BROWSER EXTENSIONS FOR MICROSOFT EDGE

Browser extensions are plug-ins you can download on web browsers such as Microsoft Edge and some of these tools can do your bargain-hunting homework for you. Here are five of the best browser extensions for online shopping.

Honey

Honey is a browser extension that promises to help you find and automatically apply the best coupon codes at checkout before you complete an online order. So rather than opening a separate tab and searching for coupons and sales from coupon aggregator sites, you just shop as usual and let Honey do the work for you.

The extension also promises to find the lowest prices at Amazon. Additionally, Honey members can earn cash back on their eligible purchases through something called HoneyGold. Simply click the button at checkout, complete a transaction and you may receive up to 100% back on your purchase as a surprise bonus.

Ebates Cash Back Button

Similar to Honey is Ebates, a cash-back website that calls its browser extension the Cash Back Button. Members can use the button to activate cash back directly at store sites (rather than clicking through from the Ebates portal first) and automatically apply coupon codes at checkout.

Unlike Honey, cash-back percentages aren't a surprise at Ebates. The store has rotating offers of various cash-back percentages from a wide selection of retailers, so you can compare exactly how much you'll get back depending on where you shop and choose accordingly.

Gumdrop by Goodshop

Goodshop's version of an online shopping tool is Gumdrop by Goodshop. Goodshop is a coupon website with a twist. It helps its members locate deals and donates a portion of eligible member purchases to the shopper's school or charity of choice.

Install the Gumdrop extension to save and donate at the same time. Once you have it downloaded, look for a flashing icon in your toolbar, which will illuminate if the retailer you're browsing has a coupon available. Don't forget to click to activate coupons at checkout. Additionally, you'll be able to see the available donation percentage for a given store. This amount will also be visible in a search engine results page. For instance, at the time of this writing, Goodshop will donate 0.87% of what you spend to your favorite cause when you shop at Target.

The Camelizer by CamelCamelCamel

The Camelizer is the brainchild of CamelCamelCamel, an Amazon price-tracking website. CamelCamelCamel tracks the price history of items sold on Amazon so shoppers can get a sense for any given product's regular price — and thus judge when a sale is really better than the ordinary selling price.

The Camelizer extension provides users with price history charts without having to leave a product page on Amazon. So while you're scoping out that Beats Pill speaker, you can quickly pull up how much it was selling for last month or earlier this year.

Slice Watch

Slice Watch is a browser extension that monitors prices so you don't have to. The extension is a self-described "smart shopping assistant that allows you to track product prices when you shop, and get email notifications whenever they drop."

When users shop at supported retailers, such as Amazon, Target and Best Buy, they'll see a teal icon in the top right of their browser. Click it when you find an item you like and want to track. Slice Watch will alert you when that product goes on sale or gets a price reduction so you can buy it for less.

Check out the websites for these browser extensions for more information and for links to download them in your compatible browser of choice.