

How Long Do Ovens and Ranges Last?

1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010 2020

We've kept a few going from the 50s and 60s

Well-maintained or simple ovens can last 40 years

Most ovens can easily last 20 years



Their lifespan is nearly limitless, especially gas ovens and ranges and/or those with fewer features. Very few parts exist to fail in the first place, and most parts are easy and inexpensive to replace.



Is It Time to Replace Your Oven?

✓ YES

Control Board Failure:

Control boards can be pricey to replace, and sometimes the necessary parts are discontinued. Some control boards can be rebuilt even without the discontinued parts, but then cost and downtime become even greater factors. So this often means it's time to replace the oven.

✓ YES

Discontinued Parts:

Discontinued parts, anything from heating elements to even something as mundane as a door latch, can spell the end of life for the oven. Brands make a difference, because top brands support their products longer. Some cheap brands might discontinue an essential part 3-4 years after release, while a better brand might keep that part available for decades.

✗ NO

Not Heating Up Quickly or At All:

Surprisingly, this is rarely a major repair. Usually it's something simple like a worn-out heating element for an electric range or a bad gas igniter for a gas range. Weak igniters give poor and intermittent performance, which can seem like a slow fade toward doom, but in reality, it's just the safety gas valve system doing its job. If an igniter gets weak, the oven will not allow gas through for your safety. This is a feature, not a bug, and once the igniter is replaced the problem disappears.



DON'T

Use the oven's self-cleaning feature. Extreme temperatures often spell the end of components in the oven such as fuses, fan motors, etc.

DO

Get out the oven cleaner spray and some elbow grease, get scrubbing, and the oven will live a longer and happier life.

Shoot!

I Gotta Replace, Any Recommendations?



Because ovens last so long, chose an oven you love and won't mind still having in your kitchen 30 years from now. And, as mentioned, bigger brands ensure your model continues to be supported by the manufacturer.



- **Premium** – Wolf Range, gas or dual fuel style. Induction is neat, but gas is reliable. And they come in many sizes to fit your space.

SAMSUNG

- **Midrange** – Either the Samsung 5.8 cu. ft. Flex Duo Gas Range or the LG 6.9 cu. ft. Gas Double Oven Range. Both are reliable, allow for cooking multiple items at different temperatures, and are from manufacturers we trust.

Hotpoint.

- **Budget** – Hotpoint 30" Free-Standing Gas Range. Basic and reliable.