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How Good is Five Guys?

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Over the past two decades, no burger chain has grown as much as Five Guys Burgers and Fries. According to Forbes, since 2006, their net worth has grown by over 900%. So how does America's fastest growing burger chain hold up?

When you first walk through the doors, there is an atmosphere unlike other popular burger joints. You are greeted by stacks of potatoes and hundreds of peanuts in bins. You order your food through friendly cashiers, and if you take a peek behind the desk, you can see the freshly made burgers being prepared by the chefs, who sadly, are not Five Guys. This highly enjoyable experience is unlike restaurants, such as Wendy's and Burger King, where ordering your food seems almost... artificial. But how do the burgers stack up? Quite simply, they are one of the best in the country! All around the walls are posters of glowing reviews of the restaurant, and it's no lie. All of the toppings have a unique, fresh taste. The meat is savory and delicious, although it does taste somewhat salty. The buns are above average. Overall, everything is great.

However, even this amazing restaurant does have its drawbacks. As stated before, the meat does have a noticeable salty taste. While it may not greatly change my opinion, I quite like salty foods, so this may be a problem for some. Another complaint often received is how greasy the fries are. In fact, there are noticeable grease stains on the bag. There is not a lot of seasoning, so take that as you will. A last issue with the restaurant is how unclean it can be. Overflowing garbage bins, straw rappers on the floor, and peanut shells everywhere are not uncommon, but I wouldn't describe it as disgusting.

Despite these problems, Five Guys Burgers And Fries is a standout restaurant in the fast food industry. Fresh ingredients, friendly staff, delicious burgers, free peanuts, among other things make it an exceptional pick. How would I rate it? 87/100, very good.