



Product news



A Japanese medical device. Honest

Try some high for your chi

GADGETEER

Feeling tired and run down? Fed up with constant aches and pains? Try the 'Surge Of Chi' exerciser. According to the makers, 'the rhythmic movement releases tension in the back and shoulders, boosting chi energy'.

And there were you thinking your chi was topped up already. In case you're not convinced, 'it's recognised by the Japanese Ministry of Health & Welfare as a medical device. This technique is known as "goldfish exercise" there'.

So if your goldfish wants an exercise partner, visit www.vitalia-health.co.uk and have your £229 ready.

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This month we give you the lowdown on the pairing between Apple and sportswear giant Nike by testing their new iPod personal training system. For more details visit www.which.co.uk.

We test 11 products from John Lewis as the store launches its own The good and the not-

JOHN LEWIS RANGE

John Lewis easily topped our consumer survey of satisfaction with retailers earlier this year, so it grabbed our attention when we heard it was planning to take on the market with its own-brand domestic appliances.

In this special report we put 11 of its best-selling products through a full set

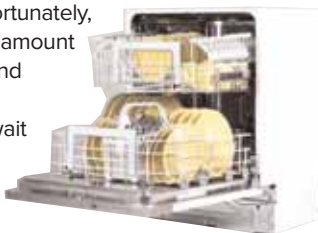
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of rigorous tests. Several models, including a freezer, a fridge and two tumble dryers, score as highly as our Best Buys, but we don't have enough data yet to judge their reliability. Others, such as the JLWM1403 washing machine, were far less impressive. But all the appliances are sold with a free three-year warranty.

DISHWASHER

66% JLBIDW 1200 £499

This fully integrated dishwasher will clean and dry your dishes, leaving them spotless and without watermarks when using the automatic program. Unfortunately, it uses a hefty amount of electricity and water, so we'd suggest you wait the extra 43 minutes and use the economy program – it will clean your dishes almost as well and it's more cost effective. Just be patient.



Programs Rinse hold, 70° intensive, automatic, quick wash, 50° economy **Size (hwxwd)** 82x59.7x55.2cm
Duration (auto) 1hr 58min (eco) 2hr 41min **Delayed start** Yes

DISHWASHER

65% JLDWW 905 £299

This slimline dishwasher cleans and dries well on its auto setting, too. It uses less water and electricity than the full-sized JLBIDW but is still relatively profligate.



Programs Rinse hold, 70° intensive, automatic, quick wash, 50° economy, 45° glass **Size (hwxwd)** 84.8x44.5x 61cm **Duration (auto)** 1hr 49min (eco) 2hr 54min **Delayed start** Yes

FREEZER

86% JLUCFZW6002 £229

This frost-free freezer is one of the best freezers we've tested recently. It's quiet and easy to use and is a great all-rounder. The top-class insulation helps keep the internal temperature very steady and it's excellent at freezing fresh food quickly to preserve texture and quality.



Volume 80 litres **Transparent drawers** Yes **Running cost** £15 a year **Energy label** A
Size (hwxwd) 86x60x63cm

FRIDGE-FREEZER

75% JLFFW1803 £349

This is a frost-free model that has a very large fridge and a decent-sized freezer. The fridge is excellent at holding the temperature steady when the room temperature changes and is good at chilling food rapidly to preserve freshness. It's easy to use and quiet and the freezer freezes fresh food quickly to help retain nutrients.



Fridge volume 207 usable litres **Freezer volume** 77 usable litres
Running cost £20 a year **Energy label** A **Size (hwxwd)** 185x60x65cm

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FRIDGE**71% JLUCFRW6001 £199**

This model scored highly in our tests and is as good as our Best Buys. Although a little slow to cool newly stored food, it works well at the recommended thermostat setting and maintains a suitable even temperature throughout the fridge. It also has a handy four-star freezer compartment.

Size (hxxwd) 86x60x63cm Volume 98 litres Energy label A Operational room temperature 10° to 38°C

**FRIDGE****55% JLUCLFW6003 £199**

This freestanding worktop-height fridge failed to impress. The temperature inside proved uneven throughout and it is a little too cold inside at the recommended setting. But space is generous.

Size (hxxwd) 86x60x63cm Volume 125 litres Energy label A Operational room temperature 10° to 43°C

**TUMBLE DRYER****69% JLTDC01 £499**

This A-rated condenser dryer is one of the best we've ever tested. It's considerably more energy efficient than other dryers. Basically the same model as our Best Buy AEG-Electrolux T59800, it dries swiftly and evenly and has a wide range of auto drying programs.

Type Condenser Sensor drying Yes Max load 6kg Energy label A Delayed start 23hr Remaining time display Yes Size (hxxwd) 85x60x63cm

**TUMBLE DRYER****68% JLTDOV02 £249**

This is as good as our Best Buys, and worth considering if you want a vented dryer with accurate auto drying programs. It's one of the quickest we've tested. It also has a quick-dry button to increase cotton program speeds.

Type Vented Sensor drying Yes Max load 6kg Energy label C Delayed start 12hr Remaining time display Yes Size (hxxwd) 85x60x60.5cm

**TUMBLE DRYER****59% JLTDC06 £349**

The JLTDC06 is a good condenser dryer that's worth considering. Its drying times are longer than our Best Buys' but it is the quietest condenser dryer we've ever tested.

Type Condenser Sensor drying Yes Max load 6kg Energy label C Delayed start 12hr Remaining time display Yes Size (hxxwd) 85x60x63cm

**WASHER-DRYER****59% JLBW1406 £499**

This is easy to use and is good at washing on all the programs tested. It struggles to rinse well, though. Like most washer-dryers it doesn't dry as well as standalone tumble dryers.

Size (hxxwd) 85x60x63cm Capacity 6/3kg Spin 1,400rpm Energy label CA Cotton 1hr 56min Delayed start 23hr

**WASHING MACHINE****42% JLWM1403 £349**

This 1,400rpm machine is cheap to run and has a well-designed control panel. But performance is disappointing. It failed to produce acceptable results on the 40°C cotton, quick and delicate programs we tested. And rinsing is poor, too.

Capacity 6kg Spin speed 1,400rpm Energy label AAB Cotton 1hr 3min Quick 32min Colour White Size (hxxwd) 85x60x63cm

**Just out****Ban Beater £46**

Get your garden through a dry spell by running one of the hoses from the Ban Beater to your bath. One pump of the pick-up device should start the siphon action, enabling you to use your used bath water to revive your plants. View it at <http://www.banbeater.co.uk/banbeater.html>

**iHome iH5 £100**

This clock radio and iPod dock means you can wake up to your favourite tunes every morning with your MP3 player fully charged and ready to go. It's one of the best-selling iPod accessories in the United States so it is sure to be hugely successful here, too. Available from Comet.

**Intempo PP01 £100**

The Intempo digital radio is a real chameleon: it comes with interchangeable speaker covers to suit your mood and if you're feeling adventurous, you can have your favourite picture printed on to one for just £15. We're testing it now and should have results early in 2007. Available from high-street shops.

**BT Glide £180**

The BT Glide DECT cordless home phone with integrated answer machine allows you to send texts and synchronise contacts with your mobile phone via Bluetooth. But we think it's pretty expensive and our first impressions are that it's a little cheap looking and plasticky. Available from www.bt.com

