## The Case For a Gas Cooktop

Cooktops come in all shapes and sizes. There are even electric cooktops and induction cooktops. This article will concentrate on the differences between electric and gas cooktops.

Electric cooktops can be divided into a few different types, depending on what the power is used to operate them. The most popular electric type is the microwavable. This type cooks a single food at a time. The power required to achieve this level of cooking can vary depending on the wattage of the appliance and the duration of time you intend to cook. Generally, an electric cooker will require less power to cook a meal than a gas cooker will.

Gas cook tops, or ovens, are a little different. https://justpaste.it/44tkm Instead of heating up the entire kitchen, they heat up only the space where the food is being cooked. Thus, more surface area is available to heat up, resulting in more energy costs. But, because the energy costs are spread around the entire cooking area, the effect of increased energy use can actually lower your energy bills.

Electric cooktops cook food from the top down. The food cooks in its own juices, using gravity to move food from the bottom of the pot to the top. (A similar principle is at work in the stovetop microwave oven.) Because of this, electric cooktops generally do not get hot enough to cause scorching or boiling if food is not cooked through. If you want to get hot, you'll need to put the pot on the burner.

All three types of cooktops have another advantage over each other. All of them come with temperature control. Depending on what you're cooking, you may prefer or even need to adjust the temperature on your cooktop. In general, electric cook tops have temperature control as well as gas and ovens do. However, you'll probably find that your gas or oven will have a quicker temperature change than any of the cooktops I've talked about.



The one type of cooktop that I'm going to discuss today has no temperature control. That's the solid ceramic "stick pan" that has been used for hundreds of years in kitchens all over the world. The only way you'll know when the food is ready is to flip it. Unfortunately, because the ceramic cooktop has no temperature control, the surface of the food will cook quickly so you'll end up with soggy, burnt, or burnt-on food on the outside of your pan. If you really don't want to burn your food, never flip a ceramic "stick pan" or let it get very hot.

Since most gas cooktops have a window on the front, they allow heat to be distributed more evenly than a solid ceramic cooktop would. They also heat faster, making it easier to get hot pans on the outside, quickly and without having to wait. Because these cooktops heat so fast, you can turn on the burner at the right moment and have heat all around your food from the beginning to the end.

The downside to induction cooktops is that they are much more expensive than electric or gas cooktops. There's also a little less control over the temperature as well. The best option for a beginner and the only one I could see as being practical would be to get a decent midpriced stovetop and avoid the low-cost induction alternatives. That way you can get nice, even heat and control of the temperature inside your kitchen.

Some people like induction heating because it mimics the look and feel of burning coal or wood. This is a good option for some people, but my view is that you'll have better control over flame and outcome with gas cooktops. Not only do gas cooktops require a flame source, but also a source of exhaust. If there's not an exhaust port on the gas cooktop, you're going to need a gas line to operate it.

The real plus with electric cooktops is that it's easy to turn them on and off, regulate cooking temperature and auto-turn off time. It's also reasonably quiet. It's not quite as fast as a stovetop, but you don't need much speed to get good results with one. You'll need to use a USB transfer medium if you want to use electric cooktops with a gas burner - they don't work very well with this medium.

Electrical cooktops are good, economical solutions for many households. They can be expensive if you buy the top end models, and the price will rise with increased capacity (i.e. more burners). So take a long hard look at what you have available to you and think carefully before you make a final choice, I would personally recommend a gas cooktop, especially if you cook a lot.