

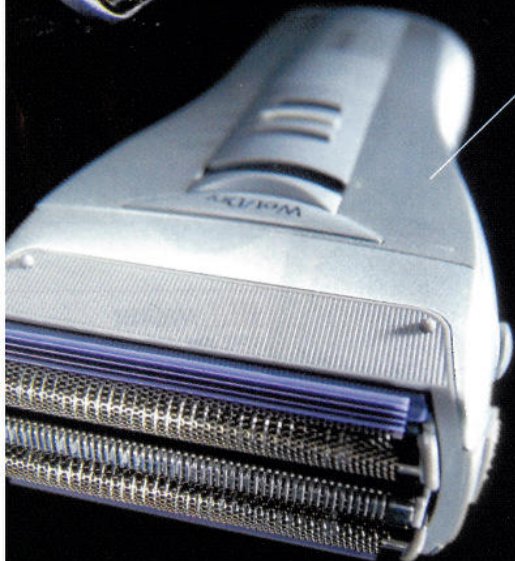
★★★★★ Excellent
 ★★★★★ Hot
 ★★★ Cool
 ★★ OK
 ★ Crap



Remington Intercept RS 6963, \$209.95
 PROVIDES a pretty good shave with little burn, and is especially good on longer hairs. The permanently angled head helps you out under the jaw, but a pivoting head would do a better all-round job. It's tap-washable, so no undue messing with tiny brushes. The charge indicator lights up like a Christmas tree and the pop-up trimmer, um, trims. ★★



Braun 7570 Syncro, \$369
 BRAUN'S latest shot at the world shaver title, this comes with more kit than Batman. It looks surprisingly dull and workmanlike, but has a charge indicator you could play games on, and stubble vanishes like magic. The self-cleaning system looks like a sex aid and makes a noise like a bastard shark being slowly ground up. Give it 15 minutes, however, and the Syncro comes out factory fresh. ★★★★★



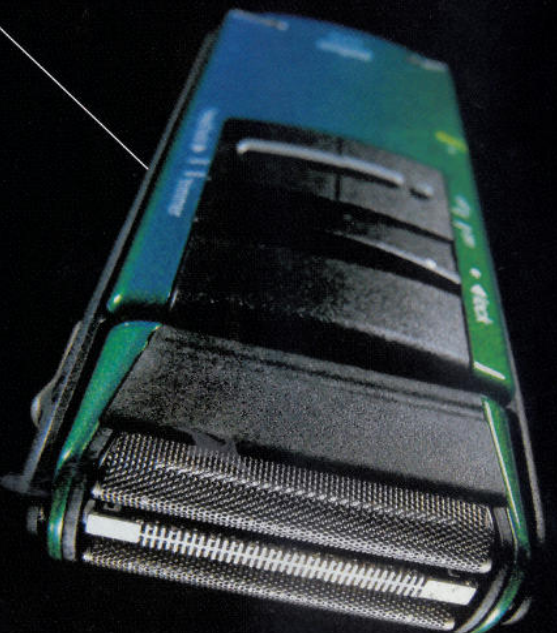
Panasonic ES766S, \$243
 ANOTHER wet/dry shaver, this has an ergonomic design that fits snugly into the hand, and it looks the business. It doesn't have the turbo power of its older brother, though, and a dry shave is a bit of an effort. Slightly longer bristles take more goes than a drunk dwarf getting on a horse, despite a centre slit blade just for the purpose. ★★★



Panasonic ES8068N, \$350
 PANASONIC likes giving you the wet/dry choice, so fence-sitters pay attention. The box shows it being plunged into a sink full of water, so we took it a stage further by leaving it in the bath for an hour then turning it on. It still worked, so we covered it in shave gel as well. A combination gel/electric shave produced a quick, smooth, burn-free result. Still has you tied to the bathroom and pissing around with water, though, which kinda ruins the on-the-go idea of these things. ★★★★★



Braun Flex Integral Vision 5414, \$169.95
 THE shaving equivalent of a mum who does your washing, this is never going to set the world – or your face, thankfully – on fire. It's not sexy, and it makes a bit of noise while its doing its job, but it'll eventually get you looking good enough to leave the house. And the pop-up hair-trimmer will make short work of that nasty 'tache. You know who you are. ★★



Remington Microflex R835, \$122.95
 NO WANDERING around the house with this one. The lack of charge facility means you're tied to a wall for a few vital, frustrating minutes – and there's no top-up shave in the car on the way to a date, either. Without all the pretty lights, it's just solid and functional and provides an OK shaving experience. Its big claim is "self-sharpening blades", but that's the only excitement. ★★★