

Australian Home Sauna Buying Checklist

Build the real project budget. Compare brands on the same scope. Confirm the technical details and protect your payment before you commit.

READY-TO-USE COST

Cabin + freight + placement + assembly + site work + electrical or flue work + accessories + approvals + contingency

How to use this checklist

☐ Complete one copy for each shortlisted sauna.
Notes: _____

☐ Ask every seller for the same delivered, installed and ready-to-use scope.
Notes: _____

☐ Write down what is included, excluded and still unverified.
Notes: _____

☐ Do not pay until the go/no-go section on page 4 is complete.
Notes: _____

Buyer and project

Buyer:		Target budget:	A\$
Installation suburb/postcode:		Target completion:	
Preferred type:	Infrared / traditional / undecided	Location:	Indoor / outdoor

This checklist is general buying information, not electrical, building, legal, financial or safety advice. Obtain advice from appropriately licensed professionals for your site and equipment.

1. Build the complete project budget

Use written quotes. A sale price is not the final installed cost.

Cost item	Included?	Written allowance	Evidence / notes
Cabin and selected timber/finish	Yes / No	A\$	
Heater, controller, stones and guard	Yes / No	A\$	
Freight and transit insurance	Yes / No	A\$	
Unloading and difficult access	Yes / No	A\$	
Base, drainage and site preparation	Yes / No	A\$	
Weather protection and ventilation	Yes / No	A\$	
Assembly and packaging removal	Yes / No	A\$	
Electrical circuit, isolation and connection	Yes / No	A\$	
Flue, hearth and clearances (wood-fired)	Yes / No	A\$	
Approvals and licensed trades	Yes / No	A\$	
Accessories and commissioning	Yes / No	A\$	
Maintenance and contingency	Yes / No	A\$	

Compare three ready-to-use totals

	Quote A	Quote B	Quote C
Brand/model			
Ready-to-use total	A\$	A\$	A\$
Unresolved exclusions			

2. Compare the product and supplier

A Cabin, seating and sauna performance

Internal dimensions are supplied

Check usable room dimensions, not only the exterior footprint.

Bench and foot-bench heights are shown

For traditional sauna, compare the foot bench with the top of the heater stones.

Heater model and output are identified

Ask how glass and other uninsulated surfaces affected effective room volume.

Ventilation layout is documented

Confirm whether the arrangement is gravity-fed or mechanical and matches the heater manual.

Timber, wall and glass construction are specified

Record actual thicknesses and whether an outdoor wall is insulated or solid timber.

B Installation, delivery and site readiness

Stock status and dispatch range are written

Separate in-stock goods from preorder or made-to-order components.

Delivery reaches the final position

Confirm stairs, narrow access, regional travel, unloading and packaging removal.

Assembly scope and wait time are written

Free assembly still needs an eligibility area, scheduling window and exclusions.

Licensed work has a responsible party

Confirm electrician, flue installer, permits and commissioning where required.

C Warranty, service and business identity

Legal seller and ABN match the invoice

The quotation, payment recipient and warranty provider should be explainable.

Current warranty was supplied before payment

Check labour, freight, travel, commercial use, timber movement and heater exclusions.

Support channels are usable

Record phone, email, service location and who coordinates a warranty claim.

Reviews were checked across multiple sources

Read recent positive, middling and critical reports; scores alone are not product tests.

3. Before paying: the go/no-go check

Pay only when every line is answered in writing or deliberately accepted as a risk.

☐	Exact configuration Cabin, timber, heater, controller and inclusions match the quote.
☐	Complete price GST, freight, placement and installation boundaries are stated.
☐	Deposit and balance Amount, purpose, refundability and later milestones are written.
☐	Delivery commitment Dispatch range, delay remedy and cancellation process are written.
☐	Damage process Transit responsibility and reporting deadline are clear.
☐	Current status checks ABN Lookup, ASIC published notices and the ACCC Product Safety recall register were checked.
☐	Protected evidence Product page, quote, invoice, terms, warranty and influential emails are saved.

Pause instead of paying when

- The bank account name does not match the seller's explanation.
- A material specification will be confirmed only after the deposit becomes non-refundable.
- The seller will not provide the governing terms or warranty before payment.
- A large deposit or early full balance is not tied to a verifiable milestone.
- A countdown or sale deadline is being used to avoid technical or payment-risk questions.
- Official registry or recall results conflict with what the seller says.

FINAL DECISION	PROCEED / PAUSE / WALK AWAY
Reason	

Useful official checks

ABN Lookup: abr.business.gov.au | ASIC published notices: publishednotices.asic.gov.au | ACCC recalls: productsafety.gov.au | Buying online and warranties: accc.gov.au

More Australian buying guidance

Visit saunasaustralia.com for current brand comparisons, heater and electrical guidance, delivery and assembly checks, warranty comparisons, corrections and the site methodology.

Prepared 13 August 2026. Review supplier documents and official records again immediately before purchase because prices, stock, terms, business status and recalls can change.