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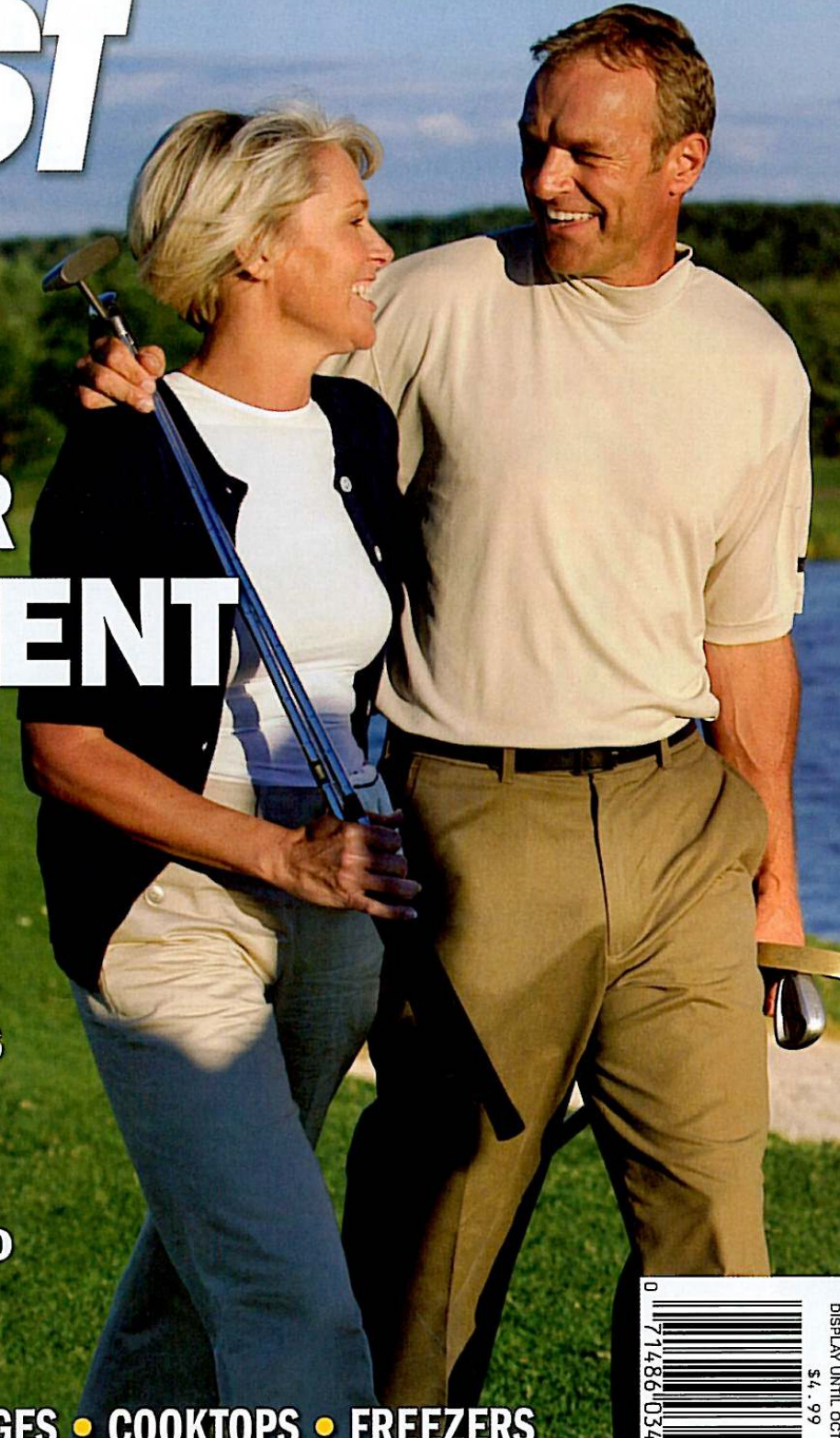
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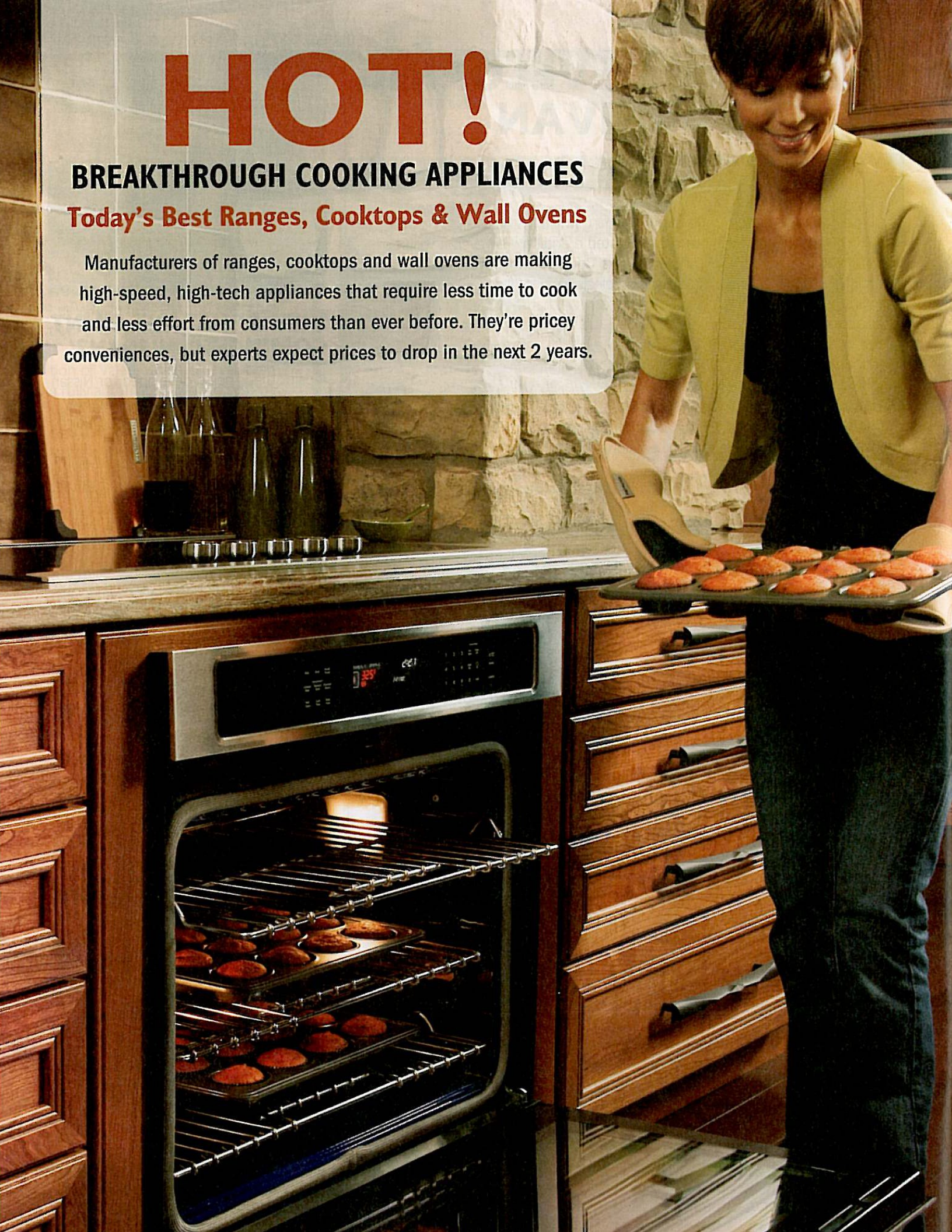
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BREAKTHROUGH COOKING APPLIANCES

Today's Best Ranges, Cooktops & Wall Ovens

Manufacturers of ranges, cooktops and wall ovens are making high-speed, high-tech appliances that require less time to cook and less effort from consumers than ever before. They're pricey conveniences, but experts expect prices to drop in the next 2 years.



Cooking is a chore for some and a passion for others. Nevertheless, having a kitchen that's stocked with the latest cooking appliances seems to be a universal desire. Based on a survey that was released in February 2014, LG Electronics reported that 53 percent of homeowners say their kitchens are "outdated." About 58 percent say they lack the kitchen appliances that they "need." Even more telling, 27 percent of respondents say they'd trade winning fights with their spouses for upgraded appliances—quite a sacrifice.

Bob Lewis of American Range tells us that consumers typically upgrade their kitchen appliances every 10 years, so it isn't surprising that respondents to LG's survey might believe that their ranges, cooktops and wall ovens are out of date.

Speed and convenience became paramount themes in the cooking appliance market, and manufacturers remain focused on those themes. As a result, experts say, you can expect to find more ranges, cooktops and wall ovens that heat faster, run hotter and even connect to your mobile devices so you can control the cooking process from outside of

the kitchen. In 2014, however, you have to be prepared to pay extra for some of the improvements.

HEATING UP. Based on anecdotal evidence, consumers have come to expect time-saving features in the kitchen to fit their fast-paced lifestyles, according to John Petrie, who is the president of National Kitchen and Bath Association. "We're going 100 miles per hour," he says. Two such features upon which appliance manufacturers focus are expedited preheating and high-power burners that heat quickly.

In 2012, 6-minute preheat cycles

✓ Best Buys in Cooktops

Best Buy Categories

[P]=Premium selection
[M]=Midrange selection
[E]=Economy selection



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Best Buys in cooktops were selected based on performance, features, ease of use and brand reputation.

Unless otherwise noted, all cooktop Best Buy selections are 30 inches wide.

All electric cooktop Best Buys are stainless steel and black.

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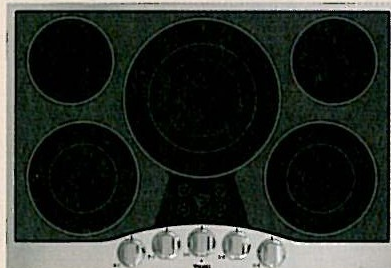
ELECTRIC

[P] LG LSCE365ST

MSRP: \$1,429;

Best Price: \$1,272

>> The 36-inch wide LSCE365ST delivers an unbeatable combination of features for the price. This model is the lowest priced electric cooktop that we found that has



Viking RVEC330-5B

a bridge element, which combines the front and rear burners to accommodate large or oblong pots and pans; a triple-ring element, which provides a wider range of heating temperatures; and up to 3,000 watts of output.

Features:

- * Number of elements: 5
- * Element output: 100–3,000 W
- * Warranty: 2 yrs. parts, labor; 5 yrs. cooktop, elements

[M] Viking RVEC330-5B

MSRP: \$1,259;

Best Price: \$1,169

>> The RVEC330-5B is the lowest priced electric cooktop that we found that has five burners, a triple-ring element, up to 3,200 watts of output and a 3-year warranty—the best by far among electric cooktops that are in this price range. You'd have to spend another \$590 to beat this model's warranty coverage.

Features:

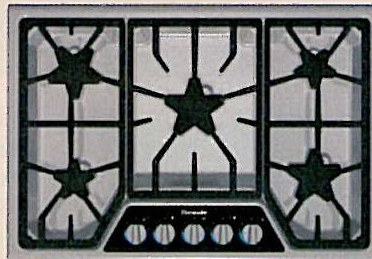
- * Number of elements: 5
- * Element output: 1,200–3,200 W
- * Warranty: 3 yrs. parts, labor; 5 yrs. cooktop, elements

[E] Kenmore 45103

MSRP: \$570;

Best Price: \$570

>> Although the 45103 is



Thermador SGSX305FS

the lowest priced electric cooktop that we found, it isn't the most basic model that's available. Its maximum output is the best that we found in this price range, and you'd have to spend at least \$430 more to equal it in another model.

Features:

- * Number of elements: 4
- * Element output: 1,200–3,000 W
- * Warranty: 1 yr. parts, labor

GAS

[P] Thermador SGSX305FS

MSRP: \$1,899;

Best Price: \$1,454

>> The SGSX305FS is a repeat Best Buy selection because of its combination of exclusive star-design burners, which are well-regarded for their even heating capability, and its low-simmer burners, which operate at as little as 200 Btu. We also like Thermador's 2-year warranty. (The vast majority of gas cooktops have just a 1-year warranty.)

Features:

- * Number of burners: 5

- * Burner output: 200–16,000 Btu
- * Color: Stainless steel
- * Warranty: 2 yrs. parts, labor

[M] Bosch NGM8065UC (black)

MSRP: \$999; Best Price: \$879

>> The NGM8065UC is the lowest priced gas cooktop that we found that has five burners and a maximum output of 18,000 Btu. You'd have to spend another \$320 to beat that combination of features.

Features:

- * Number of burners: 5
- * Burner output: 5,000–18,000 Btu
- * Colors: Black, stainless steel
- * Warranty: 1 yr. parts, labor

[E] Bosch NGM5055UC

MSRP: \$799; Best Price: \$714

>> The NGM5055UC is the lowest priced gas cooktop that we found that provides at least a 16,000-Btu maximum output. This model's automatic reignition, which kicks in if the flame flickers out, is a feature that's common on models that cost \$200 more.

Features:

- * Number of burners: 4
- * Burner output: 5,000–16,000 Btu
- * Color: Stainless steel
- * Warranty: 1 yr. parts, labor

For more information about the above Best Buys, contact the manufacturers directly. See page 58.

emerged in range ovens; now, Frigidaire sells a \$1,699 double-oven range that has a 4-minute preheat cycle, which is the fastest that we found in our research of ranges. All told, at least five manufacturers have ranges that can preheat in 6 minutes or less.

Among wall ovens, Jenn-Air leads the way with three models that—believe it or not—don't require preheating. How? Jenn-Air says the ovens use a 6,800-watt dual-fan convection system that distributes heat almost instantly, which allows users to bake on one rack with no preheating time. Chris Wurlitzer of retailer Yale Appliance & Lighting says Jenn-Air's technology works as advertised, and cooking results are almost identical with foods that are

baked in an oven that requires preheating. However, he notes that Jenn-Air's no-preheat function is specifically for the center rack only—it doesn't work for dishes that are cooked on the top or bottom rack in the oven. The company says the system doesn't require special wiring to function.

Although fast preheat cycles—6 minutes or less—are far from standard at this point, we found that the entry price to obtain a model that has such a preheat cycle depends on the type of appliance. Among wall ovens, most models that have a fast preheat cycle start at \$2,999 (our premium Best Buy wall oven's MSRP is \$2,299), but GE has an electric range that has a fast preheat cycle that's available for \$849.

In addition to cutting down the time that's spent waiting for the oven to preheat, several manufacturers pushed the boundaries of speed cooking through high-power burners on their cooktops and ranges. In 2012, one gas range from American Range had a 25,000-Btu burner; 10 models across ranges and cooktops from other manufacturers had a heat output that topped out at 20,000 Btu; another five models from other manufacturers scraped above the 20,000-Btu level. Now, American Range has 13 gas ranges and 14 gas cooktops that have a 25,000-Btu burner. Although 25,000 Btu remains the high point in 2014, 38 appliances have a 20,000-Btu limit, and another 34 models from different manufacturers surpass

Best Buys in Ranges

Best Buy Categories

- [P]=Premium selection
- [M]=Midrange selection
- [E]=Economy selection



Best Buys in ranges were selected based on performance, features, ease of use and brand reputation.

All range Best Buys have at least basic self-clean-oven functionality and are 30 inches wide.

Dual-fuel ranges combine electric and gas power for cooking, typically in the format of an electric oven with a gas-powered cooktop.

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ELECTRIC

[P] Samsung NE597NOPBSR

MSRP: \$2,099; *Best Price*: \$1,579

>> The NE597NOPBSR is the only two-induction-element electric range that we found that has this big of an oven, a unique cooking surface that allows for oversize pots and pans, a steam-clean function and a warming drawer for storing just-cooked meals. We also like this model's unique boil-alert feature, which sounds when the boiling point for milk, oil, soup or water is reached so you can reduce the heat to avoid a spillover.



LG LRE3027ST

Features:

- * Number of elements: 4
- * Element output: Electric: 4,600 W (x2); induction: NA-2,300 W
- * Oven capacity: 5.9 cu. ft.
- * Color: Stainless steel
- * Warranty: 1 yr. parts, labor; 5 yrs. cooktop, elements

[P] LG LRE3027ST

MSRP: \$1,400; *Best Price*: \$1,260

>> The LRE3027ST is the lowest priced electric range that we found that provides the combination of five elements, a 6.3-cubic-foot convection oven, an infrared grill and Wi-Fi capability. In fact, this is the only electric range that we found that provides Wi-Fi capability, which allows you to control the

oven remotely from your mobile device and receive updates during the cooking process.

Features:

- * Number of elements: 5
- * Element output: 100-3,200 W
- * Oven capacity: 6.3 cu. ft.
- * Color: Stainless steel
- * Warranty: 1 yr. parts, labor; 5 yrs. cooktop, elements

[M] LG LRE3083SW (white)

MSRP: \$950; *Best Price*: \$823

>> The LRE3083SW is the lowest priced five-element electric range that we found that has a 6.3-cubic-foot oven, 3,200-watt maximum output and an element that has a low-simmer output of 100 watts. We wish it had LG's 5-year warranty for the cooktop and elements. A stainless steel version, the **LRE3083ST** (\$1,000), is also a Best Buy.

Features:

- * Number of elements: 5
- * Element output: 100-3,200 W
- * Oven capacity: 6.3 cu. ft.
- * Colors: Black, white
- * Warranty: 1 yr. parts, labor

[E] LG LRE3021ST

MSRP: \$800; *Best Price*: \$709

>> The LRE3021ST's oven capacity beats by at least 1 cubic foot that of any other model that's in this price range. This model's maxi-

mum output and warranty also are the best that we found among economy electric ranges.

Features:

- * Number of elements: 4
- * Element output: 1,200-3,200 W
- * Oven capacity: 6.3 cu. ft.
- * Color: Stainless steel
- * Warranty: 1 yr. parts, labor; 5 yrs. cooktop, elements

GAS

[P] GE PGB940DEFWW (white)

MSRP: \$1,999; *Best Price*: \$1,707

>> The PGB940DEFWW is an update of a previous Best Buy selection, and it not only costs \$200 less than it used to, but it also has 0.2 cubic feet more of oven capacity. This model is the lowest priced gas range that we found that combines a maximum output of at least 19,000 Btu with a large center oval burner that can accommodate larger pots and pans or a griddle. You'd have to spend at least another \$449 to top that. A stainless steel version, the **PG-B940SEFSS** (\$2,099), is also a Best Buy.

Features:

- * Number of burners: 5
- * Burner output: 5,000-19,000 Btu
- * Oven capacity: 5.6 cu. ft.
- * Colors: Black, white

20,000 Btu. Appliances that have a heat output that's above 20,000 Btu start at \$2,448.

Perry Michael, who owns residential designer Evo Design Center, predicts that, during the next few years, manufacturers will reach a ceiling on burner output and begin to shift their focus to burner size or shape to provide more-even heating and accommodate larger cookware.

Judy Mozen, who is the president-elect of National Association of the Remodeling Industry, agrees with Michael. She says that, although consumers have a "more is better" mindset when it comes to heat output, they also are mindful of how many more dollars that 5,000 Btu add to an appliance's

price. In the past 20 years as president of design/build company Handcrafted Homes, she says, she only once had a customer who was unsatisfied with the power of his/her appliance's burners. She says that in her business experience, 20,000 Btu are an amount that satisfies most consumers.

Finally, Viking's TurboChef double-oven wall oven, which is expected to be released in the fourth quarter of 2014, takes speed cooking at home to the next level. The appliance uses technology from parent company Middleby, which makes commercial cooking appliances. Viking says the TurboChef oven browns, caramelizes, roasts and sears food 15 times faster than do traditional ovens. For example, a 12-pound tur-

key, which typically requires about 4 hours of cooking time, can cook fully in 42 minutes in the TurboChef oven, according to Viking. Of course, that astonishing speed comes at an astonishing price—\$12,599.

Michael predicts that other high-end manufacturers will follow suit over the next 2 years and that commercial-quality speed will trickle down to the average consumer in about 5 years.

GET SMART. About 89 percent of home cooks who have Internet access find recipes online, according to a March 2014 survey from Allrecipes, which is a cooking website. In addition, Allrecipes found that 37 percent of home cooks use their notebook com-

* Warranty: 1 yr. parts, labor

[M] Maytag MGR8850DS

MSRP: \$1,199;

Best Price: \$1,029

>>The MGR8850DS's 10-year parts warranty beats that of every other gas range that we found by 9 years, although the second through 10th years cover only burner grates, surface burners and bake/broil burners. You'd have to spend at least \$500 more to improve on this model's 18,000-Btu maximum output, but you wouldn't match this model's oven capacity, which is unsurpassed among gas ranges.

Features:

* Number of burners: 5



Maytag MGR8850DS

* Burner output:

5,000-18,000 Btu

* Oven capacity: 5.8 cu. ft.

* Color: Stainless steel

* Warranty: 10 yrs. parts; 1 yr. labor

[E] Frigidaire FFGF3023LW (white)

MSRP: \$749; Best Price: \$519

>>The FFGF3023LW is a repeat Best Buy selection, because it remains the lowest priced gas range that we found that provides at least a 14,000-Btu maximum output and at least 5.0 cubic feet of oven capacity. Improving on either of those features would cost you at least another \$100. A stainless steel version, the FFGF3023LS (\$829), is also a Best Buy.

Features:

* Number of burners: 4

* Burner output:

5,000-14,000 Btu

* Oven capacity: 5.0 cu. ft.

* Colors: Bisque (beige), black, Silver Mist, white

* Warranty: 1 yr. parts, labor

DUAL FUEL

[M] GE P2B940DEFWW (white)

>>MSRP: \$1,999;

Best Price: \$1,539

The P2B940DEFWW is the lowest priced dual-fuel range that has five

burners, a maximum output of 19,000 Btu and this much oven capacity. We like this model's center oval burner, which accommodates a griddle or larger cookware more easily than a normal burner does. A stainless steel version, the P2B940SEFHSS (\$2,099), is also a Best Buy.

Features:

* Number of burners: 5

* Burner output: 5,000-19,000 Btu

* Oven capacity: 5.6 cu. ft.

* Colors: Black, white

* Warranty: 1 yr. parts, labor

DOUBLE OVEN

[M] GE JB870TFWW (electric)/JGB870DEFWW (gas) (white)

MSRP: \$1,549/\$1,799;

Best Price: \$1,169/\$1,527

>>Although less expensive double-oven ranges exist, they don't deliver the same bang for your buck as the JB870TFWW/JGB870DEFWW delivers. This model is the lowest priced five-element/burner



GE JB870TFWW

double-oven range that provides this much maximum output and a total of 6.6 cu. ft. of oven capacity. A stainless steel version, the JB870SFSS/JGB870SEFSS (\$1,599/\$1,899), is also a Best Buy.

Features (electric model):

* Number of elements: 5

* Element output: 80-3,600 W

* Oven capacity: Upper: 2.2 cu. ft.; lower: 4.4 cu. ft.

* Colors: Black, white

* Warranty: 1 yr. parts, labor

For more information about the above Best Buys, contact the manufacturers directly. See page 58.

Best Buys in Wall Ovens

Best Buy Categories

[P]=Premium selection

[M]=Midrange selection

[E]=Economy selection



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Best Buys in wall ovens were selected based on performance, features, ease of use and brand reputation. We considered only electric models

All wall oven Best Buys are single-oven models that are 30 inches wide, have at least basic self-cleaning capability and have a 1-year warranty that covers parts and labor.

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[P] GE PT7050DFWW (white)

MSRP: \$2,299;

Best Price: \$1,759

>> The PT7050DFWW is the lowest priced wall oven that we found that combines this much oven capacity with three racks and self-cleaning capability. You could spend \$570 more to get a better warranty than this model has, but you wouldn't get this model's capacity, which is

unsurpassed among single-oven models. A stainless steel version, **PT7050SFSS** (\$2,499), is also a Best Buy.

Features:

- * Capacity: 5.0 cu. ft.
- * Number of racks: 3
- * Colors: Black, white

[M] Frigidaire FGEW3065KW (white)

MSRP: \$1,399;

Best Price: \$1,029

>> The FGEW3065KW is a repeat Best Buy selection, because it remains the least expensive wall oven that combines self-cleaning capability with a wide array of cooking modes, which include a 6-minute preheat cycle and one-touch chicken-nugget and pizza cooking.

This model's half-size rack for smaller dishes is a nice bonus.

However, we wish that this model had a bit more capacity. A stainless steel version, the **FGEW3065KF** (\$1,699), is also a Best Buy.

Features:

- * Capacity: 4.2 cu. ft.

- * Number of racks: 3
- * Colors: Black, white

[E] GE JT1000DFBB

MSRP: \$1,199;

Best Price: \$929

>> The JT1000DFBB's capacity is found only on higher priced wall ovens. Most models that are in this price range have a capacity of less than 4.4 cubic feet. A stainless steel version, the **JT1000SFSS** (\$1,399), is also a Best Buy.

Features:

- * Capacity: 5.0 cu. ft.
- * Number of racks: 2
- * Color: Black

For more information about the above Best Buys, contact the manufacturers directly. See page 58.



Frigidaire FGEW3065KW

puter in the kitchen, 20 percent use their tablet computer and 19 percent use their smartphone. We've seen these devices connect to refrigerators, so it isn't surprising that that connectivity is spreading throughout the kitchen.

Two manufacturers have Wi-Fi connectivity in their cooking appliances. LG was the pioneer in this high-tech realm. It began to use Wi-Fi to sync your mobile device via a mobile application with its \$1,400 Smart ThinQ electric range, which LG launched in 2012. The app allows you to control the range from outside of the kitchen through your smartphone or tablet.

In September 2013, Dacor took connectivity a step further when it introduced the Discovery iQ wall oven

(\$7,399), and at press time, it was expected to follow up with a Discovery iQ dual-fuel range (\$11,999) in summer 2014. These appliances have a built-in Google Android tablet. An app allows you to control and monitor your appliance from your mobile device, like LG's does, but the built-in tablet also allows you to access recipe apps or watch cooking videos while you cook.

The connectivity that smart cooking appliances deliver allows consumers to multitask better, Petrie says. Consumers can, say, preheat their oven from another room in the home, and the oven alerts them on their mobile device when it's ready. After the food is in the oven, consumers can be out of earshot of the oven timer, because they'll receive an-

other alert on their device when it's time for the next step in the cooking process.

Based on his own experience, Michael says it's likely that more smart cooking appliances will come to market in the next 2 years, although we aren't sure that it will be an option from all manufacturers. Lewis suggests that it's unlikely that American Range would bring Wi-Fi connectivity to its cooking appliances soon and tells us that its appliances would continue to function without a "smart" feature.

To that end, Petrie says, you don't have to worry about manufacturers forcing consumers to spend money on Wi-Fi connected ranges, cooktops and wall ovens by taking their unconnected counterparts off the market. "I don't think smart devices will be the only options that consumers have," he says. He adds that although they're mostly "luxury" items now, he agrees that more models should be available at more-reasonable prices within 2 years.

Petrie suggests that an added consumer benefit of manufacturers introducing more smart appliances could be even lower prices for conventional ranges, cooktops and wall ovens. However, he declined to hazard a guess as to by how much the price of those appliances might decline.

Michael disagrees that prices for conventional appliances will decrease. He says you likely sooner will see smart technology incorporated in economy models, although he wouldn't predict when that might happen.

STEAMING UP. An older innovation that's gaining new attention today is the steam oven. Steam ovens, which typically are available in wall ovens but also can be part of a range, include a built-in water tank. Moist heat is emitted inside of the oven to cook and re-heat food.

Steam-cooking functionality has been around, but Petrie tells us anecdotally that, in the past 2 years, more health-conscious consumers than ever before began to buy these appliances. He says that in particular millennials—those who were born between 1980 and 2000—drive much of the demand for
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ranges and wall ovens that have steam functionality, because young adults are concerned about both the taste and the nutritional value of food that's heated by a microwave oven. (Microwave ovens, of course, heat meals expeditiously and cost several hundred dollars less than do appliances that have a steam function.)

We found at least six brands of cooking appliances that now include a steam function, and these appliances generally run between \$1,200 and \$3,000. Dacor is the only manufacturer with which we spoke that doesn't make an appliance that includes a steam function that disclosed plans to introduce one. Dacor wouldn't provide a timeline for the product's release, a price or an indication of whether the steam function would be in a range or a wall oven.

Manufacturers tout the steam functionality for its capability to cook and reheat food without drying it out, as well as its propensity to lock in nutrients that deteriorate in other cooking processes. A study of cooking broccoli that was published in August 2009 on National Center for Biotechnology Information's website bears out the benefits of steam cooking, although it didn't study cooking in a steam oven. Steaming also eliminates the need for oil or butter when you cook, which means that fewer calories and fats are added to the food.

Manufacturers say a steam function also is capable of cooking food faster than traditional oven functions do. Thermador, for example, claims that the steam function in its range's oven can cook a 14-pound turkey in about 90 minutes, as opposed to the typical 5–6 hours that are required for oven-roasting such a bird. That's a lot of time saved when you cook your Thanksgiving feast. ●

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RANGES, COOKTOPS & WALL OVENS: Bosch (BSH Home Appliances Corp.), 800/944-2904, 1901 Main St., Ste. 600, Irvine, CA 92614, bosch-home.com/us; Frigidaire Co., 800/374-4432, 10200 David Taylor Dr., Charlotte, NC 28262, frigidaire.com; GE Appliances & Lighting, 800/626-2005, Appliance Park, AP3-232, Louisville, KY 40225, geappliances.com; Kenmore (Sears Holdings Corp.), 888/536-6673, 3333 Beverly Rd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60179, kenmore.com; LG Electronics USA Inc., 800/243-0000, 1000 Sylvan Ave., Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632, lg.com; Maytag (Whirlpool Corp.), 800/344-1274, 2000 N. M-63, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, maytag.com; Samsung Electronics America, 800/726-7864, 85 Challenger Rd., Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660, samsung.com; Thermador (BSH Home Appliances Corp.), 800/735-4328, 1901 Main St., Ste. 600, Irvine, CA 92614, thermador.com; Viking Range LLC, 888/845-4641, 111 Front St., Greenwood, MS 38930, vikingrange.com.

SPECIALTY FLOOR CARE: Bissell Homecare Inc., 800/237-7691, 2345 Walker Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544, bissell.com; Black & Decker (Stanley Black & Decker Inc.), 800/544-6986, 701 E. Joppa Rd., Baltimore, MD 21286, blackanddecker.com; DeWalt Industrial Tool Co. (Stanley Black & Decker Inc.), 800/433-9258, 701 E. Joppa Rd., Baltimore, MD 21286, dewalt.com; Dirt Devil (TTI Floor Care North America), 800/321-1134, 7005 Cochran Rd., Glenwillow, OH 44139, dirtdevil.com; Electrolux Small Appliances-North America, 800/282-2886, 10200 David Taylor Dr., Charlotte, NC 28262, electroluxappliances.com; Hoover (TTI Floor Care North America), 800/944-9200, 7005 Cochran Rd., Glenwillow, OH 44139, hoover.com; Reliable Corp., 800/268-1649, 5-100 Wingold Ave., Toronto, ON, M6B 4K7, Canada, reliablecorporation.com; RIDGID Wet/Dry Vacs (Emerson Tool Co.), 800/474-3443, 8100 W. Florissant Ave., St. Louis, MO 63136, ridgidvacs.com; Shop-Vac Corp., 570/326-0502, 2323 Reach Rd., Williamsport, PA 17701, shopvac.com; Steamfast (Vornado Air LLC), 800/711-6617, 415 E. 13th St., Andover, KS 67002, steamfast.com; Vapamore, 480/951-8900, 7464 E. Tierra Buena Ln., Ste. 108, Scottsdale, AZ 85260, vapamore.com.

TOASTERS & TOASTER OVENS: Black & Decker (Spectrum Brands Inc.), 800/231-9786, 3001 Deming Way, Middleton, WI 53562, blackanddeckerappliances.com; Breville USA, 866/273-8455, 19400 S. Western Ave., Torrance, CA 90501, brevilleusa.com; Farberware (Spectrum Brands Inc.), 800/231-9786, 3001 Deming Way, Middleton, WI 53562, farberwareproducts.com; Hamilton Beach Brands Inc., 800/851-8900, 4421 Waterfront Dr., Glen Allen, VA 23060, hamiltonbeach.com.

CORRECTIONS

In the July/August 2014 article on outdoor lighting, wording about returning light fixtures for repair should have read: Unless you're particularly handy with electronics, you have to pay an electrician to remove the light fixture and ship it—at your expense—to the manufacturer for repair. (Removing any components from a fixture would void the warranty.) We regret the error.

In the same issue, in the "Top Values in Personal Emergency Response Systems" table in our "Living Alone: A Guide to Medical-Alert Systems" article, the LifeFone Medical Alert System (Core) should have been listed as LifeFone Medical Alert System Essential and as having a battery life of 32 hours. We regret the error.