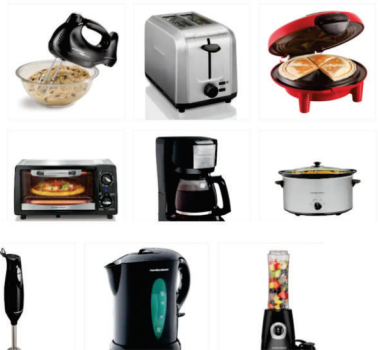




PURCHASING PRODUCTS



One way of trying to purchase products responsibly



ON BUYING HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS

Matt Violassi

Many times after purchasing necessary household appliances, car tires, tools, and other household products with our hard-earned cash, we find out later we could have made better decisions that could have saved us a lot of money, time, and grief.

Here is a simple strategy to help.

Not only can our own personal experience and those of our family and friends be valid when trying to choose and purchase quality products, but using tools available through Consumer Reports Online magazine and such, can save us a lot of money and grief. I have consulted and referenced Consumer Reports magazines, articles, and scientific studies in particular for decades when buying products.

Many times certain products and manufacturers have gained a reputation for being high quality, when in fact, the company(s) have been sold to other corporations who have lower quality and reliability standards - and their products are not longer what they once were. (This seems to be a phenomenon seen in the last several decades in the United States - companies often being bought and sold) Additionally, it can be difficult to find other little-known manufacturers that have entered the market with a much-better product than we were aware of! **Many times I have seen people's buying choices based-upon old family opinions and "hearsay" that has been passed-down to them while growing up...buying opinions based on past cultural mindsets - *not on fact.***



Consumer Reports has always been a non-profit company, striving to side on the consumers' interests and well-being. Many consumer product companies do not share these values. Most appear to receive money to do product studies, or receive money for advertising. Money seems to always taint objectivity. *Consumer Reports takes no money for advertising or anything else from manufacturers.* This tends to free them from biasing in studies.

Save

POOR FAIR GOOD VERY GOOD EXCELLENT

ON THE SITE

Overall score **81** Samsung Galaxy Tab S 8.4 (16GB)
 Recommended Price: \$300
 Add to Compare Price & Shop

Overall score **79** Apple iPad Mini 4 (16GB)
 Recommended Price: \$400
 Add to Compare Price & Shop

Overall score **79** Apple iPad Mini 4 (64GB)
 Similar to tested model: Apple iPad Mini 4 (16GB)
 Recommended Price: \$500
 Add to Compare Price & Shop

IN THE MAGAZINE

Recommended	Rank	Brand & Model	Price	Score	Test Results					Specs				
					Temperature Performance	Energy Efficiency	Ease of Use	Noise	Number of Doors	Chilled Capacity (cu. ft.)	Heat/Cool Capacity (cu. ft.)	Interior Height (in.)	Interior Width (in.)	Interior Depth (in.)
A. THREE-DOOR FRENCH-DOOR														
✓	1	Samsung RF28HDEDPWW	\$2,330	87	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	27.8	20.0	69	36	34
✓	12	LG LFC24770ST	\$1,500	81	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	23.8	17.4	69	33	33
	26	Bosch 800 Series 822F1806NS	\$2,100	75	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	22.1	15.5	69	33	32
	38	KitchenAid KEFS22ECMS	\$1,800	70	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	22.1	15.5	69	33	32

Consumer Reports online magazine is very inexpensive (presently around \$20/year) in comparison to the thousands it can save us in money and time and grief over years. You are going to get for the most part - in-depth, unbiased, scientific studies and reports done on a far range of products from Consumer Reports, *AND* they report actual consumer data from meticulous questionnaires.

Simply before buying a product - go online and check to see what are the current top-ranked manufacturers for the item.

Then, (THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT) research the individual MODEL of the product. In the old days, most, if not all the models of a top-ranked manufacturer used to great. Not so now! It seems that presently, there are more companies with good reputations for quality products carrying some really bad models.

Tires

Overview **Ratings** Recommended Buying Guide

All season tires Performance all season tires Recommended only [Clear All](#)



FIND TIRES THAT FIT MY VEHICLE

Select Vehicle

or [Choose Tire Size](#)

Poor Fair Good Very Good Excellent

Product Type

- All tires
- All season tires [i](#)
- Performance all season tires [i](#)
- Ultra high performance all season tires [i](#)
- Ultra high performance summer tires [i](#)

CR Recommends

- Recommended only

Brand

- All tires
- Atlas
- BFGoodrich
- Bridgestone
- Continental
- Cooper
- Dunlop

Ratings

Features & Specs

4 of 168 Models Shown

Sort by: [Brand & Model](#)

		Ratings & Test Results									
Overall score	Brand, Model & Price	Dry Braking	Wet Braking	Handling	Hydroplaning	Snow traction	Ice braking	Ride comfort	Noise	Rolling resistance	Tested tread life (Miles)
All season tires											
OVERALL SCORE	● RECOMMENDED										
67	Michelin Defender T+H Price: \$115 Shop										90,000
+ Add to compare											
OVERALL SCORE	● RECOMMENDED										
70	General Altimax RT43 (T) Price: \$86 Shop										80,000
+ Add to compare											

Case in point: Several years ago I needed to buy a new room air conditioner. I went to CR online magazine, found the current top-ranked manufacturer in quality and reliability, and went-off to Lowe's Home Improvement to buy it, where it was on-sale. I felt a strong impulse to go back and research that manufacturer's **individual models**. The one I was going to buy was a problematic loser!

Air Conditioners

Overview

Ratings & Reliability

Recommended

Buying Guide

Product Type

Window Air Conditioner

Portable Air Conditioner

Category

All

5,000 to 6,500 Btu/hr.
(Cools 100-300 sq. ft.)

7,000 to 8,500 Btu/hr.
(Cools 250-400 sq. ft.)

9,800 to 12,500 Btu/hr.
(Cools 350-650 sq. ft.)

CR Recommends

Recommended Only

Brand

All

Amana

Emerson Quiet Kool

Friedrich

Frigidaire

GE

Kenmore

RATINGS FEATURES & SPECS RELIABILITY & SATISFACTION

Results in the following chart are gathered from Consumer Reports' 2018 Summer Survey of 5,249 window air conditioners, owned by members who purchased a new unit between 2008 and 2018.

Our predicted brand reliability ratings are based on a statistical model that estimates problem rates within the first 4 years of ownership, for window air conditioners that are not covered by an extended warranty or service contract. We also adjust for the median number of months of use per year. The median in our survey was 4 months per year. Higher ratings are indicative of better reliability. Brands receiving a red or orange rating cannot be recommended by CR at this time.

Our owner satisfaction ratings are based on the proportion of members who are extremely likely to recommend their window air conditioner brand to friends and family.

Predicted Reliability



This page shows how most of the current window air conditioner manufacturers are producing reliable machines.

<p>+ Add to Compare</p> <p>OVERALL SCORE</p> <p>68</p>	<p>Friedrich CP06G10B¹</p> <p>Price: \$320</p> <p>Shop</p>								
<p>+ Add to Compare</p> <p>OVERALL SCORE</p> <p>64</p>	<p>GE AEW06LY (Walmart)</p> <p>Price: \$178</p> <p>Shop</p>								
<p>+ Add to Compare</p> <p>OVERALL SCORE</p> <p>61</p>	<p>Frigidaire FFRE0533U1</p> <p>Price: \$200</p> <p>Shop</p>								
<p>+ Add to Compare</p> <p>OVERALL SCORE</p> <p>60</p>	<p>Frigidaire Gallery FGRC0644U1</p> <p>Price: \$280</p> <p>Shop</p>								
<p>+ Add to Compare</p> <p>OVERALL SCORE</p> <p>60</p>	<p>Whirlpool WHAW050BW</p> <p>Price: \$150</p> <p>Shop</p>								
<p>+ Add to Compare</p> <p>OVERALL SCORE</p> <p>51</p>	<p>GE AEW05LY (Walmart)</p> <p>Price: \$156</p> <p>Shop</p>								
<p>7,000 to 8,500 Btu/hr. (Cools 250-400 sq. ft.)</p>									

This page shows how there are some models with low scores that are to be avoided.


More and more people are also currently using the customer feedback sections of Amazon.com of the product and model they are interested in their research. I try to go here also and wade through all peoples' comments. This can be very helpful!


The screenshot shows the Amazon website search results for "air conditioners". The top navigation bar includes the Amazon logo, the Prime logo, and the search bar with "air conditioners" entered. Below the navigation bar, there are filters for Amazon Prime, Pantry, Prime Wardrobe, and Department. The main content area displays three product listings:

- Amazon's Choice:** Frigidaire FFRA0511R1E 5,000 BTU 115V Window-Mounted Mini-Compact Air Conditioner with Mechanical Controls. It has a 4.5-star rating with 2,988 reviews and a price of \$158.99. A red circle highlights the star rating and review count, with a red arrow pointing to it.
- Frigidaire FFRE083ZA1 19" Energy Star Window Mounted Air Conditioner with 8000 BTU Cooling Capacity 115 Volts in White. It has a 4.5-star rating with 10 reviews and a price of \$298.00.
- Frigidaire 12,000 BTU 115V Window-Mounted Compact Air Conditioner with Remote Control, White. It has a 4.5-star rating with 10 reviews and a price of \$275.30.


The screenshot shows the Amazon product page for a Danby refrigerator. The product title is "Danby DAR026A1BDD-3 Compact Refrigerator, 115 V, 15 A, 1 Door, 2.6 cu-ft, Black". The product is by Danby and has a 4.5-star rating with 1,567 customer reviews and 759 answered questions. A red circle highlights the star rating and review count. The product is an Amazon's Choice for "refrigerators". The price is \$142.95 (prime), with a list price of \$179.00. The product is in stock and available for purchase. The right sidebar shows the price, the Prime logo, and the "In Stock" status.

Amazon is now trying to post from "verified buyers" because of all the fraudulent posts that were being entered to the comment section:

 T. Rooney

 **Warehouse Deals - Like New NOT covered under warranty**

January 12, 2017


Style: 2.6 cu.ft. White 


Please beware that if you buy a like new item from Amazon via warehouse deals, Danby will not cover it under warranty for any period of time. They consider it a secondhand product. Even though Amazon described the item as like new in original packaging with no scratches or dents (not true at all, that's probably why it was returned) and suitable as a gift, the item is not covered under warranty. This is worth noting to people considering the product as I did not see that indicated anywhere on Amazon's website (at least nowhere on the product or Warehouse Deals page). I am fortunate enough that I can simply return the item, but you don't get 12 months or even 1 day of warranty from Danby.

A strong recommendation to Amazon is to add in its description of Like New that it does not include ANY warranty coverage (not even conditional 90 days). I also would take off the "suitable as a gift" unless you don't like the person you are giving the item to very much. Why would I give a gift to someone only to be embarrassed if they have an issue with it? Could you imagine the person hearing: I'm sorry the person who gave you this as a gift bought it used, and we do not cover it under warranty.


36 people found this helpful

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 Michael

 **Need better customer service from manufacturer**


December 15, 2017


Style: 4.4 cu.ft. All Fridge Black 

Just took out of the box, looks great, only issue is, it only has 1 adjustable leg and it wobbles like crazy. Called manufacturer and there only suggestion was for me to buy another adjustable leg for the other front side of the refrigerator and see if that would work or stick something under it to help steady it. Not the type of customer service I was expecting, thought they would have at least have offered to send another adjustable leg. So now I have to buy the other leg and hope it works/helps with the server wobble. I won't be buying from Danby again nor recommend them to anyone


4 people found this helpful

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 Sly

 **the freezer part wasn't freezing ice cbues**

January 28, 2019

Style: 3.2 cu.ft. Steel 

I bought this item because of its review, but when i got it, i could not use it immediately cz i was in the process of moving. Upon hooking it up, I was very disappointed that i decided to get a separate freezer because DANBY's freezer wasn't freezing my foods. That was a waste of my money considering i was waiting for thanksgiving to get the deals they had for regular size refrigerators. So i ended up with this half-functioning item, a freezer and my new samsung 70 inch french door which i bought from Costco and love very much.

3 people found this helpful

| |

Here are examples of several other useful Consumer Report product studies that can save us a lot of time, energy, money, and grief:

Mattresses, for example. A bad mattress purchase can seriously degrade a person's quality of life. Chronic nights of poor sleeping can affect our sanity - let alone having to live with routine back pains, stiff joints, neck aches, posture ailments, etc. Some mattresses wear-out much more quickly than others!

CR's Overview section...


Mattresses

[Overview](#) [Ratings](#) [Recommended](#) [Buying Guide](#)

Mattress Ratings

Our mattress tests can help you get a better night's rest. We measure how well a mattress supports sleepers of all sizes and evaluate firmness, durability, and more.

Browse our [mattress buying guide](#) and check our comprehensive [mattress ratings](#)—as well as the top brands and retailers, according to our latest survey of 49,000 CR members—to find a mattress that's right for you.




Mattresses (154)

Our mattresses ratings include test results for the following criteria: petite side sleeper and back sleeper; average side sleeper and back sleeper; large/tall side sleeper and back sleeper; and durability, stabilization, and firmness.

[Recommended Mattresses](#)


[Mattresses Ratings](#)



Mattress Brands (32)

The mattress brands in our ratings were evaluated based on comfort, value, support, and durability.

[Mattress Brands Ratings](#)

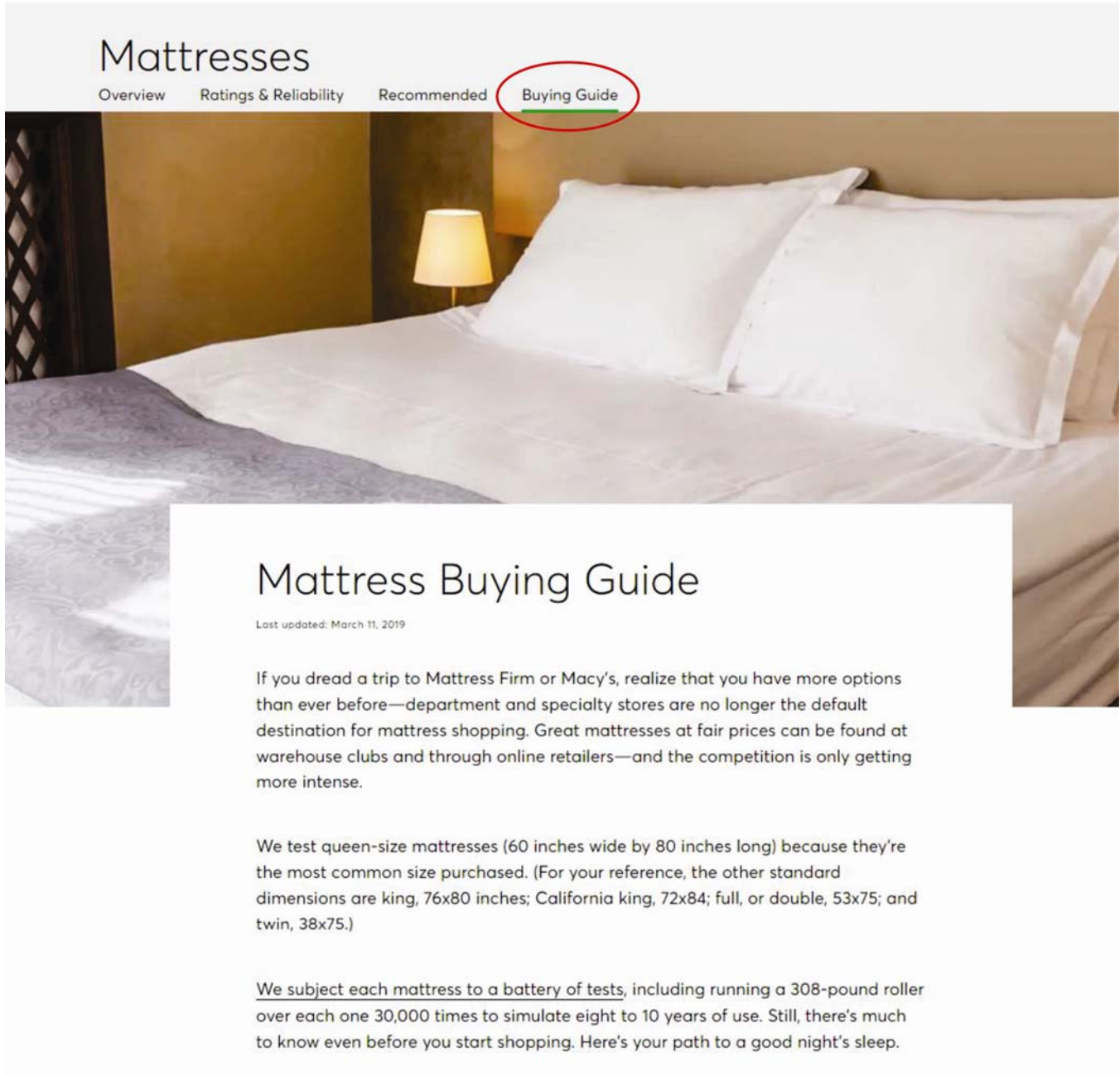


Mattress Stores (33)

The mattress stores in our ratings were evaluated based on price satisfaction, selection, service, customer support, floor model cleanliness, on-time delivery, and the quality of delivery.

[Mattress Stores Ratings](#)

There is a general buying guide...



The image is a screenshot of a website's 'Mattresses' section. At the top, the word 'Mattresses' is displayed in a large, dark font. Below it is a horizontal navigation menu with four items: 'Overview', 'Ratings & Reliability', 'Recommended', and 'Buying Guide'. The 'Buying Guide' item is circled in red and has a green underline. Below the navigation menu is a large, high-quality photograph of a bed with white linens and pillows, set in a bedroom with a lamp and a headboard. Overlaid on the bottom right of the photograph is a white rectangular box containing the following text:

Mattress Buying Guide

Last updated: March 11, 2019

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We test queen-size mattresses (60 inches wide by 80 inches long) because they're the most common size purchased. (For your reference, the other standard dimensions are king, 76x80 inches; California king, 72x84; full, or double, 53x75; and twin, 38x75.)

We subject each mattress to a battery of tests, including running a 308-pound roller over each one 30,000 times to simulate eight to 10 years of use. Still, there's much to know even before you start shopping. Here's your path to a good night's sleep.

A section teaching you all about the different types!...

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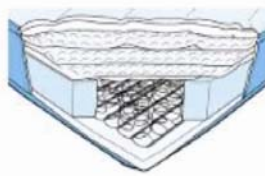
Compare the Types

If you're shopping for a new mattress, you could be overwhelmed by the variety of choices and prices, ranging from too-low-to-believe to astronomical. But there's good news: Our years of testing have shown that, whichever type you choose, you only need to spend around \$1,000 for a comfortable, supportive mattress. Here are the major types you'll see:



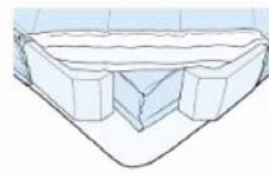
Foam

Though many manufacturers use polyurethane to create their foam layers, some might use latex as well and we note which mattresses have latex in our features tab. Some mattresses include both. Foam softens when you lie on it and soon molds to your body. Once you get up, it springs back to its original shape. Some foam mattresses require some effort to change position.



Innerspring

These traditional mattresses are composed of steel coils in various configurations. Variations can include special layers of cushioning, a pillowtop layer, and infused gel. Hybrids have one or more layers of foam on top of the springs. Shifting positions tends to be easy, but on some models, particularly the ones that don't have many foam layers, your sleep partner might feel an annoying bounce when you do so.



Adjustable Air

You can inflate this type of mattress to your desired firmness using an electric pump attached to the bed. These typically include additional layers on top, such as foam. Most also let you inflate individual halves to different firmnesses to suit each sleep partner. But if you want to adjust the bed during the night, know that the pumps can be noisy.

Very useful: Manufacturers Ratings!

Mattresses

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Product Type

- Mattress
- Mattress brand**
- Mattress store

Reader score

MIN: 71 MAX: 87

Show More Filters

		Survey results			
Reader Score	Mattress brands	Comfort	Value	Support	Durability
87	Charles P. Rogers	⬆️	⬆️	⬆️	⬆️
86	Tuft & Needle	⬆️	⬆️	⬆️	⬆️
86	Casper	⬆️	⬆️	⬆️	⬆️
85	Sleep Science	⬆️	⬆️	⬆️	⬆️

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Reader Score	Mattress brands	Survey results		
		Comfort Value	Support	Durability
87	Charles P. Rogers	5	5	5
86	Tuft & Needle	5	5	5
86	Casper	5	5	5
85	Sleep Science	5	5	5
85	Purple	5	5	5
84	Novaform (Costco)	5	5	5
83	Original Mattress Factory	5	5	5
82	Saavia	5	5	5
82	Sleep Number (Select Comfort)	5	5	5
82	Loom & Leaf	5	5	5
81	Sleep Innovation	5	5	5
81	Tempur-Pedic	5	5	5
81	Leesa	5	5	5
80	Bob O'Pedic	5	5	5
79	IKEA	5	5	5
79	Denver Mattress	5	5	5
79	Shilman	5	5	5
78	Therapedic	5	5	5
78	Kingdown	5	5	5
78	Hotel Collection	5	5	5

Store Rankings !...

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Product Type
 Mattress
 Mattress brand
 Mattress store

Reader score
MIN: 77 MAX: 91
Show More Filters

Reader Score	Mattress stores	Survey results						
		Price satisfaction	Selection	Service	Customer support	Floor model cleanliness	On-time delivery	Quality of delivery
91	Tuft & Needle	↑	↓	↑	↑	-	↑	↑
89	Casper	↑	↓	↑	↑	-	↑	↑
88	Amazon.com	↑	↑	-	↑	-	↑	↑
87	Original Mattress Factory	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
87	Costco	↑	↓	↓	↑	↑	↑	↑

PLEASE NOTE!:
As to recently becoming aware of possible national health safety issue(s) resulting from government mandated use of dangerous flame retardants in mattress construction

for the last 10 years, no one should consider buying a non-organic, chemical-free mattress at this time until this issue is resolved. There has been class action litigation concerning this problem.

People absorbing cancer-causing and other toxic chemicals every night from their mattresses is possibly the next huge product safety issue similar to MSG in food, BPA's in bottles and food containers, etc.!

Please view: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_-NQqDuC4I

Homeowners Insurance

Overview Ratings Buying Guide

Product Type

Homeowners insurance

Reader score



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SORT:

Reader Score		Survey results					
Reader Score	Homeowners insurance	Damage amount	Agent courtesy	Timely payment	Promptness of response	Simplicity of the process	Ease of reaching an agent
READER SCORE							
94	Amica	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
READER SCORE							
92	USAA	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
READER SCORE							
89	Auto-Owners	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑
READER SCORE							
88	Erie	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓	↑
READER SCORE							
85	Metlife	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓

Lawn Mowers & Tractors

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Product Type

- Gas Mower
- Battery Mower
- Riding lawn mower & tractor

Recommended Gas Mowers

Our top picks come from reliable brands (where data are available) and usually mulch, bag, and side-discharge clippings. Before choosing a mower, decide on a type that matches your mowing needs and budget. Then check our recommendations for high-scoring models that blend performance and value.

[See How We Test](#)

Gas Push Mowers

OVERALL SCORE

75

Honda HRR216PKA

Recommended

Price: \$430

Shop



+ Add to Compare

Type: Gas Push Mowers

With this 21-inch push mower from Honda, you get superb mulching from a dual-blade system and Very Good bagging. Plus, the brand is among the least repair-prone for push mowers, according to CR's member survey. There are a couple of drawbacks though: The "side" discharge is actually to the rear, right in the path of your feet, and CR's mowing testers found that the mower can be tough to push and pull.

[See Ratings](#)

OVERALL SCORE

70

Cub Cadet SC100 H

Recommended

Price: \$300

Shop



+ Add to Compare

Type: Gas Push Mowers

As with most other push mowers, you won't find features like electric start or a blade-brake clutch on this 21-inch deck Cub Cadet model. Nonetheless, it's a good option if you're looking for a mower with impressive cutting in mulching and side-discharge modes. It also boasts Excellent handling and a washout port for easier cleaning when you're done mowing your lawn. One negative: It has trouble filling its bag to capacity.

[See Ratings](#)

OVERALL SCORE

69

Troy-Bilt TB160 XP

Recommended

Price: \$280

Shop



+ Add to Compare

Type: Gas Push Mowers

Vacuum Cleaners

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Vacuum cleaner Ratings

Clear through the clutter when choosing the best vacuums. Check out which features really clean up in robotic, upright, and canister models.

View our [ratings and reviews](#), and browse our [buying guide](#) to find the best vacuum cleaner for your household.



Canister Vacuums (13)

Our ratings rank canister vacuums in order of overall performance. Remember that models may vary and that brands can change over the years.

[Recommended Canister Vacuums](#)

[Canister Vacuums Ratings](#)



Upright Vacuums (62)

Almost all full-sized uprights cleaned bare floors quickly and neatly, but carpets remain the toughest challenge for most machines. Top-scoring models deep-cleaned impressively while providing strong airflow through the hose for use with tools.

[Recommended Upright Vacuums](#)

[Upright Vacuums Ratings](#)



Robotic Vacuums (27)

Although you can't count on them for deep-cleaning carpets, recommended robotic vacuums did best at cleaning surface litter off carpets and bare floors. They were also the easiest to set up, program, and clean.

[Recommended Robotic Vacuums](#)

[Robotic Vacuums Ratings](#)



Stick Vacuums (60)

The best small vacuums tend to be



Handheld Vacuums (13)

Common. Despite vacuum ratings

Washing Machines

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Washing Machine Ratings

Washing machines have big performance differences in water efficiency, noise, and capacity.

View our [ratings and reviews](#) and browse our [buying guide](#) to find the best top-load, front-load, or HE (high-efficiency) washing machine for your family.



Front-Load Washing Machines (53)

The best front-loaders clean better and are gentler than the best HE top-loading washing machines while using less water. Front-loaders take longer than HE top-loaders but spin faster, extracting more water and reducing dryer time.

[Recommended Front-Load Washing Machines](#)

[Front-Load Washing Machines Ratings](#)



Top-Load Agitator Washing Machines (28)

Agitator models cost less and are faster than top-loading washing machines without an agitator, known as HE washing machines.

[Recommended Top-Load Agitator Washing Machines](#)

[Top-Load Agitator Washing Machines Ratings](#)



Top-Load HE Washing Machines (41)

Capacities keep increasing in HE washers, so you can do more laundry at once. HE top-loaders use less water and extract more of it from laundry than agitator top-loaders. This cuts dryer time, saving energy and money.

[Recommended Top-Load HE Washing Machines](#)

[Top-Load HE Washing Machines Ratings](#)



Compact Washing Machines (16)

Smaller spaces demand smaller appliances, and compact washer-and-dryer sets are slowly growing in popularity. In recent years some stackable laundry appliances have become more stylish and have larger door openings for easier access.

[Recommended Compact Washing Machines](#)

[Compact Washing Machines Ratings](#)



Washer/Dryer Pairs

Matching washer and dryer pairs are a widely sold choice, although some don't make a great couple. Their coordinating style makes a statement, but you'll question how a terrific washer and a noisy dryer that's tough on clothes ended up together. Enter the matchmaker. Our tests found pairs that are . . . [MORE](#) ▾

[Washer/Dryer Pairs Ratings](#)

Washing Machines

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Product Type

- Front-Load Washer
- Top-Load Agitator Washer
- Top-Load HE Washer
- Compact Washer

Recommended Top-Load Agitator Washers

Great washing isn't a given, so check our wash performance scores, and be sure to note wash times. They're based on normal wash on heavy-soil setting. Wash times have gotten longer as federal standards require that all washers use less water and energy.

[See How We Test](#)

<p>OVERALL SCORE</p> <p>70</p> <p>Maytag MVWB965HC</p> <p>Recommended</p> <p>Price: \$1,280</p> <p>Shop</p> <p>Add to Compare</p>	
<p>Type: Top-Load Agitator Washers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overall, this washer was Very Good.Water efficiency is Very Good.Gentleness is just Fair.Noise is Very Good.Vibration is Excellent.Has a cycle time of 80 minutes.Comes with a 1 year warranty. <p>See Ratings</p>	
<p>OVERALL SCORE</p> <p>64</p> <p>Maytag MVWB865GW</p> <p>Recommended</p> <p>Price: \$900</p> <p>Shop</p> <p>Add to Compare</p>	
<p>Type: Top-Load Agitator Washers</p> <p>Sporting a nifty glass lid, this smart-looking Maytag is one of CR's top-rated agitators. It manages to offer a large capacity while being among the few agitator washers CR has tested that is Energy Star certified. It's also among the most water-efficient agitator models tested. However, similar to many other agitator models tested, this Maytag isn't so gentle on fabrics and it's somewhat noisy in operation.</p> <p>See Ratings</p>	
<p>OVERALL SCORE</p> <p>64</p> <p>GE GTW465ASNWW</p> <p>Recommended</p> <p>Price: \$655</p> <p>Shop</p> <p>Add to Compare</p>	
<p>Type: Top-Load Agitator Washers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overall, this washer was Very Good.Water efficiency is Very Good.Gentleness is just Good.Noise is just Good.Vibration is Excellent.Has a cycle time of 35 minutes.Comes with a 1 year warranty. <p>See Ratings</p>	
<p>OVERALL SCORE</p> <p>62</p> <p>GE GTW685BSLWS</p> <p>Recommended</p> <p>Price: \$580</p> <p>Shop</p> <p>Add to Compare</p>	
<p>Type: Top-Load Agitator Washers</p> <p>This GE top-loader earns a Very Good all-around rating on CR tests, a score bolstered by Excellent water efficiency and Very Good energy efficiency. (Cleaning performance is adequate but not exceptional.) Weaknesses are also evident, however. Like many agitators, it's relatively rough on fabrics and noisy in operation.</p> <p>See Ratings</p>	
<p>OVERALL SCORE</p> <p>62</p> <p>Maytag MVWB765FW</p> <p>Recommended</p> <p>Price: \$680</p>	

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