



Choosing the right heavy duty stand mixer for breadmaking is an important decision. This handy chart compares features side-by-side for three top contenders: KitchenAid Artisan series, Bosch Universal, and Ankarsrum Assistent.

All three brands are quality mixers. Each one has its strengths - and its quirks, and having used all three, I am sharing not only the “specs,” but what I have learned from day to day use over the years to help you arrive at the best decision for your kitchen and your budget. Match your needs and expected uses with a mixer below!

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	KitchenAid® Artisan	Bosch Universal	Ankarsrum Assistent
Price (April 2022 in the U.S.)	\$449	\$449	\$749
Colors	about 14	white or black	about 12
Bowl	5-quart stainless steel	6.5-quart sturdy plastic bowl with some flex	7.5-quart stainless steel bowl + 3.7-quart Triton copolyester bowl
Standard accessories	enamel flat beater, enamel dough hook, metal whisk	dough hook, wire whips, dough hook extender, splash ring, bowl lid	roller, scraper, dough hook, custom spatula, cookie whisks, balloon whisks, reversible lid
Footprint	14" x 8 1/2" x 13 3/4" high	18" x 15" x 15" high	10 1/2" x 15 3/" x 14 1/4 " high
Weight	25 lbs. 8 oz.	12 lbs. 12 oz.	19 lbs.
Power	325 watts	500 watts	600 watts
Motor type	gear driven	belt drive transmission with overload motor protection	worm gear transmission
Motor placement	overhead	in the base of the unit	in the base of the unit

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Capacity	7-8 cups of flour or 12 egg whites, realistically	14-15 cups of flour, realistically	Stainless steel bowl: 21 cups of flour. Plastic bowl: 12 egg whites.
Quantity of 8"x4" sandwich loaves	2 loaves	5 loaves	7 loaves
Noise (1=silent, 10=unbearably loud)	5 - medium level of noise	7 - loud; cannot carry on a conversation while using	3 - fairly quiet; can carry on a conversation while using
Cleaning	Bowl and beaters are dishwasher safe. Restore shine to bowl with Barkeeper's Friend.	Bowl is slick; cleans easily. Standard accessories are dishwasher safe except for dough hook.	Bowls and standard accessories are dishwasher safe.
Warranty length	3 months to 2 years	3 year motor, 1 year parts	7 year motor, 1 year parts
Expected life	10 years	20 years	lifetime
Add-on accessories	meat grinder, ice cream bowl, sifter & scale, pasta maker, spiralizer, sausage stuffer, and many more	stainless steel bowl, blender, meat grinder, citrus juicer, spiralizer, food processor, pasta maker, and more	meat grinder, berry screen, pasta maker, ice cream bowl, citrus juicer, flake mill, blender, and more
Special features	Iconic kitchen design. Easy to learn to use. Will serve most home cooks well for a variety of purposes. Most published recipes are written specifically with KA in mind.	Unique ergonomic design. Lightweight, easy to move. Suction feet grip the counter for stability. Handles small batches as well as large. Pulse function. Accessories less expensive than those of the Ankarsrum.	Classy workhorse at home in a modern kitchen or retro setting. Roller and scraper mimic hand kneading for softest bread. Timer allows you to multitask. Quiet motor. Very stable, will not rock or walk.
Drawbacks	If stored under cabinet, mixer needs to be pulled forward to tilt head up. Do not use recipes calling for more than 6 cups whole grain flour. Heavy loads may cause mixer to walk. Watch for motor strain to avoid damage. Beater doesn't quite reach bottom of bowl.	Functions differently than KA, requiring patience to master. Vigorous mixing action may not be suited to ancient grains. Bundt shaped bowl is not always practical. Motor is loud. Available in 2 colors only.	Functions differently than KA, requiring a patience to master. Speed control knob lacks directional marking. Bundt shaped plastic bowl is not always practical. Accessories are expensive. Plastic bowl is delicate.