



## CaterKwik Buying Guides – Ice Machines

Ice machines can come in all different sizes and produce different shapes, sizes and styles of ice. Picking the correct machine is crucial for any business. We supply a comprehensive selection of top branded Commercial Ice Makers and Commercial Ice Machines including commercial ice flakers, dispensers, ice crushers and more from Cater-Ice, Brema, Hoshizaki, Foster, Whirlpool, Manitowoc, Simag & Scotsman, with a wide range of daily ice productions & bin capacities.



### What type of Ice should I use?



- Cube – Perhaps the most common style of ice used commercially. Found in beverages as it takes much longer to melt compare to flake and bullet ice. This can come in many different sizes making it ideal for bars, pubs or even fast food outlets.



- Flake – Used in cocktails and blended drinks. Being a softer ice means that it reduces wear on blender blades. This type of ice can also be used in chilling display food such as fish and acting as a cool bed.



- Nugget – becoming increasingly popular in the states, nugget ice is also known for its chewability. Like cube ice, this is best used in beverages, soft drinks and blended cocktails, making it ideal for restaurants, bars and fast food outlets. Nugget ice has an approx. melting time of 30minutes.

\*Ice cubes can also come in crescent and heart shapes to add that something extra to a drink and make your establishment stand out.

Scotsman are also known for their patented Gourmet Ice cube, a powerhouse of an ice cube with a melting time of 1 hour and 10minutes. Suitable for straight spirits such as whiskey.





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## How do I know what type of production I need?

A great way to get an idea of this is by using the total number of drinks sold in one hour at peak x 3 ice cubes (or how many is used in the drink) x 24hours = how many ice cubes you require the machine to produce.

Multiply how many ice cubes you require by 0.01 (Ice cubes weigh approx. 10g)

The answer will then be the production per 24hours your machine needs.

(For example: 40 drinks sold x 3 ice cubes used per drinks = 120 ice cubes.

120 ice cubes x 24hours = 2880 ice cubes per day (we recommend always going by peak time sales so that you are never left short).

Ice cubes weigh approx. 10g,  $2880 \times 0.01 = 28.8\text{kg}$ .

If you have any further enquiries or questions about which Ice machine could best suit your business, please call our team on 01229 480001 and we'll be happy to help or even organise a free site survey with one of our specialist.