

OWNER'S MANUAL



Flat Iron® Table Top Griddle

Model #8217



Keep your receipt with this manual for Warranty.

Danger

- Never operate this appliance unattended.
 - Never operate this appliance within 10 ft (3.0 m) of any structure, combustible material or other gas cylinder.
 - Never operate this appliance within 25 ft (7.5 m) of any flammable liquid.
 - Do not fill cooking vessel beyond maximum fill line.
 - Never allow oil or grease to get hotter than 400°F or 200°C. If the temperature exceeds 400°F (200°C) or if oil begins to smoke, immediately turn the burner or gas supply OFF.
 - Heated liquids remain at scalding temperatures long after the cooking process.
 - Never touch cooking appliances until liquids have cooled to 115°F (45°C) or less.
 - If a fire should occur, keep away from the appliance and immediately call your fire department. Do not attempt to extinguish an oil or a grease fire with water.
- Failure to follow these instructions could result in fire, explosion or burn hazards which could cause property damage, personal injury or death.

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Danger

If you smell gas:

1. Shut off gas to the appliance.
2. Extinguish any open flame.
3. If odor continues, keep away from the appliance and immediately call your gas supplier or your fire department.



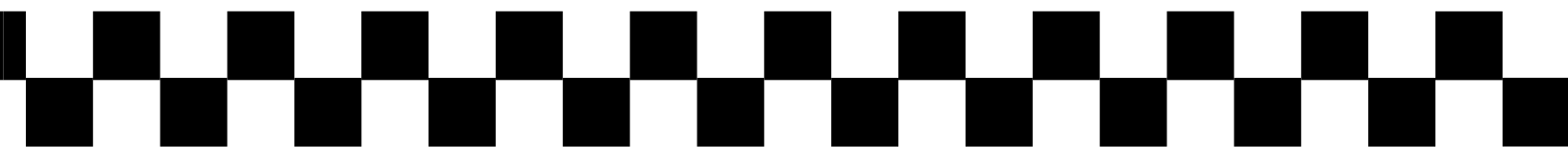
Warning

1. Do not store or use gasoline or other flammable liquids or vapors in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.
2. An LP cylinder not connected for use shall not be stored in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.



Warning

For Outdoor Use Only.





IMPORTANT SAFETY WARNINGS

A propane gas cylinder is required for operation. This gas grill is not intended for commercial use.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. IF YOU ARE ASSEMBLING THIS UNIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE, GIVE THIS MANUAL TO HIM OR HER TO SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

WARNING:

Improper installation, adjustment, alteration, service, or maintenance could cause injury or property damage. Read the installation, operation, and maintenance instructions thoroughly before assembling or servicing this equipment. Failure to follow these instructions could result in fire or explosion that could cause property damage, personal injury, or death.

DANGER:

DO NOT use gas grill for indoor cooking or heating. TOXIC fumes can accumulate and cause asphyxiation. Do not use in or on boats or recreational vehicles.

WARNING:

Accessible parts may be very hot. Keep young children away. Read the instruction literature before using the appliance. The use of unauthorized parts can create unsafe conditions and environment.

NOTE: The use and installation of this product must conform to local codes or, in absence of local codes, the Natural Gas and Propane Installation Code, CSA B149.1, or the Propane Storage and Handling Code, CSA B149.2.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Read all instructions prior to assembly and use. Read and understand all warnings and precautions prior to operating your grill.

READ ALL SAFETY WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE ASSEMBLING AND OPERATING YOUR GRILL



WARNING: FUELS USED IN LIQUEFIED PROPANE GAS APPLIANCES, AND THE PRODUCTS OF COMBUSTION OF SUCH FUELS, CAN EXPOSE YOU TO CHEMICALS INCLUDING BENZENE, WHICH IS KNOWN TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO CAUSE CANCER AND CAUSE BIRTH DEFECTS OR OTHER REPRODUCTIVE HARM. For more information go to: www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

ADVERTENCIA: LOS COMBUSTIBLES USADOS EN EQUIPOS PARA LICUAR GAS PROPANO, ASÍ COMO LOS PRODUCTOS DE SU COMBUSTIÓN, PUEDEN EXPONERTE A SUSTANCIAS QUÍMICAS, ENTRE ELLAS EL BENCENO, QUE EL ESTADO DE CALIFORNIA RECONOCE COMO CAUSA DE CÁNCER Y DE MALFORMACIONES CONGÉNITAS Y OTROS DAÑOS AL SISTEMA REPRODUCTOR. Para más información, visite www.P65Warnings.ca.gov

Read the following instructions carefully and be sure your barbecue is properly assembled, installed and maintained. Failure to follow these instructions may result in serious bodily injury and/or property damage. If you have any questions concerning assembly or operation, consult your dealer or LP gas company.

- DO NOT move the appliance during use.
- DO NOT attempt to disconnect any gas fittings while the appliance is in use.
- DO NOT use gas bottle if the bottle and/or valve are damaged, rusty, or dented as this may be hazardous. Contact your supplier to have it checked.
- This grill is designed to operate at an inlet pressure of: 11 inches water column.
- DO NOT lean over an open grill and be mindful of hands/fingers near the edge of the cooking area.
- Should a fire occur, turn off all gas burners, close the lid, and stand back from grill until fire is out.
- Should flames go out while in operation, turn off all gas valves and leave lid open. Return to grill after five minutes and try to relight the burners – following lighting instructions.
- Keep children and pets away from grill when in use. Some parts of the grill will become very hot.
- When cleaning the valves and burners, be careful not to stretch the valve orifices or burner ports.
- Gas may still be present in a cylinder that appears to be empty. Adhere to proper transportation/storage of the cylinder at all times.
- If gas is leaking from cylinder, move away from cylinder immediately and call your gas supplier or fire department. DO NOT try to address problem yourself.
- DO NOT use a flame to check for gas leaks.
- DO check for gas leaks and any obstructions to burners before use. This is especially important after a period of storage or non-use.
- Always connect or replace cylinder in a well-ventilated area, and never in the presence of a flame, spark or heat source.
- Grill must be kept away from flammable materials.
- Do not alter this grill in any manner.
- Do not touch metal parts of grill until it has completely cooled (about 45 minutes) to avoid burns, unless you are wearing protective gear (BBQ mittens, pot holders, etc.).
- Note that parts sealed by manufacturer or its agent must not be altered.
- When assembling the grill, position the connection flexible tube so that it is protected against twisting.
- Stay away from any source of ignition when changing gas container.
- When assembling the grill, do not obstruct ventilation openings of grill's container compartment. We reserve the right to make minor technical adjustments to the device.



- When cooking with oil/grease, do not allow the oil/grease to exceed 350°F (177°C). Do not store or use extra cooking oil in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.
- Never fill the cylinder beyond 80% full. Not following the above information exactly may result in a fire causing death or serious injury.
- Do not store a spare LP gas cylinder under or near this appliance.

CAUTION

- This grill is for use with propane gas only (propane gas cylinder not included).
- Never attempt to attach this grill to the self-contained propane system of a camper trailer, motor home or house.
- Do not use gasoline, kerosene or alcohol for lighting. The LP gas supply cylinder must be constructed and marked in accordance with the specifications for propane gas cylinders of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) CFR 49.
- The gas supply cylinder must be provided with a listed overfilling prevention device.
- The gas supply cylinder must be provided with a cylinder connection device compatible with the connection for outdoor cooking appliances.
- This grill is not intended for use on recreation vehicles and/or boats.
- Do not use grill unless it is completely assembled and all parts are securely fastened and tightened.
- Keep all combustible items and surfaces at least 10 ft (3.05 M) away from grill at all times.
- DO NOT use this grill or any gas product near unprotected combustible constructions.
- Do not use in an explosive atmosphere. Keep grill area clear and free from combustible materials, gasoline and other flammable vapors and liquids.
- Never keep a filled container in a hot car or car trunk. Heat will cause gas pressure to increase, which may open relief valve and allow gas to escape.
- Keep grill's valve compartment, burners and circulating air passages clean. Inspect grill before each use.

WARNING

- This grill is for outside use only, and should not be used in a building, garage, or any other enclosed area.
- The use of alcohol, prescription or non-prescription drugs may impair the operator's ability to properly assemble or safely operate the grill.
- Always place grill on a hard, level surface far away from combustibles. An asphalt or blacktop surface may not be acceptable for this purpose.
- Do not leave a lit grill unattended. Keep children and pets away from grill at all times.
- Do not place grill on any type of tabletop surface.



- Do not use grill in high winds.
- Disconnect the propane tank (LP tank) by first turning off valve on top of propane tank, turn off burner valves, then disconnect regulator from valve on propane tank by turning plastic connector counter clockwise. Unscrew wing-bolt in bottom shelf to release the tank for removal.

DANGER

- Liquid propane (LP) gas is flammable and hazardous if handled improperly. Know its characteristics before using any propane product.
- Propane Characteristics: flammable, explosive under pressure, heavier than air and settles in pools and low areas.
- In its natural state, propane has no odor. For your safety, an odorant has been added.
- Contact with propane can cause freeze burns to skin.
- Never use a propane cylinder with a damaged body, valve, collar or footing.
- Dented or rusted propane cylinders may be hazardous and should be checked by your propane gas supplier.
- Use caution when assembling and operating your grill to avoid scrapes or cuts from sharp edges.
- Use caution when moving grill to prevent strains.
- Never move grill when it is in use or hot.
- Make sure to empty grease tray after every use once completely cooled.
- To protect against bacteria that could cause illness, keep all meats refrigerated and thaw in refrigerator or microwave. Keep raw meats separate from other foods, and wash everything that comes in contact with raw meat.
- Cook meat thoroughly, and refrigerate leftovers immediately.
- Use a calibrated food thermometer and the USDA guidelines to ensure that meat, poultry, seafood, and other cooked foods reach a safe minimum internal temperature.
- Always have a fire extinguisher near at all times. Maintain and check your fire extinguisher regularly.



***** STOP! CALL  FIRST! *****

Do NOT Return Product to Store.

This grill has been made according to the highest of quality standards. If you have any questions not addressed in this manual or if you need parts please visit www.chargriller.com/pages/customer-support and have your serial number handy.

REGISTER YOUR GRILL:

To take full advantage of the Char-Griller warranty be sure to register your grill by visiting www.chargriller.com/pages/customer-support.

Registration provides important protections:

1. In the extremely unlikely event of a product recall Char-Griller can easily contact you and rectify the issue.
2. If a warrantied part is broken or missing we can send you the needed parts promptly.

NOTE: You will need your model #, serial number, and a copy of the original sales receipt when registering.

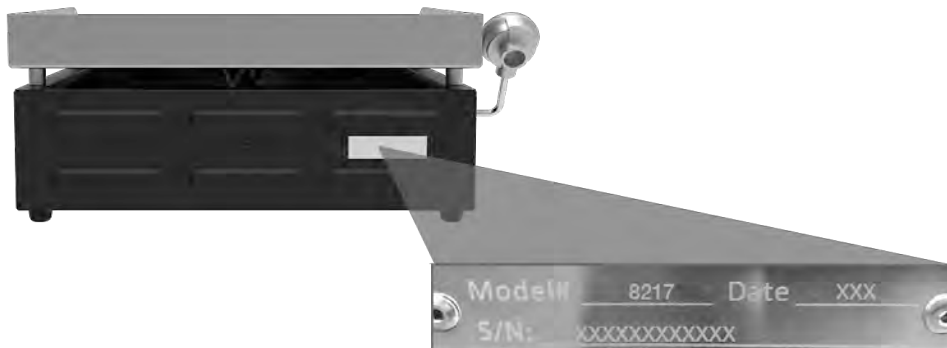
Document Your Grill Model and Serial Numbers HERE:

(Model and Serial number are located on the back of the grill body or on the leg.)

Model #8217

(MODEL #)

(SERIAL #)



(example)

WARRANTY INFORMATION

A COPY OF THE DATED PROOF OF PURCHASE (RECEIPT) IS REQUIRED WHEN REGISTERING OR SUBMITTING A WARRANTY* CLAIM. PLEASE RETAIN A COPY OF THE RECEIPT FOR YOUR RECORDS.

Char-Griller will replace any defective part of its grillers/smokers, under warranty, as outlined below.

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION IN DETAIL AND IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE AT WWW.CHARGRILLER.COM/PAGES/CUSTOMER-SUPPORT.

Charcoal / Pellet / Kamado Grills	
Grill - Hood and Body (excludes removable Ash Pan)	5 years from date of purchase for rust through / burn through
Ash Pan and Defective Parts	1 year from date of purchase
Gas Grills	
Grill Hood and Main Burner Tubes (excludes Side Burner)	5 years from date of purchase for rust through / burn through
Grill Body and Side Burner and Defective Parts	1 year from date of purchase
Griddles	
All Defective Parts	1 year from date of purchase
Dual Fuel Grills (Gas & Charcoal)	
Charcoal Grill - Hood and Bottom and Gas Grill Hood (TOP half) and Main Burner Tubes (excludes Ash Pan and Side Burner)	5 years from date of purchase for rust through / burn through
Ash Pan and Defective Parts and Gas Grill Body (BOTTOM half) and Side Burner	1 year from date of purchase
Parts, Accessories, and Grill Covers	
	1 year from date of purchase (seam tears only for covers)

SURFACE RUST IS NOT CONSIDERED A MANUFACTURING OR MATERIALS DEFECT

Char-Griller grills are made of steel and if exposed to the elements rust will occur naturally. Please refer to the section entitled, "Usage" to review how to care for your grill properly.

Surface issues such as scratches, dents, corrosion or discoloring by heat, abrasive and chemical clearers, surface rust or the discoloration of steel surfaces are NOT covered under these warranties.

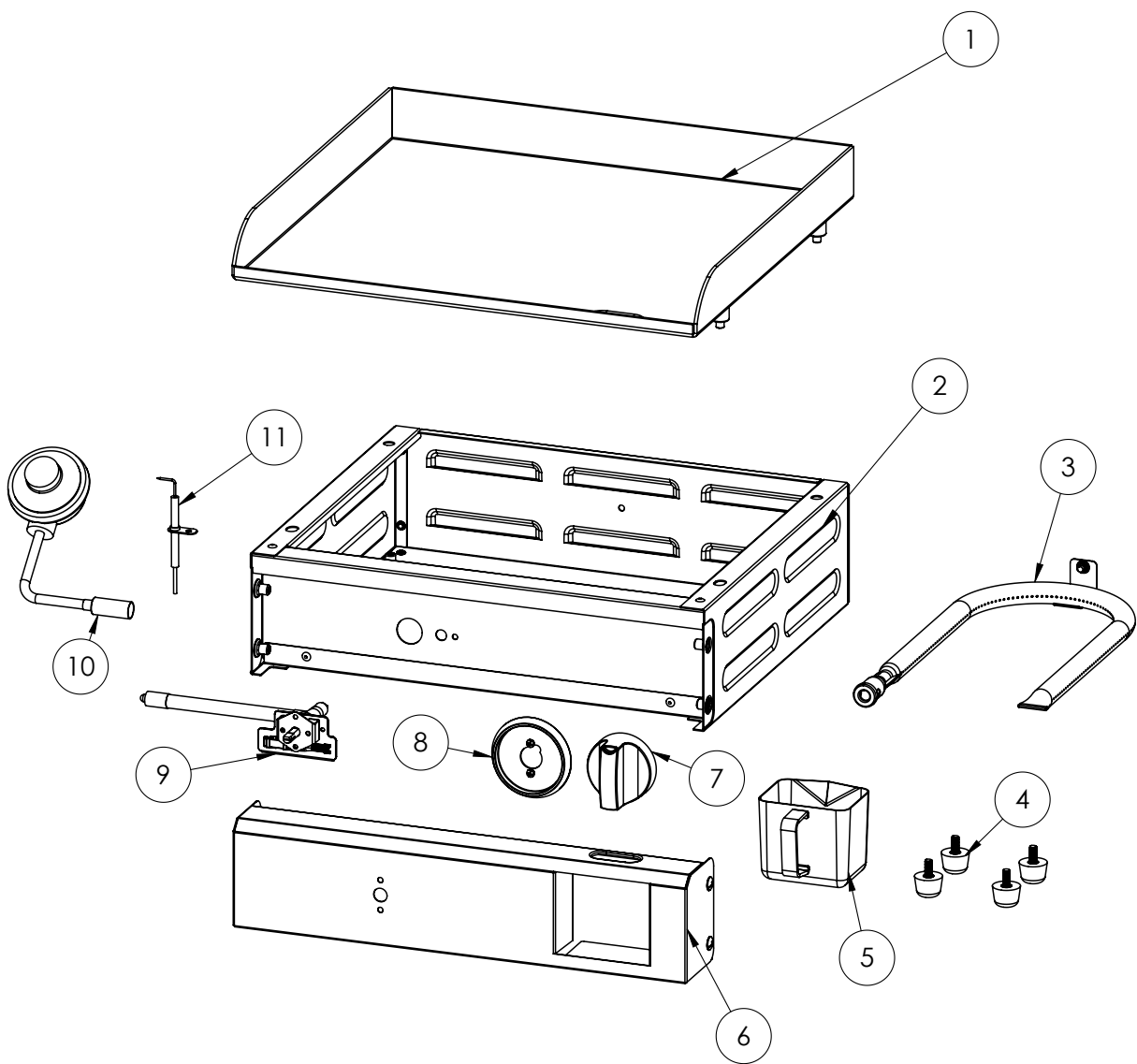
Warranties are for the replacement of defective parts only. Char-Griller is not responsible for damage resulting from accident, alteration, misuse, abuse, hostile environments, improper installation, and installation not in accordance with local codes of service of unit.

Excluded Under ALL Warranties

Paint; Surface Rust; Heat Damage; Incorrect Parts ordered by customer, including shipping; Worn Parts; Missing or damaged parts not reported within two (2) months of purchase date; Defective parts not reported within one (1) year of purchase date; Fading grill cover.

*NOTE: For warranty claims, photos and prepaid return of the item in question may be required. Misuse, abuse or commercial use nullifies all warranties.

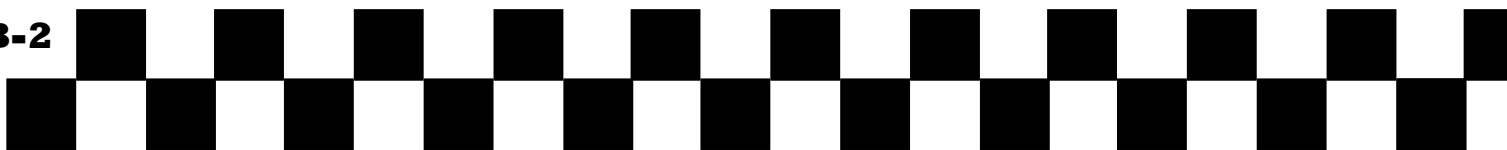
ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS





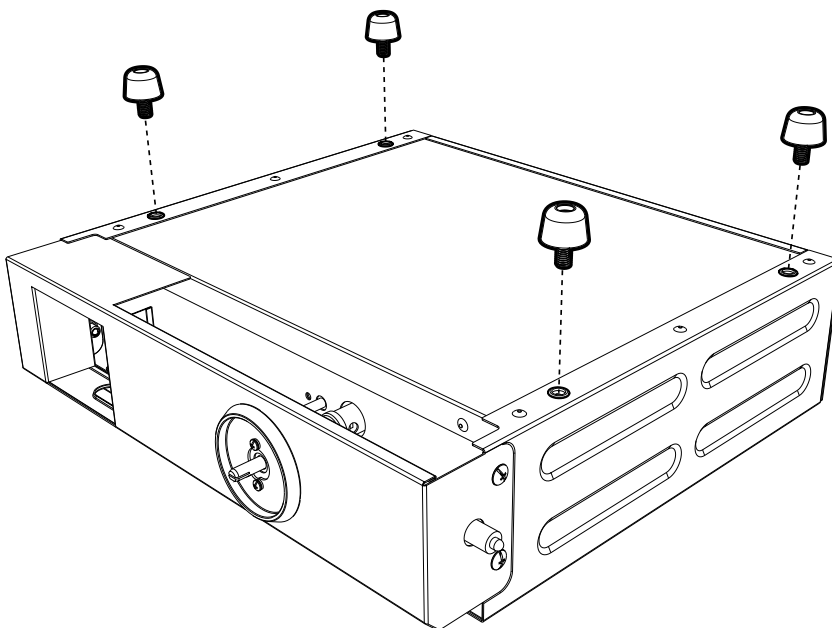
PARTS LIST

Item	QTY	Part Name
1	1	GRIDDLE
2	1	BODY
3	1	BURNER
4	4	LEGS
5	1	GREASE CUP
6	1	CONTROL PANEL
7	1	KNOB
8	1	KNOB BEZEL
9	1	VALVE ASSEMBLY
10	1	REGULATOR ASSEMBLY
11	1	SPARK



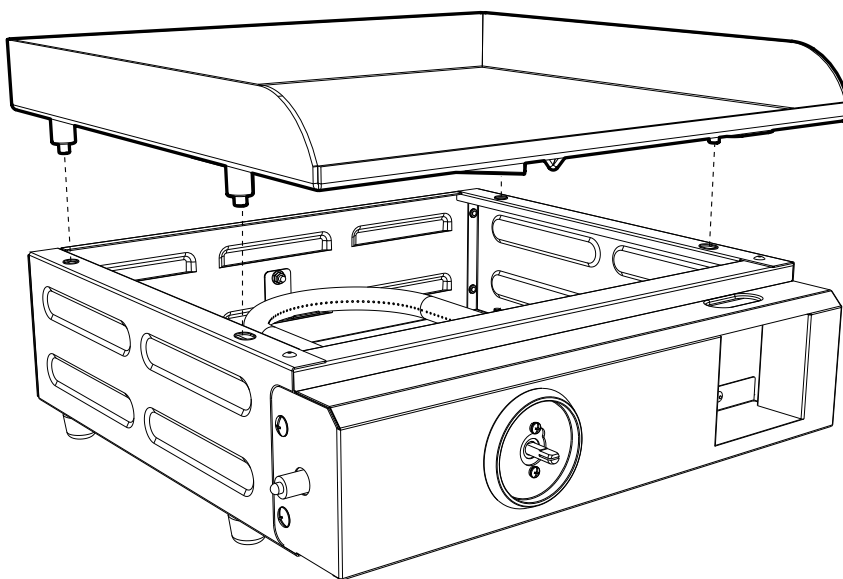
STEP 1

Place the GRIDDLE upside down. Screw in the (4) four LEGS to the bottom of the GRILL BODY.



STEP 2

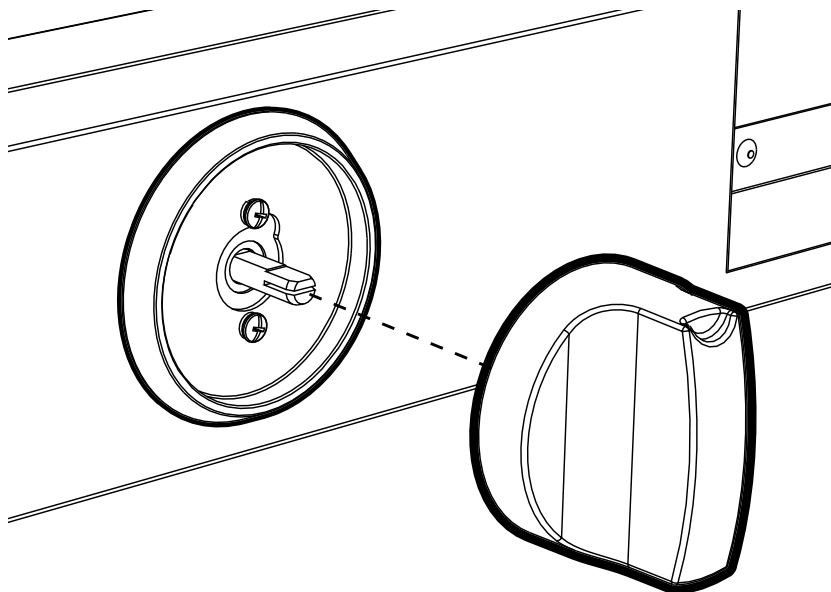
Turn the GRILL BODY right side up then place the GRIDDLE on the body. Ensure the studs on the GRIDDLE go into the holes on the GRILL BODY.





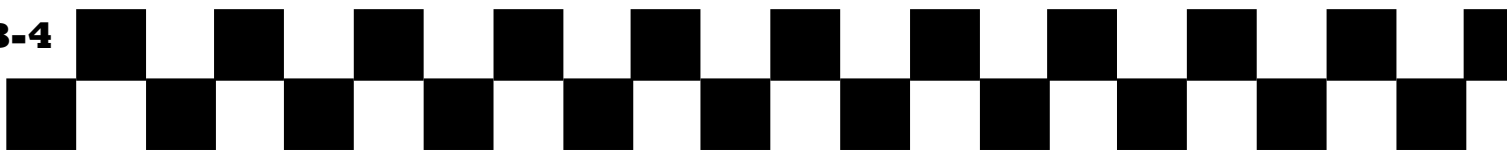
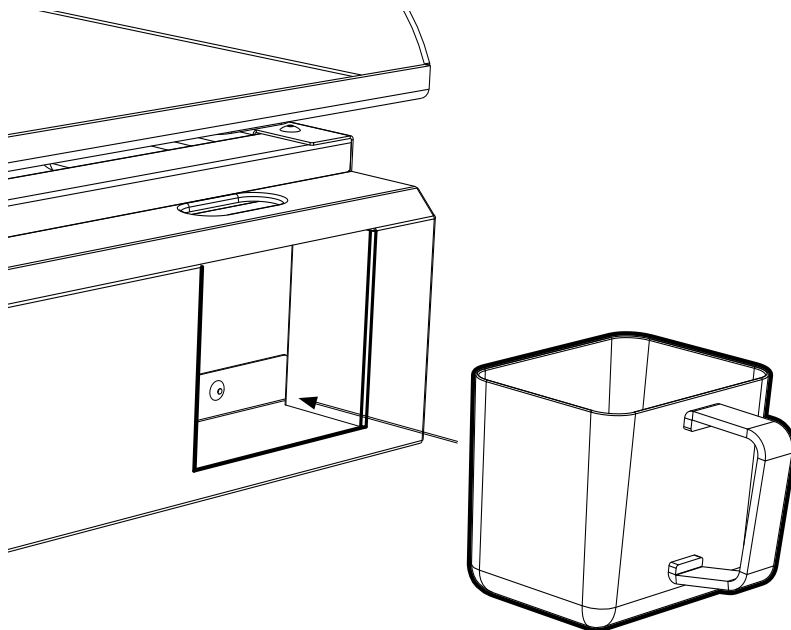
STEP 3

Install the KNOB onto the valve stem.



STEP 4

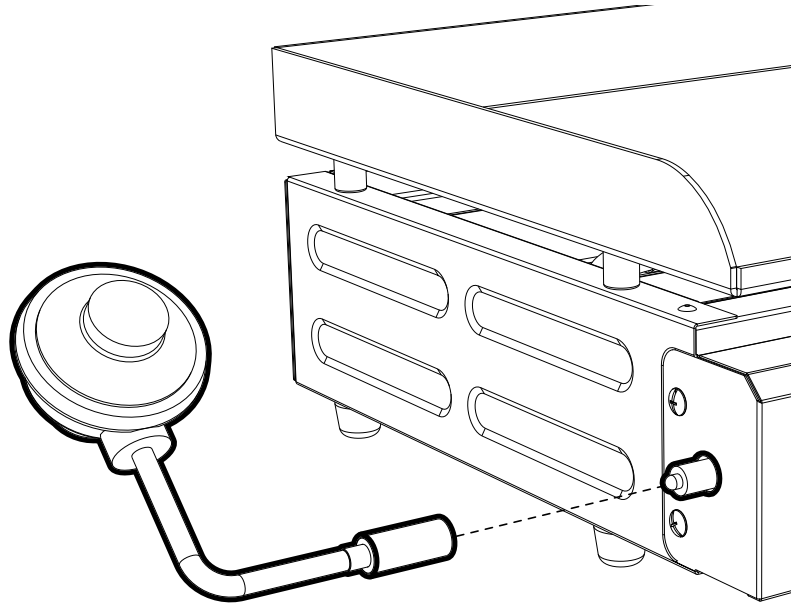
Place the GREASE CUP into the grease cup holder.



STEP 5

Connect the REGULATOR ASSEMBLY to the VALVE ASSEMBLY.

NOTE: Hand tighten only. Ensure that you DO NOT overtighten the assembly.



OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Setting Up

This appliance is designed for use outdoors, away from any flammable materials. It is important that there are no overhead obstructions and that there is a minimum distance of 36 inches (90 cm) from the side or rear of the appliance. Maintain 10 ft. clearance to objects that can catch fire or sources of ignition such as pilot lights on water heaters, live electrical appliances, etc. It is important that the ventilation openings of the appliance are not obstructed.

The grill must be used on a level, stable surface. The appliance should be protected from direct drafts and positioned or protected against direct penetration by any trickling water (e.g. rain). Do not move grill while hot, and do not leave unattended during operation.

Protect LP cylinder from direct sunlight and keep away from heat sources max. 122°F (50° C). Do not move grill while hot, and do not leave unattended during operation. Position gas cylinder such that hose is not bent, twisted, subject to tension, or touching any hot parts of appliance.

NEVER EXCEED 650°F BECAUSE THIS WILL DAMAGE THE FINISH AND
CONTRIBUTE TO RUST. PAINT IS NOT WARRANTED AND WILL REQUIRE TOUCH-UP.
THIS UNIT IS NOT WARRANTED AGAINST RUST.

CAUTION:

1. All cleaning and maintenance should be done when the griddle is cool and the fuel supply is **DISCONNECTED**.
2. Do **NOT** clean any griddle part in a self-cleaning oven as the extreme heat will damage the finish.
3. Do **NOT** enlarge valve orifices or burner ports when cleaning the valve or the burners.

NOTICES:

1. This griddle should be thoroughly cleaned, inspected and seasoned on a regular basis.
2. Abrasive cleaners will damage this product.
3. **NEVER** use oven cleaner on any part of this griddle.

BEFORE EACH USE:

1. Ensure griddle area is clean and free of any combustible materials like gasoline, lighter fluid or any other flammable vapors or liquids.
2. Do **NOT** obstruct the flow of the combustion of LP gas and the ventilation of air.
3. Keep the ventilation opening(s) of the LP gas tank area free and clear of debris.
4. Visually check the burner flames to make sure griddle is working properly.
5. See sections below for proper cleaning and maintenance instructions.

Check for obstructions of airflow to the burners. Spiders, insects, and webs can clog the burner tubes. A clogged burner can lead to a fire.



GAS OPERATION

Regulator

A regulator is supplied with this Griddle. If a replacement is necessary, please visit www.chargriller.com/pages/customer-support. Do NOT use replacement parts that are not intended for this grill. The life expectancy of the regulator is estimated as 10 years. It is recommended that the regulator is changed within 10 years of the date of manufacture.

The use of the wrong regulator or hose is unsafe; always check that you have the correct items before operating the appliance.

Connecting the Regulator to the Griddle

Before connection, ensure that there is no debris caught in the head of the gas cylinder, regulator, burner, and burner ports. Spiders and insects can nest within and clog the burner/venturi tube at the orifice. A clogged burner can lead to a fire beneath the appliance.

Clean burner holes with a heavy-duty pipe cleaner.

The Griddle must be used in a well-ventilated area. Do not obstruct the flow of combustion air to the burner when in use. ONLY USE THIS APPLIANCE OUTDOORS.

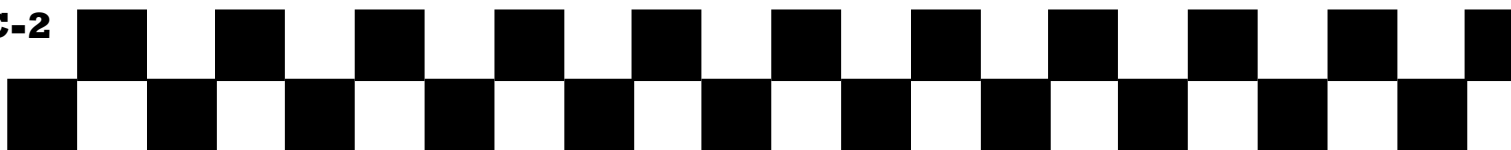
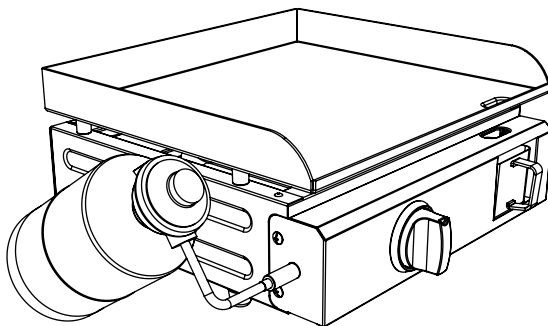
Hand-tighten the sliding collar to the grill in a clockwise direction. Do not use tools!

Connecting the LP Gas Bottle to the Griddle Regulator

This appliance is only suitable for use with low-pressure Propane bottles

1. Ensure all control knobs are in the OFF position and verify that the gas cylinder valve is closed by turning the handle on the gas cylinder valve clockwise until it stops.
2. Remove the protective cap from the gas cylinder valve nozzle.
3. Hold the regulator in a straight line with the gas cylinder valve nozzle so the connection does not cross thread.
4. Insert regulator nipple into the gas cylinder valve nozzle opening.
5. Perform a Leak Test. (See Leak Testing section of this manual).

The LP Bottle / Regulator should look like the picture below when properly connected.



**** BEFORE USE CHECK FOR LEAKS ****

Never check for leaks with a naked eye. Always use a soapy water solution.

NOTE: Before starting the grill, check for leaks. Make sure the regulator valve is securely fastened to the burner and the cylinder to prevent fire or explosion hazard when testing for a leak.

Always perform the “Leak Test” as described below before lighting the grill or each time the cylinder is connected for use.

- Do not smoke or allow other sources of ignition in the area while conducting a leak test.
- Conduct leak test outdoors in a well-ventilated area.
- Do not use matches, lighters or a flame to check for leaks.
- Do not use grill until any and all leaks are corrected. If you are unable to stop a leak, disconnect the propane supply. Call a gas appliance serviceman or your local propane gas supplier.

Leak Test

1. In a spray bottle mix 6-9ml. solution, 1 part dish washing soap, 3 parts water.
2. Ensure control valves/burner knobs are in the off position and that regulator is securely connected.
3. Open LP cylinder valve completely by turning wheel counterclockwise.
4. Apply the solution to the hose, gas valve, and regulator, and cylinder.
5. If bubbles form and grow on any of the tested components, there is a leak in the component. No bubbles means no leak.
6. If a leak has been identified please retest starting with steps 2-5. If leak persists, contact customer service at www.chargriller.com/pages/customer-support or consult your owner's manual for how to replace or repair grill components.

Lighting Instructions

Your Char-Griller Tabletop Griddle is equipped with one U-shaped gas burner.

When lighting, keep your face and body as far away from burners as possible and never lean over grill surface. If grill does not light in 3-5 seconds, turn off the grill and wait 5 minutes for gas to clear before attempting to relight. Failure to do so may result in an explosive flare-up, which can cause serious bodily injury or death. Once lit, but before cooking on grill for first time, let grill sit for 15 minutes. This heat cleans grill's internal parts from anything they may have come into contact with during manufacturing and shipping.

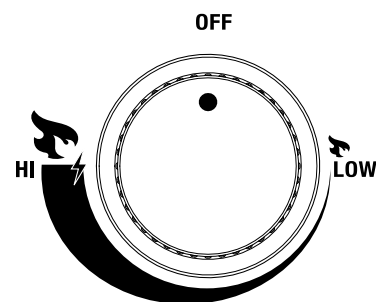
NOTE: Before first use, it is important to properly season your grill to ensure the optimal performance and long life of your Char-Griller Griddle (see the seasoning/care instruction provided in this manual).



Main Burners

Read all instructions and warnings before lighting.

1. Make sure there are no obstructions of airflow to gas unit. Spiders and insects can nest within and clog the burner tube. A clogged burner tube can lead to a fire beneath appliance.
2. To ignite a burner, push the control knob of the burner in to start gas flowing.
3. Turn the control knob counterclockwise to activate the starter. If burner does not light in 5 seconds, turn burner OFF, wait 5 minutes for gas to clear and repeat procedure.
4. Adjust the temperature to desired level.



After lighting, observe burner flame and make sure all burner ports are lit.

PRE-HEATING NOTE: NEVER PRE-HEAT YOUR GRIDDLE ON HIGH HEAT AS IT CAN CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE GRIDDLE SURFACE AND NEVER LEAVE YOUR GRIDDLE UNATTENDED

Proper pre-heating will ensure the best cooking performance for your griddle. Always pre-heat your griddle on the medium or medium-low setting for five minutes and then turn to high heat or desired temperature level.

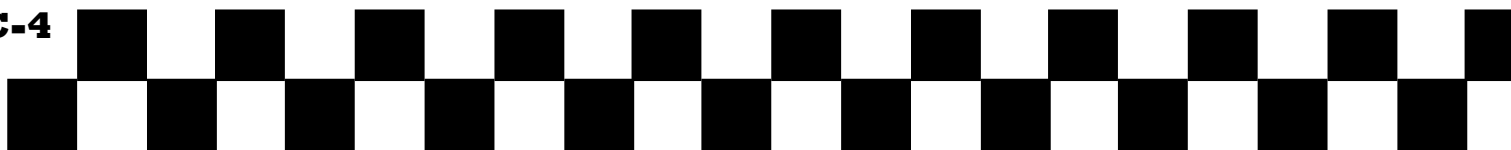
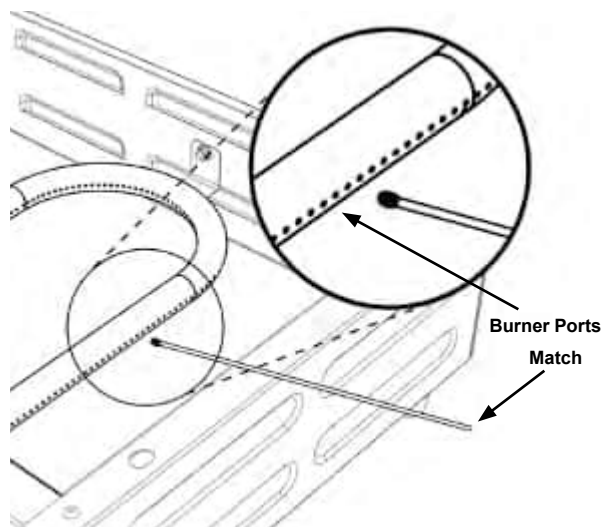
If burner flame goes out during operation, immediately turn gas off on control panel and gas cylinder valve. Open hood and let gas clear for 5 minutes before relighting. Clean grill after each use. **DO NOT** use abrasive or flammable cleaners, as they damage parts and may start a fire.

Shutting Off Burners

Turn knob(s) clockwise to HI position, then push in and turn to OFF. Never force knob without pushing in, as this can damage valve and knob.

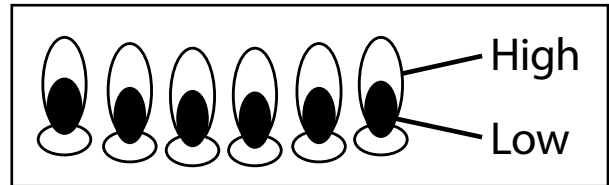
Lighting Burner with a Match

1. Make sure all burner knobs are in OFF position.
2. Remove griddle top.
3. Push in and rotate knob counterclockwise to "HI" position to start gas flowing.
4. Carefully place lit match near burner ports. Burner should light immediately.
5. Re-install griddle top
6. Adjust knobs to desired cooking settings.



Observe Flame Height When Lit

Flame should be blue and yellow in color and approximately 1/2 in. - 3/4 in. (1.2 cm - 1.9 cm) tall on HI setting.

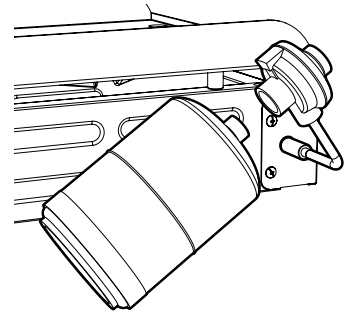


Temperature Management

Manage heat by adjusting burner knob from low to medium to maintain desired heat for cooking conditions. Weather conditions will impact your griddle's heat fluctuations. More heat will be required for cold and windy conditions. Different types and amounts of food will also impact your temperature management and distribution. Make sure to consider these elements when cooking for optimal the griddle experience.

Disconnecting the LP Bottle

1. Turn all control knobs to the OFF and make sure Griddle is cool.
2. Disconnect the regulator from the gas line by unscrewing the collar, then unscrew the LP bottle from the regulator.
3. Place the protective cap over the LP Bottle.



LP Gas Bottle

This griddle is designed to operate with a 1 lb. 7.75in. disposable / 16.4 oz propane gas tank (DOT 39 Cylinder) DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REFILL ANY 1 lb disposable propane tanks.

The LP Bottle must be disconnected when the griddle is not in use. Only cylinders marked "PROPANE" may be used. The LP bottle must be positioned for vapor withdrawal. Do not store a spare LP gas bottle or cylinder under or near this appliance.

The LP Gas bottle should not be dropped or handled roughly! If the appliance is not in use, the cylinder must be disconnected. Replace the protective cap on the cylinder after disconnecting the bottle from the appliance.

Bottles must be stored outdoors in an upright position and out of the reach of children. The cylinder must never be stored where temperatures can reach over 122°F (50° C). Do not store the bottle near flames, pilot lights or other sources of ignition. DO NOT SMOKE NEAR A GAS CYLINDER.

Again, this appliance is designed for use outdoors only and away from any flammable materials. It is important that there are no overhead obstructions and that there is a minimum distance of 36 inches (90 cm) from the side or rear of the appliance. It is important that the ventilation openings of the appliance are not obstructed. The grill must be used on a level, stable surface. The appliance should be protected from direct drafts and positioned or protected against direct penetration by any trickling water (e.g. rain).

Parts sealed by the manufacturer or its agent must not be altered by the user. No modifications should be made to any part of this appliance and repairs and maintenance should only be carried out by a registered service engineer or technician.



GRIDDLE CARE & SEASONING

Follow these simple cleaning and seasoning steps for optimal performance and long life of your Char-Griller Griddle. The griddle surface should be cleaned and seasoned regularly, preferably before and after each use. This regular maintenance will improve your cooking experience as well as help extend the longevity of your griddle. We strongly recommend that the unit be covered when left outside for any length of time, especially during the winter months.

Char-Griller products are packaged with a thin coating of vegetable oil to protect against rust and damage during shipping. This coat may leave some discoloration on your griddle. This is normal and will even out during the seasoning process.

What is Seasoning?

Seasoning is the process of treating a metal cooking surface with a non-stick coating formed from bonding fat or oil to the surface with high heat. This step is essential to prepare raw steel or cast-iron cookware for use. There are two main reasons for seasoning:

- To coat the cookware to prevent rust
- To create a natural, permanent non-stick cooking surface

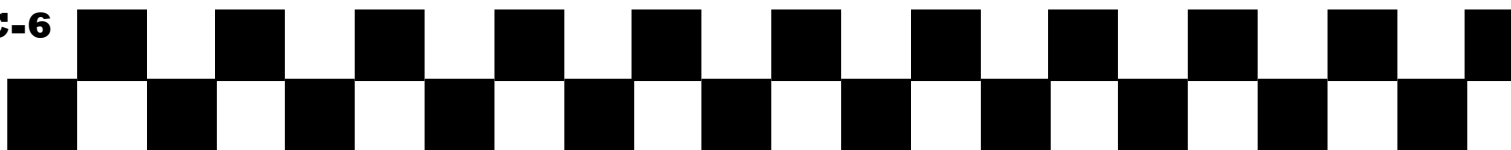
Seasoning is an easy, but very important step when using and maintaining your Char-Griller Griddle. Your griddle can and should be seasoned repeatedly to constantly restore the cooking surface and to continuously improve its cooking performance over time.

Remember: Seasoning is an ongoing process that takes time and repeated use before a griddle or pan develops a shiny, black surface like your grandmother's cast iron cookware. The more often you cook on and season your griddle, the more non-stick the surface will become.

Seasoning Instructions

1. Ensure griddle surface is clean and completely dry.
2. Light the gas burners and allow the surface of the griddle to heat up (MED-HI).
3. After griddle has heated up, carefully apply a generous, even coating of food-grade cooking oil (vegetable, olive, flaxseed, etc.) to the griddle surface.
4. Use a paper towel and tongs to spread the oil evenly across and thinly coat the entire cooking surface of the griddle.
5. When coated surface begins to lightly smoke, turn off the burners and allow griddle to cool down naturally.
6. Your griddle is now ready for use!

For optimal results, season the griddle surface after each use for the first 10 to 12 uses.



Cleaning the Griddle

BEFORE FIRST USE:

Char-Griller Griddles are coated with vegetable oil to prevent rust and damage during shipping. Before first time use, wash the griddle surface with hot, soapy water. **THIS IS THE ONLY TIME YOU SHOULD USE SOAP OR DETERGENT ON THE GRIDDLE.** Rinse and dry completely with paper towels. Proceed with seasoning instructions.

AFTER EACH USE:

To clean the griddle after each use, gently scrape away any food residue or build up with a spatula and wipe down the griddle surface with a paper towel. If necessary, pour hot water onto the griddle surface and let it boil off tough residue. Wipe again with a paper towel and dry completely. ¼ cup of table salt can also be used to buff off stuck on food.

For optimal performance, coat the still warm griddle with a thin layer of vegetable oil after each cook to help maintain the seasoned surface.

General Griddle Cleaning

- Do not mistake brown or black accumulation of grease and smoke for paint.
- Do NOT apply a caustic griddle/oven cleaner to painted surfaces.
- To clean plastic parts: Wash them with warm soapy water and wipe dry. Do not use Citrisol, abrasive cleaners, degreasers or a concentrated oven cleaner on plastic parts. Damage to and failure of parts can result.
- To clean painted surfaces: Wash with mild detergent or nonabrasive cleaner and warm soapy water. Wipe dry with a soft nonabrasive cloth.
- If rust or scaling develop on the cooking surface, scrub it off using steel wool, a steel brush or high grit sandpaper and re-season surface.

Baked-on grease deposits may require the use of an abrasive plastic cleaning pad. Use only in direction of brushed finish to avoid damage. Do not use abrasive pad on areas with graphics.

Storage of Appliance

Ensure griddle surface is completely dry before storing. When the appliance is not in use, it should be covered and stored in a dry, dust-free environment. Storage of an appliance indoors is only permissible if the cylinder is disconnected and removed from the appliance. To maximize life of the grill, use a custom-fit Char-Griller Cover (Model #8275).



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. What if my griddle starts to rust?

A. If rust appears on the griddle surface, carefully rub the rust off with steel wool or low grain sandpaper and re-season the surface. Take care to always completely dry your griddle before storing and keep away from rain and sprinklers.

CUSTOMERS IN HUMID OR COASTAL CLIMATES MAY REQUIRE MORE FREQUENT SEASONINGS AND THE USE OF HEAVIER COOKING OILS TO AVOID RUSTING AND CORROSION.

Q. What types of cooking oils can I use to season my griddle?

A. We recommend the following oils for seasoning purposes: vegetable oil, canola oil, coconut oil and sesame oil. Lard can also be used to season the griddle top.

Q. Can I use dish detergent to clean my griddle?

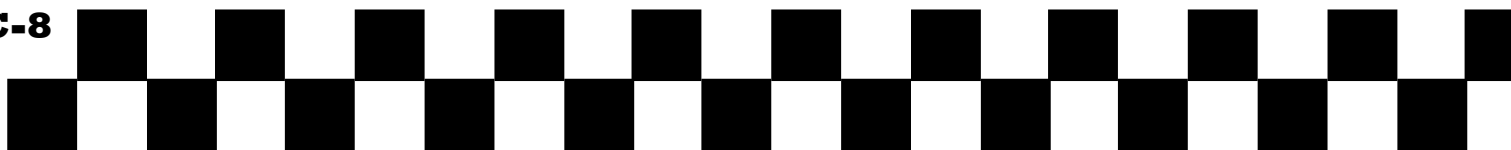
A. Grease cutting dish detergents will erase the seasoning on the griddle, so we do not recommend ever using soap on your griddle after it has been seasoned. For tough food caked on to the griddle, use table salt and hot water and scrub. Make sure to fully dry off the griddle and coat with oil after scrubbing.

Q. Why does my griddle surface look dull and dry instead of shiny and black?

A. Season is a continuous process. Over time and the more often you season your griddle top, the more shiny, black and non-stick it will become.

Q. What do I do if I need to store my griddle for an extended period of time?

A. We recommend coating your griddle top in a light layer of vegetable oil before storing for a long period of time. This will prevent rust and any residue from collecting on the grill. Make sure to cover and store in a dry place. When taking the griddle out of storage, wipe oil off with a paper towel.



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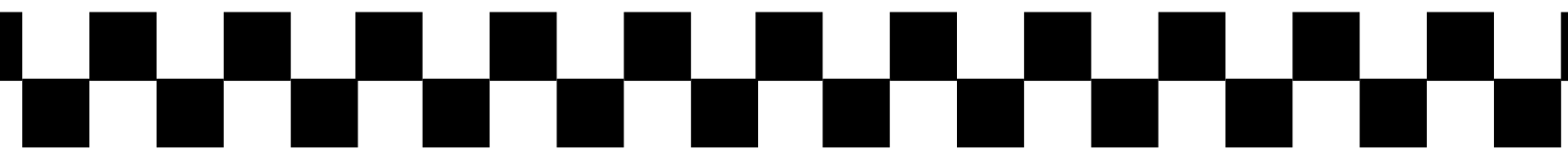


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