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Vent-A-Hood's Three Things to Know When Buying a Range Hood

Richardson, Texas – An estimated 3 million range hoods are manufactured each year, and most consumers do not understand canopy size, venting power or installation heights when it comes to buying the right hood for their kitchen. However, many understand the lingering smell of cooking odors or the greasy film on nearby cabinets.

“Unlike refrigerators or dishwashers that just slide into place and work effectively, range hoods can be complicated,” said Blake Woodall, director of sales for Vent-A-Hood, the oldest manufacturer of range hoods in America. “Consumers who want clean air in their kitchens should know a few things before buying.”

To better understand the air up there, Vent-A-Hood offers these three guidelines when buying a range hood.

1. **Canopy Size/Capture Space** – A range hood should cover most, if not all, of the cooking surface and should have a deep canopy to capture the most heat, steam, smoke and odors rising from the surface. Vent-A-Hood recommends that the hood also extend three inches wider than each side of the range.
2. **Venting Power** – Range hoods are measured by CFMs (cubic feet per minute) of venting power, such as 300, 600 or 1200 CFMs. Make sure your hood is recommended to correlate with the BTUs from your cooking surface. A commercial gas range requires higher CFMs than an electric four-burner range.
3. **Installation Height** – The lower, the better. Install a hood at the lowest height recommended by the manufacturer to ensure maximum efficiency of its venting power. Traditionally, this is 27-30 inches above the range.

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About Vent-A-Hood

Founded in 1933, Vent-A-Hood, based in Richardson, Texas, is the oldest manufacturer of residential range hoods in America. Each product manufactured by Vent-A-Hood is individually engineered for performance in addition to style. Vent-A-Hood products are sold in all 50 states as well as Canada. For more information, please visit www.ventahood.com.

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