

THE ADULT WAREHOUSE VIBE GUIDE

So you are thinking of getting yourself a vibrator, but you just don't know which one. Don't worry, you are not alone. Many people find themselves overwhelmed at the range of styles, materials and sizes that are available. Fear not for we have put together this guide to help you choose the best toy to suit your needs.

Ever since the first vibrators appeared in the 1860's (they were steam powered medical devices designed to induce an orgasm to cure women of a huge range of ailments) ladies have sought the means for extra stimulation. These days there is something to suit every desire, and with increased choice comes confusion.

The first decision you need to make is size. Vibrators range from tiny bullets smaller than your thumb to enormous great things bigger than your arm. The important thing is to make sure you get a size you are comfortable with so check the dimensions carefully. This is especially significant if you are buying online, as some websites only have a photo and don't give sizing, so when in doubt ask.

The next decision is to determine what you want to use the toy for. It's pointless buying a tiny thumb sized tickler if you want something you can insert; likewise a massive great thing isn't going to be much good for clitoral stimulation so give some careful thought what you want from your new buzzy pal.

You also need to consider how much you wish to spend. This is particularly important if you are a first timer, as it's not much good forking out hundreds of dollars on something that you discard after 2 or 3 uses because you just don't like it. The \$200 toy is not guaranteed to be 10 times as good as the \$20 one; however the more expensive items tend to be better made and have more features and functions.

There are many other considerations such as the material the toy is made of, the vibration mode (variable v's functions v's constant vibration), power source and so on. Hopefully the following sections can answer a few of these and make choosing the right toy a little easier and enjoyable. The most important thing when trying to find the best vibrator is to ask the questions. The staff in Adult shops have pretty much heard every question imaginable so if you need to know something just ask us. We are there to ensure you get a toy that is ideal for your needs so the more information you give the easier it is to match you to the perfect vibe.

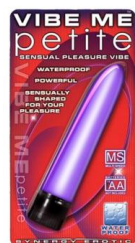
VIBRATOR STYLES

Pearl Vibes



Often called "Rabbit Vibes" these toys became famous after the now legendary "Sex and the City" episode where Charlotte disappeared into her bedroom for an entire episode with only the iVibe Rabbit for company. The rotating shaft and beads increase sensation against the internal walls of the vagina, whilst the vibrating rabbit ears stimulate the clitoris. A two for one if you will. This combined stimulating ability resulted in the iVibe becoming one of the best selling sex toys in the world; however there is a massive range of these pearl type toys now available with a huge range of bead sizes, tickler styles and shaft sizes. The combination of clitoral and vaginal stimulation can result in some pretty amazing orgasms, and as very few women (about 28% according to a recent survey) are able to achieve orgasm through penetration alone the combined stimulation can have some remarkable results. There are also now versions which have a rotating or moving shaft without the beads or pearls. Pearl Vibes tend to range in price from as low as \$50.00 or well over \$200.00.

Traditional Vibes



As the name implies traditional vibrators are the oldest style of vibes with an enormous range of styles, sizes and materials to choose from. They are often marketed as a massager. They range from unfeatured slick plastic to ultra realistic silicone and every imaginable thing in between. The only thing they all have in common is that they vibrate. The intensity of this vibration varies greatly with the materials they are made of, how many batteries they use and the quality of the motor. In general these toys are cheap, easy to use and are often the best option for the first timer as they can be used to stimulate both internally and externally.

G-Spot Vibes



Like the traditional vibes, g-spot vibes come in all sizes and styles, but the one distinguishing feature is the curved tip making it much easier to stimulate the magic g-spot. These toys are also excellent for external stimulation as the bend makes it very easy for the vibrating tip to come into contact with the clitoris and vaginal lips and are usually extremely powerful and quite slender with most of the vibration occurring at the tip. G-spot stimulation does require a little practise, but those who can locate this mysterious part of the female anatomy report that the orgasms achieved are spectacular, so it's definitely worth investigating if you want to add another dimension to your bedroom play.

Bullet & Egg Vibes



Bullet and Egg vibes are, as the name suggests, shaped like a bullet or an egg. Usually quite small (1-3 inches) and quite slim they are mostly used for external stimulation, but can be used internally or on any sensitive spot. Don't be fooled by the size though, as these little beauties are some of the most powerful vibrating toys on the market and the results can be quite toe curling. Most come with an external battery pack controller, although there are cordless varieties, so control can be in your hands, or your partners. Some have soft silicone or jelly sleeves which make them a little easier to hang onto. The egg vibes offer a larger surface area as they are bigger, but both deliver some pretty astounding vibrations or functions. Cheap and powerful they are also great for using during intercourse.

Rechargeable Vibes



The future of vibrators? Not quite yet but there are more and more rechargeable vibes appearing on the market. Generally quite expensive but extremely well made toys like the We-Vibe and the Lelo and Vida range of vibes are the high end of the vibrator market. All tend to be made of high quality materials and with proper care should last a very long time. The only real downside to owning a rechargeable toy is that should you forget to plug it in, you will have to wait while it charges, however this is a small price to pay for great quality and never having to fork out for high priced batteries.

Discrete Vibes



These are designed to either not look like a vibrator, or are vibrating massagers. Terrific for external stimulation of any erogenous zone they tend not to be great toys for internal stimulation. They are often quite powerful and quiet and are great not only for bedroom fun but also for relieving aches and pains. Great for anyone who is worried about a housemate, parent or child finding their special little friend. Easy to explain but terrific in the bedroom most of them are waterproof these days so they are ready to go when you are.

WHAT YOUR VIBE IS MADE OF — MATERIALS.

Right. So you've decided on the style you like; now you have to consider what it is made of. The composition of your new vibe will affect how it feels against your skin, how it transmits vibration & how easy it is to maintain. They can be made of just about anything, but most are composed of one of the following materials.

Silicone

Silicone is just about the ideal material for a vibrator to be made of. Soft and smooth silicone quickly warms to your body temperature making using silicone toys cosy and realistic. Silicone is also very easy to maintain, and is almost indestructible. Non vibrating silicone toys can be boiled, bleached and beaten without ill effect, although it's not advisable to do this to vibrating versions. In addition to being durable, silicone is almost hypo-allergenic and it's very rare for allergic reactions to occur. The only real drawback to this amazing material is the price, as silicone toys are hand cast so they tend to be more expensive than their jelly or rubber cousins, but if you are looking for a high quality, long lasting toy then silicone is the material for you.

Jelly

Jelly is a cheaper version of silicone. It is a thick, translucent rubber like material that is extremely flexible, comes in a wide range of colours and whilst not as silky or smooth as silicone with generous dollops of lubrication they become extremely slick. You can't use any of the harsher cleaning like you can with silicone, but hygiene is important as they tend to be more porous than silicone. The main advantage of jelly is that they are considerably less expensive than silicone, and if you look carefully you can find some really nice jelly vibes. When considering a jelly toy always make sure the toy is Phthalate free. Phthalates (pronounced "tha-lates") are chemical plasticizers that are sometimes added to PVCs to increase flexibility and durability. They are not nice, and are suspected of having carcinogenic effects on skin and mucous membranes. The use of phthalates has pretty much disappeared from vibe manufacture but it's always a good idea to make sure.

Rubber

There are not as many latex rubber toys made these days, mainly due to cost but also it's not as easy to work with as jelly. Rubber vibes tend to be quite tough and considerably harder than jelly or silicone and latex rubber is porous so cleanliness is very important. Also some people can have allergic reactions to latex so it's best to know if that is the case before investing in a latex rubber vibe.

Plastic

Plastic vibes are hard, inflexible and generally have a smooth finish (although they can have texturing, ridges or bends). The real advantage of plastic is because the vibe body is hard it transmits the vibration really well, and with lubrication they are extremely slick. Very easy to clean and pretty much hypoallergenic they tend to be very easy to maintain and never contain any phthalates to soften them up. Plastic vibes also tend to be reasonably cheap as well, and if you wish to soften them up there are quite a range of sleeves you can fit over them to give a softer, more realistic feel.

Metal

There isn't a huge range of metal vibrators about, but like plastic the solid nature of these toys mean they transmit vibration extremely well. Metal cools and warms very quickly and has a serious weight about it, and like plastic they aren't porous so are very easy to clean and maintain.

Cyberskin & other real feel materials.

Realistic feel materials come in a variety of trade names. Cyberskin, Futrotic, RealSkin, Magic Flesh, Superskin & Loveclone to name a few. They are what's known as thermal plastics and are designed to be the closest you will get to a real skin to skin sensation. While they feel great they do take a bit more maintenance than the other vibes. Read the care instructions carefully so you can keep your toy in tip top condition. They are similar to silicone and the price tends to reflect this, but if you are looking for a vibe that feels and looks like real flesh then these are the go.

BATTERIES

Generally speaking your new buzzy best pal is only as good as the batteries you put in it. Alkaline batteries are the best of the disposable types of batteries. When it comes to brand don't believe the advertising on television claiming one brand lasts better than another, because most independent tests show there is pretty much no difference between the brands so buy whatever is on special at the time. Rechargeable batteries also work really well, are a more environmentally friendly way to power up your new bedroom buddy and if you have 2 sets you can be using one and charging up the other. They do require the initial investment of batteries and charger, but when you consider that a 4 pack of disposable alkaline batteries will set you back about \$10 and some rechargeables can be charged several hundred times they can save you quite a bit of money in the long run.

Probably the most important advice in regard to batteries is if you are not using your vibe **take the batteries out**. A lot of vibrators have little cartridges the batteries sit in for easy removal. If you do take the batteries out when not in use they will last a lot longer, and the risk of them leaking and ruining your toy is eliminated.

LUBRICANTS

Regardless of your vibrators style, material or shape they will always work & feel better with the application of a little lubricant. If you have never used lube you are in for a huge surprise when you do. In general only ever use water based lubrication with your vibrator, as silicone or oil based lubricants will damage the surface of your toy (and oil based lubes are a bugger to clean). Lubricants are cheap and the results are worth every single cent.

THE LAST WORD

The absolute most important thing about getting a vibrator, be it your 1st or 101st, is that they are all about having fun. There are so many ways to enjoy them, and really you are only limited by your imagination. Don't forget to ask the questions, because we are more than happy to show you as many as you like so you get the vibrator that is just perfect for you. So get amongst it ladies and gentlemen and have a blast.

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