

# Durham County Library

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### Search Options:

#### Basic:

- If you want to look at the most recent issue, click on the top year under All Issues on the right side of the screen. Click on the most recent date to see all the articles contained in that issue. If you click where it says PDF Full Text you can read the article. If you click on the title, you will only see the abstract.
- If you want to search through all of Consumer Reports for ratings of a particular item, click on Keyword in the upper-left of the screen.
- Make sure that it says Consumer Reports in the Publication box. Type in your keywords and click Search.
- If you click on the title of an article that looks like it might be what you want, you will see an abstract of the article and its subject headings. You can either click on a subject heading, or do a keyword search using the same wording as several of the subject headings to get better results.
- For example, let's say that we're searching for ratings for dishwashers. If we type "dishwashers" in the search box, we will get some articles back. If we click on the title of one of the articles that looks right, we'll see the subject heading "dishwashing machines evaluation." If we redo the search with these words we will get back more relevant results.

#### Advanced:

- Use advanced search if you want to search by more than option at a time. For example, you want to search by the author and the exact title of an article at the same time.


### Special Features:


#### Keeping a List of Articles

- If you see an article you like, click on Add to Folder from the list of articles, or if you are reading the article, click on the folder icon in the middle right of the screen.
- Once you are ready, click on the folder icon in the upper-right side of the screen to see your list. You can print, email or save all or some of your articles at the same time.

### RSS Feeds

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- You can subscribe to any search that you do in an Ebsco database as an RSS Feed. If you have signed up with an aggregator and want to receive all the new articles in Consumer Reports as they are published, do a Basic Search, leaving the keywords blank with Consumer

Reports typed in the Publication box. You will get a long list of articles. Click on the orange  at the top of the screen. You will get a link to copy and paste in your aggregator to see the articles.

- If you have signed up with an aggregator and want to receive all the new articles in Consumer Reports that review a certain item, do a search for that item with Consumer Reports typed in the Publication box. Click on the orange  at the top of the screen. You will get a link to copy and paste in your aggregator to see the articles.

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