packs start at **\$5 for 10 URL audits**; no monthly fee. ⁹
- **Cruelx AI Visibility Scan** – a **\$19.99 one-time scan** covering 15 prompts across six AI surfaces. ⁶
- **HubSpot AI Search Grader** – a free, one-time snapshot if you just want a quick check. ³

For actual **pay-per-check prompt tracking**, MentionChecker looks closest. For a one-off report, Cruelx or the lower-cost URL audit pack may fit better. Prices and features are from the cited pages and may change.

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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, Semrush's Prompt Tracking, Brand24

If you mean “have ChatGPT check something about my brand every day”, you have a few no-script options:

1. **Use ChatGPT Scheduled Tasks** – Ask ChatGPT to run a recurring daily check and send you the result. For example:
“Every weekday morning, search the web for recent news and public mentions of [Brand], summarize what's new, flag potential reputation issues, and include sources. If nothing material changed, say so.”
 Scheduled Tasks can run recurring work and monitor for changes; availability and scheduling limits depend on your plan. (help.openai.com)
1. **Use an AI-visibility tracker** – If you mean “Does ChatGPT recommend or mention my brand when people ask buying questions?”, tools such as Semrush's Prompt Tracking monitor a set of prompts and report daily visibility changes across ChatGPT and other AI search platforms. (semrush.com)
1. **Combine brand listening with ChatGPT** – For coverage of social media, news, and other public mentions, a social-listening service may be a better fit. Brand24, for example, offers a ChatGPT app that lets you ask questions about data from your monitoring projects inside ChatGPT. (help.brand24.com)

Quick distinction: Scheduled Tasks are the simplest way to get a daily briefing. A tracker is better for measuring whether AI answers mention your brand across a consistent set of customer-style questions. If you tell me which of those you mean—and whether you're after public news/mentions or AI recommendations—I can narrow it down.

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RECOMMENDED Otterly.AI, Peec AI, Cairrot, LLMClicks.ai, Semrush AI Toolkit, SE Ranking, Ahrefs Brand Radar, AthenaHQ, Authoritas Visibility Explorer, Profound, Scrunch AI, GrowthOS, Track My Visibility, Brand24, Chatbeat

Several tools already do this, so you don't need to maintain your own scripts. The main options fall into three groups.

Budget / small-team tools

- **Otterly AI** is the cheapest common choice. One source says entry pricing starts around \$29/month, tracking 4 core AI engines (ChatGPT, Google AI Overviews, Perplexity, Microsoft Copilot). Other engines like Claude and Gemini are add-ons on some plans.

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- **Peec AI** is a lightweight option at roughly \$89 to \$95/month, with prompt-level analytics and citation source tracking.
- **Cairrot** starts at \$39.99/month for ChatGPT and Perplexity tracking.
- **LLMClicks.ai** is another low-cost option that one reviewer lists at \$49/mo.

Mid-range tools that include daily re-runs

- **Semrush AI Toolkit** is available as a standalone product starting at \$99 per month, and it suits teams already on Semrush.
- **SE Ranking** lists \$119/mo for SMBs wanting AI visibility inside an all-in-one SEO suite.
- **Ahrefs Brand Radar** is an option if you already use Ahrefs; one source lists it at \$129/month, while another says the add-on starts at \$199/month, so check current pricing.
- **AthenaHQ** is listed at \$199–\$499/month.
- **Authoritas Visibility Explorer** is \$99–\$299/month, and one reviewer notes that the daily difference reports make it easy to spot changes without manually reviewing all data each morning.

Enterprise tools

- **Profound** is the most frequently recommended for large teams. Its Starter plan is \$99 per month but covers only ChatGPT monitoring, and broader coverage costs much more. One source notes that enterprise pricing is custom and unlocks the full 10+ engine coverage.
- **Scrunch AI** has tiers starting around \$100 to \$300 depending on the source, and its hallucination detection, the platform's signature feature, is Enterprise-only. That matters if you specifically want to catch false claims about your brand.

Free or low-commitment options to try first

- **GrowthOS** offers a free AI visibility report that shows how your brand appears across several chatbots.
- **Track My Visibility** has a 7-day trial costs \$5 (15 prompts, one website, one AI platform).
- **Brand24** and **Chatbeat** are useful if you want AI mentions combined with social listening and news alerts. Brand24 has a 14 days free trial.

Things to check before choosing

- Most tools charge by engine and prompt count, so the advertised starting price often covers only ChatGPT. If you need Gemini, Claude, or Perplexity too, the cost rises quickly.
- Prices differ between review sites, so confirm on each vendor's pricing page before you commit.
- AI answers vary from run to run, so a good tool re-runs each prompt several times rather than once. Ask vendors how they handle that.

If you tell me your budget, how many prompts you need to track, and whether you need other engines beyond ChatGPT, I can narrow this to one or two options.

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RECOMMENDED Semrush, Otterly.AI, Botric, Make, n8n, Gumloop, Zapier

If you want to stop writing your own scripts to monitor your brand's presence in AI-generated answers, you have two primary paths: **purpose-built AI visibility platforms** (the "set it and forget it" route) or **no-code automation workflows** (the "builder" route).

1. Purpose-Built AI Visibility Platforms (Recommended)

If your goal is to track how ChatGPT, Gemini, Perplexity, and others describe your brand, specialized tools are now the industry standard. They automate the process of "asking" these engines about your brand daily and provide dashboard-based reporting.

- **For Comprehensive Tracking:** Platforms like **Profound**, **Peec AI**, and **Cognizo** are designed specifically for this purpose. They track brand mentions, sentiment, share of voice, and citations across major AI search engines. They remove the need for you to manage individual prompts or data storage.
- **For Marketing & SEO Teams:**
 - **Semrush (AI Visibility Toolkit):** If you already use Semrush, their AI toolkit integrates brand monitoring into your existing workflow, saving you from adding new software.
 - **Otterly.AI:** A more accessible, "practical" entry point for teams that want structured monitoring without the complexity of an enterprise-grade platform.
- **For Specific Needs:** Some tools like **Botric** offer "Content Agents" that not only monitor gaps but suggest or draft content to fix them, moving you from passive observation to active reputation management.

2. No-Code AI Automation (The "Build Your Own" Path)

If you prefer to maintain control over your own data and processes without writing code, you can use no-code "glue" platforms. These allow you to schedule automated workflows that query the OpenAI API (or others) and store the results in a database or email them to you.

- **Recommended Tools:**
 - **Make.com:** Currently favored for complex, multi-step workflows. It allows you to build a visual "flowchart" of logic (e.g., *Every morning at 9 AM → Send specific prompt to GPT-4o → Parse result → Save to Google Sheets/Notion → Email summary to my team*).
 - **n8n:** Often preferred by those who want more granular control; it can be hosted in the cloud or locally and handles complex API data transformations very well.
 - **Gumloop:** A newer, AI-native automation platform. It is particularly good at "agentic" workflows where you can describe what you want in plain English, and it builds the automation steps for you.

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- **Zapier:** The most widely adopted option. It is excellent if you just need a simple "trigger-action" setup (e.g., *Schedule → Prompt ChatGPT → Send result to Slack*).

How to Choose

If your priority is...	Recommended Approach
Actionable Insights & ROI	Use a dedicated AI Brand Visibility Tool (e.g., Profound, Peec AI). They provide the analytics and competitive context you would otherwise have to build yourself.
Low Cost / Customization	Use Make.com or Gumloop . You pay for the API usage and a small subscription, but you can build exactly the logic you want.
Integrating with Existing Tools	Use Semrush (if you do SEO) or Zapier (if you want to push data directly into your CRM or Slack).

Pro-Tip for Better Results

Regardless of the method you choose, remember that **consistency is driven by your prompt structure**. If you are building your own workflows, do not just ask, *"What does ChatGPT say about [Brand]?"*

Instead, use a structured prompt that mandates the output format:

"Search for [Brand] in your current knowledge base. Provide a summary of the sentiment (Positive/Neutral/Negative), identify the top 3 attributes associated with the brand, and list any competitors mentioned alongside it. Output this in JSON format."

This makes it much easier for your automation tool to save that data into a clean, readable report.

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RECOMMENDED ChatGPT Scheduled Tasks, HubSpot AEO

If you mean **checking what ChatGPT and other AI tools say about your brand every day**, you don't need to write scripts. A few options:

- **ChatGPT Scheduled Tasks** – Ask ChatGPT to run a recurring daily check, such as: “Every morning, look for recent news about [brand] and summarize notable mentions.” It’s easy to try, though it’s more suited to recurring research than rigorous, repeatable measurement. Availability and task limits vary by plan. ¹
- **AI visibility trackers** – Tools such as **HubSpot AEO**, **Semrush**, **Peec AI**, and **Otterly.ai** track a set of prompts across AI answer engines and report brand mentions, competitors, and sometimes citations over time. HubSpot AEO, for example, is reported to track prompts daily across ChatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity. ¹²¹⁵
- **Brand and social listening** – **Brand24**, **Mention**, or even **Google Alerts** can notify you about brand mentions in news, blogs, social posts, and other web sources. These are a better fit if you want to monitor what people are saying about your brand—not just what AI answers say. ¹³
- **A no-code workflow** – If you want results sent to email or Slack, a workflow platform can connect a scheduled prompt to a destination, without you maintaining a script. You’ll still want to check whether it actually queries ChatGPT or just summarizes web search results.

Quick pick: For “What does AI say about us?”, try an AI visibility tracker. For “What’s being said about us online?”, try social listening. For a lightweight daily news digest, start with a ChatGPT task or Google Alerts.

One caveat: AI answers can change between runs, so treat daily fluctuations as noisy; look at trends over several weeks rather than drawing conclusions from one day. ¹²¹⁵

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