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Things to keep in mind when looking for a dishwasher by [Cristian Stan](#)

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Today, the dishwasher is a major appliance in most households and it is used almost on a daily basis.

The purchase of a dishwasher is not just about going with the most cheapest one, as there are certain things to be considered prior of buying such an appliance.

## Size

Select a dishwasher with a size that best fits the general needs of your household. A dishwasher with compact capacity includes six serving pieces and eight place settings, while one with standard capacity includes over six serving pieces and eight place settings. Standard capacity dishwashers generally need a space of 24 inches under your countertop.

You should also need to consider how frequently the dishwasher is going to be used, as it directly affects your water and energy usage.

## Wash Cycles

Light, normal, pans and pots are the basic wash cycles. Rinse and hold setting might also be available allowing you to fill the load before the start of the washing process.

It is preferable to select a model with several wash cycles, for you to select the proper cleaning level based on the dirt of the dishes. A model with energy saving setting will save you money by consuming less energy and water.

## Cycle Time

Average cycle time ranges between 80 and 150 minutes, while the cleaning level is not really influenced by the length of the cycle time.

## Energy Guide

Find out more about the water and energy consumption of the model by checking the EnergyGuide label on it. Standard dishwashers use between 3 and 12 gallons of water for each load with a yearly energy consumption of up to \$65. Thus, it is recommended to buy the most energy efficient model that is available on the market.

## Dirt Sensors

The new models generally include dirt sensors which regulates the water consumption based on how dirty the dishes are.

## Noise

The dishwasher's noise rating should also be checked, as a cheaper model, which is otherwise fully functional, could be quite noisy.

## Design

With the rising popularity of the dishwashers, they are now available in various colors and designs. Models in white and black colors are the most popular ones. The front panel of some model can be customized to best fit with rest of your kitchen. The most recent models include only one door with a cleaner look.

## Self-cleaning Filters

Although these self-cleaning filters are more convenient, they can increase the noise level of the appliance. As filters are easy and simple to clean, the existence of self-cleaning filters is not really important.

## Price

Domestic dishwashers usually cost between \$200 and \$1300, while foreign-made models cost between \$350 and \$2000.

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