

Fridge Buying Checklist

Type Choose the right type of fridge to suit you:

Moving out of home or buying on a budget?



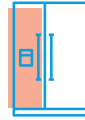
Top mount fridge

Got a bad back?



Bottom mount fridge

Narrow kitchen or is your fridge in a thoroughfare?



Side-by-side fridge

Have a large family or entertain a lot?



French door fridge

Before you buy: at home

Size

Work out what size fridge you need. How many people in your house?

- **1-2 people** go for a 250-380L fridge
- **3-4 people** go for 350-530L
- **4 or more** go for 440L+

Measurements

Measure the space where your fridge will go. Allow an extra 5cm each side and 10cm at the top and back so there's space for hot air from the motor to vent.

Clearance

Take a tape measure to your front door and hallways while you're at it, to make sure you can actually get the new fridge into your kitchen.

Finish

Avoid stainless steel if you have kids or want to spend less time cleaning - it shows up fingerprints. Look for classic white, 'matte' or fingerprint-resistant finishes.

Performance

Choose a fridge that performs well, keeping your food fresher for longer - our fridge test scores show you at a glance which ones come out on top.

In-store

Star rating

Check for energy efficiency using the star rating on the label to compare fridges at a glance. More stars means better efficiency.

Internal space

Make sure both the fridge and freezer have enough space for your groceries and frozen goods. Check the crisper is at least 45cm wide to fit celery, leeks etc.

Door hinge

Check the door hinge position: is it on the right, left, or is it reversible? If the fridge is next to a wall, you want the hinge on the opposite side or a reversible model.

Ice machine/water dispenser

Find out if the fridge needs to be connected to a tap - you may need a plumber, adding to your upfront costs.

Cleaning

Look for smooth, easy to clean surfaces. Check how easily you can remove and replace crisper shelves for when they need cleaning.