



French-Door Refrigerators

For the latest ratings and information, visit CR.org

Best Refrigerator Brands of 2026

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

By Daniel Wroclawski
May 13, 2026

Consumer Reports tests dozens of refrigerators every year, adding to refrigerator ratings that currently cover more than 280 models on the market. (A quiz embedded in the ratings chart can help you narrow the choices based on kitchen space, preferences, and other factors.)

But there are still hundreds more refrigerators for sale with different sizes, finishes, and features.

To help you navigate those options, CR has created brand scores for French-door, side-by-side, and top-freezer refrigerators. These are based on a statistical model that incorporates CR's proprietary lab and survey data on each brand's refrigerators. We also look at price. Brands get credit for delivering high performance and reliability at a more budget-friendly price than their competitors. (We don't have enough current testing data to score bottom-freezer or built-in brands.)

You might be wondering whether there's a single best refrigerator brand

across all configurations. But CR's analysis 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."



A Best Brand receives the highest Overall Score in its product category based on the brand's aggregate performance, reliability, and satisfaction data across the model lineup tested by CR. Look for the CR Best Brand mark in stores and online to help in your shopping journey.

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 its French-door refrigerators. Our reliability survey data show that LG French-doors, side-by-sides, and built-ins have been more prone to failing or faulty compressors than competing models, but they provide comparable reliability overall. These fridges generally do very well in our lab tests.

BRAND	BRAND SCORE
Bosch	73
LG	72
GE	72
Hisense	71
Whirlpool	71
KitchenAid	69
Café	62
Frigidaire	62

These highly rated French-doors come from top-scoring brands. To see more models, check out our guide to the best French-door refrigerators.

Bosch B36CD52SNS

✓ CR RECOMMENDED

- TEMPERATURE UNIFORMITY
- THERMOSTAT PERFORMANCE
- EASE OF USE

OVERALL SCORE

76

The 36-inch-wide Bosch B36CD52SNS is a three-door stainless steel French-door refrigerator. In our lab tests, it receives excellent scores for thermostat performance and temperature uniformity, very good scores for ease of use and crisper drawer performance, and midlevel scores for energy efficiency and noise. Its only weak spot is its icemaker performance, where it earns a subpar score. In our latest member surveys, Bosch French-doors receive very good scores for predicted reliability and owner satisfaction. This counter-depth fridge features a through-the-door water and ice dispenser, a built-in water filter, half shelves for better organization, touchscreen controls, and WiFi connectivity to control the fridge from your smartphone.

LG LF25H6330S

✓ CR RECOMMENDED

- TEMPERATURE UNIFORMITY
- THERMOSTAT PERFORMANCE
- EASE OF USE

OVERALL SCORE

75

The 33-inch-wide LG LF25H6330S performs very well in our lab tests, receiving top scores for thermostat performance and temperature uniformity, as well as very good scores for its low noise output, icemaker performance, and ease of use. It receives a midlevel score for energy efficiency but a poor score for crisper drawer performance. This WiFi-enabled fridge features a stainless steel finish, a through-the-door water/ice dispenser, a built-in water filter, split shelves for better organization, and digital temperature controls. In our latest member survey, LG French-doors receive decent scores for predicted reliability and owner satisfaction.

GE GNE25JYKFS

✓ CR RECOMMENDED

- TEMPERATURE UNIFORMITY
- THERMOSTAT PERFORMANCE
- EASE OF USE

OVERALL SCORE

75

The 33-inch GE GNE25JYKFS is a strong performer with a ton of useful features. In our tests, it receives excellent scores for thermostat performance and temperature uniformity, great scores for energy efficiency and ease of use, and decent scores for its noise output (it's not the quietest fridge but also not the loudest), icemaker performance, and crisper drawer performance. Its many features include an internal water dispenser, a built-in water filter, spillproof shelves, uniquely adjustable shelves that you can raise and lower without removing food, split shelves for better organization, and digital temperature controls. In our latest member surveys, GE French-doors receive decent scores for predicted reliability and owner satisfaction.

How to Use Consumer Reports to Find the Perfect Refrigerator

We provide three crucial pieces of information that can help you find the best refrigerator for your kitchen.

Model performance: We capture highly detailed performance data on hundreds of individual refrigerator models in every configuration. You can find all that information in our refrigerator ratings and use a quiz to help you narrow your choices. Of course, you can also search by model for detailed results. These individual ratings are the best indicator of how a particular refrigerator will work in your kitchen.

Reliability and owner satisfaction: 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 people if they 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 refrigerator brands.

Brand-level performance: These scores, shown above, reflect how well the refrigerators from a particular brand perform in our testing and surveys, and whether they provide a good value. The scores aren't model-specific, but they can provide 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 products even if it has a few

duds in its lineup. And brands with lower Overall Scores might still offer some refrigerators that provide great performance and value. Note, too, that brand performance can vary widely from one style of refrigerator to another.

How CR Tests Refrigerators

We rate refrigerators based on their thermostat performance, temperature uniformity, noise output, ease of use, energy efficiency, crisper performance, and icemaker performance (for models that have that feature).

Every refrigerator we test gets wired with 15 temperature sensors. We then monitor those thermocouples for more than a month in one of three temperature-controlled chambers, collecting more than 5.4 million temperature readings for each fridge we test. The results tell us how well a refrigerator maintains a set temperature and how temperature varies in different areas of a fridge, so we can determine which models will keep your food fresh longer.

Our testers measure the noise when the compressor starts up and the steady hum while the fridge is running. For ease of use, we examine the fridge's layout, controls, and lighting.

Our process includes tests for icemaker performance based on how much ice a fridge produces per day and how much it can hold in its reservoirs. We evaluate crisper performance to judge how well the crisper drawers retain moisture to keep your food fresh for longer periods of time.

We also factor in survey data from thousands of CR members to judge brand reliability and satisfaction. All of that data and more inform CR's refrigerator ratings and each model's Overall Score.

[See complete Consumer Reports full Best Refrigerator Brands of 2026 article](#)