



TRAEGER®
WOOD PELLET GRILLS
OWNER'S MANUAL
TFB38TCA



RESIDENTIAL PELLET GRILL
FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY!
“TASTE THE DIFFERENCE”

Please read this entire manual before assembly, installation of your Traeger Pellet Grill. Failure to follow these instructions could result in property damage, bodily injury or even death. Contact your local building or fire official about restrictions and installation inspection requirements in your area.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

A MAJOR CAUSE OF FIRES IS FAILURE TO MAINTAIN REQUIRED CLEARANCES (AIR SPACES) TO COMBUSTIBLES MATERIALS. IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT THIS PRODUCT BE INSTALLED ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS.



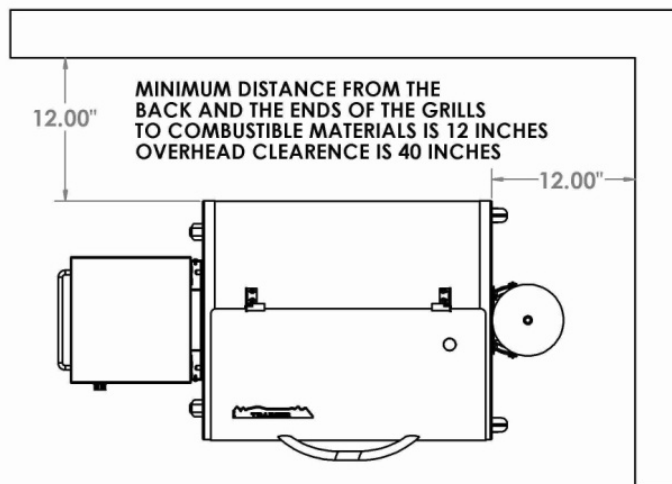
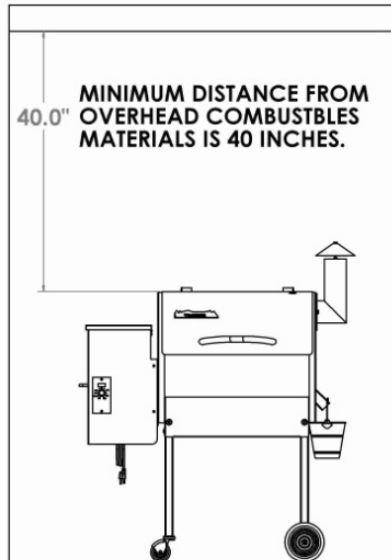
DANGER! Hazardous voltage is present which can shock, burn or cause death. Disconnect the power cord before servicing the Grill unless otherwise noted in the Owner's Manual.

DANGER! Never use or store flammable liquids near the Grill.

DANGER! Never use gasoline or lighter fluid to manually light your Grill. Use **ONLY** Alcohol Gel for this procedure **AND** according to the instructions in the Owner's Manual.

WARNING! When operating this Grill, maintain a **MINIMUM** distance of 12" from the Grill to combustibles.

WARNING! When operating this Grill under overhead combustibles a **MINIMUM** of 40 inches is required.



WARNING! Assemble and operate this Grill **ONLY** per the instructions in this Owner's Manual.

WARNING! This Grill is intended for OUTDOOR USE ONLY.

WARNING! Never use heating fuel pellets in the Grill, due to potential hazardous contaminants and additives that may be present.

WARNING! Use **ONLY** TRAEGER BRAND BBQ WOOD PELLETS, which are specifically made to work in our Grills. Traeger wood pellets are rated for 8500 BTU per LBS with an ash content of 2%.

CAUTION! Always store wood pellets in a dry location, away from heat-producing appliances and other fuel containers.

CAUTION! Keep the Grill clean – See the cleaning Instructions in this Owner's Manual.

CAUTION! Do not use accessories not specified for use with this Grill.

INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your purchase of this Traeger Wood Pellet Grill, Model TFB38TCA. With proper set-up, operation and maintenance, the Grill will provide you with delicious food and years of cooking enjoyment.

NOTE: NUMBERS FOLLOWING PART NAMES REFER TO THE COMPONENT DIAGRAM FOUND NEAR THE END OF THIS MANUAL.

When you un-box the Grill, remove all parts from the box and inside the Grill. Remove any remaining packaging material from inside the Grill as well. Make sure you have, and can identify all of the following parts:

<u>Qty</u>	<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Component Diagram Reference Number</u>
(1)	Grill Frame Assembly-----	2
(1)	Hopper / Burner Assembly-----	20
(2)	Leg Assemblies-----	99
(2)	Wheel Leg Assemblies-----	104
(1)	Porcelain Grill-----	147
(1)	Grease Drain Pan-----	141
(1)	Heat Baffle-----	140
(1)	Flue Pipe-----	113
(1)	Chimney Cap Assembly-----	119
(1)	Chrome Door Handle-----	143
(1)	Grease Bucket-----	112
(1)	Hardware Kit-----	NA
(1)	Spice Rack-----	146
(4)	Grill Hooks-----	148
(1)	Front Shelf-----	144

You will need to complete the assembly which includes:

- 1) Mounting the Leg Assemblies (99) and the Wheel Leg Assemblies (104) to the Grill.
- 2) Attaching the Chrome Door Handle (143) to the Door (80).
- 3) Attaching the Flue Pipe (113) to the Grill Frame Assembly (2).
- 4) Mounting the Chimney Cap Assembly (119).
- 5) Positioning the Heat Baffle (140) over the Hopper assembly (20).
- 6) Positioning the Grease Drain Pan (141) over the Heat Baffle (140).
- 7) Positioning the Porcelain Grill (147) on the Grill Supports.
- 8) Hanging the Grease Bucket (112).
- 9) Installing The Spice Rack and Grill Hooks.
- 10) Installing the Front Shelf.

TOOLS ARE SUPPLIED FOR ASSEMBLY

- (2) Open end wrenches (I)
- (1) Hex key (Allen Wrench) H

Follow these step-by-step instructions and you'll be cooking in no time!

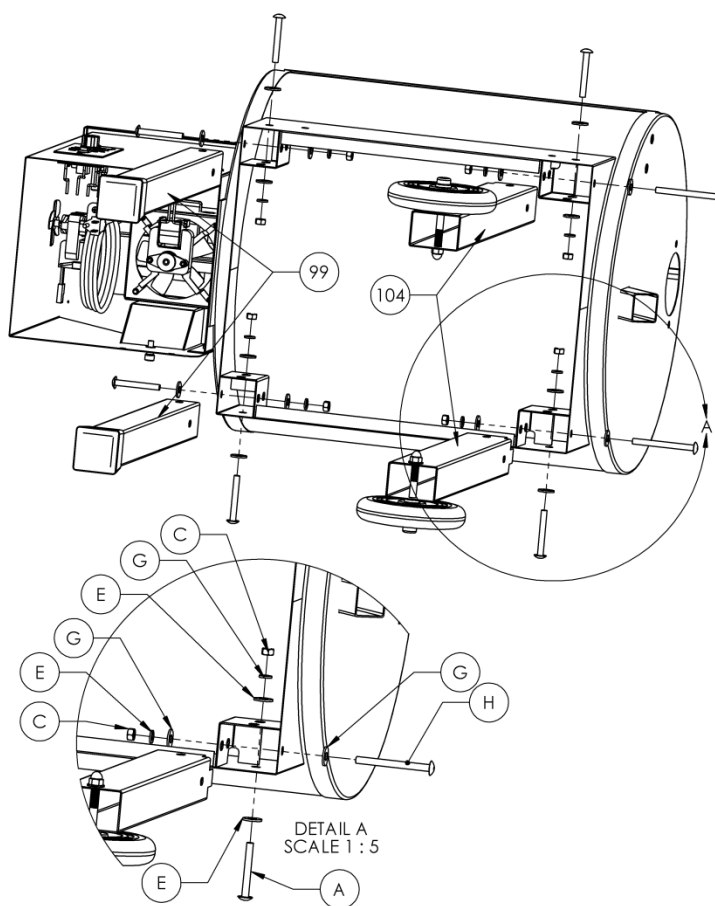
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SECTION ONE: ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

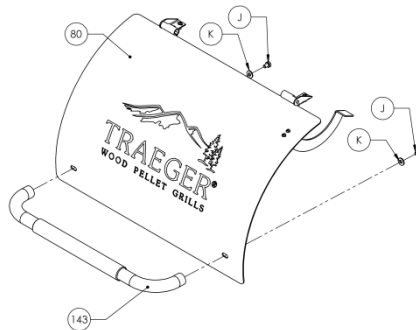
MOUNTING THE LEGS:

- 1) Carefully lay the Grill on its back on a non-abrasive surface.
- 2) Use the **Black** Bolts (A), Washers (E, G) and Nuts (C) supplied in the hardware kit to install the Leg Assemblies (99) on the left end of the Grill and the Wheel Leg Assemblies (104) on the right end of the Grill, as shown in the upper diagram below. The Nuts (C) on the Wheel Leg Assemblies (104) should go toward the center of the Grill. You may need to rotate the Grill toward the back to accommodate the Leg Assemblies (99 & 104) on the rear of the Grill. **Leave the Nuts loose** during this step.
- 3) Set the Grill upright to level and then tighten all Nuts.



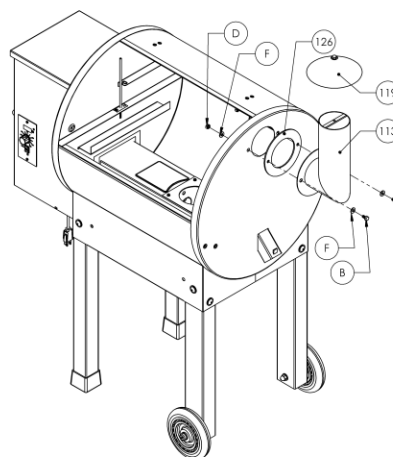
ATTACHING THE CHROME DOOR HANDLE:

- 1) Insert the bolt (J), flat washer (K) into the slot in the door and thread into the handle (143). Repeat the process on the other side.
- 2) Do not over tighten the bolts to the handle



ATTACHING THE FLUE PIPE AND CHIMNEY CAP ASSEMBLY:

- 1) Align the holes in the Flue Pipe (113) with the holes in the Flue Pipe Gasket (126), which fits between the right end of the Grill and the Flue Pipe (113). From the Hardware Kit, place Zinc Flat Washers (F) on two of the 1/2" long Hex Head Bolts (B) and insert the Bolts through the holes in the Flue Pipe (113) and the Flue Pipe Gasket (126). Align the Bolts with the corresponding holes in the Grill. Place a Zinc Flat Washer (F) on each Bolt inside the Grill and secure with Zinc Hex Nuts (D) using the Wrench supplied.
- 2) Screw the Chimney Cap Assembly (119) into the Bracket in the top of the Flue Pipe. **Hand tighten the cap to the desired height.**



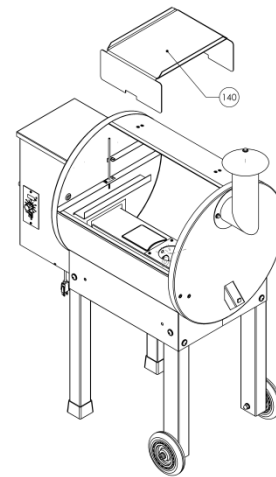
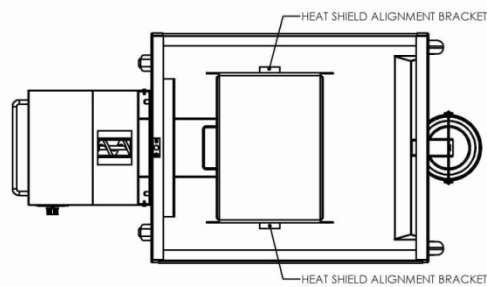
NOTE: If at this point you are ready to start your Grill, refer to the **INITIAL FIRING INSTRUCTIONS** in Section Two of this manual or on a separate sheet in the Pellet Hopper before proceeding with further assembly.

WARNING!

Many parts of the Grill will become very *hot* during operation. Care must be taken to avoid burns, both during operation and afterwards, while the Grill is still hot. It should *never* be left unattended when young children are present. *Never* move the Grill when it is operating. Let it thoroughly cool before moving or attempting to transport.

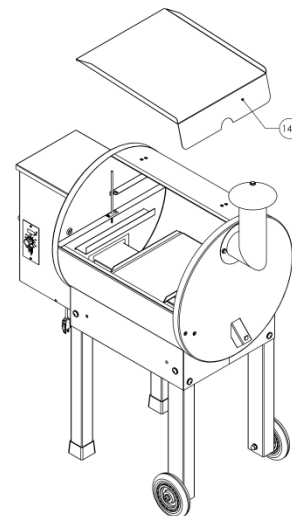
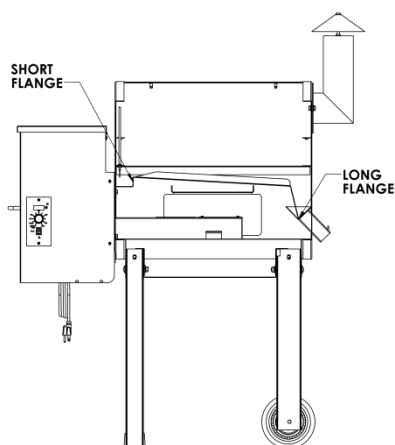
POSITIONING THE HEAT BAFFLE:

- 1) Position The Heat Baffle (140) directly over the Firepot on the locating brackets found on the inside walls of the Grill. The notched legs of the Heat Baffle (140) should be facing downward to fit onto the locating brackets.



POSITIONING THE GREASE DRAIN PAN:

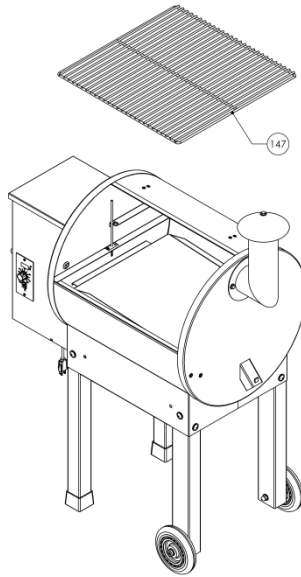
- 1) Position the Grease Drain Pan (141) so that the Short Lip end hooks over the Grease Drain Pan Support on the left side of the Grill. The Long Lip end should rest in the V-Shaped Grease Drain located inside the Grill on the right.



RECOMMENDATION for ease of clean-up: Line the Grease Drain Pan (141) with Heavy duty aluminum foil. Be sure the edges and ends of the foil are tight against the bottom of the Grease Drain Pan (141).

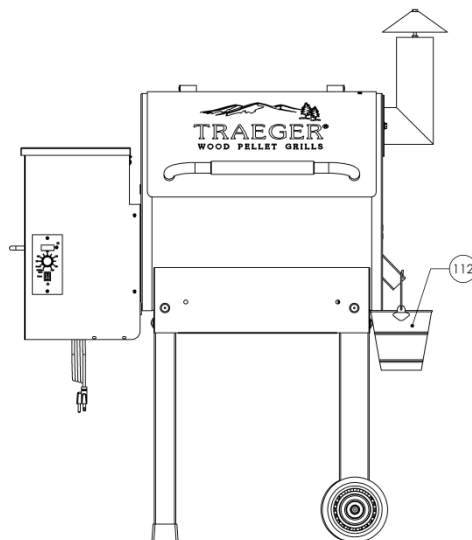
POSITIONING THE PORCELAIN GRILL:

- 1) Position the Porcelain Grill (147) on the Grill Supports that run the length of the cooking area.



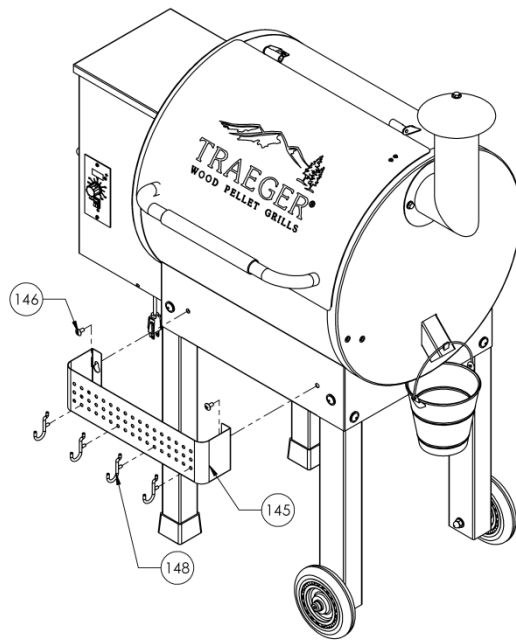
HANGING THE GREASE BUCKET:

- 1) Locate the Grease Drain Tube, extending from the Grill below the Smoke Stack on the right end. Hang the Grease Bucket (112) on the Bucket Hook.



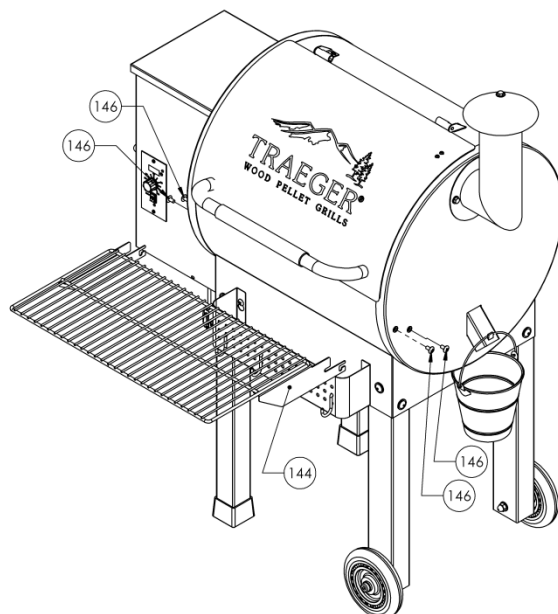
INSTALLING THE SPICE RACK AND GRILL HOOKS:

1. Insert the Screws (146) into the holes as shown and thread in until the screw head is $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch away from the grill.
2. Insert the spice rack (145) onto the screws by inserting the large end of the keyhole in the Spice Rack (145) and lowering down onto the small end of the keyhole.
3. Insert the Grill hooks (148) into the holes in the Spice Rack and arrange to your liking.



INSTALLING THE FRONT SHELF:

1. Insert the front shelf onto the grill body aligning the holes on the side with the holes in the Front shelf (144).
2. Insert the screws (146) into the slots located on the front shelf brackets and secure.



SECTION TWO: INITIAL FIRING INSTRUCTIONS

(To be used on initial firing or anytime the Grill runs out of Pellets)

In order to ensure proper operation of the Grill, you must first allow the Auger Tube to be “charged” with Pellets.

- 1) Open the Door and remove the Porcelain Grill, Grease Drain Pan and Heat Baffle from inside the Grill.
- 2) Make sure the Switch is in the OFF (o) position. Plug the Power Cord into an appropriate, grounded electrical outlet.
- 3) Open the Pellet Hopper Lid and locate the Auger. Make sure there are no foreign objects in the Auger. Turn the Switch ON (—) and the Temperature/dial to smoke look into the Pellet Hopper to confirm the Auger is turning. At the same time, place your fingers over the Firepot and feel the air movement from the Draft Inducer Fan. Look to see if the Hot Rod is getting hot (it will start to turn red). **CAUTION! Do not touch it.** Turn the Temperature/dial to SHUT DOWN CYCLE.
- 4) Fill the Pellet Hopper with TRAEGER BBQ PELLETS. **WARNING! Use only TRAEGER BRAND BBQ PELLETS, which are specifically made to work in our Grills. Never use heating fuel pellets in the Grill.** Turn the Temperature/Dial to HIGH. Note: During the initial charging of the Auger, it will take time for the Pellets to travel from the Pellet Hopper to the Firepot. When the Pellets begin to fall into the Firepot, turn the Temperature/Dial to Shut Down Cycle.
- 5) Set the Temperature/Dial to SMOKE. Let the Pellets come to full flame. Once you see flames come out of the Firepot, turn the Temperature/Dial to SHUT DOWN CYCLE, and let the Grill cool down.
Recommendation: For ease of clean-up, line the Grease Drain Pan with heavy-duty aluminum foil. Be sure the edges and ends of the foil are tight against the bottom of the Grease Drain Pan. Position the Heat Baffle, The foil lined Grease Drain Pan and Porcelain Grill in their proper locations.
- 6) With the Door open set the Temperature/Dial to SMOKE. In approximately 2 minutes you will notice whitish-gray smoke coming out of the Grill as the Pellets ignite. After assuring the Pellets have ignited, close the Door and set the Temperature/Dial to any cooking setting desired.
- 7) **Note: Before cooking the first batch of food in your new Grill, you will need to season the Grill. Turn the Temperature/Dial to HIGH and run for 45 minutes at this setting with the Door closed. This must be done before cooking any food on the Grill.**
- 8) The Grill should be allowed to preheat for approximately 10 minutes with the Door closed before placing food in the grill.

WARNING! START THE GRILL ON SMOKE SETTING WITH THE DOOR OPEN

**Once the Pellets are ignited, close the Door and
set the Temperature Dial to any cooking temperature desired.**

**WARNING! When operating this Grill, maintain a minimum
clearance of 12 inches from Grill to combustibles**

SECTION THREE: SUBSEQUENT START-UP

With the Door open, turn the Switch ON (--) and the Temperature/Dial to SMOKE. In approximately 2 minutes you will notice whitish-gray smoke coming out of the Grill as the Pellets ignite. After assuring the Pellets have ignited, close the Door and set the Temperature/Dial to any cooking setting desired. The Grill should be allowed to pre-heat for approximately 10 minutes with the Door closed before placing food in the Grill.

WARNING! If at any time, the Grill fails to light or the fire in the Firepot goes out while cooking or smoking, when sufficient pellets are still in the Pellet Hopper, it is important to follow these steps. Failure to do so may cause a hazardous “over-firing” of your grill due to an excess of unburned pellets in the Firepot.

- 1) **DANGER!** Turn the Switch OFF (o) and disconnect the Power Cord. If the Grill is still hot, allow it to thoroughly cool. Open the Door and remove all food, the Porcelain Grill, Grease Drain Pan and the Heat Baffle.
- 2) **WARNING!** Remove all unburned pellets and ash from inside and around the Firepot. (**See instructions for proper handling and disposal of ash in Section Five**)
- 3) Before replacing the Heat Baffle, Grease Drain Pan and the Porcelain Grill, plug the power Cord into an appropriate, grounded electrical outlet and restart the Grill. Pellets should fall into the Firepot and the Hot Rod should begin to heat (it will start to turn red). **CAUTION! Do not touch it.**
- 4) If this procedure is successful, you will soon see flames come out of the Firepot. Then turn the Switch OFF (o), and let the Grill cool down. Position the Heat Baffle, the Grease Drain Pan and Porcelain Grill in their proper locations. With the Door open, turn the Switch ON (--) and the Temperature/Dial to SMOKE. In approximately 2 minutes you will notice whitish-gray smoke coming out of the Grill as the Pellets ignite. After assuring the Pellets have ignited, close the Door and set the temperature/Dial to any cooking setting desired.
- 5) If this procedure is not successful, see **Section Six: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS** for troubleshooting tips or contact Traeger Technical Support (**Section Seven**) to help diagnose the problem before proceeding to the **MANUAL LIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS** below.

MANUAL LIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS:

If the Hot Rod only is not operating, the Grill can still be used to cook and smoke using the **MANUAL LIGHTING PROCEDURE** below:

- 1) **DANGER!** Turn the Switch OFF (o) and disconnect the Power Cord. Allow the Grill to thoroughly cool if it is still hot. From beneath the Pellet Hopper, disconnect the Hot Rod (Purple / White wire pair as shown in the wiring diagram near the end of this manual). You will need to remove the Hopper Bottom Panel to access the wiring. Once the Hot Rod is disconnected, replace the Hopper Bottom Panel and plug the Power Cord back into an appropriate, grounded electrical outlet.
- 2) Open the Pellet Hopper and fill with TRAEGER BBQ PELLETS.

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- 3) Remove the Porcelain Grill, Grease Drain Pan and Heat Baffle to expose the Firepot In the bottom of the Grill.
- 4) Pour 1/2 cup of TRAEGER BBQ PELLETS into the Firepot.
- 5) Squirt 2 tablespoons of Alcohol Gel fire lighter into the Firepot on top of the Pellets.

DANGER! Never use gasoline, gasoline-type lantern fuel, kerosene, charcoal lighter fluid or similar liquids to start or “freshen up” a fire in this Grill. Keep all such liquids well away from the Grill when in use.

- 6) Carefully light the Alcohol Gel with a fireplace match or a long-reach butane lighter.

DANGER! Never squirt Alcohol Gel into a burning fire or a hot Firepot. The Alcohol Gel bottle could explode and cause a fire, serious injury or death.

- 7) Let the Alcohol Gel and Pellets burn for approximately 4 minutes.
 - 8) After assuring the Pellets have ignited, install the Heat Baffle, Grease Drain Pan and Porcelain Grill back in place.
- CAUTION!** You will now have a fire in the Firepot. **Be careful not to burn yourself** when you install these components. Gloves are recommended.
- 9) Turn the Switch ON (→) and the Temperature/Dial to any setting desired. With the Door closed, let the Grill pre-heat for approximately 10 minutes before placing food in the Grill.

Control Shutdown cycle

The control for this barbecue comes with an automatic shut down cycle. When finished cooking on your barbecue set the Temperature/Dial Knob to the Shutdown Cycle position, this will leave the Draft Induction Fan running for ten minutes to burn any excess pellets in the fire pot. After the fan runs for ten minutes the controller will power off and the fan and it will stop running. **CAUTION!** The main power switch will shut the power off to the controller and the Temperature/Dial Knob switch will cut off power to the grill components only. When servicing the controller or any parts ensure that the power supply is disconnected to avoid a shock hazard.

Control Safety Features

The controller comes equipped with 2 safety features that will help you to keep the grill operating correctly. The first of these is a low temperature alarm. If the grill stays below 125 degrees as read by the RTD temperature sensing device for a period of 10 minutes the control will go into an alarm state and the display will read “LEr”. This will shut off all power to the internal components of the grill. The display will stay in this state until you turn off the main power switch.

The second safety feature will be a high temperature alarm. If the grill obtains an internal temperature reading of 550 degrees as read by the RTD temperature sensing device the control will go into alarm state and the display will read “HEr”. This will turn off all power to the internal components of the grill. The display will stay in this state until you turn off the main power switch.

Whenever either of these alarm conditions occurs you should check to see what caused this condition and fix the problem. Call customer service if you need help.

SECTION FOUR: OPERATING TIPS

- 1) The Temperature Dial can be changed at any time to increase or decrease the cooking temperature of the Grill. The HIGH/HIGHER temperature settings are for Grilling. The MEDIUM/MID RANGE temperature settings are for Slow Cooking. The SMOKE setting is for Smoking and adding Smoke Flavor to foods being cooked. The SMOKE setting can also be used to “hold” foods at approximately 180 to 200 degrees F.
- 2) **WARNING!** Your Traeger Pellet Grill should never be moved while it is hot. If you are transporting your Grill in a vehicle after cooking on it, make sure the fire is completely out and the Grill is **cold** before placing it in any vehicle. Never put water into the Firepot. It will jam the Auger.
- 3) Your Traeger Pellet Grill is designed to operate with the Door closed. Cooking with the Door open greatly lengthens your cooking time.
- 4) **DANGER!** Never add pellets by hand to a hot Firepot. This is dangerous and you may be seriously burned. If you run out of pellets and lose your fire while cooking, let the Grill completely cool and start again with the **INITIAL FIRING INSTRUCTIONS**.
- 5) **CAUTION!** Make sure the Heat Baffle is properly seated on its locating brackets. The long lips of the Heat Baffle should be pointing down over the Firepot. If not seated properly, direct heat and flame could come up out of the Firepot and cause a grease fire in the Grill.
- 6) When estimating cooking times, the outside temperature will be an important factor. If it is hot outside, it will take less time for food to cook. If it is cold, wet or windy, it will take longer.
- 7) Digital Thermostat Control Functions:
After selecting your cooking temperature (with the exception of “SMOKE”) the Auger will operate continuously until the selected temperature is reached. From that point forward, the Digital Control will cycle the Auger off and on to maintain the selected temperature until the Temperature/Dial is changed. When operating in “Smoke” mode, the Auger will cycle **on** for 15 seconds and **off** for 65 seconds. There is **no** temperature control with the “Smoke” setting. This timed cycle setting for “Smoke” is a factory pre-set recommended by Traeger Pellet Grills to develop a “Smoking” temperature of 150 to 180 degrees F.

However you can change this timed cycle to suit your particular needs. Refer to the Wiring Diagram found near the end of this manual and locate the Smoke Adjustment. It is a switch inside a small hole on the face of the Digital Control to the right of the Readout. While the Digital Control is **on**, use a very small screwdriver or other pointed object (a bent paper clip works well) to gently depress the switch. When you depress the switch, the Readout will change from a temperature to “P” followed by a number. The factory pre-set mentioned earlier is P-2. The setting range is from P-0 to P-5. The “P” readout will change each time you depress the switch. With all “P” settings, the Auger **on** time remains **constant** at 15 seconds while the **off** time is influenced by the “P” setting. For example: A P-3 setting will result in an Auger **on** time of 15 seconds and an Auger **off** time of 75 seconds, an increase in the **off** time of 10 seconds from the P-2 setting. Each change in the “P” number -up or down- results in an increase or decrease of 10 seconds for the Auger **off** time. Increasing the number decreases Smoking Temperature. Decreasing the number increases Smoking Temperature. The Traeger Service Department recommends a setting no higher than P-4. Also, if you do make a Smoke Adjustment, the temperature on the Readout should be monitored. If the temperature is consistently below 160 degrees F. while “Smoking”, **decrease** the “P” setting because there is a risk of losing the fire in the Firepot.

WARNING! If the fire in the Firepot goes out while smoking, when sufficient Pellets are still in the Pellet Hopper, it is important to follow these steps. Failure to do so may cause a hazardous “over-firing” of your grill due to an excess of unburned pellets in the Firepot. You may need to **decrease** the “P” setting to prevent your fire from going out in the “Smoke” mode.

a) **DANGER!** Turn the Switch OFF (o) and disconnect the Power Cord. Allow the Grill to thoroughly cool if it is still hot. Open the Door and remove all food, the Porcelain Grill, Grease Drain Pan and the Heat Baffle.

b) **WARNING!** Remove all unburned pellets and ash from inside and around the Firepot. **(See instructions for proper handling and disposal of ash in Section Five)**

c) Before replacing the Heat Baffle, Grease Drain Pan and the Porcelain Grill, plug the Power Cord into an appropriate, grounded electrical outlet and turn the Switch ON (--). Pellets should fall into the Firepot and the Hot Rod should begin to heat (it will start to turn red). **CAUTION! Do not touch it.**

d) You will soon see flames come out of the Firepot. Then turn the Switch OFF (o), and let the Grill cool down. Position the Heat Baffle, the Grease Drain Pan and Porcelain Grill in their proper locations. With the Door open, turn the Switch ON (--) and the Temperature/Dial to SMOKE. In approximately 2 minutes you will notice whitish-gray smoke coming out of the Grill as the Pellets ignite. After assuring the Pellets have ignited, close the Door and set the Temperature/Dial to any cooking setting desired.

8) **CARBON MONOXIDE:**

WARNING! Follow these guidelines to prevent this colorless, odorless gas from poisoning you, your family or others.

- Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, sleepiness and confusion. Carbon monoxide reduces the blood's ability to carry oxygen. Low blood oxygen levels can result in loss of consciousness and death.
- See a doctor if you or others develop cold or flu-like symptoms while cooking or in the vicinity of this Grill. Carbon monoxide poisoning, which can easily be mistaken for a cold or flu, is often detected too late.
- Alcohol consumption and drug use increase the effects of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide is especially toxic to mother and child during pregnancy, infants, the elderly, smokers and people with blood or circulatory problems, such as anemia or heart disease.

9) **CAUTION!** Grease fires are caused by not properly maintaining the Grill by failing to clean your Grease Drain Pan, V-shaped Grease Drain and Grease Drain Tube on a consistent basis. **(See Section Five for maintenance instructions)** In the unlikely event of a grease fire while cooking, **turn the Switch OFF (o) and Keep the Door closed** until the fire is completely out. Never keep the Door open during a grease fire. If it does not go out, lightly sprinkle baking soda on the fire. **CAUTION! Be careful not to burn yourself.** If this does not work then carefully remove the food from the Grill and keep the Door closed until the fire is completely out. **Again, be careful not to burn yourself.** When the Grill is completely cool, remove the Porcelain Grill and replace the foil on the Grease Drain Pan. Clean any grease accumulation from the V-shaped Grease Drain and the Grease Drain Tube. Replace the Grease Drain Pan and the Porcelain Grill in their proper positions, restart the Grill and resume cooking.

HOPPER CLEANOUT SYSTEM

This model barbeque has a hopper cleanout system which gives you the advantage of being able to change from one flavor of pellets to another quickly and without mess. Below are instructions on how to use this feature.

WARNING! Unplug the barbeque from the power source before using the cleanout system.

Hopper cleanout process:

- 1) Place a container large enough to hold the discharged pellets (16lbs when full) under the hopper cleanout located on the back of the hopper. (see Figure 4-4)
- 2) Unscrew the fastener located on the door of the hopper cleanout and lift the door to open allowing the pellets to fall into the container below. (see Figure 4-3)
- 3) You will need to use a spatula or a spoon to push the last few pellets out through the door.
- 4) Then close the door and screw the fastener back into the hopper and refill with another flavor of Traeger Wood Pellets.
- 5) Plug the barbeque back in and follow the initial startup instructions in this manual.

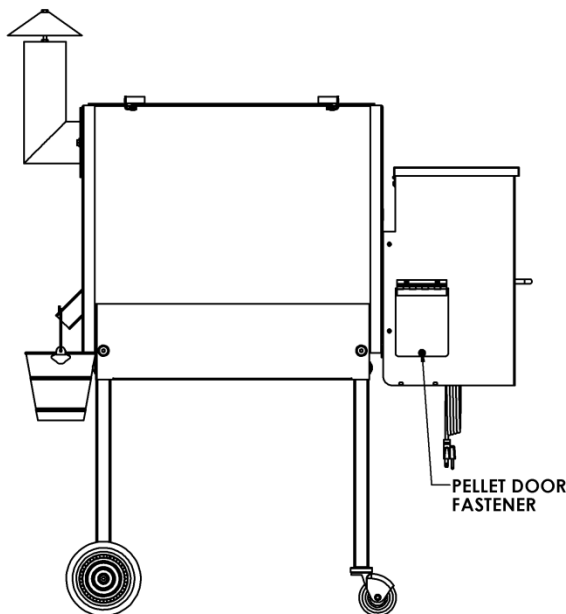


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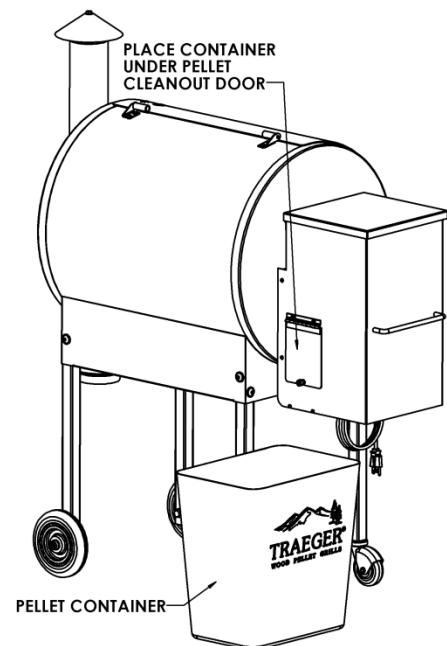


Figure 4-4

SECTION FIVE: MAINTAINING YOUR NEW GRILL

1) CREOSOTE AND GREASE: Formation and need for removal.

When wood pellets are burned slowly, they produce tar and other organic vapors that combine with expelled moisture to form creosote. The creosote vapors condense in the relatively cool flue exhaust of a slow burning fire. As a result, creosote accumulates on the flue lining. When ignited, creosote makes an extremely hot fire. Airborne grease particles will travel through the cooking chamber and some of this airborne grease will accumulate on the flue lining, similar to the creosote, which could be contributory to a fire.

The flue exhaust should be inspected at least twice a year to determine when a creosote and/or grease buildup has occurred.

Also, grease drippings from the food will fall onto the Grease Drain Pan and be channeled into the Grease Drain and then out of the Grill through the Grease Drain Tube, to be collected in the Grease Bucket. Grease will accumulate in all of these locations.

The Grease Drain, the Grease Drain Tube and the Grease Bucket should be inspected at least twice a year for signs of grease buildup.

When creosote or grease has accumulated, it should be removed to reduce the risk of fire.

Cleaning the Flue (Smoke Stack):

DANGER! Turn the Switch OFF (o) and disconnect the Power Cord.

CAUTION! Make sure that the Grill is cold before cleaning the Flue Pipe. Remove (unscrew) the Chimney Cap Assembly from the top of the Flue Pipe. Once the Chimney Cap Assembly has been removed, it can be cleaned with warm, soapy water or with a biodegradable degreaser.

Scrape the creosote and grease accumulation from the inside of the vertical and horizontal sections of the Flue Pipe, using a stiff, non-metallic tool. A wooden paint stir stick, for example, would work for this task. Once the creosote and grease residue has been loosened from the Flue Pipe lining, much of it can be removed with paper towels or disposable rags. Do not spray water or other liquid cleaners onto the inside of your Grill. Once the Flue Pipe has been cleaned, replace the Chimney Cap Assembly.

Cleaning Grease from your Grill:

DANGER! Turn the Switch OFF (o) and disconnect the Power Cord.

CAUTION! Accumulated grease is easier to clean off when the Grill is still warm –not hot. **Be careful not to burn yourself.** Gloves are recommended.

Periodically, clean the grease out of the V-shaped Grease Drain and Grease Drain Tube. If too much grease is allowed to build up in the V-shaped Grease Drain, or is

allowed to plug the Grease Drain Tube, a grease fire could result. We recommend cleaning these locations regularly.

Remove the Porcelain Grill and the Grease Drain Pan. This will provide access to the V-shaped Grease Drain and Grease Drain Tube opening inside the Grill. Scrape the grease accumulation from the inside the V-shaped Grease Drain and Grease Drain Tube, using a stiff, non-metallic tool. Much of the loosened grease can be pushed down through the Grease Drain Tube and will fall into the Grease Bucket. Wipe up remaining grease residue with paper towels or disposable rags. Paper towels or disposable rags can also be used to wipe some of the grease off of the interior surfaces of the Grill.

Line your Grease Bucket with aluminum foil for easy clean-up. Empty it occasionally, depending on amount of use. Change the aluminum foil on the Grease Drain Pan frequently (sometimes, after each use, depending upon what was cooked). Clean foil on the Grease Drain Pan will make your food taste better and reduce the risk of a grease fire.

2) Cleaning outside surfaces:

DANGER! Turn the Switch OFF (o) and disconnect the Power Cord.

Use a disposable rag or cloth, dampened with warm soapy water to wipe the grease from the outside of the Grill. DO NOT use oven cleaner, abrasive cleansers or abrasive cleaning pads on the outside Grill surfaces.

3) Outside Storage:

CAUTION! If the Grill is stored outside during the rainy season, care should be taken to ensure that water does not get into the Pellet Hopper. Wood pellets, when wet, expand greatly and will jam your Auger. A Traeger Grill Cover to protect the Grill is highly recommended! Covers are available from your Traeger Dealer, or log on to our Web Site – www.traegergrills.com.

4) Cleaning the Porcelain Grill:

CAUTION! The cleaning of the Porcelain Grill works best while they are still warm. **Be careful not to burn yourself.** We recommend keeping a long-handled cleaning brush near the Grill. After removing your food, give the Porcelain Grill a quick brushing. It takes only a minute and it will be ready the next time you want to use the Grill.

5) Cleaning the ash from inside and around the Firepot:

DANGER! Turn the Switch OFF (o) and disconnect the Power Cord.

WARNING! Make sure that the Grill is **COLD** before cleaning the ash.

WARNING! Disposal of ashes should be done only per the following instructions.

Excess ash in the Firepot may cause your fire to go out, especially in the “SMOKE” setting. The Firepot should be inspected occasionally, and cleaned to remove the

ash buildup. Again, cleaning the ash from in and around the Firepot should be done only when the Grill is **COLD**.

Remove the Porcelain Grill, Grease Drain Pan and Heat Baffle to provide access to the Firepot and the interior of the Grill. Much of the ash outside of the Firepot can be swept to the open area at the right of the Firepot using a small whisk broom. It can be removed from the Grill with a small metal fireplace shovel or other similar tool. Dispose of the ashes per the following instructions.

WARNING! A vacuum cleaner is the best way to remove ashes from the Firepot but this must be done with extreme care to avoid the risk of fire. Again, cleaning the ash from the Firepot should be done only when the Grill is **COLD**.

A utility-type vacuum cleaner, having a metal collection canister without a bag would be best for this task. However, almost any vacuum cleaner will work safely if this procedure is properly followed.

After assuring that the ash in the Firepot is **COLD**, vacuum the ash from the inside of the Firepot.

A) If your vacuum cleaner is a bagless model, empty any previously accumulated debris from the collection chamber. Then vacuum the ash from the inside of the Firepot. Once the Firepot is clean, empty the collection chamber into the metal container described below without delay. Make sure that there is no remaining ash residue left in the collection chamber

B) If your vacuum cleaner is a model that uses a disposable bag, install an unused one in the machine. Then vacuum the ash from the inside of the Firepot. Once the Firepot is clean, remove the bag from the vacuum cleaner and place it in the metal container described below without delay.

DISPOSAL OF ASHES:

WARNING! Ashes should be placed in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. The closed container of ashes should be placed on a non-combustible floor or on the ground, well away from all combustible materials, pending final disposal. When the ashes are disposed of by burial in soil or otherwise locally dispersed, they should be retained in the closed container until all cinders have thoroughly cooled.

SECTION SIX: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY WON'T MY GRILL IGNITE?

- 1) Verify power at the electrical outlet.
 - a) If Power Cord is connected to a GFI (Ground Fault Interrupter), check and reset if necessary.
 - b) Initiate startup.

Still no ignition – Proceed to step 2.

- 2) **DANGER!** Turn the Switch OFF (o) and disconnect the Power Cord.
 - a) Remove the Control and check the fuse on back. Replace the fuse if blown.
Reinstall the Control!
 - b) Unplug Hot Rod connector (Purple/White wire pair), plug Power Cord into an appropriate, grounded electrical outlet and turn the Switch ON (--). **NOTE: At this point the Grill will not ignite.**
 - c) Check the Draft Inducer Fan and the Auger Drive Motor for operation. If both are operating -- the Hot Rod needs to be replaced. If one or both are not operating, contact Traeger Technical Support (**Section Seven**) for additional troubleshooting help. Contact your Traeger Dealer or the Traeger Parts Department (**Section Seven**) to place an order.
- 3) If the problem is identified to be a failed Hot Rod, the Grill can still be used to cook and smoke by following the **MANUAL LIGHTING INSTRUCTIONS** in **Section Three** of this OWNER'S MANUAL.

WHY ARE NO PELLETS BEING DELIVERED INTO THE FIREPOT?

- 1) Verify that there are Pellets in the Pellet Hopper. If this is the **INITIAL FIRING** or the Grill has run out of Pellets, allow sufficient time for the Pellets to travel from the Pellet Hopper to the Firepot (can take up to 7 minutes).
- 2) Initiate startup. See **INITIAL FIRING INSTRUCTIONS** in **Section Two** of this OWNER'S MANUAL.

Still no Pellets in the Firepot – Proceed to step 3.

- 3) **DANGER!** Turn the Switch OFF (o) and disconnect the Power Cord.
 - a) Unplug the Auger Drive Motor (Red/White wire pair connector) and the Draft Inducer Fan (Orange/White wire pair connector).
 - b) Reconnect the Draft Inducer Fan to the Red/White wire pair and the Auger Drive Motor to the Orange/White pair.
 - c) Plug the Power Cord into an appropriate, grounded electrical outlet and turn the Switch ON (--).
 - d) If the Auger Drive Motor **is** operating (check the small fan blade on the back of the motor), the problem is in the Three Speed or Digital Control, which will need to be replaced. Contact your Traeger Dealer or the Traeger Parts Department (**Section Seven**) to place an order.
- 4) If the Auger Drive Motor **is not** operating but the Draft Inducer Fan **is** operating, the problem is in the Auger system, which will need to be checked.
 - a) With the Switch OFF (o), locate the small fan blade on the back of the Auger Drive Motor.
 - b) **CAUTION!** While watching the fan blade, turn the Switch ON (--). If the fan blade **does not** turn, turn the Switch OFF (o). This indicates a defective Auger Drive Motor

and it will need to be replaced. Contact your Traeger Dealer or the Traeger Parts Department (**Section Seven**) to place an order.

c) If the fan blade turns a bit and then stops, continue watching and turn the Switch OFF (o). If the fan blade UNWINDS slightly, this indicates a jam in the Auger system which will need to be cleared.

d) **DANGER!** Turn the Switch OFF (o) and disconnect the Power Cord. Remove the Pellets from the Pellet Hopper. Check for foreign objects and wet or decomposed Pellets, both of which can cause a jam in the Auger system. The Auger will need to be removed to clear a jam in the Auger system. See “HOW DO I REMOVE THE AUGER IF IT JAMS?” section below.

HOW DO I REMOVE THE AUGER IF IT JAMS?

- 1) **DANGER!** Turn the Switch OFF (o) and disconnect the Power Cord.
- 2) **CAUTION!** If the Grill is still hot, allow it to thoroughly cool.
- 3) Remove any covers necessary to access the Auger Drive Motor.
- 4) Remove the screw connecting the Auger Drive Motor shaft to the Auger shaft and the screw retaining the Auger Bushing into the Auger Tube.
- 5) With a small pipe wrench or locking pliers on the Auger shaft, turn the Auger counter clockwise. It will turn hard until it breaks free, then the Auger will turn freely.
- 6) Remove the Auger and clean all Pellets, ash or foreign objects from the Auger, Auger Tube and Firepot. (**See instructions for proper handling and disposal of ash in Section Five**)
- 7) Sand the outside surfaces of the auger with medium grit sandpaper. Check the inside of the Auger Tube and sand it if needed. Vacuum the sanding grit out of the Auger Tube and Firepot when finished. Check that the Auger rotates freely.
- 9) Re-attach the Auger shaft to the Auger Drive Motor shaft.

WHY DOES MY GRILL FIRE GO OUT ON “SMOKE” SETTING?

The “P” number for the Smoke Adjustment on the Digital Control may be set too high.

Review the Digital Thermostat Control Functions in **Section Four: Operating Tips** to make an adjustment.

There may be excess ash in the Firepot which needs to be cleaned.

WARNING! If the fire in the Firepot goes out while smoking, when sufficient Pellets are still in the Pellet Hopper, it is important to follow these steps. Failure to do so may cause a hazardous “over-firing” of your grill due to an excess of unburned pellets in the Firepot.

a) **DANGER!** Turn the Switch OFF (o) and disconnect the Power Cord. If the Grill is still hot, allow it to thoroughly cool. Open the Door and remove all food, the Porcelain Grill, Grease Drain Pan and the Heat Baffle.

b) **WARNING!** Remove all unburned pellets and ash from inside and around the Firepot. (**See instructions for proper handling and disposal of ash in Section Five**)

c) Before replacing the Heat Baffle, Grease Drain Pan and the Porcelain Grill, plug the Power Cord into an appropriate, grounded electrical outlet and turn the Switch ON (--). Pellets should fall into the Firepot and the Hot Rod should begin to heat (it will start to turn red). **CAUTION! Do not touch it.**

- d) If this procedure **is** successful, you will soon see flames come out of the Firepot. Then turn the Switch OFF (o), and let the Grill cool down. Position the Heat Baffle, the Grease Drain Pan and Porcelain Grill in their proper locations. With the Door open, turn the Switch ON (--) and the Temperature/Dial to SMOKE. In approximately 2 minutes you will notice whitish-gray smoke coming out of the Grill as the Pellets ignite. After assuring the Pellets have ignited, close the Door and set the Temperature/Dial to any cooking setting desired.
- e) If this didn't remedy the problem, contact Traeger Technical Support (**Section Seven**) for additional troubleshooting help.

WITH THE TRAEGER DIGITAL CONTROL, WHAT DIAL SETTING IS RECOMMENDED FOR STARTING THE GRILL?

The auto-start procedure is the same for all Grill Controls. With the Door open, turn the Switch ON (--) and the Temperature/Dial to SMOKE. In approximately 2 minutes you will notice whitish-gray smoke coming out of the Grill as the Pellets ignite. After assuring the Pellets have ignited, close the Door and set the Temperature Dial to any cooking setting desired.

WHAT TEMPERATURE SETTINGS DO I USE WITH MY DIGITAL THERMOSTAT CONTROL WHEN THE COOKBOOK RECIPES CALL FOR SMOKE, MEDIUM AND HIGH?

This handy conversion chart will help you determine where to set the Thermostat when the recipes call for "Smoke", "Medium" or "High" settings with the 3-Speed Smoker Control. **Remember:** Grill temperature is affected by conditions such as outside temperature, precipitation and wind as well as altitude. Please keep this in mind when determining how long it will take food to cook on your Grill.

3-Speed Smoker Control Settings	Digital Thermostat Suggested Settings
Smoke	Smoke (150-180 F.)
Medium	225-275 Degrees F.
High	350-400 Degrees F.

HOW DO I PROTECT MY PAINT FINISH?

- 1) Use a protective Cover on the Grill and touch-up paint to repair any scratches. **A TRAEGER GRILL COVER to protect the Grill is highly recommended! Covers and touch-up paint are available from your Traeger Dealer, or log on to our Web Site – www.traegergrills.com.**
- 2) Every 90 days, use a high quality car wax on the outside surfaces of the Grill. **ONLY APPLY WAX TO A COLD GRILL.**

WHERE CAN I GET A NEW PART FOR MY GRILL?

Check with your Traeger Dealer. They may have the part in stock or can order the part for you. Or you can contact the Traeger Parts Department (**Section Seven**) to place an order. In either case, please provide your name, phone number, address, Model and Serial Number of the Grill (located on a label inside the Hopper Lid), along with the part identification number from the Component Diagram.

SECTION SEVEN: TRAEGER SUPPORT

Parts are identified by number on the following COMPONENT DIAGRAM PAGE.
To order parts: Call, E-mail or write to your Traeger Dealer or Traeger Pellet Grills. Please provide your name, phone number, address, Model and Serial Number of the Grill (located on a label inside the Hopper Lid), along with the part identification number from the Component Diagram.

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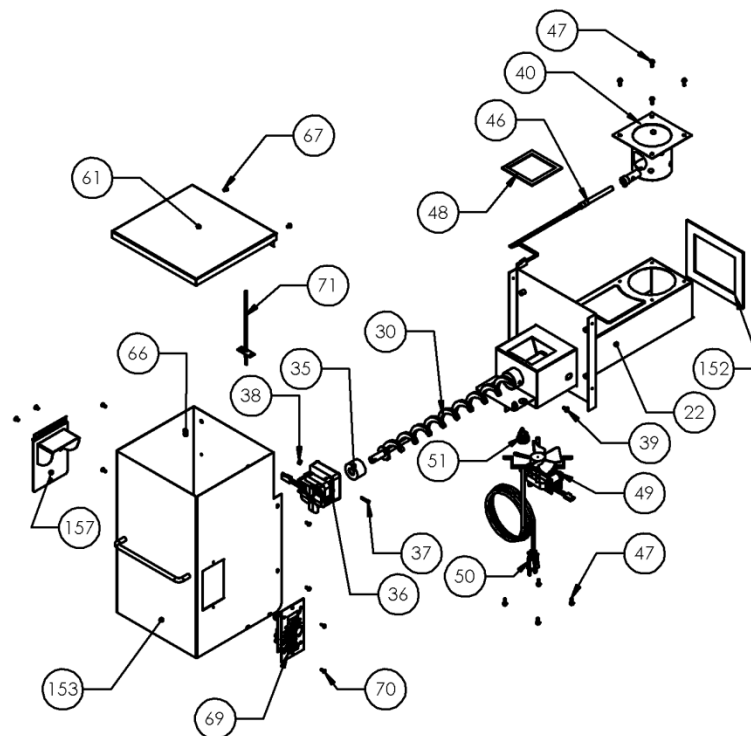
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Item	Qty	Description	P/N	Item	Qty	Description	P/N
2	1	Grill Frame Assembly	SUB925	108	2	Washer 5/16 Flat Zinc	HDW120
K	2	Washer .300 x .600 Zinc	HDW271	109	2	Nut 3/8-16 Acorn	HDW132
20	1	Hopper Burner Assembly	SUB926	112	1	Grease Bucket	HDW152
22	1	Burner Box Assembly	SUB002	113	1	Flue Pipe Assembly	FAB309
30	1	Auger Assembly 070, 07E	SUB005	119	1	Chimney Cap Assembly Black	SUB008
35	1	Auger Tube Bushing	BRN109	126	1	Flue Pipe Gasket	INS145
36	1	Auger Drive Motor	BRN100	B	2	Bolt 1/4-20 x .47 Hex Head	HDW004
37	1	Screw 6-32 x .750 Socket Hd	HDW116	F	8	Washer 1/4 Flat Zinc	HDW130
38	1	Nut 6-32 Nylock Zinc	HDW111	A	6	Bolt 5/16-18 x 2.5 Socket Black	HDW326
39	1	Screw 8-32 x .375 S-tap	HDW114	C	8	Nut 5/16-18 Hex Black	HDW006
40	1	Firepot Assembly	FAB310	G	8	Washer 5/16 Lock Black	HDW008
46	1	Hot Rod (Igniter)	BAC199	E	16	Washer 5/16 Flat Black	HDW007
47	8	Screw #8 x .5 Hex S-Tap	HDW119	J	2	Bolt 1/4-20 x .310 Hex Zinc	HDW088
48	1	3/8 x 3/16 Thick Gasket	BRN900	140	1	Heat Baffle	BCA012
49	1	Draft Inducer Fan Assy	FAN209	141	1	Drain Pan	BCA777
50	1	Power Cord 8' Nema 120v	ELE203	143	1	Door Handle Assembly	SUB841
51	1	Strain Relief	ELE210	144	1	Front Shelf Assembly	SUB849
61	1	Hopper Lid Assembly	SUB004	145	1	Spice Holder Assembly	SUB932
66	2	Nut 8-32 K-Lock Zinc	HDW108	146	6	Shoulder Bolt 1/4-20	HDW165
67	2	Screw 8-32 x .25 PPHD Zinc	HDW079	147	1	Porcelain Grill	HDW317
69	1	Digital Control W/SDC	BAC283	148	4	Grill Hook Assembly	SUB847
70	6	Screw 6-32 x .375 S-Tap	HDW115	H	2	Bolt 5/16-18 x 3.5 Socket Black	HDW327
71	1	7" RTD Sensor	BAC194	152	1	Burner Gasket	INS144
80	1	Door Assembly	SUB928	153	1	Hopper Sub Assembly	SUB518
91	4	Screw 8-32 x .5 PH Truss Zinc	HDW117	D	2	Nut 1/4-20 Hex	HDW123
99	2	Leg 2" Square	FAB314	155	1	Door Hinge Left	HDW086
104	2	Wheel Leg 2 x 3	FAB315	156	1	Door Hinge Right	HDW085
106	2	6" Vipor Wheel Black	HDW294	157	1	Pellet Dump Door Assembly	SUB369
107	2	Shoulder Bolt 3/8-16 Thread	HDW131	152	1	Burner Gasket	INS144

*= Not shown on components drawing.

DIGITAL THERMOSTAT CONTROL WIRING DIAGRAM

