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Model: XG17-096-034-00

## INTRODUCTION

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Thank you for choosing the Expert Grill 14.5-inch Dome Charcoal Grill. This manual provides essential information for the safe assembly, operation, and maintenance of your new charcoal grill. Please read all instructions carefully before use to ensure optimal performance and safety.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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**WARNING:** Failure to follow these safety instructions could result in fire, explosion, or burn hazard, which could cause property damage, personal injury, or death.

- **FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY.** Do not use this grill indoors or in an enclosed area. Carbon monoxide poisoning can occur.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill at all times.
- Always use the grill on a hard, non-combustible, level surface away from combustible materials.
- Do not use gasoline, kerosene, or alcohol for lighting charcoal. Use only charcoal lighter fluid that complies with ASTM E1630.
- Never add lighter fluid to hot or warm coals.
- The grill will be hot during and after use. Do not touch hot surfaces with bare hands. Use heat-resistant gloves or mitts.
- Ensure coals are completely extinguished before moving or storing the grill.
- Do not leave a lit grill unattended.
- Keep a fire extinguisher or a bucket of sand readily available in case of fire.

## ASSEMBLY AND SETUP

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Your Expert Grill 14.5-inch Dome Charcoal Grill requires minimal assembly. Please follow these steps:

1. **Unpack Components:** Carefully remove all parts from the packaging. Verify that all components are present according to the parts list (not provided in this manual, refer to your product packaging).
2. **Attach Legs:** Securely attach the three legs to the main grill body. Ensure they are firmly seated and stable.
3. **Insert Ash Catcher/Base:** Place the ash catcher or base plate at the bottom of the grill body, ensuring it is properly aligned.
4. **Place Charcoal Grate:** Position the charcoal grate inside the grill body, resting on the designated supports.
5. **Install Cooking Grate:** Place the porcelain-coated steel cooking grate on top of the charcoal grate supports.
6. **Attach Lid Handle:** Secure the handle to the hinged dome lid.



Image: The Expert Grill 14.5-inch Dome Charcoal Grill in its assembled, closed state, showing the dome lid, handle, and three sturdy legs.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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### 1. Preparing the Grill

1. **Placement:** Position the grill on a stable, non-combustible surface outdoors, away from any flammable objects or

structures.

2. **Charcoal Loading:** Open the hinged lid. Place charcoal briquettes or lump charcoal onto the charcoal grate. Do not overfill; leave space for air circulation.
3. **Lighter Fluid Application:** Apply charcoal lighter fluid evenly over the charcoal. Allow the fluid to soak in for approximately 1 minute.

## 2. Lighting the Charcoal

1. **Ignition:** Carefully light the charcoal in several places using a long match or a charcoal chimney starter.
2. **Wait for Ash:** Keep the lid open until the charcoal is covered with a light gray ash (approximately 15-20 minutes). This indicates the charcoal is ready for cooking.
3. **Spread Coals:** Once ash-covered, spread the coals evenly across the charcoal grate using long-handled tongs.

## 3. Grilling

1. **Preheat:** Close the lid and allow the cooking grate to preheat for 5-10 minutes.
2. **Place Food:** Carefully place food on the cooking grate.
3. **Temperature Control:** The hinged dome lid helps retain heat and smoke for even cooking. Use the adjustable air vents (if present, common on dome grills) to control airflow and temperature. More open vents mean higher temperature.
4. **Monitor Cooking:** Keep the lid closed as much as possible to maintain consistent temperature. Open only when necessary to turn food.



Image: The Expert Grill 14.5-inch Dome Charcoal Grill with its hinged lid open, revealing the porcelain-coated cooking grate and the charcoal grate below.

## MAINTENANCE

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### 1. After Each Use

- **Cool Down:** Allow the grill to cool completely before cleaning.
- **Clean Cooking Grate:** Use a grill brush to remove food residue from the porcelain-coated cooking grate. For stubborn residue, wash with warm soapy water and rinse thoroughly.
- **Ash Disposal:** Once coals are completely cold, remove the charcoal grate and dispose of ashes safely. Ensure ashes are cold before placing them in a non-combustible container.
- **Wipe Exterior:** Wipe down the exterior surfaces with a damp cloth.

### 2. Storage

- Ensure the grill is clean and dry before storing.
- Store in a cool, dry place, preferably covered, to protect it from weather elements. The legs can be folded for compact storage, and the lid handle locks the lid in place.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Charcoal not lighting or staying lit.	Insufficient lighter fluid; lack of airflow; damp charcoal.	Ensure adequate lighter fluid and allow to soak. Check that air vents are open. Use dry charcoal. Consider a charcoal chimney starter.
Uneven heat distribution.	Coals not spread evenly; uneven airflow.	Distribute coals uniformly across the charcoal grate. Adjust air vents for balanced airflow.
Food sticking to grate.	Grate not properly cleaned or oiled; insufficient preheating.	Clean grate thoroughly before use. Lightly oil the grate before placing food. Ensure grate is preheated.

## SPECIFICATIONS

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- **Model:** XG17-096-034-00
- **Brand:** Expert Grill
- **Type:** Dome Charcoal Grill
- **Cooking Surface Area:** 138 Square Inches
- **Grill Diameter:** 14.5 inches
- **Fuel Type:** Charcoal
- **Cooking Grate Material:** Porcelain-coated Steel
- **Frame Material:** Alloy Steel
- **Color:** Black
- **Item Dimensions (L x W x H):** Approximately 14.6 x 18.1 x 15.3 inches
- **Special Feature:** Portable, Hinged Lid
- **Assembly Required:** Yes

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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For warranty information or product support, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or contact

Expert Grill customer service. Keep your purchase receipt for warranty claims.

*Note: Specific warranty terms and contact details may vary. Please consult the official Expert Grill website or your product packaging for the most current information.*

