

REFRIGERATOR BUYING GUIDE

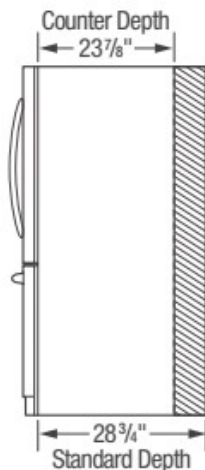
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Refrigerator Types

- **Top Freezer:** Freezer is on top with the refrigerator on bottom. Most have reversible door swings.
- **Side By Side:** Freezer is vertical on the left side and refrigerator is vertical on the right side. Doors take up less space when open. Harder to store bulky items in the freezer.
- **French Door:** Freezer is on the bottom with a 2-door refrigerator on top. This allows easier access and better storage configurations.
- **Counter-depth:** Refrigerator is flush with the front of the cabinets and countertop, giving it a built-in look and saving kitchen floor space. Some brands, like Frigidaire, have the same storage capacity the main part of the refrigerator as a standard depth.

Standard Refrigerator Depth vs. Counter Depth



French Door



Side By Side



Top Mount



Size and Capacity

- You'll need to measure the height, width, and depth, taking into account space needed for ventilation and the opening of the refrigerator doors. Also make sure your doorways will allow for the delivery of your new refrigerator.
- Here is a good rule of thumb for the capacity you will need:
 - Family of 2; 8-10 cubic feet of refrigerator space and 4 cubic feet of freezer space
 - Add an extra cubic foot for each additional family member for the refrigerator space and an additional 2 cubic feet of freezer space.
- Also take into account your buying habits (buy in bulk, frozen items, or more fresh items)

Features

- Some of these may be "must-have" or "nice-to-have"
- **SmudgeProof Stainless:** This finish is easy to clean and is resistant to finger prints.
- **Dual Ice Makers:** Not only will you have the ice dispenser in the door, but you can have extra ice storage in the freezer. A nice option if you like hosting parties.
- **Energy Star:** These models use around 20% less energy. You may also be eligible for rebates from your local energy company.
- **Coffee Maker:** Some models come equipped with a built in Keurig Coffee Maker. A "must-have" for any serious coffee drinker!