



**Weber-Stephen Products Co.**

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**WEBER-STEPHEN PRODUCTS CO.  
CORPORATE FACT SHEET**

**Headquarters:**

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**Incorporated:** May 8, 1893

**Weber Kettle First Produced:** 1952

**Founder:** George A. Stephen Sr. (Deceased)

**Ownership:** Family-owned business, privately held

**Key Personnel:**

James C. Stephen, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Leonard S. Gryn, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
Michael J. Kempster Sr., Executive Vice President  
Dale Wytiaz, Executive Vice President of Sales

**Product Category:** Outdoor living products

**Brands:** Weber®, Weber® Q®, Ducane®, Weber Grill® Restaurants

**Description:** Weber-Stephen Products Co. is the leading manufacturer of barbecue grills; smokers; accessories; and other outdoor room products

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**History:** Fifty years ago, after he became frustrated with the uneven and uncontrollable flame of open brazier grilling at his home in Mount Prospect, IL, determined backyard barbecuer George Stephen Sr. set out to build a better grill that would protect his precious steaks from the wind and possible downpours—while sealing in a tasty smoked flavor. At Weber Bros. Metal Works, where he was employed, Stephen ingeniously cut a metal buoy in half and fashioned a dome shaped grill with a rounded lid—and the classic original Weber® kettle grill was born. His invention quickly gained a loyal audience, and ultimately became a prominent symbol of Americana.

In the late 1950s, Stephen bought out the Weber Bros. factory and became the sole owner, devoting all his professional time to manufacturing and selling the Weber® kettle.

In the 1960s and 1970s, Weber's reputation grew beyond the Midwest as it became a nationally known brand with distribution in retail stores throughout the country.

In 1985, Weber introduced a revolutionary line of gas grills—known as the Genesis® grill. This line of gas grills transformed the market, offering consumers precise heat control without flare-ups.

In 1989, the company took its grilling expertise to the restaurant arena by opening the first Weber Grill® Restaurant in Wheeling, IL. After much success, three more locations were built in the Chicagoland area: Lombard, IL (1999), downtown Chicago (2002), and Schaumburg, IL (2005). In 2007, another Weber Grill Restaurant opened in Indianapolis.

2003 marked the introduction of the Weber® Q® portable gas grill. Its unique, futuristic design—one that nobody had quite seen before—combined with its powerful grilling wallop made it a huge success for the company. There are now eight Weber Q grills—in gas, charcoal and electric models and in a variety of portable and stationary cart designs.

In March 2004, Weber-Stephen Products Co. acquired the Ducane trademark and began redesigning and distributing Ducane grills in the United States and Canada.

In 2005, Weber launched an e-commerce initiative to provide consumers with an alternative venue for purchasing replacement parts and certain accessories. Orders for a variety of replacement parts can be placed at [www.weber.com](http://www.weber.com)®.

In 2007, the company unveiled the largest and most ambitious new product launch in its 54-year history by offering 14 new gas grills. While the superior Weber cooking system remained intact, the company introduced new aesthetic designs that were completely re-imagined from the wheels up with all stainless-steel looks, stunning curves, sleek lines, and some grills in bright colors. The Weber brand showcased entirely new models—four in its Summit® and eight in its Genesis® lines—and introduced a new line, the Spirit®, with two new grills. All are available in LP and natural gas models.

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In 2009, Weber-Stephen Products Co. introduced seven new grills—among them a new Weber Q 140 electric grill for consumers who have charcoal or gas restrictions, and a larger, 22-1/2” version of its popular Weber Smokey Mountain Cooker smoker.

**WEBER® BRAND**

**Weber Production:** Weber grills, accessories, and other outdoor room products are designed and engineered in Palatine, Ill.

**Distribution:** Weber grills and accessories are available in select home centers, hardware stores, department stores, patio stores, and other retail outlets in the United States, Canada, and countries worldwide. Internationally, Weber products are distributed through two channels—Weber Stephen-Products Co. subsidiaries or importers. The company has several subsidiaries throughout Europe, Australia, Asia, and Mexico.

**Weber Consumer Outreach:** The Weber Grill-Line<sup>SM</sup> is a consumer grilling information hotline. The Grill-Line is staffed by a specially trained team of representatives who are skilled in addressing a wide variety of grilling subjects, including food preparation and product safety. Grill-Line callers receive grilling information, tips, recipes, and meal-planning ideas (1-800-GRILL-OUT<sup>®</sup>).

By visiting [www.weber.com](http://www.weber.com)<sup>®</sup>, consumers can access grilling recipes, grilling tips and techniques, and Weber product information. It also has an e-commerce site to order replacement parts and certain accessories.

**Weber Gas Grills:** Go-Anywhere<sup>®</sup>, Weber<sup>®</sup> Q<sup>®</sup>, Spirit<sup>®</sup>, Genesis<sup>®</sup>, and Summit<sup>®</sup>

**Weber Charcoal Grills:** Go Anywhere<sup>®</sup>, Smokey Joe<sup>®</sup>, One-Touch<sup>®</sup>, Performer<sup>®</sup>, Char Q<sup>®</sup>, Ranch<sup>®</sup> kettle, and Smokey Mountain Cooker<sup>™</sup> smoker

**Accessories:** Weber Style<sup>™</sup> professional-grade grilling tools and Weber Original<sup>™</sup> all-purpose accessories

**Weber Cookbooks:**

- *Weber's Art of the Grill<sup>™</sup>* by Jamie Purviance (Tim Turner, photography)
- *Weber's Big Book of Grilling<sup>™</sup>* by Jamie Purviance and Sandra S. McRae (Tim Turner, photography)
- *Weber's Real Grilling<sup>™</sup>* by Jamie Purviance (Tim Turner, photography)
- *Weber's Command of the Grill<sup>™</sup>* (Fundraiser for charities that support Marine families)
- *Weber's Charcoal Grilling: The art of cooking with live fire<sup>™</sup>* by Jamie Purviance (Tim Turner, photography)
- *Weber's Way to Grill<sup>™</sup>* by Jamie Purviance (Tim Turner, photography)

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**DUCANE® BRAND GRILLS**

**Ducane Production:** The Ducane® Affinity® 3100 and Ducane® Affinity® 4100 grills are designed and engineered in Palatine, Ill.

**Ducane Distribution:** Ducane® grills are sold in retail stores throughout the United States and Canada.

**Ducane Web Site:** [www.ducane.com](http://www.ducane.com)®

**Ducane customer service:** 1-800-382-2637

**WEBER GRILL® RESTAURANTS**

The Weber Grill® Restaurant is a wholly owned subsidiary of Weber-Stephen Products Co. The restaurants specialize in signature steaks, classic American barbecue, and award-winning hamburgers prepared over authentic Weber® kettle grills.

**Key Personnel:** R. Bryan Gerrish, Executive Vice President, Restaurants

**Locations:**

2331 Fountain Square  
Lombard, IL (est. November 1999)  
630-953-8880

539 N. State St.  
Chicago, IL (est. May 2002)  
312-467-9696

1010 N. Meacham Rd.  
Schaumburg, IL (est. August 2005)  
847-413-0800

110 W. Washington Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-3431 (est. July 2007)  
317-636-7600

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