

California Mattress Buying Scorecard

Score up to 3 mattresses the same way, then compare. Free printable.

1. Score each mattress from 1 (poor) to 5 (great)

Category	Mattress A	Mattress B	Mattress C
Support (spine stays neutral)			
Comfort (pressure relief for your position)			
Temperature (does it sleep cool enough?)			
Durability (warranty, materials, reviews)			
TOTAL (out of 20)			

Tip: score only what you can verify (trial period, your own test, published specs). Write the price and trial length below.

Price:			
Trial length:			
Warranty:			

2. Match the feel to your sleep position

Side sleepers	Often prefer medium to medium-soft, so shoulders and hips can sink in.
Back sleepers	Often prefer medium-firm support that keeps the lower back from sagging.
Stomach sleepers	Often prefer firm, so the hips do not sink too far.
Combo sleepers	Often prefer medium with a responsive surface that is easy to move on.

3. Think about your California climate

Southern California / Inland	Hot nights. Many people find hybrids and latex sleep cooler than dense foam.
Los Angeles	City heat. Breathable materials, light cotton sheets, and a topper can help.
Bay Area / coast	Fog and cool nights. A cozy bed with layered bedding works well.

4. Black Friday 2026 checklist (Fri Nov 27 | Cyber Monday Nov 30)

- ☐ I know my sleep position and the feel I want.
- ☐ I checked the trial length and how returns work (and any fees).
- ☐ I read the warranty, including what counts as a defect.
- ☐ I compared the sale price with the price in recent weeks.
- ☐ I added shipping, a base or frame, and accessories to the total.
- ☐ I checked whether the review says hands-on or researched.