Proof Copy

A short manual for the Mac app. Proof Copy copies a card or a folder, reads the copy back, and leaves a receipt in the copy. It is proved only when the copy matches the original, byte for byte.

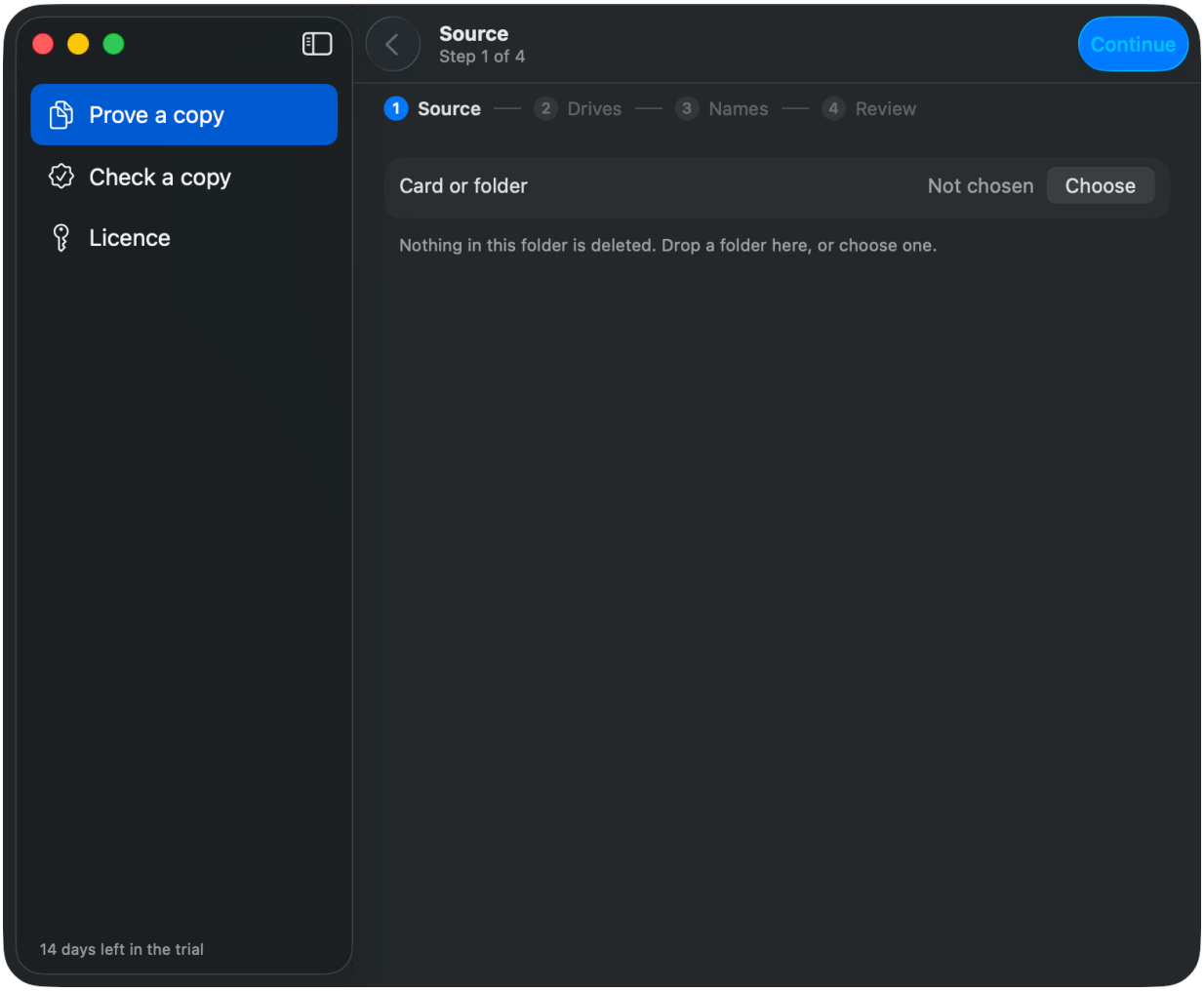
Nothing is deleted. An existing folder is never overwritten. There is no account, and nothing is sent off this Mac.

The window

The sidebar has three jobs: Prove a copy, Check a copy, and Licence. The trial line sits at the bottom of the sidebar.

Back is the arrow at the top left. It moves one step. Continue, or Start copy, is the button at the top right. Continue stays off until the step is filled in. The Go menu has the same actions: Command-[for Back, Command-] for Forward.

The row under the title is the four steps: Source, Drives, Names, Review. You can click an earlier step. You cannot skip ahead.



Step 1. Choose the card or folder to copy. You can also drop a folder on the row. Proof Copy does not delete it.

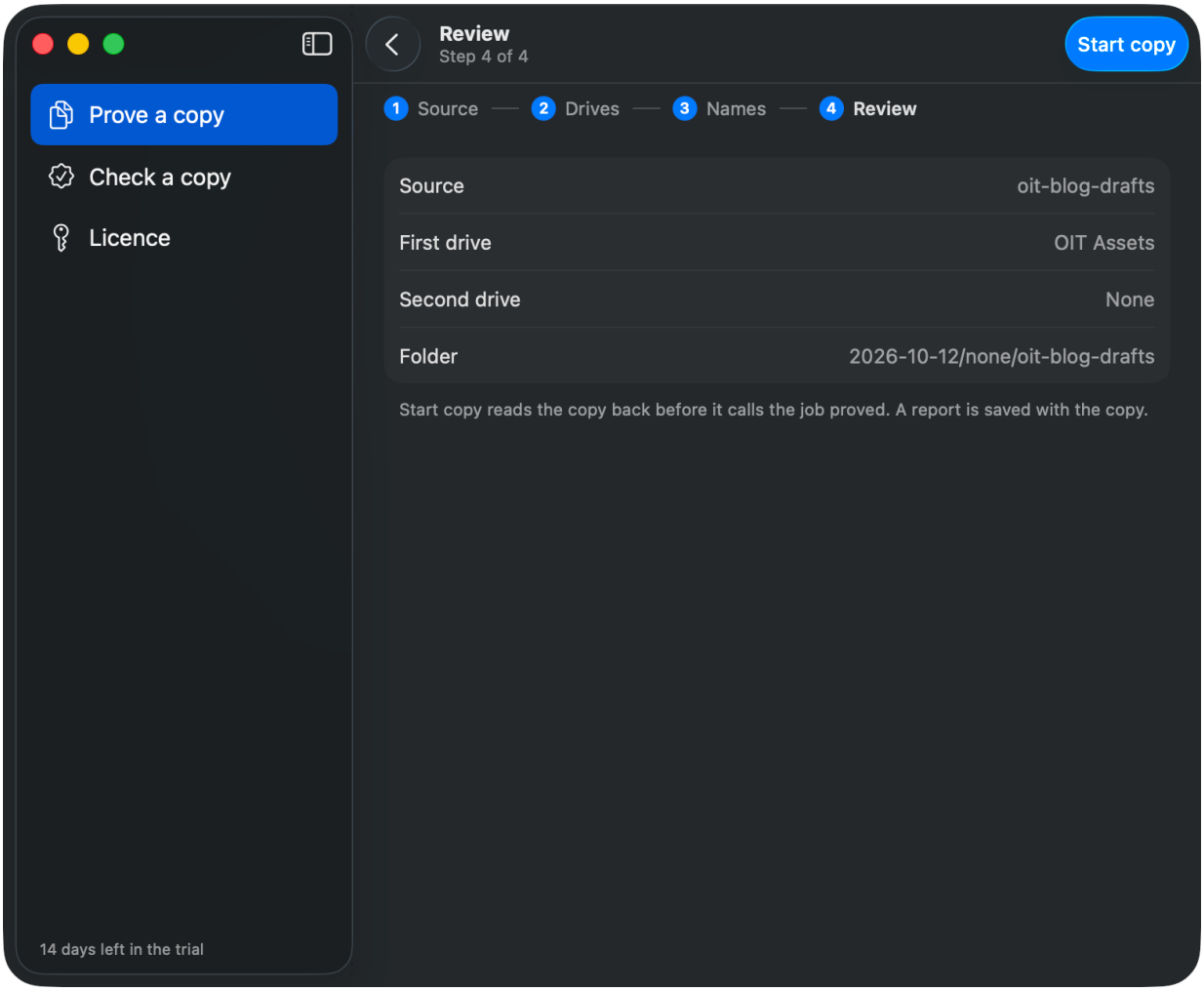
Make a copy

1. Choose the card or folder.

2. Click Continue. On Drives, choose the first drive. The second drive is optional. Leave it as None if you only want one copy. If you already picked a second drive, click Use one drive only to clear it. The two drives must be different. One copy is not a backup.

3. Click Continue. On Names, set the date, the camera, and the card. The copy is saved as date / camera / card on the drive. Use plain names. No slashes.

4. Review shows what will happen. Start copy reads the copy back before it calls the job proved. A report is saved with the copy.



This Review is a real job: one card, one drive, folder 2026-10-12/none/oit-blog-drafts. On this step, Start over is also in the toolbar. It returns to Source. Your last card and drive stay filled in, so you can change them. Clicking Prove a copy in the sidebar does the same thing.

While the copy runs, the window shows the file it is reading back. Do not quit the app until it says proved. Nothing is deleted if you do, but the copy is not proved.

When it is proved, Show in Finder opens the copy. New copy returns to the first step.

What is left in the copy

Inside the new folder you will find the files, plus three extras:

Proof Copy Report.pdf is the file to send. It names the source, the folder, the drive or drives, and each file with its SHA-256 hash. If you used two drives, it says both copies matched. If you used one, it says this copy matched.

Proof Copy Receipt.json is what a later check reads. Proof Copy Receipt.txt is the same facts in plain text.

Mac bookkeeping files such as .DS_Store are left out, so a later check is not tripped by them.

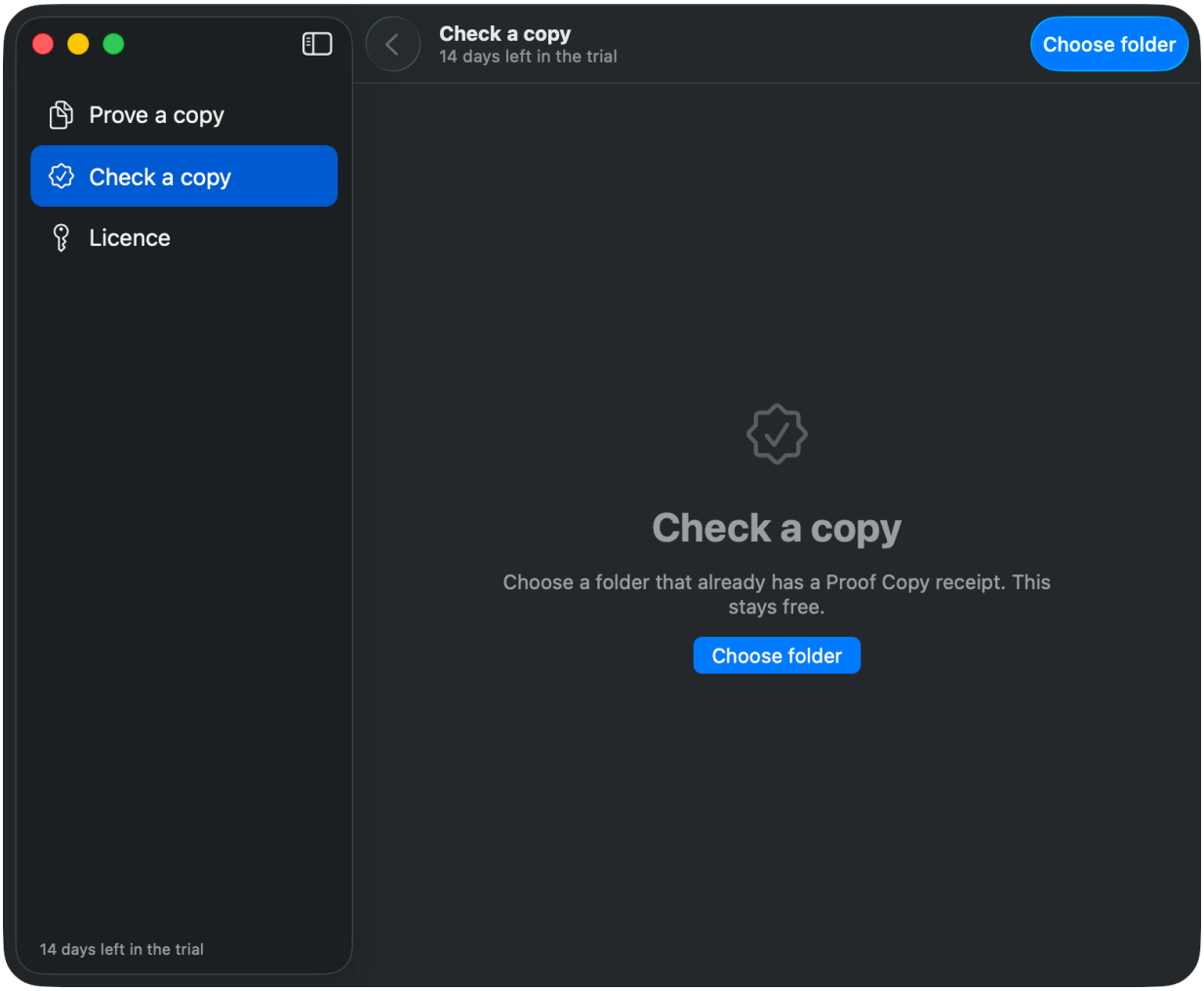
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Proof Copy
Proved: 2026-10-12T15:14:32Z
Source: Card
Layout: 2026-10-12 / A-Cam / A001
Both copies matched.
Destinations:
/tmp/proofcopy-two.PTNn4D/ShelfA/2026-10-12/A-Cam/A001
/tmp/proofcopy-two.PTNn4D/ShelfB/2026-10-12/A-Cam/A001
Files: 2
Bytes: 524291
Algorithm: SHA-256

DCIM/big.bin  524288  8f4d6e590108ac0b2d812941c58a8cfc06a28582615dcc87585fd2a2ccbb8a26
DCIM/clip.mov  3  ba7816bf8f01cfea414140de5dae2223b00361a396177a9cb410ff61f20015ad
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A report from a test copy. The long lines are the full paths of the two drives.

Check a copy

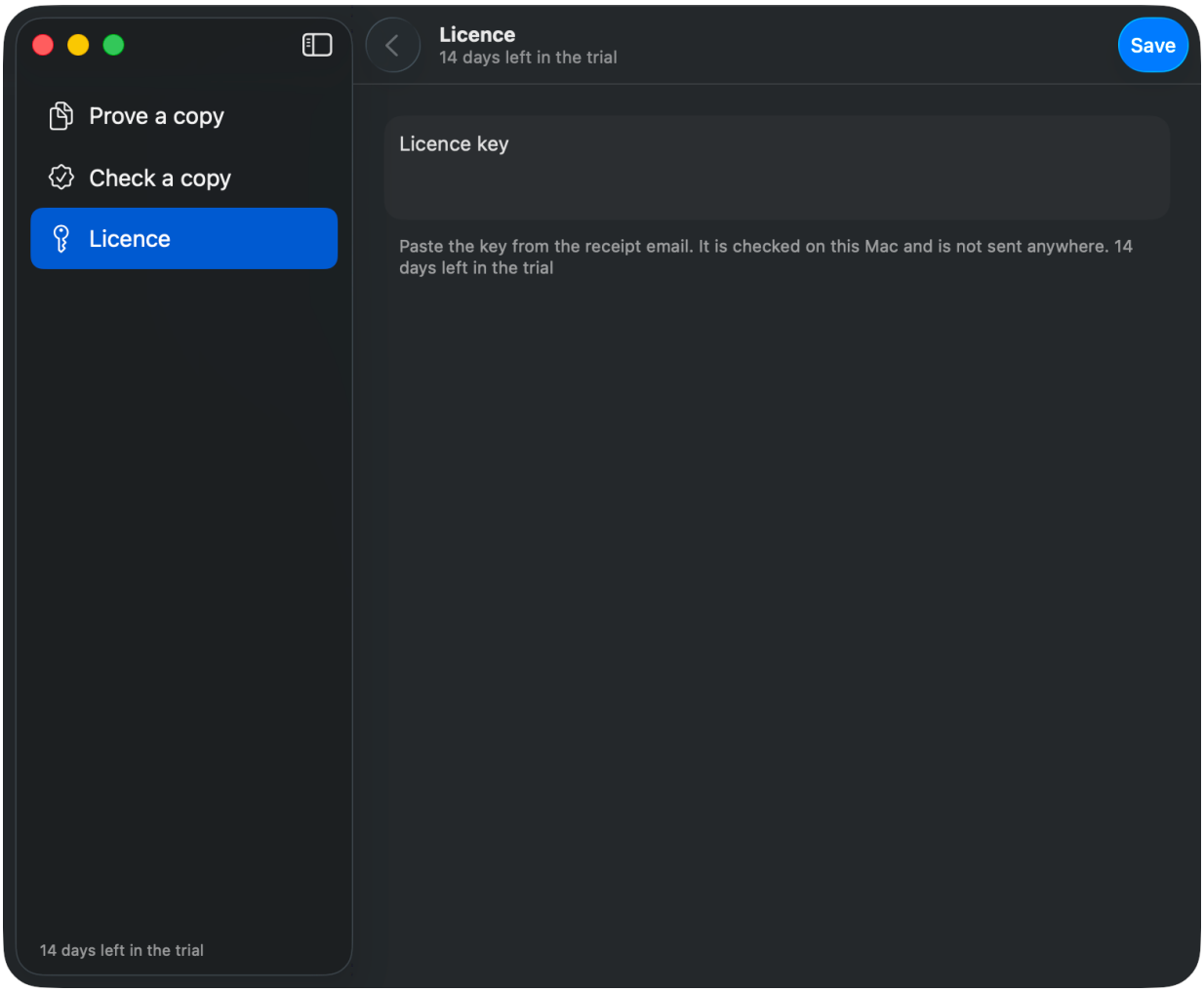
Check stays free after the trial ends. Choose a folder that already has a Proof Copy receipt. The app reads every file in the receipt and says whether it still matches, what changed, and what is missing.



Choose folder is in the middle of the page and at the top right. You do not need a licence for this.

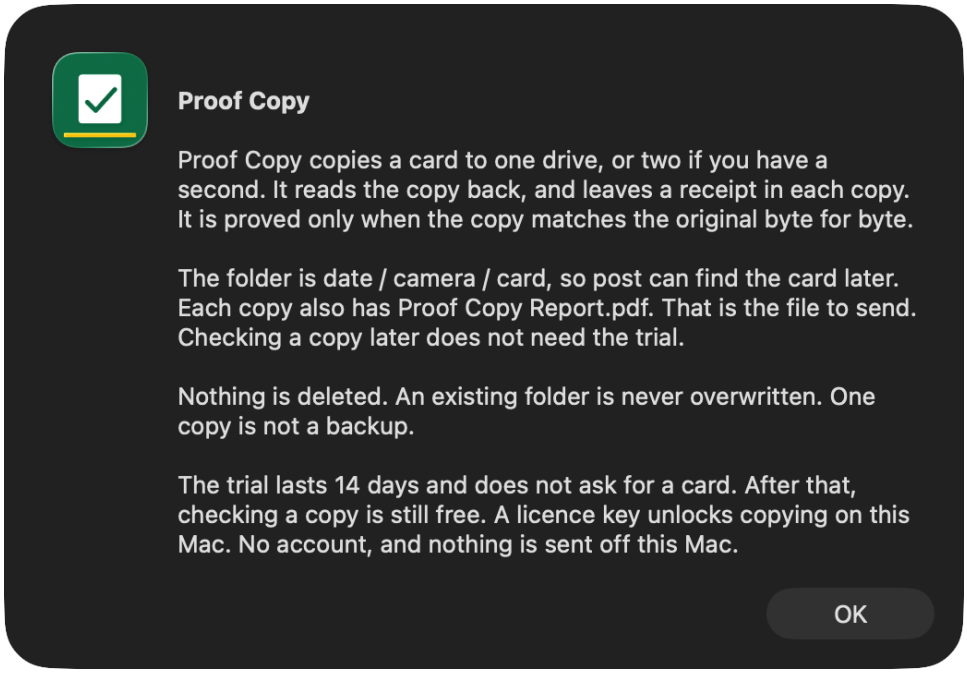
Licence

The trial lasts 14 days and does not ask for a card. After that, copying stops. Checking does not. Paste the key from the receipt email and click Save. The key is checked on this Mac. It is not sent anywhere.



Help

The Help menu opens a short reminder of the same rules.



What it will not do

It does not manage a library, rename clips, or publish anywhere. It does not put thumbnails in the report. It does not run on Windows. A Windows app, if one is built later, would have to read the same receipt.

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