

Section 1: Drum/Kit Selection

I know I want to roast my own coffee. What should I do now?

Roasted Coffee Before?

Yes

Roasting by sight, smell, time, and temperature could potentially be different than other methods you have roasted with before, but it is no more difficult or inferior in any way. As a matter of fact, the RK has beat out many a commercial \$15,000+ roaster in competitions.

What size drum should I buy then?

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No

Coffee roasting is a simple process. It's nearly as simple as roasting popcorn, so please don't be intimidated. We provide free roasting instruction to new RK Drum owners and will walk you through step-by-step during your first roasts.

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Drum size selection

4LB RK Drum
(click link to open)

The 4LB Drum, with all RK Drums can generally be overloaded by 20%, and is generally rated for perfect results at 4LB max green coffee load, and can roast a minimum of 1/4LB of coffee. It is full food grade stainless steel, carries a lifetime warranty and will last a lifetime with reasonable care.

This drum is ideal for the coffee enthusiast who roasts for friends and family and while many roast on this size of drum for profit, long-term efficiency is increased with a larger drum.

1. Ideal Uses: Home use, roasting for family and friends, and with unlikely, cautious or no plans for business expansion.
2. Capacity: .25-5LB Green
3. Max volume: Approx 12LB of finished coffee/hr.

6LB RK Drum
(click link to open)

The 6LB Drum, with all RK Drums can generally be overloaded by 20%, and is generally rated for perfect results at 6LB max green coffee load, and can roast a minimum of 1/4LB of coffee. It is full food grade stainless steel, carries a lifetime warranty and will last a lifetime with reasonable care.

This drum is ideal for the coffee lover who roasts for friends and family and for the person considering roasting for profit.

1. Ideal Uses: Home use, roasting for family and friends, and with considerations for starting a business
2. Capacity: .25-7.5LB Green
3. Max volume: Approx 18LB of finished coffee/hr.

8LB RK Drum
(click link to open)

The 8LB Drum, with all RK Drums can generally be overloaded by 20%, and is generally rated for perfect results at 8LB max green coffee load, and can roast a minimum of 1/2LB of coffee. It is full food grade stainless steel, carries a lifetime warranty and will last a lifetime with reasonable care.

This drum is ideal for the coffee lover who roasts for friends and family and also particularly has the intention of roasting for profit.

1. Ideal Uses: Home use, business roasting for profit.
2. Capacity: .50-10LB Green
3. Max volume: Approx 24LB of finished coffee/hr.

12LB RK Drum
(click link to open)

The 12LB Drum, with all RK Drums can generally be overloaded by 20%, and is generally rated for perfect results at 12LB max green coffee load, and can roast a minimum of 1/2LB of coffee. It is full food grade stainless steel, carries a lifetime warranty and will last a lifetime with reasonable care.

This drum is ideal for the business coffee roaster who has a significant volume of customers or foresees the ability to obtain significant volumes of customers

1. Ideal Uses: Business roasting for profit.
2. Capacity: .50-15LB Green
3. Max volume: Approx 36LB of finished coffee/hr.

I've found a drum size that I want, now what?

Now we need to pick whether you want to buy just a drum to create your own masterpiece or whether you want a complete kit with everything turnkey. Check out the following options:

RK Drum only

This is quite simply the drum. If you have your own custom ideas on how you want to assemble your roaster, then this may be the path for you. Choose this path if:

1. You are especially handy and inventive
2. You have your own ideas on what you want in your roaster.
3. You are prepared to find your own motor, a way to mount it to the grill.
4. You are prepared to find all other components such as rotisserie, switching, wiring, motors, motor mounts, thermometers on your own.
5. You are inventing your very own custom contraption and only require the drum.

4LB Drum Only
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8LB Drum Only
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Do-It-Yourself Kit

This is the essentials kit. This is the drum, couplers, motor, and motor mounts and mounting hardware. This is the hard to find or hard to make components. While you will still need to provide some other components, such as rotisserie, wiring, switching (if desired), thermometers, none of the remaining components are difficult to find at a major hardware store. We leave it up to you to finish the roaster off. Choose this path if:

1. You know your way around a hardware store and consider yourself handy.
2. Don't mind an afternoon going to different stores to find odds and ends (power cords, wiring, power switches, thermometers and rotisseries)

4LB DIY Kit
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6LB DIY Kit
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8LB DIY Kit
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12LB DIY Kit
(click link to open)

Everything Kit

This is the complete kit. This is everything you can need to start roasting except for a grill. With a few basic hand tools you won't even have to go to the store.

- Choose this path if:
1. You don't feel like leaving your house and want everything (except a grill) dropped on your doorstep.
 - (We will ship grills to your door as well, just not in this kit. Simply add a pre-selected grill, guaranteed to work from the products menu)
 2. Don't feel comfortable finding parts to complete the roaster at a hardware store.
 3. Want assembly to match the assembly guide step-by-step.

4LB Everything Kit
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6LB Everything Kit
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8LB Everything Kit
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12LB Everything Kit
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While you will save a few bucks picking this kit over the Everything kit, you will still need most or all of the Everything kit components at the end of the day and will spend nearly the Everything amount in the end on your own. We make a few extra bucks to pick it all up and ship it to save you the trouble.

IMPORTANT NOTE: ROTISSERIE MOTORS
Please be aware that the rotisserie motor that comes with the rotisserie kits in recent years has been degraded to a 1.2RPM motor. This has unfortunately replaced the old 6RPM motor as of around 2006-2007 from most manufacturers.

Understand that approximately 6RPM's is required to get an even roast, and if you do find a motor of this speed, it will likely only work on the 4LB Drum, and larger drums will be too heavy. 40-60RPM is recommended for best results.

Section 2: Grill selection

I already have a grill. Can I use it?

We need to check the size of your grill. Follow the grill size guide here (click link to open)

Will your drum fit?

Yes

Will this also be your meat grill in the future?

Yes

While there are many people that use their meat grill for coffee roasting as well, purists would say that this will taint the coffee and give it a meaty flavor. While this is arguably true, most average coffee drinkers won't be able to tell. Try it and see how it goes. For best results, decommission the meat grill and give it a good cleaning and make it just a coffee roaster.

I like cooking meat on it too, what is the best practice?

Clean the grill thoroughly before each roast, pressure washers are nice, and then burn out the odors and residues at high heat for about 30 minutes before roasting. Or don't. Try your luck! :)

Clean the grill thoroughly with a hose, or pressure washer. Remove as much of the grease and carbon as possible. Use degreasers or other cleaners to get it as clean as possible. Finally burn the grill in at high heat for 30 minutes to cook everything out.

No

Purchase or obtain a grill that meets your size requirements.

I need a grill what should I buy?

Choose a grill pre-selected from the website. We've already picked some out that works in all regards. Arrange pickup at your local home depot, or we'll ship it to your door. (click link to open)

I'm going to the store, what should I look for?

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