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## GRILL TONGS

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RESULTS KEY   Good: ★★ ★   Fair: ★★   Poor: ★   N/A: —

### PRODUCT TESTED

PINCERS   TENSION   STURDINESS   PRICE\*

### HIGHLY RECOMMENDED



#### Oxo Good Grips 16-inch Locking Tongs

Comfortable, lightweight, and sturdy, these passed every test with top marks. The pincers picked up multiple spears of asparagus in one swoop, cupped corn firmly, and did not damage tender rib meat. One tester said, "I could perform heart surgery with these."

★★★   ★★★   ★★★   \$14.99

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### RECOMMENDED



### Weber Style Tongs

★★★★ ★★★★★ ★★

\$10.99

Almost identical to our top tongs, these felt comfortable in our hands. Shorter than advertised—a usable length of 16 inches instead of 19, with a 3-inch lock—they gripped ribs, hot coals, and multiple asparagus spears. But the pincers angled inward sharply, cutting into rib meat.

#### RECOMMENDED WITH RESERVATIONS



### Kingsford Texas Turner Tongs

★★ ★★ ★★★★★

\$12

Strong, solid arms made maneuvering heavy items easy; however, several testers objected to their stiff tension and oversize handles. They also locked erratically as we used them, and the sharp lock was uncomfortable to push.

#### NOT RECOMMENDED



### Outset Rosewood Extra-Long Lock

★★ ★ ★★

\$14.95

We liked this pair's smooth, ridged wood grip as well as its dexterity at picking up ears of corn. But they were too heavy and long to work -comfortably or control smaller items like asparagus, and too big for cooks with smaller hands.

#### HIGHLY RECOMMENDED



### Lodge Camp Dutch Oven Tongs

★★ ★ ★★

\$10.95

The lightest and shortest in our lineup, these tongs had a locking bar that constantly slid down. Pincer tips did not align, so

picking up asparagus was a challenge, although they gripped ribs and hot coals marginally well. We also knocked off points for stiff and choppy motion.

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NOT RECOMMENDED



**Steven Raichlen 19.5-inch Locking Tongs**

★ ★

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★ ★

\$17.99

Extra-large pincers were great for holding large slabs of ribs but not so great at picking up thin asparagus. At nearly 1 pound, they were uncomfortably heavy, with unnecessarily large grips and too-tight tension. One tester noted that they felt like exercise equipment.

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NOT RECOMMENDED



**Cuisinart Professional Grill Tongs**

★ ★

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\$19.99

These unusual tongs had pronounced teeth that cut into meat and made getting under ribs and around corn and chicken very difficult. They managed a decent, if shaky, grip on asparagus and coals but felt bulky and awkward. As far as we could tell, the scooper arm was useless.

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NOT RECOMMENDED



**OXO Good Grips BBQ Tongs**

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\$14.99

Completely flat pincers slid easily under ribs but failed to grip corn or asparagus without slipping. Opening just over 2 inches, they had to be stretched to grab a chicken. The usable length was just 13 inches.

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\*Prices subject to change.



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