

DESIGN IN MOTION: THE BERKEL SLICER MACHINE



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BURGERS & VDF Rare Flywheel slicer

The Netherlands, c. 1880 | enameled cast iron, stainless steel, chrome-plated steel, composite, sharpening stone, rubber, walnut
55½ h × 29 w × 33½ d in (141 × 74 × 85 cm)

In 1869, Henricus Burgers patented the first design for a Flywheel slicer in Deventer, Holland. Burgers slicer featured a flat blade with a rotating plate that moved in a semi-circle, ensuring that the blade touched the meat only where it was being cut. With this design, Burgers achieved what Berkel would master almost thirty-years later using a concave blade. Burgers produced only a small number of slicers before the company transitioned to manufacturing bicycles.

Impressed to metal plaque: [Eerst Nederlandsche Ruwiel Machine-Fabrik Voorheen H. Burgers Deventer].

Provenance: Important Private Collection, Parma, Italy | Private Collection, Chicago

Estimate: \$10,000–15,000

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