

Appliance Buying Guide

Refrigerator

Adjustable shelving – shelves that can be adjusted to different heights, removed or retracted

Advanced cooling system – sophisticated climate control system that offers dual cooling zones, regulates humidity, temperature, storage time, etc.

Bottom-mount – refrigeration compartment on top with freezer on bottom

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

Counter-depth – refrigerators made for shorter countertops and 6” less deep than standard sized refrigerators, usually 25” to 27” deep

Compact – refrigeration units built for smaller spaces

Crisper – a compartment in a refrigerator for storing vegetables and keeping them fresh

Door dispenser – built-in filtered water dispensers on refrigerators

French-door – side-by-side doors with refrigeration compartment on top and freezer on bottom

Four-door – side-by-side doors with refrigeration compartment on top with two freezer doors on bottom

Frost-free defrost – defrosting system that eliminates the build-up of ice in the refrigerator and/or freezer

Ice maker – built-in water freezing system on refrigerators

Ice/water filter – alerts when water filter needs to be replaced

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

Reversible doors – doors that can be configured to open on the right- or left-hand side

Side-by-side – freezer on one side and refrigeration compartment on the other

Standard depth – traditional-sized refrigerators that are usually 30” to 32” deep

Spill-proof shelf – a shelf that is flush with the shelf panel, thereby forming a continuous surface that contains spills to one shelf and thus makes cleaning easier

Top-mount – freezer on top with refrigeration compartment on bottom