



Heated Black Glass Shelves: Not all are Created Equal.

Every Heated Black Glass Warming Shelf brand has specific technical features with respective benefits. When comparing manufacturers, each offer varying sizes and wattage, similar surface temperate ranges and availability in portable and built-in models, etc. However, there are also differences to look for when comparing products that make a difference to your customers.



Top Five Differences

1. **Glass thickness** – Consider the glass thickness when buying a Heated Black Glass Shelf. Depending on the manufacturer, glass thickness generally ranges from 4mm to 6mm. The thicker the glass, the more durable and strike resistant. In addition to the effect of material properties, the thickness (mass) of glass also changes the heating characteristics. Thicker glass surfaces tend to allow more uniform heat distribution.
2. **Food Safe Glass Surface**-- Some Heated Black Glass Shelf brands have been approved and certified to place food directly on the glass shelf. This not only provides an effective visual merchandising and sales opportunity for operators, it eliminates the need for extra pans or insets.
3. **Going Green**– Operators continue to look for and support brands that demonstrate environmental responsibility and are increasingly looking for certification marks to validate credentials. A green product mark provides the confidence that a product is eco-friendly, responsible in the use of non-hazardous substances, usage of recycled materials and has energy efficiency performance. Look for products that have green marks and certifications from independent, non-profit or government organizations that test and identify products to be safe and sustainable. Selling Heated Shelves that have a green product mark will demonstrate your commitment to the environment and society.
4. **Design and Style** – Every brand of Heated Black Glass Food Warming Shelves has their own distinctive look. The biggest variance in design is seen in the portable models since they are placed on top of a countertop exposing the entire shelf. Many have a rectangular glass surface with square framed corners. Others are sleeker featuring a curved stainless steel frame for easy cleaning. Frames can have either a durable stainless steel finish or can be black coated.

Limited warranty – Most manufacturers offer one (1) year limited warranties that cover their products to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase. However, some offer a two (2) year limited warranty which is a great value to operators.