

Grill Canopy, Simple Inventions that Mean a Lot

BANFF, CANADA , August 12, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Throughout the history of technology there have been a lot of small inventions that don't attract a lot of attention, but that make big differences in our lives. Brooms, clothespins and safety pins – little things we use and don't even think about. The newest of the quiet little innovations might have just come to Canada. Sacha Hockenhull and Matt Chaplin, two dedicated grillers, got tired of the current quality of grill covers. They noted that a lot of grill covers are made of cheap



materials that crack and become unsightly over time. These ordinary grill covers tend to blow off and land on the ground or deck, getting dirty and not protecting the grill at all. Being pretty good at do-it-yourself projects, they decided to [develop a grill cover](#) that would actually do the job it is supposed to do.

It took two years to develop the grill cover they had in mind. First of all, they wanted a material that wouldn't crack or break when subjected to Canadian winter weather. After trying several different ones, they settled on the same stuff outdoor enthusiasts use for their clothing. Next, the grill cover needed to fit any size or kind of grill. To do this, they created shaping ribs across the top of the grill so that it could be adjusted for a good fit for each grill. Finally, they wanted a grill cover that could be removed with one hand, and that would become an integral part of the grill assembly. For this last step, they developed a holder that could be bolted to the end of the grill table – the kind that comes with almost every grill.

Matt and Sacha developed 23 different prototypes before they came up with the final product that they named the Grill Canopy. To start out with, they created grill canopies by hand, working out of their homes and their garage. They developed an enthusiastic group of satisfied, even fanatical, customers who can testify to the value of this particular invention. It stays on the grill, it is adjustable, it can be removed with one hand, and it tucks tidily into a holding rack so that it never touches the ground while the grill is in use. One small note: you do have to wait for the grill to cool down before covering it up again, otherwise the heat will damage the grill canopy. Even with a truly great invention, you just can't have everything.

Now, the guys would like to broaden the scope of their operation. But getting the Grill Canopy into a more commercial type of production takes a bit of cash, so they started a [Kickstarter Crowdfunding campaign](#). Like all Kickstarter's, you can give a little or a lot, and the more you give the greater the rewards, as follows:

- \$5.00 – You have our thanks, and will get updates about the product.
- \$40.00 – Receive an official Grill Canopy Apron, and a GC coaster.
- \$69.00 – Early Bird Special, one Grill Canopy at a super discounted price and the first 240 ship free.

After the first 240, you still get a Grill Canopy, but have to pay shipping.

- \$99.00 – Nets you one Grill Canopy, and free shipping.
- \$139.00 – First 50 contributions at this level will receive 2 grill covers, one for you and one to share with a friend. This includes free shipping, but both covers will go to a single address. After the first fifty, contributors at this level will receive one Grill canopy, with free shipping.
- \$200.00 – Grill canopy, plus one of all other rewards.

This could be your chance to support the next simple invention that means a lot – especially to dedicated, backyard or patio grillers. Grill canopies could be the future cover for a lot more than just grills – could lawn mowers be next? Or Snow mobiles? Who can say? But for now, let's just concentrate on getting that all-important culinary item, the home grill, under cover and safe from the elements. The Grill Canopy makes a stylish addition to any well-planned patio, and can easily become the envy of all the neighbors. When it comes to barbeque covering systems, the Grill Canopy just might be an [innovation that can't be beat](#).

About:

Sacha Hockenhull, event manager, mountain climber, and inventor of the Grill Canopy, is originally from Scotland. Therefore, it should surprise no one that one of his reasons for inventing the Grill Canopy was to combat the current “throw away” consumer philosophy. He strongly believes that more human products should be designed for longevity, and have potential for recycling at the end of their life.

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