

# The Electric Oil-less Hot-air Fryer: Game Changer or Boat Anchor?

**The Goal:** Determine the Energy Use and Cooking Performance of a commercial hot-air fryer

**The Scope:** Lab Testing at the Food Service Technology Center using the ASTM Fryer Test

**The Potential:** An electric fryer with an overall life-cycle cost that competes with traditional fryers

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**The Technology:** focused, high-velocity airflow across a rotating basket in a tightly controlled oven chamber



**Oil-less?** The oven requires no oil, but “fried food” must be par-fried. Potentially healthier – compared to “deep fat” fryers

Unique and flexible:

- cooks more than fries
- can operate ventless



Established European Tech:  
We had one 25 years ago



Safety!



no oil  
fires



no oil  
burns



no  
slippery  
floors

## Lab Testing - THE RESULTS & COMPARISON



Hot-Air



Countertop  
Deep Fat



Electric  
Deep Fat



Gas  
Deep Fat

### Energy Efficiency (%)

85%

84%

86%

54%

### Production Capacity (lb/h)

39 lb/h

31 lb/hr

67 lb/h

67 lb/h

### Annual Energy Cost (\$)

\$2,800

\$2,600

\$2,900

\$1,100

### Annual Oil Cost (\$)

\$0

\$2000

\$6,700

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### Purchase Price (\$)

\$14,000

\$10,000

\$5000

\$5,000

### 10-year Total Cost of Ownership (\$)

\$42,000

\$56,000

\$101,000

\$83,000



Looks Like a Game Changer!

