Which Urinal Should You Use? An Exhaustive Guide to Choosing the Right One for Your Needs

When it comes to public restrooms, urinals are an essential fixture. But with so many different types and features on the market, choosing the right one can be a challenge. This comprehensive guide will help you understand the different types of urinals, their features, and the considerations you need to make when selecting one for your specific needs.

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Types of Urinals

There are three main types of urinals:

1. **Wall-mounted urinals** are the most common type. They are mounted on the wall and have a bowl that is typically made of porcelain or stainless steel.

2. **Floor-mounted urinals** are less common than wall-mounted urinals. They are mounted on the floor and have a bowl that is made of porcelain or stainless steel.

3. **Trough urinals** are long, trough-shaped urinals that are used in public restrooms with high traffic. They are typically made of stainless steel or porcelain.

Features to Consider

When choosing a urinal, there are several features to consider:

- **Bowl shape**: The shape of the bowl can affect the amount of splashback that occurs. Bowls with a deeper lip or a curved design can help to reduce splashback.

- **Material**: Urinals are typically made of porcelain or stainless steel. Porcelain is a more traditional material, while stainless steel is more durable and easier to clean.

- **Sensor type**: Urinals with sensors can help to conserve water by only flushing when they are used. There are two types of sensors: infrared sensors and ultrasonic sensors.

- **Flushing mechanism**: Urinals can have different flushing mechanisms, such as gravity flush, pressure flush, or vacuum flush. The type of flushing mechanism can affect the water consumption of the urinal.

- **Water consumption**: The water consumption of a urinal is measured in gallons per flush (GPF). The lower the GPF, the more water efficient the urinal is.

Considerations for Different Locations

When choosing a urinal, it is also important to consider the location where it will be installed.
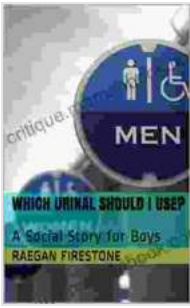
- **Public restrooms**: Public restrooms with high traffic may require a trough urinal or a urinal with a sensor to help reduce water consumption.

- **Commercial restrooms**: Commercial restrooms may require a urinal that is durable and easy to clean.

- **Residential restrooms**: Residential restrooms may require a urinal that is more stylish and less bulky.

Installation and Maintenance

Once you have chosen a urinal, it is important to have it installed and maintained properly.

- **Installation**: Urinals should be installed by a qualified plumber. The plumber will need to ensure that the urinal is properly leveled and secured to the wall or floor.

- **Maintenance**: Urinals should be cleaned and maintained regularly. This includes cleaning the bowl, the flush valve, and the sensor (if applicable).

Choosing the right urinal can be a challenge, but understanding the different types, features, and considerations involved can make the process easier. By following the tips in this guide, you can make an informed decision about which urinal is the best fit for your specific needs.

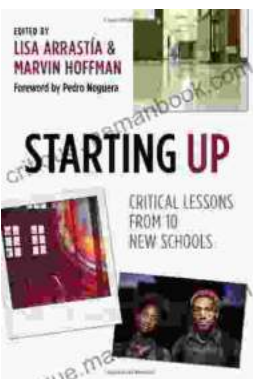## Which Urinal Should I Use?: A Social Story for Boys

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