

# Hot Air Popcorn Popper

USE AND CARE GUIDE  
MODEL TPC3



# IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed including the following:

- ◆ Read all instructions.
- ◆ Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- ◆ To protect against electrical shock do not immerse cord, plugs, or appliance in water or other liquid.
- ◆ Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
- ◆ Unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts.
- ◆ Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug or after the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner. Contact Consumer Service for examination, repair or adjustment.
- ◆ The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may cause injuries.
- ◆ Do not use outdoors.
- ◆ Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter, or touch hot surfaces.
- ◆ Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
- ◆ To disconnect turn any control to "off", then remove plug from wall outlet.
- ◆ Do not use appliance for other than intended use.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

**For Household Use Only**



# ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

**CAUTION HOT SURFACES:** This appliance generates heat and escaping steam during use. Proper precautions must be taken to prevent the risk of burns, fires, or other injury to persons or damage to property.

- ◆ All users of this appliance must read and understand this Use and Care Guide before operating or cleaning this appliance.
- ◆ If this appliance falls or accidentally immersed in water, unplug it from the wall outlet immediately. **Do not reach into the water!**
- ◆ If this appliance begins to malfunction during use, immediately unplug the cord. Do not use or attempt to repair a malfunctioning appliance!
- ◆ The cord to this appliance should only be plugged into a 120V AC electrical wall outlet.
- ◆ Do not leave this appliance unattended during use.

## Polarized Plug

This appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). To reduce the risk of electrical shock, this plug is intended to fit into a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Do not attempt to modify the plug in any way.

## Short Cord Instructions

A short power-supply cord is provided to reduce the risk resulting from becoming entangled in or tripping over a longer cord.

Do not use an extension cord with this product.

## Electric Power

If the electrical circuit is overloaded with other appliances, your appliance may not operate properly. It should be operated on a separate electrical circuit from other appliances.

# Plasticizers Warning

**CAUTION:** To prevent Plasticizers from migrating from the finish of the countertop or tabletop or other furniture, place **NON-PLASTIC** coasters or placemats between the appliance and the finish of the countertop or tabletop.

**Failure to do so may cause the finish to darken, permanent blemishes may occur or stains can appear.**

**CAUTION:** UNPLUG APPLIANCE FROM ELECTRICAL OUTLET WHEN ASSEMBLING, REMOVING PARTS OR CLEANING. NEVER PLACE BASE OR CORD IN WATER OR OTHER LIQUIDS.

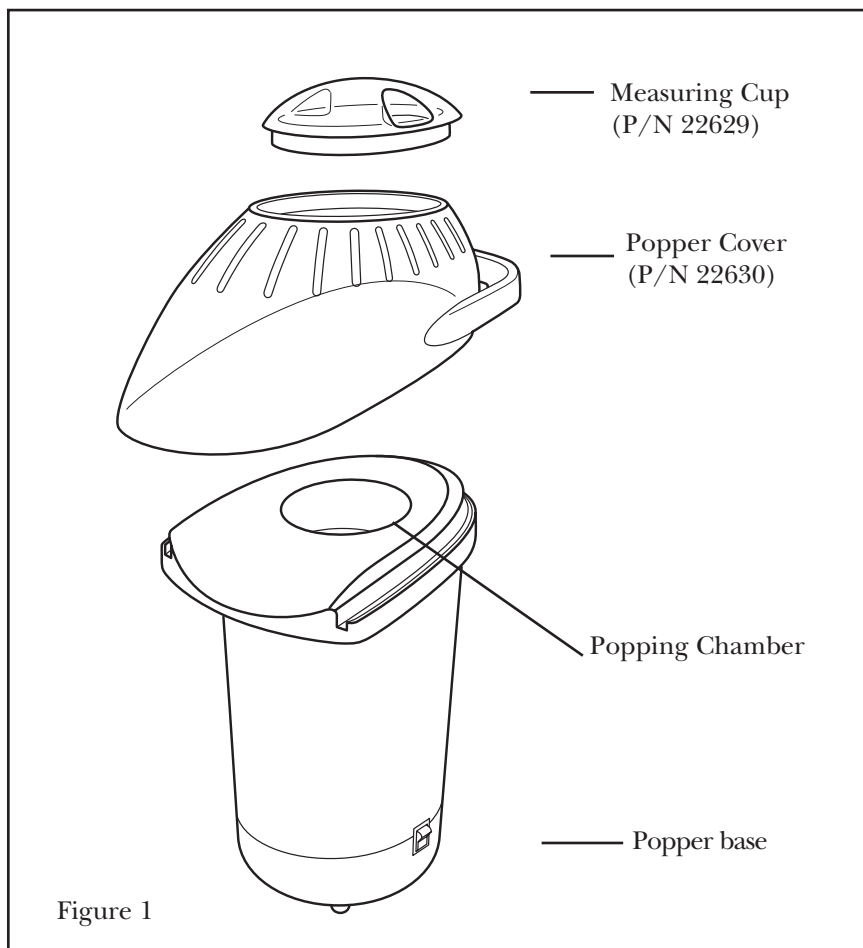


Figure 1

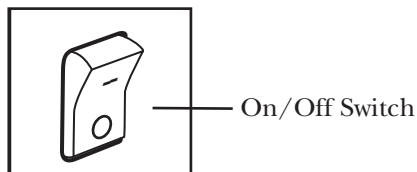


# Using Your Hot Air Popcorn Popper

**NEVER IMMERSE THE POPPER BASE IN WATER OR OTHER LIQUID.**

**ONLY MELT BUTTER WHILE POPPING KERNELS!**

1. Before using for the first time, wash popper cover and measuring cup in warm, soapy water; rinse and dry thoroughly.
2. Remove popper cover and measuring cup from popper base. Fill the measuring cup to the Max line with kernels and add to popping chamber. Do not fill measuring cup past the Max line - Kernels should be level in measuring cup. Measuring cup = 1/2 cup. Never add more than 1/2 cup of popcorn kernels to the popping chamber at one time. Do not put any other ingredients such as oil, shortening, butter, margarine, salt and sugar into popping chamber as damage will occur.
3. Place popper cover onto base, positioning bottom edge of cover into groove of base. The measuring cup may be used to melt butter while the unit pops the kernels. If not melting butter, place measuring cup onto popper cover as shown in Figure 1. If melting butter, turn measuring cup over and place inverted onto the popper cover. Never add more than 1/4 cup of butter to the measuring cup. Make sure butter is at room temperature. Cut butter into 8 slices before placing in measuring cup. Note: When using the measuring cup to measure kernels, always wash and dry the measuring cup after each batch of popcorn when melting butter.
4. Place a heat-proof popcorn serving bowl under the front of the popper cover. If a plastic bowl is used, be sure it will withstand heat without melting. A metal bowl may become hot to the touch, but it will tend to keep the popcorn warmer.
5. Plug unit into a 120V~60 Hz outlet and press the On/Off Switch to On (—).
6. Press the On/Off Switch to Off (O) and unplug when popping is complete. **DO NOT OPERATE THIS UNIT EMPTY. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO MELT BUTTER WITHOUT POPCORN IN CHAMBER.** Due to variances in the popcorn type, freshness and moisture content, some popped or unpopped kernels may remain in the chamber after the popping has stopped. To prevent scorching, unplug the popper without waiting for this corn to clear the unit.



**CAUTION: AS KERNELS MAY CONTINUE TO POP EVEN AFTER UNIT IS UNPLUGGED, MAKE SURE ALL POPPING HAS STOPPED BEFORE REMOVING COVER.**

**CAUTION: USE OVEN MITTS WHEN HANDLING HOT SURFACES OF THE UNIT. TO AVOID TEMPORARY MALFORMATION OF THE COVER, ALLOW IT TO COOL ON THE UNIT BASE AFTER POPPING.**

7. For additional batches, unplug unit. Make sure the popping chamber is empty. Carefully remove excess popcorn or left over unpoped kernels. Then repeat steps 2 through 6. *Note: When popping more than one or two batches of corn, allow the popper to cool down for at least 10 minutes.*

## Helpful Hints

- ◆ This popcorn popper is designed to pop regular and premium brands of popcorn. Try different brands to find the one you like best. Yellow kernels generally pop larger than white. One half cup unpoped kernels will yield approximately 3.5 quarts of popcorn.
- ◆ Always use fresh popcorn. Stale or dried-out popcorn pops poorly and may cause scorching or smoking.
- ◆ Carefully select the bowl you will be using to collect popped corn. A metal bowl may become very hot to the touch due to the flow of hot air from the chute and must be handled carefully. It will, however, tend to keep the popcorn warm. If a plastic bowl is used, be certain it can withstand the heat caused by the warm air flow without melting.
- ◆ Never use more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of kernels per batch.
- ◆ Never add salt, sugar or other flavorings into popping chamber.
- ◆ This is an AIR corn popper. Popcorn will pop by circulating hot air. Oils, fats or shortening are not needed and should never be used. Do not use microwave popcorn in this appliance.



# How to Clean Your Popcorn Popper

1. Unplug and allow unit to cool before cleaning.
2. Wash the popper cover and measuring cup in warm, soapy water. Rinse and dry thoroughly. Do not wash in dishwasher. Wipe the corn popper base, including the popping chamber, clean and dry with a soft dry cloth. Never immerse the corn popper base in water or other liquid. Do not scour surfaces with steel wool or abrasive cleaners.
3. Store fully assembled with cover in place.

Any servicing requiring disassembly other than the above cleaning must be performed by a qualified appliance repair technician.

## Cord Storage

Unplug appliance and allow to cool. There is convenient cord storage area at the back of the machine. Simply feed the Cord inside the Storage area and store in its box or in a clean, dry place.

## Service Information

Please refer to warranty statement to determine if in-warranty service applies. This appliance must be serviced by a Toastmaster authorized service center. Unauthorized service will void warranty.

If an authorized service center is not available locally, your appliance may be returned postage prepaid to our Repair Center at the address shown in the back of this book. Call Consumer Service for return authorization.

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## LIMITED ONE-YEAR WARRANTY

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Macon, MO 63552 USA

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