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Metal Detector Comparison Worksheet

Compare price, weight, waterproofing, coils, warranty and suitability before choosing your next detector.

What's inside

- ✓ Clear, practical steps you can use straight away
- ✍ Written for real UK detecting, not theory
- 📄 Plain-English guidance, checked against official sources
- ☆ Free to print, keep and share



Written by
detectorists



Checked against
UK guidance



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Fill in up to three machines and compare them against your own needs, not the marketing.

FEATURE	DETECTOR A	DETECTOR B	DETECTOR C
Model			
Price, seller and date			
Configured weight (with stock coil and battery)			
Balance and feel			
Waterproof component and rating or depth			
Stock coil			
Alternative coils and ecosystem			
Frequency or technology			
Audio and hearing needs			
Target ID scale (note: scales differ by model)			
Battery type and runtime			
Warranty, repairs and service centre			
Firmware and spare parts			
Resale value			
Learning curve			
My score / 10			

Some specs are not directly comparable. A waterproof coil does not make the control unit waterproof, and target-ID numbers differ between detectors. Record the detail, not just a number.

Set your own priorities first, then let the scores reflect them.

🎯 Your needs

Budget		Main locations	
Physical weight limit		Waterproof needed?	
Beginner or experienced?		Existing accessories	

✓ THREE MUST-HAVE FEATURES

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📋 THREE FEATURES THAT DO NOT MATTER TO ME

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🎯 MY WEIGHTING: WHICH OF MY NEEDS MATTERS MOST, AND WHY

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☆ **Weight matters more than beginners expect**

You will hold this for hours. A lighter machine you enjoy swinging can beat a feature-packed one that tires you out. Try before you buy where you can.

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