

CHOOSING A NEW FRIDGE



WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN BUYING A NEW FRIDGE

CHOOSE THE STYLE



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more

Top-
fridge

Bottom
Mount

Top
Mount

Bottom- mount fridges have the fridge sitting above the freezer compartment meaning the most used space is at level **BUT** they are more expensive to buy and marginally expensive to run. They can also be slower to chill.

Top- Mount Fridges have a freezer compartment above the taking up around a third of the size. They are the cheapest to buy and run and there are more styles available of these **BUT** you have to bend down to access the fridge.

Side-by Side fridges provide freezer and fridge compartments next to each other. They do not need as much door clearance space and offer the best access for people in wheelchairs. They have good storage capacity and often come with water dispensing gadgets **BUT** these take up a lot of freezer space and the internal space can be narrow. Temperatures can also be inconsistent between the top and the bottom of the fridge.



Side
By Side

French
Door

French-door fridges are a combination of the side-by-side and the bottom-mount fridge. They are usually very spacious and wide enough for platters and bulk foods **BUT** they take up more space and cost more to buy.

DECIDE ON THE SIZE OF THE FRIDGE

As a general rule a fridge for:

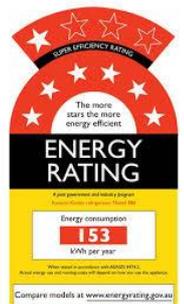
- 1-2 people needs to be 250-285L which averages \$499- \$1199
- 3-4 People 342-450L averages \$799- \$2699
- 5 or more people 450L Plus averaging \$1200- 3699

THINGS TO CHECK

Consumption

Remember that the more stars the more efficient an appliance is. The high the number in the consumption box, the more your fridge will cost to run. You can work out an approximate cost by taking this number and multiplying it by your tariff rate, generally 35c. **Please note:** with GST and your supply charge, the cost may be close to 40c/kWh

For example, using the label below: $153 \times .35 = \$53.55/\text{year}$



Remember to make sure:

- To measure the space that you have, allowing for ventilation all around the fridge (including checking that it will fit in your door!)
- The doors opens in the right direction for your kitchen
- The shelves are easy to move and replace.
- There are rollers or adjustable feet for easy moving of the fridge when needed
- There are no awkward corners for cleaning, ensure there are smooth surfaces.
- There is a well-sealed crisper drawer so that fruit and veg will keep longer.