

Inhalers licensed for Asthma: May 2025

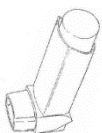
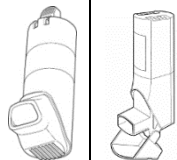
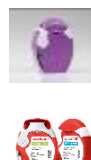
See [Manufacturer summary of product characteristics \(SPC\)](#) for licenced age / specific indications

See [Norfolk & Waveney net.formulary](#) and [KNoW respiratory resources](#) for full details, formulary status and place in treatment algorithms.

Preferred **best value inhalers** are highlighted in **green** based on drug content, product licence, global warming potential (GWP), device and cost.

Device Drug Content	Breath-Actuated (BA) Dry Powder Inhaler (DPI) – low GWP		Soft mist MDI low GWP	Pressurised Metered Dose Inhaler p MDI high GWP For patients who need to use a pMDI e.g. due to age, reduced inspiratory flow, unable to use a DPI, patient choice.	
	Pre-loaded dose	Dose loading	BA dose loading	Standard	Breath-actuated
Short-Acting Beta Agonist SABA	Salbutamol: Easyhaler® Salbutamol, Ventolin Accuhaler® Terbutaline: Bricanyl Turbohaler®	Salbutamol: Salbulin Novolizer®		Salbutamol: Generic various, Salamol®, Ventolin Evohaler® <i>very high GWP</i>	Salbutamol: Airomir Autohaler®, Salamol Easi-Breathe®
Long Acting Beta-Agonist LABA*	Formoterol: Formoterol Easyhaler®, Oxis Turbohaler® Salmeterol: Serevent Accuhaler®	*LABA alone not recommended for the treatment of asthma		Formoterol: Atimos Modulite® Salmeterol: Generic (incl. branded) various, Serevent Evohaler®	
Anti-Muscarinic LAMA			Tiotropium: Spiriva Respimat®		
Inhaled corticosteroids ICS prescribe by brand	Beclometasone: Easyhaler® Beclometasone Budesonide: Easyhaler® Budesonide, Pulmicort Turbohaler® Fluticasone: Flixotide Accuhaler® Mometasone: Asmanex Twisthaler®	Budesonide: Budelin Novolizer®		Beclometasone: Beclu®, Glenil Modulite®, Soprobec®, Extra fine: Kelhale®, Qvar®, Fluticasone: Flixotide Evohaler® Ciclesonide: Alvesco®, generic	Extra fine Beclometasone: Qvar® Easi-Breathe Qvar® Autohaler
Combination ICS + LABA prescribe by brand	Extra fine Beclometasone /Formoterol: Fostair NEXThaler® Budesonide/Formoterol: DuoResp Spiromax®, Fobumix Easyhaler® Symbicort Turbohaler®, WockAIR®, Fluticasone/Salmeterol: AirFluSal Forspiro®, Campona Airmaster, Fixkoh Airmaster®, Fusacomb Easyhaler®, Sereflo Ciphaler®, Seretide Accuhaler® Stalpex® Inhaler Fluticasone furoate/Vilanterol: Relvar Ellipta®*			Extra fine Beclometasone/Formoterol: Bibecto®, Fostair®, Luforbec®, Proxor®, Vivaire® Budesonide/Formoterol: Symbicort p MDI 100mcg/3mcg® <i>very high GWP</i> Fluticasone/Formoterol: Flutiform® <i>very high GWP</i> Fluticasone /Salmeterol: AirFluSal MDI®, Aloflute®, Avenor®, Combisal®, Sereflo®, Seretide Evohaler®, Sirdupla®	
Triple therapy ICS+LABA+LAMA		Mometasone /Indacaterol/ Glycopyrronium Enerzair Breezhaler®		Extra fine Beclometasone / Formoterol / Glycopyrronium: Trimbow® p MDI	

Table to show images and features of the more *common* devices *licensed for ASTHMA**

Device Type	Pressurised MDI	Breath-actuated MDI			Breath-actuated Dry Powder								
		Pressurised		Dose loading	Pre-loaded dose								Dose loading
													
Features	p MDI	Auto-haler® Teva	Easi-breathe® Teva	Respimat® Boehringer	Accuhaler® GSK	Easyhaler® Orion	Ellipta® GSK	Forspiro® Sandoz / Wockhardt	NEXT-haler® Chiesi	Spiromax® Teva	Turbo-haler® Astra-Zeneca	Twist-haler® MSD	Breez-haler® Novartis
Dexterity	Required to press / attach to spacer#	Minimal	Minimal	Required to set up and prime	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Required to load capsule
Dose counter/ indicator	AirFluSal, Aloflute, Beclu, Bibecfo, Clenil, Fostair, Flutiform, Luforbec, Proxor, Sereflo, Seretide, Sirdupla, Symbicort, Trimbrow, Vivaire	x	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
Shelf life <i>May depend on drug content</i>	Depends on product / temperature / if 'in use' (e.g. 3 months -2 years)			3 years (In use 3 months)	2 years	2-3 years (in use depends on drug 1 - 6 months)	2 years (in use 6 weeks)	2 years	3 years (in use 6 months)	2-3 years (in use 3-6 months)	2 years	2 years (In use 3 months)	30months – 3 years
Airflow resistance	Minimal	Low	Low	Low	Med-low	Med-high / high	Med-low	Medium	Med-high	Medium	Medium / Med-high	Med-high	Low
Dosing Frequency	Depends on drug content & product			Once daily	Depends on content	Depends on content	Once daily	Depends on content / indication	Twice daily	Depends on content / regimen	Depends on content / regimen	Usually once daily	Once daily
Actuation check	Audible puff / taste	Audible click	Propellant taste	Audible click	Visual / lactose taste	Lactose taste	Visual/ audible	Visual	Audible/ Visual / lactose taste	Audible/ Visual / lactose taste	none	Visual/ lactose taste	Audible whirring/ lactose taste
Other information	Shake before use	Shake before use	Shake before use	Tricky to set up for 1 st use	Push lever to prime	Shake, then press to prime QR code to access video	Open to prime.	Push lever to prime	Open to prime	Open to prime	Twist to prime	Twist to prime. (need good eyesight)	Press to pierce. In-hale twice

References: 1.Summary of Product Characteristics ([EMC](#)) 2. MIMs online accessed 20.02.25 3. In-Check Dial ® G16 ≠ SPACERS see [KM Bulletin 18 inhaler spacer devices](#)