

Bayou Classic Outdoor Deep Fryer review

The Bayou Classic Outdoor Deep Fryer is a versatile propane cooking unit that comes with all the accessories necessary to perform a variety of outdoor cooking tasks. The strong sturdy unit has precision burner control that adjusts to allow everything from warming a small pot of liquid to bringing 30 quarts of water or oil to a boil in minutes.

The included windscreen allows operation in all weather conditions. The extension leg set allows the burner to be adjusted to a comfortable height for a variety of pot sizes.

Product features:

- 13 inch welded steel SP10 frame
- Extension leg set that can reach up to 22.25 inches in height
- 14 inch diameter cooking surface
- 10 quart aluminium fry pot
- Fry pot basket
- 48 inch stainless steel braided hose
- High pressure preset regulator with brass control valve
- 360 degree windscreen protection

The Good

Assembling this unit is extremely simple and you will be ready to cook in 15 to 20 minutes. The propane unit will bring cooking oil to a boil quickly. This unit allows many cooking possibilities that many people are not aware of.

Pretty much anything that you wouldn't want to cook in your kitchen, whether due to smells or extreme heat, can now be done on the patio or in the garage much more quickly than on the stove top. This means that you can cook foods such as fish for example without having to deal with the unpleasant smell.

Amateur home brewers can also do quick full boils outside instead of settling for a partial boil on the stove that can take forever before it reaches the necessary temperature.

All burner and stand parts are heavy duty. The flame control is very responsive and allows fine-tuning of flame height for a variety of temperature levels.

The adjustable leg extensions allow you to fix the burner height at a comfortable height depending on the pot size employed. Per instance, setting the unit to a lower height for large pots of oil will not only be more convenient, but will also provide extra stability and safety.

The Bad

The first issue we had with this unit is that the stand and burner is painted with a high temperature black paint. The first time that you'll light the burner, the paint will heat and you might notice a fairly unpleasant odor.

You'll have to light the burner and allow the new paint to have a burn off period before you can use it for the first time. This period may vary between twenty to thirty minutes at medium high heat. Make sure not to perform this procedure too close to the house as it will produce smoke.

The 10 quart aluminium pot does not have the sturdy characteristics of a stainless steel pot. (Bayou Classic does offer cookers available with a stainless pot). The aluminium pot may be susceptible to damage if it is not taken care of properly.

Because the pot is made of aluminium, home brewers should oxidize the pot before using it. This involves boiling a full pot for 30 to 60 minutes before it is used for the first time. After this process you will notice that the shine will be gone from the interior of the pot. This means that you now have a protective coating of aluminium oxide on the inside of the pot.

Our Verdict

Overall the Bayou Classic Outdoor Fryer is an excellent cooker that performs the job it was intended for very well. The precautions that need to be taken prior to its initial use are typical of all outdoor cookers.

The instruction manual that comes with the unit is detailed and you should have no trouble assembling the unit or understanding how to operate the burner in a safe manner.

The issue of burning off new paint is always going to be necessary with any outdoor propane burner (the same process is also required with wood stoves before they are used indoors for the first time).

But once these initial setup procedures are performed, the Bayou Classic Outdoor Fryer will become a favorite of yours not only for camping and tailgating but for day to day cooking as well.

In addition, it will provide extra convenience for people who don't want to do too much deep frying inside their houses.

All in all, the Bayou Classic Outdoor fryer is a well built and easy to use item that every deep frying amateur should have in their home.