

# Refrigeration 101

## Counter Depth Free-Standing Refrigeration

This has been the largest growing segment of refrigeration in the last 10 years, since you have a built-in look without the built-in price or space requirements.

### Sizes

The standard space allocated for this category is 36" wide and 72" tall. Several of the newer models, in an attempt to create more useable interior space, are now extending to 72" tall, so a taller 74" space is required. This is important to consider when specifying new cabinetry.

### Configurations

The counter depth styles are available in side-by-side as well as the very popular bottom freezer configuration. The average consumer still enjoys to have the convenience of ice and or water in the door, so to that end, many of the newer versions of these French Door models now offer this option as well.

### Styling

Another feature these units provide is the opportunity to apply customized panels on the front, without the expense of a fully built in refrigerator. The design feature these units provide can be a challenge to a larger household, as the overall interior storage capacity is somewhat less than a larger full depth refrigerator. The most common size for these refrigerators run 20 to 23 cubic feet, with a few newer models running as much as 25 cu. ft.