NIPPON HOBBIES

Ramen Ticket Machine Cheat Sheet

A quick guide for ordering ramen in Japan

1 Check when to buy

Look for the shop's signs before joining the line.
Some shops take orders at the counter.

食券は先に買いますか？

Should I buy a meal ticket first?

2 Pick your bowl and pay

Check the payment icons. Keep small yen bills handy.

ラーメン	Ramen	味玉	Seasoned egg
大盛り	Large portion	売切	Sold out

このラーメンはどのボタンですか？

Which button is for this ramen? (Show a menu photo.)

3 Keep your ticket ready

Take your ticket and any change. Show or hand over the ticket when staff ask, and follow their seating cues.

Before you leave the machine

Check the ticket slot and the change tray.

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Source: Japan National Tourism Organization ramen guide