



# Dishwasher Buying Guide

A step-by-step guide to find the perfect dishwasher for your home project

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# WHAT'S NEW

New technologies and products in the dishwasher world





# Lower Silence Ratings



You have plenty of great choices when it comes to dishwasher sound levels, with many reputable manufacturers offering models that operate at noise levels ranging from 39 to 44 decibels.

However, it's important to keep in mind that you don't need to break the bank just to get a dishwasher that runs quietly.



**Quietest Dishwashers  
by Decibel Rating**





# Bottle Wash Systems



## Bottle Wash

If you've ever struggled to clean a sports bottle with stubborn residue at the bottom, you'll be glad to know that some of the top dishwasher brands now offer dedicated high-pressure sprays specifically designed to tackle this issue.

For instance, brands like GE, Beko, and JennAir feature these powerful sprays, allowing you to effortlessly blast away even the most stubborn buildup.



# Drying Systems



Drying has improved, and now, even plastics can be effectively dried in some dishwasher brands.

Dishwasher drying can be achieved through different methods:

- **Condensation** uses steam from the wash cycle along with JetDry to dry your dishes. It is just okay on plastics and less dense objects.
- **Heated drying** uses an element to heat the interior temperature. Again, it's just okay on plastics and less dense items.
- **Auto-opening** doors feature allows for the evacuation of steam and heat from the inside of your dishwasher. This feature works particularly well overnight to prevent moisture from remaining inside the dishwasher.
- **Fans** can also assist in the drying process. For example, Miele has a port on the bottom that directs air inside the dishwasher. The hotter air is attracted to the cooler air and dissipated as water. GE has a fan that forces out steam and moisture and guarantees dry plastics.
- **CrystalDry** is a feature available on select Thermador and Bosch dishwashers. It uses the volcanic element zeolite to increase heat and absorb moisture for the best drying results.





# New Features



## Knock2Open or Pause

You can knock on a Miele dishwasher top open it or pause a cycle with the Fisher & Paykel dishwasher.

**IonGuard:** Negative Ion generator to cancel the positive ions left by odors so your dishwasher smells better.

## Pressurized Wash Cycles to Scour Pots

Storm Wash with WaterWall by Samsung, AquaFlex and Aqualtense by Beko. as well as Intensive Wash by Miele all use different sprays to wash baked-on food from your dishes

## Automatic Dispensers

Miele now has the first automatic detergent dispenser known as AutoDos. You can load up your dishwasher with detergent, and your dishwasher will release the right amount each time for cleaner dishes.



# Single and Double Drawer Dishwashers



## Fisher & Paykel DD24DCTX7

Fisher & Paykel has double and single drawer dishwashers available. The drawers are convenient and eliminates stooping down for your dishes.



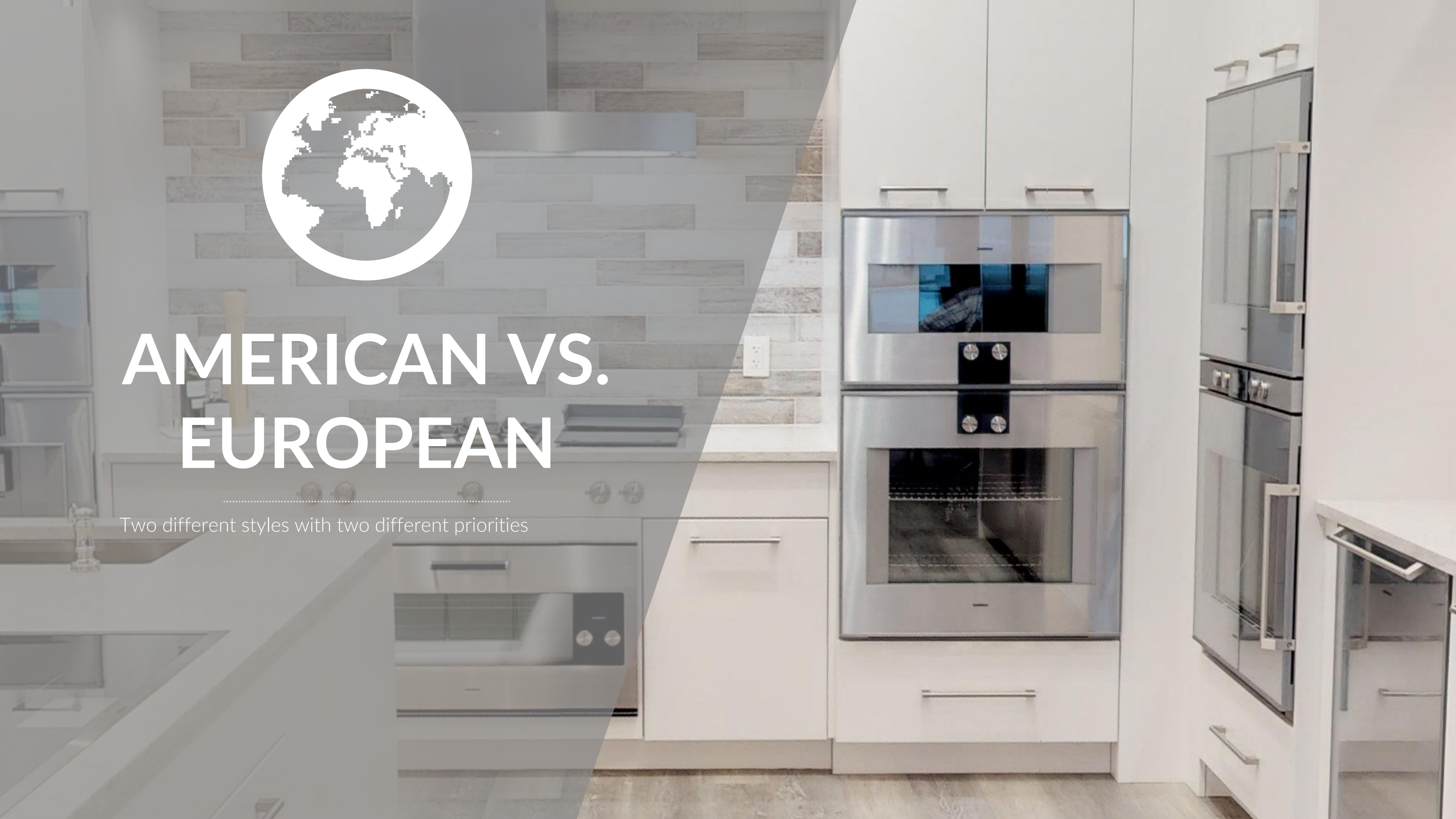
Should You Buy A Fisher & Paykel DishDrawer? [Video]





# AMERICAN VS. EUROPEAN

Two different styles with two different priorities







# American Style

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**Brands:** GE, Maytag, Whirlpool, Frigidaire, Amana, Samsung, LG, Electrolux, Viking, JennAir and KitchenAid.

**Key Differences:** American dishwashers have a grinder at the bottom rather than the removable filter of the Europeans. American models also tend to have more cycles and options and are typically less expensive.

KitchenAid has moved away from the grinder to the filter.



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# European Style



**Brands:** Beko, Bosch, Asko, SMEG, Gaggenau, Samsung Blomberg, Dacor, Thermador, and Miele.

**Key Differences:** European models have stainless steel tubs and are typically quieter than their American counterparts. They also use less water and energy by hotter wash cycles.

Most importantly, European dishwashers will sit flush in a 24” deep cabinet even after accepting a custom panel.





# TERMS

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Talk like an appliance pro and learn the key dishwasher features and trends





# Dimensions



Most commonly 33 7/8" tall x 24" wide x 24" deep. Both sizes are available as built-in or portable models.

Miele, Bosch, GE, and Frigidaire make 18-inch dishwashers.



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# ADA Dishwashers



ADA dishwashers are designed in accordance to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). They are shorter at 32 inches tall.

Bosch, Miele, Asko, and GE manufacture an ADA compliant dishwasher.

You can now buy a 39-44 dB dishwasher without paying significantly more than that's ADA compliant.



**Best ADA Approved Dishwashers**



# Plastic vs. Stainless Steel Tub



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Samsung and Bosch have stainless and plastic hybrid dishwashers for their least expensive series. Both stainless steel and plastic hold water. The quality perception certainly favors stainless. **Stainless is non-porous and germ and odor resistant.** Clean plastic tubs with citric acid a few times every year.





# Quietness



This has become a bigger issue as most living spaces have opened up to kitchens.

However, almost every dishwasher is quieter than years past.

Buying a dishwasher on quietness alone is not a cost-effective idea. Forty-four decibels is the minimum for dishwasher quietness.

Unlike years past, you can buy 39-42-decibel dishwashers without paying a significant up charge.



# Integrated vs. Regular Controls



There are up to five different door styles per model with front control, integrated, and panel-ready being the most popular. Integrated dishwashers are the newest with controls on the top of the door. In other words, you won't see the control panel.

However, it will cost \$100-\$200 more for an integrated model with the same features as a regular dishwasher. Integrated dishwashers can also be purchased with a towel bar handle to match other appliances or with a pocket style handle.





Many top racks are adjustable on Bosch, Miele, and Beko dishwashers. Miele has the most versatile racks on their better machines. Every part in orange can be flipped up or removed to fit odd-shaped dishes. Miele has a slide out cutlery tray allowing you to fit more on the second rack.



# Third Racks



Most premium dishwashers now have a third rack on the top for silverware and other smaller items.

Bosch's MyWay rack and Miele's third rack are the most versatile to accommodate various items.





# Smart Dishwashers



GE, Bosch, Beko, and Miele have a few models with Wi-Fi.

You can control your dishwasher through an app on your phone.

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# Custom Panels



Placing panels on a dishwasher is a great design idea. The dishwasher becomes seamless and indistinguishable from the actual cabinets.

American models will protrude 2” from the cabinet, ruining the aesthetic. **In this one instance, consider European models only.**

(There is one GE Monogram and JennAir model that will sit flush).



Best Panel-Ready  
Dishwashers





# CYCLES

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Cycles have changed now adding water pressure for scouring dishes like Beko's AqualIntense cycle and Miele's QuickIntenseWash for a 58-minute wash and dry cycle.







# Cycles



**Pots & Pans:** Extended wash cycle with regular heat (120° – 167°).

**Normal:** Cycle without the preheat of the above.

**China / Crystal:** Shorter wash at a lower temperature.

**Autowash:** Cycle uses a soil sensor to adjust the water use.

**Half-Load:** Cycle for washing the top rack only

**Sanitize:** Heats up the rinse part of the wash to remove bacteria.

**Temperature:** 120° to 160° depending on the cycle and brand of dishwasher.

**Speed60:** Wash and dry a small load within 60 minutes.

**Fast Wash:** Speeds the cycle by heating to 167 degrees



# Cycles & Wash Arms



**AquaIntense:** Adds another series of pressurized sprays to scour pots in Beko dishwashers.

**AquaFlex:** Adds more water pressure to the bottom wash arms and less on the top to wash pots and china in the same load in Beko dishwashers.

**CornerIntense:** Beko dishwashers come with the CornerIntense feature, which utilizes a wash arm that sprays water in a square pattern, allowing for thorough cleaning in hard-to-reach corners.

**QuadWash:** LG dishwashers utilize oblong arms to cover more surface area in the dishwasher, ensuring that every dish is reached and cleaned effectively.



**The Fastest Dishwasher  
Cycle Times**





# Drying



If you're looking for a dishwasher with advanced drying features, consider the following options:

- Bosch, Miele, and Samsung dishwashers offer auto-opening doors that evacuate steam and heat from the interior of the machine. This feature is particularly useful overnight, preventing moisture from staying inside the dishwasher.
- Another tier of dishwashers that offer great drying features are those with fans that bring in cooler air or force out steam and moisture. Miele, KitchenAid, and GE are among the brands that offer this feature.
- For the best drying performance, check out the CrystalDry Zeolite models from Bosch and Thermador. These models utilize the volcanic element zeolite to increase heat and absorb moisture, resulting in perfectly dry dishes.





# HOW TO BUY

How to compare and choose a new dishwasher

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# How to Buy



When it comes to choosing the right dishwasher for you, consider the following options:

- Bosch offers excellent features and more reasonable prices than Miele. Its CrystalDry system is the best among all dishwashers.
- LG dishwashers utilize steam to loosen heavy, baked-on stains, making them a great choice for families who need to clean tough messes.
- Miele's new G 5000 and G 7000 series dishwashers are the best in the market. Their Automatic Dispenser, unique cycles, and excellent washing, drying, and racking performance make them worth the investment for those who prioritize convenience and quality.
- Thermador offers a free dishwasher with qualifying Thermador purchases, making it a great option for those who are already investing in Thermador appliances.



**The Best Dishwashers  
of 2023**



# How to Buy



There are other decent choices. GE Profile is the only dishwasher with a grinder and a low 42-decibel rating. It also has dedicated sprays for bottles and silverware.

KitchenAid has two series. Their 200 series has a 39 dB rating, while the 600 series has four wash levels and better racking.

Beko and LG have different models at different prices. LG has steam in their high-end dishwashers with good cycles in their less expensive models.

Beko has their AqualIntense cycle to scour dishes along with their 39 dB quietness rating and IonGuard to eliminate odors through negative ion charging. Their lower-priced units are quiet and have full stainless tubs.





# Reliability



When it comes to reliability, LG dishwashers come out on top, followed by Bosch, Thermador, and KitchenAid. Dishwashers perform better than the average appliance.

However, it's worth noting that service and parts availability can sometimes be lacking. Therefore, it's important to always prioritize reliability when making a purchase decision.

Consider investing in a dishwasher that has a proven track record of dependable performance, even if it means paying a slightly higher price upfront. In the long run, it could save you time and money on repairs and replacements.



**The Most Reliable  
Dishwashers**



# When Is the Best Time to Buy a Dishwasher?



There are many brands that offer dishwashers, so it's important to do your research and find the one that suits your needs best.

If you're not in a rush to make a purchase, it's worth waiting for a holiday like Black Friday, Presidents' Day, or Labor Day to take advantage of sales and discounts.

During these times, you can expect to see savings of anywhere between 10-30%, which can make a significant difference in the final price you pay.

Just be sure to plan ahead and make your purchase during the sale period to ensure you get the best deal possible.



# Our Final Advice



Don't be swayed by a dishwasher's silence rating under 44 dB. Instead, focus on comparing features such as washing and drying performance, racking options, and cycle variety, paying special attention to drying capabilities.

Reliability should also be a top consideration since national service can be lacking.

If you want a seamless look, consider putting a custom cabinet panel on a European dishwasher.

Thankfully, there are plenty of brands, options, and features available to help you find a good dishwasher.

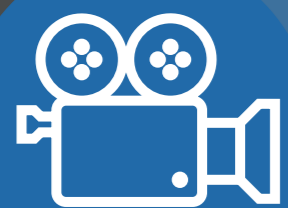




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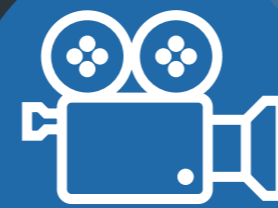
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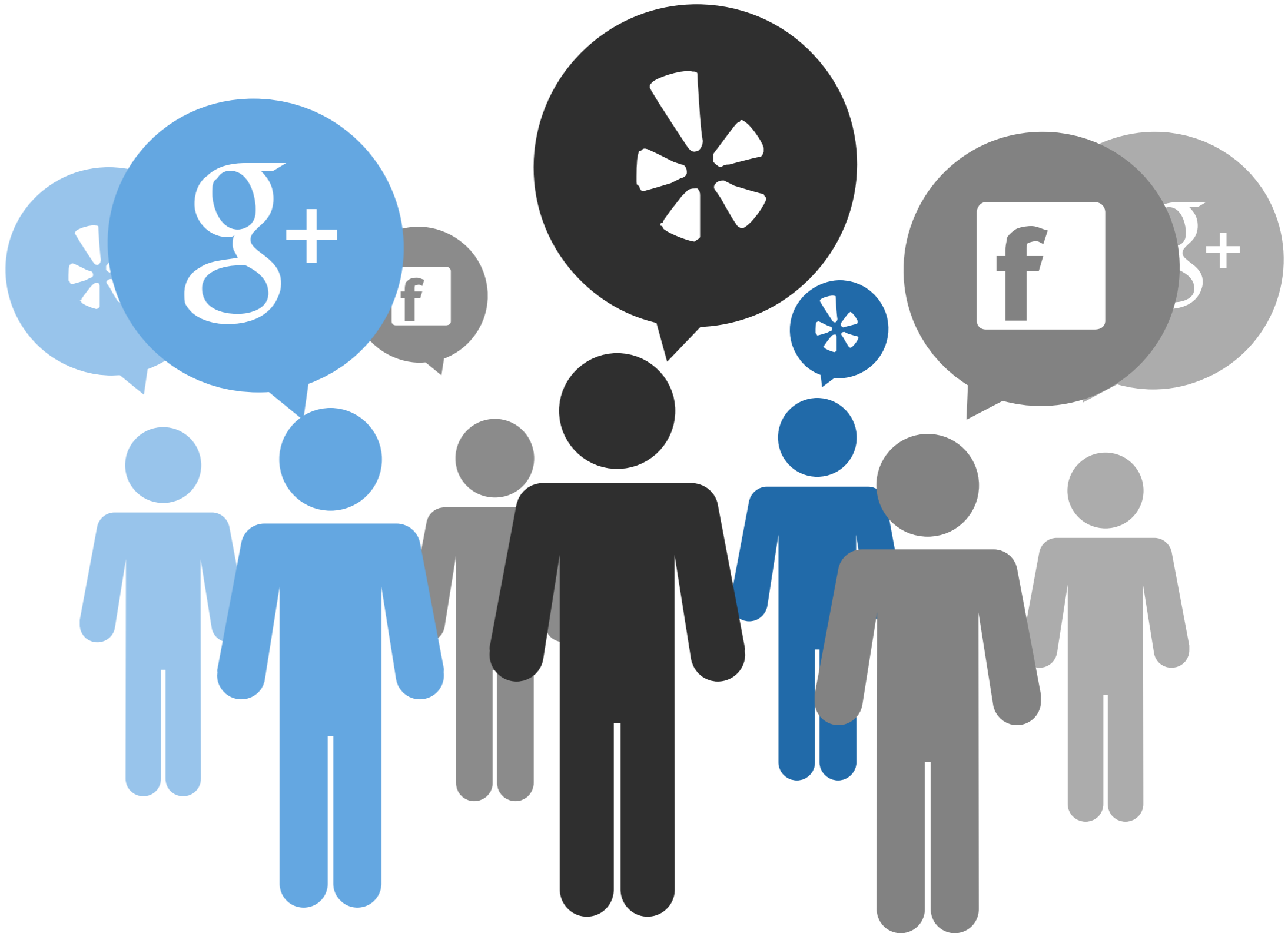
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## Buy where you're comfortable

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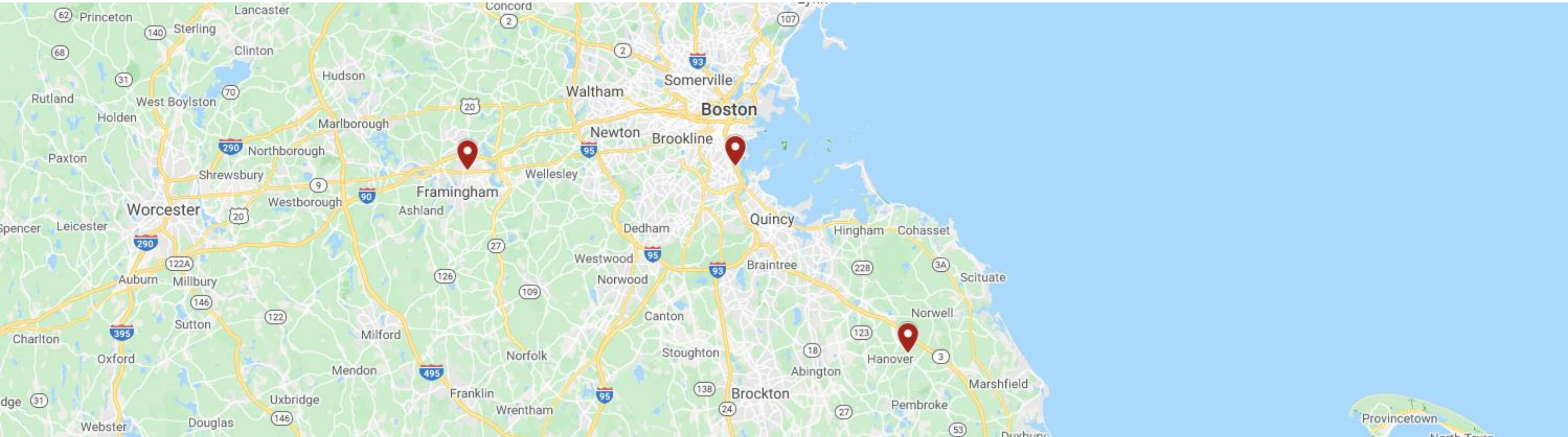


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