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Credit may be denied if the returned merchandise is not found to be defective by Cookshack, Inc.; if it is not under warranty; if it is not received at Cookshack, Inc. 30 days after your return number is issued; if it is damaged due to abuse, misuse, misapplication or accident; if it has been serviced or modified by any other than an authorized Cookshack, Inc. service agent; is not returned with an return number; is not in clean condition; is not complete; is damaged or lost in transit.

Replacement merchandise is sent to you via UPS Ground or common carrier. If you request replacement merchandise to be sent by faster service than UPS Ground or common carrier you shall incur the cost of shipping.

Material Damages:

Cookshack takes every precaution to use materials that retard rust. However, even with these precautions the material can be compromised by various substances and conditions beyond our control. For example, temperatures, excessive humidity, chlorine, industrial fumes, fertilizers, lawn pesticides, and salt are just some of the items that can affect metal coatings. This being stated, the Limited Warranty **DOES NOT COVER RUST OR OXIDATION**, unless there is a loss of structural integrity on the smoker. Cookshack recommends you purchase a Cookshack full length protective cover for your grill when not in use.

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Dear Cookshack Customer:

This manual has been compiled especially for Cookshack AmeriQue users. Your Cookshack oven will produce great barbecue and smoked foods. Use this manual to familiarize yourself with the AmeriQue and its operation. Always observe safe operating practices when using the AmeriQue It is an electrical appliance, and is therefore potentially dangerous!

COOKSHACK, INC. assumes no responsibility for results of careless and dangerous operation of COOKSHACK smokers or other products. All warranties are null and void if the practices described in the Operator's Manual are not observed.

Read the following instructions thoroughly and completely before using your SuperSmoker. Be certain that you understand completely how it operates before attempting to use it.

If you have any questions or problems not covered in this manual, contact us so we can help you solve your problem. An excellent source of information, day or night, is our website at www.cookshack.com. We especially recommend the website's Forum.

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Customer Service	(800) 423-0698
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IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

Read all instructions.

For household use only

Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.

To avoid electrical shock, do not immerse cord, plugs or any part of unit in water or other liquid.

Do not leave hot oven unattended with door open.

Unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting in or taking off parts.

Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.

Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug or after the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner. Contact manufacturer at (580)765-3669 if repairs are needed.

The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may cause injuries.

Do not expose to rain.

Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter, or touch hot surfaces.

Do not place on or near hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.

Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot grease or other hot liquids.

Use caution when moving unit. Tipping too far toward back could cause the unit to fall, causing serious injury.

Do not use appliance for other than intended use.

Do not operate a wet smoker.

Do not use fuel such as charcoal briquettes with this appliance.

CAUTION - to ensure continued protection against risk of electric shock, connect to properly grounded outlets only.

CAUTION - to reduce the risk of electrical shock, keep all extension cord connections dry and off the ground.

Store this product indoors when not in use and out of reach of children.

Do not clean this product with a water spray or the like.

Service should be performed by an authorized service representative only.

Extension cords are available and may be used if care is exercised in their use.

All return merchandise must have a **return number!** **Attach** the return number to the merchandise! Do not return merchandise without a **return number**.

If you were sent a Return Merchandise Authorization, attach it to the merchandise you are returning.

If you were issued a return number by phone and not sent a Return Merchandise Authorization, attach a note to the merchandise with your name, address and Return number.

Print the return number on the outside of the return packaging.

Ship the merchandise back to Cookshack, shipping prepaid, F.O.B. destination, in the original container or equivalent. All return merchandise must be shipped to Cookshack, Inc., 2304 N. Ash St., Ponca City, OK, 74601.

You assume the risk of any loss or damage that occurs during transit due to improper packaging of the returned merchandise. Use the original container that the merchandise was shipped in or equivalent.

Repair or replacement of merchandise under warranty:

Replacement or repairing defective merchandise is at Cookshack, Inc.'s discretion.

If repair of merchandise is deemed necessary by Cookshack, Inc. you will be instructed as to the necessary arrangements in order to affect the repair of the merchandise.

TWO YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

Cookshack Smokers are guaranteed to be free from defects in material and workmanship, under normal use and when installed in accordance with factory recommendations.

The Cookshack Smoker limited warranty includes parts for two (2) years and labor for the first 90 days of this period.

Cookshack's obligation under this warranty shall be to repair or replace at its option any part deemed defective upon examination Cookshack or its authorized service agent, for a period of two (2) years from the date of sale. Parts will be charged on customer credit card and credited back upon return of defective parts.

Please obtain approval from Cookshack before performing any service. Cookshack is not responsible for any unauthorized service work. We can be reached at 1(800) 423-0698.

Replacement of defective merchandise

If you have merchandise that you believe is defective and requires repair or replacement: call Cookshack, Inc. at 1(800) 423-0698. Ask to speak to a Customer Service Representative. Have your Smoker Oven **model number and serial number** ready.

If you are advised to return the merchandise to the factory for repair or replacement, please observe the following procedures.

A Customer Service Representative will issue you a **return number** and/or mail you an instruction form (called a Return Merchandise Authorization) for returning the merchandise with the return number on it.

If an extension cord is used a) the marked electrical rating of the extension cord should be at least as great as the electrical rating of the appliance, b) the extension cord should be of a grounding-type, 3-wire cord, and c) the longer cord should be arranged so that it will not drape over the countertop or tabletop where it can be pulled on by children or tripped over unintentionally.

Outdoor extension cords should be used with outdoor use products and are surface marked with suffix letters "W-A" and with a tag stating "Suitable For Use With Outdoor Appliances".

Do not let cord touch hot surfaces

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

SETTING UP

Check the contents of your AmeriQue. You should have 1 control panel, 2 side racks, 4 grills, 1 drip pan, 1 wood box and 4 casters. If you do not have these, call Cookshack Customer Service at 1.800.423.0698.

Remove the strap that holds the wood box to the heating element bracket during shipping. Cut it with a knife or scissors. This will free the wood box for loading the wood.

Assembly Instructions

Your AmeriQue requires a small amount of assembly. The first item to assemble is the control panel. Remove the 8 Phillips head screws from the top of the smoker. Plug the control panel into the 2 connectors (1 white and 1 yellow), both connectors can only be plugged in one way. Place panel on top of smoker aligning holes and secure in place with the 8 Phillips head screws.

Casters – your AmeriQue comes with 4 casters and a wrench to install them. Tip the smoker onto its back and hand screw the casters into place, then tighten with wrench.

Choose a Location

Choose a dry, sheltered and well-ventilated location. Do not expose the AmeriQue to rain. You can purchase a cover for your AmeriQue by calling Cookshack at (800)423-0698. Do not place flammable or combustible materials on or adjacent to the AmeriQue.

Ventilation

A small amount of smoke will escape from the vent hole in the top of the AmeriQue and from around the door. For this reason, operation indoors is not recommended unless adequate ventilation is provided, such as a professional quality restaurant hood. If you store the AmeriQue in a garage or storage building, it is a good idea to move it outside when smoking.

Do not cover the vent hole. This will cause thermostat failure and void your warranty.

Electrical Power Connections

Your Cookshack AmeriQue has a single burner system which uses 120V AC power. Connect the AmeriQue to the power supply by plugging the power cord into a standard, 3-prong, 120V receptacle that is protected by a breaker or fuse rated at 15 amperes.

A long or light-duty extension cord will reduce the efficiency of the heating element. Food will take longer to cook.

"I use one of those orange heavy-duty extension cords. It is 6' long and seems to work just fine." Donna Johnson, Cookshack Marketing Director

HOW TO USE THE AMERIQUE

The interior of your smoker needs to be "broken in" or seasoned before you cook your first load of meat.

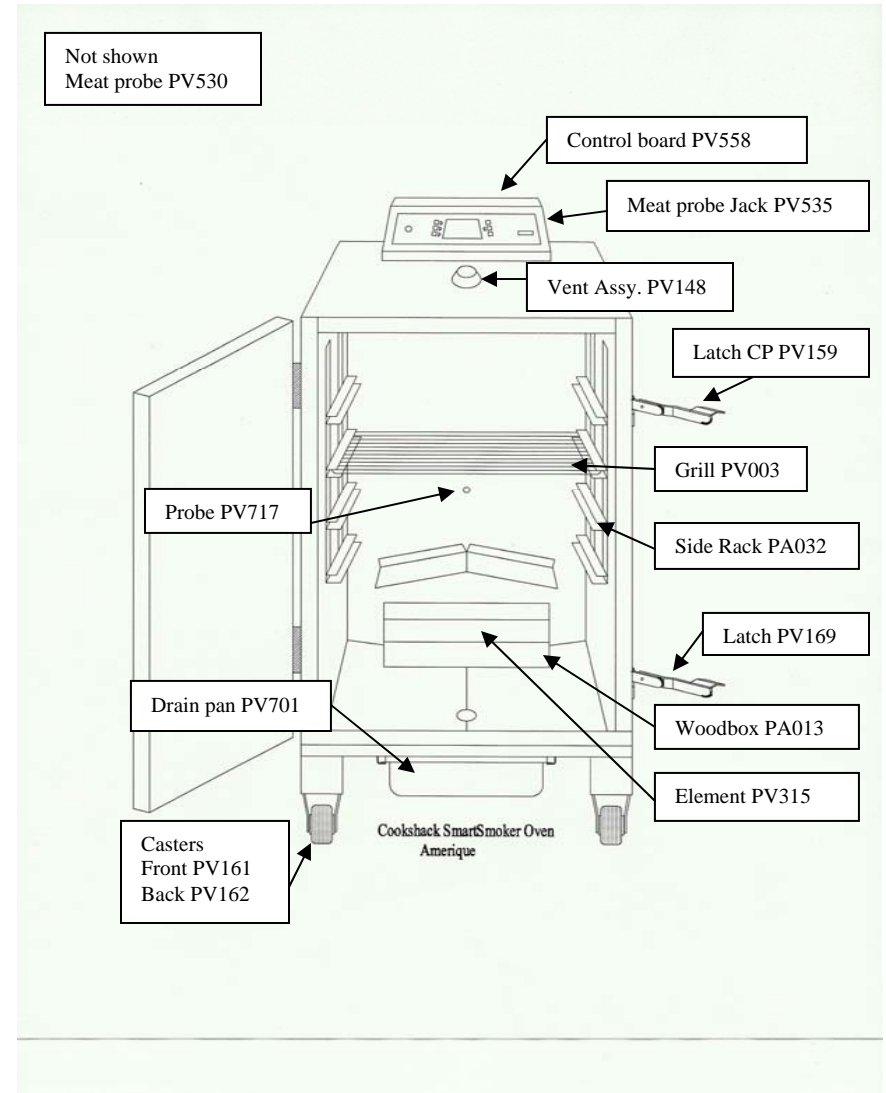
Remove the strap that holds the wood box to the heating element bracket during shipping.

Place 4 ounces (2 pieces) of properly sized wood (see Wood Selection) in the wood box and close and latch the AmeriQue door. Never place more than 6 ounces of wood in the AmeriQue.

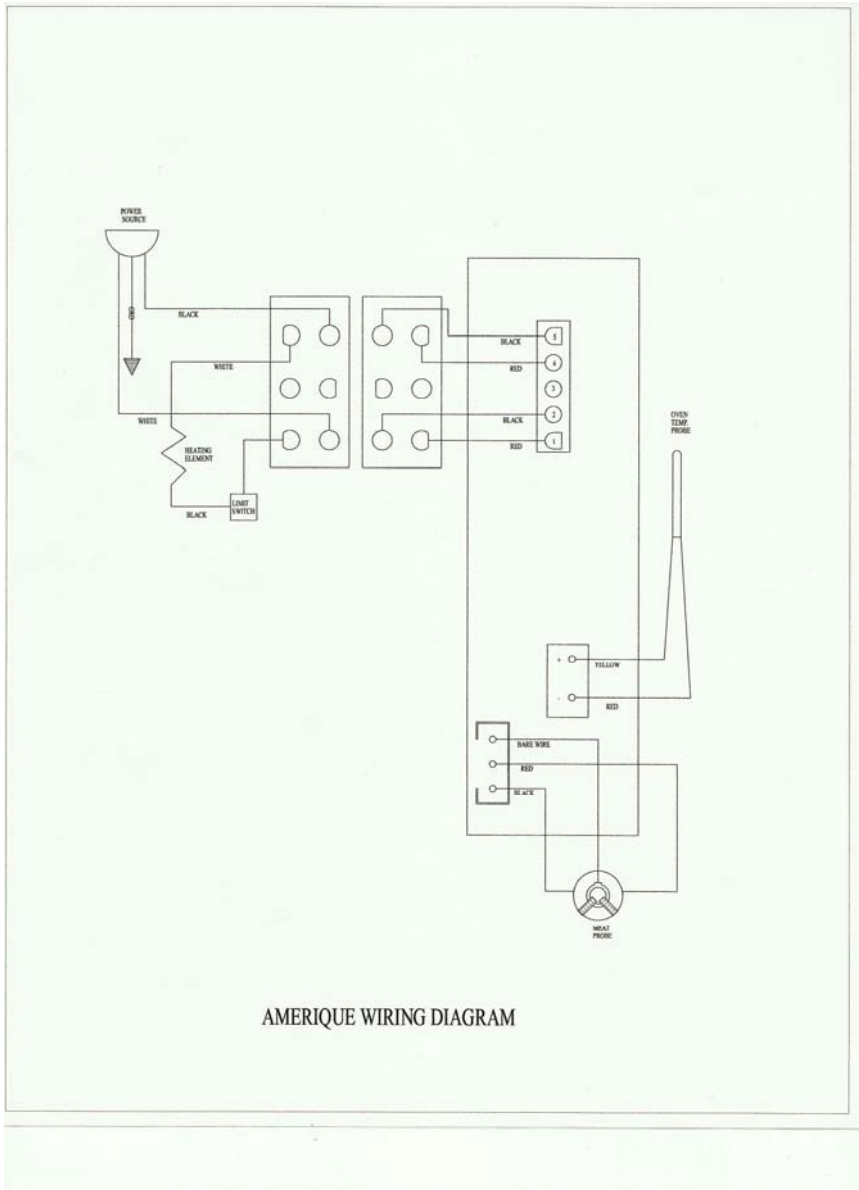
Set temperature to 250°F. Let the AmeriQue smoke, without meat, for a minimum of 4 hours.

"Find some cheap, really fat meat at the grocery store, and put it in your Smokette. This helps to give the smoker that black seasoned effect that we are after." John Shiflet, Cookshack Sales Manager

COOKSHACK AMERIQUE



WIRING DIAGRAM



Wood Selection

Caution: The maximum amount of wood to be used in an AmeriQue is 6 ounces DO NOT overload wood box.

As you learn how to use your AmeriQue you will become comfortable with choosing the amount of wood to use. At first, use only a small amount, and increase the wood with subsequent loads until you have the flavor you want. Personal taste dictates the amount of wood you use and this varies from person to person, hence the lack of hard and fast rules.

"I use this formula when measuring wood when smoking food in my smoker.

- 2 chunks of wood for 20 lbs. or more meat in my smoker
- 1 chunk for less than 20 lbs.
- No wood at all when doing fish or vegetables.

Karen Hoogendoorn, Cookshack Sales

Try starting with these amounts and adjust upward if you want more smoker flavor. Two ounce of wood measures approximately 1-1/2 x 1-1/2 x 1-1/2".

Product	Start with this amount:
Brisket	2 oz. increasing to 6 oz.
Chicken	1 oz. increasing to 2 oz.
Ribs	2 oz. increasing to 4 oz.
Fish	1/2 oz. increasing to 1 oz.

You may use any fruit or nut hardwood in your smoker, as long as it has good flavoring abilities. The most popular woods for smoking are hickory, mesquite, apple and cherry. All of these are available from Cookshack at (800)423-0698. Other regional favorites are alder, beech, pecan, maple, oak, buttonwood and mangrove. Use local woods only if logs are selected and sized properly.

Use only dry wood. Wet wood will release acids that will damage heating elements and reduce the length of their life.

"I've seen heating elements come back to us that have bubbled up and blown out because people exposed them to wet wood." Tony Marlar, Cookshack Customer Service

Preparing the Oven for Cooking

Line the bottom of the AmeriQue with aluminum foil and punch a hole in the foil corresponding to the drain hole located on the floor of the AmeriQue.

“I use the heavy duty aluminum foil instead of the light weight because the light weight sticks to the wood box and floor of the smoker.”

Karen Hoogendoorn, Cookshack Sales

Cover the heat deflector with foil for easy cleaning. Discard the foil after each cooking and replace with fresh foil.

Place a small pan beneath the drain hole located on the AmeriQue floor and in the trough at the bottom-front of AmeriQue. This pan will catch any meat drippings, and can be discarded or re-used as you choose.

Place the properly loaded wood box in the AmeriQue. Do not change the wood box’s position during cooking cycle. It covers the burner and wood and prevents grease from dripping onto the heat source and creating strong fumes.

Loading the Oven with Meat

The maximum cooking capacity of AmeriQue is 50 lbs. of heavy cuts of meat. Do not overload your AmeriQue.

Keep meat approximately 1” from the back and side of the oven walls at all times.

Arrange load with less meat on lower grill. Heavy loading of the bottom grill will block heat and smoke from traveling to the top of the AmeriQue. This will result in undercooked meat on the upper grill.

When the AmeriQue is loaded according to the above instructions, close and latch the door. Fasten latch securely.

Setting the Cooking Temperature

Use the instructions and controller picture below to set the smoker up in the proper cooking mode.

SAMPLE LOGBOOK

Date	
Product, type, cut	
Price	
Temperature when placed in smoker	
Rub and/or marinade recipe (ingredients and how much)	
Smoke-cooking cycle	
Temperature	
Cooking time	
Any adjustments made during cooking	
Amount and type of wood used	
Climactic conditions (hot, cold, windy, humidity, etc.)	
Internal product temperatures and smoker temps during cook cycle	
Description of final appearance and taste of product	

“At first I didn't do this...it was easy to forget what I did the last time and minor differences made an impact on the finished product.” Preston D, Forum Member and Cookshack award-winning barbecue cook

After Each Load

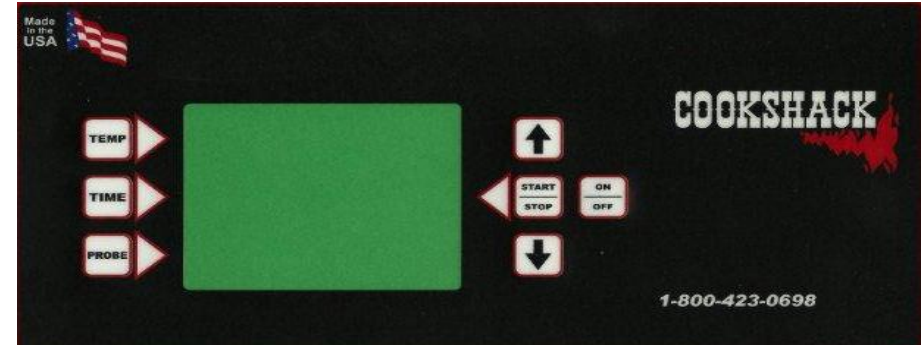
1. Disconnect oven from power supply.
2. Allow the oven to cool.
3. Remove the grills and racks; scrape and wash with soap and water. You can put them right in the dishwasher. Do not use any steel wool or caustic oven cleaners as they will destroy the plating on the grills.
4. Empty wood box using extreme caution – it will be **hot** if your smoker has recently been turned on.
5. Brush wood remnant ash from burner. Wood, coals and ashes are **hot**—dispose with care.
6. Discard aluminum foil.
7. Remove all grease from interior of oven, using paper towels or cloths.
8. Empty drip pan.
9. Leave door slightly ajar when oven is not in use. Refer to shutdown safety precautions mentioned in the previous pages.
10. Scrape loose grease and scale from walls with flat edge scraper.
11. Replace racks and grills.

“About once a month I clean the bottom of my smoker with paper towels and a general purpose cleaner like 409. I re-season it for a few hours with a few chunks of wood afterwards.” Stuart Powell, Cookshack CEO

Bottom of oven must be kept clean. Change foil in bottom of oven and from top of wood box after each cooking and remove all excess grease from interior of oven. Be sure that drain hole is open at all times. If drain becomes plugged, oven bottom can fill with grease and a fire hazard may occur.

MAINTENANCE

- Periodically check electrical plug and wire for any type of wear or damage.
- Twice annually put two drops of lightweight oil on the hinge pins to prevent binding.
- Check casters for free movement.



Normal Cooking Mode

1. Press the on/off button.

The screen should display the word OFF in the probe position.

2. Cook Temperature

To set the cook temperature, press and hold the temp button until you hear two beeps. Press the up or down arrows to adjust the cook temperature (arrows must be pressed within two seconds of the two beeps).

3. Cook Time

To set the cook time, press and hold the time button for two beeps.

Press the up or down arrows to adjust the cook time (arrows must be pressed within two seconds of the two beeps). This will change the hours. Press the time button again or wait two seconds to change the minutes.

4. Press the Start button to begin cooking.

The screen should display Time, Temp, and No Probe.

Probe Cooking Mode

1. Insert the probe into the probe jack, then, press the on/off button.

The screen should display the word OFF in the time position.

2. Cook Temperature

To set the cook temperature, press and hold the temp button until you hear two beeps. Press the up or down arrows to adjust the cook temperature (arrows must be pressed within two seconds of the two beeps).

3. Probe Temperature

To set the probe temperature, press and hold the probe button until you hear two beeps. Press the up or down arrows to adjust the probe temperature (arrows must be pressed within two second of the two beeps). Note that a temperature warning may occur if the product is below 50 deg.

4. Press the Start button to begin cooking.

The screen should display oven Temp and Probe Temp.

Heat up will take from 30 to 90 minutes, depending on the load.

Do not preheat the AmeriQue unless preheating is specified in the recipe you are using.

"We recommend that you put the product in and leave it until the recommended time has passed. You will get great results that way. We also know that some people want to monitor the internal temperature of the product, and we recommend that you use a probe-type thermometer, sometimes referred to as a Polder, a popular brand." Donna Johnson, Cookshack Marketing Director

Holding

1. The hold mode goes into effect at the end of both cooking modes and will remain in effect until manually turned off.

When you think the product is finished, unplug the AmeriQue. If the product is done to your satisfaction, remove from AmeriQue. If the product is not done to your satisfaction, continue to smoke-cook, checking for doneness at intervals. When the product is finished, you can remove from oven or leave on hold for up to 6 hours.

"It's done when it's done." The Smokin' Okie

TIPS FOR GOOD SMOKING

- Your AmeriQue does not require pre-heating.
- Try lots of different seasonings until you find the one you like the best.
- Use the supplied probe or meat thermometer, following the manufacturer's instructions, to determine the internal temperature of smoked products.
- Your AmeriQue is an excellent slow cooking oven, without wood. Use it for slow-roasting meats and poultry. Cooking times are the same as for smoke-cooking.
- To keep product warm for a up to six hours until ready to eat, double-wrap in foil, wrap in a towel or several layers of newspaper, and place in an ice chest. (This tip is compliments of **The Smokin' Okie**, Cookshack Barbecue Forum Moderator, friend, and great BBQ cook.)
- Open the door of the smoker as little as possible while cooking. (Joey Z, Forum Member)
- "Don't put too much wood in the wood box of your Cookshack. I rarely use more than 4 - 5 oz. for a brisket or pork butt, 3 - 4 oz. for ribs, and 2 oz. for turkey breast or chicken." (Bobby Que, Forum member)

- "Do not boil ribs in water before smoke-cooking!" (Jfentman, Forum member)

SHUTDOWN PROCEDURE

Important!

If oven is to be left unattended with the door open, the following steps should be taken:

- The power cord must be unplugged.
- Carefully remove the wood box from the oven and douse the contents with water. Remove any wood remaining on the burner. Rake it on to the foil bottom. Remove the foil from the oven immediately.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY RESULT IN A FIRE HAZARD!

Cleanup

ALWAYS DISCONNECT THE OVEN FROM ITS ELECTRICAL SUPPLY BEFORE CLEANING OR SERVICING.

Your Cookshack smoker must be kept clean. Loose grease and scale should be removed regularly to prevent buildup, which may cause strong fumes. It is desirable to allow seasoned coating, such as that found on a well-seasoned cast iron skillet, to remain on the walls. For this reason, we do not recommend attempting to restore the oven wall to a "like new" state after each cooking. The use of detergent, chemical cleaners or oven cleaners is not advised.

"You want the walls to turn black like an old skillet. I wipe out my smoker with paper towels, and scrape "chunks" off with a scraper." Stuart Powell, Cookshack CEO

IMPORTANT: Caustic oven cleaners may damage heating element and grills. Use of oven cleaners or other caustic cleaners will void the warranty on the heating element and grills.