

All About Reachers

Today we are going to enter the wide world of Reachers. Reachers you ask? I know you have seen the basic Reacher that hospitals dispense after some surgeries, but that is only the tip of the iceberg! Let's look at some of the styles and how they differ.



Reachers with strong holding grip come in a variety of lengths.



The Raptor Reacher! Reasonable cost and has good length, does require good hand strength.



Reachers in short length and in pretty colors! They should still be able to pick up things behind that couch!



This Reacher folds! Yup, it is long and handy and can be folded in half to be easy to store or carry with you in a walker bag.



This Reacher has even more choices: the jaws rotate, has angled handle, power grip and hooks. But the best part might be the arm support when hand strength is compromised. Two other versions come with rotating jaws and hooks, no hooks and no arm support

I was very lucky and came across a comparison page of reachers on this website:

www.seniorsmatter.com

On their main page, upper right corner, there is a search box. Type in “reachers” and hit enter. One of the choices is:

“Review: The Best Grabber/Reacher for 2021”

They have seven choices that have pictures, full name, good description, pros, cons, key features and specifications. The article is worth reading so you know how to compare the reachers that you are interested in.



Here is their favorite:

RMS 19 inch
Grabber/Reacher with
Rotating Gripper

It is shorter so that may not appeal to you, but the features and the sturdiness of the product is very good.

And here is another choice:



This is TeleStik which is magnetic or a sticky reacher, package contains both. AND, they are both telescoping. They start out at 8 inches and telescope out to 34 inches. There is a unit with two telescoping wands; one sticky and the other has the hook and magnet. This is great choice for someone with a walker who needs independent access to items that drop. The sticky pad will release from paper – but you need to be careful. You can handwash the sticky pad and it will renew but eventually you need to replace the pad.



And here is one more choice from Harbor Freight:

36 inch Pickup and Reach
Tool - \$3

Good for the shop and good for people who need a really cheap reacher!

Till next week... a new Topic!

Be well.
Take care of you!

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