

Most and Least Reliable Clothes Dryer Brands

LG and Speed Queen stand out as the most reliable electric and gas dryers

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When your dryer dies, you can always hang clothes and sheets out to dry. But let's face it: In today's rush-and-tumble world, many of us are looking for ways to save time doing laundry.

Consumer Reports' latest survey reveals which dryer brands are the most reliable and just how likely owners are to recommend their dryer to family and friends. Our survey results are based on CR members' experiences with 65,515 electric and gas dryers bought new between 2007 and 2017 that are not covered by a service contract.

And now, each model in our clothes dryer ratings has a rating for predicted reliability and for owner satisfaction: Our predicted reliability rating estimates the likelihood that newly purchased models from a given brand will break within the first five years. Our owner satisfaction rating reflects the proportion of CR members who are extremely likely to recommend the dryer they bought to friends and family.

These ratings are incorporated into the Overall Score, along with our lab test results, making it easier for you to make an informed shopping decision.

Here's a look at the most and least reliable brands, plus a glimpse at owner satisfaction ratings. See the clothes dryer ratings to get the full picture.

Electric Dryers

LG and Speed Queen stood out as the most reliable and the most well-liked full-sized electric dryers. Hotpoint and Fisher &

Paykel earned our lowest reliability rating, and we cannot recommend them at this time. Hotpoint is also one of the brands to receive a subpar satisfaction rating.

Among compact electric dryers, Miele is the only brand to get top ratings for both reliability and owner satisfaction. LG merited high ratings in both, while GE and Hotpoint earned subpar satisfaction ratings.

Our compact dryer ratings also include Asko, Blomberg, Bosch, Electrolux, Kenmore, Samsung, and Whirlpool. And in our full-sized dryer ratings, you'll see Amana, Electrolux, GE, Kenmore, Maytag, Samsung, and Whirlpool models in addition to the brands highlighted here.

Gas Dryers

Speed Queen and LG full-sized dryers received our top ratings for predicted reliability and owner satisfaction, just as they did for their electric dryers. Electrolux also got a favorable reliability rating, but its owner satisfaction was only mediocre.

Least reliable? Frigidaire and Fisher & Paykel received our lowest predicted reliability rating, and GE was subpar, too. We do not recommend them at this time. These three brands also got troublesome owner satisfaction ratings.

Shopping for a Dryer?

Check our clothes dryer buying guide, then see our dryer ratings. Use the filters to help you narrow your choices among the 100-plus full-sized and compact electric and gas dryers in our charts.