

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

● 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.

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 clothes dryers.

Brand-level performance: These scores, shown above, reflect how well clothes dryers 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 product 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 across dryer types.

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.