

American Funds - AMCAP Fund - Class A Shares (AMCPX) +1 Fund Authority Score

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American Funds - AMCAP Fund - Class A Shares (AMCPX) fetch a +1 Fund Authority Score. The table below in this article presents *The Skilled Investor's* Fund Authority Score and other information for the American Funds - AMCAP Fund - Class A Shares. The diversified investment fund strategy of the American Funds - AMCAP Fund - Class A mutual fund shares (AMCPX) According to its prospectus filing on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission EDGAR system, the investment objective of the American Funds - AMCAP Fund is "to provide you with long-term growth of capital. It invests primarily in stocks of issuers located in the U.S. but may invest in non-U.S. securities to a limited extent." When this report was prepared, recent data indicated that this actively managed growth mutual fund held 79.0% of its mutual fund assets in U.S. stocks, 3.4% in non-US equities, and 17.6% in cash and cash equivalent investment assets. Fund Authority Scores for mutual funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs) help you sort diversified investment funds quickly. [Fund Authority Scores rate mutual funds and exchange traded funds \(ETFs\)](#) on the most important economic factors that influence individual investors' net long term diversified investment fund performance. *The Skilled Investor* developed the Fund Authority Score system to provide individual investors with concise, objective, and realistic summaries of mutual funds and ETFs for comparisons within investment asset classes. For a [directory of the Fund Authority Score reports of other mutual funds and ETFs, go here](#). When you go to this [Fund Authority Score directory](#), you can easily find a list of all fund reports at the bottom of each article for that particular investment asset class. For more information about [how a Fund Authority Score is developed for each mutual fund or ETF, go here](#). The Fund Authority Score for the American Funds - AMCAP Fund - Class A Shares (AMCPX) Using an integer scale ranging from -10 to +10, Fund Authority Scores for equity investment funds measure five factors:

- 1) annualized management and investment sales expenses (40% weighting),
- 2) annual trading costs implied by investment fund portfolio turnover (30% weighting),
- 3) inferior and superior historical performance (20% weighting),
- 4) minimum fund maturity (5% weighting), and
- 5) minimum fund size for operating efficiency (5% weighting).

Fund Authority Scores zero in on [the most effective strategy that you have to increase your long-term mutual fund and ETF investment returns](#), which is to cut investment costs to rock bottom. With such a smart, low cost investment strategy, you just have to be a better bargain shopper, when you buy your investments, and then hold on to them. Over a 30-year retirement investment accumulation period, a \$10,000 investment — reduced by a 5.75% initial sales load charge to pay a financial advisor — could grow to \$40,734. This result assumes that your investment earns a 5% annual real dollar return after inflation and investment costs, and it ignores any capital gains taxes. In contrast, if you instead buy no load mutual funds directly, you can cut out the initial sales load charge entirely. You can put ALL of your investment capital to work for you from the outset. And, if you pay annual investment fees that are just one percentage point lower, you could end up with \$16,701 more! Your \$10,000 initial investment would be worth 41% MORE after 30 years, when compared to the \$40,734 retirement portfolio that you get with higher cost funds with sales loads! To learn more, read: “[Excessive investment costs are a huge problem for individual investors](#).” Fund Authority Summary for the

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FUND AUTHORITY SCORE (scale of -10 to +10) 1

FUND AUTHORITY SCORING COMPONENTS

A) Management expenses & sales loads (-4 to +4)

-- Annual expense ratio with 12b-1 fees 0.65%

-- Front-end sales load with 5 year amortization 1.15%

----- Total annual direct costs 1.80% -3

B) Fund portfolio transactions costs (-3 to +3)

-- Annual turnover as a trading cost proxy 20.0% 3

C) Penalize very inferior historical performance and credit average and superior historical performance (-2 to +2)

-- Total of the 3 year Morningstar + Lipper ratings 4 0

D) Is this fund sufficiently mature? (0 or +1) 1

E) Very small fund efficiency penalty (-1 or 0) 0

INVESTMENT FUND OVERVIEW

-- Type of investment fund mutual fund

-- Active versus passive management actively managed fund

-- Total net assets \$27.6 Billion

-- Type of investment portfolio securities stocks - equities (82%) & cash (18%)

-- Geographic focus United States

-- Market capitalization of portfolio securities large

-- Strategy skew (value/growth/neither) long-term capital growth

-- Target performance benchmark index Standard & Poors 500 Composite Index; Lipper Multi-Cap Core Funds Index; and Lipper Growth Funds Index

-- Year of inception 1967

-- Trading symbol AMCPX

-- Share class evaluated Class A shares

-- Front end load charge (percentage) 5.75%

-- Minimum initial deposit for individual investor \$250 (taxable account)

TOP 10 INVESTMENT SECURITIES HOLDINGS Cisco Systems Inc. (CSCO)

Oracle Corporation (ORCL)

Lowe's Companies Inc. (LOW)

Schlumberger Ltd. (SLB)

UnitedHealth Group Inc. (UNH)

Google Inc. (GOOG)

WellPoint Inc. (WLP)

Intel Corporation (INTC)

Fannie Mae (FNM)

Precision Castparts Corp. (PCP)

----- Top 10 Investment Portfolio Holdings (%) 22.74%

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SEC EDGAR filings and/or fund website accessed 22 December 2007

NOTES:-- Most mutual funds and ETFs change their fees and trading strategies relatively little over time. Because investment expenses, trading/turnover costs, fund maturity, and operating efficiency account for 80% of the Fund Authority Score rating system, Fund Authority Scores tend to remain relatively stable over time for such consistent investment funds.-- The date in the table above indicates when fund information was accessed from SEC EDGAR filings and/or the fund company website. Normally, data used to develop Fund Authority Scores rely upon reporting periods ending the previous calendar quarter or half year.

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