



Good vs Bad Pellet Brands

Question: IS IT SMART TO BUY 'CHEAP PELLETS'?

What are the differences between cheap pellets vs quality pellets?

Well, there are HUGE differences! Let's compare:

- 1.) THE BIGGEST DRAWBACK to purchasing cheap pellets is that you will get FAR LESS HEAT per bag. This means you will have to use MORE BAGS of the cheap pellets in order to get your house as warm as ONE BAG of quality pellets. In the end, you didn't save money, instead you end up spending more! Now the "cheap" became expensive!
- 2.) Open a bag of cheap pellets and you're likely to find a lot of SAWDUST. Remember, you shouldn't allow sawdust in your pellet stove because it will clog up your auger and cause your stove to smoke up your house. It may even require a Service Call to get your auger unjammed! You PAID good money for all that sawdust that's now clogging up your stove! GRRRR! You saved money per bag by purchasing cheap pellets, but again, the "cheap" became expensive!
- 3.) Do you see little black specks in the pellets? They are most likely DIRT or BARK. Both of these will clog up your stove and cause "clinkers" in your burn pot. Clinkers prevent the fire from getting air, cause igniting issues, inconsistent burning, and can smoke up your house!. So now you have to scrape and chisel the rock-hard clinkers out of the burn pot constantly, in order to keep your stove running. Those "cheap pellets" are causing you a LOT of extra work!
- 4.) Do you see some pellets that are very long, and some that are very short? Big differences in pellet length causes inconsistent and inefficient burning. To make matters even worse, the long pellets will "intertwine" and cause a "bridge" over the auger opening. This "bridge" prevents pellets from dropping down into the burn pot. With no pellets dropping into the burn pot, your stove will stop working. What a hassle! Those "cheap pellets" have become a real irritation!
- 5.) In addition to impurities like dirt and bark, cheap pellets also often have "binders" or "adhesives" added. These impurities will not completely burn, leaving significantly more ash and soot than a quality pellet. The impurities will cause your glass to smoke up much more than a quality pellet. This means you will have to CLEAN the glass and EMPTY your ash tray a LOT more than if you purchased a quality pellet. Ash and soot are simply UNBURNED FUEL. It's the result of low-quality pellets which don't burn completely (although another cause of soot and ash can be an inefficient low-quality stove). You paid good money for that ash! Wow, what a waste of your hard-earned money!

In the end, "THE CHEAP BECOMES EXPENSIVE". Buying cheap pellets ends up being WAAAAAY more expensive than if you purchase quality pellets at the higher price.

NOT SURE IF THIS IS TRUE? Accept our 4-bag challenge! Cheap pellets vs Quality pellets.

- 1.) Burn four bags of the cheap pellets. Pay attention to the heat-output, and how long it takes to go through the bags.
- 2.) After burning all four bags completely, measure the soot, ash, and clinkers. Document your findings.
- 3.) Empty your ashtray and thoroughly clean the inside of your stove (glass and burn pot).
- 4.) Vacuum out any remaining cheap pellets from the hopper AND auger-tube.
- 5.) Now burn four bags of our high-quality, high-BTU, high efficiency, clean-burning pellets.
- 6.) Remember that a newly-filled hopper will take about 20 minutes to begin dispensing the pellets into the burn-pot (the empty auger tube has to fill up again).
- 7.) Burn all four bags of pellets without adding any other brand of pellets. Pay particular attention to the heat-output and how long it takes to go through the bags.
- 8.) Then measure the amount of ash, soot, clinkers! Compare your findings!

We promise you will see and LOVE the difference!

You'll go through LESS pellets, get MORE heat, and have LESS clogs, jams, and cleaning!

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