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KALAMAZOO OUTDOOR GOURMET™ LAUNCHES OUTDOOR RATED VENT HOOD



CHICAGO, IL (March 26, 2009) - An increasing number of homeowners are building full roofs over their outdoor kitchen and living areas, which is allowing them to enjoy their investment, rain or shine. However, homeowners are challenged to find vent hoods for their grills that provide adequate performance and durability outdoors. Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet™, the leader in custom outdoor kitchens, has developed a new vent hood that provides exceptional outdoor performance.

The Kalamazoo Outdoor Vent Hood is specifically engineered to control the smoke produced by Kalamazoo's powerful hybrid grills that cook with gas, charcoal or wood. It is hand-crafted entirely of stainless steel and designed to complement Kalamazoo's most popular grill, the Kalamazoo 900 Hybrid Built-In Grill.

"For grills located under a roof or any partially enclosed outdoor room, a vent hood is necessary to control the smoke, grease and all other emissions," says Deborah Krasner, designer and author, Kitchens for Cooks. "With Kalamazoo's hood designed to commercial specifications, it's ideally suited for the job."

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Drawing on Kalamazoo's deep outdoor expertise, the Kalamazoo Outdoor Vent Hood outperforms other vent hoods on the market and is the only residential outdoor kitchen hood engineered to restaurant kitchen standards. It has multiple design features that consumers will welcome:

- Distinctive styling and proportions that complement the aesthetics of a Kalamazoo custom outdoor kitchen
- Hand-crafted, welded and finished from heavy-gauge stainless steel, including easy to clean stainless steel baffle filters that will last a lifetime
- Engineered to manage even the toughest smoke conditions, including a combination of wood, gas or charcoal on a high-performance grill such as the Kalamazoo 900 Hybrid Built-In Grill
- Built-in lighting with two illumination levels – one for comfortable after-dark cooking and a second ambient light setting for when the meal is served
- Three speed, quiet-control remote fan that pulls 14,000 CFM, ensuring that no meal or party is disturbed by smoke or noise
- Choice of an inline fan for installations where a remote fan is not practical
- Custom length chimney covers built to order to meet project specifications

"At Kalamazoo, we're exclusively focused on meeting the complete needs of the outdoor cook. With more and more homeowners investing in roof structures, we wanted to pioneer an outdoor oven hood with unique features, design and performance for years of enjoyable outdoor cooking and entertaining," says Russ Falk, vice president of marketing and product development, Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet.

The Kalamazoo Outdoor Vent Hood is available to homeowners and design professionals Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet or its authorized dealer partners around the country. Photo available upon request.

Kalamazoo Wall-Mount Outdoor Vent Hood: \$3,690
1,400 CFM Quiet-Control Remote Fan: \$1,260
1,200 CFM Inline Fan: \$795

About Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet

Kalamazoo Outdoor Gourmet has been bringing gourmet lifestyles outdoors for more than 100 years and is the one-stop resource for creating the ultimate outdoor kitchen. From revolutionary hybrid grills that cook with charcoal, wood and gas, to the most powerful and energy efficient outdoor refrigeration available, Kalamazoo is the leading manufacturer in outdoor cooking and entertaining equipment. The complete line includes grills, refrigerators, freezers, wine chillers, keg tappers, weather-tight cabinets, wok cooktops, lobster boil pits, martini bars and a countertop pizza oven.

Please visit www.KalamazooGourmet.com for more information or call 1.800.868.1699 to speak with an outdoor kitchen design expert.

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