

VIRUS KILLER

O2Cure Plug & Play

This might just kill those bacteria and viruses, but with this design and price, we would gladly swap it for mask and sanitiser

₹41,999, o2cure.in

Ever since Covid-19 made its appearance, we have been hearing and seeing devices that claim to deactivate the SARS-CoV-2 virus. We have seen devices that use UVC germicidal lamps for surface disinfection. While we are not sure about the effectiveness of these technologies, some of these have been approved by competent authorities.

O2Cure Plug & Play is a lightweight device that claims to purify air and specifically deactivate the SARS-CoV-2 and similar viruses. The device uses, as claimed by the manufacturer, Photo-Hydro Ionisation or PHI-Cell technology, a new technology patented by RGF Environmental Group, USA, to neutralise VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds), harmful gases, odour, bacteria and viruses. However, verifying the efficacy of device is beyond our expertise. The only verifiable part remains the removable and washable electrostatic filter, which remained clear even after continuous use, compared to the pre-filter in my air purifier. The internal fan did not appear powerful enough to draw air from the far corners of the room, and the company says that it is optional to switch it on.

The testimonials on the O2Cure website remained unconvincing and the website does not provide information about after-sales support or availability of consumables. The company claims 30000 hours of life span for the PHI-Cell.



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VERDICT

WE'RE IMPRESSED Compact size, Plug and play operation

WE'D IMPROVE 'Industrial' boxy design, Expensive, Unverifiable claims

THE LAST WORD The O2Cure Plug&Play could be an effective aid against the Covid-19 virus and may be suited for institutions where there is chance of contaminants in the air. But certainly not a gadget for homes where pollutants are generally dust mites, micro particles and formaldehyde.

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MASSAGING YOUR SORE MUSCLES

Hypervolt Go

Portable massager to aid sore muscle recovery

₹18,999, hyperice.in

Hyperice has launched Go version in its Hypervolt series. Go signifies portability and it's targeted at those who need to travel for their sports events, especially activities that involve high impact (like running marathons) and immediate need for muscle recovery.



Hypervolt is a percussion-based lightweight, pressure-packed massager that can hammer your muscles some 3200 times per minute and help you lose those knots and aid muscle recovery. With three speeds and Hyperice's QuiteGlide technology, it does not get too loud (actually it's surprisingly quiet), and is quite effortless to administer on self.

This sports recovery device can also be used by seniors and regular folk who have aching muscle pains. It is not some magic cure providing overnight relief, but does help alleviate pain from sore muscles.

Although this device comes TSA approved, we are not quite sure if the CISF security staff at Indian Airports will accept TSA documentation, to allow you to carry it in your cabin baggage as it's shaped like a gun. Given that it is completely battery operated, with 2.5hrs of use on full charge it won't be allowed in your check-in baggage either.

The product is priced competitively, even though it is at 25 to 35 percent premium over similar sports massagers, and it matches the UK price for the product.

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VERDICT

WE'RE IMPRESSED Portability, lightweight and easy to use, battery life

WE'D IMPROVE Change the shape (avoid gun shape)

THE LAST WORD Easy-to-use compact massager

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