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## HAND-HELD MIXERS

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Do new, more powerful models make these the equal of stand mixers?

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RESULTS KEY   Good: ★★★   Fair: ★★   Poor: ★   N/A: —

PRODUCT TESTED

RANGE OF SPEEDS	DESIGN	LIGHT WHIPPING	HEAVY MIXING	MASHED POTATOES	PRICE*
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HIGHLY RECOMMENDED



**Cuisinart Power Advantage 7-Speed Hand Mixer**

Powerful enough to whip and beat almost as quickly as a stand mixer, its extra-low speed also let us incorporate light ingredients without making a mess. The motor was quiet, and the simple digital controls, separate beater-release lever, and contoured handle made the mixer a pleasure to use. A swiveling cord helps left-handed users.

★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★	\$49.95
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HIGHLY RECOMMENDED



**KitchenAid Professional 9-Speed Hand Mixer**

This model has the low speeds needed for mess-free mixing. Its lightweight body,

★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★	\$79.99
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quiet motor, digital speed controls, and separate button for beater release contributed to its high score. But it cost \$30 more than the Cuisinart, dropping it to second place.

RECOMMENDED WITH RESERVATIONS



**Black & Decker Power Pro 250-Watt Hand Mixer**

★ ★ ★★★ ★ ★ \$20.95

This turbo-charged mixer whipped and creamed at breakneck speed. But its lowest speed was way too fast—spraying flour, cream, and batter everywhere. Its motor was deafening, and its useless spatula attachment trapped batter before popping off.

RECOMMENDED WITH RESERVATIONS



**Sunbeam Heritage Hand Mixer**

★ ★ ★★★ ★ ★ \$39.99

Although it whipped and mixed quickly, there was little difference between low and high speeds. Even set to "low," it sprayed batter and flour. Large, circular vents provided retro style—but had nooks that trapped food.

RECOMMENDED WITH RESERVATIONS



**Oster 6-Speed 250-Watt Hand Mixer**

★ ★ ★★★ ★ ★ \$34.15

We liked the retractable cord, but even on "low," this souped-up mixer left more food outside than in the bowl. Its weight made our arms ache, and it should come with earplugs.

NOT RECOMMENDED



**Hamilton Beach 6-Speed Hand Mixer**

★ ★ ★★★ ★ ★ \$29.99

Adequate for whipping, creaming, and mixing, but its fast "low" speed splattered ingredients. The cheap speed dial didn't match actual speeds. And a burning smell during the mashed potatoes test made us wonder how long this mixer would last.

NOT RECOMMENDED



**Proctor Silex Plus Hand Mixer**

★ ★ ★★★ ★ ★ \$15.99

This lightweight, inexpensive mixer with a handy snap-on storage case did a decent job of whipping, beating, and creaming. But it struggled with thick cookie dough. The strong burning smell as we mashed potatoes indicated a weak motor.

\*Prices subject to change.



