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**METHODE INTRODUCES ITS LIGHTWEIGHT, PORTABLE, AND COST-EFFECTIVE  
CATERING SYSTEM DESIGNED TO KEEP FOOD WARM INDEFINITELY**

CHICAGO, IL – Methode Development Company, a subsidiary of Methode Electronics, Inc., has developed a lightweight and portable food-warming storage solution that uses Methode's own carbon fiber heating technology to maintain a consistent temperature indefinitely. This food-warming storage product is available in a convenient size for holding catering pans, and is powered through a standard vehicle cigarette lighter plug, facilitating use in food delivery or catering situations. Standard AC/DC wall plug accessories are available for use in restaurants and in-store environments.

The food-warming storage system that will be introduced at the National Restaurant Association 2007 Expo at McCormick Place in Chicago, IL, is housed in a durable box made of insulated plastic and lined with Methode's carbon fiber heating technology. The system can maintain a constant, thermostat-controlled temperature of 140°F - 160°F as long as it remains plugged in. Heat up time is approximately 15 minutes.

Carbon fiber, the basis for the heating technology, lines the walls of the storage box, offering total surround heat and eliminating cold spots. Carbon fiber is a low-profile, low-current, and cost-effective alternative to traditional, high-priced flat flexible heaters. The material is currently used in a wide range of industries and applications.

Standard internal dimensions for the warming oven are 22 3/8" x 14" x 18 3/8", with internal racks that can accommodate 4 catering size pans, or 90 lbs of food. The oven can also be used as a warming chest without the racks. Custom sizing is also available to fit specific customer needs.

Structural features include rubber "feet" for the bottom of the box, balanced handles, and a lightweight polymer-based corrugated shell. The oven is stackable and can be easily used indoors or out. Logos can be screen-printed on the outside of the box.

For more information on Methode's food heating solutions, flexible carbon fiber heaters, or any of Methode Development Company's products and services, contact Methode Development Company, Sales Department, 7401 West Wilson Ave., Chicago, IL 60706, USA. Phone: 708-867-6777, Fax: 708-867-3149. Web: [www.methodedevelopment.com](http://www.methodedevelopment.com). Email: [info@methodedevelopment.com](mailto:info@methodedevelopment.com).

Methode Development Company is a leader in the development and application of thick film technology in the microelectronics and printed circuit board industries. Products include position sensing resistor elements, cermet and polymer thick film components and circuits, carbon fiber heaters, Sonicrimp® Technology and EMC shrinkMate. Methode Development Company is located in Chicago, IL.

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