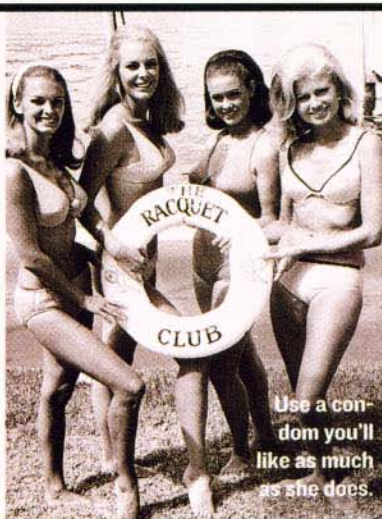


SEX & HEALTH

BETTER LATEX THAN EVER

We try out four condoms (it's our job!)

CONDOMS ARE LIKE CARS. An average one takes you where you need to go, but the high-performance models promise extra kicks for driver and passenger. To find out if they deliver, we asked a half dozen couples to have sex, including married sex therapists Bill Seifer, D.O., and Judy Seifer, Ph.D. Here's what they said:



CONDOM	GIMMICK	HE SAYS	SHE SAYS	WORTH IT?
InSpiral , \$12 for 10	Head shaped like a soft-serve ice-cream cone. Designed to create folds in the latex that increase friction in sensitive areas.	"The baggy head worked. My penis slid against the inside of the condom, and it felt a lot like I wasn't wearing a condom at all."	"I lubricated a lot more than I usually do. It must have pushed the right buttons."	Yes
Trojan Supra , \$7 for 6	The first polyurethane condom to be mass-marketed in the United States, this "plastic" rubber is thinner and transmits heat better than latex. It's also safe for people sensitive to latex.	"I had a lot more sensation around the tip of my penis than I do with a latex condom."	"It felt smoother and more slippery during intercourse than other condoms."	Your call. They feel darn good, but according to one study, polyurethane is seven times more likely to break than latex.
Pleasure Plus , \$16 for 12	Shaped like a 747, the lopsided, baggy-head design (the manufacturer calls it the "dynamic action pouch") is supposed to roll and fold, creating additional friction on the sensitive underside of the penis head.	"Felt exactly the same as other condoms I've used. Okay, but nothing special."	"It seemed like there was more of a barrier between my partner and me than there should have been."	No
Love Lockers , \$14 for 12 (available August 2000)	Swirls and billows of latex (the head is a lumpy geometric shape called a sinusoidal wave) are designed to roll and fold better than other shapes.	"Can men get friction burns from condoms?"	"It didn't live up to its name."	No

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