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Best Wall Oven Brands of 2026

Which companies make the best wall ovens for your kitchen? CR's testing, survey, and pricing data point to some clear winners.

By Allen St. John | Data analysis by Kristen Dorrell
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CR ratings, based on proprietary lab and survey data, cover dozens of today's wall ovens. That helps us pick the best overall wall oven brands.
Photo: LG

What makes a great wall oven? It should bake and broil well, of course, and it should hold plenty of food, too. Ideally, it will have helpful features like convection and an air-fry option, plus an effective self-cleaning cycle. And above all else, it should be reliable.

The question of which companies make a great wall oven is a bit harder to answer. CR's engineers test hundreds of cooking appliances in our labs each year, and at present, we've got more than 60 models in our wall oven ratings. If you're shopping for a new one, start there. If we haven't yet tested the model you're eyeing, our overall wall oven brand scores can help.



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 Wall Oven Brands

"As CR engineers, we're routinely asked about which brands make the best stuff," says Kenneth Sutton, a CR engineer who oversees the testing of ranges, cooktops, and wall ovens. "One thing we've found is that it varies a lot by category. There's probably no single brand that makes the best kitchen appliances across the board."

To determine which brands make the best wall ovens, CR created a statistical model that incorporates the Overall Scores for every single and double wall oven in our ratings, as well as for combo wall ovens, which combine a built-in microwave with a single wall oven. We only looked at brands with at least three wall ovens in our current ratings. The statistical model also takes into account model features and pricing. If a manufacturer produces inexpensive wall ovens that perform just as well as pricier models, it will receive a boost in its brand score.

LG is our top brand among wall ovens, followed closely by Frigidaire. Whirlpool and GE are at the bottom of our ratings.

BRAND	BRAND SCORE
LG	78
Frigidaire	77
Samsung	71
Bosch	69
Café	69
Whirlpool	65
GE	63

These high-scoring wall oven models are produced by top-rated brands. The first is a single-oven model. It's followed by a combined wall oven-microwave unit. You can find more great options in our

roundup of the best wall ovens from CR's ratings.



LG WSEP4727F

CR RECOMMENDED

- BAKING
- BROILING
- OVEN CAPACITY

OVERALL SCORE

85

The stainless steel LG WSEP4727F receives excellent ratings in our baking and broiling tests. This single-oven model also has a decent capacity and self-cleans quite well. It comes with a temperature probe and convection and air-fry modes. You can control it from the glass touch panel or from your smartphone. In our member surveys, LG electric wall ovens receive solid scores for both predicted reliability and owner satisfaction.



Frigidaire FCWM3027AD

- BAKING
- BROILING
- MICROWAVE HEATING EVENNESS

OVERALL SCORE

78

The Frigidaire FCWM3027AD earns the highest Overall Score among the wall oven-microwave combos in our tests. It's very good when it comes to baking and excellent for self-cleaning. Like most models here, it's not the fastest at microwave heating, earning a so-so mark in that test. That said, it's top-notch at defrosting, which is ideal if you frequently thaw frozen food in a microwave before transferring it to an oven to bake or roast. This model features a convection mode in the oven, touchscreen controls, and a covered baking element for easier cleanup of drips and spills in the oven.

How to Use Consumer Reports to Find the Perfect Wall Oven

We provide three crucial pieces of information that can help you find the best wall oven possible.

Model performance: We capture performance at the model level in our wall oven ratings. You're able to search by model and see how well a particular oven bakes, broils, and self-cleans. You can also see how its capacity compares with the competition, what features it has, and what it earns on a 100-point scale. It's

the best indicator of how a particular model will work in your kitchen. (You can also check out Best Electric Wall Ovens of the Year and 5 Best Wall Oven-Microwave Combos for specific recommendations.)

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. We use repair or breakage rates to generate a brand-level predicted reliability score for every major appliance we test. We also ask whether people would recommend their appliance to other people to determine a brand-level owner satisfaction score. The results can be found in our ratings charts.

Brand-level performance: These scores, shown above, reflect how well the wall ovens from a particular brand perform in our testing and surveys. The scores are not model-specific. For that reason, 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 is a winner. It's possible for a company to earn a high score for its wall ovens even if it has a few duds in its lineup.

How CR Tests Wall Ovens

Our experts use a combination of calibrated time and temperature measurements that determine how evenly an oven distributes heat for baking, broiling, and self-cleaning.

Our test engineers bake over 100 cakes and more than 1,000 cookies each year, looking for the models that do the best job of baking on multiple racks. We also measure the usable capacity of every oven, meaning the space from the bottom rack position to the top, to see how much room you'll actually have to bake and roast. Many manufacturers include unusable space below the bottom rack when they provide information on oven size.

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

Best Washing Machine Brands of 2026

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

By Keith Flamer | Data analysis by Kristen Dorrell
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CR tests hundreds of washing machines. These brands top the list.
Photo: LG

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

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

That's why CR has created brand scores for front-load, top-load agitator, and high-efficiency top-load washing machines. By identifying the brands that consistently offer high-performing, reliable washers with the features consumers want, we can help you choose wisely even if the specific model you're considering isn't one we've tested.

Our brand scores are based on a statistical model that incorporates CR's proprietary lab and survey data for each brand's washing machines in that category. We also look at features and at price. Brands get credit for delivering high performance and reliability at a more budget-friendly price than their competitors.

Below, view our brand rankings for front-loaders, high-efficiency top-loaders, and agitator top-loaders. For each of those categories, we only rank brands with at least three

models in our current ratings. We don't include compacts in our brand ratings because the sample size is too small.



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.

Based on our data, one washing machine brand clearly stands out across the board: LG. Not only did LG receive the best brand score across the three main washer categories, but its models have consistently performed highly in our labs. Its washers claim the top four spots in our ratings for front-loaders and agitators, and the top six 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."

But she adds that 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," Chilicki says.

Best Front-Load Washer Brands

Front-loaders are the highest-performing and most expensive washers you can buy, ranging from about \$725 to \$2,200 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 by several front-loaders that deliver excellent washing performance and water efficiency in our tests. Samsung, Electrolux, Whirlpool, and GE were also well-regarded in our best brand survey.

BRAND	BRAND SCORE
LG	84
Maytag	78
Samsung	77
Electrolux	77
Whirlpool	74
GE	73

Below are three highly rated front-loaders with the highest brand scores. For more options and specific models, see our guide to the best front-load washers.



LG WM4000HWA

OVERALL SCORE

87

✓ CR RECOMMENDED

WASHING PERFORMANCE

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

WATER EFFICIENCY

As a brand, LG occupies eight of the top 10 slots in our ratings, bolstered by its high performance, reliability, and owner satisfaction rankings. Priced under \$900, the top-rated LG WM4000HWA leads the way, tied in Overall Score with two other LGs (the LG Signature WM9900HSA and LG WM3400CW). All three aced our lab tests with high marks for washing performance, water and energy efficiency, and quietness. They're all stackable, with auto dispensers, stainless steel tubs, extra rinse cycles, and WiFi access. Where they differ is in design, price, capacity, cycle times, and custom cycles. The LG WM4000HWA offers a steam cycle, 4.5 cubic feet of capacity, and a relatively short 85-minute wash time. The premium LG Signature WM9900HSA hovers around \$1,900 and features a sleek, minimalist design, LCD touchscreens, WiFi, a steam option, a poky 120-minute wash cycle, and 5.8 cubic feet of capacity, the largest in our ratings. For a little more than \$700, the basic budget-friendly LG WM3400CW is a great value with 4.5 cubic feet of capacity and a 105-minute wash cycle, but no steam cycle.



Maytag MHW6630HW

OVERALL SCORE

78

WASHING PERFORMANCE

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

WATER EFFICIENCY

From the second-ranked front-loader brand, the Maytag MHW6630HW aced our cleaning tests, producing only a little noise and no vibration. Its water efficiency gets a top score, and its energy efficiency ranks nearly as high. It has a claimed capacity of 4.8 cubic feet and a cycle time of 95 minutes. This particular machine gets only a so-so score for gentleness, though. As a group, Maytag front-loaders earn midlevel ratings for predicted reliability and owner satisfaction.



Samsung Bespoke WF90F53ADS

OVERALL SCORE

80

✓ CR RECOMMENDED

WASHING PERFORMANCE

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

WATER EFFICIENCY

This sleek Samsung Bespoke WF90F53ADS is a 5.3-cubic-foot front-load washing machine that can tackle jumbo loads, including king-sized comforters. This stackable model embellishes your laundry space with its stylish charcoal gray design and modern touchscreen. It features a stainless steel tub, steam setting, WiFi, and auto detergent and fabric softener dispensers. It's also Energy Star certified. It boasts excellent washing performance and water efficiency, as well as very good energy efficiency.

Best Top-Load Agitator Washer Brands

Top-load agitators are the least expensive washer option, ranging from about \$430 to \$1,500 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 also offer less capacity due to the central washing spindle. They don't clean quite as well as other washer types, and you can't stack a dryer on top of them to save space. LG top-loaders topped our best brand survey, followed by Whirlpool and Speed Queen with tied scores.

BRAND	BRAND SCORE
LG	71
Whirlpool	61
Speed Queen	61
Maytag	59
Samsung	54

Here are three highly rated agitator washers from our three top-rated brands. For more options and specific models, see our guide to the best top-load agitator washers.



LG WT8405CW

OVERALL SCORE

82

✓ CR RECOMMENDED

WASHING PERFORMANCE

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

WATER EFFICIENCY

The LG WT8405CW is the top-rated top-load agitator washer in our ratings. Don't be put off by its long 90-minute wash cycle. It offers excellent cleaning performance and water efficiency, and a very good energy-efficiency rating. But like many top-load agitators, this model is not the gentlest on clothes. It's also a tad noisy, but thanks to its excellent vibration score, you won't feel it rumble. It has a 5.3-cubic-foot capacity that easily handles large loads, including comforters. It features a stainless steel tub, auto detergent dispensers, an extra rinse cycle, and remote WiFi access, allowing you to track the timing of your loads from anywhere.



Speed Queen TC5003WN

OVERALL SCORE

63

WASHING PERFORMANCE

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

WATER EFFICIENCY

The Speed Queen TC5003WN does a decent job of cleaning laundry, even if its 3.2-cubic-foot, stainless steel tub is on the smallish side. It earns an adequate score for gentleness in our tests and can be fairly noisy, but vibration during operation is minimal. Running the most aggressive normal cycle with a midsize load takes 55 minutes. This particular model uses a moderate amount of water and more electricity per load than many machines, but as a brand, Speed Queen's top-load agitators get the highest score possible for reliability and rank nearly as high for owner satisfaction based on our member surveys. This washing machine comes with a five-year warranty.



Whirlpool
WTW4105SW

● WASHING PERFORMANCE

● ENERGY EFFICIENCY

● WATER EFFICIENCY

OVERALL SCORE

63

The Whirlpool WTW4105SW is a 4-cubic-foot top-load agitator washing machine with a stainless steel tub. This model does a decent job of cleaning laundry, earning an adequate gentleness score. Vibration during operation is minimal, but it can be noisy. It uses less water and less electricity per load than many machines in our ratings, and comes with a one-year warranty. Running the most aggressive normal cycle with a midsized load takes 55 minutes.



Samsung
WA52DG5500AV
(Home Depot)

● WASHING PERFORMANCE

● ENERGY EFFICIENCY

● WATER EFFICIENCY

OVERALL SCORE

70

The Samsung WA52DG5500AV is a Home Depot exclusive washer that does a solid job of cleaning laundry using minimal energy and water per load (its annual usage cost is only \$31). But its adequate gentleness score means it can cause some wear and tear to fabric while washing. It's a quiet, 5.2-cubic-foot, large-capacity impeller washer with a stainless steel tub. It operates quietly, which most users will find acceptable for nearby living spaces. Running the most aggressive normal cycle with a midsized load takes 80 minutes. This washing machine comes with a one-year warranty.

Best Top-Load HE Washer Brands

HE top-load washers are a good compromise on capacity, price (\$500 to \$1,200 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 get 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 leaving them less than thoroughly cleaned. As in other categories, LG ranked as the top brand among HE top-load makers. The rest of the best brand pack, in descending order, features Samsung, Whirlpool, GE Profile, and Maytag.

BRAND	BRAND SCORE
LG	78
Samsung	64
Whirlpool	63
GE Profile	63
Maytag	61

Below are three highly ranked to-load HE washer brands with high CR performance ratings. For more options and specific models, see our guide to the best top-load HE washers.



LG WT8600CB

✓ CR RECOMMENDED

● WASHING PERFORMANCE

● ENERGY EFFICIENCY

● WATER EFFICIENCY

OVERALL SCORE

86

The LG WT8600CB's scores across washing performance, water efficiency, and vibration tests are all excellent. It's pretty quiet, too, but it's not as gentle on fabric as we'd like it to be. That might mean eventual wear and tear on your clothes, especially if you mix loads or use more aggressive wash cycles. The LG WT8600CB's normal cycle is about 75 minutes, and its 5.5-cubic-foot capacity allows it to fit comforters and accommodate large family-sized loads.



Whirlpool
WTW4100SW

● WASHING PERFORMANCE

● ENERGY EFFICIENCY

● WATER EFFICIENCY

OVERALL SCORE

64

The Whirlpool WTW4100SW has some drawbacks, but it's excellent in its primary function—cleaning clothes. In our testing, this model earned stellar marks for washing performance and low vibration. It features a 4.1-cubic-foot stainless steel tub and uses a moderate amount of water and electricity per load during its 60-minute cycle. But it can be fairly noisy and cause wear and tear on clothes. Its reliability is decent, but its owner satisfaction rating is lackluster. This washing machine comes with a one-year warranty.

How to Use Consumer Reports to Find the Perfect Washing Machine

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Model performance: We capture highly detailed performance data on more than 120 individual washing machines, including front-loaders, top-load agitators, high-efficiency top-loaders, and compact models. CR members can find all that information in our washing machine ratings. If you have a specific model in mind, you can also search for detailed results on that model. These individual ratings are the best indicator of how a particular washing machine will perform.

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 each major appliance type 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 reliable washing machines.

Brand-level performance: These scores, shown above,

reflect how well washing machines 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 serve as a good backup if you're interested in a 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 washing machines that provide great performance and value. Note, too, that brand performance can vary from one type of washer to another.

How CR Tests Washing Machines

We test top-loaders with agitators, high-efficiency (HE) top-loaders (the type without a vertical spindle), and front-loaders, including compacts for performance, energy efficiency, water efficiency, fabric gentleness, noise, and vibration. And we measure the energy a washer uses to assess its annual usage cost. We've also tested a select group of all-in-one washer-dryers, a relatively recent market option.

The washing machines we test are from familiar brands such as Amana, Electrolux, Frigidaire, GE, LG, Maytag, Samsung, and Whirlpool, as well as lesser-known brands like Asko, Blomberg, Midea, and Miele. For more details on how we test washing machines, check out the testing section in our washing machine buying guide.

Best Clothes Dryer Brands of 2026

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

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

Photo: LG

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 Larry Ciufo, CR's lead test engineer for laundry.

Our brand scores are based on a statistical model that incorporates CR's proprietary lab and survey data on each brand's clothes dryers in that category. We also look at features, and at price: brands get credit for delivering high performance and reliability at a more budget-friendly price than their competitors.

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 96,315 new clothes dryers purchased between 2015 and 2025.

View our brand rankings for electric dryers and gas dryers. For each of those categories, we rank only brands with at least three models in our current ratings. (We don't include compacts in our brand ratings because the sample size is too small.)



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.

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 17 spots among electric dryers and the top nine among gas models. Among electric dryer brands, Midea ranked runner-up, and Speed Queen placed third. For gas dryers, Samsung and Electrolux followed 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. For good value options, see our guide to the best electric dryers for \$800 or less.

LG dominates our electric dryer performance ratings, thanks in part to the brand's impressive reliability and owner satisfaction scores, and its models' diverse pricing and feature options. It's not surprising, then, that LG ranks highest in our best brands scoring as well. But you'll find other established, popular brands among this list as well.

BRAND	BEST BRAND SCORE
LG	78
Midea	73
Speed Queen	72
GE Profile	71
Samsung	69
Electrolux	65
Maytag	65
Whirlpool	61
GE	61

Below are highly rated electric dryers from the three manufacturers with the highest brand scores. For more options and specific models, see our guide to the best electric clothes dryers.



LG DLE3400W

✓ CR RECOMMENDED

DRYING PERFORMANCE

CONVENIENCE

NOISE

OVERALL SCORE

87

We expect the top-rated LG DLE3400W to perform similarly to the CR-tested LG DLEX3700W (now discontinued), though it lacks the WiFi and steam options of the previous version. The tested model delivered solid performance across the board, nabbing an excellent rating for noise and landing near the top in our drying and convenience tests. This stackable machine boasts a claimed capacity of 7.4 cubic feet and is equipped with a moisture sensor, extended tumbles, custom programs, and an end-of-cycle signal—all for a relatively low price.



Midea MLTE45N4BWW

✓ CR RECOMMENDED

DRYING PERFORMANCE

CONVENIENCE

NOISE

OVERALL SCORE

75

The Midea MLTE45N4BWW is one of the least expensive models in our ratings. Its drying performance is very good across a variety of load sizes and fabric types. It does a solid job with large loads, particularly, taking up to 70 minutes to completely dry a large, mixed load of towels, jeans, and permanent-press items. For delicate fabrics, we find the dryer's minimum temperature acceptable. It operates quietly, which most users will find unobtrusive, even in homes where the laundry is close to living or sleeping areas. In terms of convenience, which we judge based on controls and ergonomics, this dryer is near the top. This model also has a blocked lint filter indicator, which alerts you to clean the filter.



Speed Queen DF7004WE

DRYING PERFORMANCE

CONVENIENCE

NOISE

OVERALL SCORE

70

The Speed Queen DF7004WE does a solid job with large mixed loads, including towels, jeans, and permanent-press items, in 73 minutes. Most striking, however, is the brand's top-notch predicted reliability and owner satisfaction, as measured by our surveys. We find the dryer's minimum temperature acceptable for delicate fabrics. It features a drum light, a moisture sensor, an end-of-cycle signal, extended tumble, custom programs, an express dry cycle, and a steam option. This dryer produces moderate noise, which is noticeable if your machine is near a living space.

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	80
Samsung	70
Electrolux	64
Maytag	62
Whirlpool	61

Below are three high-performing gas clothes dryers with the highest brand scores. For more options and specific models, see our guide to the best gas dryers.



LG DLGX5501W

✓ CR RECOMMENDED

DRYING PERFORMANCE

CONVENIENCE

NOISE

OVERALL SCORE

82

Two LGs top our gas dryer ratings with high Overall Scores, first-rate reliability, and strong marks in performance, convenience, and noise (they're both very quiet). LG DLGX5501W and LG DLGX6501W are standard-size, stackable machines with moisture sensors, stainless steel drums, 7.4 cubic feet of capacity, steam settings, extended tumble cycles, and WiFi access. Both are capable machines that will finish a load in under 70 minutes and cost less than \$77 per year to operate. And they both receive high owner satisfaction marks in our member surveys.



Samsung DVG45T6000W

DRYING PERFORMANCE

CONVENIENCE

NOISE

OVERALL SCORE

73

The Samsung DVG45T6000W is a full-sized gas dryer with a 7.5-cu.-ft. drum that scores admirably across all three of our tests, including drying performance, convenience, and noise. It does a solid job, particularly with large loads, taking up to 69 minutes to completely dry a large, mixed load of towels, jeans, and permanent-press items. But it's a basic model that features only a moisture sensor, an end-of-cycle signal, and an extended tumble. It is 39" high, 27" wide, 31" deep, and stackable, and with a reversible side-opening door. This model is controlled with a rotary dial and electronic touchpad; it does not support WiFi.



Electrolux ELFG7537AW

DRYING PERFORMANCE

CONVENIENCE

NOISE

OVERALL SCORE

65

Electrolux ELFG7537AW is one of the pricier gas dryers in our ratings. And though its reliability, owner satisfaction, and convenience ratings are middling, it's a solid dryer for loads of various sizes and fabric types. Energy Star certified, it operates very quietly, with a claimed capacity of 8 cubic feet and a 66-minute dry cycle. It features a drum light, a moisture sensor, an extended tumble, an express dry cycle, and a steam option for dewrinkling clothes. The annual usage cost for this dryer is estimated at \$68, which is below-average.

How to Use Consumer Reports to Find the Perfect Clothes Dryer

We provide three crucial pieces of information that can help you find the best clothes dryer for your needs.

Model performance: We capture highly detailed performance data on more than 140 individual clothes dryers, including electric, gas, and compact models. CR members can find all that information in our clothes dryer ratings. If you have a specific model in mind, you can also search for detailed results on that model. These individual ratings are the best indicator of how a particular dryer will perform.

When shopping by model, keep in mind that your preferred dryer may simply have a different finish from the one in our ratings. You can expect these machines to perform the same, but their model numbers vary by a few letters that indicate a different finish or color. For example, the white Samsung DVE45T6000W electric dryer in our ratings is also available in black with the model number DVE45T6000V. The CR-tested Electrolux ELFE7537AW also comes in a titanium version, the ELFE7537AT. Those stylish models tend to be more expensive than the white dryers we typically test, Chilicki says.

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How CR Tests Clothes Dryers

In our labs, we dry laundry loads of different sizes and fabric mixes (such as cotton/polyester blends and synthetic delicates) to evaluate a machine's drying performance. A dryer's controls and ergonomics, such as ease of loading and unloading, determine its convenience score. The sound quality and volume of an 8-pound laundry load define a dryer's noise score.

We also use our own testing data, combined with government usage statistics, to estimate the annual usage cost for each model. Though your usage and electricity costs may vary, this figure will help you determine how costly it is to run the dryer you're considering.

Best Cooktop Brands of 2026

Who makes the best gas and electric cooktops? CR's testing, survey, and pricing data point to a few clear winners, plus some brands you might want to avoid.

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Our ratings of electric cooktop brands incorporate test and survey results for both smoothtop electrics and induction models. We also rate gas cooktop brands.
Photo: LG

What makes a great cooktop? On its highest settings, it should be able to bring a pot of water for pasta to a rolling boil in a hurry. Then, on its lowest simmer setting, it should be able to melt chocolate smoothly, without scorching the Ghirardelli or the bottom of the pot. And it should be reliable because repairs can be both difficult and expensive.

"The right cooktop makes cooking smooth and satisfying," says Kenneth Sutton Jr., the engineer who heads CR's cooktop testing program. "The wrong one just gets in the way at every single meal."

The question of which brand makes the best cooktops is tougher to answer. CR's engineers test hundreds of cooking appliances in our labs each year, and currently, there are more than 70 cooktops in our ratings. If you're shopping for a new cooktop, it's smart to start with our ratings and look up the specific models you're considering. But what if we haven't tested the cooktop you're considering? In that case, our overall cooktop brand scores can be a big help.

To determine which brands make the best cooktops, CR created a statistical model that incorporates the Overall Scores for every gas, electric smoothtop, and induction cooktop in our ratings. Our calculations reflect lab performance, available features, predicted reliability, and owner satisfaction

scores. We also look at prices: Brands get credit for delivering high performance and reliability at a lower cost than their competitors.

Below, we list the best brands in two categories: gas cooktop and the combination of induction and conventional smoothtop electric cooktops. For each of those categories, we only included brands with at least three cooktops in our current ratings.



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 Electric and Induction Cooktop Brands

Electric smoothtops and induction cooktops are sleek and easy to clean, and they perform well, too. The top-performing smoothtop electrics outperform gas models when it comes to boiling water in a hurry. Induction models, which use an electromagnetic field to heat up a pot or a skillet, perform even better on both high and low settings.

The top brand for electric smoothtop and induction cooktops is LG, with high-performing 30- and 36-inch induction models, top predicted reliability scores, and strong marks for owner satisfaction. The other four electric cooktop brands in CR's analysis—Frigidaire, Samsung, KitchenAid, and Whirlpool—also earned strong scores.

BRAND	BRAND SCORE
LG	91
Frigidaire	80
Samsung	79
KitchenAid	78
Whirlpool	77

The following high-scoring cooktops come from the top smoothtop electric and induction brands in CR's ratings. For more options, see our roundups of the best electric radiant and induction cooktops.



**LG Studio
CBIS3618BE**

✓ CR RECOMMENDED

HIGH HEAT
LOW HEAT

OVERALL SCORE

99

The 36-inch LG Studio CBIS3618B induction cooktop offers truly stellar performance in both high-heat and low-heat cooking. It comes with touch controls and can be WiFi-enabled to connect with a smartphone. The flexible cooking zone on the left allows you to combine the two elements to accommodate cookware of different sizes or shapes. LG's owner satisfaction and brand reliability scores are very strong.



**KitchenAid
KCES550HBL**

✓ CR RECOMMENDED

HIGH HEAT
LOW HEAT

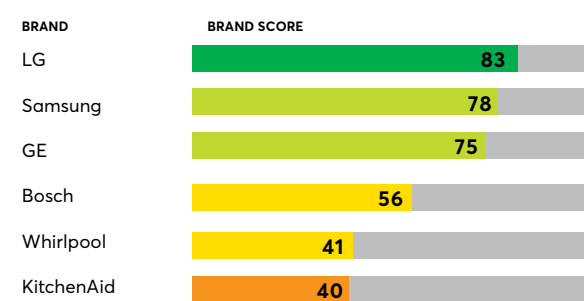
OVERALL SCORE

82

This 30-inch model from Kitchen Aid is our top-rated electric smoothtop cooktop. It excels at both high and low heat cooking and features five elements: two high-power, two low-power, and one medium power, all controlled by a series of large knobs, which many home cooks may prefer over a potentially finicky touch-sensitive panel. The KCES550HBL also earns our Green Choice distinction for energy efficiency and sustainability, and at around \$1,100, it's a relative bargain. KitchenAid's predicted reliability is strong; the brand's owner satisfaction isn't.

Best Gas Cooktop Brands

There's no denying that with their open flame, gas cooktops look and feel cool, but many serious cooks also love them because they're more responsive than smoothtop electric models. They heat up in a hurry and cool down in a flash, which can keep your ganache from scorching.



This highly rated gas cooktop is made by our top-rated brand in the category. For more options, see our roundup of the best gas cooktops in our ratings.



LG CBGJ3623S

✓ CR RECOMMENDED

HIGH HEAT
LOW HEAT

OVERALL SCORE

78

The LG CBGJ3623S is a solid five-burner, 36-inch cooktop with two high-powered burners that heat water quickly. The model turns in a strong performance in our high-heat test and a top score in our low-heat test, demonstrating its ability to heat gently and maintain a steady, slow simmer. This stainless steel cooktop has continuous cooking grates and metal knobs to control the burners. LG gas cooktops receive above-average ratings for reliability in CR's member surveys but earn only middling owner satisfaction ratings.

How to Use Consumer Reports to Find the Perfect Cooktop

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

Model performance: We capture the performance of individual models in our cooktop ratings. You're able to search by model to see how well a particular cooktop performs at both low and high heat, and what features it has. Model ratings are the best indicator of how a particular product will work in your kitchen. (You can also check out our analysis of the best electric radiant cooktops, best induction cooktops, and best gas cooktops.)

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 if 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.

Brand-level performance: These scores, shown above, reflect how well the cooktops from a particular brand perform in our testing and surveys, and whether they provide a good value. The scores are not 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 cooktops even if it has a few duds in its lineup. And the opposite may be true, as well: A relatively low-scoring brand may produce some high-quality cooktops.

How CR Tests Cooktops

In our labs, we test 30- and 36-inch gas cooktops from brands such as Bosch, GE, Ikea, KitchenAid, LG, Samsung, Viking, and Wolf, along with 30- and 36-inch electric and induction cooktops from brands such as Bosch, Frigidaire, KitchenAid, LG, Samsung, and Whirlpool.

We test every cooktop at low and high heat. That covers its ability to sustain temperatures low enough to melt chocolate or tomato sauce without scorching it, and the cooktop's ability to quickly bring water to a boil.

We also survey CR members, asking them whether their cooktops broke or stopped working as they should during the first five years of ownership. We also ask whether they would

recommend their cooktop to a friend or family member. We use the data from their responses to generate our scores for predicted reliability and owner satisfaction.

CR members can browse our full cooktop ratings. And check out our free cooktop buying guide for shopping tips and help in deciding whether to buy a gas cooktop, an electric cooktop, or an induction cooktop for your kitchen.