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# TRUECOOKPLUS RATED #1 BY CONSUMER REPORTS

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**DIGITIZED DESSERT** The Kenmore 6633 lets you cook meals by entering a code from the box, though foods with those codes were difficult to find.

**A**NY MICROWAVE can serve up popcorn and other snacks on Super Bowl Sunday. The latest also promise to make cooking main meals about as simple as nuking your favorite snacks. Our tests of more than 60 models include nine CR Best Buys.

Even heating and thorough defrosting make the new Kenmore 6633, \$140, our top-scoring mid-sized countertop model. But most unique are its preprogrammed cooking codes for baby-back pork ribs, chicken parmigiana, and more than 100 other frozen meals.

Dubbed TrueCookPlus, the software adjusts heating according to a food code you punch in as well as to your home's altitude, based on your ZIP code. The feature worked in our initial tests. But Betty Crocker Warm Delights Minis cake is among the few foods so far with the code on the package, so you'll have to get other food codes off the Web ([www.truecookplus.com](http://www.truecookplus.com)).

DID YOU KNOW?

**39**  
hours

That's how much time you could save each year by cooking one meal a week in a microwave oven for 15 minutes instead of in an electric oven for 1 hour because microwaves heat food much more quickly. You'll even pocket a few bucks in energy savings (about \$8 over electric ovens, \$6 over gas ovens) because microwave ovens use less electricity.

**Microwaves can use  
80 percent less energy  
than typical ovens.**

# A CR BEST BUY!



A1 Kenmore

## Overview

A microwave is one appliance where you can save without sacrificing. Top-scoring models are also CR Best Buys. Most should be at stores through July 2009.

### CR Best Buy

These models offer the best combination of performance and price. All are recommended.

### Recommended

These are high-performing models that stand out for the reasons below.

### Best midsize countertop models:

- A1 Kenmore \$140 CR Best Buy
- A2 Kenmore \$130 CR Best Buy
- A3 Kenmore \$250 CR Best Buy
- A4 Panasonic \$160 CR Best Buy

A1 cooked and defrosted evenly and has codes for corresponding foods, though few codes are on food packages. A3 offers convection; A4 cooked most evenly but defrosted less consistently.

### Best large countertop models:

- B1 GE \$220
- B2 Panasonic \$150 CR Best Buy
- B7 GE \$205
- B8 Kenmore \$330 CR Best Buy
- B9 LG \$160

B1 and B2 topped this category and offer the most usable space. Choose B7 for its consistent performance, B8 for its relatively low-priced convection option, and B9 for its especially easy programming features.

### Best over-the-range models:

- C1 Samsung \$300 CR Best Buy
- C3 Kenmore \$630
- C6 GE \$400
- C7 Frigidaire \$270 CR Best Buy

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

# Ratings Microwave ovens

In performance order, within types. (Types designated A, B, etc.)

Recommendation	Rank	Brand & model	Price	Overall score	Test results	Capacity
		Similar models, in small type, are comparable to tested model.		0 100	Evenness Auto defrost Ease of use	Claimed (cu. ft.) Usable (cu. ft.)
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## A MIDSIZED COUNTERTOP MODELS

✓	1	Kenmore (Sears) 6633[9]	\$140	75	● ● ● ● ●	1.2 0.8
✓	2	Kenmore (Sears) 6325[2]	130	70	○ ● ● ● ●	1.2 0.9
✓	3	Kenmore (Sears) Elite 6428[9]	250	63	○ ● ● ● ●	1.0 0.7
✓	4	Panasonic Inverter NN-5D697[S]	160	64	● ○ ● ● ●	1.2 0.7
	5	GE Profile Spacemaker II PEM31DM[BB]	200	55	● ● ● ● ●	1.0 0.5
	6	Emerson MW8115[SS]	65	53	○ ● ● ● ●	1.1 0.7
	7	Apollo Half Time Oven AAC-345	200	51	● ● ● ● ●	1.2 0.7
	8	Haler MWG10081T[W]	140	50	○ ● ● ● ●	1.0 0.6

## B LARGE COUNTERTOP MODELS

✓	1	GE Profile JES2251S[SS]	220	78	● ● ● ● ●	2.2 1.5
✓	2	Panasonic Inverter NN-T945E[S]	150	76	● ● ● ● ●	2.2 1.4
	3	Panasonic Inverter NN-S0797[S]	180	71	● ● ● ● ●	1.6 0.9
	4	Panasonic Prestige NN-S0997[S]	260	71	● ● ● ● ●	2.2 1.4
	5	Whirlpool Gold G141753P[S]	300	67	● ● ● ● ●	1.7 1.1
	6	Jenn-Air MC7558A[B]	450	66	○ ● ● ● ●	1.5 1.1
✓	7	GE Profile PEB2060DA[DB]	200	64	● ● ● ● ●	2.0 1.2
✓	8	Kenmore (Sears) Elite 6790[W]	330	63	● ● ● ● ●	1.5 1.1
✓	9	LG LRN2040[ST]	160	63	● ● ● ● ●	2.0 1.2
	10	Panasonic Genius NN-T995[S]	220	61	● ● ● ● ●	2.2 1.5
	11	Panasonic NN-C914[S]	650	61	● ● ● ● ●	1.5 1.2
	12	Frigidaire Gallery GLM2090[S]	250	60	● ● ● ● ●	2.0 1.2
	13	Sharp Carousel R-S20K[S]	170	64	○ ● ● ● ●	2.0 1.2
	14	Kenmore (Sears) Elite 6646[9]	170	64	○ ● ● ● ●	2.0 1.2
	15	Sanyo EM-S0515[W]	130	60	● ● ● ● ●	1.4 0.8
	16	GE Profile PEB1905AH[SS]	360	61	● ● ● ● ●	1.5 1.1
	17	GE JES1394[S]	130	61	● ● ● ● ●	1.3 0.8

## C OVER-THE-RANGE MODELS

✓	1	Samsung SMH7187[S1G]	300	75	● ● ● ● ●	1.8 0.8
	2	Whirlpool Gold G14155XP[B]	470	77	● ● ● ● ●	1.5 0.7