

HAIR SALON EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

COMPLETE BUYER & OPERATIONAL SETUP GUIDE

SALON NAME:

INSPECTION DATE:

AUDITOR / MANAGER:

TARGET OPENING:

Semantic Definition & Strategy: A hair salon equipment list is a structured operational menu encompassing client furniture, precision styling tools, chemical processing gear, state board sanitation implements, and management software. Standardizing equipment sourcing protects profit margins and ensures state compliance.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: SOURCING & INVESTMENT PRIORITY

CATEGORY	ESSENTIAL ITEMS INCLUDED	PRIORITY	PRIMARY OPERATIONAL PURPOSE
Furniture & Fixtures	Hydraulic chairs, backwash units, reception desk, color bar	HIGH	Directly impacts client ergonomics and salon flow
Precision Styling Tools	Japanese steel shears, AC motor dryers, titanium irons	HIGH	Determines technical service accuracy and execution speed
Chemical & Sanitation	Digital gram scales, mixing bowls, Barbicide jars, UV units	CRITICAL	Mandatory for state board health compliance & margin control
Linens & Consumables	Bleach-proof towels, chemical capes, backbar liters	HIGH	Requires 150% daily volume stock to avoid laundry delays
Digital POS & Inventory	Booksy Biz software, consultation tablets, card readers	CRITICAL	Automates 24/7 client booking, POS, and stock depletion

1. ESSENTIAL SALON FURNITURE & WORKSTATION SETUP

STATUS	EQUIPMENT ITEM	REQUIRED SPECIFICATION / STANDARD	QTY
☐	Hydraulic Styling Chairs	360° lockable rotation, heavy-duty hydraulic pump, stain-resistant vinyl	_____
☐	Ergonomic Backwash Units	Tilting ceramic basin, padded neck rest, commercial-grade plumbing fixtures	_____
☐	Styling Mirrors & LED Lighting	Full-length mirrors with 5000K daylight LED fixtures (color-correct)	_____
☐	Custom Reception Desk	Integrated cable management, hidden storage, tablet mount for POS check-in	_____
☐	Specialized Color Bar Station	Stainless steel or laminate non-porous counter, chemical sink, active exhaust	_____

2. PROFESSIONAL HAIR STYLING TOOLS & APPLIANCES

Commercial-grade appliances and cutting tools withstand continuous daily salon operation, ensuring precision cutting and preventing hand fatigue.

STATUS	TOOL & APPLIANCE DESCRIPTION	TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION	PRIORITY
☐	High-Power Ionic Blow Dryers	AC motor, 1800W–2200W, multiple speed/heat settings, diffuser attachments	HIGH
☐	Professional Flat Irons	1-inch and 2-inch ceramic or titanium plates, rapid heat-up to 450°F	HIGH
☐	Curling Irons & Styling Wands	Full barrel suite (0.75" to 1.5"), digital temperature control	STANDARD
☐	Japanese Steel Cutting Shears	Convex edge, stainless Japanese steel (5.5" to 6.5" lengths)	HIGH
☐	Texturizing & Thinning Shears	28-tooth to 40-tooth texturizers for weight reduction and blending	HIGH
☐	Processing Hood Dryers & Steamers	Standing or wall-mounted, regulated temperature for deep conditioning	STANDARD

3. CHEMICAL PROCESSING, SANITATION & COMPLIANCE

STATUS	SANITATION & COLOR IMPLEMENT	STATE BOARD COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT	QTY
☐	Digital Precision Color Scales	1-gram accuracy digital scale for exact tube/developer ratio measuring	_____
☐	Barbicide Disinfectant Jars	Heavy-duty glass disinfectant jars positioned at every active station	_____
☐	UV Tool Sterilizer Cabinets	Enclosed ultraviolet sterilizer cabinet for shears, combs, and guards	_____
☐	Labeled Tool Storage Units	Air-tight, clearly designated "Clean" and "Soiled" implement storage	_____
☐	Color Mixing Bowls & Brushes	Non-reactive plastic bowls, firm-bristle tint brushes, pop-up foil sheets	_____

Pro Tip — Chemical Margin Control: Using digital scales at the color bar reduces color waste by up to 25%. Accurate formula measuring ensures exact tone replication for returning clients.

4. LINENS, CONSUMABLES & BACKBAR INVENTORY

Maintaining a high-volume inventory buffer protects against stockouts during weekend peaks. Maintain linen inventory at 150% of peak daily capacity.

STATUS	INVENTORY ITEM	STOCK BENCHMARK FORMULA	TARGET STOCK
☐	Bleach-Proof Salon Towels	150% of maximum daily client volume (absorbent black/dark cotton)	____ dz
☐	Chemical & Cutting Capes	Waterproof chemical capes + breathable nylon cutting gowns	____ pcs
☐	Professional Color Stock	Permanent, semi-permanent, lighteners, developers (10V to 40V)	____ tubes
☐	Backbar Shampoo & Masks	Color-safe, clarifying, and bond-building treatments in liter sizes	____ L
☐	Disposable Protective Gear	Nitrile gloves, neck strips, balayage saran wraps, processing caps	____ boxes

5. PURCHASING & FINANCING MATRIX (NEW VS. USED VS. LEASE)

PURCHASING OPTION	PRIMARY ADVANTAGES	STRATEGIC BEST USE CASE
Brand New Direct Purchase	Full 3–5 year warranties, zero mechanical wear, top aesthetic appeal	High-wear assets: Hydraulic chairs & Japanese cutting shears
Commercial Leasing	Low initial capital outlay, monthly tax deductions, easy upgrades	High-tech appliances: Hood processors, POS hardware, steamers
Certified Used / Refurbished	30% to 60% savings off retail price, immediate local delivery	Cast-iron hydraulic bases, reception desks, waiting chairs

Capital Allocation Strategy: Allocate 60% of your initial budget to high-wear client contact points (styling chairs, backwash units) and precision tools. Lease tech appliances to maintain cash flow reserves.

6. DIGITAL POS, HARDWARE & MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY

STATUS	DIGITAL SYSTEM / HARDWARE	FUNCTIONAL CAPABILITY	PRIORITY
☐	Booksy Biz Software Platform	24/7 online booking, automated inventory tracking, POS checkout	CRITICAL
☐	Booksy Card Reader / Tap to Pay	Contactless payment processing directly at the station or desk	CRITICAL
☐	Consultation Tablets	Digital client intake forms, formula history tracking, lookbooks	HIGH
☐	Security & POS Monitoring	Loss prevention cameras, register drawer monitoring, cloud recording	STANDARD

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SALON EQUIPMENT

Why is 5000K LED lighting required at styling stations?

Lighting mimicking natural daylight (5000K daylight spectrum) prevents hair color optical distortion in mirrors, guaranteeing exact tone accuracy inside and outside the salon.

How does Booksy Biz software track physical salon inventory?

Booksy Biz links performed color services directly to stock depletion, deducting grams of color used, triggering low-stock reorder alerts, and calculating profit margins in real time.

What is the recommended linen buffer stock?

Salons maintain a towel and cape stock equal to 150% of the maximum daily client capacity to accommodate peak weekend throughput and laundering cycles.

Ready to Launch & Scale Your Hair Salon?
Streamline your entire operation with Booksy Biz — manage 24/7 online bookings, process payments, and track physical backbar inventory effortlessly from one platform.

