

Most Reliable Kitchen Appliance Brands of 2026

CR's exclusive data on the predicted reliability of refrigerators, dishwashers, cooktops, and more can help save you money in the long haul

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When it's time to invest in a new range, refrigerator, or dishwasher, you want to get one that will stand the test of time.

What's the best way to avoid shelling out for another replacement too soon? Go with a reliable kitchen appliance brand. Factoring in predicted reliability—based on exclusive data from CR's member surveys—can help you avoid costly repairs and save money.

CR's newest annual appliance brand reliability rankings show how reliable a brand is relative to others across multiple kitchen appliance types. The results are based on survey data we collected from our members about 252,640 kitchen appliances purchased new between 2015 and 2025.

To calculate predicted reliability, we asked members whether their kitchen appliances broke or stopped working as well as they should. We used that information to estimate how a given brand's new models would hold up over the first five years of use. The predicted reliability ratings for kitchen appliances from each brand are an average of the ratings for all types of that brand's appliances. Those ratings are how we rank the most reliable refrigerator brands, dishwasher brands, and range brands, among others. For this report, we averaged the predicted reliability across all types of appliances that a particular brand makes and sells.

For each brand, the average predicted reliability score has been adjusted to account for differences among types of kitchen appliances. Top-freezer refrigerators, for example, are far and away the most reliable type of refrigerator. Without this score adjustment, a brand that only made top-freezer models would therefore have an unfair advantage over one that makes many types of refrigerators.

The chart here only includes brands for which we have reliability ratings in at least two categories of major appliances. The categories included are:

- Refrigerators (bottom-freezers, built-ins, French doors, side-by-sides, top-freezers)
- Dishwashers (18- and 24-inch)
- Ranges (electric coil, electric induction, electric smoothtop, gas, pro-style)
- Cooktops (induction, electric smoothtop, gas)
- Wall ovens (electric)
- Microwave ovens (over-the-range)

Which Kitchen Appliance Brands Are the Most Reliable?

Read on for our exclusive chart that tracks reliability for 23 kitchen appliance brands, including Frigidaire, KitchenAid, LG, Samsung, and Whirlpool. For even more coverage, check out our comprehensive appliance reliability guide.

A Detailed Breakdown of Our Rankings

LG sits atop our kitchen appliance rankings with our highest Overall Score (74). It also includes six product categories in our brand reliability ranking calculation: refrigerators, dishwashers, ranges, cooktops, wall ovens, and over-the-range microwave ovens. LG has been included in appliance rankings since 2019..

Wolf/Sub-Zero takes second place (Overall Score, 72), followed by Miele in third (Overall Score, 69). Bosch and Café tie for fourth (Overall Score, 67).

Among those brands, Bosch and Café have the most product categories featured in our rankings, similar to LG. Each makes six types of appliances in our ratings: refrigerators, dishwashers, ranges, cooktops, wall ovens, and over-the-range microwave ovens. Wolf/Sub-Zero has four categories (refrigerators, ranges, cooktops, and wall ovens), and Miele has four categories (refrigerators, dishwashers, cooktops, and wall ovens).

Viking, a pro-style brand, ranks at the bottom of our ratings with an Overall Score of 27. Dacor, another elite brand, is tied with Kenmore, a standard kitchen appliance brand. Both landed near the bottom of our chart (Overall Score, 40).

Keep in mind that our predicted reliability ratings aren't an indicator of performance. So even when you settle on a reliable brand, you'll want to check our full appliance ratings to find a specific model that performs well in our rigorous lab tests.

How to Use Consumer Reports to Find a Reliable Kitchen Appliance

At Consumer Reports, we provide several crucial pieces of information that can help you find the best kitchen appliance

possible.

Model performance: We capture performance at the model level in our kitchen appliance ratings for refrigerators (bottom-freezers, built-ins, French-doors, side-by-sides, top-freezers), dishwashers, ranges (electric coil, electric induction, electric smoothtop, gas, pro-style), cooktops (electric induction, electric smoothtop, gas), wall ovens (electric), and microwave ovens (over-the-range). For each of these products, we also have brand-level reliability scores factored into a model's Overall Score. You can see these scores on the model page for whichever appliance you're viewing.

Reliability: 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 kitchen appliance we test. We also ask whether people would recommend their kitchen appliance to other people to determine a brand-level owner satisfaction score. These results can be found in our ratings chart or our articles on the most and least reliable brands across large appliance types: refrigerators, dishwashers, ranges (electric, gas, and pro-style), cooktops, wall ovens, and microwave ovens. Always check the predicted reliability and owner satisfaction of an appliance before buying.

Brand-level reliability: These scores, in the chart above, reflect how well the kitchen appliances from a particular brand perform in our surveys. You can use these ratings to zero in on a reliable brand, then check our ratings to find the individual models that fare best in our tests.

