



VISION GRILLS™

## CADET KAMADO GRILL

### Owner's Manual

Welcome to Kamado cooking! Our Vision Kamado is based on 3,000+ years of clay pot cooking from around the world. Over generations our ancestors have continued to refine Kamado techniques for grilling, smoking, baking and cooking all types of food, including meats, poultry, fish and vegetables. Kamado cooking locks in moisture and provides a variety of ways to infuse different tastes into your foods, turning weekend grillers into neighborhood chefs.

Our Vision Kamado builds on this heritage with fresh aesthetics, safety and convenience features, a user-friendly easy-lift lid with spring assist and high-quality materials to define a new industry standard for design and innovation. The thick ceramic construction of our grill provides superior thermal insulation allowing you to grill, cook, bake or smoke regardless of the season - from the hot summer days in our home town of St. Louis to the cold snowy days in Bangor, Maine.



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In this manual we provide the basics to get you cooking and invite you to our website, [www.visiongrills.com](http://www.visiongrills.com), where we share recipes, detailed Use & Care information and contact information if you need more help.

From our entire team here at Vision Grills, thanks for your purchase. Here's to becoming the destination eatery in your neighborhood!

### Cooking with your Kamado

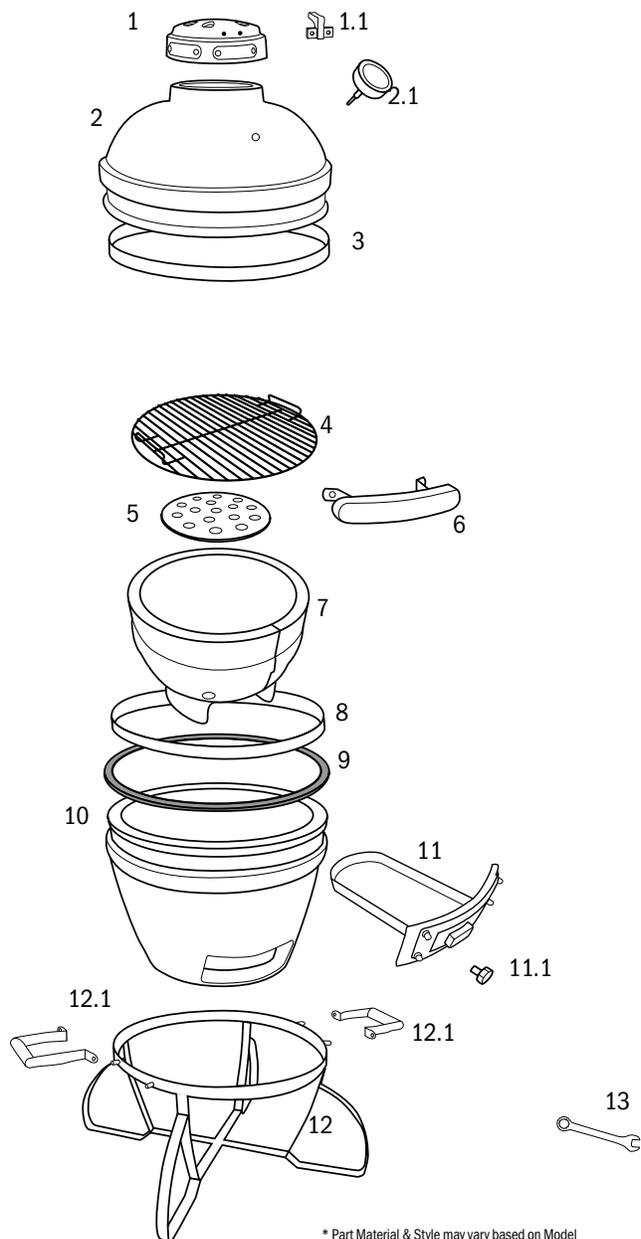
Your new Vision Kamado is the complete outdoor cooking appliance that allows you to sear, grill, bake and smoke all types of food. For best results, we recommend using natural lump charcoal made from hardwoods. Compared to briquettes, natural charcoals start faster, burn cleaner and longer, reach higher temperatures and produce less ash. Leftover natural charcoal also relights for re-use. Before restarting the grill, knock off excess ash from remaining charcoal. Routinely empty ash, but only do so when grill is cool.

Starting your Vision Kamado Grill is simple and fast: Open top and bottom vents wide open, fill the inner fire bowl with enough charcoal to cover the air holes, then light the charcoal using approved grill starters. After several coals are burning, spread evenly, adjust top and bottom vents, and wait for the Kamado to reach your desired cooking temperature (As needed, add more charcoal by using the flip grate feature, being careful not to burn yourself with the hot food or cooking grate).



# PARTS

PART NAMES	PART NUMBERS
1 Cast Iron Top Vent	VGC TV-VC
1.1 Bakelite Tab	VGC TV-VC-K
2 Ceramic Dome Lid	VGC CDL-VC
2.1 Thermometer	VGC TMT-VC
3 Top Ring Assembly	VGC RA1-VC
4 Stainless Steel Bottom Cooking Grate	VGC CGD-VC
5 Charcoal Grate	VGC CG-VC
6 Handle (with nuts & washers)	VGC HDL-VC
7 Fire Bowl	VGC FB-VC
8 Bottom Ring Assembly	VGC RA2-VC
9 Felt Gasket	VGC FLT-VC
10 Ceramic Dome Bottom	VGC CDB-VC
11 Ash Drawer Body	VGC ADB-VC
11.1 Ash Drawer Knob	VGC ADB-VC-K
12 Stainless Steel Stand	VGC SSS-VC
12.1 Stand Handle (x 2 with nuts & washers)	VGC SSS-H-VC
13 Wrench for Handle Assembly	



\* Part Material & Style may vary based on Model

## WARNING

**PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE MANUAL BEFORE OPERATING YOUR VISION KAMADO. PLEASE KEEP THIS MANUAL FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.**

ATTENTION! Use caution when cooking, as grill surfaces get hot. To avoid burns, always use protective gloves to adjust top and bottom vents when grill is in use. Do not wear loose clothing near the grill.

ATTENTION! This barbecue will become very hot, do not move it during operation. For outdoor cooking use only. Do not operate grill indoors or in an enclosed space. Use grill only in well-ventilated areas. Keep immediate area around the grill free from combustible materials. Allow for at least 3 feet/1 meter of clearance around grill (house, other outdoor products, hanging tree limbs, shrubs, etc.)

WARNING! Keep children and pets away from the grill at all times.

Do not allow children to operate grill. Never leave grill unattended when in use.

Grill should be placed securely on a level base prior to use. Only operate grill on a hard, stable, level surface (concrete patio, ground, etc.) capable of supporting the weight of the grill when loaded with food. Never operate grill on wood support surface, wood deck or like combustible support surfaces. Never attempt to move grill when in operation or cooling down. Never operate this grill within 25 feet/7.5 meters of any flammable liquid. Never operate this grill within 10 feet/3 meters of a gas cylinder. The grill should not be placed under combustible structures, like garages, porches, patios,

or carports. Burning charcoal produces carbon monoxide, an odorless gas, which can cause death.

The use of alcohol, prescription or non-prescription drugs may impair the operator's ability to properly assemble or safely operate the grill.

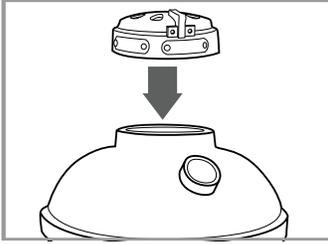
Do not use on boats or recreational vehicles.

CAUTION: Never use lighter fluid, gasoline, or other volatiles to start your charcoal, as it is dangerous and will leave a residual taste in your food. Use only firelighters complying to EN 1860-3. Use utmost care when adding charcoal to grill. Dispose of cooled ash by placing it in aluminum foil, soaking with water and discarding in a non-combustible container. Always wait for grill to completely cool before opening built-in ash drawer.

When cooking above 500°F/260°C, with both top and bottom vents closed, rapidly opening the lid creates a sudden rush of oxygen into the grill, which can cause a flare-up. When in this cooking mode, we recommend that, prior to opening the lid, you open top and bottom vents to allow oxygen to stabilize inside the grill, minimizing the possibility of a flare-up.

# SET-UP

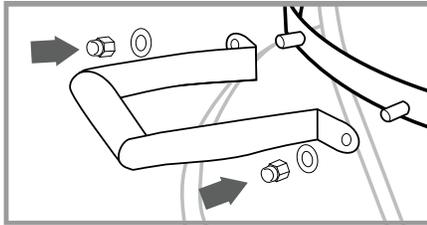
## Step 1: Assemble Top Lid Vent



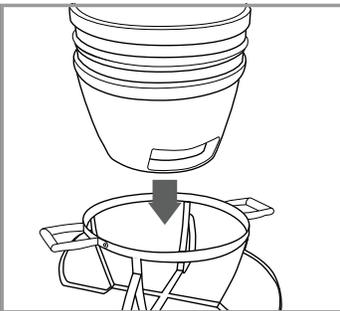
Close lid and press Top Vent onto top of Kamado. Be sure spring clips are fully engaged with calibrations facing the front of the grill.

## Step 2: Stand Handle Assembly

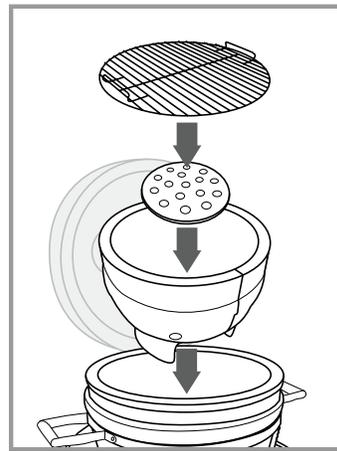
Attach Stand Handles to the left and right of the Stand by placing handle brackets over stand studs. On each stud use flat washers, then screw on acorn nuts and tighten with provided wrench.



## Step 3: Insert Grill into Stand



Take all parts out of the grill before lifting. With the help of a second person, lower the grill into the Stand by holding the back hinge and bottom of grill. As grill is lowered into stand, carefully switch out hands from bottom of grill to the ash drawer opening before reaching the outer ring of stand. Completely lower grill to bottom of stand.

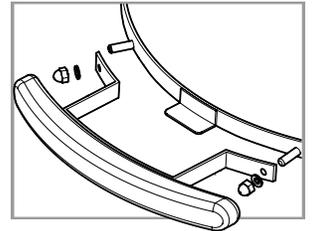


## Step 4: Add Components to Grill

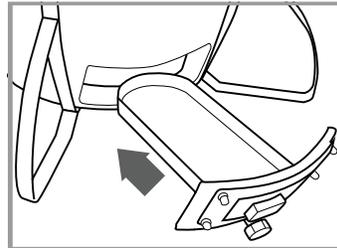
Lower fire bowl into the grill with the ash drawer opening facing the front of the grill. Place cast iron Charcoal Grate inside fire bowl. Place stainless steel cooking grate on top of the fire bowl.

## Step 5: Grill Handle Assembly

Attach the Handle by placing handle bracket over studs, opposite the hinge. On each stud use flat washers, then screw on acorn nuts and tighten with provided wrench.



## Step 6: Ash Drawer Usage



Slide Ash Drawer into ash drawer opening. When grill is cool, it is safe to remove ash from Ash Drawer. To remove Ash Drawer, use bottom knob on Ash Drawer, lift slightly and pull drawer out.

# WARRANTY

Subject to the following terms and conditions, Phase 2, LLC, d/b/a Vision Grills ("Vision Grills"), warrants to the original purchaser that the ceramic cooker manufactured or supplied by Vision Grills will be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use for the following periods from the original date of purchase: limited lifetime for all ceramic parts, five (5) years for all metal parts, one (1) year for temperature gauge, gaskets and cover, 90 days for lava stone & bracket. This Limited Lifetime Warranty is contingent upon purchaser registering the product at [www.visiongrills.com/register](http://www.visiongrills.com/register) within 30 days from the date of purchase along with a copy of the original dated sales receipt, which can be attached in an electronic format (i.e. scan, photograph, etc.) to an email sent to [help@visiongrills.com](mailto:help@visiongrills.com). Failure to do so will invalidate the warranty. Any chips or cracks in the finish of the ceramic cooker present at the time of purchase must be noted on the original dated sales receipt. This Warranty is not transferable to subsequent owners. If you cannot register online, contact Vision Grills customer service at (877) 917-4273 or email [help@visiongrills.com](mailto:help@visiongrills.com).

If any product covered by this Warranty is defective due to a covered warranty condition, such product will, at the option of Vision Grills, be repaired to its original condition or replaced with a comparable new product or part. The repair and/or replacement of parts shall constitute the extent of the liability and obligations of Vision Grills under this Warranty. Purchaser is required to provide photographic evidence to assess the damage when submitting claims.

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This Warranty does not cover purchases from unauthorized resellers and/or third parties. Warranty coverage is limited to products purchased at an authorized reseller only.

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Vision Grills shall not be liable for any delay or default under this Warranty caused by any event or contingency beyond the control of Vision Grills. This includes acts of nature, fire, government restrictions or restraints, strikes, reduced supply of materials or transportation delays.

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To submit a warranty claim, the original purchaser or authorized agent of the original purchaser must contact Vision at (877) 917-4273 or contact Vision Grills via email ([help@visiongrills.com](mailto:help@visiongrills.com)) or through the website at [www.visiongrills.com](http://www.visiongrills.com).

## Long-Term Maintenance

- Cover your grill when not in use to extend life and maintain appearance.
- When moving grill, have a friend help.

# STARTING CHARCOAL

## Step 1: Measure Charcoal

Fill the fire bowl with enough charcoal to cover the air holes. For smoking foods at low temperatures for longer periods of time (1.5 hours+) you will need to add a little more charcoal, up to approximately 2 inches/5 centimeters above the same air holes.

Mound charcoal over charcoal grate. Use lump charcoal for best results.



## Step 2: Starting Charcoal

Open top and bottom vents. For faster start up keep lid open. Light charcoal using paraffin starter or chimney. Do not use lighter fluids. Do not cook before the charcoal has a coating of ash.



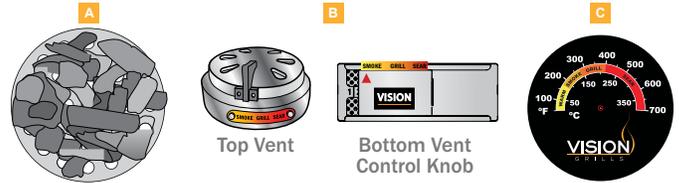
## Step 3: Set Temperature

Once charcoal is lit, level it out for even heat distribution and close the lid. Set top and bottom vents to the desired setting (refer to the Setting Temperature section in this manual for specific calibrations to use to attain desired cooking temperature).

Give your Kamado 8 - 12 minutes to settle into the cooking temperature you want before putting food on the grill.

**NOTE: If smoking, do not let temperature exceed 275°F/135°C.**

- A) Spread hot charcoal evenly over grate.
- B) Set top and bottom vents for desired cooking temperature.
- C) Let temperature stabilize.



## Step 4: Get Cooking

Use a wire grill brush to clean the cooking grate. That's it - you are ready for the best cooking experience of your life. Go to our website for recipes.

## Step 5: Ash Removal

Always let ash cool before removing ash drawer. Prior to each use, lift and pull out Removable Ash Drawer and dispose of ash.

# SETTING TEMPERATURE

**VISION Grills Kamado cooking temperatures are controlled by adjusting the calibrated top and bottom vents.**

Increasing air flow through top and bottom air vents increases cooking temperature, while decreasing air flow lowers the cooking temperature. Closing both top and bottom vents starves the charcoal of oxygen and stifles down the fire.

\*Caution - If you're going to smoke, do not let the grill get too hot. Keep the temperature low, it takes hours to cool down.

\*Caution - Continuous grilling at extreme high temperatures may cause the felt to burn.

### Prevent Flare-Ups:

If the lid is lifted too quickly, oxygen will rush inside the grill, causing a flare-up. To prevent a flare-up, lift the lid 1 inch/2.5 centimeter and count to five before slowly opening the lid wide open.

\*Temperature Settings are approximate. Many varying factors may give you different results with controls, such as lump charcoal quality, altitude, wind, outside temperature, dew point, barometric pressure, humidity, etc.

	TOP VENT		BOTTOM VENT
<b>SEARING</b>		<b>500° + F</b> <b>260° + C</b>	
<b>GRILLING</b>		<b>300° - 450°F</b> <b>149° - 233°C</b>	
<b>SMOKING</b>		<b>225° - 250°F</b> <b>107° - 121°C</b>	

# COOKING TEMPERATURE

All cooking times and temperatures are approximate. Visit [foodsafety.gov](http://foodsafety.gov) for additional information on safe minimum cooking temperatures.

## SMOKING

	Approximate Cooking Time	Smoker Temp (°F)	Meat Temp. (°F)
<b>BEEF</b>			
Brisket (8 - 12 lbs)	1.5 hours/lb	225 - 250	185 - 205
Short Ribs	5 hours	225 - 250	Pulls back from bones
Tenderloin (3 - 4 lbs)	1-4 hours	225 - 250	120 - 160
<b>PORK</b>			
Baby Back Ribs (1.5 - 2.5 lbs)	5 hours	225 - 250	Pulls back from bones
Shoulder / Butt (6 - 8 lbs)	1.5 hours/lb	225 - 250	170 - 205
Ham (Bone In)	1.5 hours/lb	225 - 250	160
Spare Ribs (2.5 - 3 lbs)	5 - 7 hours	225 - 250	Pulls back from bones
Tenderloin (1.5 - 2 lbs)	2.5 - 3 hours	225 - 250	160
<b>POULTRY</b>			
Turkey (Whole)	15 - 20 min./lb	240 - 275	170
Chicken (Whole: 2.5 - 4.5 lbs)	2.5 - 4 hours	250 - 275	170

## GRILLING (350 - 450 °F)

	Beef Temp (°F)	Pork Temp (°F)
Rare	125 + 3 min. Rest	—
Medium-Rare	130 - 135	145 + 3 min. Rest
Medium	135 - 140	150
Medium-Well	140 - 150	155
Well-Done	155+	160+
Ground	160	
<b>Poultry Temp (°F)</b>		
Dark Meat	165 - 175	
White Meat	165	
Ground	170 - 175	