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The Portable Grill Sourcing Guide

How outdoor brands and retailers take a portable grill programme from specification to a loaded container — the platforms, the stages, the checks and the documentation one partner is accountable for.

100+

GRILL SKUS

48h

SAMPLE RESPONSE

20-30

DAY LEAD TIME

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Talk to us before you brief a factory.

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The six portable platforms

One process standard runs across all six — one QC gate, one documentation pack.

Platform	Fuel	Best for
Compact Portable Charcoal	Charcoal	Entry price point, impulse buys
Standard Portable Charcoal	Charcoal	Volume retail programmes
Deluxe Portable Charcoal	Charcoal	Premium retail and gifting
Tabletop Portable Charcoal	Charcoal	Balcony, small-space, camping
Briefcase Foldable Grill	Multi-fuel	Travel, car boot, hiking
Tailgate Barrel Grill	Charcoal	Tailgating and larger groups

Mixed loads: any combination of formats can share one container with the rest of your outdoor line. Flat-pack engineering is what makes that possible.

The commercial shape of a portable grill programme.

Parameter	Specification
Fuel options	Charcoal, propane, multi-fuel
MOQ	200 units/SKU standard OEM · 50-unit pilot run · 100-unit ODM
Sample	48h sample response
Lead time	20-30 days after sample approval
Durability	5,000+ open/close cycles per unit
Pre-shipment QC	Full unit inspection with AQL sampling
Certifications	CSA, CE, RoHS (market-dependent)
Freight	Mixed-FCL consolidation with your full outdoor line
Branding	OEM/ODM — logo, colour, nameplate, retail and FBA-ready packaging

Figures describe the programme, not a single SKU. Exact dimensions, weights and container loads are confirmed per product against your specification.

Five gated stages — so the run that ships is the run you approved.

Stage	Timing	What happens
Lock the specification	Pre-tooling	Fuel type, dimensions, finish and packaging agreed in writing before any tooling starts.
Approve the sample	48h	A pre-production sample signed off against the written spec, never against a marketing photo.
Tool and pilot	~3 weeks	In-house tooling development and a pilot run validate the line before volume production.
Produce and inspect	20-30 days	Volume runs carry in-process checks and a full pre-shipment verification before packing.
Pack, consolidate, ship	Dispatch	Drop-tested packaging, mixed-FCL consolidation and documented container loading.

WHY GATED

Each stage closes before the next opens. Nothing moves to tooling on an unapproved spec, and nothing is packed before it passes pre-shipment inspection against that spec.

Portable grills get folded, thrown in a boot and dropped. These are the checks that matter.

- ☐ Folding mechanism — confirm the hinge and locking spec, and that it is cycle-tested (we test 5,000+ open/close cycles per unit), not just described as “durable”.
- ☐ Propane models — ask for the pressure and leak test record. Every propane unit should be tested, not sampled.
- ☐ Carton and drop test — a portable grill lives in a car boot. Confirm the packaging is engineered to a transit standard (ISTA 3A) and that it is actually tested.
- ☐ Coating and corrosion — for coastal or beach use, confirm the stainless grade (304 for salt air) and the powder-coat spec, not just “weather-resistant”.
- ☐ Packing density — ask for flat-pack loading so units per container is maximised, and that mixed loads with your other outdoor products are possible.
- ☐ Sample versus production — verify the shipped run is checked against the approved sample spec sheet, with a pre-shipment inspection report per lot.

Run the same list against any supplier.

These are the checks we build into a programme. Use them to compare us against anyone else you are quoting.

A complete documentation pack ships with every order.

Document	What it covers
CSA / CE certificate	Market-dependent product safety conformity
Material composition report	Steel grade, coating and RoHS declaration
Pressure-test record	Propane models — leak and pressure test results
AQL inspection report	Pre-shipment inspection, per production lot
Certificate of Origin	Customs and duty substantiation
Technical file	EU market entry, built to your notified body's structure

STANDARDS BUYERS ASK ABOUT

EN 1860-1 (outdoor barbecue safety), ISO 2859-1 (AQL sampling), ISTA 3A (transit testing). Ask any supplier which of these their documentation is built against.

OGPSGroup coordinates inspection with third-party inspectors — such as SGS, Bureau Veritas or Intertek — on request; the choice of inspector stays with you.

Most fail on quality drift, compliance, freight and transit damage — not on price.

Where it goes wrong	How we close it
Inconsistent batch quality	One process standard on every run, with in-process inspection on hinges, burners, legs and gas systems.
Compliance gaps at the border	CSA and CE documentation prepared to your notified body's structure from the first order.
Freight cost on bulky goods	Flat-pack engineering plus mixed-FCL consolidation — your grills share one container.
Damage in transit	Packaging engineered to ISTA drop-test standards, in retail, e-commerce and FBA-ready formats.

The answers that come up on almost every portable grill enquiry.

What is the typical lead time?

Most bulk runs complete 20-30 days after sample approval. Rush orders run on dedicated lines with expedited timelines.

What are the minimum order quantities?

200 units per SKU for custom OEM with proprietary tooling. Pilot runs start at 50 units; ODM reference designs at 100 units.

Can I mix portable grills with other outdoor products?

Yes. Density-optimised FCL consolidation lets you mix heavy grills with bulky flat-pack items in a single container.

What documentation comes with an order?

CSA or CE certificates, material composition reports, pressure-test records, AQL inspection reports, RoHS declarations and Certificates of Origin.

NEXT STEP

Start your portable grill programme.

Send us your specification — target market, formats and volume — and we will come back with a costed programme and a sample plan.

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