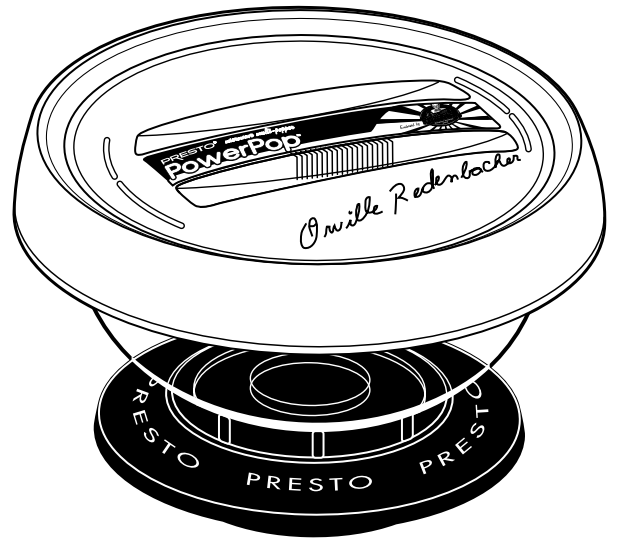


# PRESTO®

## PowerPop® microwave multi-popper

Your Presto® PowerPop® microwave multi-popper is designed to make popcorn just the way you like it — with oil, without oil, and even butter flavored.

See page 3 step 3 for easy preparation instructions.



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## INSTRUCTIONS

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The following important safeguards are recommended by most portable appliance manufacturers.

### IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

To reduce the risk of personal injury or property damage when using this appliance, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following:

1. Read all instructions. Do not leave unit unattended while in use.
2. Do not place in microwave oven unless covered.
3. Use caution when touching hot surfaces. Unit and PowerCup® concentrator become hot during popping.
4. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
5. Do not operate in the event the appliance malfunctions or is damaged in any manner. Return the popper to the Presto Factory Service Department for examination, repair, or adjustment (see page 7).
6. The use of attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may damage the unit or cause injuries.
7. Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner or in a heated oven.
8. Do not use appliance for other than intended use.

### SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

This product is for household use only

### *Getting Acquainted*

**Before using your Presto® PowerPop® multi-popper, please read the following information.**

This popper was specially designed to work in most microwave ovens. There are however a few ultra-compact models, with cavity sizes less than 6 inches tall by 10 inches wide, in which it will not fit. **If your microwave has a removable tray or turntable, be sure the tray or turntable is in place whenever you use your PowerPop® multi-popper.**

**Make sure your microwave oven is compatible with the Presto® PowerPop® multi-popper.** Your microwave popper has been tested in a wide variety of microwave ovens and found to work superbly. However, the function and condition of microwave ovens may vary greatly. Because there have been literally hundreds of different model microwave ovens produced over the last twenty years, it was not possible to test the popper in every microwave oven. Be sure you check the operating manual for your microwave oven to see if popping popcorn is permitted.

During each use of the popper, we ask that you do the following:

- Check that the microwave oven is clean and free of food/grease residue according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Remain near the microwave oven during the popping period.
- Look through the window of the microwave oven throughout the popping period.
- If you notice anything unusual (e.g., a peculiar odor, sparking etc.), immediately turn off and unplug your microwave oven. Leave the microwave oven door closed. If you notice anything unusual about the PowerPop® microwave popper, please call the Presto Consumer Service Department at 1-800-877-0441. If there is a problem relating to the function of your microwave oven, please call an authorized service center identified by the microwave oven manufacturer.

Before using your Presto® PowerPop® multi-popper, study the diagram below to become familiar with the various parts of the unit and read the instructions carefully. Before initial use and after each subsequent use, remove the popping bowl from the PowerBase™ concentrator by rotating the bowl either clockwise or counterclockwise until the locking tabs on the bowl are no longer aligned with the locking tabs on the base. Lift the popping bowl off the base and wash the bowl and cover in warm, sudsy water, rinse, and dry thoroughly, or wash in the dishwasher. Do not immerse the PowerBase™ concentrator in water. Wipe the PowerBase™ concentrator with a damp cloth to clean.

## Replaceable PowerCup® Concentrators

The Presto® PowerPop® microwave multi-popper is the first microwave popper that really works. Its secret is the **combination** of the permanent PowerBase™ concentrator with the replaceable PowerCup® concentrator. Apart, neither pops corn well; together, however, they pop corn superbly. Although the PowerCup® concentrator is a disposable part, it is designed for multiple uses. The number of uses will vary from microwave to microwave with up to 12 batches when using the popper with oil and up to 24 batches when using the popper without oil. You will know it is time to replace the concentrator when either you are getting more unpopped kernels than usual or if the top layer of the concentrator is cracked or torn. For more information on the use and care of the PowerCup® concentrator, see pages 4 and 5.

There is a package of PowerCup® concentrators packed inside your popper. Additional packages should be available wherever the poppers are sold. You may also order them by calling the Presto Consumer Service Department at 1-800-877-0441.

**Important: Use only genuine Presto® PowerCup® concentrators. Use of any other concentrator or microwave crisping paper will damage your Presto® PowerPop® multi-popper and void its warranty.** You will know the concentrator is genuine by the target on its face.

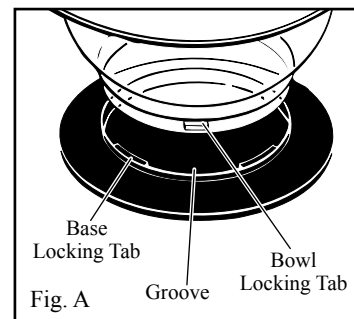
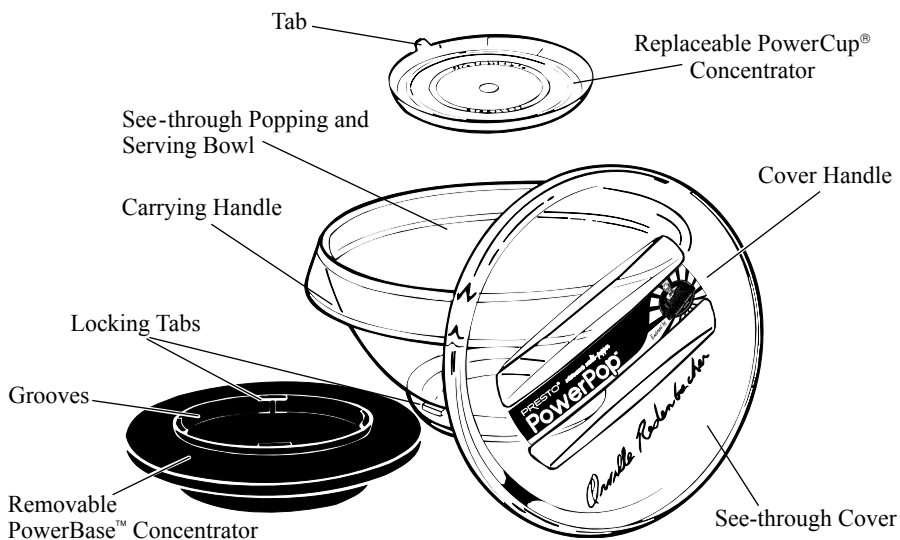
## How To Use

Follow these easy steps:

**Step 1** Attach the popping bowl to the PowerBase™ concentrator by positioning the popping bowl locking tabs in the grooves on the PowerBase™ concentrator, Fig. A. Rotate the popping bowl clockwise or counter-clockwise until it locks into place. The bowl's tabs will be underneath the base's locking tabs.

**Step 2** Place a Presto® PowerCup® concentrator in the popping bowl. Be certain you are using **only one** concentrator (concentrators may occasionally stick together). Push it down, so it is seated tightly against the bottom of the inside of the popping bowl.

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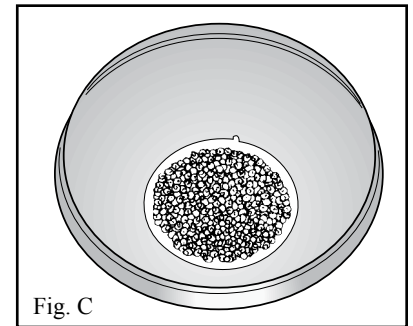
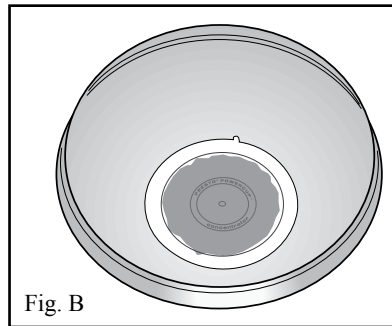
**other concentrator or microwave crisping paper will damage your Presto® PowerPop® multi-popper.**

**Step 3** For oil popped corn, pour 1 to 2 tablespoons of oil onto the concentrator, Fig. B. Add ⅓ cup popping corn, Fig. C. If desired, sprinkle with salt. See recipe variations on pages 5 and 6.

For corn similar to air popped corn (without oil), pour ⅓ cup popping corn onto the concentrator, Fig. C. It is not recommended that salt be added prior to popping as it will not stick to the corn.

For butter flavored popcorn, pour 1 to 2 tablespoons of butter flavored oil onto the concentrator. Add ⅓ cup popping corn, Fig. C. If desired, sprinkle with salt.

**Step 4** Put the cover on the popping bowl and place in the center of the microwave oven. All microwave ovens do not cook alike, causing cooking time to vary. Popcorn will usually be done in 2 to 5 minutes. **Do not use “Popcorn Setting” if your microwave has this feature.** For the first use,



set microwave timer for 5 minutes and begin popping at full power (**High**). Listen carefully. **When popping slows to approximately 2 to 3 seconds between pops, stop microwave.** If more or less time is necessary, adjust timer accordingly for your next batch of popcorn. **Do not overcook as popcorn will scorch. Never leave microwave oven unattended during popping.** Note: When using ⅓ cup premium yellow popcorn, the popped corn may push the cover up at the end of popping. This is normal.

**Step 5** Use the popping bowl carrying handle to carefully remove popper from microwave oven. Carefully lift the cover toward you to keep any steam away from you. Serve popcorn in popping bowl or pour into another bowl if you would like to make additional batches of popcorn.

**Caution:** Some hot oil residue may remain in the bottom of the bowl after popping; use caution when pouring popcorn into another bowl as the residue could drip out and cause burns. **The PowerCup® concentrator becomes very hot during popping. Use a tongs to remove a hot concentrator or allow concentrator to cool before handling.**

**Step 6** Before popping additional batches, wipe the PowerCup® concentrator with a damp cloth to remove remaining salt and oil. Because microwave function varies, some microwave ovens perform better when allowed to cool 10 to 15 minutes before popping additional batches of corn.

## *Helpful Hints*

- ❖ This popper is designed to pop all kinds of popcorn — yellow, white, baby rice, and premium brands. Try different brands to find the one you like best. Yellow popcorn generally pops into larger kernels than white.
- ❖ Always use fresh popcorn. Fresh popcorn pops into larger kernels and with more consistency than older dried out corn.
- ❖ You can vary the amount of popcorn popped. Since the popping bowl has a 3-quart capacity, you can pop as much as ⅓ cup of premium yellow popcorn. For other types of corn that produce smaller kernels, a heaping ⅓ cup is recommended. If you want just a little popcorn, you can pop as little as a tablespoon of corn. When popping small amounts, make sure you monitor popping closely as popping will be completed faster than normal.
- ❖ Because of its fine texture, popcorn salt works best. It is available at most grocery stores. Table salt works well too, however.
- ❖ You can use any kind of cooking oil (corn, vegetable, peanut, olive, canola, sesame etc.) or any kind of solid shortening or lard in the popper. No more than 2 tablespoons should be used for any batch of popcorn. Feel free to mix oils or shortenings. Butter and margarine may be used. When cooked at high temperatures, like those in the microwave popper, butter and margarine both tend to brown, imparting a different, but delicious flavor.
- ❖ You can preseason your corn by adding salt and other fine powdered seasonings to the oil **prior** to popping. Avoid the use, however, of cheese powders or powders made with granulated sugar or chocolate, as they tend to burn. They may be added to corn after popping. See recipes on pages 5 and 6.
- ❖ If you want oil flavored popcorn, but don't want the added fat or calories that oil gives you, either before or after popping, spray popcorn with a no-stick cooking spray. This will give you a hint of oil flavor and will also allow salts and other seasonings to stick to the popcorn better. For a hint of butter flavored popcorn, use the butter flavored sprays.

- ❖ If you like extra butter or margarine on your popcorn, you can add more after popping. Simply place a few 1/8-inch pats of butter/margarine on the popped corn, cover popper, and reinsert in the microwave oven for approximately 20 seconds. Butter/margarine will melt and can then be mixed through.
- ❖ You can enjoy the taste of theater popcorn with less harmful fats by using a butter flavored oil, like Orville Redenbacher's® Gourmet® Buttery Flavor® Popping Oil.

## ***Questions and Answers***

### ***1. Sometimes I get a lot of unpopped kernels and scorched corn. Why?***

A number of things may be causing this:

- a. You may have forgotten to use the PowerBase™ concentrator or PowerCup® concentrator. Quality of popped corn will diminish if the PowerBase™ concentrator or PowerCup® concentrator are not **both** used.
- b. Your PowerCup® concentrator needs to be replaced.
- c. You were not using the High setting on your microwave oven.
- d. Your microwave oven may have areas where microwave energy is not evenly distributed. Next time you use the popper, try positioning the popper in a different location inside the microwave oven.
- e. Your microwave oven and the Presto® popper do not work together. Presto's engineers tested a wide variety of microwave ovens in the design phase of the unit and did not find a microwave oven, in which the popper fit, which did not perform superbly. It is possible, however, that an oven exists which does not work well with the popper. Presto would be very interested if you have such an oven. Please write or call Presto if you believe this is the case.

### ***2. How many unpopped kernels are considered normal for a batch of popped corn?***

The number of unpopped kernels will vary depending on the quality and freshness of the corn used, the microwave oven used, and the condition of the PowerCup® concentrator. If the instructions are followed correctly, as indicated on pages 2 and 3, on the first use you will usually get anywhere from 1 unpopped kernel to 1 teaspoon unpopped kernels. Fresh corn and premium corn will give you the best results. You should always get fewer unpopped kernels than microwave bagged corn. If you consistently get a lot of unpopped kernels, review this Question and Answer section.

### ***3. How many batches of popcorn should I be able to pop with each PowerCup® concentrator?***

The number of uses will vary from microwave to microwave. When popping with oil, you should be able to make up to 12 batches with each concentrator. When popping without oil, you should be able to make up to 24 batches with each concentrator.

### ***4. After the initial use, the PowerCup® concentrator looks dark and discolored. Should I continue to use it?***

Yes. The concentrator does discolor after use and will become more discolored the more you use it. The discoloration is normal and does not affect popping.

### ***5. What can I do to maximize the number of uses I get out of each PowerCup® concentrator when popping with oil?***

After each use, wipe concentrator with a damp cloth to remove salt and oil residue. Do not soak concentrator in water or use abrasives to clean it. Always remove concentrator from popping bowl before coating popcorn with toppings, such as caramel sauce.

### ***6. There is oil residue, salt, and other seasonings on the concentrator after I make salted or flavored popcorn. May I wash the concentrator?***

As water tends to cause the layers of the PowerCup® concentrator to separate, washing is not recommended. Between batches, oil and salt residue can be easily removed by wiping the concentrator with a damp cloth. Prior to storage for later uses or after making flavored popcorn, you may feel a more complete cleaning is needed. You may rinse the concentrator under warm water and gently wipe away any food residue. Do not scrub or use abrasives. To remove excess moisture from the concentrator, pat dry with a towel prior to storing in your popper.

**Note:** Do not attempt to dry the concentrator in the microwave. Drying in the microwave will damage both the concentrator and popper.

### ***7. How will I know when my PowerCup® concentrator needs to be replaced?***

If you notice you are getting more unpopped kernels than usual, it is time to replace the concentrator.

**Important:** Always replace the concentrator immediately if the top layer is torn or cracked.

**8. *The PowerPop® popper fits in my microwave oven only when I remove the glass tray or turntable. Is it safe to use the microwave without the tray or turntable?***

No. If your microwave oven comes with a glass tray or turntable, it should never be operated without the tray or turntable in place. Use without the tray or turntable results in short PowerCup® concentrator life. It will also damage the popper and could destroy your microwave oven.

**9. *Sometimes I find the PowerCup® concentrator on top of the popped corn with numerous unpopped kernels underneath. What has happened?***

Unpopped kernels were under the concentrator prior to popping, or the concentrator was not positioned tightly against the bottom of the popping bowl enabling unpopped kernels to slip under the concentrator during popping. When those kernels popped, they pushed the concentrator up, allowing more unpopped kernels to fall underneath the concentrator. Always make sure your concentrator is seated tightly against the bottom of the popping bowl and that all of the kernels are on the concentrator before you begin popping.

**10. *It seems when I make multiple batches of popcorn, each batch takes longer to pop. Why?***

As the cavity of any microwave oven gets hotter, the oven becomes less efficient. Thus, if you are making multiple batches of corn, you might wish to allow the microwave to cool slightly between batches.

**11. *Although I am getting great popping performance, sometimes the corn is scorched. What is causing this?***

- a. You may be microwaving the corn for too long. Remember that when popping slows to 2 to 3 seconds between pops, the popper should be removed from the microwave oven.
- b. You are using seasonings for flavored corn which burn during popping. For future batches, sprinkle those seasonings on after the corn has popped. If the seasonings are not in fine powder form, they may also burn.

## ***Care, Cleaning, and Storage***

The popping bowl and cover are dishwasher safe or they can be washed in warm, sudsy water and rinsed and dried thoroughly. Do not immerse the PowerBase™ concentrator in water or other liquids. Wipe the PowerBase™ concentrator with a damp cloth. If the PowerBase™ concentrator is immersed accidentally, you will need to place the base in an upright position and allow it to drain before use.

If popping corn with oil and salt, wipe the PowerCup® concentrator with a damp cloth after each use to remove oil and salt residue. Do not scrub the concentrator with abrasives or soak in water.

Store concentrator inside of popping bowl and use for your next batch of popcorn.

## ***Recipes***

### **Traditional Popcorn**

**1½ tablespoons cooking oil                      ½ teaspoon salt**  
**⅓ cup popcorn**

Pour oil on PowerCup® concentrator in popping bowl. Add popcorn and sprinkle with salt. Cover popper and place in center of microwave oven. Set timer for 5 minutes (see page 3, step 4). Cook on high power until rapid popping slows to 2 to 3 seconds between pops. Carefully remove popper from oven and cover from popper.

### **Onion and Garlic Popcorn**

**1½ tablespoons cooking oil                      1 teaspoon onion salt**  
**⅓ cup popcorn                                      1 teaspoon garlic powder**  
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Pour oil on PowerCup® concentrator in popping bowl. Add popcorn and sprinkle with seasonings. Cover popper and place in center of microwave oven. Set timer for 5 minutes (see page 3, step 4). Cook on high power until rapid popping slows to 2 to 3 seconds between pops. Carefully remove popper from oven and cover from popper.

## Caramel Corn

⅓ cup popcorn

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½ cup brown sugar

¼ cup butter

2 tablespoons +

1 teaspoon corn syrup

¼ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon baking soda

Place popcorn on PowerCup® concentrator in popping bowl. Cover popper and place in center of microwave oven. Set timer for 5 minutes (see page 3, step 4). Cook on high power until rapid popping slows to 2 to 3 seconds between pops. Carefully remove popper from oven and cover from popper. Pour popped corn into a large bowl and set aside.

Combine remaining ingredients except baking soda in a 2 quart microwavable bowl. Microwave 2 to 3 minutes, stirring every minute until it boils. Microwave 1 minute more. Stir in baking soda. Pour syrup mixture over popped corn and stir to distribute. Place on waxed paper and cool.

## Create Your Own Flavored Popcorn

To create your own flavored popcorn, choose and combine ingredients from the following lists. Pick foods having compatible flavors. The amounts given are approximate. Use your imagination and enjoy!

### Start with...

1 tablespoon to ⅓ cup...

Yellow popcorn

White popcorn

### Add up to 2 tablespoons of...

Cooking oil

Flavored oil

Solid shortening

Flavored solid shortening

Lard

Butter/Margarine

**Note:**When cooked at high temperatures, like those in the microwave popper, butter and margarine both tend to brown, imparting a different, but delicious flavor.

(Or a combination of the above.)

### Prior to popping, sprinkle with up to 1 teaspoon of...

Buttery Flavored Salt

Celery Salt

Garlic Salt

Garlic Powder

Hickory Flavored Salt

Italian Seasoning

Jalapeño Salt

Mexican Seasoning

Onion Salt

Onion Powder

Popcorn Salt

Salt

Seasoned Salt

### After popping corn, sprinkle on...

Cheese Powder

Chili Powder

Cinnamon

Grated Parmesan Cheese

Onion and Garlic Seasoning

Powdered Sugar

Sugar Substitute

Taco Flavoring

**Note:** Flavors are enhanced as the popcorn cools. Store flavored corn in an airtight container to further enhance flavor.

## ***Consumer Service Information***

If you have any questions regarding the operation of your Presto® appliance or need parts for your appliance, contact us by any of these methods:

- **Call 1-800-877-0441** weekdays 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM (Central Time)
- **Email us at our website [www.GoPresto.com](http://www.GoPresto.com)**
- **Write: NATIONAL PRESTO INDUSTRIES, INC.**

**Consumer Service Department  
3925 North Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI 54703-3703**

When contacting the consumer service department, please indicate the model number and the series code for the popper. These numbers can be found on the bottom of the PowerBase™ concentrator.

Please record this information:

Model Number \_\_\_\_\_ Series Code \_\_\_\_\_ Date Purchased \_\_\_\_\_

Inquiries will be answered promptly by telephone, email, or letter. When emailing or writing, please include a phone number and a time when you can be reached during weekdays if possible.

Any maintenance required for this product, other than normal household care and cleaning should be performed by our Factory Service Department. Be sure to indicate date of purchase and a description of problem when sending an appliance for repair. **Send appliances for repair to:**

**CANTON SALES AND STORAGE CO.  
Presto Factory Service Department  
555 Matthews Drive, Canton, MS 39046-0529**

The Presto Factory Service Department is equipped to service all PRESTO® appliances and supply genuine PRESTO® parts. Genuine PRESTO® replacement parts are manufactured to the same exacting quality standards as PRESTO® appliances and are engineered specifically to function properly with its appliances. Presto can only guarantee the quality and performance of genuine PRESTO® parts. "Look-alikes" might not be of the same quality or function in the same manner. To ensure that you are buying genuine PRESTO® replacement parts, look for the PRESTO® trademark.

### **PRESTO® Limited Warranty**

This quality PRESTO® appliance is designed and built to provide many years of satisfactory performance under normal household use. Presto pledges to the original owner that should there be any defects in material or workmanship during the first year after purchase, we will repair or replace it at our option. Our pledge does not apply to damage caused by shipping. To obtain service under the warranty, return this PRESTO® appliance, shipping prepaid, to the Factory Service Department. When returning a product, please include a description of the defect and indicate the date the appliance was purchased.

We want you to obtain maximum enjoyment from using this PRESTO® appliance and ask that you read and follow the instructions enclosed. Failure to follow instructions, damage caused by improper replacement parts, abuse, or misuse will void this pledge. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. This is Presto's personal pledge to you and is being made in place of all other express warranties.

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