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Best Air Fryers of 2022

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If you enjoy fried foods, but want to cut back on consuming fatty oils, it may be worth investing in an air fryer. Instead of frying foods the traditional way, these countertop appliances circulate hot air to turn ingredients crisp, eliminating the need for much – if any – oil. They also cook meals quicker than conventional ovens, a plus for those short on time.

If you're considering buying an air fryer, there's a variety of models to choose from depending on your budget, which features or cooking functions you prefer, and how many people you plan to feed. To help narrow your decision, learn more in our Best Air Fryers of 2022 rating below.

Our Best Air Fryers Rating

[#1 Cosori Smart Wi-Fi Air Fryer](#)

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Cosori Smart Wi-Fi Air Fryer

Best Smart Air Fryer

4.3 ★★★★★ ☆ U.S. News Rating

Price

\$129.99

Optional Protection

30-Day Money-Back Guarantee

Wattage

1700 Watts

Recipe Book Included



Warranty

1 Year

Weight

11.9lb

Unique Features

Smart Phone Controller App, Detachable Air Fryer Basket

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Instant Vortex Plus

4.3 ★★★★★ U.S. News Rating

Price	Warranty
\$129.95	1 Year
Optional Protection	Weight
N/A	14.97lb
Wattage	Unique Features
1700 Watts	N/A
Recipe Book Included	
✓	

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Ninja AF101 Air Fryer

4.2 ★★★★★ U.S. News Rating

Price	Warranty
\$129.99	1 Year
Optional Protection	Weight
N/A	10.58lb
Wattage	Unique Features
1550 Watts	N/A
Recipe Book Included	
✓	

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Ninja Foodi 6-in-1 8-Qt. 2-Basket Air Fryer

Best Large-Capacity Air Fryer

4.0 ★★★★★ U.S. News Rating

Price

\$199.99

Optional Protection

60-Day Money-Back Guarantee

Wattage

1690 Watts

Recipe Book Included



Warranty

1 Year

Weight

17.86lb

Unique Features

Two 4-Qt. Baskets

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Breville Smart Oven Air Fryer Pro

4.0 ★★★★★ U.S. News Rating

Price

\$399.95

Optional Protection

3 and 4 Year Warranty Plan

Wattage

1800 Watts

Recipe Book Included



Warranty

2 Year

Weight

38.9lb

Unique Features

N/A

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★★★★☆
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PRICE (MSRP)
\$129.99

DIMENSIONS (LXWXH) INCHES
11.7" x 14.2" x 12.6"

FOOD CAPACITY
5.8 Quarts

DISHWASHER SAFE
✓

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Instant Pot

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4.3

★★★★☆
U.S. News Rating

PRICE (MSRP)
\$129.95

DIMENSIONS (LXWXH) INCHES
14.92" x 12.36" x 12.83"

FOOD CAPACITY
6 Quarts

DISHWASHER SAFE
✓

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4.2

★★★★☆
U.S. News Rating

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PRICE (MSRP)
~~\$129.99~~ **\$89.99**

DIMENSIONS (LXWXH) INCHES
13.6" x 11" x 13.3"

FOOD CAPACITY
4 Quarts

DISHWASHER SAFE
✓

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Cosori Smart Wi-Fi Air Fryer »

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Best Smart Air Fryer

4.3 ★★★★★
U.S. News Rating

PRICE (MSRP)

\$129.99

DIMENSIONS (LXWXH) INCHES

11.7" x 14.2" x 12.6"

FOOD CAPACITY

5.8 Quarts

DISHWASHER SAFE



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Cosori Smart Wi-Fi Air Fryer: Our No. 1 Best Air Fryer of 2022 is the Cosori Smart Wi-Fi Air Fryer, which ties with the Instant Vortex Plus. As its name suggests, the Smart Wi-Fi Air Fryer is equipped with wireless capabilities, allowing you to control, monitor, and schedule meals from an app on your phone or tablet. Plus, it's compatible with voice-command devices like Alexa and Google Assistant.

The unit is packed with 11 presets and both of its non-stick, dishwasher-safe air fryer baskets are easy to clean. This air fryer may be a good choice for families as Cosori says its 5.8-quart capacity can accommodate a rotisserie chicken or a meal for up to five people.

Read more in our [Cosori Smart Wi-Fi Air Fryer review](#).

Instant Vortex Plus »

Instant Pot

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4.3 ★★★★★
U.S. News Rating

PRICE (MSRP)

\$129.95

DIMENSIONS (LXWXH) INCHES

14.92" x 12.36" x 12.83"

FOOD CAPACITY

6 Quarts

DISHWASHER SAFE



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Instant Vortex Plus: The Instant Vortex Plus ties with the Cosori Smart Wi-Fi Air Fryer for first place in Our Best Air Fryers rating and, with a cost of \$129.95, is similarly priced. Its manufacturer, Instant, which is known for its line of multi-cookers, also makes the Instant Pot.

Two other units from Instant also earn a spot in our Best Air Fryers list: the Instant Pro Crisp 11-in-1 Electric Pressure Cooker with Air Fryer Combo (No. 6) and the Instant Vortex 4-in-1 Air Fry (No. 11), though this particular model outranks them both. A family-sized kitchen appliance, the 6-quart Instant Vortex Plus can also roast, bake, reheat, grill, and dehydrate.

Read more in our [Instant Vortex Plus air fryer review](#).

Ninja AF101 Air Fryer »



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4.2 ★★★★★
U.S. News Rating

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PRICE (MSRP)
~~\$129.99~~ **\$89.99**

DIMENSIONS (LXWXH) INCHES
13.6" x 11" x 13.3"

FOOD CAPACITY
4 Quarts

DISHWASHER SAFE
✓

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Ninja AF101 Air Fryer: The Ninja AF101 Air Fryer comes in third in our rating and is priced at \$129.99. Three other Ninja models also make our Best Air Fryers of 2022 list, including the Ninja Foodi 6-in-1 8-Qt. 2-Basket Air Fryer (No. 4), the Ninja Air Fryer Max XL (No. 6), and the Ninja SP101 Foodi 8-in-1 Digital Air Fry Oven (No. 13).

The Ninja AF101 weighs about 10.5 pounds, making it one of the lightest air fryers in our rating. It features a ceramic-coated, 4-quart frying basket, which is smaller than other units in our list. This accessory is nonstick and dishwasher-safe, just like the Ninja's crisper plate and multi-layer rack.

Read more in our [Ninja AF 101 Air Fryer review](#).

Ninja Foodi 6-in-1 8-Qt. 2-Basket Air Fryer »



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Best Large-Capacity Air Fryer

4.0 ★★★★★
U.S. News Rating

PRICE (MSRP)

\$199.99

DIMENSIONS (LXWXH) INCHES

15.63" x 13.86" x 12.4"

FOOD CAPACITY

8 Quarts

DISHWASHER SAFE



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Ninja Foodi 6-in-1 8-Qt. 2-Basket Air Fryer: The Ninja Foodi 6-in-1 8-Qt. 2-Basket Air Fryer has a two-basket design, allowing you to cook two different foods at the same time. Ideal for feeding families, both baskets can collectively hold 8 quarts of food, the highest capacity of any air fryer in our rankings, including the three other Ninja models we evaluated. These dual baskets and their crisper trays are nonstick and dishwasher-safe, so they're easy to clean.

Professional reviewers, however, mention how the Ninja takes up a lot of counter space. Though its price tag of \$199.99 may seem steep compared to other units in our rankings, keep in mind that it essentially functions as a two-in-one air fryer.

Read more in our [Ninja Foodi 6-in-1 8-Qt. 2-Basket Air Fryer review](#).

Breville Smart Oven Air Fryer Pro »

Breville

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4.0 ★★★★★
U.S. News Rating

PRICE (MSRP)

\$399.95

DIMENSIONS (LXWXH) INCHES

17.5" x 21.5" x 12.7"

FOOD CAPACITY

3 Quarts

DISHWASHER SAFE

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Breville Smart Oven Air Fryer Pro: The Breville Smart Oven Air Fryer Pro ties for the fourth spot with the Ninja Foodi 6-in-1 8-Qt. 2-Basket Air Fryer. It retails for \$399.95, making it the most expensive model in our evaluation.

Given its cost, the Breville includes features not typically found in a standard air fryer. With 13 cooking functions, you can use the Breville to accomplish a variety of tasks, including air frying chicken wings, baking cookies, roasting a 14-pound turkey, just to name a few. However, it's also worth noting that its accessories aren't dishwasher-safe.

Read more in our [Breville Smart Oven Air Fryer Pro review](#).

Instant Pot Pro Crisp & Air Fryer 8-Qt. Multi-Use Pressure Cooker and Air Fryer »

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Best Multicooker Air Fryer

3.9 
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PRICE (MSRP)
~~\$249.99~~ **\$179.99**

DIMENSIONS (LXWXH) INCHES
15.35" x 12.57" x 14.78"

FOOD CAPACITY
8 Quarts

DISHWASHER SAFE


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Instant Pot Pro Crisp & Air Fryer 8-Quart Multi-Use Pressure Cooker and Air Fryer: With the Instant Pot Pro Crisp, you get both a multicooker and air fryer in one appliance. This model comes with two separate lids, one for standard multicooker tasks (pressure cook, slow cook, sauté, sous vide, and steam), and the other for capabilities typical of an air fryer: bake, broil, grill, roast, dehydrate, and, of course, air fry.

Since it doubles as both an Instant Pot and an air fryer, it's larger in dimension than most standard air fryers in our rating, but it takes up less space than two stand-alone units. It boasts an 8-quart capacity, which is great for feeding a family or crowd.

The Pot Pro Crisp costs \$249.99 and includes easy-grip silicone handles and dishwasher-safe accessories. Though it doesn't have preset cooking functions, it does

have an LED display screen with a cooking progress bar, in addition to a dial for controlling time and temperature.

Read more in our [Instant Pot Pro Crisp & Air Fryer 8-Quart Multi-Use Pressure Cooker and Air Fryer review](#).

Ninja Air Fryer Max XL »



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3.9 ★★★★★
U.S. News Rating

PRICE (MSRP)
\$169.99

DIMENSIONS (LXWXH) INCHES
14" x 11" x 14.75"

FOOD CAPACITY
5.5 Quarts

DISHWASHER SAFE
✓

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Ninja Air Fryer Max XL: Tying for the No. 6 spot in our Best Air Fryers of 2022 list, the Ninja Air Fryer Max XL falls behind two other Ninja units, the Ninja AF101 Air Fryer and Ninja Foodi 6-in-1 8-Qt. 2-Basket Air Fryer.

With a price tag of \$169.99, the Max XL costs \$40 more than the AF101. However, it's designed with seven cooking functions, while the AF101 only has four. Both can air fry, roast, reheat, and dehydrate, but the Max XL can also "max crisp," air broil, and bake. The

max crisp feature heats the Max XL to 450 degrees Fahrenheit to cook ingredients faster with crispier results.

Plus, the Max XL has a greater capacity than the 4-quart AF101. It features a 5.5-quart basket, which can hold up to 3 pounds of French fries. To make for an easy cleanup, both its ceramic-coated basket and crisper plate are nonstick and dishwasher safe.

Read more in our [Ninja Air Fryer Max XL review](#).

Cosori Air Fryer Oven Combo 5.8-Qt. Max XL »

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3.8 ★★★★★
U.S. News Rating

PRICE (MSRP)

\$119.99

DIMENSIONS (LXWXH) INCHES

11.7" x 14.2" x 12.6"

FOOD CAPACITY

5.8 Quarts

DISHWASHER SAFE



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Cosori Pro Air Fryer 5.8-Qt.: Like the Cosori Smart Wi-Fi Air Fryer, which tops our list, the Cosori Pro Air Fryer, is lightweight and equipped with 13 cooking functions, 11 presets, and a detachable, dishwasher-safe basket that holds 5.8 quarts. Professional reviewers like how both air fryers have a “shake reminder” feature that alerts users to turn their food when it’s halfway cooked so it browns evenly.

While it doesn't have smart capabilities, this model retails for \$119.99, a price that's \$10 cheaper than the Smart Wi-Fi Air Fryer and is one of the most affordable in our rankings. It's available in black, white, and red. The Smart Wi-Fi Air Fryer, on the other hand, only comes in black.

Read more in our [Cosori Pro Air Fryer 5.8-Qt. review](#).

Cuisinart TOA-60 AirFryer Toaster Oven »

Cuisinart

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Best Air Fryer Toaster Oven

3.8 ★★★★★
U.S. News Rating

PRICE (MSRP)

\$229.95

DIMENSIONS (LXWXH) INCHES

21.9" x 17.6" x 16.4"

FOOD CAPACITY

2 Quarts

DISHWASHER SAFE

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Cuisinart TOA-60 Air Fryer Toaster Oven: Compared to the other models in our Best Air Fryers of 2022 list, the Cuisinart TOA-60 Air Fryer Toaster Oven, which costs \$229.95, is on the pricey side. But, since it's a toaster oven and an air fryer in one unit, it performs numerous functions aside from air frying, including baking, broiling, and toasting.

Additionally, it comes with a three-year warranty, the most generous offering in our ratings.

The Cuisinart TOA-60 has a 2-quart basket, which is the lowest capacity of the units in our evaluation, so it's likely not the best choice for families. It's also worth mentioning that its accessories, including its drip tray, must be hand-washed. As a plus, however, experts say that it operates quietly.

Read more in our [Cuisinart TOA-60 Air Fryer Toaster Oven review](#).

Cuisinart Digital Toaster Oven Air Fryer »

Cuisinart

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3.7



U.S. News Rating

PRICE (MSRP)

\$299.95

DIMENSIONS (LXWXH) INCHES

17.00" x 21.73" x 15.75"

FOOD CAPACITY

2 Quarts

DISHWASHER SAFE



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Cuisinart Digital Toaster Oven Air Fryer: Similar to the Cuisinart TOA-60 Air Fryer Toaster Oven, the Cuisinart Digital Toaster Oven Air Fryer, which takes the No. 10 spot in our Best Air Fryers of 2022 list, comes with a generous three-year warranty. Additionally, both

Cuisinart models operate quietly and have a 2-quart capacity. They function as an all-in-one unit, saving you the cost and space of using separate appliances.

The Cuisinart Digital Toaster Oven Air Fryer costs \$70 more than the TOA-60, with a price tag of \$299.95, making it one of the most expensive units in our rankings. But, unlike the former model, it features a dishwasher-safe baking pan and air fryer basket, which makes for easy cleanup.

Read more in our [Cuisinart Digital Toaster Oven Air Fryer review](#).

Types of Air Fryers

Basket-Style Air Fryer

Ideal for cooking bite-sized foods, like french fries, basket-style air fryers are the most common type of air fryer. They use perforated baskets so hot air can flow around the food on all sides, ensuring that it's cooked evenly.

Since they're smaller in size than the other styles, it takes less time for them to get food crispy, a plus for those with a busy lifestyle. While basket-style air fryers don't require as much counter space as the others, they usually come with fewer functions.

Oven-Style Air Fryer

A great match for cooking meats and vegetables, oven-style air fryers are bigger than basket-style air fryers and use multiple shelves for air frying. Unlike with baskets, you cannot shake your meal to distribute the heat evenly. Instead, you'll need to keep a close eye on it, rotating the food when needed.

Toaster Oven-Style Air Fryer

While they're typically bulkier and more expensive than standalone air fryers, toaster oven-style air fryers offer a variety of functions beyond just air frying: roasting, baking, and broiling. Great for hosting parties or feeding families, they can handle large portions of food. Given their size, however, they usually don't cook as quickly as standard air fryers.

How To Use an Air Fryer

Air fryers use a heating element and a fan situated at the top of the unit to distribute hot air around the cooking chamber (either a basket or a grated rack depending on the style.)

Though air fryers crisp ingredients much like a deep fryer, they only require a fraction of

the cooking oil (1 to 2 teaspoons). In fact, some foods with a naturally high fat content, like chicken or salmon, can be prepared oil-free.

Air fryers, however, cannot cook anything dipped in liquid batter, so it's best to stick with dry ingredients like breadcrumbs or seasoning instead. For optimal crispness, it's recommended to shake or rotate your food once it's halfway through with cooking.

How To Choose the Best Air Fryer

If you're in the market for an air fryer, there's a wide variety of options available. Before landing on a decision, it's important to consider factors like your budget, the amount of people you intend to serve, and the functions you want the appliance to perform. Some models may fit your needs better than others.

Price:

Air fryers vary in cost from \$50 to \$500. Smaller models with fewer features tend to sell for less than larger, multi-functional units.

Capacity:

The air fryers in our rating range in capacity from two to eight quarts. While a 2-quart unit may be sufficient for someone who lives alone, it won't cut it for feeding a large family. As a rule of thumb, it's recommended to add a quart of capacity for every person you feed on a regular basis. So, a six-person household may want to opt for a 6-quart model.

Function:

Standalone air fryers are ideal for those who don't need the bells and whistles of a multifunctional machine, as they're cheaper and take up less counter space.

On the other hand, multifunctional models may be a better match for those shopping for an air fryer, in addition to another appliance like a pressure cooker or a toaster oven. If that's the case, buying a combination appliance will save you the space of housing two separate appliances, and it may be more cost effective in the long run.

How Much Does an Air Fryer Cost?

The air fryers in our ratings range in price from \$49.95 to \$399.95, with the Dash Compact Air Fryer being the cheapest and the Breville Smart Oven Air Fryer Pro being the most expensive.

Some units double as another appliance, such as a pressure cooker or a toaster oven.

While these styles come with steeper price tags than standard air fryers, you're gaining the perks of two separate appliances in one model.

It's also worth mentioning that digital air fryers tend to cost more than mechanical ones. Likewise, models made from stainless steel usually cost more than ones with a plastic construction.

Should I Buy an Air Fryer?

Buying an air fryer may be worth the splurge if you frequently make fried foods but would like to prepare them with considerably less oil and, in turn, fewer calories. Also, nutrient-packed foods like fruits, vegetables, and lean proteins are just as healthy when cooked in the air fryer as they are when they're baked in the oven.

An air fryer may be worthwhile for people short on time because it cooks food faster than a conventional oven, preparing meals in five to 25 minutes. Plus, it's also great for reheating leftovers, like fries and pizza, which tend to get soggy in the microwave. While air fryers may be a handy tool for saving time and reducing added oils in your food, these perks may not warrant its price and counter space if you don't make fried foods regularly.

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Why You Can Trust Us: 41 Air Fryers Researched

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The following describes our 360 approach to researching and analyzing air fryers to guide prospective consumers.

1. We researched the companies and products people care most about.

U.S. News analyzed and compared a variety of publicly available data, including internet search data, to determine which air fryer companies Americans are most interested in. We found 15 companies that stand out in terms of volume of searches and research among consumers, as well as across the different rating sources.

We then compared the available air fryers provided by our top air fryer companies across several criteria, including base price, warranty, optional protection, presets/functions, dimensions, weight, capacity, wattage, temperature range, unique features, recipe book inclusion, the parts included with the purchase, and whether or not parts are dishwasher safe. Research shows that these are the most important criteria for people shopping for an air fryer.

2. We created objective 360 Overall Ratings based on an analysis of third-party reviews.

U.S. News' 360 Reviews team applied an unbiased methodology that includes opinions from professional reviews as well as consumer reviews.

Our scoring methodology is based on a composite analysis of the ratings and reviews published by credible third-party professional and consumer review sources. The ratings are not based on personal opinions or experiences of U.S. News. To calculate the ratings:

(a) We compiled two types of third-party ratings and reviews:

- *Professional Ratings and Reviews.* Many independent air fryer evaluating sources have published their assessments of air fryer companies and their products online. We consider several of these third-party reviews to be reputable and well-researched. However, professional reviewers often make recommendations that contradict one another. Rather than relying on a single source, U.S. News believes consumers benefit most when these opinions and recommendations are considered and analyzed collectively with an objective, consensus-based methodology.
- *Consumer Ratings and Reviews.* U.S. News also reviewed published consumer ratings and reviews of air fryer providers. Sources with a sufficient number of quality consumer ratings and reviews were included in our scoring model.

Please note that not all professional and consumer rating sources met our criteria for objectivity. Therefore, some sources were excluded from our model.

(b) We standardized the inputs to create a common scale.

The third-party review source data were collected in a variety of forms, including ratings, recommendations, and accolades. Before including each third-party data point into our scoring equation, we had to standardize it so that it could be compared accurately with data points from other review sources. We used the scoring methodology described below to convert these systems to a comparable scale.

The 360 scoring process first converted each third-party rating into a common 0 to 5 scale. To balance the distribution of scores within each source's scale, we used a standard deviation (or Z-Score) calculation to determine how each company's score compared to the source's mean score. We then used the Z-Score to create a standardized U.S. News score using the method outlined below:

- Calculating the Z-Score: The Z-Score represents a data point's relation to the mean measurement of the data set. The Z-Score is negative when the data point is below the mean and positive when it's above the mean; a Z-Score of 0 means it's equal to the mean. To determine the Z-Score for each third-party rating of a company, we calculated the mean of the ratings across all companies evaluated by that third-party source. We then subtracted the mean from the company's rating and divided it by the standard deviation to produce the Z-Score.
- Calculating the T-Score: We used a T-Score calculation to convert the Z-Score to a 0-100 scale by multiplying the Z-Score by 10. To ensure that the mean was equal across all data points, we added our desired scoring mean (between 0 and 10) to the T-Score to create an adjusted T-Score.
- Calculating the common-scale rating: We divided the adjusted T-Score, which is on a 100-point scale, by 20 to convert the third-party rating to a common 0-5 point system.

(c) We calculated the 360 Overall Score based on a weighted-average model.

We assigned "source weights" to each source used in the consensus scoring model based on our assessment of how much the source is trusted and recognized by

consumers and how much its published review process indicates that it is both comprehensive and editorially independent. The source weights are assigned on a 1-5 scale. Any source with an assigned weight less than two was excluded from the consensus scoring model.

Finally, we combined the converted third-party data points using a weighted average formula based on source weight. This formula calculated the consensus score for each product, which we call the 360 Overall Rating.

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