



WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

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When considering the purchase of an AED, there are a number of questions you should ask to ensure you end up with a device that **will work** and one that gives the patient the **best possible chance of survival**. Don't get caught out with a cheap AED that won't work when you need it most!

Here is a list of things to consider when researching AEDs:



Where is it manufactured?

Cheaper AEDs manufactured in China are not built to the same quality standards as other AEDs. They lack the advanced features of other devices and have higher failure rates than reputable brands.



Does it require expensive ongoing servicing?

Any AED that requires ongoing yearly servicing or checkups should ring alarm bells. This is a significant ongoing cost and if the AED must be checked every year, it must not be a high quality AED.



Does it provide real time feedback to your CPR?

CPR is the most important part of any sudden cardiac arrest rescue. You need an AED that gives real time verbal & visual feedback to your CPR - Not just a pre-programmed metronome from the factory.



Is it FDA Approved?

FDA Approval is the world's leading AED approval system - it ensures the AED will perform to the highest medical standards and ensure the best chance of survival. If a device you are considering is not FDA approved - stay away



What are the ongoing costs?

Pads & batteries need to be replaced and for some AEDs the batteries alone can be \$500+ every few years. Often times the cheaper Chinese made AEDs can be harder to source replacements for long term.

