



Soda Machine Buying Guide Quick Reference Handout

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What is a soda machine?

- The history of soda machines: Soda machines were likely invented in the mid 1700s.
- How soda machines work: To add carbonation to water, soda machines inject carbon dioxide into pressurized bottles of water
- Where you can use a soda machine: Make sure to keep your soda machine and canister away from extreme heat.

Why use a soda machine?

1. Customization: Create custom drinks for the whole family
2. Flavouring: Control the sweetness of each beverage
 3. Cost-saving: Cut down on your grocery bill
 4. Reduce waste: Throw out fewer cans and bottles
 5. Healthier option: Control your sugar intake while still drinking tasty custom beverages

Beverages you can make in a soda machine

Some brands of soda machines function only as sparkling water makers, but others are able to carbonate any liquid.

- Enjoy sparkling water at home with less waste and a lower grocery bill
- Add fizz to your favourite beverages including water and juice
- Use mixers and syrups to create a bubbly cocktail or mocktail
- Create cocktails and mocktails by adding sparkling water to syrup, mixers, and more
- Add fizz to drinks you already enjoy, like juice, wine, and cocktails – with the added benefit of reducing the alcohol content and increasing the hydration content of alcoholic beverages
- Create sodas at home with syrups and flavour drops, which you can mix and modify for your specific palate

Powered vs battery-free soda machines

Most soda machines are powered by gas pressure, so they don't need to be plugged in. You can



use them in cluttered kitchens, dorm rooms, poolside bars, and more.

1. **Battery-free soda machines** can even be taken camping and are great for dorm rooms and home bars.
2. **Powered models** may offer additional features, such as carbonation level pre-sets.

Can you make healthier choices with a soda machine?

- Soda machines are a great way to make healthier choices part of your everyday routine.
- Like many things, staying healthy while drinking soda is about moderation.
- Control the amount of syrup or juice in each glass.
- Make sure to talk to your dentist about the risks of acid erosion and rinse with plain water after drinking other beverages.

Soda machine syrups, flavourings, and more

- With a soda machine, you can mix, match, and control both the sweetness and bubbiness of your favourite classic sodas.
- Want to try something that's new to your palate? Try handcrafted recipes or source local ingredients to use with your soda or sparkling water maker.

CO2 canisters

At-home sparkling water makers are a great way to enjoy crisp, sparkling water with less waste. They work using a replaceable, recyclable carbon dioxide canister that threads into the back of your machine.

1. How long will your carbon dioxide cylinder last for? Carbon dioxide cylinders and canisters generally last for 1-2 months.
2. How do you exchange CO2 canisters? When it comes time to replace, make sure to exchange your old carbon dioxide canister through Best Buy's CO2 Exchange Program. Compressed air can't be shipped by air for safety reasons, so you'll need to purchase and exchange CO2 cartridges for any kind of soda machine in-store or by ground shipping.

Soda machine accessories

- Choose the right bottles and accessories to use with your specific model of soda machine.
- These may vary by material, size, and thread size, so make sure to select for compatibility.