

Food Service Equipment Preview Checklist



General Inspection

- Take photos of equipment from multiple angles
- Note make, model, and serial numbers
- Check for manufacturer date/age
- Look for original documentation/manuals
- Verify voltage and phase requirements
- Check physical dimensions
- Note any missing parts or components
- Document cosmetic condition
- Test mobility/casters if applicable

Operational Check

- Request to see equipment powered on if possible
- Check all switches, knobs, and controls
- Listen for unusual sounds during operation
- Verify temperature readings on refrigeration
- Test door seals and gaskets
- Check burners for even heating
- Inspect elements and heating components
- Test water connections if applicable
- Verify drain functionality
- Check ventilation components

Safety Inspection

- Look for signs of electrical damage
- Check gas connections for issues
- Inspect hoses and connections
- Look for rust/corrosion
- Check safety mechanisms
- Verify pressure gauge functionality
- Look for proper grounding
- Check emergency shutoffs
- Inspect fire suppression systems if included

Maintenance Assessment

- Look for maintenance tags/stickers
- Check service history if available
- Inspect filters
- Look for signs of regular cleaning
- Check lubrication points
- Inspect belts and chains
- Look for wear patterns
- Check seals and gaskets
- Assess overall cleanliness

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Transportation Considerations

- Measure doorways and access routes
- Note any dismantling required
- Check weight capacity requirements
- Identify lifting points
- Document any special moving requirements
- Consider ramp/lift gate needs
- Check for built-in handles/grip points
- Verify if equipment needs to be drained
- Plan for protective packaging needs

Remember to Bring

- Flashlight
- Tape measure
- Camera
- Notepad
- Level
- Multimeter (if qualified)
- Infrared thermometer
- Gloves
- Small tools for basic testing

Additional Notes

- Document any questions for the auction company
- Take measurements of necessary utility connections
- Note any specialized tools needed for removal
- List replacement parts that may be needed
- Consider installation requirements at new location
- Document warranty transfer possibilities if applicable

Important: Always follow auction company guidelines and safety protocols during inspection. Never attempt to operate equipment without proper authorization.