

# Commercial Upright Refrigeration Guide

Essential tips for selecting the right refrigeration for your  
business needs

Expert Guide to Refrigeration



**Sydney  
Commercial  
Kitchens**

# Upright Commercial Refrigeration

## Reliable Cold Storage for Busy Hospitality Venues

A high-quality upright fridge is an essential part of any commercial kitchen that needs dependable, space-efficient cold storage. Sydney Commercial Kitchens offers a wide range of upright commercial refrigerators designed for busy hospitality venues across Australia, with options ranging from compact single-door cabinets through to large-capacity double-door models. The category highlights trusted commercial brands and practical features such as fan-forced cooling, digital temperature control, adjustable shelving, and easy-to-clean finishes.

Best For	Typical Features	Category Strength
Restaurants, cafés, bakeries, hotels, bars, and foodservice venues.	Fan-forced cooling, digital temperature control, adjustable shelving, easy-clean finishes.	A broad mix of solid-door storage fridges and glass-door display cabinets.





# Why Upright Commercial Refrigeration Matters

Upright refrigeration is a smart choice for businesses that need to maximize storage while keeping their kitchen footprint under control. The vertical cabinet design makes it easier to organize chilled stock, separate products properly, and improve workflow during service.

These units are well suited to restaurants, cafés, bakeries, hotels, and many other hospitality settings where reliable cold holding is critical.

For many operators, the right upright fridge is not simply about keeping food cold. It is about improving kitchen efficiency, protecting food quality, and selecting equipment that suits the way the venue actually works.

Some businesses need solid-door food storage fridges for back-of-house use, while others need glass-door display cabinets that help present drinks or packaged food to customers. Sydney Commercial Kitchens offers both styles within the one category, making it easier to compare practical storage solutions and customer-facing display options side by side.



## What to Look for When Choosing an Upright Fridge

Before selecting an upright commercial fridge, it is important to think carefully about how the unit will be used. Capacity is one of the first considerations. A smaller venue may only need a compact upright cabinet, while a larger kitchen may benefit from a high-capacity two-door model that allows better stock organization and easier access during busy periods. The SCK category includes compact display models as well as larger cabinets such as 470-liter and 920-liter SKOPE storage fridges and Bromic display chillers up to 960 liters.

The next consideration is whether the fridge is intended for storage or display. Solid-door cabinets are generally the better choice for back-of-house food storage, where temperature stability, durability, and efficient use of chilled space are priorities. Glass-door cabinets are ideal for front-of-house use where product visibility, merchandising, and customer convenience matter more. Bromic's upright display range clearly supports this display function, while the SKOPE ReFlex models are positioned as food storage fridges.

It is also worth paying attention to the practical features that make day-to-day operation easier. Across the SCK upright refrigeration category, the core benefits emphasized include fan-forced cooling, digital temperature control, adjustable shelving, and easy-to-clean finishes. These are exactly the kinds of features that help hospitality venues maintain food safety, improve usability, and reduce frustration in daily service.

## Featured Product Styles Within the Range

One of the strengths of the SCK upright refrigeration category is that it covers both storage and display applications. The SKOPE ReFlex RF7.UPR.1.SD offers 470 liters of internal volume in a single-door solid-door cabinet, while the SKOPE ReFlex RF7.UPR.2.SD steps up to 920 liters in a double-door format. These models are well suited to back-of-house food storage where organization, capacity, and temperature consistency are priorities.

For customer-facing refrigeration, Bromic provides a strong display chiller range that starts with compact units such as the 215-liter GM0220 and extends through to large display cabinets such as the 960-liter GM1000LCAS two-door vertical display chiller. These models emphasize glass-door presentation, LED lighting, self-closing doors, and merchandising appeal, making them ideal for cafés, grab-and-go operations, convenience-style retail, and beverage display.

## Key Features Customers Should Consider When Buying an Upright Fridge

### 1. Temperature Performance & Stability

- Fan-forced vs static cooling (fan-forced = more consistent)
- Ability to hold temperature during peak service
- Recovery time after door openings
- Ambient operating conditions (important in hot kitchens)

👉 This is critical for food safety and compliance



## 2. Energy Efficiency & Running Costs

- Compressor efficiency
- Insulation quality
- Door sealing performance
- Features like self-cleaning condensers (e.g. Turbo Air)

👉 Over 3–5 years, energy costs can exceed purchase price

## 3. Hygiene & Cleanability

- Stainless steel interiors vs coated finishes
- Removable shelves and runners
- Rounded internal corners
- Easy-clean door seals

👉 Especially important for health inspections and audits

## 4. Storage Configuration & GN Compatibility

- GN 2/1 compatibility (big one for chefs)
- Shelf adjustability
- Capacity vs footprint
- Split doors vs full doors

👉 Impacts workflow efficiency in real kitchens

## 5. Door Type & Usage Fit

- Solid vs glass doors
- Split doors (reduce cold air loss)
- Self-closing doors
- Lockable doors (security)

👉 Match this to front-of-house vs back-of-house use

## 6. Build Quality & Durability

- Stainless steel grade
- Door hinges and handles
- Castors vs legs
- Overall cabinet strength

👉 This determines lifespan and service costs

## 7. Noise Levels

Important for:

- Open kitchens
- Cafes
- Front-of-house display

👉 Often overlooked — but noticeable daily

## 8. Installation & Space Requirements

- Ventilation clearance
- Door swing space
- Entry access (will it fit through the door?)
- Power requirements

👉 Prevents costly install issues

## 9. Power requirements

- Availability of spare parts
- Local service agents
- Ease of servicing components
- Brand support reputation

👉 Critical for minimizing downtime

## 10. Warranty & Brand Reputation

- Length and coverage of warranty
- Compressor warranties (often longer)
- Proven track record in Australia
- Supplier reliability

👉 Aligns with risk vs budget decision



## Pro Tip

“Most buyers focus on price, but the real cost of a fridge is in performance, energy use, and reliability over time.”

## The Big Tip!

When you purchase a new commercial fridge for your food business, the decisions you make at that time have ramifications for however long that fridge lasts in your business. While you may be able to buy a cheaper fridge than a market leading product you will pay for that decision later.

Some of the market leading fridges use significantly less electricity than others brands. In some instances these other brands cost double the electricity to run and that additional cost is money out of your pocket.

## 10 Key Features to Consider When Buying an Upright Fridge

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  - Brand support
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**2-YEAR WARRANTY**  
**SCK**  
SYDNEY COMMERCIAL KITCHENS

## Leading Upright Refrigeration Brands Available from Sydney Commercial Kitchens

Sydney Commercial Kitchens offers upright refrigeration from a wide selection of commercial brands, giving buyers the ability to compare different cabinet styles, capacities, and specifications in one place.

# Airex

Airex upright fridges are designed for reliable commercial cold storage in busy hospitality environments. Available through Sydney Commercial Kitchens in single-door and double-door formats, with both solid-door and glass-door options, they are suited to back-of-house storage as well as customer-facing display applications.

The range is positioned around practical commercial features such as monoblock refrigeration systems, adjustable digital temperature control, vertically integrated ducted cooling, and energy-efficient insulation.

[See Airex Refrigeration](#)



# Bromic

Bromic is a leading name in upright display refrigeration, offering a wide range of compact and large-capacity glass-door chillers designed for strong visual merchandising. With features such as LED lighting, self-closing doors, digital temperature control on selected models, customizable lightboxes, and excellent warranty coverage on many units, Bromic is an ideal choice for front-of-house beverage display and customer-facing refrigeration.

[See Bromic Refrigeration](#)



# Exquisite Upright Refrigeration

Exquisite upright refrigeration delivers practical, value-driven cold storage for commercial kitchens and hospitality venues. With both glass-door display fridges and solid-door storage refrigerators available in single and double-door models, the range offers flexible capacity, digital control on selected units, and reliable day-to-day performance.

[See Exquisite Refrigeration](#)



## FED-X Upright Fridges

FED-X upright fridges deliver reliable commercial refrigeration with flexible cabinet styles, practical capacity options, and features suited to Australian hospitality environments. With single and double-door models available in both solid and glass-door formats, the range is a strong choice for operators wanting dependable day-to-day cold storage and display refrigeration.

[See Fed-X Fridges](#)



## Glacian Upright Fridges

Glacian upright fridges provide practical commercial cold storage for hospitality venues that need dependable day-to-day performance. At Sydney Commercial Kitchens, the range includes single-door and double-door stainless steel upright refrigerators, giving operators flexible storage options for professional kitchen use.

This makes Glacian a solid choice for businesses looking for straightforward, high-capacity refrigerated storage with commercial-grade construction.

[See Glacian Upright Fridges](#)



# Hoshizaki Upright Fridges

Hoshizaki upright fridges deliver dependable commercial refrigeration with flexible cabinet styles, strong storage capacity, and practical features for busy hospitality environments. With single-door, double-door, glass-door, and split-door models available, the range is a strong choice for operators wanting reliable day-to-day cold storage and professional performance.

Hoshizaki gives hospitality operators flexible options for both back-of-house storage and display applications.

[See Hoshizaki Upright Fridges](#)



# Inomak Upright Fridges

Inomak upright fridges are built for reliable, high-capacity commercial refrigeration in demanding hospitality environments. At Sydney Commercial Kitchens, the range includes single-door, double-door, slimline, and glass-door upright models, giving operators flexible options for both back-of-house storage and display use.

European design and manufacture, internal LED lighting on glass-door units, and 2 years parts and labour warranty on highlighted fridges.

[See Inomak Upright Fridges](#)



# Liebherr Upright Fridges

Liebherr upright fridges deliver premium commercial refrigeration with strong reliability, efficient operation, and professional presentation. With upright display and storage options available, the range is a strong choice for hospitality venues wanting trusted performance and quality build standards. Liebherr features insulated glazed glass doors on selected models, strong energy efficiency, easy-access refrigeration components, and solid warranty support, including 5 years parts and labour on featured upright merchandising fridges.

[See Liebherr Upright Fridges](#)



# Panasonic Upright Fridges

Panasonic commercial upright fridges deliver dependable refrigerated storage with practical capacity options and efficient use of space. With single-door, two-door, and three-door models featuring pillarless design and forced evaporation, the range is well suited to busy hospitality kitchens that want flexible, professional-grade refrigeration.

The Panasonic upright fridge range highlights features such as pillarless design, effective use of internal space, and a forced evaporation system.

[See Panasonic Upright Fridges](#)



# Polar Upright Fridges

Polar refrigeration is another choice for operators who want commercial cooling at an affordable price. With upright storage cabinets, display fridges, and flexible foodservice-friendly options across the range, Polar is well suited to busy venues that need practical, easy-to-use refrigeration without overcomplicating the purchase.

[See Polar](#)



# Saltas Display Fridges

Saltas display fridges offer practical, customer-facing refrigeration for busy hospitality environments. With single, double, and triple-door glass-door models available, the range is well suited to beverage display and front-of-house merchandising where visibility, capacity, and straightforward commercial performance matter.

[See Saltas Display Fridges](#)



# Skope Reflex Upright Food Storage Fridge

SKOPE ReFlex is a premium food storage refrigeration range designed for flexibility, efficiency, and dependable commercial performance. A key strength of the SKOPE ReFlex range is its enhanced product-type presets and SKOPE-connect capability, which let operators switch between ideal temperature settings more easily. The range also highlights strong power economy, contemporary design, 304 stainless steel construction on selected models, and a 3-year parts and labour warranty.

[See Skope Reflex](#)



## Skope BME Display Fridges

SKOPE BME fridges deliver high-visibility refrigerated merchandising with strong performance and reliability. With glass-door display, LED lighting, and flexible configurations, they are ideal for retail and front-of-house environments where presentation drives sales.

Additional features across the range include energy-efficient refrigeration systems, self-closing doors, adjustable shelving, and durable construction designed for continuous commercial use.

[See Skope BME Display Fridges](#)



# Skope TME Display Fridges

SKOPE TME Series fridges deliver high-impact display refrigeration with premium styling and energy efficiency. With frameless glass doors, LED lighting, and reliable performance, they are ideal for front-of-house environments where visibility drives sales. These units are engineered with SKOPE's energy-efficient technologies, including optimized airflow systems and natural refrigerants on selected models, helping reduce running costs while maintaining consistent temperature control.

## Skope TME Display Fridges

[Skope has a wide range of Upright Fridges. See them all here](#)



# Thermaster Upright Fridges

Thermaster upright fridges offer dependable commercial refrigeration at an affordable price. With practical features, flexible configurations, and reliable performance, they are a strong choice for kitchens needing straightforward, no-fuss cold storage.

The range is known for its strong value proposition, combining reliable cooling performance with straightforward, easy-to-use features.

## Thermaster



# Turbo Air Upright Fridges

Turbo Air upright fridges are widely regarded as a premium choice in commercial refrigeration. Turbo Air upright fridges deliver premium performance, innovative self-cleaning technology, and long-term reliability, making them a trusted choice for commercial kitchens that demand efficiency and durability.

Turbo Air is best known for its innovation and energy efficiency.

## Turbo Air Upright Fridges



# Williams Upright Fridges

Williams upright fridges are recognised globally for their exceptional build quality, precision temperature control, and long-term reliability in demanding commercial environments.

Williams upright fridges deliver premium performance, precise temperature control, and industry-leading reliability, making them a top choice for professional kitchens that demand consistency and durability.

## Williams Upright Fridges



Discover the essential guide to upright refrigeration, highlighting trusted brands and features that enhance efficiency in restaurants, cafés, and foodservice venues. This comprehensive resource covers everything from fan-forced cooling to digital temperature control, ensuring you choose the perfect fridge for your operational needs. With expert insights from Sydney Commercial Kitchens, streamline your selection process and elevate your kitchen's performance.

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