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5 Best Water Flossers of 2024

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Adding a water flosser to your dental hygiene routine can help keep your teeth clean by removing food particles and bacteria. As Dr. Steven Barefoot, DDS, clinical leader at DentaQuest, explains, “Water flossers work by emitting a jet of water under pressure through a narrow tip or nozzle. The water jet is directed between the teeth to dislodge debris and food particles from that space.”

If you’re searching for the best water flossers for your needs, we’ve highlighted some of the top countertop and cordless models below, including our top pick, the Waterpik Aquarius Water Flosser, which stands out for its 10 pressure settings and large-capacity water tank.

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Best Overall

Waterpik Aquarius Water Flosser »



PROS:

- ✓ 10 pressure settings
- ✓ Comes with seven flosser tips
- ✓ Large-capacity water tank

CONS:

- ✗ Difficult to pack for travel
- ✗ Not cordless

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The Waterpik Aquarius Water Flosser earns the top spot on our list. With 10 pressure settings, users can adjust the flow of water to match their comfort level and oral health needs. This flosser’s tank boasts the largest capacity of all the models on our list – it can hold 22 ounces of water, which is enough to allow for at least 90 seconds of flossing. This means most users won’t need to pause to refill the tank during a flossing session.

Waterpik includes seven flossing tips with each purchase: three Classic jet tips, one Orthodontic tip, one Pik Pocket tip, one Plaque Seeker tip, and one water flosser Stationary Toothbrush tip. With the 360-degree rotating handle, you’ll be able to find the ideal angle to clean your entire mouth with the tip you select.

To help users pace their flossing and ensure they cover all the areas in their mouth, the flosser offers a 30-second pacer and a one-minute timer. This is a corded model, so you won’t need to worry about recharging a battery. However, this means that it won’t be as easy to travel with as more portable options. Choose from four colors to coordinate with your [bathroom’s decor](#): white, black, modern gray, and classic blue.

Specs

List Price: \$99.99

Dimensions: 4.7 in. W x 3.8 in. D x 10.35 in. H

**Pressure
Settings:**

10

**Water Tank
Capacity:**

22 oz.

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Best Budget

AquaSonic Aqua Flosser Standard »



PROS:

- ✓ Relatively inexpensive
- ✓ Compact size
- ✓ Comes with four flosser tips

CONS:

- ✗ Limited pressure settings
- ✗ Small-capacity water tank

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With its retail price of about \$50, the Aquasonic Aqua Flosser Standard is significantly more affordable than the other models on our list. This cordless flosser features a rechargeable lithium-ion battery, so you don't need to be tied down to an outlet to use it. The battery can last up to a few weeks and takes just a few hours to fully charge. (The manufacturer recommends charging it overnight, however.) Its portable, battery-powered design makes it a suitable option for travel. A travel bag is included with each purchase to make packing easier.

Four flosser tips are included. Each has a colored base, allowing family members sharing the flosser to have their own easily identifiable tip. As a more budget-friendly pick, this flosser doesn't offer all the bells and whistles you'll find with more expensive options. It only has three pressure settings (Normal, Soft, and Pulse), and the water tank has a limited capacity of about 5 ounces of water, meaning you'll likely need to refill it at least once to complete each flossing session.

Specs

List Price:	\$49.95
Dimensions:	2.6 in. W x 3.98 in. D x 8.07 in. H
Pressure Settings:	3
Water Tank Capacity:	5.07 oz.

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Best Cordless

Waterpik Cordless Advanced 2.0 Water Flosser...

**PROS:**

- ✓ Battery lasts for up to four weeks
- ✓ Comes with travel bag
- ✓ Tip rotates 360 degrees

CONS:

- ✗ Low-capacity water tank
- ✗ Only three pressure settings

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The Waterpik Cordless Advanced 2.0 Water Flosser offers a compact and portable design, making it a suitable choice for those who travel or have limited counter space in their bathroom. It's powered by a rechargeable lithium-ion battery that can last up to four weeks of flossing. When the battery needs to charge, Waterpik's rapid magnetic charging system gets the job done in just four hours. A microfiber travel bag is included with each purchase.

This flosser offers a waterproof design, so you can even multitask and clean your teeth while showering. It offers three pressure settings and has a 7-ounce water reservoir, which allows for 45 seconds of continuous flossing. Each purchase comes with two Classic jet tips, one Orthodontic tip, and one Plaque Seeker tip to meet the varying needs of each user.

Specs

List Price:	\$99.99
Dimensions:	2.8 in. W x 4 in. D x 11.6 in. H
Pressure Settings:	3
Water Tank Capacity:	7 oz.

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Best Portable

MySmile Cordless Advanced OLED Water Floss...



PROS:	CONS:
Compact, cordless	No pause button

design

✗ Noisy

- ✔ Lasts up to 20 days on a full charge
- ✔ Includes travel pouch
- ✔ Rotating nozzle
- ✔ Comes with eight tips

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Pack the MySmile Cordless Advanced OLED Water Flosser in your [suitcase](#) or [carry-on](#) for your next adventure or work trip. This portable, cordless flosser is compact and comes with a travel pouch, making it easy to bring with you wherever you go. On a full charge, the battery lasts up to 20 days – you may not even need to charge it when you’re away! When the battery does need to be charged, simply connect the included USB-C charging cable to a computer or power bank.

The MySmile Cordless Advanced OLED Water Flosser has five cleaning modes to help users find the most comfortable setting for their teeth. The modes include Strong, Normal, Soft, Pulse, and Child. With its 11.83-ounce water tank, this model has the largest reservoir of the cordless models on our list. Each purchase comes with eight replacement jet tips, including two classic tips, one classic high-pressure tip, one classic low-pressure tip, one plaque seeker tip, one orthodontic tip, one pik pocket tip, and one tongue cleaner tip. Four different color options are available for this model: black, white, gray, and rose gold.

Specs

List Price:	\$54.99
Dimensions:	3.15 in. W (base) x 12.72 in. H (including jet tip)
Pressure Settings:	5

**Water Tank
Capacity:**

11.83 oz.

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Best Upgrade

Philips Sonicare Power Flosser 7000 »



PROS:

- ✓ 10 pressure intensities and four flosser modes
- ✓ Disperses X-shaped streams of water for better coverage
- ✓ Uses Pulse Wave technology for gentle flossing

CONS:

- ✗ Only comes with three nozzles
- ✗ Expensive

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The Philips Sonicare Power Flosser 7000 is ideal for those looking for the most premium flossing experience. With 10 different intensity levels, users can adjust the pressure to match their comfort preferences. Beyond the different intensity levels, this flosser offers four flossing modes for an even more customized experience: Clean, Deep Clean, Sensitive, and Massage.

The unique tip design of the Sonicare Power Flosser 7000 helps users deep-clean their teeth and gum lines. The flosser uses Pulse Wave technology, delivering gentle water pulses to help you target each area of your smile. Instead of the water coming straight out in a single stream, the Quad Stream tip allows four streams of water to shoot out in an X-shape. With this flow, you can remove more bacteria and food from your teeth. Each purchase includes three nozzles and a nozzle storage case.

Specs

List Price:	\$139.96
Dimensions:	5.98 in. W x 5.48 in. D x 9.92 in. H
Pressure Settings:	10
Water Tank Capacity:	18.6 oz.

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The Bottom Line

“Getting a water flosser can be incredibly helpful to those who have plaque and tartar problems because it can get to areas more comfortably than using string floss,” says Dr. Fadi Swaida, DDS, a dentist at Bond Street Dental in Toronto, Canada. However,

while many users can benefit from a water flosser, each person's needs are unique and may be better suited to different models. We chose the Waterpik Aquarius Water Flosser as our top choice because of its high-capacity water tank, multiple pressure settings, and general ease of use. As you consider your specific needs, you may decide another option on our list is a better fit for you.

Things To Consider When Buying Water Flossers

Dimensions: "Choose a water flosser that will conveniently fit your countertop, will be easily accessible, and will support the size of the water reservoir that is needed," says Dr. Barefoot. Each manufacturer should provide the dimensions for its products, which you can compare against the available space on your bathroom counter. As you assess where the flosser will fit in your space, don't forget to consider outlet placement if you're looking at a corded model.

If you prefer a portable flosser, you'll still want to look at the dimensions to ensure it'll fit inside your suitcase or carry-on bag. The dimensions of a portable water flosser can also impact how easy it'll be to hold. While wall units feature a separate, thin cleaning wand, portable models have an all-in-one design, meaning the part you hold is wider. If you have small hands, some models may be too wide to comfortably hold, so comparing dimensions will be important to keep the flosser easy to use.

Tank Size: You may not think that the tank capacity of your water flosser is important. Of the 100 consumers we surveyed, only 14% listed reservoir capacity as one of the five most important features when shopping for a water flosser. However, it's certainly a factor to keep in mind.

"The tank size of the water flosser is important because it determines how much water can be held before needing a refill," says Dr. Irina Kessler, DDS, a cosmetic dentist at New York Family Dental Arts. She explains, "When flossing for longer periods, it is best to use a larger tank where there can be fewer refills."

Some models with a larger tank (around 20 ounces) make it possible to floss for 90 seconds or longer at a time, eliminating the need to add more water within a given session. If the tank doesn't have a large capacity, you'll need to interrupt your

flossing session to refill the water. This can be tedious and adds to the total time that you'll be running the flosser.

Keep in mind that units with a larger-capacity tank are also likely to have a larger footprint, meaning they'll take up more space on a counter. A larger-capacity model on a portable water flosser will make the unit heavier, especially when the tank is full. You'll have to weigh your priorities to make the best decision for your needs and preferences.

Power Source: As you look for a new water flosser, you'll notice there are countertop plug-in models and battery-powered options. There are benefits and drawbacks to each, but, ultimately, your personal preferences and needs can guide you in choosing the best type for you.

Water flossers that plug into the wall often offer more modes and settings than handheld models. You'll also likely – but not necessarily – be able to exercise greater control over the intensity to find the ideal pressure for your teeth. While the overall units will be heavier, the wand on a countertop model is generally lighter and easier to hold and maneuver around your mouth. Countertop models also tend to have a larger water reservoir, meaning you'll be able to floss without needing to interrupt your session to refill the water.

Cordless models, on the other hand, are more portable. They could be a better fit for individuals who travel frequently and want to bring their water flosser with them more easily. Compact in size, they won't take up as much counter space, making them a better fit for small bathrooms. Dr. Barefoot also points out that "you may not have a convenient outlet to use and sometimes cord management is an issue, so a battery-powered flosser could be an attractive option." However, you need to consider battery life and how often the flosser needs to be charged. This will vary between manufacturers, so be sure to check the product specifications.

Pressure Settings: Nearly 80% of the 100 consumers we surveyed listed water pressure settings as one of their top five priorities when looking for a new water flosser. "The most important thing to consider when buying a water flosser is getting one with adjustable pressure settings," says Dr. Swaida. He explains, "Comfort is key and those with sensitive teeth will want more gentle settings." The number of pressure settings and intensity levels varies. Generally speaking, cordless models offer fewer settings than countertop options. Many of these models have between

three and five intensity levels, while countertop plug-in models can have as many as 10.

If you haven't used a water flosser before, many experts advise starting at a low-pressure setting before working up to higher pressures (if your teeth and gums will tolerate them). When the flosser you choose has multiple pressure settings, it makes it easier to find the one most comfortable for you.

Nozzle Options: Thirty-four percent of our survey respondents listed nozzle options as one of their top considerations when purchasing a water flosser. According to Dr. Swaida, "Another key element of picking out the right water flosser is getting one with a fully equipped set of nozzles." He explains, "This will allow you to change how the flosser directs water to specific areas of your mouth and that could be important when getting to back teeth versus front teeth."

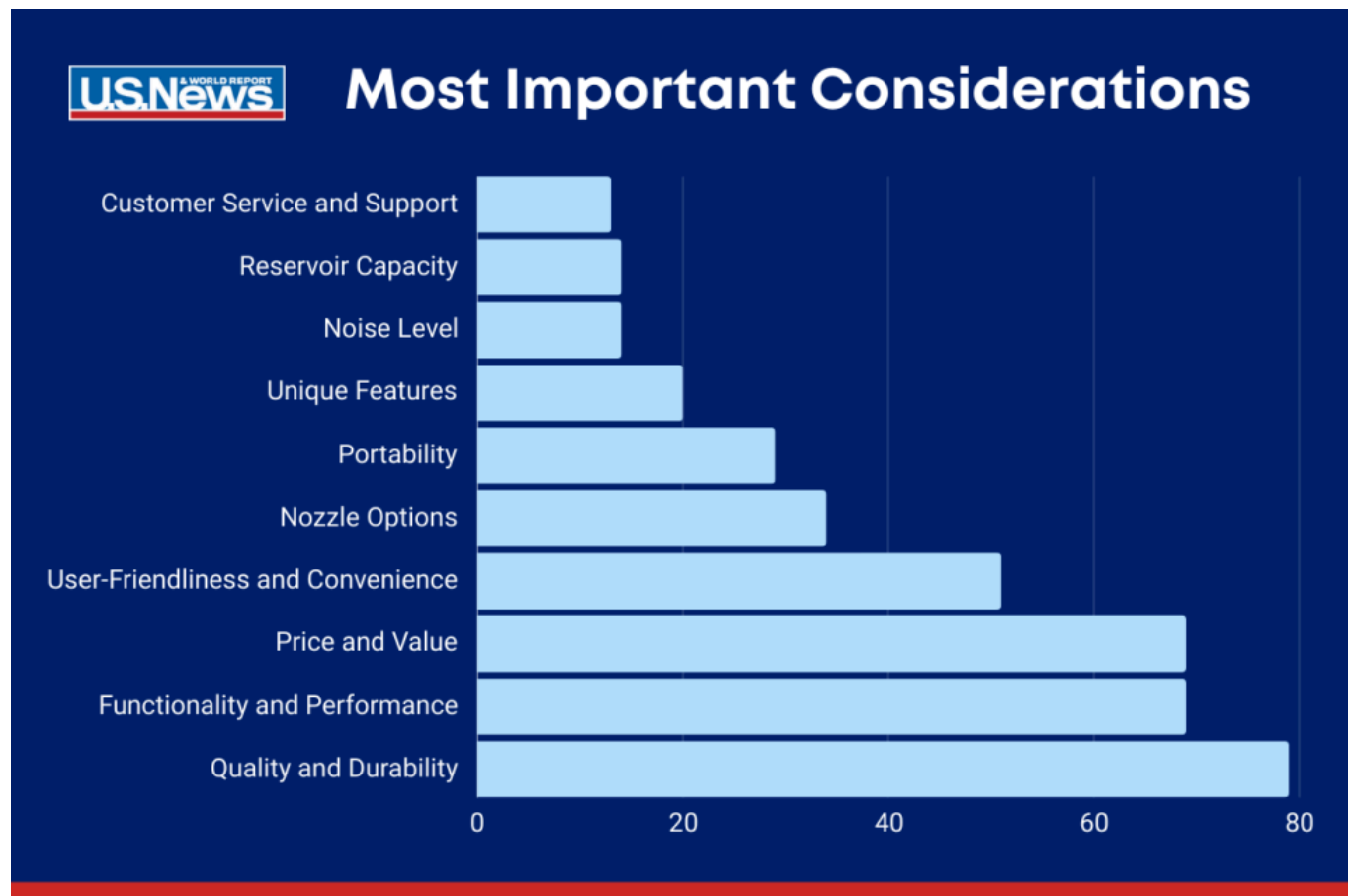
Classic jet tips are the nozzle types you're most likely to find across different models. This tip delivers a strong flow of water to your teeth and the spaces between them, working to dislodge particles and remove plaque and bacteria. While some flossers only come with classic jet nozzles, others may come with options to suit a range of users and needs. For example, orthodontic tips are designed to be used by individuals with braces. The brush tip works around the brackets of the braces to effectively clean between teeth. Some other tip types you might see include periodontal tips, plaque seeker tips, and tongue cleaner tips.

Warranty: Comparing the warranties offered by different manufacturers can be helpful when looking for the best water flosser. "A warranty provides assurance and protection against potential malfunctions or problems with the device. I would say to look for a water flosser with a warranty as that will give you peace of mind if any problems occur," explains Kessler. The warranty offered can vary between manufacturers and even their specific water flossers. Some models may only have a one-year warranty (or even shorter), while others may come with a warranty of three years or more.

Our Survey Results

We surveyed 100 people about what's most important to them when shopping for water flossers. The top five most important factors according to those surveyed are quality and durability (79% of respondents), water pressure settings (78%), price and value (69%), functionality and performance (69%), and user-friendliness and convenience (51%).

Since quality and durability were the most critical considerations for most respondents, it's important to keep the water flosser's warranty policy in mind. Coverage typically ranges from one to three years (give or take) depending on the model you select.



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How We Chose the Best Water Flossers

[Dr. Steven Barefoot](#), the clinical leader at DentaQuest; [Dr. Fadi Swaida](#), a dentist at [Bond Street Dental](#); and [Dr. Irina Kessler](#), a cosmetic dentist at [New York Family Dental Arts](#), shared their expert tips and recommendations to help us put together

this list of the best water flossers. In addition to considering their input, we conducted our own research as well as a consumer survey. Overall, we aimed to include a range of options to match the varying budgets, spaces, and preferences of our readers.

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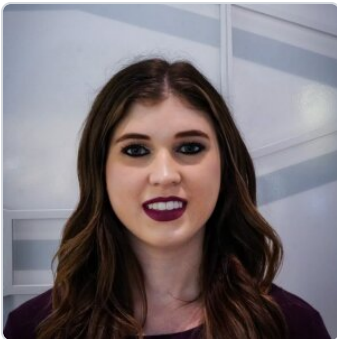
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