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Best Dishwasher Brands of 2026

We evaluated 12 dishwasher brands, including Bosch, Frigidaire, GE, and Whirlpool, to determine which manufacturers make the best-performing and most reliable models at an budget-friendly price

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CR ratings, based on proprietary lab and survey data, cover more than 100 of today's dishwashers. The same data helps us pick the best overall dishwasher brands. Photo: Bosch

If you're in the market for a new dishwasher, you might want to research every feature and detail—or you might be the type to gravitate toward familiar brand names. But is a dishwasher's brand a good indicator of how well it will perform or how reliably it will work?

We test the performance of individual dishwashers in our labs, and the results are reflected in our dishwasher ratings of more than 130 models. But with so many choices on the market, you might be interested in a dishwasher we haven't tested. That's why we use our lab results and survey data to determine which brands consistently produce the best dishwashers.

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 Dishwasher Brands

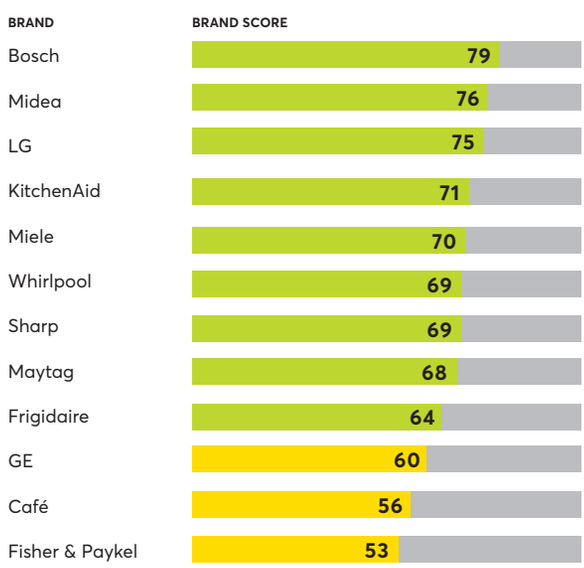
To determine which brands make the best dishwashers, we developed a statistical model that incorporates the Overall Score of each dishwasher we've tested. We specifically looked at brands with at least three models in our ratings.

The Overall Score considers how well the dishwashers of a certain brand perform in our lab tests and how reliable and satisfying they are to the CR members we survey. It also factors in how easy they are to use, which is based on whether they have features such as adjustable tines, ample flatware slots, an indicator light that shows the remaining time in a cycle, a self-cleaning filter, and WiFi connectivity.

In our analysis, we exclude any brand with a subpar reliability rating from our surveys. Because of this, Samsung dishwashers aren't part of our best brand score analysis.

We also factor in price. If a manufacturer produces dishwashers at a lower price that perform well in our ratings, it will receive a boost in its brand score compared with a brand that makes similarly performing, higher-priced models.

The result? Bosch stands out as the top dishwasher brand, followed by Midea, LG, KitchenAid, and Miele. All of these brands have models in our ratings that score well enough to earn a CR Recommendation. Midea and LG, in particular, offer dishwashers that strike a balance between performance and affordability—a handful of their models cost less than $600.



Here are the highest-rated models in our tests from the three dishwasher brands with the highest brand scores. You can find more options in our review of the best dishwashers from our ratings.

Bosch Benchmark SHP9PCM5N

BRAND SCORE **85**

CR RECOMMENDED

- GREEN CHOICE
- LOWER WASH PERFORMANCE
- UPPER WASH PERFORMANCE
- DRYING

There's a reason the Bosch Benchmark SHP9PCM5N dishwasher is the highest-ranking model in our tests. It's very good at both washing and drying dishes, and earns solid marks in our energy-efficiency evaluation. And if you find yourself easily annoyed by the noise of a dishwasher, consider this model, which is exceptionally quiet.

This top-tier Bosch is packed with useful features, including an upper rack that can be adjusted to three different heights, a third rack, adjustable tines, and motorized wash arms. You can customize the power of the wash arms to spray certain zones more vigorously. As a brand, Bosch stands out for its predicted reliability and owner satisfaction, which are notably higher than most other brands in our ratings.

If the Bosch Benchmark SHP9PCM5N is beyond your budget, a less expensive alternative would be the Bosch 300 Series SHE43C75N (Best Buy) model. It costs about $800 and is very good at cleaning dishes, though it's only decent at drying them.

Midea MDT24P3CST

BRAND SCORE **75**

CR RECOMMENDED

- GREEN CHOICE
- LOWER WASH PERFORMANCE
- UPPER WASH PERFORMANCE
- DRYING

The Midea MDT24P3CST is a well-rounded performer: It does a solid job of washing and drying dishes, all the while being incredibly energy-efficient. Although it may not be as quiet as some of the other models we've tested, it comes with several handy features, including a third rack, an adjustable upper rack, interior lights, and a delay-start feature. The dishwasher features a dedicated wash zone specifically designed for bottles and tumblers. The dishwasher door pops open at the end of the cycle, allowing for better drying.

As a brand, Midea dishwashers score an excellent rating for predicted reliability, though its owner satisfaction score is middling.

LG ADFD5448AT

BRAND SCORE **77**

CR RECOMMENDED

- LOWER WASH PERFORMANCE
- UPPER WASH PERFORMANCE
- DRYING

If you don't mind a longer cycle time, the LG ADFD5448AT is the dishwasher to get if you're looking for a high-performing machine at a reasonable price. Its auto cycle lasts for about 3.5 hours in our tests, but the time might be worth the excellent scores it nabs for washing both upper and lower racks. The door automatically opens at the end of the wash cycle to allow steam to escape and the dishes to dry more effectively, contributing to its very good drying score.

This ADA-compliant model features convenient amenities, including ample flatware slots, adjustable tines, an adjustable rack, and a display that indicates the remaining cycle time. Unlike the Bosch and Midea models above, it doesn't have a third rack. Based on our surveys, LG dishwashers receive a very good rating for predicted reliability and a passable rating for owner satisfaction.

How to Use Consumer Reports to Find the Perfect Dishwasher

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

Model performance: Our dishwasher ratings indicate the performance of each dishwasher in our tests. If you're interested in a particular model, you can search to see how well it compares with other models in our ratings in cleaning performance, drying performance, energy efficiency, quietness, and ease of use. These model-by-model evaluations are the best indication of how well a dishwasher will work in your kitchen. We also highlight models with the best performance in articles like the best dishwashers of the year and the best dishwashers for $500 or less.

Reliability and owner satisfaction: We surveyed CR members about dishwashers they purchased between 2015 and 2025 (and received feedback on 77,011 purchases) to learn how well the appliances hold up over time. We used any problems or breakdowns they reported to predict how reliably new dishwashers from each brand will operate in the first five years of service. To determine owner satisfaction with a brand, we also asked our members whether they would recommend their dishwasher to others. Both the predicted reliability and owner satisfaction results can be found in our dishwasher ratings, and we have more analysis and advice in our roundup of the most and least reliable dishwasher brands. Before you purchase a dishwasher, check the predicted reliability and owner satisfaction scores.

Brand-level performance: These scores, as shown in this article, indicate how well dishwashers from a given brand perform in lab tests and surveys. Brands that manufacture models that perform well at a lower price than their competitors are given an advantage in our analysis. These scores aren't model-specific, and they're most helpful if you're interested in a particular model we haven't tested. Note that a high brand score doesn't mean every model is a winner; it simply means the brand offers better odds of choosing a dishwasher that's high-performing and reliable at a great price.

How CR Tests Dishwashers

Every dishwasher in our ratings was bought at retail by our secret shoppers and has undergone performance assessments in our labs for washing, drying, noise, and energy efficiency.

For the washing test, our engineers run dishwashers in their default mode to see how well they clean a full load of dishes with baked-on food. In our drying test, we run ceramic, glass, and plasticware through a wash-and-dry cycle and inspect how dry each item is at its conclusion. We pay close attention to plastic items in particular because dishwashers typically have a harder time drying this material.

In the noise test, a panel of judges listens through an entire dishwasher cycle, noting the general noise level of the dishwasher and taking note of any loud intermittent noises, such as clanging or gurgling. Models that make the least overall noise throughout the cycle get the highest score in the noise test.

Energy efficiency is measured by the amount of water a dishwasher uses and its energy consumption in its default wash cycle. If your goal is to find an eco-friendly dishwasher, you can also consult our ratings for dishwashers bearing the Green Choice symbol, a designation created by Consumer Reports to highlight products with a lower environmental impact compared to others.

Ease of use is assessed based on how easily the dishwasher can be operated using its control panel, racks, and door. We also consider the number of helpful features it has, including a third rack, adjustable racks, adjustable tines, roomy flatware slots, hidden controls, a lighted interior, a delay-start feature, a status indicator, and more.

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