

Tired of spending a fortune on glasses?

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Glasses are expensive. I don't mean the non-prescriptive glasses; I mean prescription glasses. Whether you need a new pair of glasses or just want to freshen up your look, getting a pair is expensive. Don't get me wrong, Specsavers and other opticians are perfect for eye tests and often have a fantastic range of glasses. However, sometimes these ranges can feel limited with a tight budget. It's never simply just buying the frames; it's the lenses and the extras too. It all adds up, especially if you're purchasing more than one frame. I've been there.

I wanted a new pair of glasses, just to freshen up my look. However, I didn't have lots of money to spend. I went to Specsavers, scouting between the £15-£50 range. It took me a while to find a pair within my budget and that fit the style I was going for. Eventually I found a pair of glasses that I admired...but it was £50 and that's without the extras on top of that. Fortunately, I only need single vision lenses so it would only cost about £70 with blue light protection. However, I wondered, what if I could get it cheaper? So, I ventured online and eventually discovered SelectSpecs.

SelectSpecs is a high-street glasses shop based in Westgate on Sea, Kent, UK; they're an online shop that produce prescriptive and non-prescriptive glasses too. They have vast range of glasses for as little as £6! I was spoilt for choice and I did find it quite challenging out which glasses would suit me well. Luckily, their virtual try-on feature proved very useful in helping me visualise how some of the glasses would look on me. Eventually, I settled on a pair of frames that I really liked, there were only £23, then I added blue light protection for £20. I wanted to get the glasses as soon as possible so I paid about £11 for express delivery to receive it within two days.

A few days later, in the early afternoon, the glasses arrived through the letter box. As I unwrapped it, I uncovered a compact hard case. Carefully, I lifted the lid, the glasses shimmered at me. They were in mint condition; I was really surprised the glasses fit through the letter box without being damaged at all. They fit very nicely and quite comfortably too. I was really delighted with my purchase!



Is SelectSpecs a great alternative for buying prescription glasses? Personally, I say Yes. But it does have its challenges.

One of the main challenges can be finding glasses that fit you. The virtual try-on feature is great for seeing how the glasses would fit, but that feature is not on every pair of glasses, and in reality, the glasses could fit slightly different. The site does display measurements for the glasses which are also included in the search filters too which was super helpful. I found it particularly helpful with finding a pair of glasses with a snug-fit on the bridge of the nose that wasn't too tight. I also found it beneficial to measure my current frames to

help me imagine how I would like the new frames to fit. On the plus side, if you are dissatisfied with the glasses, SelectSpecs do offer a FREE 30-Day money back guarantee.

Without express delivery, the wait time for glasses may be about the same duration as high-street opticians (about 1-2 weeks depending on your lenses). One more challenge I found was that it can be hard to tell how the glasses would look in real life. For example, the glasses I brought, I thought they would be a glossy black. But instead, they were more of a matte black, woody texture. I was a little disappointed with that but it wasn't a deal breaker; it actually began to grow on me.

Overall, I feel that SelectSpecs offer a huge catalogue of affordable glasses that are stylish too. They're perfect if you want to try a new look or simply need a pair of glasses urgently. They currently have a sale where you can get 25% if you spend more than £30, so it's a perfect time to grab a pair!