BuddiGuard™

BY HAPPY BUDDI

Made for family kitchens.



Hob and cookware shown for illustration; not included.

INSTALLATION, SAFETY & CARE

One guide for BG60, BG75 and BG90.
Installation, optional screw assistance, care, warranty and returns.

Not childproof. Active adult supervision is always required. Read before installation and keep this guide.

Read before you fit.

BuddiGuard adds a physical barrier at the front and sides of the cooking area. Check your fit and rehearse all three panels before exposing any adhesive.

Island-style counters: where the hob is accessible from the front and rear, BuddiGuard provides a barrier only on the side where it is installed. The opposite side remains accessible.

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> **SEMI-PERMANENT MOUNTING**
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> Removal may leave residue, discolouration, dull patches, lifted finishes, chips or other counter damage. Obtain the property owner's permission before bonding or drilling.

First contact is final. Do not slide, lift or re-stick the tape to correct alignment. These notices do not waive consumer rights.

Keep children away.

> **SERIOUS BURN AND FALL HAZARDS**
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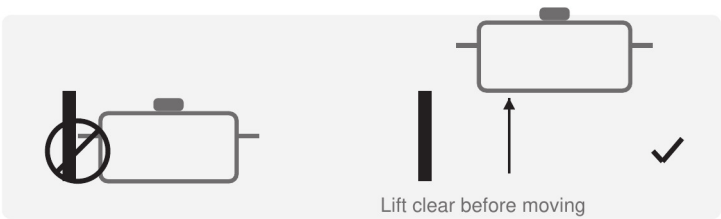
> BuddiGuard is **not childproof** and cannot guarantee prevention of burns or injury. Active adult supervision and safe cooking practices remain essential.

- **Children can reach over, around or behind it**, climb above it, or throw objects into cookware. The solid panel can hide a child; keep them in view.
- **Never load the guard.** No climbing, hanging, leaning, pulling or rocking. Aluminium will flex or bend and may contact cookware or detach.
- **Panels can become hot.** They do not contain steam, splashes, boiling liquid or oil, or cover oven controls. Keep fingers clear of edges and joins.
- **Remove climbing routes:** chairs, stools, bins, learning towers, accessible drawers, oven handles/doors, plinths, counters and ledges. Never use the guard or oven as a handhold.

Stop for lifting, looseness or damage. Keep children away; contact us. Do not straighten or repair. Freestanding cookers need the appliance's specified anti-tip restraint; this guard is not an anti-tip device or oven lock.

Cooking fire: if safe, turn off heat. Never move a burning pan or put water on an oil fire. Keep children clear, leave an unsafe area and call emergency services.

Cook with clear space.



Lift clear before moving

HOT COOKWARE CAN CATCH AND SPILL

Lift vertically until the cookware's lowest point and **every handle clear the guard**, then move with control. Never tilt hot cookware to squeeze past.

Practise placing, stirring, lids and removal with cold, empty cookware and oven gloves. Prefer rear zones; keep handles inward, clear of wings and active zones. Use only zones you can see and reach comfortably.

Front zones have less working space. No front-zone deep-frying or carrying hot oil across the barrier. Keep cookware, towels and utensils off the guard; sleeves, aprons and jewellery clear.

Suitable for gas hobs when the appliance maker's heat, flame and ventilation clearances are maintained. No flame, hot combustion flow or hot cookware may touch the guard or adhesive.

Keep vents, controls, indicators and shut-offs accessible; allow full door/drawer travel. Check child access at ends/rear. Stop if cooking, cleaning or emergency access is obstructed; recheck after layout/cookware changes.

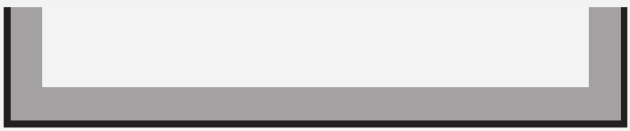
Find your fit.

Hob width is a starting guide. Measure the appliance, counter and cookware paths before choosing.

Model	Hob width	Clear width*	Front length
BG60	60-65 cm	700 mm	780 mm
BG75	70-75 cm	800 mm	880 mm
BG90	80-90 cm	1,000 mm	1,080 mm

*Nominal clear space between inward wing bases; not a heat-clearance approval.

All models: **160 mm high; 275 mm wings; 40 mm inward bases.** One front shield and two handed wings.



Support every base. Allow at least **40 mm of continuous flat counter** under the front and each wing. No bridging lips, seams, hollows, cracks, grout, vents or weak strips beside the hob cut-out. Bases stay on the counter, off hob seals and cooling slots. Never attach to or drill the appliance.

> **40 MM IS BASE SPACE**
>
> Extra heat, flame, cookware and ventilation clearances depend on the appliance and layout; see page 4.

Know your countertop.

Listed surfaces

Polished granite; polished engineered quartz; smooth laminate; uncoated stainless steel. The surface must be **smooth, flat, clean, dry, undamaged and firmly supported.**

Do not bond to

Rough, porous or textured material; painted, wrapped or resurfaced counters; oiled, waxed, silicone-treated or water-repellent surfaces; damaged or unidentified countertops.

Check cleaning and primer compatibility

Check both the cleaning wipe and supplied primer against the counter maker's instructions; spot-test on a hidden area. Primer may mark or discolour finishes. Do not sand or abrade. Use only the supplied countertop primer; no substitutes.

> **OTHER MATERIALS NEED ADVICE**
>
> Marble, honed stone, porcelain, sintered stone, glass, tile and timber are outside this adhesive list. Contact us first. Screws do not make an unsuitable adhesive surface acceptable.

More tape or screws cannot rescue an unsuitable counter or an unsafe layout. Complete the fit, surface and appliance checks before installation.

Prepare for one precise fit.



In your box

One front shield; left and right wings; **three individually wrapped cleaning wipes**; **at least four individually wrapped countertop primer wipes**; pre-applied mounting adhesive; this booklet; and a quick installation sheet. Screws and tools are not included.

Have ready

Tape measure, long straightedge, carpenter's square, low-tack tape and clean lint-free cloths. A soft rubber roller can help. Use a second adult for the long front shield.

Conditions and inspection

Adult installation only. Switch off and cool the hob; keep children, pets and packaging away. Work indoors, ideally at 21-30°C. Below 15°C, hot or damp? Delay. Stop for bowed/rocking bases, damaged tape/coating or poor fit.

> **KEEP EVERY LINER ON**
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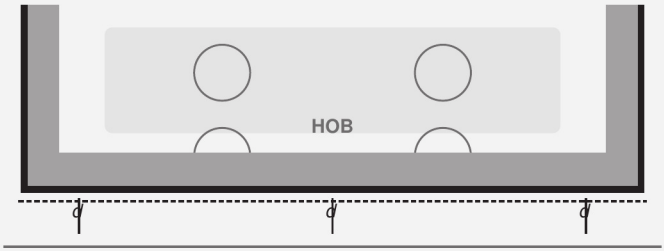
> Complete both dry-fit pages, 8-9, and rehearse all three panels before exposing adhesive.

Mark the front straight.



1. **Choose one straight reference**

   Use a straight counter edge or a straightedge parallel to the hob. Ignore uneven decorative edges. Centre the lined shield while preserving appliance clearances.

2. **Match three measurements**

   Measure to the front face at left, centre and right from the same reference. Match all readings and check with the straightedge. A spirit level alone does not prove straightness in plan.

3. **Mark and rehearse**

   Set low-tack guides beside both ends and outside the front line. Keep tape and pencil out of bond areas. Agree who checks each end; practise lowering with your helper. Dry-fit both wings next.

> **FIRST CONTACT IS FINAL**
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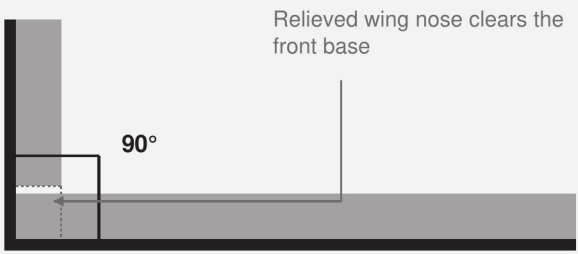
> Never plan to slide, lift or nudge a bonded panel straight.

Dry-fit both wings.



Both bases flat; front face hides join

4 **Identify left and right**

Facing the hob from the room, left belongs on your left. Rounded free top corners face rearward; relieved noses meet the front. Bases face inward.

5 **Seat the intended overlap**

Each wing sits directly behind the front shield; its relieved nose clears the front base. Both bases stay flat. Never stack full bases or add tape between panels.

6 **Square, mark and rehearse**

Check 90° in plan, level top edges and a join hidden from the front. Mark outside each base and practise lowering. Never force or bend.

Clean. Dry. Prime. Dry.

FRONT	LEFT	RIGHT

7 **Remove grease and residue**

Use a counter-safe cleaning method. Remove all cleaner residue and dry with a lint-free cloth. Keep the lined panels protected.

8 **Clean, then dry for 5 minutes**

Use one fresh supplied cleaning wipe per area: front, left and right. After cleaning the last area, **wait 5 minutes**. Ensure all areas are fully dry before proceeding to step 9.

9 **Apply primer; dry for 10 minutes**

Use **4 fresh primer wipes: 1 per wing and 2 for the front panel.** Treat only the tape contact areas. After priming the last area, **wait 10 minutes** before peeling liners or fitting. All areas must be fully dry. Do not touch or re-clean them.

> **TWO DIFFERENT WIPES**
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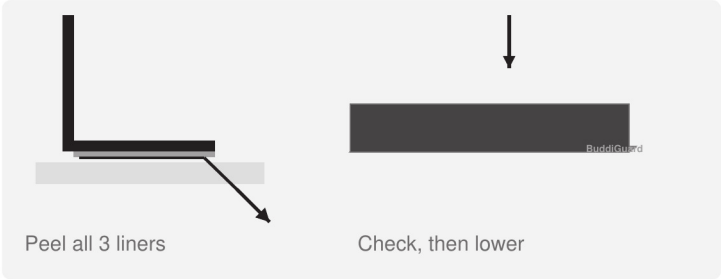
> Cleaning wipes clean; primer wipes prepare the bond. Do not interchange them or wipe the tape. Ventilate; no flames, sparks or heat. No substitute primer.

Front shield first.



10 **Peel all 3 front-shield liners**

After waiting 10 minutes from priming the last area, confirm all areas are fully dry. Hold the shield on a clean protected surface. Peel all 3 tape liners without touching the adhesive. A remaining liner prevents that area from bonding.

11 **Hover and check both ends**

With your helper, hold above the counter. Match the front face and both ends to the dry-fit marks. Confirm the whole landing path before any tape touches.

12 **Lower evenly onto the marks**

Lower straight down with controlled contact. Press the horizontal base; do not use the upright to align it. Apply full base pressure as on page 13.

Add both side wings.



13 **Peel and hover one wing**

Fit **one wing at a time**. Recheck handedness with liners on. Peel **all 3 liners from that wing only**. Hover over its marks, keeping the adhesive clear until aligned.

14 **Lower in the rehearsed position**

Keep the wing square to the front, nose directly behind it, tops level and base fully supported. Lower vertically; the relief must clear the front base without force.

15 **Press, repeat and inspect**

Press the whole horizontal base, then fit the second wing. Check joins and top edges visually, without moving bonded parts. Remove external guide tape by pulling away from the assembly.

> **ALL THREE PARTS ARE REQUIRED**
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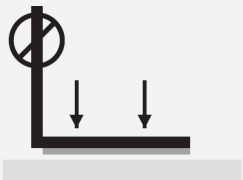
> No omitted/reversed wing, outside mounting or snagging corner.

Press. Then wait seven days.



Firm, even pressure
on the horizontal bases.
No force on the upright.

Press every tape area, including the ends. Make repeated controlled passes directly through each horizontal base. A clean soft rubber roller can help. No impacts, hammering, clamps, body weight or levering from the top edge.

Inspect visually for full contact, gaps, lifting or rocking. Do not probe underneath or pull-test. If a gap remains or you cannot press a bonding area, contact us.

7 **COMPLETE DAYS**

Count from fitting the last panel.

Leave undisturbed: no pushing, pulling, rocking, leaning or loading. Keep the bond dry and free of grease, cleaners, cooking heat and steam. Arrange alternative cooking if needed; never heat the guard to speed bonding.

The guard is never load-bearing. After the wait, inspect visually; never lean on, hang from or pull-test it. Waiting cannot correct poor fit, preparation or compatibility. Continue active supervision and page 18 checks.

Plan screw assistance.

> **TAPE REMAINS THE PRIMARY FIXING**
>
> Screws supplement the supplied tape on a suitable counter. They do not make the guard load-bearing or childproof. Screws and tools are not included.

Match the actual holes and head

Nominal guard interface: **5.5 mm through-holes, 90° countersunk seats.** For a verified insert/nut fixing, use corrosion-resistant **M5 x 0.8** machine screws with matching 90° flat heads. An approved timber fixing may use a nominal **5.0 mm countersunk wood screw**; this is a different fixing.

Agree the complete fixing plan first

Before bonding, obtain counter-maker permission and our guidance. Have a competent installer check construction, thickness, support, underside, services and distances from edges and the hob cut-out.

Specify screw/head, length, anchor/insert, pilot diameter/depth, embedment, edge distances and tightening limit. Allow for the seated head, guard, tape and safe underside clearance. Nothing may protrude into a drawer, appliance or service.

The 5.5 mm guard hole is not the counter drill size. Follow the chosen fixing maker's specification. Heads must seat flush without distortion, pull-through or wing interference. No pan/raised heads or washers over the seat; never add or alter guard holes.

Assess the countertop.

Sound timber; laminate over a core

Solid timber: approved 5.0 mm, 90° countersunk wood screw or M5 x 0.8 insert; verify pilot, embedment and length. Laminate/chipboard/MDF needs core anchorage, possibly an insert/through-fixing. Laminate skin is not an anchor. Prevent chips, splits and moisture; keep sealer off tape.

Granite and engineered quartz

Qualified fabricator only, and only if the slab maker permits drilling. An approved stone insert/anchor accepting an M5 x 0.8 countersunk screw may be considered. The fabricator specifies tooling, hole/depth, edge distances, dust controls and cure times.

> **NO DIY STONE DRILLING**
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> No wood screws into stone, expanding wall plugs or hammer drilling. Incorrect drilling, expansion or torque can crack/chip slabs, especially near hob cut-outs.

Uncoated stainless steel

Assess sheet and backing. An M5 insert or supported through-bolt may suit. Thin sheet alone is not assured anchorage; check electrical isolation, services and safe hidden ends.

Porcelain, sintered stone, marble, tile or glass: no generic fixing is authorised; these are outside the adhesive list. Ask us and the fabricator. Drilling may be prohibited; special methods need written compatibility/preparation instructions. Do not drill unknown/damaged cores or improvise with nails, drywall screws or random plugs.

Prepare holes, then bond.

1. **Dry-fit and transfer locations**
   Complete pages 8-9 with liners on. Mark from the actual parts or an accurate template; check the accessible underside and isolate relevant services.
2. **Drill with the guard removed**
   Use approved pilots, inserts/anchors and controlled depth. Protect the tape. Ask us how covered fixing openings must be cleared; never drill a bonded flange or cut tape with a knife.
3. **Remove debris and prepare the counter**
   Remove dust/residue; anchors must not protrude. After anchor cure: clean, dry for 5 minutes, prime, then dry for 10 minutes (page 10).
4. **Bond, then seat screws gently**
   Bond front then both wings as on pages 11-13. Seat screws by hand to the fixing maker's limit. No impact driver/overtightening; never pull panels into alignment with screws.
5. **Inspect every fixing and base**
   Stop for stripped fixings, cracks, chips, raised heads, distorted flanges or blocked wing relief. Bases must stay flat; screws must not crush tape or move a panel. Keep children away and contact us if any fixing fails.

> **THE FULL TAPE WAIT STILL APPLIES**
>
> Seven complete days from the last panel. Screws do not shorten the wait or authorise loading, leaning or pull-testing.

Gentle care, everywhere.

> **SWITCH OFF AND COOL FIRST**
>
> Let the hob, cookware and guard cool before touching or cleaning. Follow the counter maker's advice too.

Clean the guard

Use a soft microfibre/lint-free cloth with lukewarm water and a little mild pH-neutral washing-up liquid. Apply to the cloth, wipe faces/edges gently, remove residue with a second damp cloth and dry the finish and base edge.

Clean around the bases

Remove food with a soft cloth/brush. Use a barely damp cloth and compatible mild cleaner; dry immediately. No flooding, trapped wet cloths, spraying under bases, steam or pressure jets. Never lift or flex a base to clean beneath it.

Avoid harsh cleaners and tools

No bleach, oven/drain cleaner, strong degreaser, ammonia, descaler/vinegar/citric-acid cleaner, acetone, thinners, petrol or solvents. No abrasive cream, steel wool, rough pads, melamine sponges, blades or hard scrapers. No wax, polish, oil or silicone treatments.

Chemical accident? Make the area safe and follow that product's safety instructions. Contact us about the coating and bond before relying on the guard again.

Check before every cook.

Inspect all three panels, joins, bases and any screws before cooking; repeat after cleaning, impact, unusual heat, pulling or rocking.

- ✔ No lifted tape, base gaps, looseness, bends, cracks, sharp edges, coating separation, heat damage or changed joins.
- ✔ No trapped grease or persistent moisture/cleaner; screws flush and correctly seated.
- ✔ Controls, airflow and cookware paths clear; climbing routes kept away.
- ✔ Before first use: all liners removed, three parts correctly fitted, seven days completed and cold cookware rehearsal done.

> **STOP FOR LOOSENESS OR DAMAGE**
>
> Keep children away and contact us. Stop cooking if a panel could fall or touch hot cookware. Never straighten a panel, glue a lifted base, replace one tape strip or tighten a failed fixing as a makeshift repair.

Before removal: read the procedure on page 19. Switch off and cool the hob; clear cookware and keep children away. Protect surfaces. Wear gloves and eye protection. A second adult must support each panel.

Trapped spills/items/glass: switch off and cool; contact us. Never lift a base or probe beneath it with a tool.

Safe removal.

Semi-permanent bond: removal may damage or discolour the counter. Complete the preparation on page 18. Never leave a loosened panel unattended.

1. **Release one panel at a time**
   Remove wings first, then the front. Support each panel while removing any screws with the correct driver. Tape still holds it. Never move the hob or its gas/electrical connections.

2. **Cut through the tape bond**
   From an accessible edge, pass suitable non-metallic cutting cord through the foam tape, parallel to the counter, with controlled back-and-forth strokes. Keep hands clear; never wrap cord around fingers. Lift only when the entire base is free.

3. **Stop rather than force**
   No pulling, rocking, levering, knives, metal wire, heat or unapproved solvents. If access is poor, cutting requires force or the counter finish moves, stop and contact us.

4. **Remove residue carefully**
   Gently roll off residue; use a plastic scraper only if counter-safe. Use only a counter-maker-approved remover: spot-test first, ventilate and follow its safety directions. Protect hob seals; do not flood the joint.

5. **Use new adhesive for refitting**
   Never reuse disturbed tape. Obtain approved replacement tape, primer and preparation from us. Recheck all parts and the counter; repeat the full installation and seven-day bonding wait.

Your 12-month warranty.

Happy Buddi Innovations (Pty) Ltd provides a **12-month manufacturer's warranty from delivery** against material/workmanship defects in normal domestic use following this guide.

What is covered

Aluminium panels, powder coating and supplied mounting components, including defects in tape material or factory application. Bond failure is assessed on its facts: counter, preparation, alignment and waiting period.

Putting a covered defect right

We arrange appropriate repair, replacement or refund, subject to statutory rights, and reasonable return transport at our cost for covered manufacturer-warranty claims. Contact us first for safe removal and collection.

Outside this additional warranty

Ordinary wear/cosmetic scratches; damage caused by misuse, impact, unauthorised modification, unsuitable surfaces, incorrect fitting/cleaning, abnormal heat or continued use after damage. An exclusion applies only to the extent it caused the issue.

> **YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS REMAIN INTACT**
>
> Consumer Protection Act rights remain intact. No liability is excluded where unlawful. Registration and original packaging are not required for defect claims.

Returns and your rights.

Contact us or your selling retailer

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Describe the issue and provide reasonable purchase/delivery proof. Model, batch, fitting date and photos help tracking; they do not condition your rights.

Keep children away from loose/damaged parts; obtain urgent medical help for injury. We arrange assessment, safe removal, collection and the return destination. Never remove unsafely or send goods without arrangements. We explain the remedy and preserve your legal choice.

Qualifying defects within six months

Under the Consumer Protection Act, return qualifying quality/safety failures within six months of delivery without penalty, at supplier risk and expense, choosing repair, replacement or refund. If an original failure, defect or unsafe feature remains, or a further one appears within three months after repair, replacement or refund applies under the Act.

Qualifying online cancellations

Under the Electronic Communications and Transactions Act, cancel without reason within seven days of receipt, subject to statutory exceptions. Only direct return cost may be charged; a qualifying refund is due within 30 days of cancellation.

Dry-fit first; ask your retailer about voluntary returns. Installation or opened packaging does not automatically remove statutory rights. The law governs.

Consumer support.

CGSO

Consumer Goods and Services Ombud

Happy Buddi Innovations (Pty) Ltd is a **registered CGSO participant**. This independent ombud offers free help with consumer goods and services complaints.

1. **Contact us first**
   We aim to acknowledge within two business days and resolve or explain next steps within 15 working days. If unresolved after 15 working days, or you are dissatisfied with our response, approach CGSO.

2. **Submit your complaint**
   Use **cgso.org.za**, **0860 000 272** or **info@cgso.org.za**. Include purchase details, correspondence, issue and desired outcome; keep the reference.

3. **Know the process**
   CGSO checks jurisdiction/evidence and aims to resolve within 60 business days. It cannot enforce its recommendations. Other lawful routes, including the National Consumer Commission, remain available.

Report detachment, unusual bending, injury or near misses promptly. Preserve parts/tape as found; do not clean, repair or discard before we discuss evidence and collection.

CGSO participation is consumer redress. It does not certify, approve or endorse product safety.

Keep these details close.

Model: BG60 / BG75 / BG90

Lot / batch: _____

Delivered on: _____

Installed date/time / by: _____

Countertop material / finish: _____

Seven-day wait completed: _____

Keep your order record and this guide. Check the box/order or rear marking for model and batch. Never remove a bonded guard to read a marking.

Warranty, pre-sales and after-sales support

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Keep small parts/packaging away from children. Recycle locally; ask us about damaged-panel disposal. Never substitute primer, tape or fixings without approval.

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Small details. Thoughtful design. Everyday care.

An additional physical barrier between little hands and the cooking area.

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