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A9 Whirlpool



E3 Thermador

Overview

These duos offer speed and flexibility.

LOVE TO COOK (ELECTRIC)

A9 Whirlpool cooktop, \$700, and

B1 Whirlpool wall oven, \$1,500

CR Best Buys

A9 has two high-powered, smoothtop elements for quick heating and one expandable element that lets you customize the element to the cookware.

B1's large convection oven offers very good baking and superb broiling.

C2 GE cooktop, \$1,400, and

A4 GE double wall oven, \$3,600

C2 uses induction to deliver fast heat and precise simmering. A4 has two large convection ovens.

WANT PRO-STYLE?

E3 LG cooktop, \$1,100

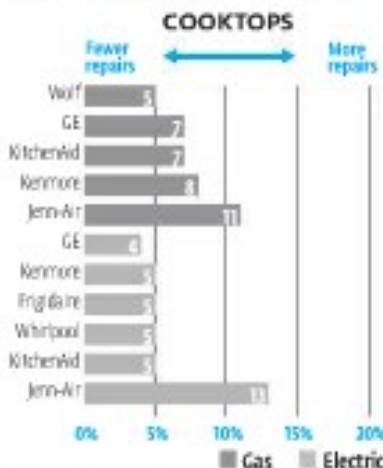
F1 Thermador cooktop, \$1,900

Both top-performers offer the pro look and have five burners. E3, a 30-inch model, has one high-power burner, and F1, a 36-inch cooktop, has three. Pair either with any of the recommended wall ovens.

MOST AND LEAST RELIABLE

Almost 9,000 readers sound off

We survey thousands of readers each year about their cooktop experiences. Jenn-Air was the most repair-prone brand of electric cooktops. No brand of gas cooktops stood out as most or least reliable.



Source: Consumer Reports Annual Product Reliability Survey. Our findings are based on almost 9,000 readers who bought an electric or gas cooktop between 2009 and 2013. Differences of fewer than 6 points aren't meaningful. Data are adjusted to eliminate differences linked solely to age. Models within a brand may vary, and design and manufacture changes may affect future reliability.

Ratings Cooktops

CR Best Buy Recommended

Recommended models only From 56 tested. Excellent Very good Good Fair Poor

Recommendation	Rank	Brand & model	Price	Overall score	Test results	Features
		Similar models, in small type, are comparable to tested model.			Cooktop high Cooktop low	High-power burners Medium-power burners Low-power burners Touch controls Expandable elements/ continuous grates

A 30-INCH ELECTRIC SMOOTHTOPS

1	KitchenAid	KECC6048BL	\$ 900	94	● ●	2 0 2	●
2	Maytag	MEC7430WS	700	94	● ●	2 0 2	
3	Kenmore	44273	1,150	93	● ●	2 1 1	● ●
4	Kenmore	42733	640	93	● ●	2 0 2	●
5	Frigidaire Professional	FPEC3085KS	950	90	● ●	1 3 0	●
6	GE Café	CP350STSS	1,200	90	● ●	1 1 3	●
7	Electrolux Icon	E30EC6SESS	1,200	88	● ●	1 2 2	●
8	LG	LCE3083ST	1,000	87	● ●	1 1 2	● ●
9	Whirlpool	G7CE3034XP	700	86	● ●	2 0 2	●
10	GE Profile	PP945BMBB	950	86	● ●	2 0 2	● ●
11	Frigidaire	FFEC3024LB	500	85	● ●	2 0 2	
12	Bosch	NETS054UC	900	85	● ●	1 2 1	● ●

B 36-INCH ELECTRIC SMOOTHTOPS

1	Maytag	MEC7536W	830	94	● ●	2 0 3	
2	Maytag	MEC7636W	1,300	94	● ●	2 0 3	●
3	Frigidaire Professional	FPEC3685KS	1,000	90	● ●	1 3 1	●
4	Viking	VECS368SB	2,200	88	● ●	1 3 2	●

C 30-INCH INDUCTION

1	Kenmore	43820	1,700	99	● ●	3 1 0	●
2	GE Profile	PHP900MBB	1,400	99	● ●	2 2 0	●
3	Kenmore	43800	1,400	97	● ●	3 1 0	●
4	Bosch	NIT5065UC	1,800	97	● ●	2 0 2	●
5	KitchenAid	KICU500XB	1,400	95	● ●	2 2 0	●
6	Whirlpool	GCC306JXB	1,200	95	● ●	2 0 2	●
7	LG	LCE3084S	1,800	93	● ●	1 2 1	●

D 36-INCH INDUCTION

1	Thermador	CT36XKB	5,000	92	● ●	2 1 1	● ●
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E 30-INCH GAS

1	Bosch	NGM8054UC	1,300	79	○ ●	1 2 2	●
2	Kenmore	32353	1,200	75	○ ●	2 2 1	●
3	LG	LSCG3065T	1,300	73	● ●	1 3 1	●

F 36-INCH GAS

1	Thermador	SG5X366FS	1,900	88	● ●	3 2 0	●
2	GE Monogram	ZGJ385NSMSS	1,400	80	○ ●	3 2 0	●
3	GE Profile	JGP975WEKWW	1,200	80	○ ●	1 2 2	●
4	Viking	VGC5366BSS	2,200	80	○ ●	3 2 1	●
5	GE Café	CGP650SETSS	1,400	77	○ ●	1 3 1	●
6	Electrolux	EW36GC356S	1,300	74	○ ●	2 2 1	●
7	LG	LSCG3665T	1,300	74	● ●	2 2 1	●
8	Bosch	NGM8654UC	1,200	70	○ ●	4 0 1	●
9	Kenmore	32313	1,300	60	● ●	2 2 1	●