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Washing Machines

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Best Washing Machine Brands of 2025

Stumped over models and options? Shopping by brand may help cut through the confusion.

By Keith Flamer

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Shopping for a washing machine can be as time-consuming as laundry day. Wading through different brands, washer types, models and features can leave you feeling like a wayward sock—completely lost.

At Consumer Reports, we currently rate more than 120 individual washing machine models, including front-loaders, high-efficiency top-loaders, agitator top-loaders, and compacts. But there are still many more options in the market that don't make it to our ratings.

That's why CR has created brand scores for front-load, top-load agitator, and high-efficiency top-load washing machines—to help you find a high-performing, reliable model with all the features you want. CR members can see the brand scores in the charts below.

How to Use Washer Brand Scores

As you shop for a washer, scan CR's ratings to see how the model you're considering performed in our lab. If the model you like isn't listed in our ratings, look for a similar washer that may have a slightly different design. Many washers in our ratings are similar, with different finishes or features added in or stripped out. If you don't think you'll need a feature, don't overpay for a washer that has it. And if you prefer a different finish, check the model numbers—they may indicate a very close correlation.

For example, if you like the looks of the LG WM4000HBA black steel front-loader (which isn't in our ratings), check out our test results for its white relation, the LG WM4000HWA. Often, the machines (and their performance) are the same, but vary by a few letters in the model number that indicate a finish or color.

If test results aren't available for a machine similar to your preferred model, you can rely on our washer brand scores.



CR tests hundreds of washing machines. These brands top the list.
Photo: LG

These will give you some idea of how well the washer you want will perform. You can also check CR's guide to the most and least reliable washing machine brands, which estimates how long a particular manufacturer's washers should last before encountering problems. Our reliability data is based on our members' feedback on nearly 75,000 washing machines.

The brand scores below are broader, based on a statistical model that incorporates survey data, CR's lab test results, and the breadth of the product line across price and performance tiers. The scores are determined on a scale of 100, with 100 signifying that every model that the brand makes has a perfect score in our ratings. CR doesn't currently have enough data to calculate these scores for every brand and type of washer in our ratings (for example, we didn't include compact washers).

The charts below show which brands shine for each type of washer. Based on our brand survey, one brand clearly stands

out across the board: LG. Not only did LG receive the best brand score across the main three washer categories, but its models have consistently performed highly in our labs. Its washers occupy the top 10 positions in our ratings for front-loaders, the top five for agitators, and the top seven for HE top-loaders.

"LG leading is not surprising, given its well-rounded lineup of models across all types of washers," says Allie Chilicki, CR's market analyst for washers and dryers. "LG also tends to launch new models more regularly than its competitors, helping it stay ahead of the curve and cater to a variety of needs in a market where new model introductions are relatively infrequent. However, LG isn't the only brand doing great things. Other brands are leaning into innovation in other areas like affordability, design, and practical, user-friendly features."

Best Front-Load Washer Brands

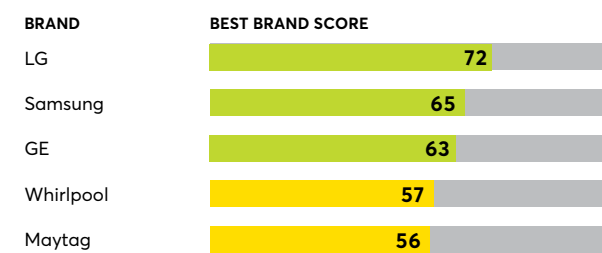
Front-loaders are the highest-performing and most expensive washers you can buy, ranging from \$650 to \$2,100 in our ratings. Many have large capacities (4.5 to 5.8 cubic feet) and typically use the least amount of water and energy of any washing machine type. LG's efficient front-loaders, along with a diverse product range, excellent predicted reliability scores, and very good owner satisfaction rating help it edge out Maytag for best front-load washers in our brand survey.

Maytag's well-established name is backed up by quite a few front-loaders with excellent washing performance and water efficiency in our tests. Samsung, Electrolux, Whirlpool, and GE were also well-regarded in our best brand survey. For specific models, see our guide to the best front-load washers.



Best Top-Load Agitator Washer Brands

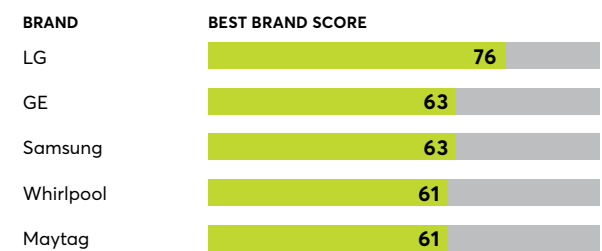
Top-load agitators are the least expensive washer option, ranging from about \$450 to \$1,600 in our ratings. For this and other reasons (including faster wash cycles than front-loaders), they remain popular among consumers, despite using about 20 gallons of water per load. Most of these washers offer less capacity, too, due to the central washing spindle. They also don't clean quite as well as other washer types, and you cannot stack a dryer on top of them to save space. LG top-loaders topped our best brand survey, followed by Samsung and GE, both of which nabbed very good marks, too. For specific models, see our guide to the best top-load agitator washers.



Best Top-Load HE Washer Brands

HE top-load washers are a good compromise on capacity, price (\$500 to \$1,350 in our ratings), and water usage (only about 13 gallons per load). They lack the twisting agitator column so there's more room for big loads. They're not as sleek as front-loaders, but quite a few warrant regular recommendations by Consumer Reports. You'll find plenty of choices in a wide price range.

The only drawback: These washers tend to tangle clothes, sometimes without thoroughly cleaning them. As in other categories, LG ranked as the top brand among HE top-load agitator makers. The rest of the best brand pack, in descending order, includes GE, Samsung, Whirlpool, and Maytag. For specific models, see our guide to the best HE-top-load washers.



Best Clothes Dryer Brands of 2025

Does it make sense to shop by brand? It depends on which one you choose.

By Keith Flamer
May 21, 2025

If you're shopping for a new clothes dryer, you probably have a lot of questions. What features should you look for? How much should you spend? Which model offers the best mix of options at the lowest price?

Consumer Reports' performance and reliability ratings for more than 140 electric, gas, and compact dryers can help answer some of those questions. But for all the models in our ratings, there may be dozens more available at your local retailer or online. So we created brand scores for electric and gas dryers to help you find the exact model you need from a manufacturer that consistently produces high-performing, reliable dryers.

"According to our ratings, a great dryer brand typically has a group of high-performing, energy-efficient machines with a variety of prices and features—like an effective moisture sensor—that consumers can rely on for a decade or more without a lot of repair issues," says Rich Handel, CR's lead test engineer and laundry expert.

How to Use CR's Dryer Brand Scores

As you shop for a new dryer, check CR's ratings to see how the model you're considering performed in our lab. If that specific model isn't listed in our ratings, look for a similar washer from the same brand that may have a slightly different design.

Manufacturers sell models with different finishes or features added in or stripped out. If you don't think you'll need a feature, don't overpay for a dryer that has it. Seriously consider if you'll actually use features like a dewrinkling steam option or a drying rack. "Drying performance is more important than smart features that brands tend to promote more," says Allie Chilicki, CR's market analyst for dryers.

If your preferred dryer has a different finish than the one you see in our ratings, check the model numbers—they may indicate a similar machine that simply has a different look. Often, these machines perform the same, but their model numbers vary by a few letters that indicate a different finish or color. For example, the tested white Samsung DVE45T6000W electric dryer in our ratings has a sleeker cousin, the DVE45T6000V, in black stainless steel. And the CR-tested Electrolux ELFE7537AW has a version in titanium. Those stylish models tend to be more expensive than the white dryers we typically test, Chilicki says.

If test results aren't available for a machine similar to your preferred model, you can rely on our dryer brand scores, which will give you an idea of how well the dryer will perform. You can also check CR's guide to the most and least reliable dryer brands, which estimates how long a particular manufacturer's dryer should last before it develops problems. Our reliability data is based on our members' feedback on 62,755 clothes dryers purchased new between 2014 and 2024.

CR's brand scores are based on a statistical model that incorporates survey data, CR's lab test results, and the breadth of each brand's product line across price and performance tiers. The scores are determined on a scale of 100, with 100 signifying that every model that the brand makes has a perfect score in our ratings. CR doesn't currently have enough data to calculate these scores for every standard dryer brand or for compact dryer brands.

The charts below show which brands shine for standard-sized electric and gas dryers. Based on our modeling, LG stands out, receiving the best brand score in both categories. Its models consistently perform highly in our lab tests, occupying the top 15 spots among electric dryers and the top 11 among gas models. Samsung ranked second among gas dryer brands and third among electric dryers, while Midea emerged as runner-up in electric dryers.



CR tests hundreds of clothes dryers. These brands offer consistently good performance.
Photo: LG

Best Electric Clothes Dryer Brands

Electric clothes dryers in our ratings range in price from about \$430 to \$2,200. They're the most popular type among consumers, and consistently set the quality standard in CR's testing. LG dominates our electric dryer performance ratings, thanks in part to the brand's stellar reliability and owner satisfaction scores, and its models' diverse pricing and feature options. So it's not surprising that LG ranks highest in our best brands scoring as well. But you'll find other established, popular brands among this best brand list as well.

BRAND	BEST BRAND SCORE
LG	81
Midea	76
Samsung	71
Speed Queen	69
Electrolux	69
GE Profile	69
Maytag	65
Whirlpool	64
GE	61

Best Gas Clothes Dryer Brands

We've found that gas dryers are similar to electric ones in terms of performance, but they're priced a bit higher, between \$530 and \$2,300. Although they may cost more initially, they tend to be less expensive to operate in areas where gas costs less than electricity. LG's gas dryers are equally impressive for their overall performance, reliability, owner satisfaction, availability, and diverse features and pricing. Here are our brand rankings for gas dryers.

BRAND	BEST BRAND SCORE
LG	81
Samsung	73
Electrolux	67
Speed Queen	67
Maytag	64
Whirlpool	63

Best and Worst Range Brands of 2025

Which company makes the best ranges? CR’s testing and survey data point to a few clear winners and other brands you might want to avoid.

By Allen St. John
June 23, 2025

What makes a great range? The cooktop should be able to quickly get a skillet up to searing temperature for a prime rib-eye and then shift to a subtle simmer for a béchamel sauce. The oven should have plenty of usable space and provide even, accurate heat for baking and broiling. It should also have an effective self-cleaning function that helps with your cleanup. And finally, it should be reliable, because range repairs can be both difficult and expensive.

To determine which brands make the best ranges, CR created a statistical model that incorporates the Overall Scores for every gas, electric smoothtop, electric coil, and induction range in our ratings. Our calculations reflect lab performance, available features, predicted reliability, and owner satisfaction scores. We also looked at prices: Brands get credit for delivering high performance and reliability more affordably than their competitors.

If you’re concerned that prices might spike in the coming year, the following information could help you make the best choice for both your cooking pleasure and your wallet.

Below, we cover models and brands in two categories: gas ranges and the combination of induction, smoothtop, and electric coil ranges. For each of those categories, we included only brands



The best range brands produce models with high-performing cooktops, ovens that maintain their temperature, and great results in CR’s member surveys. Photo: LG

with at least three ranges in our current ratings. Note that we don’t include pro-style ranges because we don’t test enough models to reach the lower limit in our best brands analysis.

Best Gas Range Brands

Many serious cooks love gas ranges because they’re highly responsive. They not only heat up in a hurry but also cool down in a flash, which can keep your Tuscan beans from scorching.

As you can see in the chart below, there’s a big distinction between the top four brands in our evaluation and the rest of the pack.

Café, GE, LG, and Samsung all make gas ranges that CR recommends. As an example, our ratings of single-oven gas ranges include eight recommended models from GE. The company also makes four recommended models in our gas double-oven ratings. In our survey data, the company receives a top score in predicted reliability, though its owner satisfaction score is much lower.

At the other end of the spectrum, our ratings include two gas ranges from Electrolux, and neither is recommended. The story is the same for Whirlpool’s nine models. Both brands receive low scores for owner satisfaction.

BRAND	OVERALL SCORE
GE	72
Café	71
LG	70
Samsung	70
Frigidaire	54
Bosch	52
KitchenAid	51
Whirlpool	44
Electrolux	41

Here are two of CR’s highest-rated gas ranges from top-scoring brands.

CR QUICK TAKE

80

GE Profile PGB965YPFS

CR RECOMMENDED

COOKTOP HIGH

BAKING

BROILING

The GE Profile PGS965YPFS is a top-rated dual-fuel, double-oven gas range. With two high-power burners, the sleek model delivers both fast heating at high temps and steady simmering. It also shines in our oven tests, earning top scores for baking. GE gas ranges are among the most reliable of any brand in our member surveys. This range comes with features such as convection, an air-fry mode, and a reversible grill and griddle.

CR QUICK TAKE

85

LG LSDL6336F

CR RECOMMENDED

COOKTOP HIGH

BAKING

BROILING

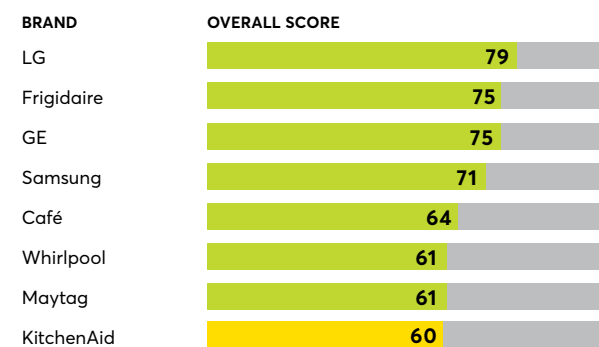
The LG LSDL6336F is a single-oven, dual-fuel range that beats other models in our gas range ratings. It aces just about every test, from melting and simmering to baking and broiling. It doesn't earn the top score for heating water on high heat, but it gets pretty darn close. It has an effective self-clean cycle and even a steam-clean option for when you don't need the full force of a standard oven cleaning. On top of the stove, you'll find continuous cast-iron grates, two high-power burners, and a removable griddle. And the oven has convection, an air-fry setting, and WiFi. LG gas ranges earn impressive ratings for predicted reliability and average marks for owner satisfaction, based on our latest member surveys. Keep in mind that this model is dual-fuel, meaning the manufacturer paired a gas cooktop with an electric oven, so you'll need a 220-volt electric line in addition to a standard gas line for this range to work.

Best Electric and Induction Range Brands

Electric smoothtops and induction ranges are sleek and easy to clean, and they perform well, too. As a group, the top-performing smoothtop electrics can actually outperform gas models when it comes to boiling water in a hurry on a high setting. And in general, induction models, which use an electromagnetic field to heat up a pot or a skillet, tend to perform even better on both high and low settings. CR also tests a number of electric coil ranges, which tend to be less expensive options for shoppers.

In CR's evaluation of the best electric range brands, LG comes out on top by a small margin. 10 of the company's 11 smoothtop models in CR's ratings, and all three of its induction models, earn our recommendation. The company also earns top owner satisfaction scores and strong predicted reliability scores.

Frigidaire and GE earn very high overall brand scores for electric ranges, as well. The four Frigidaire induction models in CR's ratings are all recommended, though the results vary for Frigidaire's smoothtop and coil ranges. Similarly, CR recommends a GE induction range, while the brand's results are mixed for the other types of electric stoves.



CR QUICK TAKE



LG Studio LSIS6338FE

✓ CR RECOMMENDED

- COOKTOP HIGH
- BAKING
- BROILING

The LG Studio LSIS6338FE is a highly rated induction range. Like most induction ranges, the high-end 30-inch model heats quickly and simmers steadily, earning top scores in our high- and low-heat tests. Its oven is top-notch at baking, broiling, and self-cleaning. It has a glass touchscreen for setting the oven temperature, along with a convection oven mode and two high-power elements. The oven can be wirelessly controlled from a smartphone. As a brand, LG earns a strong rating for predicted reliability and a very favorable owner satisfaction rating for its induction ranges.

CR QUICK TAKE



Frigidaire Gallery GCFE3060BF

✓ CR RECOMMENDED

- COOKTOP HIGH
- BAKING
- BROILING

The Frigidaire Gallery GCFE3060BF is a highly rated electric smoothtop range with a reasonable price. This stove earns the best rating possible in every single one of our performance tests. It heats quickly, simmers steadily, and bakes and broils beautifully. It features convection but lacks air-frying functionality as well as WiFi connectivity or a warming drawer. As a brand, Frigidaire electric ranges earn top marks for predicted reliability but get a dismal score for owner satisfaction.

How to Use CR to Find the Perfect Range

At Consumer Reports, we provide three crucial pieces of information that can help you find the best range for your kitchen.

Model performance: We capture the performance of individual models in our range ratings. You're able to search by model and see how well a particular range performs both on the cooktop and in the oven, and what features it has. It's the best indicator of how a particular model will work in your kitchen. (You can also check out our roundups of the best electric ranges of the year, best induction ranges, and best gas ranges.)

Reliability: Each year, we survey hundreds of thousands of CR members about the products they buy and, in particular, how well those products hold up over time and prolonged usage. We use the information to generate a brand-level predicted reliability score for every type of major appliance we test. We also ask

whether people would recommend their appliance to a friend or relative, and use those responses to tabulate a brand-level owner satisfaction score. The results can be found in our ratings charts and in our rundown of the most and least reliable electric range brands and the most and least reliable gas range brands.

Brand-level performance: These brand scores, shown above, reflect how well the ranges from a particular brand perform in our testing and surveys, and whether they provide good value. The scores are not model-specific, but they can be a good backup if you're interested in a particular model we haven't tested. Just remember that a high brand score isn't a guarantee that every model in that manufacturer's line is a winner. It's possible for a company to earn an overall high score for its ranges even if it has a few duds in its lineup. The reverse is also possible.

How CR Tests Ranges

At any retailer, you'll find dozens of ranges—if not more—to choose from, many with fancy features. But what's most important is a range's ability to perform essential tasks really well day in and day out. Does the cooktop perform well at both high and low temperatures? Is the oven temperature even and accurate? When our test team evaluates a range using our sophisticated instrumentation in our labs in Yonkers, N.Y., we recommend it only if it meets the following criteria.

It boils and sears quickly. Our testers measure how quickly a range's burners come up to their highest setting by boiling water.

It simmers steadily. We also test how well the range simmers delicate foods like tomato sauce and chocolate without scorching.

It bakes evenly. The most crucial function of the oven in a range is baking, and the best models from our tests bake evenly on multiple racks, regardless of what you're cooking. Our test engineers bake over 400 cakes and 2,400 cookies each year, looking for the models that do the best job baking on multiple racks.

It broils well. Many ranges struggle to broil evenly, and still more never get hot enough to sear. The best ranges do both with ease.

It holds a lot of food. Manufacturers love to make claims about the size of their ovens, often counting unusable space (like beneath the lowest rack) in their claimed capacities. We measure the space you can actually use and give top marks to models with the most usable capacity.

It (self-)cleans easily. Our testers make the oven as grimy as possible to test the self-clean cycle, baking on a proprietary mixture that includes shredded cheese, tapioca, and pie filling. We run the self-clean to see how effectively each oven converts the baked-on gunk to fine white powder that can easily be wiped away. The best need only a simple wiping. The worst require lots of scrubbing and still don't come fully clean.

It's reliable. Great performance isn't worth much if you can't depend on your oven to maintain its performance in the long run. The models in this roundup have above-average long-term reliability.

Best Refrigerator Brands of 2025

Who makes the best refrigerators? GE? LG? Whirlpool? CR's lab and survey data show that the answer depends on the type of fridge.

By Daniel Wroclawski

June 23, 2025

When you're shopping for a new refrigerator, the large number of configurations and models can seem overwhelming. To help you in your journey, Consumer Reports tests dozens of refrigerators every year, adding to refrigerator ratings that now cover over 250 models that are available on the market. But there are still hundreds more refrigerators for sale with different sizes, finishes, and features.

We want to help you make a great choice no matter which refrigerator brand and model you're considering. That's why CR has created brand scores for French-door, side-by-side, top-freezer, and built-in refrigerators. CR members can see the brand scores below. (We don't currently have enough testing data to score bottom-freezer brands.)

You might be wondering whether there's a single best refrigerator brand, period. But CR's statistical analysis of lab and survey data shows that no single brand is best across every fridge style.

"There isn't one best brand of refrigerator because brands tend to focus on particular segments or styles or prices of the market," says Breann Chai, who oversees refrigerator testing for Consumer Reports. "That means they may limit their development resources in some categories or not even participate."



CR tests hundreds of refrigerators. These brands rise to the top.
Photo Illustration: Getty Images, Shutterstock

How to Use the Refrigerator Brand Scores

When you're shopping for a refrigerator, first check our refrigerator ratings, available to CR members, to see whether we have test results for a given model. Those results will give you a very detailed picture of that refrigerator's performance, features, and reliability.

Here's a shopping tip: If you don't see a given model in our ratings, try checking the ratings for that model's other color finishes. Every refrigerator has a slightly different model number for each of its finishes. For instance, if you're considering the black stainless Samsung RS27T5200SG/AA side-by-side, which isn't in our ratings, use CR's test results for the stainless steel version, the Samsung RS27T5200SR.

If you still can't find test results, then you'll want to turn to the refrigerator brand scores. These will give you an idea of how the refrigerator will perform both when it's new and over time.

You can also check CR's guide to the most and least reliable refrigerator brands, which will give you an estimate of how long a refrigerator should last before encountering problems. Reliability information is based on survey data on thousands of refrigerators owned by CR members.

The refrigerator brand scores below are broader. They're based on a statistical model that incorporates both survey data and CR's lab test results and also takes into account the breadth of a brand's product line across price and performance tiers. CR doesn't currently have enough data to calculate these scores for every brand and type of refrigerator in our ratings.

Best French-Door Refrigerator Brands

French-door refrigerators are one of the most popular configurations on the market. In our lab tests, most French-door models do a good job of keeping food cold, but their performance can vary significantly when it comes to energy efficiency, noise, and ease of use. In addition, they tend to be less reliable than other types of refrigerators, such as top-freezers.

LG's high brand score might surprise some people, given widely reported problems with the compressors in some of the brand's French-door refrigerators. Despite those problems, our reliability survey data shows that the overall reliability of LG French-doors is decent when compared with many competing brands. These refrigerators generally do very well in our lab tests.

BRAND	OVERALL SCORE
LG	75
GE	74
Haier	74
Bosch	73
Whirlpool	70
Kitchenaid	69
Café	68
Maytag	62
Frigidaire	58
Samsung	52

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