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Spray guns



Consumer editor **Julia Heaton** finds out which of six spray gun heads for hoses will give your watering regime real versatility this summer

OVER THE years I've become a bit of a dab hand at watering my garden, using a hosepipe with my thumb over the end to regulate the water flow when there isn't a spray gun to hand. I know lots of people who think of them as a luxury gimmick. But, after testing six different ones this week I've had to admit that they definitely have a place. Plus, if you've got as

much watering as me to contend with, anything that makes life easier in this department is most welcome.

I've got new bedding plants in the front border, veg in raised beds and seedlings planted out in newly cultivated areas. And there's one spray gun which has just become my new best friend, so read on to find out why.

BUILD ★★★★★

A quality build this one with the body made up of silver alloys, brass couplings, rubber handle, plastic trigger and spray head.

FEATURES ★★★★★

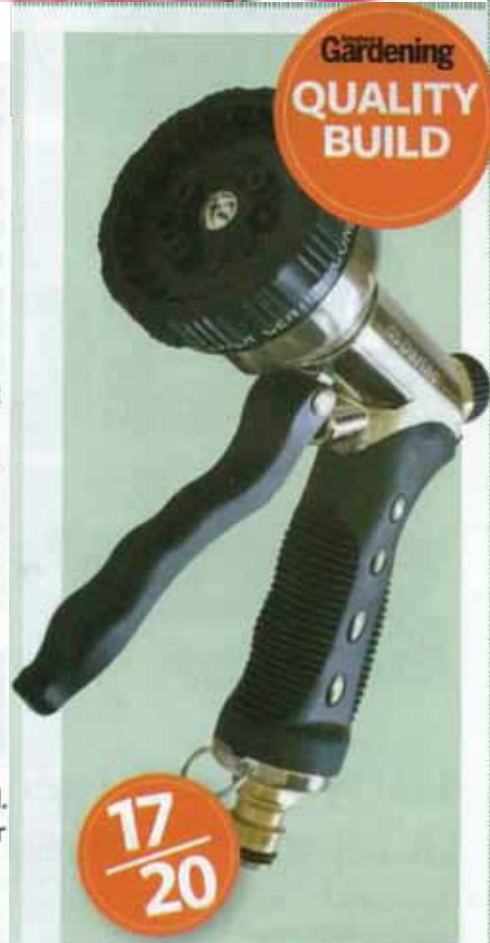
Nine different spray patterns with velocity controlled via a rear dial. The trigger can be kept in an 'on' position by a simple metal clip at the base of the gun. It's the most professional looking one of all those I tested.

PERFORMANCE ★★★★★

All nine spray patterns are clearly marked in English so there can be no confusion as to what each does. I liked the way each position selection ended with a reassuring click of the dial. But I found the flow control, rear dial a bit fiddly.

VALUE ★★★

Good value for its build quality and nine patterns. The mist function is great fun if you just want to spray yourself after gardening in the summer heat.



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