

FIRST LOOKS

THIS MONTH **APPLE IPHONE 4** TEFAL KING SIZE TOASTER **SAMSUNG FLEXI CLEAN** DELL LAPTOP

NEW IPHONE HAS ISSUES

WHAT IS IT?

The new iPhone 4 is slimmer than the 3GS, and has metal buttons and a metal band all the way round. This gives it a sleek, industrial feel – but the band isn't just for appearance, it doubles up as the phone's antenna.

Like its predecessor the 3GS, the iPhone 4 has a 3.5-inch touchscreen display. But Apple has improved the screen quality. It's also tougher – Apple claims the glass is 30 times stronger than plastic, so should be more scratch resistant.

It has a 5Mp camera with LED flash, backlit sensor and an integrated 5x digital zoom, plus it can shoot HD videos. There's also a front-facing camera for video calls using Apple's FaceTime feature. At the moment, the service is restricted to iPhone 4 users and only on wi-fi. iPhone 4 users are reporting problems with the iPhone's antenna and Which? is investigating this issue.

WHAT WE FOUND

PROS The iPhone 4 comes with Apple's latest iPhone operating system, providing a host of practical applications – like the ability to multitask and organise your apps in folders. The video-calling feature can be great fun.

CONS Our lab found that the proximity sensor is less sensitive than on the previous model. This may result in calls being terminated or made by mistake when you hold the phone to your face. It can also sometimes switch your call to speakerphone – not great if you're having a personal conversation.

PRODUCT SPEC

VIDEO AT go.which.co.uk/iphone4_review
GUIDE PRICE There are several tariffs, PAYG and Sim-free options from O2, Orange, Three, Tesco, T-Mobile and Vodafone

WHICH? VERDICT

The iPhone 4 is yet another step forward for Apple, however, we hope that a fix is swiftly offered for the proximity sensor issues we detected.



APPLE HAS DRAMATICALLY IMPROVED THE SCREEN QUALITY ON THE IPHONE 4, CREATING ITS 'SHARPEST, MOST VIBRANT DISPLAY EVER'. IT CLAIMS THIS IS 30 TIMES STRONGER THAN PLASTIC

£40 **Best Buy ice cream maker**
 For our Best Buy ice cream makers, including the Lakeland My Kitchen for just £40, see p32 or visit which.co.uk/icecreammakers

31 **Jug blenders on test**
 The number of jug blenders we've tested. Try our 'compare features' tool at which.co.uk/jugblenders to find out which ones can crush ice.

£400 **Make a big saving**
 The amount you could save if you don't buy certain household cleaners and gadgets. See p66 for the 10 products to avoid.

'BIGGEST' TOASTER NOT BIG ENOUGH

WHAT IS IT?

Tefal's King Size toaster claims to have the 'biggest heating chamber in the world', so you can toast taller bread (up to 15x15cm), such as a slice of bloomer on its side.

WHAT WE FOUND

PROS Most bread we tried fitted into the toaster without trouble. Smaller items slipped in easily and we even squeezed in a thick and normal-sized slice of bloomer loaf – although we had to angle it to make it fit.

CONS Taller loaves, homemade bread (from a breadmaker) and rustic loaves

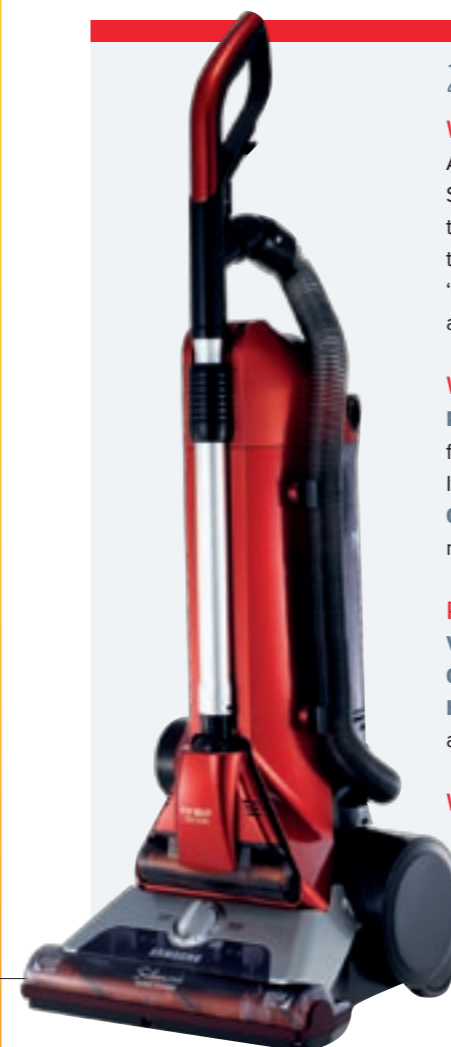
don't quite fit – they poke out the top, some by up to a centimetre. The 15x15cm heating chamber makes it a big toaster to have on your kitchen worktop.

PRODUCT SPEC

VIDEO AT go.which.co.uk/kingsize
GUIDE PRICE £60
AVAILABILITY Amazon, www.tefal.co.uk

WHICH? VERDICT

We like the increased versatility but, disappointingly, not all bread sizes will fit, so there'll still be underdone areas on your toast if you prefer taller breads.



2-IN-1 VAC IS HEAVY TO USE

WHAT IS IT?

A two-in-one upright and cylinder vacuum cleaner. The Samsung Flexiclean SU88 is a bagless upright that claims to offer the convenience of a cylinder, too. A pop-up, mini turbo brush tool detaches from the main body and is used 'cylinder' style – while the main body remains stationary. It also has an automatic cable rewind.

WHAT WE FOUND

PROS You can switch between vacuuming with the main floorhead and the pop-up tool at the touch of a button. It's useful for vacuuming stairs and under low furniture.
CONS It's heavy and requires some strength to manoeuvre, no matter which mode you use.

PRODUCT SPEC

VIDEO AT go.which.co.uk/flexiclean
GUIDE PRICE £199
HIGH STREET AVAILABILITY It's expected in Comet and Currys in the coming weeks

WHICH? VERDICT

The pop-up tool is certainly handy, but if you're an avowed cylinder fan, we doubt this vacuum will persuade you to convert.

DELL LIGHTWEIGHT LAPTOP

WHAT IS IT?

Dell's lightweight M301z laptop features a large screen and neat, full-sized keyboard.

WHAT WE FOUND

PROS Decent-sized screen and quite light.
CONS Lacks a DVD drive.

PRODUCT SPEC

MORE INFO AT go.which.co.uk/dellm301z
GUIDE PRICE £400
AVAILABILITY PC World

WHICH? VERDICT

It looks great, but the glossy casing is prone to fingerprints and feels a little plasticky. There is a selection of specifications that can be customised.



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THIS MONTH **GORENJE FRIDGE-FREEZER** **SONY NEX-5** **PANASONIC SHAVER**



SONY'S COMPACT NEX-5

WHAT IS IT?

The 14.2Mp NEX-5 is one of two new cameras from Sony, which are closer in size to point-and-shoots, but offer users the ability to swap lenses like a digital SLR. The NEX-5 offers HD video recording and a host of manual controls.

WHAT WE FOUND

PROS The NEX-5 camera follows on the heels of the micro, four-thirds cameras from Panasonic and Olympus. This model is more compact, yet it has a larger sensor. Sony has announced that the lens will fit a planned line-up of camcorders that the company is developing.

CONS The connection on top of the camera can be used for a flash, mic or viewfinder; however, only one of these attachments can be connected at any one time.

PRODUCT SPEC

MORE INFO AT go.which.co.uk/nex5sony

GUIDE PRICE with 18-55mm kit lens around £650

AVAILABILITY Amazon, Jessops

WHICH? VERDICT

Tantalising potential, but many of the camera's manual controls are buried deep within the menu system.



THE FRIDGE-FREEZER THAT TALKS BACK

WHAT IS IT?

Gorenje's NRK 67358 E fridge-freezer has an interactive display, so you can record and play back messages, listen to the radio and call up recipes.

WHAT WE FOUND

PROS You can change the fridge and freezer temperatures independently.

CONS The interactive display is basic, recipes are limited and message playback is quiet.

PRODUCT SPEC

VIDEO AT go.which.co.uk/nrk67358e

GUIDE PRICE £1,500

HIGH STREET AVAILABILITY See www.gorenje.co.uk/stockists

WHICH? VERDICT

These features don't come cheap and some functions leave little to be desired.

PANASONIC'S ELECTRIC SHAVER IS EASY TO USE

WHAT IS IT?

The ES-RT51 is Panasonic's latest wet or dry rechargeable electric shaver and can be used in the shower with shaving gel or dry, like a conventional electric shaver.

WHAT WE FOUND

PROS The ES-RT51 is easy to use, the shave head is well designed with twin-foils and a cutter for longer hairs. The beard trimmer flips out easily and works well, too. The LCD display tells you when the battery is low and needs to be recharged. It has a slim grip and fits snugly in the palm of your hand.

CONS Wet or dry shaves don't feel quite as close as a wet shave with a razor.

PRODUCT SPEC

MORE INFO AT go.which.co.uk/esrt51

GUIDE PRICE £110

AVAILABILITY Argos, Dixons Megastores



WHICH? VERDICT

Not as close a shave as with a blade but, wet or dry, this is a good shaver and it's very easy to use.