

# PEPPER GRINDERS

A dusting of salt always helps punch up dinner, but nothing beats freshly cracked pepper when you're looking for that final note of depth. We tested dozens of pepper mills and chose our winners based on range of grind, attractiveness and ease of use. Spice is nice; hand cramps aren't.



## THE CADILLAC

Peugeot Chateaufort  
9 1/2-Inch Pepper Mill  
\$80 // [broadwaypanhandler.com](http://broadwaypanhandler.com)

**Plus:** We love the combination of the old-school look of this wooden mill and its high-tech, yet user-friendly, grind adjustment. You've never seen such precise, uniform flakes.  
**Minus:** It's the priciest of the bunch.

## BEST VALUE

OXO Good Grips  
Pepper Grinder  
\$22 // [oxo.com](http://oxo.com)

**Plus:** This cylindrical acrylic-and-stainless-steel grinder has a grooved rubber hand grip for comfortable grinding. Its wide chamber makes refilling a breeze.  
**Minus:** The finest grind setting actually yields medium-sized pepper particles.



## THE MAESTRO

Vic Firth Gourmet 12-Inch  
Mario Batali Pepper Mill  
\$50 // [vicfirthgourmet.com](http://vicfirthgourmet.com)



**Plus:** This sleek mill gracefully fits into your hands. It performs well, too, with a wide range of grind levels.  
**Minus:** At its coarsest setting, whole peppercorns tend to slip out.

## THE STUNNER

Pepper Mill Imports Atlas  
10-Inch Brass Pepper Mill  
\$76 // [peppermillimports.com](http://peppermillimports.com)



**Plus:** This brass contraption, which calls to mind an elegant fire hydrant, is by far the best looking. It also yields the finest powder.  
**Minus:** Doesn't have a coarse setting, so no pepper-crusting tuna with this one.

## THE EYE CANDY

Kuhn Rikon High-Output  
Ratchet Mill  
\$20 // [surlatable.com](http://surlatable.com)



**Plus:** This itty-bitty mill comes in delightful Crayola-ish colors. We also like it for sensible reasons: It's made of BPA-free plastic. Each crank releases a healthy shower of pepper.  
**Minus:** Adjustment wheel at the bottom can be difficult to turn.