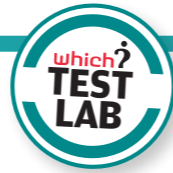


# TEST LAB SHAVERS



OUR LAB TESTS AND EXTENSIVE USER TRIAL HAVE UNCOVERED THE SMOOTHEST MEN'S SHAVERS

## How we test

Our testers shaved five times with each shaver before rating it on everything from comfort and closeness, to how easy it was to clean afterwards.

## Men's razors

If you prefer a wet shave, the Gillette Fusion Power Stealth is a Best Buy with a battery-powered vibrating action. See our full review of men's razors at [www.which.co.uk/razors](http://www.which.co.uk/razors)

## Hydro 5 razor

We've given the new Wilkinson Sword Hydro 5 a try. We found it gave a smooth shave, but had some reservations – see our video First Look at [www.which.co.uk/wshydro5](http://www.which.co.uk/wshydro5)



### PHILIPS SENSO TOUCH 3D RQ1280 £270

WHICH? TEST SCORE 79%

**PROS** This rotary shaver can be used wet or dry and achieves top marks for closeness. A numeric countdown shows you how much longer your battery will last, and you'll be reminded when the heads need cleaning or replacing. Can also be used in the shower.

**CONS** Like the other Best Buys from this test, it is pricey.

WHICH.CO.UK TARGET ONLINE PRICE £270  
CHEAPEST ON THE HIGH STREET  
Argos, Boots, Currys, John Lewis  
ALSO AVAILABLE Online

Shaving with a cheap razor can be an uncomfortable business, leaving you with cuts, redness and sore skin. The average man will need to shave off nearly 8.5 metres of stubble over a lifetime, so why not treat yourself to a tool that makes the daily routine as comfortable and convenient as possible?

Which? tests show that there's little difference between shavers that cut using a foil and those that use rotating heads in terms of how well they shave, so this is down to your personal preference.

The latest models are bursting with useful features that save time and effort, from a quick-charge function that takes just five minutes to provide enough juice for a single shave, to self-cleaning heads. If you're running late and prefer to soften your stubble with warm water before shaving, you could kill two birds with one stone by choosing a 'wet and dry' shaver that can be used in the shower.

### Cost of shaver accessories

Prices vary from £30 for a basic shaver to more than £200 for a top-of-the-range model. The foils or heads need to be replaced every two years or so, which will set you back another £15-£40, and if you pick a shaver with an integrated moisturising system you'll need to refill the dispenser at a cost of around £7 every three months. Self-cleaning shavers need topping up with cleaning fluid – expect to pay £5-£7 for a month's supply.

If you don't want to splash out on a top-of-the-range Best Buy, it's worth checking out cheaper models in the same range.

Choosing the Philips Senso Touch 3D RQ1250 instead of the RQ1280 could save you £70; the cutting heads are the same, but the RQ1250 needs more frequent charging and has an LED battery indicator instead of a numeric countdown.

All our Best Buys have cheaper alternatives with fewer features – no charging stand or a shorter run time, for instance. Full test results opposite and at [www.which.co.uk/shavers](http://www.which.co.uk/shavers).



### PANASONIC ES-LA93 £268

WHICH? TEST SCORE 74%

**PROS** The vibrating head lifts difficult stubble to ensure a very close and comfortable shave time after time. It can be used wet or dry and includes a self-clean function.

**CONS** It's quite a noisy shaver.

WHICH.CO.UK TARGET ONLINE PRICE £268

CHEAPEST HIGH STREET STORE Independents

ALSO AVAILABLE Online



### REMINGTON TITANIUM 360 R8150 £137

WHICH? TEST SCORE 71%

**PROS** A five-minute quick-charge feature gives enough power for a single shave, and it can also run from the mains. The 'Flex and Pivot' heads seek out stubble wherever it hides.

**CONS** It's dry-shave only, so not for the shower.

WHICH.CO.UK TARGET ONLINE PRICE £70

CHEAPEST HIGH STREET STORE Boots

ALSO AVAILABLE AT Currys, Tesco



### BRAUN SERIES 7 790CC-3 £250

WHICH? TEST SCORE 70%

**PROS** This has intensive, normal and sensitive modes for different skin types. A one-hour charge gives 30 shaves.

**CONS** Doesn't shave quite as close as other Best Buys, and can't be used in the shower.

WHICH.CO.UK TARGET ONLINE PRICE £233

CHEAPEST HIGH STREET STORE Comet

ALSO AVAILABLE AT Boots, Currys

	SPECIFICATION	WHICH? TEST PERFORMANCE											
		PRICE (£)	SHAVING TYPE	WET AND DRY	QUICK CHARGE	STANDARD CHARGE PERFORMANCE	CLOSENESS OF SHAVE	COMFORT	NOISE	EASE OF CLEANING	OVERALL RATING FOR USE	SCORE (%)	
1	<b>PHILIPS</b> Senso Touch 3D RQ1280	270	Rotary	✓	✓	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	79
2	<b>PANASONIC</b> ES-LA93	268	Foil	✓	✓	★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★	74
3	<b>REMINGTON</b> Titanium 360 R8150	137	Rotary		✓	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	71
4	<b>BRAUN</b> Series 7 790cc-3	250	Foil		✓	★★★★★	★★★	★★★★	★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	70
5	<b>PHILIPS</b> HQ7380	90	Rotary		✓	★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	66
6	<b>BRAUN</b> Series 3 Wet & Dry 340	50	Foil	✓	✓	★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	64
7	<b>PANASONIC</b> Rechargeable Shaver ES-RT51	100	Foil	✓	✓	★★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	64
8	<b>REMINGTON</b> Comfort 360 F7790	120	Foil		✓	★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	60
9	<b>PHILIPS</b> Nivea for Men HS8460	133	Rotary	✓		★★	★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	59
10	<b>PHILIPS</b> HQ6990	35	Rotary			★★★	★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	57

### Using the table

The more stars the better.

#### Specification

**Price** See p23. **Shaver Type** Foil shavers use oscillating blades beneath a perforated foil. Rotary shavers use rotating heads to lift stubble before cutting. **Wet and dry** A tick means the shaver can be used in the shower.

**Quick charge** A tick means the shaver has a quick-charge feature.

#### Test Performance

**Standard charge performance** Charge time and number of five-minute shaves achieved from a fully charged battery. **Closeness of shave** How close the shaver shaves, based on

our user trials. **Comfort** How comfortable the shaver feels, based on our user trials. **Noise** The level of noise the shaver makes. **Ease of cleaning** How easy it is to keep it clean.

**Overall rating for use** An overall rating for using the shaver, based on our user trials. This includes using the beard trimmer,

comfort of grip and ease of use, along with comfort and closeness of shave.

#### Score

This ignores price and is based on User experience **60%**  
Standard and quick charge performance **40%**



**GROOMING GADGETS** The Bathroom & Personal Care section on Which.co.uk includes razors, shavers, hair clippers and electric toothbrushes, with Best Buy toothbrushes starting at £48. See [www.which.co.uk/grooming](http://www.which.co.uk/grooming)

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