Online Shopping Services

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Overview

- Price Comparison Services
- eBay
- Product Review sites
- Special Bonus!
- Summary



Price Comparison Services

- RoboShopper: Searches other sites
 - PriceGrabber
 - MySimon
 - Froogle
 - Yahoo! Shopping
 - NexTag
- BizRate
- MSN Shopping



Don't Forget eBay!

- Frequently, the best deals are on eBay
 - Not captured by shopping engines
 - Always check seller's rating
 - Look carefully for additional charges such as shipping and handling, insurance, etc.



Product Review Sites

- User and Expert Reviews
 - Epinions.com
 - Ratings.net
 - Vendor sites (Amazon, Buy.com, etc.)
- Subscription Services
 - Consumer Reports
 - Consumers' Checkbook



Special Bonus Sites!

- Rebate Specials
 - FreeAfterRebate
- Single Item, One Day Only Deals
 - WOOT



Summary

- Research before you buy
 - Don't rely on a single web site
- Take vendor ratings into account
 - Return policy
 - Responsiveness
 - Online or local store support
- Include shipping and handling costs in price comparison