

# Best Food Processors In India



## Pick the right food processor

So, are all Food Processors the same? No. We tested 14 models of 11 popular brands and found differences in performance, convenience and, of course, price. Time and again our test findings have busted the myth that more the price, better the product.

Our test results for Food Processors once again shows that the most expensive brand **Black & Decker** is not the best performer. **Morphy Richards** at less than half the price has performed much better. The major edge **Black & Decker** has over other brands is that it has given instructions on disposal/recycling.



**Best Buy:** We recommend **Morphy Richards** as the Best Buy as it topped in both performance and convenience. Though **Black & Decker** was the top scorer overall, its price was very high and it scored less than **Morphy Richards** in performance.

The 14 models were tested for performance, convenience, construction, safety and environmental criteria. (Results for the top 3 models are given in the table)

**Performance:** We used the food processor models to do certain tasks and found out how well and how quickly they were done. The tasks were: (i) citrus juice making (ii) slicing – carrots and cucumbers (iii) grating – cheese and carrots (iv) mixing – dosa dough (v) chopping – coriander (vi) grinding – dry coconut and (vii) blending – masala lassi and banana lassi.

Overall, **Black & Decker**, **Morphy Richards**, **Glen (GL-4051)** and the two **Reconnect** models were found to be good performers. Among the poor performers was **Inalsa Maxie DX** as slicing of carrots was found to be very uneven even after 69 seconds. **Rico (FP-102)** performed poorly in the test for grating of cheese as the cheese particles were much thicker compared to other models. **Singer** and **Rico (FP-102)** took one minute to chop coriander but it was still badly chopped with mashing of leaves.

**Convenience:** The 14 models were assessed for convenience which included ease of use, storage and cleaning. **Black & Decker**, **Glen (GL-4051)**, **Morphy Richards**, **Reconnect** (both models) and **Rico (KP-603)** were found to be convenient to use. Among the brands that did not too well in this parameter was **Inalsa Wonder Maxie Plus** in which the on/off switch was very inconvenient to operate.

While speed selection was tough in **Prestige** and **Sunflame**, fixing and removal of grinding bowls was difficult in **Singer**. Accessories and attachments of **Sunflame**, **Inalsa Wonder Maxie Plus** and **Singer** were not easy to clean.

**Construction:** Among the factors assessed in this parameter were quality and positioning of controls, blades and fitting of lids and accessories. Construction quality of **Black & Decker**, **Morphy Richards**, **Glen** (both models), **Reconnect** (both models) and **Rico (KP-603)** was found to be good.

**Safety:** Since safety is of paramount importance, we were relieved to note that all the models conformed to the six safety tests we conducted.

**Environmental criteria:** The three criteria considered were energy consumption, sound power level and disposal/recycling instructions. The **Morphy Richards** model consumed more energy and did not give any disposal/recycling instructions. Hence it scored much lower than **Black & Decker** in environmental criteria.

**Grahak Sathi's conclusion:** It is worth purchasing a food processor for your home especially when you are preparing food in bulk for guests or during a festival. Though *Grahak Sathi* has recommended a best buy, while selecting your model, also consider the attachments you need and how frequently you will be using the appliance.



Food Processors: Test Results						
Brands	Overall Score <sup>1</sup> (%)	Price <sup>2</sup> (Rs.)	-----SCORES-----			
			Construction quality	Performance	Convenience	Environmental criteria
<i>Black &amp; Decker (FX-1000)</i>	88.2	16395	98	77	92	95
<i>Morphy Richards (Select 500)</i>	85.5	6995	96	81	92	60
<i>Reconnect (RHFPB 1001)</i>	83.7	7990	94	78	88	66
<b>Weightage (%)</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>
<sup>1</sup> Overall score calculated after giving weightages to four parameters as per table. Since all brands conformed to the safety requirements this parameter has not been considered for rating						
<sup>2</sup> Sample price is the MRP marked on the packaging						

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