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Hindware, a company known more for its range of sanitaryware, has now launched air purifiers in India under the Moonbow brand. The AP-A8506UIA model we reviewed is the mid-range offering from the company. Weighing 4.5 kg, the air purifier is compact and easy to move around. The buttons are placed in front as are the ambient lights and LED indicators for filter replacements and timer.

In terms of purification technology, you get a pre filter (washable) and a HEPA filter which is capable of capturing airborne pollutants with a claimed 99.98% efficiency. Moonbow says that the purifier can filter eight times smaller particles than PM 2.5 which is impressive. There is also an activated carbon filter which takes care of odours and is capable of absorbing harmful gases in the air. In addition, there is an ultraviolet cleansing system that claims to take care of 99% micro organisms (bacteria,

Moonbow AP-A8506UIA Air Purifier

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virus and fungi). Lastly, there is a built-in ioniser which generates negative ions to clean the room air.

This particular model is capable of working in a 400 sq ft room. We were surprised by the low noise levels from the purifier. It has automatic detection – the fan kicks into high speed when it detects pollutants and odour. You can set the timer control for 2, 4 or 8 hours at night and the purifier automatically shuts off after that.

Moonbow recommends that the HEPA filter should be replaced after six months (24 hours usage) and each replacement filter costs roughly ₹3,000. What we didn't like was that there was no option to switch off the ambient lights – in a dark room, the blue lights are a big disturbance.

Overall, the Moonbow air purifier impresses with low noise and multiple filters but will face tough competition from known brands like Kent and Philips in this price range.

– Karan Bajaj