

Ranges and ovens buying guide

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Key considerations when choosing an oven or range

Before you choose the type of range you'd like, you'll want to decide on the placement of your range and measure the space you have for it.

Types of ranges

There are a few main types of ranges you can choose from.

1. Freestanding ranges have full finished sides and a backsplash that holds the controls.
2. Slide-in ranges have unfinished sides and a flat top that blends seamlessly with your countertops. You can choose electric, gas, or dual-fuel slide in ranges.
3. There are different options for cooking surface on freestanding ranges including a freestanding gas range, electric smooth top range, electric coil range, and electric induction range. You can also choose a dual fuel freestanding range.
4. Gas ranges require a gas hookup that is installed by a gas fitter. If you choose a gas range you'll have features including high heat and simmer burners, interlocking grates on the cooktop for easy cleanup, and pilotless ignition for hassle free ignition when you're ready to cook.
5. The most popular electric cooktops are coil cooktop or smooth top cooktop. Coil cooktops are economical and durable. Smooth cooktops are easy to clean and have bridge elements that let you use two burners at once.
6. Induction cooktops are available on electric ranges. To use an induction cooktop you'll need induction compatible cookware. This type of cooktop heats up quickly and precisely.
7. Dual fuel ranges give you the best of both worlds with an electric oven and gas-powered cooktop.

Types of ovens

1. With a freestanding or slide in range your oven is part of your appliance. You can choose single ovens or double ovens.
2. Wall ovens require their own cabinet and work independently. If you choose a wall oven you'll also need to choose a cooktop.

3. Cooktops are stand alone cooking surfaces that sit on your counter. You can choose electric, gas, or induction cooktops.

Features on ranges

All ranges, whether they are gas or electric, share many of the same great features.

1. **Multiple burners** – Some ranges have 4 or 5 burners, while others will have 6 to 8.
2. **Large capacity oven** – A popular choice for families, large capacity ovens have 6 or more cubic feet of internal cooking space and some offer three racks for baking, roasting or broiling.
3. **Convection oven** – Convection ovens cook faster and more evenly than standard ovens. They use an internal fan to circulate air around the inside of the oven. You can choose true convection or fan convection. True convection uses a third heating element located behind the fan, and fan convection has a fan inside that blows hot air without using an additional element.
4. **Air Fry function** – A range with built in air fry uses a special tray you place inside the oven. Hot air is circulated around the tray and creates crispy food. Air fry is a great feature for anyone who wants the flavour and texture of deep fried food without deep frying in oil.
5. **Dual ovens** – A range with dual ovens has two separate doors for each oven. One oven will be smaller than the other so you can cook dishes separately. You can also use the entire oven at one time.
6. **Smart features** – Some ranges have Wi-Fi and an app you can use to control your range from your phone. You can turn it off, on, or set it to preheat, and you can access recipes designed for your range.
7. **Warming drawers and zones** – Everything stays warm and ready to eat when you have a warming drawer. You can also use a warming zone on the cooktop of your range to keep food warm and ready to eat.
8. **Self-cleaning ovens** – With a self-cleaning oven you never have to scrub at the walls of your oven. Just turn it on the self-cleaning cycle, add water, and wipe out any debris when the cycle is complete.
9. **Delayed bake** – Delayed bake will put the range in standby until you'd like it to turn on and begin cooking.
10. **Child lock** – Child lock is an important safety feature if you have children. You can turn the child lock on and the range won't turn on until you turn it off.