Dishwashers

An update on our Best Buys

BEST BUYS

We've got a bumper crop of new dishwashers to report on, with four new full-sized Best Buys. These all fit 12 standard place settings, so they're ideal for a family. The **Siemens (1)** works well on both its main and eco programs, is easy to use and quiet. It's available for about £400 from Comet.

Also worth looking at are the **Bosch (3)** and the **AEG (4)**, both from Sainsbury's. The Bosch costs $\pounds 415$ and is easy to use, although the filter can be tricky to reach. The AEG, which will set you back $\pounds 400$, is great when used on the main program but is let down by its eco program.

If you're on a budget, the **Whirlpool (5)** washes and dries well, although it's prone to leaving water marks. But at just £200 from Powerhouse, it's certainly great value for money.

Of our previous Best Buys, the **AEG** (2) cleans and dries superbly, leaving dishes shining. The white model shown costs £315 from Sainsbury's, but a pricier version in silver is available for £355. The **Miele** (6) is our priciest recommendation, at £700 from Sainsbury's, though you may be able to find it cheaper online. The **AEG** (7), £450 from Sainsbury's, performs well on its main program but less well on its eco program. The other **Bosch** (8) is good value, at £280 from Comet, and cleans well on both main and eco programs.

SCORE

This ignores price
and is based on:Main and ecoprograms50%Ease of use25%Energy/water15%Noise10%

TABLE NOTES

We've tested popular dishwashers from the leading brands.

Price

What you should expect to pay on the high street.



Energy/water Our rating for consumption on both main and eco programs. Ease of use This includes charging the dispensers, loading and unloading and cleaning the filter.



Full-sized dishwashers	Ргісе	Price Main program			Eco program			Other tests			Score
	(£)	Cleaning	Drying	Water marks	Cleaning	Drying	Water marks	Energy/ water	Noise	Ease of use	(%)
MODEL			6 6 6 6 6 6	0 0 0 0 0 0	•		9 9 9 9 9 9 9				
1 Siemens SE25T250 G	3 400	*	*	\$		*	\$	0	슜	슜	72
2 AEG F40850S	315ª	*	*	*	☆	☆	*	e	0	☆	69
3 Bosch SGS 65L02 GB	415	*	☆	*	☆	*	\$	0	☆	☆	68
4 AEG F60870M	400	*	*	☆	☆	0	0	0	☆	☆	68
5 Whirlpool ADP 4601 ^b	200	*	*	0		\$	0	0	0	☆	68
6 Miele G694-3 SC Plus	700	☆	*	☆	0	*	☆	e	*	*	68
7 AEG F50740	450	*	*	*	0	0	0	Θ	Θ	*	68
8 Bosch SGS47E02	280	☆	0	*	☆	☆	*	0	0	☆	64
9 Whirlpool ADP 6940 ^c	500	☆	☆	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	*	☆	☆	60
10 Hotpoint FDW60P	250	0	☆	0	☆	☆	0	0	e	☆	56
11 Нооver HND315	300	☆	0	0	0	Θ	$\widehat{}$	0	0	☆	55

around 65°C.

Eco program

For normally soiled dishes,

washing at around 50°C.

a Silver model costs £355 b To be replaced in April 2005

c Stainless steel model, no eco program, to be replaced in April 2005