

The bigger picture

Which.co.uk lists hundreds of Best Buy photographic and video products. Here is our pick of the pack

We've put together a selection of Which? Best Buys on the theme of photography, comprising our top-scoring products in every related category plus one of each that we think is particularly good value. We've also included a quick overview of the pros and cons of each item, the overall number we tested and the cheapest online price at time of publication from the new Which? online comparison tool.

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Digital SLRs: 33 tested / 6 Best Buys reviewed at www.which.co.uk/reviews/digital-slr

NIKON D80
78% **£400**

Pros Excellent viewfinder accuracy and battery life, high ISO setting, good image quality
Cons Heavy



SONY ALPHA 700
78% **£600**

Pros Image stabilisation built into the body, good features
Cons No live view for LCD screen



CANON EOS 40D
76% **£530**

Pros One of the fastest DSLRs we've tested, big zoom ranges
Cons Not good in dim light



PANASONIC LUMIX DMC-L10
75% **£678**

Pros Face detection, impressive range of features
Cons No image stabilisation built in to the body



Photo printers: 45 tested / 5 Best Buys reviewed at www.which.co.uk/reviews/photo-printers

EPSON PICTUREMATE 280
76% **£189**

Pros Built in CD writer/reader, accepts a wide range of memory cards, PictBridge compatible, reasonable cost per print, high image quality, good print speeds
Cons Battery has to be bought separately, a little expensive



EPSON PICTUREMATE 290
76% **£200**

Pros High quality, quick printing, integrated CD reader/writer
Cons Power consumption quite high when idle. A little expensive



EPSON PICTUREMATE 240
75% **£130**

Pros Accepts a wide range of memory cards, PictBridge-compatible, reasonable cost per print, high image quality, good print speeds
Cons Battery has to be bought separately



EPSON PICTUREMATE 260
74% **£100**

Pros Great prints from memory card and PictBridge compatible digital cameras, low energy consumption, low noise levels
Cons Cartridges can be a little fiddly to replace



All-in-one printers: 65 tested / 4 Best Buys reviewed at www.which.co.uk/reviews/printers

CANON PIXMA MX850
76% **£184**

Pros Ethernet connection, excellent print quality, good print speeds, auto duplexing and automatic document feeder
Cons Takes up a lot of room, quality of scanned documents that combine text and images could be better



CANON PIXMA MP970
72% **£190**

Pros Good print speeds and photo quality plus satisfactory text quality
Cons A little slow with colour copies



CANON PIXMA MX7600
71% **£243**

Pros Great scanning, excellent text and graphic printing, fast everyday printing, auto-document feeder, automatic duplexing
Cons Expensive, large, could be quicker at printing photos, a little more expensive to run than similar Canon models



CANON PIXMA MP610
68% **£105**

Pros Good-quality printer, very fast, can print directly on to a CD, able to duplex, two paper trays
Cons Not many



Standard camcorders: 69 tested / 16 Best Buys reviewed at www.which.co.uk/reviews/camcorders

PANASONIC SDR-H250
71% **£481**

Pros Good image quality, good sound, excellent battery life, PictBridge connection
Cons Can't connect an external microphone



SONY DCR-SR290E
69% **£506**

Pros Excellent image quality, 40GB HDD capacity (9.5 hours), PictBridge, surround sound
Cons None



PANASONIC NV-GS500
67% **£650**

Pros Video quality hard to beat, excellent battery life
Cons Heavy



HITACHI DZ-HS300E
63% **£200**

Pros Good LCD screen, hybrid format a good idea
Cons Not many



HD camcorders: 28 tested / 7 Best Buys reviewed at www.which.co.uk/reviews/hd-camcorders

SONY HDR-SR11E
71% **£625**

Pros Excellent HD footage, good image stabiliser, huge capacity, good start up time
Cons Portability, wind filter is quite ineffective



PANASONIC HDC-SD1
70% **£770**

Pros Excellent HD images, surround sound, PictBridge
Cons The battery life could be better



CANON HV20
69% **£589**

Pros Excellent battery life, good quality HD images
Cons Still photos suffer from vignetting



PANASONIC HDC-SD9
68% **£355**

Pros Great pictures in all conditions, good sound, good image stabiliser, filter cuts down on wind noise
Cons Zoom microphone could be better, only average still photos



Printing: 15 tested / 2 Best Buys reviewed at www.which.co.uk/reviews/digital-printing

SNAPPISH 3-5 DAYS
73% **£1.99**

Pros Printing very consistent with very well-balanced photos, good colour, contrast and brightness
Cons Enlargements were a little red and dark with flat contrast



ASDA 1 HOUR
69% **£1.50**

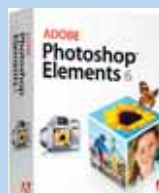
Pros Consistent print quality, good enlargements
Cons Enlargements not always available within an hour



Photo software: 18 tested / 5 Best Buys reviewed at www.which.co.uk/reviews/photo-editing-software

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS 6
82% **£70**

Pros Highly effective tools and filters
Cons Not worth upgrading from previous version (if you have it)



GIMP GIMP
76% **£0**

Pros It's as good as our paid-for Best Buys and it's free
Cons There are no automatic tools



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