



SUMMARY

PRODUCTS TESTED

5 solo (2 him, 3 her), 9 together

ORGASM TALLY

11 (Clint), 7 (Kiera)

MOST MIND-BLOWING

Je Joue Mio (Clint), We-Vibe Sync (Kiera)

trials,¹ a light touch helped prevent it from rattling free. The Eva is far less obtrusive than a traditional vibrator. If I noticed it at all, it was because my wife seemed a lot more impressed with everything I did. \$105, shopmenshealth.com

SUSTAIN NATURAL LUBRICANTS

Many lubes contain parabens (a class of preservatives that mimic estrogen and may increase cancer risk) and glycerin (which may encourage vaginal yeast growth). Sustain takes a more wholesome approach, providing an impressive glide with 95 percent organic ingredients such as aloe vera and food-grade preservatives.² Oh, did I mention that it's edible? My taste test revealed the lavender formula to be too floral, but with subtle vanilla notes; the unscented variety was a culinary winner. \$13, sustainnatural.com

JE JOUE MIO

My wife looked like she might fall asleep as I flipped through the five speeds and seven vibration patterns. But once I dialed it in, this vibrating cock ring was epic—the huge buzzing motor hit the right places³ and the soft silicone was warm and natural. Afterward, I rinsed it off in the sink and hooked it back up to the USB charger. The rechargeable lithium ion battery means you'll never lose power mid-thrust. \$109, jejoue.com

CRAVE BULLET

This is the vibrator I assume Beyoncé uses: It's plated with 24-karat gold and looks like a CEO's lipstick applicator. It's a design my brain can appreciate, but my penis prefers vibrators designed for hands-free use. My wife, on the other hand, reported being smitten by the strong, focused buzz. In fact, the morning after our initial trial run, CONTINUED ON P. 123



THE INNOVATION ISSUE

THE NEW TURN-ONS

Sex toys are now sophisticated, inventive, and sometimes confusing. We tested the best.

BY CLINT (AND KIERA) CARTER



WE LIVE IN A GOLDEN AGE OF SLIPPERY, MOTORIZED things that create a pleasant situation for our genitals and the kinds of orgasms that start neighborhood rumors. Last year I got married, which everybody said would end my sex life. But actually, I find I can leverage my commitment to get my sweet bride to try bizarre bedroom stuff. So I asked her to help me test genital-stimulation devices. She agreed!

DAME EVA

After a couple of botched attempts to lodge this thing—touted as a clip-on vibrator—into weird places, I read the directions. Bingo! Turns out its little rubber tentacles slip under the labia (don't worry, there are illustrations), and after that the vibrator stays put with no hands—mostly. During penetration

KIERA'S TAKE

1. "Is this what we're calling sex now?"

2. "Translation: It's like a traditional lubricant but with fewer unhealthy side effects."

3. "Yes. It. Did."

KIERA'S TAKE

4. "Uh, ever try knocking?"

5. "I absolutely did not love the idea."

6. "It was fun once, but I think I'll stick to traditional lubes."

I left her in bed to sleep in, and half an hour later I walked back in the bedroom to find her conducting a solo test.⁴ \$99, *babeland.com*

WE-VIBE SYNC

The least obtrusive of the toys we tested (and along with the Je Joue Mio, my personal favorite), the Sync vibrated like a tiny mechanical bull tucked neatly into place so as not to horn in on the action. But the toy's app was just too much tech for bedroom moments.

Sure, it's cool to have control over vibration patterns—and the missus and I had a few laughs setting the dual motors to vibrate in rhythm to Drake's dulcet flow. But do you really want to be fooling with your phone during sex? As Kiera noted, "Nothing makes a naked woman feel less sexy than a man looking at his phone." Skip the app, keep the Sync. \$199, *we-vibe.com*

KIROO FLESHLIGHT LAUNCH

What looks like a poorly designed coffee machine is actually a jerk-off contraption that sits in your lap and pumps a remarkably realistic-feeling artificial vagina (called a fleshlight) like a piston. You can set it to sync with porn videos or VR, or—in theory—let your partner control the strokes through an app. While Kiera was at the courthouse for a jury summons, I texted to ask if she'd take control. She loved the idea,⁵ but we gave up after two hours of unsuccessful login attempts. I then paired the machine with a porn video so that it pumped in rhythm to the action on the screen. It felt good, but sad. Mostly sad. \$200, *kiiroo.com*

WICKED SENSUAL CARE ULTRA HEAT AND ULTRA CHILL

When I first applied Ultra Heat, my junk warmed up so fast I worried it wouldn't stop. Did I just nuke myself? No, thankfully. The heat, brought on by spices such as cinnamon and cloves, simmered to a level just intense enough to jumpstart my libido, then receded as the real action heated up.⁶ Ultra Chill provided a pleasant mentholated effect. \$21 each, *wickedsexualcare.com* ■