



Checklist

CHOOSING THE PERFECT PAN RACK

ASSESS YOUR NEEDS:

- Determine Pan Types:** List all types of pans, trays, and containers you need to store (e.g., sheet pans, steam table pans, pots, trays, etc.).
- Measure Pan Dimensions:** Measure the length, width, and depth of your largest and smallest pans.
- Consider Kitchen Layout:** Measure available space and plan for easy access and movement.
- Determine Storage Needs:** Assess how many pans you need to store and how frequently you'll need to access them.
- Consider Workflow:** How will the pan rack be used? Will it be stationary or moved frequently?
- Determine Budget & ROI:** Set a budget for the purchase. Factor in long-term costs like maintenance, repair, or replacement and how this rack can improve efficiency or productivity.

EVALUATE RACK FEATURES:

- Rack Size & Configuration:** Choose the appropriate size (half, $\frac{3}{4}$, full) and loading style (side-load, end-load).
- Rack Material:** Consider aluminum, stainless steel, wire mesh, and their pros/cons.
- Rack Series:** Select a series that matches your durability and budget needs (Standard, Heavy Duty, Lifetime).
- Rack Type & Style:** Choose a style that best suits your needs (wall-mounted, freestanding, roll-in, folding, nesting, knock-down, adjustable angle).
- Structure:** Consider fully enclosed, fully open, or solid sides with open ends.
- Casters:** Evaluate caster type (stem, plate), wheels (rubber, nylon, etc.), locks, and features like non-marking and noise-reducing.

PRIORITIZE OTHER IMPORTANT FACTORS:

- Durability:** Choose high-quality materials and construction.
- Ease of Use:** Consider mobility, accessibility, and ease of cleaning.
- Maintenance:** Evaluate the ongoing maintenance needs of the rack, such as whether it requires regular cleaning or lubrication.
- Safety:** Ensure the rack is stable and features safety features like bumpers.
- Hygiene:** Consider antimicrobial coatings and easy-to-clean designs.
- Sustainability:** Explore eco-friendly materials and durable construction for long-term use.
- Aesthetics:** Choose a rack that complements the overall look of your kitchen.
- Seek Expert Advice:** Consult with kitchen equipment specialists like New Age Industrial. Request a free consultation to discuss your specific needs.