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1. I want to buy a freezer. Does Consumer Reports test freezers on sale in Canada? If so, which ones are rated as Best Buys in the Self-defrost uprights category?
[Yes, they do. The only one rated as a Best Buy in the Self-defrost uprights category is the Whirlpool EV161NZR. 868](#)
2. When Consumer Reports test Gas Grills what do they look for (in other words what's behind how they come up with gas grill ratings)?
[When testing gas grills, the Consumer Reports testers look for: Evenness; Grilling; Convenience; and, Quality of components.](#)
3. I'm thinking about buying a point and shoot digital camera. I have narrowed my choices to a Panasonic Lumix DMC-FP1, a Nikon Coolpix S3000 or a Canon PowerShot A490. Did Consumer Reports rate any of these cameras as Recommended or Best Buys? If so, which one(s)?
[The Panasonic Lumix DMC-FP1 is rated as Recommended and the Canon PowerShot A490 is a Best Buy.](#)
4. Does Consumers Union, the group that publishes Consumer Reports, accept advertising or free samples (you might find this in the section about the Consumers Union mission)?
["To maintain its independence and impartiality, CU \[Consumers Union\] accepts no outside advertising and no free samples and employs several hundred mystery shoppers and technical experts to buy and test the products it evaluates."](#)
5. In the buying advice video for GPS equipment, what does Jeff Bartlett (Deputy Editor, Autos) recommend as the first feature to look for when buying a GPS device? Also, please list the steps you followed to find this video.
["First, you want one with a wide screen; for a broader view of maps that's much easier to read, a wide screen is a must."](#)
[There are several ways to find this video. Here are three possible paths.](#)
 - a. [Click on the GPS Heading under the Cars tab and then click on the Buying Guide button](#)
 - b. [Click on the GPS Heading under the Electronics tab and then click on the Buying Guide button](#)
 - c. [Type "GPS" into the search box, click on the search button and when the results page loads, click on the Buying Guide link on the new page.](#)