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Best Hair Dryers of 2024

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Do you wonder what type of magic your favorite stylists work with their hair dryers to create those sleek, chic hairdos? The good news is that it's not actual magic. Choosing the right hair dryer for your hair type – and learning how to use it properly – is all you need to recreate those salon-worthy looks at home.

Below, we've curated a list of the best hair dryers based on the recommendations of hair care professionals and everyday consumers. Our picks suit a range of budgets and hair types, so you're bound to find a hair dryer that'll work for you.

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Best Overall

Dyson Supersonic Hair Dryer »



PROS:

- ✓ Ideal for all hair types
- ✓ Quick-drying technology that prevents heat damage
- ✓ Includes five attachments

CONS:

- ✗ Expensive even when on sale
- ✗ Slight learning curve

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The Dyson Supersonic tops our list of the best hair dryers for its ability to deliver salon-grade styles for any hair type in a matter of minutes. The author of this piece, Alison Barretta, who has thick hair, had the opportunity to use this tool at a day spa and was amazed at how quickly it transformed her hair from frizzy to smooth and voluminous. She didn’t even need to use her flat iron to finish the job.

The Supersonic has a V9 motor that spins at up to 110,000 revolutions per minute (RPM) to push out 13 liters of air every second. (For reference, average hair dryers operate at around 25,000 RPM.) This motor works in tandem with Dyson’s Air Multiplier technology and intelligent temperature control to minimize heat damage and dry hair quickly and evenly. Despite its high-powered motor, this tool is compact and less than 2 pounds, making it easy to wield.

It sports three speed settings, four heat levels, and a cold shot button to lock your blowout in place. It also comes with five easy-to-swap magnetic attachments to help curl or straighten your hair while reducing frizz and flyaways. Given these multiple attachments and settings, it’s best to anticipate a slight learning curve with this device at first.

This is undoubtedly a premium purchase even when it’s on sale, but professional stylists and everyday consumers believe its versatility, consistency, and excellent build quality justify its high price tag. If you blow-dry your hair regularly, the Dyson Supersonic will yield an incredible return on investment, especially if your hair is hard to manage.

Specs:

Price:	\$429.99
Heat Settings:	4
Speed Settings:	3

Weight:

1.8 pounds

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Best Budget

Hot Tools Pro Signature Ionic Ceramic Salon H...



PROS:

- ✓ Ionic and ceramic technology
- ✓ Has a removable lint filter
- ✓ Comes with a five-year warranty

CONS:

- ✗ Can be noisy
- ✗ Some reviewers say it doesn't last as long as other hair dryers

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If you can't see yourself spending hundreds of dollars on a new hair dryer, professional stylists Jalia Pettis and Drew Noreen tell us they recommend Hot Tools for silky smooth strands on a budget. The Hot Tools Pro Signature Ionic Ceramic Salon Hair Dryer costs just \$50, with occasional sales dropping the price even lower.

It uses ionic technology to reduce frizz plus infrared heat (via ceramic grills) to seal cuticles. You'll find three heat settings, two speeds, and a cold shot button along with concentrator and diffuser attachments to help you achieve the look you want. Weighing less than 1 pound, it won't tax your wrists and shoulders. The removable lint filter makes for easy cleaning, which will prevent the motor from burning out too soon.

Of course, you'll be making some concessions at this price. Some reviewers claim this dryer is noisy, while others say it's not built to last. On the plus side, Hot Tools offers customers a five-year limited warranty, which is longer than any other model on this list.

Specs:

Price:	\$49.99
Heat Settings:	3
Speed Settings:	2
Weight:	0.86 pounds

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Best for Curly Hair

Laifen Swift Special High-Speed Hair Dryer »

**PROS:**

- ✓ Comes with three attachments, including a diffuser for curly hair
- ✓ Automatic temperature cycling
- ✓ Easy to wield at less than 1 pound

CONS:

- ✗ No wide-toothed comb attachment
- ✗ No dedicated cool shot button

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If you struggle with taming formidable curls, you may want to check out the Laifen Swift Special High-Speed Hair Dryer. It's similar to the Dyson Supersonic in design and features but weighs slightly less (less than 1 pound) and sells at a less prohibitive price – although it's still expensive.

It comes with three magnetic attachments: a diffuser nozzle for curls plus a pair of concentrator nozzles for achieving straighter looks. Just like the Dyson Supersonic, the Swift's brushless motor runs at up to 110,000 RPM for fast, even drying. There are two speeds and three temperature settings. Though it lacks a dedicated cold shot button, you can set the device to

automatically cycle between hot and cool air to limit heat damage. All in all, reviewers of various curl types sing the praises of the Laifen Swift for effortlessly giving their locks the body and shine they need at a fraction of the cost of the premium Dyson.

Specs:

Price:	\$239.99
Heat Settings:	3
Speed Settings:	2
Weight:	0.9 pounds

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Best for Fine Hair

T3 AireLuxe Professional Hair Dryer »

**PROS:**

- ✓ Five heat settings
- ✓ Volume Boost feature
- ✓ Includes two attachments and two brushes

CONS:

- ✗ Diffuser and smoothing comb sold separately
- ✗ Control placement may be awkward

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The versatile T3 AireLuxe suits all hair types, but it'll especially benefit anyone with fine strands. It offers five heat settings and three speeds, plus a cool shot button and a Volume Boost Switch to give limp locks a lift. Other key features include an extra-wide airstream to reduce drying time and an ion generator to smooth your hair's cuticles.

Its price tag of \$199.99 may seem lofty, but you're getting a full-fledged styling kit in return. Along with the blow-dryer, your purchase includes a pair of concentrator nozzles, a paddle brush, and a round brush. A diffuser and a smoothing comb are also available as add-ons, but they'll cost you extra.

With a sleek design and lightweight build, the T3 AireLuxe is an appealing option for those who want to give fine hair a noticeable lift. While the control placement on the back of the handle may take some getting used to, its overall ease of use and range of styling options make it an excellent choice for anyone who wants to achieve a professional salon blowout at home.

Specs:

Price:	\$199.99
Heat Settings:	5
Speed Settings:	3
Weight:	1.1 pounds

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Best for Travel

Conair MiniPro Hair Dryer »

**PROS:**

- ✓ Powerful yet lightweight
- ✓ Folds in half for storage
- ✓ Double voltage dial

CONS:

- ✗ Cord is tricky to stow
- ✗ Only two heat/speed settings

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When traveling, there's no guarantee that the place where you're lodging has a blow-dryer. To prevent that problem, consider the Conair MiniPro. This compact device folds for easy storage in a carry-on or weekender. It's also dual voltage so you can bring it with you on overseas trips.

At 1,200 watts, the Conair MiniPro is powerful for its size. There are only two heat settings and two speeds, and there's no cold shot button to lock in your hairstyle. It does come with a concentrator attachment but not a diffuser for curly hair. (You may be able to add a universal travel diffuser.)

Weighing roughly 11 ounces, this hair dryer won't be a burden to tote. It costs \$28.99, making it a budget-friendly option.

Specs:

Price:	\$28.99
Heat Settings:	2
Speed Settings:	2
Weight:	0.69 pounds

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Best Brush

Revlon One-Step Volumizer Plus »



PROS:

✓ Four heat settings,

CONS:

✗ Doesn't have any

including a “cool” option

attachments

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✓ Travel-friendly design

✗ Noisy

✓ Affordable

The Revlon One-Step Volumizer Plus is – at the time of our research – Amazon’s bestselling hot-air brush and a viral TikTok sensation. It improves upon its equally popular predecessor, the original Revlon One-Step Volumizer, by adding an extra heat setting (bringing the total to four) and sporting a smaller 2.4-inch ceramic titanium barrel to accommodate shorter hairstyles.

If you want to bring this hair dryer brush along with you on your travels, you can detach the head for easy storage in your luggage. Unfortunately, this device doesn’t have any attachments, which would allow for more flexibility in styling. Additionally, some reviewers claim that it’s noisy.

Despite those flaws, the Revlon One-Step Volumizer Plus is a terrific value for the money for anyone who wants a quick and simple way to reduce frizz. It retails for \$60 but can often be found on sale for much less at major retailers. Our editor, [Marlo Jappen](#), owns the Revlon One-Step Volumizer Plus. She likes using it because it dries her hair quickly and is easy to use. Jappen, who recommends using this product on its “low” heat setting, says this tool can help you achieve a salon-quality blowout without needing to use both a hair dryer and a round brush simultaneously.

Specs:

Price:	\$69.99
Heat Settings:	4
Speed Settings:	1
Weight:	1.63 pounds

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Best High-End:

GAMA iQ2 Perfetto »



PROS:

- ✓ Three speeds plus Turbo mode
- ✓ Suitable for any hair type
- ✓ Has nifty smart features

CONS:

- ✗ Expensive
- ✗ Noisy

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The GAMA iQ2 Perfetto comes highly recommended by master stylist Yvey Valcin, who likes that it's easy to adapt to suit any hair texture. It has three speeds and three temperature settings along with a cool shot button to seal

styles into place. You'll also get two concentrator nozzles (narrow and wide), a diffuser, and a star-shaped nozzle to use with fine hair.

The Turbo function bumps the speed to 120,000 RPM for 30 seconds, but the GAMA iQ2 Perfetto already dries hair quickly by multiplying airflow without using too much power. Placing the hair dryer on the included smart pad puts it on standby without losing your settings, which is convenient in case you need to take a break while styling. Notably, this device's self-cleaning function and washable mesh filter make maintenance a breeze.

The GAMA iQ2 Perfetto boasts a stunning design and is remarkably lightweight at around 10 ounces, but some reviewers claim that it's noisy. However, that's a rather small issue for most when it comes to this versatile and high-performing device.

Specs:

Price:	\$449.95
Heat Settings:	3
Speed Settings:	3
Weight:	0.65 pounds

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The Bottom Line

If you blow-dry your hair several times a week, you'll want to invest in a tool that's powerful yet not too harsh with heat. The Dyson Supersonic Hair Dryer is the best choice for most people, as its smart temperature functions and varied selection of attachments make it suitable for all hair types. But if that's out of your price range,

the Laifen Swift Special High-Speed Hair Dryer is a comparable device that you can pick up for a fraction of the cost. For casual blow-dryer use, the Hot Tools Pro Signature Ionic Ceramic Salon Hair Dryer is a great value buy at \$50.

Things To Consider When Buying Hair Dryers

Power: The higher the wattage, the more powerful the hair dryer. The average wattage for consumer-grade models is 1,875 watts, which is within a suitable range for all hair types (1,500 to 2,000 watts). The thicker and curlier your hair, the higher the wattage you'll be able to withstand.

However, keep in mind that some higher-end models have lower wattages than the average yet yield fast drying times as a result of specialized technology to help them run more efficiently.

Heat and Speed Settings: "When picking a hair dryer, prioritize an adjustable heat setting [as] this will allow you to cater to different hair types," says Becca Raziuddin, director of artist education at [Blo Blow Dry Bar](#). Also, look for multiple speed settings for more control over your style. Some hair dryers offer a "Turbo" setting that blows a quick burst of air.

Weight: Master stylist Yvey Valcin of [Yvey Salon](#) recommends opting for a lightweight device because "heavy hair dryers can be hard on the shoulders over time." This is a sentiment shared by many professional stylists.

Features and Attachments: Hair tools featuring ionic and/or ceramic technology will help your hair dry faster and more evenly. "Ionic dryers reduce frizz and add shine, while ceramic dryers distribute heat evenly to prevent damage," says Raziuddin of Blo Blow Dry Bar. "Choosing a dryer that has both will give you an overall better outcome when styling your hair."

Other features to look for include a cool shot button to seal the cuticle and a removable filter to remove lint buildup, which can cause the motor to burn out too quickly. You can also shop for smart features like automatic temperature control and a self-cleaning filter, although those will come at a premium price.

As for attachments, most hair dryers include a concentrator nozzle for targeted airflow to produce straight, smooth hair. Meanwhile, a diffuser is a must for styling wavy or curly hair minus the frizz. The more varied its attachments, the more styling needs a hair dryer can address.

How We Chose the Best Hair Dryers

To curate our list of the best hair dryers, we vetted more than two dozen models before narrowing it down to the final 15. From there, we evaluated each hair dryer based on features, value, customer feedback, and expert recommendations. In addition to an overall winner, we chose six runners up that excel in specific areas.

Our number one pick is the Dyson Supersonic Hair Dryer, a splurge purchase that shoppers and professionals alike believe is worth the investment for its consistent results across all hair types. However, as our list shows, you don't have to spend hundreds on a top-of-the-line blow-dryer, especially if you won't use it often.

WHY SHOULD YOU TRUST US?

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For this piece, she consulted the following experts:

- Becca Raziuddin, director of artist education at [Blo Blow Dry Bar](#)
- Yvey Valcin, master stylist at [Yvey Salon](#)
- Whitney White, co-founder of [Melanin Haircare](#)
- Drew Noreen, celebrity hairstylist and makeup artist
- [Jalia Pettis](#), dual-licensed session stylist and educator

Best Hair Dryer FAQ

What is ionic technology?



What is a cool shot button?



How do I use a hair dryer diffuser?



How can I protect my hair from heat damage when blow-drying it?



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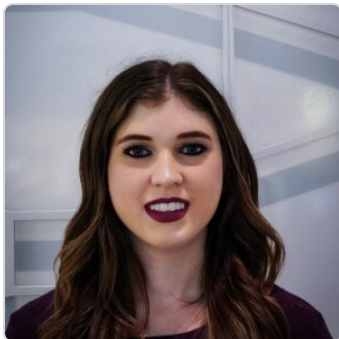
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