The 9 Highest Rated Air Fryers Reviewed

Most people love fried food, but not the excess oil and calories that go into them. They can cause all sorts of health issues if consumed without moderation. That's where air frying comes in. When done correctly, it mimics the effects of deep frying, but with only a fraction of the calories.

Air fryers use extremely hot air and very little or no oil to cook your food. As a result, they're viewed as healthier, calorie-saving alternatives to deep fryers. While they may not produce exactly the same results as deep fryers, they do come close and make good-tasting food. They still deliver a dry, crispy exterior while keeping the interior of food moist.

In recent years, air fryers have popped up in various sizes and features on store shelves. Sorting through all these options can get your brains (and pockets) too fried. That's why we've done all the research and rounded up the best fryers you can find right now.

The Top 9 Appliances for Air Frying Reviews

1. Philips XL Airfryer

Product highlights

• Capacity: 2.65 lbs./3.5 quarts

• Maximum temperature: 390 degrees F

Power: 2100 wattsWeight: 18.98 lbs.Price: \$299.95

Multiple functions

• Starfish design

• 2-year warranty

Looking to cook up a storm for your friends and family? The Philips XL Airfryer is perfect for you. It's potentially the best air-frying machine on the market. Thousands of owners consider it to be worth the investment and would never consider purchasing another model. Its large capacity basket can hold up to 2.65 pounds of food, which is enough to fry two bags of French fries. The fryer can make you a meal for the entire family. With 2100 watts of power, this fryer cooks your food quickly. The generous power also ensures all food is prepared well the first time.

The HD touchscreen is easy to use. It doesn't have any confusing switches, knobs, and buttons that many fryers have. What's more, the lack of buttons gives the fryer an elegant design, so it won't look out of place in whichever corner of the kitchen you choose to keep

it. The functions of the icons on the simple screen are clearly and concisely stated. You can adjust the cooking temperature up to 390 degrees, allowing you to cook a variety of foods to perfection. The timer can be set up to 60 minutes. The auto-off feature automatically shuts off the appliance once cooking is done. Don't like inputting the temperature and time settings each time you cook? The Philips XL has got you covered. A favorite button lets you save your preferred settings for future use.

Owners of this air fryer love the quality of its food. And, yes, it sure does deserve all the praise it receives in user reviews. Batch after batch, it produces consistently crispy foods. Even if you choose to use different corners of the basket, your food will still be perfectly crispy. The patented starfish design on the bottom of the basket facilitates the flow of hot air throughout the fryer for even cooking. If you love to cook regularly, you'll love this fryer because not only does it fry but also bakes, grills, roasts, and steams. Despite the high temperatures inside, the exterior remains cool to the touch.

However, the Philips XL air fryer is big and expensive, so it may not be perfect for everyone. It also produces quite some smoke and can be a pain to clean.

Pros

- The air fryer's large capacity allows you to cook much more food at a go
- It cooks fast
- Food is evenly cooked and crispy
- The digital display is sleek and easy to understand and use
- The favorite button makes the cooking process easier
- It has a wide variety of cooking options, so can replace other kitchen appliances

Cons

- The fryer takes up a lot of room
- It's costly
- It isn't the easiest to clean

2. GoWISE USA 5.8-Quarts 8-in-1 Electric Air Fryer XL

Product highlights

• Capacity: 5.8 quarts (5.5 L)

• Maximum temperature: 400 degrees F

Power: 1700 wattsWeight: 16.45 lbs.

- Price: \$79.94
- 8 preset programs
- Alarm function
- Start/Stop button

The GoWISE brand has been in the air frying game for quite some time, and their knowledge and experience shows in this 5.8-quart fryer. It handles the frying job of costly air fryers competently at a fraction of the cost. Besides frying, it bakes, roasts and grills a range of foods with little or no oil. At 5.8 quarts, it can feed an entire family of four or more members. It has a large, sleek touchscreen menu that takes the guesswork out of the cooking process by featuring 8 preprogrammed settings. These include fries, chicken, steak, pork, shrimp, fish, pizza, and cake. But that's not all. With your purchase, you'll also get a 50-recipe booklet to give you scrumptious ideas for your meals. The included recipes for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and dessert are specially created for GoWISE USA fryers.

You can adjust the temperature of this air fryer from 180-400 degrees F in increments of 10 degrees. The cooking timer can be set up to 30 minutes. There's a built-in alarm you can set at intervals of 5, 10 or 15 minutes to remind you to toss the ingredients during cooking. The Start/Stop button lets you change the temperature or time settings anytime during the cooking cycle.

The GoWISE Air Fryer XL doesn't need preheating. Its basket is easily detachable and has a button guard to prevent accidental detachment. The included pan is nonstick, FDA-certified, and PFOA-free. Many customers show their love for this feature in their reviews. Both the basket and pan are dishwasher-safe.

There are four color options to choose from: black, white, plum, and chili red. You can, therefore, select the one that adds the most elegance to your kitchen. The fryer comes with a 30-day warranty for the pot, lid, and other small components. A limited 1-year warranty backs the main unit. Although some users aren't impressed with the lack of an extended warranty on all the parts, there haven't been major complaints about the fryer's durability and reliability.

Pros

- This air fryer comes with 8 convenient preset cooking modes
- It has an impressive alarm function
- It's multifunctional
- The Start/Stop button allows you to make changes in the middle of the cooking process
- It's reasonably priced
- Cleanup is easy

Cons

- The removable lid, regulator knob, stainless steel rack, insert pot, steam basket, sealing ring, and floater valve are covered by the warranty for only 30 days
- If the product becomes defective after 30 days, the customer will have to cover the costs of return shipping
- Some users have complained about the product's durability

3. Air Fryer by Cozyna (3.7QT)

Product highlights

• Capacity: 3.7 quarts (3.2 L)

• Maximum temperature: 392 degrees F

Power: 1500 wattsWeight: 11 lbs.Price: \$79.99

• Multiple cooking functions

• Dishwasher safe parts

• 2-year warranty

If ease of cleanup is your primary consideration in your quest for the perfect air fryer, then this Cozyna fryer is your best bet. Using and cleaning this appliance is a breeze. It uses rapid air circulation and very little oil to cook your food. You can adjust the cooking temperature up to 392 degrees F. The timer knob can be changed by the minute and maxes out at 30 minutes.

This air fryer makes a variety of foods. Besides frying, it bakes, roasts, and grills. The basket holds 3.5 quarts or 3.2 liters of food. This is perfect for a single person cooking for himself or herself or a couple. If cooking for a family of four or more or a large group, the food will have to be cooked in shifts. The easy-grip handle stays cool to the touch.

The Cozyna air fryer comes with two cookbooks with over 50 recipes to give you some creative ideas. It's backed by a two-year warranty and takes up little space on your countertop. In user reviews, buyers are impressed by the range of foods it can handle and the little oil it works with. Ease in cleaning is another notable feature of many positive reviews. This fryer lacks the high-end digital interface that some of its competitors sport.

Pros

• It's affordably priced

- It prepares a diverse range of meals
- It's easy to use and clean
- It doesn't take up much space

Cons

- It lacks advanced digital features
- The paint on the exterior may peel off over time

4. Philips Airfryer, The Original Airfryer, HD9220/56

Product highlights

• Capacity: 1.8 lbs./2.75 quarts

• Maximum temperature: 390 degrees F

Power: 1425 watts
Weight: 18.2 lbs.
Price: \$158.45
Multiple functions
Starfish design
High-quality build

Philips is an industry leader in air frying. Not many brands come close to offering the quality and admirable performance that its devices offer. The HD9220/56 is the second machine from the Philips brand to make it to our list of reviews. It's sleek and has a nearly rectangular shape with rounded edges. The basket also takes this shape and has a capacity of 1.8 pounds, making it ideal for singles and couples. The fryer turns your frozen food into healthy, crispy treats effortlessly. The patented Starfish design ensures hot air is sent to the bottom, top, and sides of our food for fast and even cooking. You can also use the machine for baking, steaming, grilling, and roasting.

The controls are well-crafted analog knobs. The top knob adjusts the temperature while the bottom one regulates the time. The temperature can be set up to a maximum of 390 degrees whereas the timer goes up to 30 minutes. The removable components are dishwasher-safe for quick and easy cleaning. This fryer comes with an app and cookbook with a staggering 150 recipes.

The build quality is exceptional, but you pay for that with a heavier product. This isn't a problem if you're going to leave it on the countertop. If you're going to be moving it around, you may notice the few extra pounds. The high quality also results in a high price. But checking the customer reviews, this product does command a loyal following.

Pros

- The controls are well-designed and easy to use
- It has dishwasher-safe parts
- It has a high-end feel
- Cooking performance is excellent

Cons

- It has a small capacity that may not suit medium-sized and large families
- It's costly when you consider its capacity, but it's one of the most affordable models of the Philips brand
- It doesn't have a digital display

5. T-fal ActiFry Air Fryer

Product highlights

• Capacity: 2.2 lbs.

Maximum temperature: 338 degrees F

Power: 1450 wattsWeight: 10.9 lbs.Price: \$149.99

Self-stirring mechanism

Filter

1-year warranty

With regard to uniqueness, the T-fal ActiFry air fryer scores highly. Its most unique aspect is its ceramic, nonstick stirring paddle that automates the process of flipping over food. Once you turn on the fryer, the paddle gently rotates food as it cooks under hot air. You can set the fryer and forget about your food until it's ready since you won't have to do any flipping or stirring for even cooking. The fryer's design is also unlike other fryers that usually have pullout food drawers. Instead, the T-fal has an overhead lid that opens to reveal the circular basket.

Despite the fryer's shape and small footprint, the basket can hold up to 2.2 pounds of food. The capacity is big enough to prepare four French fries servings at a go. And speaking of fries, they're a snap to make in the T-fal ActiFry. In fact, this fryer does such an excellent job at cooking fries that we believe it's the best air-frying pick for those looking to make remarkable fries at home. So if cooking fries is your primary reason for shopping for an air

fryer, the T-fal will be a great purchase. Thanks to its capacity, it can fry enough food for 3-4 people. Food is cooked with just one tablespoon of oil.

The window panel on the lid lets you see your food as it cooks from the outside. Don't have time to keep checking the food? No problem. The fryer features a digital timer with a buzzer that goes off to let you know when your food is ready. The timer can run up to 99 minutes. The T-fal only has one temperature setting, which is 338 degrees. However, its pulsating heat technology matches the heat to the time you've selected and the type of food you're cooking. Unlike other fryers, it doesn't blow out steam. The exterior remains cool during cooking. The filter ensures your kitchen doesn't stay with cooking odors for days. Included in your purchase are a measuring spoon and a colored 38-recipe booklet.

With a weight of only 10.9 pounds, the unit is easy to lift and place into position. All its key parts are easy to clean. The 1-year warranty it comes with covers the entire machine.

Many users consider the rotating arm to be a pro. However, some dislike how the stirring action mangles some of their delicate foods like fish. The taste of some foods may also not feel as close to deep fried as some other air fryer models can achieve. But that's not to say its frying and cooking performance is poor. It certainly performs okay.

Pros

- The stirring arm helps cook food evenly
- The measuring spoon lets you add oil carefully when needed
- The viewing window allows you look at how your food's coming along
- It's safe to use due to the cool exterior and lack of steam blown out during cooking
- The chemical flavor in the food it cooks is minimal to none

Cons

- The machine doesn't have a temperature dial
- There's no auto-off feature to automatically shut the appliance off when the cooking timer is done
- Not everyone will find the self-stirring action to be appealing
- It can be challenging to get a pot or pan that isn't specifically designed for this fryer into the ring-shaped basket

6. Secura Extra Large Capacity Electric Hot Air Fryer

Product highlights

• Capacity: 4.0 L/4.2 quarts

• Maximum temperature: 390 degrees F

Power: 1500 wattsWeight: 10.3 lbs.Price: \$79.19

Rapid hot air fryingAccessories included

2-year warranty

Secura's products are famous in the electric pressure cooking and air frying industries. This Secura air fryer uses hot air and a rapid air circulation system to prepare crisp, tasty food fast with very little oil. The main body has an egg-like oval shape. The removable basket has a 4-liter capacity, making it great for preparing snacks as well as the main dish for the family. You can use the built-in pan to bake food. Other handy tools that are included in the purchase are a toaster rack and skewers.

There are two dials on the main body for setting the time and temperature. The time maxes out at 60 minutes. Thanks to the automatic turn-off feature, you don't have to babysit the appliance as it works. You have the freedom to set the timer and leave. As for temperature, you can configure it over a range of 180-390 degrees F. The settings for popular meals are neatly engraved on the unit in white print. The fryer also sports power and heating indicator lights.

This Secura fryer lacks digital settings, meaning you have fewer features that could possibly break down. While this lack of digitization makes it more durable, it also makes it less good-looking and a little harder to use. Secura believes in the quality of this device and provides a 2-year limited warranty.

Most reviews of this air fryer on retail sites are positive. Users love its ability to cook healthier fries, reheat the leftovers to their original state, and make other foods like small pizzas, toast bread, and roast turkey breasts to name a few. The body can quickly accumulate signs of usage, such as scratches, fingerprints, and dust.

The Secura air fryer is great for those looking for high convenience and capacity. The fact that it offers some great features at a reasonable price makes it an excellent option economically for a middle-class family.

Pros

- The machine comes with a two-year warranty
- The included accessories enhance the product's versatility
- It cooks fast, and the fries it produces have a fresh, crisp taste

- It's relatively affordable
- The basket can accommodate a variety of meal sizes

Cons

- Due to the lack of digitization, users can find it difficult to use
- It has a thin, plasticky build
- The large basket doesn't have a separator

7. GoWISE USA GW22621 Air Fryer

Product highlights

• Capacity: 3.7 quarts (3.5 L)

Maximum temperature: 400 degrees F

Power: 1700 wattsWeight: 12 lbs.Price: \$73.72

7 preset programsAutomatic standby

• Indicator light

Want to get into the air-frying world without having to empty your wallet? This is the best value air fryer. Even at its comparatively low price, it delivers quality air frying. It produces crispy, delicious foods that are nearly identical to what machines that are twice as costly deliver. It's also among the quietest air fryers. The maximum capacity of food it can accommodate is 3.7 quarts, which is about 3.5 liters. While this is rather small in comparison to most fryers, it shouldn't be much of a problem if you're planning to use the fryer occasionally. It's also the perfect solution for people who live alone and just need to cook for themselves or if you're looking to comfortably prepare food for yourself and one more person, such as a live-in friend or partner.

The cooking basket is removable and ELF-certified. This allows you to serve food directly from your unit onto the plate. There's a button guard to prevent detachment by accident during cooking. The non-stick coating in this basket makes it easy to clean. The manual doesn't recommend putting any part of the fryer in the dishwasher. However, this appliance is easy to clean by hand. It comes with a cookbook that's filled with recipes.

The GW22621 air fryer has a glowing LCD touchscreen that you use to choose different settings, from temperature to speed to presets for some popular dishes, which are preinstalled in the device. The fryer can cook food at temperatures of 175-400 degrees F.

The cooking timer has a limit of 30 minutes. Once the meal is finished cooking, it automatically switches to standby mode, so there's no need to worry about having to switch it off. An indicator light tells you when your food's ready. There are seven different presets for common items like chicken, fries, fish, meat, shrimp, and steak.

The unit doesn't take up much counter space. You can get it in one of the three colored tones for the exterior, namely purple, black, or red. All of these options are made of a matte or glossy plastic material that doesn't collect scratches or fingerprints too easily.

With this model, you may have to double-check the tray's position. That's because it resets the cooking temperature and time mid-cooking if the tray isn't far enough.

On the whole, the GoWISE is a nice budget air frying option.

Pros

- The presets are a time-saver
- It's easy to clean
- It has several color options, making it easy to find one that complements your décor
- It takes up little space
- It has a budget-friendly price

Cons

- It can take time to heat up
- It lacks accessories
- Its capacity is somewhat small
- The build lacks that high-end feel

8. Big Boss Oil-less Air Fryer

Product highlights

• Capacity: 16 quarts (15L)

• Maximum temperature: 480 degrees F

Power: 1300 wattsWeight: 14.74 lbs.

• Price: \$79.99

- Triple cooking power
- 2 trays
- 7-in-1 system

Just as its name suggests, the Big Boss has an unbelievably huge capacity. Its see-through basket can hold a massive 15 liters, making it the highest-capacity air fryer available by far. You can fit an entire rotisserie chicken in it.

The Big Boss also arguably has the best design. It has a separator that allows you to take advantage of its size and cook two different foods at the same time. The separator also separates the different flavors of the two dishes. The completely clear cooking container lets you view your food as it cooks without losing any heat. It uses three different techniques — halogen lights, infrared heat, and convection air — to cook food quickly and efficiently. The lid seals tightly to ensure hot air doesn't escape from the cooker. Apart from air frying, you can also use the device for baking, roasting, broiling, steaming, grilling, and toasting.

There's a metal plate with two big analog knobs on it. These knobs are used to set the cooking time and temperature. The time has a limit of 60 minutes whereas temperature can be set up to 480 degrees F. For added convenience, the time and heat settings of popular foods are engraved on the plate, next to the knobs. Depending on whether you want to keep things simple or make your kitchen livelier with a dash of color, you have six color options to choose from.

The Big Boss air fryer is relatively affordable, making it one of the best appliances on our reviews list when considering the price-performance ratio. However, if you're too keen, you'll notice the temperature knob isn't precise. If you measure temperature separately, there'll be a difference of a few degrees between the temperature you set and the one at which your food actually cooks. In addition, because of its size and materials it's made of, it's quite heavy. It may not be ideal for you if you don't intend to prepare large portions of food.

Pros

- The colossal capacity makes it ideal for large gatherings and groups
- The two trays it comes with lets you prepare two dishes at a time
- It's astonishingly affordable
- The knobs are easy to use
- It cooks fast and delivers good-tasting food without artificial flavors

Cons

- The bulky unit consumes a lot of counter and storage space
- The knobs have noticeable imprecision
- Its shape and materials make it a little difficult to clean
- It doesn't come with a recipe book and other accessories besides the separator

9. SUPER DEAL PRO 8-in-1 Electric Air Fryer

Product highlights

• Capacity: 3.7 quarts (3.5L)

• Maximum temperature: 400 degrees F

Power: 1500 wattsWeight: 13 lbs.Price: \$53.00

• Dishwasher-safe parts

• 8 presets

Auto shut off

Our reviews cater to every budget. So if you're on a tight budget and looking for the best cheap air fryer, the Super Deal PRO has got you covered. It's affordable, well made, and versatile. It cooks up delicious meals regardless of whether you choose to spray the food with a little oil or fry it dry. The fryer can also roast, bake, and grill. It comes with 8 preset cooking settings that include warm-up, chicken, fries, steak, meat, shrimp, fish, and cake. The 3.5-liter basket is ideal for a family of four or small gatherings.

The LCD control screen lets you set the cooking temperature and 30-minute timer. It has a wide temperature range of 170-400 degrees F. The auto shut off function allows you to relax or perform other tasks as the appliance does all the hard work. The removable fryer parts are dishwasher-safe, and those that aren't removable can be easily wiped clean. They're FDA-certified and free of PFOAs.

Many users are impressed by the crispy chicken, fries, pizza, and steak that this air fryer makes. They also love how easy the fryer is to use. However, there have been complaints about it breaking down a little too quickly.

Pros

- It's very reasonably priced
- The unit doesn't take up much space
- It's easy to clean
- It's FDA-approved

Cons

- The instruction manual isn't very clear
- It can stop functioning after a few uses

• Some users have experienced uneven cooking with some foods

The Difference between an Air Fryer and Deep Fryer

Deep fryers dunk your food in lots of super-hot oil, which jumpstarts the process of getting the food brown, crispy, and tasty — a process known as the Maillard reaction. On the other hand, air fryers use very little oil and circulate super-hot air across your food at high speed to brown and crisp it up.

A deep fryer will need food to be completely drowned in the oil. An air fryer typically requires just a tablespoon of oil at most. Most foodies say that air-fried food doesn't fully replicate the texture and taste of deep-fried food. However, the lack of oil significantly reduces the quantity of fats and calories in air-fried foods.

Who Needs an Air Fryer?

There's no arguing about the fact that kitchen countertops are becoming more and more crowded with appliances. Microwaves, coffee makers, convection ovens, and toasters are just some of the devices fighting for a spot in your limited counter space. Any new appliance must, therefore, earn its stripes before securing a space.

So what's the case for purchasing an air fryer? Let's look at three factors that may make an air fryer an extremely valuable appliance to own.

1. Health-conscious

Do you consider crispy foods to be irresistible but would love to avoid the excess oil and calories they come with? An air fryer may be just what you need. It gives you a healthy way to prepare meals. With little or no oil, the fat and calories that make their way to your stomach significantly reduce, making the food you consume much healthier for you. You'll cook leaner meats, healthier vegetables, and fresher food with an air fryer. The good thing is the fryer will still deliver a crispy, tender, and appetizing cuisine.

2. Busy households

On average, air fryers cook faster than deep fryers. They get to temperatures as high as 400 degrees F in five minutes or less, and the circulation of air helps create meals rapidly and efficiently. Many manufacturers even recommend cooking frozen or packaged foods at 70 degrees less to halve the cooking time. That implies chicken nuggets serving that might recommend a cooking time and temperature of 20 minutes and 375 degrees respectively can be cooked in an air fryer for 10 minutes at 300 degrees. But that's just half the story. The devices can be put in the dishwasher for easy cleaning or quickly wiped down. As a result, they can be perfect for busy families.

3. Small budgets and kitchens

In a small kitchen, dorm room, RV, or bachelor pad, space is at a premium. An air fryer can be helpful in such settings because it can replace the toaster, toaster oven, microwave, convection oven, and more appliances. What's more, you'll get the fryer at a fraction of these kitchen appliances' cost.

Air Fryer Buying Tips

Air fryers aren't made equal, so not all of them will be ideal for you. So what are some of the things you should consider when shopping for an air fryer? Read on to find out.

- **Wattage:** Air fryers usually have a power output of 800-2100 watts. A higher wattage implies a more powerful machine. However, don't forget that it also means a higher electricity bill. It's important to ensure that your wall outlet supports the appliance's wattage.
- Capacity: A fryer's capacity determines the amount of food you can fit into the
 basket. Large families will need a bigger basket capacity than singles or couples.
 Anything between 1.5 and 2.5 pounds should be enough for most households.
 However, if you're going to be cooking large food portions at a go for many people, it
 may be necessary to look for a large-capacity model that will prepare bigger
 volumes of food successfully. You should never overfill the basket, as you'll get
 unevenly cooked food. Even worse, that can make the machine overheat and burn
 out.
- **Settings:** Temperature and time settings vary from one fryer to the next. Your ideal settings will be determined by the dishes you intend to cook. Air fryers usually come with a timer that has a maximum of 30 or 60 minutes. When it comes to temperature, a maximum of 350 degrees F should be okay for foods like fries, meat, and fish. If you'll be roasting vegetables, temperatures of 400 degrees and above may be necessary.
- **Size:** Most air fryers are compact machines. However, you should check the measurements to verify the fryer you're planning to buy will fit wherever you're planning to put it.
- **Cooking modes:** Are you planning to make simple dishes like fries and chicken wings or complex dishes that may require additional heating functions like steaming, grilling, and baking? Some air fryers can do much more than just frying. The downside to them is the steeper learning curve you'll need to go through to understand the units fully.
- Automation: Some air fryers will require you to check on them every now and then.
 But would you rather place your food in the cooking basket and just sit back and relax or do other activities knowing the food will be ready in a moment? Many fryers

have different ways to automate the cooking process. For example, some will come with a stirring paddle to automate the process of stirring and flipping over food. Others come with preset programs you can use to cook your favorite dishes effortlessly without having to set the temperature and timer yourself. Some automatically turn themselves off immediately cooking is done.

• **Ease of cleaning:** Regardless of the air fryer model you choose, you'll need to clean it frequently. Therefore, it's good to consider a fryer design that's easy to clean and maintain. For instance, a food drawer that's removable makes it much easier to clean an air fryer after use. Non-stick materials also make the device easier to clean by reducing the surface tension thus preventing food bits, dust, and dirt from sticking and hardening on the fryer's body. Customer reviews can also tell you a lot about the ease of cleaning a particular fryer.

With an air fryer, you'll cook healthy without having to sacrifice taste. Thanks to its multifunctional capabilities, you can take your device to new extremes by continually trying out new things. Air fryers are generally easy to use, so you should be able to prepare food with them even if your kitchen experience is limited. Now that you've read through our reviews and buying guide, you're armed with all you need to buy the best air fryer for your needs.