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We Sort of Stole the HairMax LaserComb

Last night was the gala combing out party for the HairMax LaserComb, the recently FDA-approved device that is one of three medically-recognized hair loss treatments. (The other two being drugs—or at least that's what someone told us over whisky and wine last night.)

As is typical for product launches, a PR firm threw a drinks-and-appetizers function last night, saucing us all up to mingle with celebrity impersonators who carried their own dummy models of the $550 LaserComb. (I swear I saw Fake Robert DeNiro stick his tongue in a woman's mouth.) They gave out gift bags—except ours wasn't a gift bag, unless they meant to give us a LaserComb and some clipboards.

We accidentally stole the LaserComb! Well, since we've already got it…

The Laser Comb comes in a leather case and includes a second set of comb teeth, a power adapter, and some literature in print and on CD. I didn't bother installing it or reading the instructions. This thing only has two buttons.

At first I thought it might be rechargeable, but it seems it needs mains power to function. It appears to only have a single laser inside, as well, which hits a graded reflector to emit a mess of light. Nothing at all, in fact, like the Laser Comb beams we saw in action on the wall last night, which seemed more like clear individual beams. Maybe this one is a prototype or just out of alignment. The web site claims "nine laser beams," but that doesn't mean there are actually nine emitters.

And, uh, that's it! There's really not much to say as far as its performance goes. It is indeed a comb with a laser inside. We were told results may take up to two months to be noticed, and since I'm sure the PR firm is eager to get back their missing Laser Comb, I won't be keeping this one around long enough to do any tests.

For hackers and DIY folks, it appears the laser is a 4.5 mW cw max @ 655 nm +/- 5nm rated aperture made by Lexington International LLC and is a class 3R product, similar to those found in most American laser pointers.

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