Appliance Buying Guide

Dishwasher

Built-in – dishwashers to be fitted into pre-existing cabinetry

Child lockout – function to prevent children from operating controls

Compact undercounter – dishwasher designed for smaller kitchens; generally 18" wide

Double-drawer dishwasher – the same size as a standard dishwasher, but has drawers that work independently for smaller loads or together for larger loads

Freestanding – dishwashers that stand on their own and are enclosed in a metal cabinet

LCD – liquid crystal display that electronically displays information such as text, temperature and more

Portable – casters roll this type of dishwasher to sink to wash and out of the way when not in use; usually between 18" and 24" wide

Single-drawer dishwasher – about half the size of a traditional dishwasher and can be placed within cabinetry for a seamless look

Sound reduction package – technology designed to remove or reduce sound when appliance is in use