

Electric Kettle Buying Guide

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Electric kettles have become an everyday essential in modern homes. While most people associate them with boiling water for tea or coffee, today's kettles are also designed to handle quick meals and basic cooking needs. Choosing the right electric kettle depends not just on size or appearance, but on how you plan to use it daily. This guide helps you identify the right electric kettle based on utility, safety, and convenience, so you can make an informed purchase.

1. Understanding the Types of Electric Kettles

Before looking at capacity or material, it is important to understand that electric kettles broadly fall into two categories based on usage.

A. Standard Electric Kettles

Standard electric kettles are designed primarily for boiling water. They are ideal for tea, coffee, green tea, herbal drinks, and instant hot water needs. These kettles focus on speed, simplicity, and ease of use. Operation is usually straightforward—fill, switch on, and the kettle automatically shuts off once the water boils.



Best suited for:

- Tea and coffee preparation
- Green tea and herbal drinks
- Instant hot water needs
- Office desks or basic home use

B. Multi-Cook Electric Kettles

Multi-cook electric kettles are designed for more than just boiling water. In addition to hot water, they allow basic cooking tasks such as boiling eggs, heating milk, preparing instant noodles, soups, and ready mixes. These kettles are especially useful where versatility is required from a single appliance.



Best suited for:

- Boiling eggs
- Heating or boiling milk
- Preparing instant noodles or soups
- Ready mixes and small meals

Capacity: Matching the Kettle to Your Usage

Electric kettles are commonly available in 0.8L, 1.0 L, 1.2 L, 1.5 L, and up to 1.8 L capacities.



- 0.8-1.2 L – Suitable for individual use, offices, Hotels. A travel kettle is normally 0.5L.
- 1.5 L and above – Ideal for domestic and office use only.

Inner Material & Body Construction

The material used inside the kettle directly affects durability, safety, hygiene, and heat retention.



Stainless Steel Inner Body

- Long-lasting and sturdy
- Easy to clean
- Safe for boiling and light cooking
- Preferred for daily and long-term use



Glass Body

- Premium, modern appearance
- Allows visibility while boiling
- Neutral taste and easy to clean
- Needs careful handling



Double-Wall / Cool-Touch Construction

- Inner stainless steel/Glass with outer plastic layer
- Keeps the exterior cool to touch
- Improves heat retention and safety
- Ideal for homes with children or elderly users

Heating Element & Performance

Modern electric kettles use concealed heating elements placed beneath the base. This design improves heating efficiency, reduces scale build-up, and makes cleaning easier. Most electric kettles operate between 800W and 2200W:

- Higher wattage results in faster boiling
- Lower wattage consumes slightly less power but takes longer to heat

Choosing the right wattage depends on how frequently and quickly you need hot water.

Common Features to Look for While Buying a Kettle

Certain features significantly improve day-to-day convenience and overall usability. These features make the kettle easier to handle, fill, and maintain during regular use.

Look for the following common features:

- 360-degree cordless swivel base for easy lifting and placement
- Clear water level indicator to avoid over- or under-filling
- Wide lid opening for easy filling and cleaning
- Stable base and comfortable grip for safe pouring

Digital Control kettles

Till very recently all kettles used to have no temperature controls, with the modern Digital Technology now Digital kettles come where you can control the temperature and once the desired temperature is achieved the kettle stops automatically. The advantages are many:



- As these have pre-set functions one can heat water for baby milk at 40 °C
- Can touch Green tea and the kettle cuts off at 70 °C.
- One can heat water for Coffee/Tea or other things at various temperatures.
- Easy to operate touch controls.
- Large digital display of Temperature.

Good-to-Have Safety Features

Since electric kettles operate at high temperatures and deal with boiling water, safety features play an important role in preventing accidents and extending product life.

Recommended safety features include:

- Automatic shut-off once water reaches boiling point
- Boil-dry protection to prevent damage if switched on without water
- Cool-touch handle to reduce the risk of burns
- Secure, spill-resistant lid for safer pouring

Final Thought

An electric kettle should simplify daily routines, not complicate them. The right kettle is one that matches how you actually use it—whether only for boiling water or for light cooking as well. By understanding kettle types, capacity, material, performance, and features, you can make a choice that fits your lifestyle and daily needs.

For dependable electric kettles that balance safety, performance, and everyday convenience, explore options from trusted kitchen appliance brands like Glen.

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