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5 Best Online Mattresses of 2024

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Shopping for a mattress online has its perks. It's more convenient to browse from the comfort of your own home, and you can take your time without pressure from store staff. Plus, the selection of online mattresses is plentiful, with options to suit any sleeper's preferences in mattress materials, construction, and price. Almost all online mattresses come with free shipping, so they'll arrive on your doorstep – no need to haul a mattress home from the store. But with all the online options, it can be difficult to know where to start. That's where we come in.

After [testing mattresses in our lab](#) and conducting an extensive consumer survey, the Bear Elite Hybrid is our pick for the best overall online mattress. The bed comes in three levels of firmness, so you can find the best match for your preferences. We found the medium level of firmness to feel comfortable and supportive in almost all sleeping positions. In addition to the Bear Elite Hybrid, our list includes online options for all different sleeper types.

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Best Overall

Bear Elite Hybrid »

4.2 ★★★★★ ☆ U.S. News Rating



PROS:

- ✓ Three levels of firmness available
- ✓ Zoned coils for extra lumbar support
- ✓ GreenGuard Gold certified foam materials

CONS:

- ✗ Motion isolation could be better
- ✗ On the pricey side

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Buy From Bear

The Bear Elite Hybrid is suitable for many different types of sleepers. The 14-inch tall mattress comes in three levels of firmness: soft, medium, and firm. We tested the medium version and found it to be true to its category, giving a medium feel which tester Huston Evans, who is 5 feet, 11 inches tall, and 200 pounds, described as “Firm with a kiss of softness.” Most testers felt it was comfortable in all sleeping positions, and tester Melinda Yeaman (5 feet, 7 inches tall, and 165 pounds) said, “This bed has a very soft, cradling feel to it with substantial underlying support.”

Some of our testers reported the Bear Elite Hybrid’s ability to isolate motion to be somewhat lacking. For instance, tester Craig Hanks, who is 5 feet, 11 inches tall, and 200 pounds, noted, “Decent amount of distracting bounce when a partner got in/out or shifted position.” Thus, if you’re a particularly light sleeper, the Bear Elite Hybrid might not be the right match.

However, we felt that this bed was easy to move around on, which is noteworthy for those who tend to toss and turn. According to tester Hanks, “Despite the fairly deep mattress topper, I don't feel like I'm sinking. It's still easy to shift positions.”

The Elite Hybrid comes with a lifetime warranty, a 120-night sleep trial, and free shipping and returns.

Specs

**List Price
(Queen):**

\$2,305

Sizes:

Twin, twin XL, full, queen, king, California king, split king

Sleep Trial:

120 nights

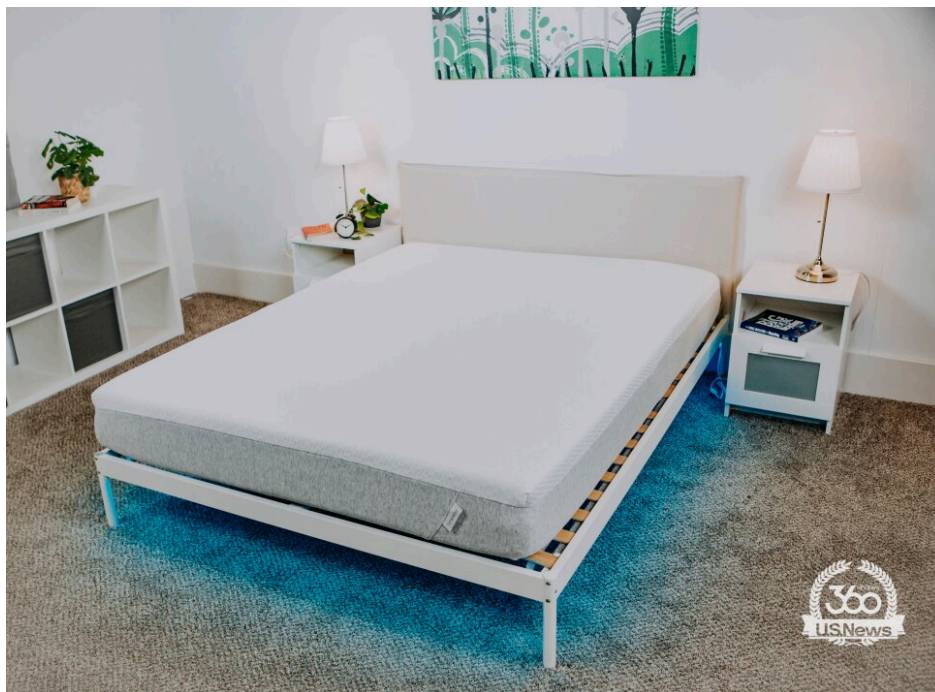
Warranty:

Lifetime

[Buy From Bear »](#)

Best Budget

Essential T&N Original Mattress »



PROS:

- ✓ Affordable
- ✓ CertiPUR-US certified
- ✓ 100-night sleep trial

CONS:

- ✗ Not recommended for side sleepers
- ✗ Only one level of firmness

Buy From Tuft & Needle

Buy From Amazon

Buy From Walmart

Costing less than \$1,000 for a queen size, Tuft & Needle’s Essential T&N Original Mattress is designed to offer a combination of support, motion control, and cooling technology at an affordable price. The mattress is firm and thus recommended for both [back](#) and [stomach sleepers](#), though perhaps not the ideal match for [side sleepers](#). It features two layers: 6 1/2 inches of foundational support foam serves as the base layer, and the top layer is made from 3 inches of open-cell foam infused with graphite and cooling gel. It’s worth noting that, unlike the T&N Mint, the cover of the Essential T&N Original is not removable or machine-washable.

Each Tuft & Needle mattress comes with a 100-night sleep trial as well as free shipping. Tuft & Needle recommends rotating the Essential T&N Original Mattress every six months, but as the foam layers are specifically designed to be on the top and bottom, the mattress doesn’t need to be flipped. The mattress is both GreenGuard Gold and CertiPUR-US certified, ensuring it’s free from thousands of harmful chemicals.

Specs

List Price (Queen):	\$895
Sizes:	Twin, twin XL, full, queen, king, California king
Sleep Trial:	100 nights
Warranty:	10-year warranty

[Buy From Tuft & Needle »](#)

Best Cooling

The DreamCloud »

4.2 ★★★★★ U.S. News Rating



PROS:

- ✓ Breathable cashmere-blend cover
- ✓ Hybrid design promotes cooling
- ✓ Lifetime warranty

CONS:

- ✗ Only one level of firmness
- ✗ Requires deep-pocket sheets

[Buy From DreamCloud](#)

The DreamCloud Mattress is an online mattress that combines a hybrid design, cooling features, and CertiPUR-US certified foams at an affordable price. The DreamCloud is available in seven sizes, including split king. The

mattress features five layers that include gel memory foam and individually encased innerspring coils as well as a solid foam foundation base. The DreamCloud Mattress has good edge support, which should help reduce motion transfer, and four handles that ensure the mattress is easy to set up and move. When analyzing edge support, our 360 Reviews lab tester Yeaman said, “The reinforcement around the edge of this mattress is amazing. Even the foot of the bed is easy to sit on.”

When it comes to cooling, the majority of our testing panel felt the bed slept cool to temperature neutral. Tester Yeaman said, “This mattress has a fabric that is nice to the touch and seems to breathe very well. There is a slight cooling sensation to it.”

The DreamCloud Mattress is unique in that it has a cashmere-blend quilted cover that’s breathable while maintaining a soft, plush feel. DreamCloud offers a lifetime warranty on the mattress, a 365-night sleep trial, and free shipping and returns. Keep in mind that it’s 14 inches deep, so it’ll likely require sheets with a [deep pocket](#) instead of standard sheets.

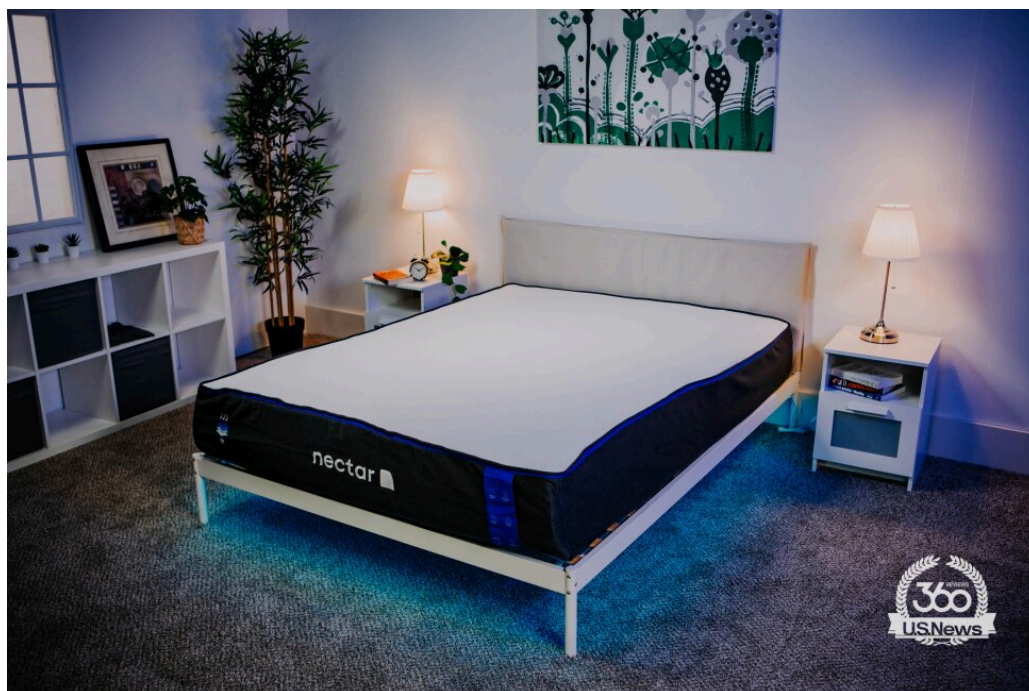
Specs

List Price	\$1,332
(Queen):	
Sizes:	Twin, twin XL, full, queen, king, California king, split king
Sleep Trial:	365 nights
Warranty:	Lifetime warranty

[Buy From DreamCloud »](#)

Best for Side Sleepers

Nectar Memory Foam »

**PROS:**

- ✓ Body-contouring gel memory foam provides pressure relief
- ✓ Affordable
- ✓ Cooling cover
- ✓ 365-night home trial

CONS:

- ✗ Removing the mattress cover voids warranty
- ✗ Only one level of firmness

[Buy From Nectar](#)

Made with CertiPUR-US certified foams, the Nectar Memory Foam mattress appeals to average-weight side sleepers due to the balance of firmness and support it delivers. It features a 7-inch base layer that provides stability, a 3-inch layer designed to minimize motion transfer, and a 2-inch gel memory foam layer that provides pressure relief and sleeps cooler than other types of foam. The mattress also has a cover made from a polyblend with polyethylene that gets rid of excess body heat throughout the night.

Nectar's 365-night home trial allows plenty of time to test it out, and shipping and returns are entirely free within the contiguous United States. The Nectar

Memory Foam Mattress comes with a lifetime warranty, but it’s important to note that while the mattress cover is removable, removing it voids the warranty. Instead, the manufacturer recommends spot-cleaning or using an upholstery cleaning machine to remove stains. The mattress is only available in one level of firmness, which Nectar describes as medium-firm.

Specs

List Price

(Queen):

\$1,099

Sizes:

Twin, twin XL, full, queen, king, California king, split king

Sleep Trial:

365 nights

Warranty:

Lifetime warranty

[Buy From Nectar »](#)

Best for Couples

Leesa Original »

3.2 ★★☆☆☆ U.S. News Rating

**PROS:**

- ✓ Strong motion isolation
- ✓ Easy to change positions
- ✓ Affordable
- ✓ Breathable knit cover

CONS:

- ✗ May take 14 business days to ship
- ✗ Only one level of firmness

[Buy From Leesa](#)[Buy From Amazon](#)[Buy From Walmart](#)

The Leesa Original Mattress is made of a durable foam base and cooling foam meant to help keep you cool throughout the night, while a memory foam layer provides extra pressure relief. Our testers found the Leesa to be between a soft and medium in terms of firmness. Tester Catalina Arndt, who is 5 feet, 8 inches tall, and 146 pounds, said, “The Leesa Original is firm enough to hold you up and hug you at the same time.”

In general, foam mattresses reduce motion transfer between partners. “The challenge with motion transfer is that it may affect the sleep quality of a bed partner and fragment their sleep,” says [Dr. Ana C. Krieger](#), a sleep medicine expert at NewYork-Presbyterian and Weill Cornell Medicine. When

considering the Leesa's motion isolation, tester Lincoln Bailey said, "It wasn't bouncy and I feel like if I were to sleep long-term on this mattress, I would not be disturbed by my partner getting in and out of bed."

Every Leesa mattress is accompanied by a 100-night trial, during which time undamaged mattresses can be returned for any reason for free, so long as they're within the contiguous United States. Even though the Leesa Original Mattress ships for free, shipping can take up to 14 business days. The mattress comes with a 10-year limited warranty, which covers defects on all parts of the mattress.

Specs

List Price (Queen):	\$1,332
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Sizes:	Twin, twin XL, full, queen, king, California king
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Sleep Trial:	100 nights
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Warranty:	10-year limited warranty
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[Buy From Leesa »](#)

The Bottom Line

For many people, buying a mattress online is the most convenient way to get a new bed. Shopping for online mattresses gives you hundreds of options to choose from. While you won't get the in-person expertise of a salesperson, many mattress companies have online chat functions, so you can still get any questions answered. Other brands have online quizzes to point you in the direction of the best mattress to suit your preferences.

We found the Bear Elite Hybrid to be the best online mattress. It comes in three firmness levels, so you'll be able to find the one that best matches your preferences.

Overall, our [mattress](#) testers found the bed to be supportive and easy to move around on.

Things To Consider When Buying Online Mattresses

Sleep Trial: In-home sleep trials are a great way to determine if a mattress is the right fit for you, especially for mattresses purchased online. “The mattress should be supportive of your sleep position while also providing comfort and not overheating your body,” says Dr. Krieger. It can take a few weeks or even months to decide if a mattress is comfortable and provides the right kind of support, and fortunately, most online mattresses offer sleep trials ranging between 100 nights and 365 nights. During that trial period, you can choose to keep your mattress or contact the manufacturer to initiate a return or an exchange.

Delivery and Setup: Many online mattress retailers offer free shipping, and some even offer an option to set up your new mattress and/or remove your old one. It’s important to take note of which states or countries are eligible for free shipping, as the majority of online mattress retailers only provide free shipping to destinations within the contiguous 48 states. Shipping fees typically apply to Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, and other United States territories.

Some retailers offer the option to purchase in-home setup for an additional fee, which may or may not include the removal of your old mattress. People who live in apartment buildings or in homes with stairs should pay close attention to the scope of delivery and in-home setup to ensure a successful delivery.

Return Fees: Most, if not all, mattress retailers advertise free returns and exchanges. However, that isn’t always the case. While some retailers do in fact offer free returns and exchanges during the trial period, others charge return or processing fees. Furthermore, returns from destinations outside of the contiguous 48 states may also incur fees.

Certifications: Mattresses may have one or more of a number of certifications that indicate the mattress is free of certain harmful chemicals, made from organic materials, or made with regard to environmental health, among others. Some of the

most common certifications among online mattress brands include Standard 100 by Oeko-Tex, GreenGuard and GreenGuard Gold, and CertiPUR-US. A Standard 100 by Oeko-Tex certification means that the entirety of the mattress is free of and doesn't release harmful chemicals. GreenGuard and GreenGuard Gold certifications restrict emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from mattresses. A CertiPUR-US certification means that polyurethane foam used in a particular mattress meets standards for chemical ingredients, durability, and emissions of VOCs.

Other certifications like Global Organic Textile Standard (GOTS), Global Organic Latex Standard (GOLS), and USDA Certified Organic verify that the materials used to make the mattress meet standards that allow it to be considered organic. Understanding each of these certifications will help you decide which ones you value most when shopping for a new mattress.

Warranty: Even affordable mattresses are still a big investment for many people, but a warranty ensures buyers have some peace of mind. Warranties usually protect buyers from any performance-related issues that may arise during a set period, which tends to range between 10 years and the lifetime of a mattress.

Though the specifics of warranty coverage vary from manufacturer to manufacturer, there are some issues that are typically covered by mattress warranties, including sagging and workmanship issues like broken seams, bunching, and torn handles. Be sure to read over the terms of a warranty before purchasing a mattress to ensure you understand what the warranty covers as well as what may void the warranty, like liquid damage, removing tags, or removing exterior covers.

How We Chose the Best Online Mattresses

After thoroughly testing beds in our lab with a panel of sleepers and reviewing an expansive assortment of mattresses, our editors consulted specialists [Dr. Ana Krieger](#), a sleep medicine expert at NewYork-Presbyterian and Weill Cornell Medicine, and [Dr. Angelie Mascarinas](#), a physiatrist at the Hospital for Special Surgery, to assemble this list of the best online mattresses. We took into consideration important factors like cooling features, motion isolation, affordability, in-home trials, and warranties to narrow down our selections. Overall, we found that online

mattresses can offer good value for the price, and in-home trials and free returns may be the key to finding the best mattress suited to your sleep preferences.

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FAQ

Is it cheaper to buy an online mattress?



When is the best time to buy an online mattress?



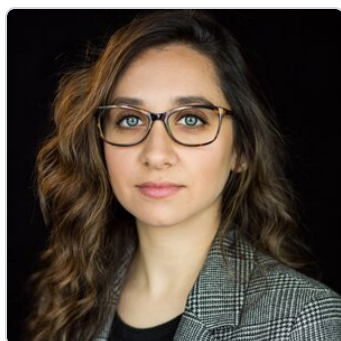
When should I replace my mattress?



Are online mattresses the same as in-store mattresses?



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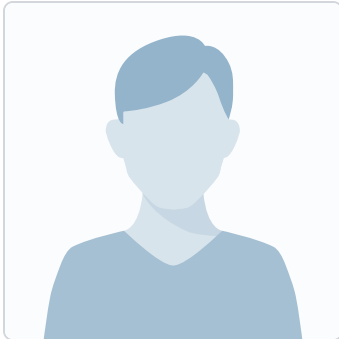
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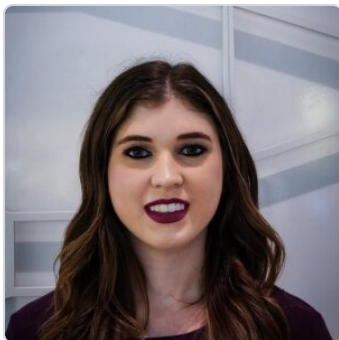
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