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Best and Worst Dishwasher Brands of 2025

We looked at 10 dishwasher brands, including Bosch, KitchenAid, and Whirlpool, and considered performance, reliability, price, and more.

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Unsure about which dishwasher to purchase? Knowing the best brands is a good way to start.
Photo: Bosch

Shopping for a dishwasher can be overwhelming. Many of us want to narrow the field and simplify the search. Others want details on every option. In either case, it's natural to gravitate toward familiar brand names. But is a dishwasher's brand a good indicator of how well it will perform or how quiet and energy-efficient it will be?

We look at those questions—among many others—in our labs, and the results are reflected in our ratings of more than 120 models. But with so many models on the market, you might find you're interested in a dishwasher that's not in our ratings. That's why we use our lab results and survey data to figure out which brands reliably produce the best dishwashers.

Best Dishwasher Brands

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

We looked at how well the dishwashers of a certain brand performed in our lab tests, how reliable and satisfying they were to the CR members we surveyed, and how easy they were to use, which is based on the number of features the dishwashers have We also considered price. If a manufacturer produces dishwashers at a lower price that perform well in our ratings, it will get a boost in the brand score compared with a brand that

BRAND	OVERALL SCORE
Bosch	73
Miele	67
LG	65
Maytag	64
KitchenAid	62
Whirlpool	60
Samsung	60
Frigidaire	59
Café	56
GE	55

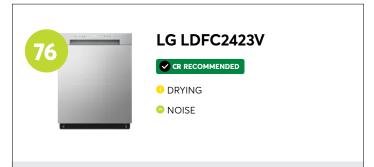
makes similarly performing higher-priced models.

In looking at overall brand scores, Bosch stood out as a dishwasher brand, followed by Miele and LG.

Here are the highest-rated models in our tests from the three dishwasher brands with the highest brand scores.







Often costing less than \$500, the LG LDFC2423V dishwasher delivers excellent washing performance and energy efficiency, though its drying ability is only middling. It's a pretty quiet model and features an adjustable upper rack, a time-remaining display, a stainless steel interior, and adjustable tines. As a brand, LG's owner satisfaction rating falls in the midrange, but its predicted reliability rating is above average.

How to Find the Best Dishwasher With CR

temperature, is on the longer side at 190 minutes.

These three important pieces of information on our website will help you find the perfect dishwasher.

Model performance: Our dishwasher ratings show each dishwasher's performance 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, and quietness. 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: We surveyed CR members about dishwashers

they purchased between 2014 and 2024 (and received feedback on 69,536 purchases) to learn how well the appliances hold up over time. We used any problems or breakdowns 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 other people. 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 seen in this article, show how well the 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 that every model is a winner, just that the brand gives you 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. We pay close attention to the 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, like 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 with a Green Choice symbol, a designation created by Consumer Reports to highlight products that have less of an environmental impact than others.