

Ranges

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What will you choose?

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Kieffer's Buying Guide: Freestanding and Slide-In Ranges

Ranges are an all-in-one solution for baking, boiling, sautéing, and roasting. If you're considering a freestanding or slide-in range, this guide will help focus your decision.



What's the visual difference between freestanding and slide-in ranges?

Freestanding Ranges

Freestanding ranges are easily identified because they have a control panel on the back of the unit that acts as a small backsplash. This style is finished on the front and sides so it doesn't need to be placed between cabinets thus it's able to freely stand on its own. The most common size is 30-inches wide, and this style is the most cost effective range on the market.



- Width options: 24-, 27-, 30-, 36-inches (some odd sizes exist)
- Fuel Types: Gas, Electric, Induction, Dual-Fuel
- Colors: Black, White, Stainless Steel, and Bisque (Almond)

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Slide-In Ranges

True slide-in ranges lack a control board on the back so as not to get in the way of a decorative backsplash. All controls are located on the front of the unit above the oven. Flanges on the left, right, and back of the cooking surface overlap onto the countertop and act as a crumb guard between the edge of the countertop and the range. The resulting look is a smooth connection between the countertop and the range. While freestanding ranges are finished on three sides, slide-in ranges only have a finished front so they must install between cabinetry. Slide-in styles always cost more than a comparable freestanding design.



- Width options: 30-inches
- Fuel Types: Gas, Electric, Induction, Dual-Fuel
- Colors: Black, White, and Stainless Steel. Limited Bisque (almond) options.

Hybrid Ranges

The third style of range is a hybrid design combining characteristics of both freestanding and slide-in designs. Hybrid slide-ins feature all controls on the front and lack a rear console. There may or may not be flanges on the unit that overlap the counter top, and these hybrids push right up against the rear wall so there is no need for countertop behind the range. Hybrids are finished on three sides so they can stand by themselves without the need for surrounding cabinetry. Pro-style ranges like Miele, Thermador, and Viking (among others) use this hybrid style in their designs. For more information about pro-style ranges, make sure to download our pro-range buying guide.



- Width options: 30-, 36-, 48, 60-inches (some odd sizes exist)
- Fuel Types: Gas, Electric (30-inch only), Induction (30-inch only), Dual-Fuel
- Colors: Black, White, and Stainless Steel. Custom colors are available at the discretion of the manufacturer.

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Drop-In Ranges

The fourth, and most obscure, style is drop-in ranges. Drop-in ranges are like slide-ins because they have front controls and are installed between cabinetry, but they aren't as tall and require a cabinet platform below that raises the unit to the height of the surrounding countertops. Their smaller height eliminates the possibility for a storage drawer below the oven. Drop-in ranges were popular in the 1970's and 80's, but are never used in new construction or remodeling today. They are only used when replacing an existing drop-in range.



- Width options: 27- and 30-inches
- Fuel Types: Electric
- Colors: Black, White, Stainless Steel, and Bisque (Almond).

Why should I select a freestanding range?

The answer is cost. Freestanding ranges have a greater spectrum of price points than the other styles. Keep in mind that the lower the price point, the less features a freestanding range has.

Why should I select a slide-in range?

The answer is style. Without the control console on the back, a slide-in range allows for a decorative backsplash behind the unit. The controls are easy to reach without the need to reach over the burners. If selecting a true slide-in with flanges on the either side, crumbs won't fall into the gap between the end of the counter and the beginning of the range.

