Charcoal Barbecue Owner’s Guide

Do not discard. This owner’s guide contains important product dangers, warnings, and cautions. For assembly instructions, refer to the assembly guide. Do not use the barbecue indoors!

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Failure to follow the DANGERS, WARNINGS, and CAUTIONS contained in this Owner’s Guide may result in serious bodily injury or death, or may result in a fire or an explosion causing damage to property.

Please read all safety information contained in this Owner’s Guide before operating this barbecue.

**SAFETY**

**DANGERS**
- Do not use in a garage, building, breezeway, or any other enclosed area.
- Do not add charcoal starter fluid or charcoal impregnated with charcoal lighter fluid to hot or warm charcoal. Put the cap on starter fluid after use, and place a safe distance away from the barbecue.
- Keep the cooking area clear of flammable vapour and liquids, such as petrol, alcohol, etc., and combustible material.

**WARNINGS**
- Do not use this barbecue unless all parts are in place. This barbecue must be properly assembled according to the assembly instructions. Improper assembly may be dangerous.
- Never use this barbecue without the ash catcher installed.
- Do not use this barbecue under any overhead combustible construction.
- The use of alcohol or prescription or non-prescription drugs may impair the consumer’s ability to properly assemble or safely operate the barbecue.
- Exercise caution when operating the barbecue. It will be hot during cooking or cleaning, and should never be left unattended.
- Do not use petrol, alcohol, or other highly volatile fluids to ignite charcoal. If using charcoal starter fluid (not recommended), be aware that fluid can collect in the ash catcher and ignite, resulting in a fire below the bowl. Remove starter fluid from the ash catcher before lighting charcoal.
- This barbecue is not intended to be installed in or on recreational vehicles and/or boats.
- Do not use this barbecue within five feet (1.5 m) of any combustible material. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to, wood or treated wood decks, patios, and porches.
- Keep the barbecue on a secure, level surface at all times, clear of combustible material.
- Do not place barbecue on glass or a combustible surface.
- Do not use barbecue in high winds.
- Do not wear clothing with loose flowing sleeves while lighting or using the barbecue.
- Never touch the cooking or charcoal grate, ashes, charcoal, or the barbecue to see if they are hot.
- Extinguish charcoal when finished cooking. To extinguish, close bowl vent and lid damper and place lid on bowl.
- Use heat-resistant barbecue mitts or gloves (conforming to EN 407, Contact Heat rating level 2 or greater) while cooking, adjusting air vents (dampers), adding charcoal, and handling thermometer or lid.
- Use proper tools, with long, heat-resistant handles.

**CAUTIONS**
- Always put charcoal on top of the charcoal (lower) grate. Do not put charcoal directly in the bottom of the bowl.
- Never dump hot charcoal where it might be stepped on or be a fire hazard. Never dump ashes or charcoal before they are fully extinguished.
- Do not store the barbecue away until ashes and charcoal are fully extinguished.
- Do not remove ashes until all charcoal is completely burned out and fully extinguished and the barbecue is cool.
- Keep electrical wires and cords away from the hot surfaces of the barbecue and away from high traffic areas.

**ADDITIONAL WARNINGS**
- Do not use the TUCK-AWAY lid holder as a handle to lift or move the barbecue.

**WARNING!** Do not use indoors! This barbecue is designed for outdoor use in a well-ventilated area and is not intended for and should never be used as a heater. If used indoors, toxic fumes will accumulate and cause serious bodily injury or death.

**WARNING!** This barbecue will become very hot, do not move it during operation.

**WARNING!** Keep children and pets away.

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Pursuant to applicable laws, the customer has several rights in case the product is defective. Those rights include supplementary performance or replacement, abatement of the purchasing price, and compensation. In the European Union, for example, this would be a two-year statutory warranty starting on the date of the handover of the product. These and other statutory rights remain unaffected by this warranty provision. In fact, this warranty grants additional rights to the owner that are independent from statutory warranty provisions.

WEBER’S VOLUNTARY WARRANTY

WEBER warrants, to the purchaser of the WEBER product (or in the case of a gift or promotional situation, the person for whom it was purchased as a gift or promotional item), that the WEBER product is free from defects in material and workmanship for the period(s) of time specified below when assembled and operated in accordance with the accompanying Owner’s Manual. (Note: If you lose or misplace your WEBER Owner’s Manual, a replacement is available online at weber.com, or such country-specific website to which you may be redirected.) Under normal, private single family home or apartment use and maintenance, WEBER agrees within the framework of this warranty to repair or replace defective parts within the applicable time periods, limitations, and exclusions listed below. TO THE EXTENT ALLOWABLE BY APPLICABLE LAW, THIS WARRANTY IS EXTENDED ONLY TO THE ORIGINAL PURCHASER AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO SUBSEQUENT OWNERS, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF GIFTS AND PROMOTIONAL ITEMS AS NOTED ABOVE.

OWNER’S RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS WARRANTY

To ensure trouble-free warranty coverage, it is important (but it is not required) that you register your WEBER product online at weber.com, or such country-specific website to which you may be redirected. Please also retain your original sales receipt and/or invoice. Registering your WEBER product confirms your warranty coverage and provides a direct link between you and WEBER in case we need to contact you.

The above warranty only applies if the owner takes reasonable care of the WEBER product by following all assembly instructions, usage instructions, and preventative maintenance as outlined in the accompanying Owner’s Manual, unless the owner can prove that the defect or failure is independent of non-compliance with the above mentioned obligations. If you live in a coastal area, or have your product located near a pool, maintenance includes regular washing and rinsing of the exterior surfaces as outlined in the accompanying Owner’s Manual.

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If you believe that you have a part which is covered by this warranty, please contact WEBER Customer Service using the contact information on our website (weber.com, or such country-specific website to which you may be redirected: WEBER will, upon investigation, repair or replace (at its option) a defective part that is covered by this warranty. In the event that repair or replacement are not possible, WEBER may choose (at its own option) to replace the barbecue in question with a new barbecue of equal or greater value. WEBER may ask you to return parts for inspection, shipping charges to be pre-paid.

This warranty lapses if there is damage, deterioration, discoloration, and/or rust for which WEBER is not responsible caused by:

- Abuse, misuse, alteration, modification, misapplication, vandalism, neglect, improper assembly or installation, or failure to properly perform normal and routine maintenance;
- Insects and rodents;
- Exposure to salt air and/or chlorine sources such as swimming pools and hot tubs/spas;
- Severe weather conditions such as hail, hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis or surges, tornadoes or severe storms.

The use and/or installation of parts on your WEBER product that are not genuine WEBER parts will void this warranty, and any damage that results is not covered by this warranty.

PRODUCT WARRANTY PERIODS

- Bowl, lid, and centre ring: 10 years, rust through/burn through
- Stainless steel components: 5 years, rust through/burn through
- ONE-TOUCH cleaning system: 5 years, rust through/burn through
- Plastic components: 5 years, excluding fading or discolouration
- All remaining parts: 2 years

DISCLAIMERS

APART FROM THE WARRANTY AND DISCLAIMERS AS DESCRIBED IN THIS WARRANTY STATEMENT, THERE ARE EXPLICITLY NO FURTHER WARRANTY OR VOLUNTARY DECLARATIONS OF LIABILITY GIVEN HERE WHICH GO BEYOND THE STATUTORY LIABILITY APPLYING TO WEBER. THE PRESENT WARRANTY STATEMENT ALSO DOES NOT LIMIT OR EXCLUDE SITUATIONS OR CLAIMS WHERE WEBER HAS MANDATORY LIABILITY AS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE.

NO WARRANTIES SHALL APPLY AFTER THE APPLICABLE PERIODS OF THIS WARRANTY. NO OTHER WARRANTIES GIVEN BY ANY PERSON, INCLUDING A DEALER OR RETAILER, WITH RESPECT TO ANY PRODUCT (SUCH AS ANY “EXTENDED WARRANTIES”), SHALL BIND WEBER. THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDY OF THIS WARRANTY IS REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF THE PART OR PRODUCT.

IN NO EVENT UNDER THIS VOLUNTARY WARRANTY SHALL RECOVERY OF ANY KIND BE GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE WEBER PRODUCT SOLD.

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PARTS AND ACCESSORIES REPLACED UNDER THIS WARRANTY ARE WARRANTED ONLY FOR THE BALANCE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED ORIGINAL WARRANTY PERIOD(S).

THIS WARRANTY APPLIES TO PRIVATE SINGLE FAMILY HOME OR APARTMENT USE ONLY AND DOES NOT APPLY TO WEBER BARBEQUES USED IN COMMERCIAL, COMMUNAL OR MULTI-UNIT SETTINGS SUCH AS RESTAURANTS, HOTELS, RESORTS, OR RENTAL PROPERTIES.

WEBER MAY FROM TIME TO TIME CHANGE THE DESIGN OF ITS PRODUCTS. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS WARRANTY SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS OBLIGATING WEBER TO INCORPORATE SUCH DESIGN CHANGES INTO PREVIOUSLY MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS, NOR SHALL SUCH CHANGES BE CONSTRUED AS AN ADMISSION THAT PREVIOUS DESIGNS WERE DEFECTIVE.

Refer to International Business Units list at the end of this Owner’s Manual for additional contact information.
Extensive thought was put into how your charcoal barbecue was designed. We design our barbecues to perform so that you never have to worry about flare-ups, hot and cold spots, or burnt food. Expect excellent performance, control, and results every time.

A Bowl and Lid
Every WEBER charcoal barbecue is made with a baked-on porcelain-enamel coated steel bowl and lid. This is important because it means it will never peel or flake. The reflective surface provides convection cooking, so that the heat radiates around the food much like an indoor oven providing you with even cooking results.

B Dampers and Vents
A big factor in charcoal barbecuing is air. The more air that you allow into the barbecue, the hotter the internal temperature will be until the fuel has been maximised. During cooking, you can control the internal barbecue temperature by easily adjusting the lid and bowl dampers. To ensure a high internal barbecue temperature for direct method cooking, be sure that the bowl and lid vents are fully open. If your intention is to cook indirectly or smoke foods at lower temperatures, you can close the lid and bowl dampers as much as halfway. Closing the dampers completely will cut off oxygen flow and will eventually extinguish the coals.

C Cooking Grate
Made of heavy-duty stainless steel (C-5755, SE E-5755) or heavy-duty plated steel (E-5750, C-5750), the cooking grate provides ample area to make all of your favourite meals.

D Charcoal Grate
The charcoal grate has what it takes to withstand the heat of any charcoal fire. Made of heavy-duty steel, this durable grate will not warp or burn through. Additionally, it gives you enough space for direct or indirect cooking, providing you with the flexibility to cook the way you want.

E ONE-TOUCH Cleaning System
The ONE-TOUCH cleaning system makes clean-up hassle free. As you move the handle back and forth, the three blades in the bowl move ash from the bottom of the barbecue into the ash catcher. These same vents act as a bowl damper, to help bring oxygen up to the fire or to allow you to easily extinguish the fire.
Depending on the model you purchased, your barbecue may or may not be equipped with the features described on this page.

**A GOURMET BBQ SYSTEM**

Your cooking grate may be equipped with a special centre area that is removable. This feature is designed to allow you to easily add special GOURMET BBQ SYSTEM cooking inserts such as a sear grate, poultry roaster, or pizza stone (each sold separately). Each option provides you with endless opportunities to try new recipes. For a full product line of GOURMET BBQ SYSTEM inserts, visit weber.com.

**B Built-In Thermometer**

A durable, built-in lid thermometer allows you to easily monitor your barbecue’s temperature.

**C TUCK-AWAY Lid Holder**

The TUCK-AWAY lid holder allows you to easily move your lid to the side to check your meal or to add charcoal.

**D iGRILL Bracket**

The iGRILL bracket provides a magnetic surface to place your iGRILL MINI or iGRILL 2 (each sold separately) while in use, as well as storage for up to 4 probes. Remove the iGRILL bracket when not in use.

**E Hinged Cooking Grate**

The hinged grate has areas on both sides that lift up to allow you to easily add fuel.

**F High Capacity Ash Catcher**

The fully enclosed high capacity ash catcher keeps ashes from blowing around and easily detaches for quick and clean ash removal.

**G Tool Hook Handle**

The handle has hooks built right in so you have a convenient place to hang your tools.
**Curved Cooking Grate Handles**
The curved handles of the cooking grate allow it to hang from the side of the bowl.

**Bowl Vents for Smoking**
The new shape of these bowl vents allows the perfect amount of airflow for smoking and low temperature barbecuing.

**Lid Damper Touch Point**
The lid damper touch point diffuses heat from the lid damper for increased comfort.
Choose a Proper Location to Barbecue

- Only use this barbecue outdoors in a well-ventilated area. Do not use in a garage, building, breezeway, or any other enclosed area.
- Keep the barbecue on a secure, level surface at all times.
- Do not use the barbecue within five feet (1.5 m) of any combustible material. Combustible materials include, but are not limited to, wood or treated wood decks, patios, and porches.

Choose How Much Charcoal to Use

Choosing charcoal quantity depends on what you are cooking and the size of your barbecue. If you are barbecuing small, tender pieces of food that take less than 20 minutes, refer to the Measuring & Adding Charcoal for Direct Heat chart. If you are intending to barbecue or smoke larger joints of meat that require 20 minutes or more of barbecuing time, or delicate foods, refer to the Measuring & Adding Charcoal for Indirect Heat chart. Use the charcoal cup supplied with your barbecue to measure the appropriate amount of charcoal. For more details about the difference between direct and indirect/smoking cooking, refer to the BARBECUING METHODS sections.

The Very First Time You Barbecue

It is recommended that the barbecue be heated up and the fuel kept red hot, with the lid on, for at least 30 minutes prior to cooking for the first time to burn off any manufacturing residue.

Preparing the Barbecue for Lighting

1. Slide the lid open into the TUCK-AWAY lid holder (A).
2. Remove the GOURMET BBQ SYSTEM cooking grate by first, removing the detachable centre area, and then the full cooking grate from the barbecue (B).
3. Remove the charcoal (bottom) grate and clear ashes or chunks of old charcoal from the bottom of the bowl using the ONE-TOUCH cleaning system. Charcoal requires oxygen to burn, so be sure that nothing clogs the vents. Move the handle back and forth to move ash and debris from the bottom of the barbecue into the ash catcher (C).
4. To remove the high capacity ash catcher and dispose of the ashes, squeeze the ash catcher handle to release it from the barbecue (D).
5. Open the bowl vents by moving the ONE-TOUCH damper blade handle to the fully open position (E).
6. Replace charcoal (bottom) grate.
7. Open the lid vents by moving the lid damper to the fully open position (F).

Note: Instructions for using lighter fluid were purposely left out of this owner’s guide. Lighter fluid is messy and can transmit a chemical taste to your food, while lighter cubes (sold separately) do not. If you choose to use lighter fluid, follow the manufacturer’s instructions and NEVER add lighter fluid to a burning fire.
Before lighting charcoal, determine which barbecuing method you will be using.

Setting Up the Barbecue for Direct Barbecuing Method

Lighting the Charcoal Using a Chimney Starter

The simplest, most thorough way to light any kind of charcoal is to use a chimney starter; particularly, the WEBER RAPIDFIRE chimney starter (sold separately). Refer to the cautions and warnings included with the RAPIDFIRE chimney starter before lighting the charcoal.

1. Put a few sheets of crumpled up newspaper in the bottom of the chimney starter and set the chimney starter on the charcoal (bottom) grate (A); or put a few lighter cubes in the centre of the charcoal grate and place the chimney starter over them (B).
2. Fill the chimney starter with charcoal (C).
3. Using a long lighter or matchstick, light the lighter cubes or newspaper through the holes on the bottom side of the chimney starter (D).
4. Keep the chimney starter in place until the charcoal is fully lit. You know the charcoal is fully lit when it is covered with a coating of white ash.
   Note: Lighter cubes must be completely consumed and the charcoal ashed over before placing food on the cooking grate. Do not cook before the charcoal has a coating of ash.
5. Once the charcoal is fully lit, continue to the following pages for instructions on how to arrange your charcoal and begin cooking according to your desired barbecuing method.

Lighting the Charcoal Without a Chimney Starter

1. Build a pyramid of charcoal in the centre of the charcoal (bottom) grate and insert a couple of lighter cubes (sold separately) within the pyramid.
2. Using a long lighter or matchstick, light the lighter cubes. The lighter cubes will then ignite the charcoal (E).
3. Wait for the charcoal to fully light. You know the charcoal is fully lit when it is covered with a coating of white ash.
   Note: Lighter cubes must be completely consumed and the charcoal ashed over before placing food on the cooking grate. Do not cook before the charcoal has a coating of ash.
4. Once the charcoal is fully lit, continue to the following pages for instructions on how to arrange your charcoal and begin cooking according to your desired barbecuing method.
Setting Up the Barbecue for Indirect Barbecuing Method

When using the indirect barbecuing method, you have the option to spread the coals directly on the charcoal (bottom) grate on opposite sides of the bowl, or make use of the WEBER CHAR-BASKETS.

△ Avoid positioning charcoal next to the lid and bowl handles or directly beneath the thermometer and lid damper.

△ When using the CHAR-BASKETS, they must first be placed into the bowl of the barbecue on the charcoal (bottom) grate before lighting the charcoal.

Lighting the Charcoal Using a Chimney Starter

The simplest, most thorough way to light any kind of charcoal is to use a chimney starter; particularly, the WEBER RAPIDFIRE chimney starter (sold separately). Refer to the cautions and warnings included with the RAPIDFIRE chimney starter before lighting the charcoal.

1. Put a few sheets of crumpled up newspaper in the bottom of the chimney starter and set the chimney starter on the charcoal (bottom) grate between the CHAR-BASKETS if they are being used (F); or put a few lighter cubes in the centre of the charcoal (bottom) grate and place the chimney starter over them (G).
2. Fill the chimney starter with charcoal (H).
3. Using a long lighter or matchstick, light the lighter cubes or newspaper through the holes on the bottom side of the chimney starter (I).
4. Keep the chimney starter in place until the charcoal is fully lit. You know the charcoal is fully lit when it is covered with a coating of white ash.
   
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△ Avoid positioning charcoal next to the lid and bowl handles or directly beneath the thermometer and lid damper.

△ When using the CHAR-BASKETS, they must first be placed into the bowl of the barbecue before lighting the charcoal.

1. Place CHAR-BASKETS on the charcoal (bottom) grate on opposite sides of the bowl.
2. Fill each CHAR-BASKET with your choice of charcoal (J).
3. Insert a couple of lighter cubes (sold separately) within the charcoal.
   
   Note: Be sure to slightly bury them at the top of the charcoal briquettes.
4. Using a long lighter or matchstick, light the lighter cubes (K). The lighter cubes will then ignite the charcoal.
5. Wait for the charcoal to fully light. You know the charcoal is fully lit when it is covered with a coating of white ash.

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BARBECUING METHODS - DIRECT HEAT

Measuring & Adding Charcoal for Direct Heat

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Barbecuing With Direct Heat

Use the direct method for small, tender pieces of food that take less than 20 minutes to cook, such as:

- Hamburgers
- Steaks
- Chops
- Kebabs/ skewers
- Boneless chicken pieces
- Fish fillets
- Shellfish
- Sliced vegetables

**With direct heat, the fire is right below the food (A).** It sears or browns the surfaces of the food, developing flavours, texture, and delicious caramelisation while it also cooks the food all the way to the centre.

A direct fire creates both radiant and conductive heat. Radiant heat from the charcoal quickly cooks the surface of the food closest to it. At the same time, the fire heats the cooking grate rods, which conduct heat directly to the surface of the food and create those unmistakable and lovely barbecue marks.

Arranging the Charcoal for Direct Heat

1. Always wear barbecue mitts or gloves conforming to EN 407 (Contact Heat rating level 2 or greater) when using your charcoal barbecue.

   Note: The barbecue, including the handles and damper/vent handles, will become hot. Make sure that you are wearing barbecue mitts or gloves to avoid burning your hands.

2. When the charcoal is fully lit, using barbecue mitts or gloves and long handle tongs, spread the charcoal evenly across the charcoal (bottom) grate with a charcoal rake or long tongs (B). Be sure to wear barbecue mitts or gloves.

3. Make sure the ONE-TOUCH cleaning system handle and lid damper are in the fully open position (C), (D).

4. Once the charcoal has ashed over, replace the cooking grate inside the bowl.

5. Slide the lid closed from the TUCK-AWAY lid holder.

6. Preheat the cooking grate for approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

7. Once the cooking grate is preheated, slide the lid open into the TUCK-AWAY lid holder. Using a barbecue brush, scrub the cooking grate clean (E).

   Note: When using a stainless steel bristle barbecue brush, replace the brush if any loose bristles are found on the cooking grate or brush.

8. Place your food on the cooking grate.

9. Slide the lid closed from the TUCK-AWAY lid holder. Consult recipe for recommended cooking times.

When finished cooking...

Close the lid damper and bowl vents to extinguish the charcoal (F).
Barbecuing Methods - Indirect Heat / Smoking

Measuring & Adding Charcoal for Indirect Heat

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Barbecuing With Indirect Heat & Smoking

Use the indirect/smoking method for larger cuts of meat that require 20 minutes or more of barbecuing time, or for foods so delicate that direct exposure to the heat would dry them out or scorch them, such as:

- Joints
- Bone-in poultry pieces
- Delicate fish fillets
- Whole chickens
- Whole turkeys
- Ribs

Indirect heat can also be used for finishing thicker foods or bone-in cuts that have been seared or browned first over direct heat. With indirect heat or smoking, the heat is on one or both sides of the barbecue. The food sits on the portion of the cooking grate without charcoal directly below it (A).

The radiant and conductive heat are still factors, but they are not as intense while indirect cooking or smoking. However, if the lid of the barbecue is closed, as it should be, there is another kind of heat generated: convection heat. Heat rises, reflects off the lid and inside surfaces of the barbecue, and circulates to slowly cook the food evenly on all sides.

Convection heat doesn’t sear or brown the surface of the food the way radiant and conductive heat do. It cooks it more gently all the way to the centre, like the heat in an oven.

Smoking food will require the addition of wood chunks or chips to the lit charcoal.

Arranging the Charcoal for Indirect Heat / Smoking

1. Always wear barbecue mitts or gloves conforming to EN 407 (Contact Heat rating level 2 or greater) when using your charcoal barbecue.

   Note: The barbecue, including the handles and damper/vent handles, will become hot. Make sure that you are wearing barbecue mitts or gloves to avoid burning your hands.

2. Once the charcoal is fully lit using your preferred indirect barbecuing method (refer to “Lighting Charcoal” section), using barbecue mitts or gloves and long handle tongs, be sure that the charcoal is properly positioned on opposite sides of the bowl. Avoid positioning the charcoal next to the lid and bowl handles, or directly beneath the thermometer and lid damper (B). A drip pan may be placed between the charcoal to collect food drippings.

3. Make sure the ONE-TOUCH cleaning system handle and lid damper are in the fully open position (C), (D).

4. Once the charcoal has ashed over, replace the cooking grate inside the bowl. Make sure that the hinged sides of the cooking grate are directly above the charcoal inside the bowl.

5. Slide the lid closed from the TUCK-AWAY lid holder.

6. Preheat the grate for approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

7. Once the cooking grate is preheated, slide the lid open into the TUCK-AWAY lid holder. Using a barbecue brush, scrub the cooking grate clean (E).

   Note: When using a stainless steel bristle barbecue brush, replace the brush if any loose bristles are found on the cooking grate or brush.

8. Slide the lid open into the TUCK-AWAY lid holder and place your food in the centre of the cooking grate, above a drip pan if using one.

9. Slide the lid closed from the TUCK-AWAY lid holder. Always position the lid so that the thermometer is not above the charcoal where it will be exposed to direct heat. Consult recipe for recommended cooking times. Adjust the lid and bowl dampers to lower the interior barbecue temperature if necessary.

When finished cooking...

Close the lid damper and bowl vents to extinguish the charcoal (F).
Smoking

When smoking food, follow the Indirect Barbecuing Method to setup your barbecue.

1. Always wear barbecue mitts or gloves conforming to EN 407 (Contact Heat rating level 2 or greater) when using your charcoal barbecue.

   Note: The barbecue, including the handles and damper/vent handles, will become hot. Make sure that you are wearing barbecue mitts or gloves to avoid burning your hands.

2. Once your barbecue has preheated, slide the lid open into the TUCK-AWAY lid holder and place your food in the centre of the cooking grate, above a drip pan if using one.

3. Using barbecue mitts or gloves and long tongs, simply lift the hinged parts of the cooking grate and add 2 to 4 WEBER wood chunks or a handful of WEBER wood chips to the lit charcoal (G).

   See the SMOKING WOOD TYPES chart following this section for more information.

   Note: Wood chips can be pre-soaked in water before use to extend the amount of time they produce smoke.

4. Slide the lid closed from the TUCK-AWAY lid holder and move the ONE-TOUCH cleaning system handle to the smoking position (H).

5. Once the barbecue temperature reaches the "smoke zone" between 95 and 135 °C (200 and 275 °F) on the lid thermometer (I), using barbeque mitts or gloves, rotate the lid damper accordingly to maintain the ideal smoking temperature range (J). Consult recipe for recommended cooking times.

   Note: Rotate the lid damper fully open to raise the temperature and close it more to lower the temperature.

   When finished cooking...

   Close the lid damper and bowl vents to extinguish the charcoal (K).

   Cooking times are affected by such factors as altitude, wind, outside temperature, and desired doneness. Smoking is truly an adventure. Experiment with various temperatures, woods, and meats. Write down ingredients, wood amounts, combinations, and results so you can repeat successes.

SMOKING WOOD TYPES

Different hardwoods will impart a variety of flavours. It is best to do some experimenting to find the type of hardwood, or combination of hardwoods, that you like best. Start with the lowest amount of wood chunks; more can be added to suit your own taste.

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<td>Pork, chicken, beef, wild game, cheeses.</td>
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<td>Pecan</td>
<td>Rich and more subtle than hickory, but similar in taste. Burns cool, so ideal for very low heat smoking.</td>
<td>Pork, chicken, lamb, fish, cheeses.</td>
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<td>Mesquite</td>
<td>Sweeter, more delicate flavour than hickory. Tends to burn hot, so use carefully.</td>
<td>Most meats, especially beef. Most vegetables.</td>
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<td>Alder</td>
<td>Delicate flavour that enhances lighter meats.</td>
<td>Salmon, swordfish, sturgeon, other fish. Also good with chicken and pork.</td>
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<td>Maple</td>
<td>Mildly smoky, somewhat sweet flavour.</td>
<td>Poultry, vegetables, ham. Try mixing maple with corncobs for ham or bacon.</td>
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<td>Cherry</td>
<td>Slightly sweet, fruity smoke flavour.</td>
<td>Poultry, game birds, pork.</td>
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<td>Apple</td>
<td>Slightly sweet but denser, fruity smoke flavour.</td>
<td>Beef, poultry, game birds, pork (particularly ham).</td>
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Always avoid soft, resinous woods like pine, cedar, and aspen. △ WARNING: Never use wood that has been treated or exposed to chemicals.
Cooking times for beef and lamb use the United States Department of Agriculture definition of medium doneness, unless otherwise noted. The cuts, thicknesses, weights and barbecuing times are meant to be guidelines. Factors such as altitude, wind and outside temperature can affect cooking times.  
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Cooking Tips

- Barbecue steaks, fish fillets, boneless chicken pieces, and vegetables using the direct method for the time given on the chart (or to the desired doneness) turning food once, halfway through barbecuing time.
- Barbecue roasts, whole poultry, bone-in poultry pieces, whole fish, and thicker cuts using the indirect method for the time given on the chart (or until an instant-read thermometer registers the desired internal temperature).
- Before carving let roasts, larger joints of meat, thick chops and steaks rest for 5 to 10 minutes after cooking. The internal temperature of the meat will rise 5 to 10 degrees during this time.
- For additional smoke flavor, consider adding hardwood chips or chunks (soaked in water for at least 30 minutes and drained) or moistened fresh herbs such as rosemary, thyme, or bay leaves. Place the wet wood or herbs directly on the coals just before you begin cooking.
- Thaw food before barbecuing. Otherwise, allow for a longer cooking time if cooking frozen food.

Food Safety Tips

- Do not defrost meat, fish, or poultry at room temperature. Defrost in the refrigerator.
- Wash your hands thoroughly with hot, soapy water before starting any meal preparation and after handling fresh meat, fish, and poultry.
- Never place cooked food on the same plate raw food was on.
- Wash all plates and cooking utensils that have come into contact with raw meat or fish with hot, soapy water and rinse.

Make sure food fits on the barbecue with the lid down, leaving approximately 2.5cm of clearance between the food and lid.
Wear Gloves
Always wear barbecue mitts or gloves conforming to EN 407 (Contact Heat rating level 2 or greater) when using your charcoal barbecue. Vents, dampers, handles, and the bowl will all get hot during the barbecuing process, so be sure to keep your hands and forearms protected.

Skip the Lighter Fluid
Avoid using lighter fluid, as it can impart a chemical taste to your food. Chimney starters (sold separately) and lighter cubes (sold separately) are much cleaner and much more effective ways of lighting charcoal.

Preheat the Barbecue
Preheating your barbecue with the lid closed for 10 to 15 minutes prepares the cooking grate. With all of the charcoal glowing red, the temperature under the lid should reach 260˚C (500˚F). The heat loosens any bits and pieces of food hanging onto the grate, making it easy to brush them off with a stainless steel bristle barbecue brush. Preheating your barbecue gets the grate hot enough to sear or brown properly and also helps prevent food from sticking to the grate.

Note: Use a stainless steel bristle barbecue brush. Replace brush if any loose bristles are found on the cooking grate or brush.

Oil the Food, Not the Grate
Oil prevents food from sticking and also adds flavour and moisture. Lightly brushing or spraying the food with oil works better than brushing the grate.

Keep the Air Flowing
A charcoal fire needs air. The lid should be closed as much as possible, but keep the lid damper and bowl vent open. Remove the ashes on the bottom of the barbecue regularly to prevent them from blocking the vents.

Put a Lid on It
For four important reasons, the lid should be closed as much as possible.
1. Keeps the grate hot enough to sear or brown the food.
2. Speeds up the cooking time and prevents the food from drying out.
3. Traps the smokiness that develops when fat and juices vaporise in the barbecue.
4. Prevents flare-ups by limiting oxygen.

Tame the Flame
Flare-ups happen, which is good because they sear or brown the surface of what you are barbecuing; however, too many flare-ups can burn your food. Keep the lid on as much as possible. This limits the amount of oxygen inside the barbecue, which will help extinguish any flare-ups. If the flames are getting out of control, move the food over indirect heat temporarily, until they die down.

Watch the Time and Temperature
If you are barbecuing in a colder climate or in a higher altitude, the cooking times will be longer. If the wind is blowing hard, it will raise a charcoal barbecue’s temperature, so always keep close to your barbecue and remember to keep the lid on as much as possible so that the heat does not escape.

Frozen or Fresh
Whether you are barbecuing frozen or fresh food, follow the safety guidelines on the package and always cook it to the recommended internal temperature. Frozen food will take longer to barbecue and may need more fuel to be added depending on the type of food.

Keeping it Clean
Follow a few basic maintenance instructions to keep your barbecue looking and barbecuing better for years to come!
- For proper air flow and better barbecuing, remove accumulated ashes and old charcoal from the bottom of the kettle and the ash catcher before use. Make sure that all of the charcoal is fully extinguished and the barbecue is cool before doing so.
- You may notice “paint-like” flakes on the inside of the lid. During use, grease and smoke vapours slowly oxidise into carbon and deposit on the inside of your lid. Brush the carbonised grease from the inside of the lid with a stainless steel bristle barbecue brush. To minimise further build-up, the inside of the lid can be wiped with a paper towel after cooking while the barbecue is still warm (not hot).
- If your barbecue is subject to a particularly harsh environment, you will want to clean the outside more often. Acid rain, chemicals, and salt water can cause surface rusting to appear. WEBER recommends wiping down the outside of your barbecue with warm soapy water. Follow up with a rinse and thorough drying.
- Do not use sharp objects or abrasive cleaners to clean the surfaces of your barbecue.

Smoking with Wood
Experimenting with different woods while smoking is encouraged to find the perfect balance of sweet and savoury. While smoking over long periods of time, be sure to always use wood chunks instead of wood chips. Chunks allow for a longer smoke that penetrates slowly over a long cooking time. Wood chips work best for a shorter cooking time because they do not last as long during a long smoke.
Write your barbecue’s serial number in the above box for future reference. The serial number is on the lid damper located on the lid.