



# PowerPop<sup>®</sup>

microwave multi-popper  
by **PRESTO**

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

See page 2 step 3 for easy preparation instructions.

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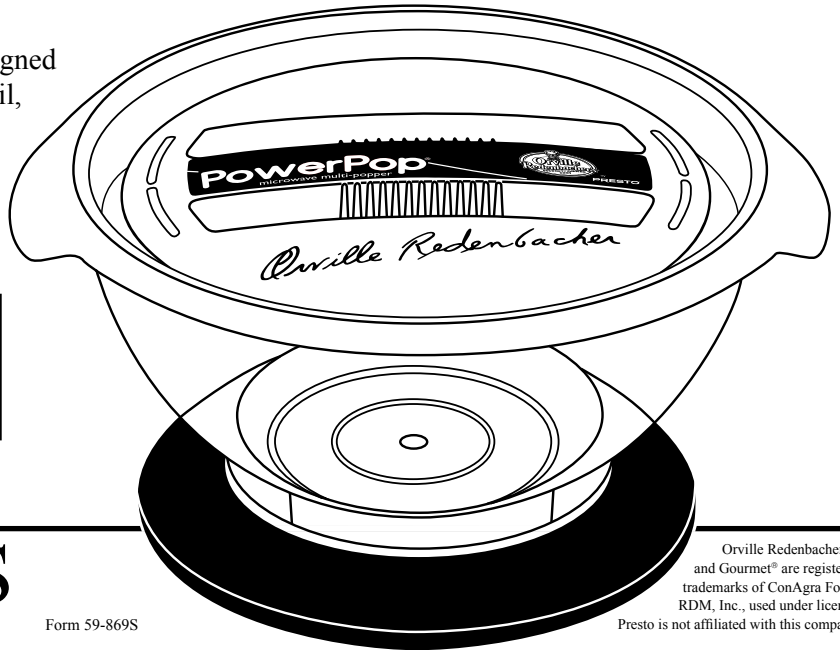
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## INSTRUCTIONS

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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. Popper and PowerCup<sup>®</sup> 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 popper malfunctions or is damaged in any manner. Return the popper to the Presto Factory Service Department for examination, repair, or adjustment (see page 5).
6. The use of accessories not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may damage the unit or cause injuries. Use only genuine Presto<sup>®</sup> accessories and replacement parts.
7. Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner or in a heated oven.
8. Do not use popper for other than intended use.

### SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

THIS APPLIANCE IS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY.

#### Getting Acquainted

**Before using your PowerPop<sup>®</sup> microwave multi-popper, please read the following information.**

This popper was specially designed to work in most microwave ovens. **If your microwave has a removable tray or turntable, be sure the tray or turntable is in place whenever you use your PowerPop<sup>®</sup> 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. 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:

- a. Check that the microwave oven is clean and free of food/grease residue according to manufacturer's instructions.
- b. Remain near the microwave oven during the popping period.
- c. Look through the window of the microwave oven throughout the popping period.
- d. 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 encounter any issues with the use of your PowerPop® microwave multi-popper, please call the Presto Consumer Service Department at 1-800-877-0441.

Become familiar with the various parts of the unit (Fig. A) 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, soapy water. Rinse and dry thoroughly. The popping bowl and cover are also dishwasher safe. Do not immerse the PowerBase™ concentrator in water. Wipe the PowerBase™ concentrator with a damp cloth to clean.

### Replaceable PowerCup® Concentrators

The PowerCup® concentrator, when used with the PowerBase™ concentrator, assures ultimate popping performance providing three quarts of crisp, fluffy popcorn in a few minutes. It also minimizes the number of unpopped kernels. Although the PowerCup® concentrator is a disposable part, it is designed for multiple uses. The number of uses will vary from microwave to microwave. 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 3 and 4.

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 directly from Presto. See page 4.

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

### How to Use

1. Attach the popping bowl to the PowerBase™ concentrator by positioning the popping bowl locking tabs in the grooves on the PowerBase™ concentrator (Fig. B). Rotate the popping bowl clockwise or counterclockwise until it locks into place. The bowl's tabs will be underneath the base's locking tabs.
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 securely against the bottom of the popping bowl.
3. *For oil-popped corn*, pour 1/3 cup popping corn onto the concentrator. Drizzle 1 to 2 tablespoons of oil over corn. If desired, sprinkle with salt.

*For corn similar to air-popped corn (without oil)*, pour 1/3 cup popping corn onto the concentrator. It is not recommended that salt be added prior to popping as it will not stick to the corn.

*For butter-flavored popcorn*, pour 1/3 cup popping corn onto the concentrator. Drizzle 1 to 2 tablespoons of butter-flavored oil over corn. If desired, sprinkle with salt.

4. Put the cover on the popping bowl and place in the center of the microwave oven. All microwave ovens do not perform alike and you may find that the popper may perform better if placed off center in your microwave.

In addition, popping time will vary with each microwave. 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.

**NOTE:** Popcorn can easily scorch so never leave microwave oven unattended during popping.

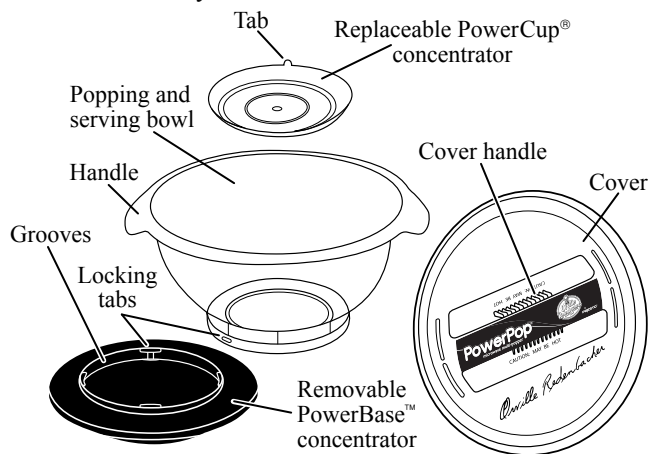


Fig. A

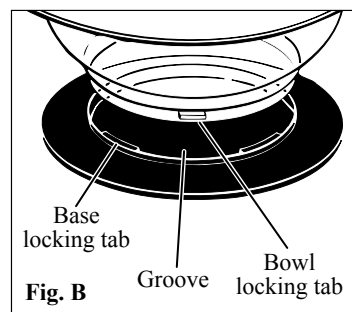


Fig. B

5. Use the popping bowl handles 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.

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 ½ 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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 salt 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 ⅛-inch pats of butter or margarine on the popped corn, cover popper, and reinsert in the microwave oven for approximately 20 seconds. Butter or margarine will melt and can then be mixed through.

## Questions and Answers

### 1. *Sometimes I get a lot of unpopped kernels and/or 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 PowerPop® popper do not work together. 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 0 unpopped kernels 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 8 batches with each concentrator. When popping without oil, you should be able to make up to 15 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. However, if the top layer is torn or cracked, you should replace the concentrator.

**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. 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.

**7. 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.

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

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

**9. 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, soapy 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.

## How to obtain additional Presto® PowerCup® concentrators

Presto® PowerCup® concentrators should be available wherever PowerPop® microwave poppers are sold. You may also order them directly from Presto:

- Visit [www.GoPresto.com](http://www.GoPresto.com) or simply scan this QR code.
- Call the Consumer Service Department at **1-800-877-0441** (weekdays between 8:00 AM. and 4:00 PM Central Time). **Please have your credit card number and expiration date ready.** Payment options on telephone orders limited to credit card only.



## 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 4:00 PM (Central Time)
- Email us through our website at [www.GoPresto.com/contact](http://www.GoPresto.com/contact)
- Write: National Presto Industries, Inc.  
Consumer Service Department  
3925 North Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI 54703-3703

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.

When contacting the Consumer Service Department, please indicate the model and series numbers for the popper. These numbers can be found on the bottom of the PowerBase™ concentrator.

Please record this information:

Model \_\_\_\_\_ Series \_\_\_\_\_ Date Purchased \_\_\_\_\_

The Presto Factory Service Department is equipped to service 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.

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### Product Registration

**IMPORTANT:** Please go online and register this product within ten days of purchase. Proper registration will serve as proof of purchase in the event your original receipt becomes misplaced or lost. Registration will not affect warranty coverage, but it may expedite the processing of warranty claims. The additional information requested will help us develop new products that best meet your needs and desires. To register your product, visit [www.GoPresto.com/registration](http://www.GoPresto.com/registration) or simply scan this QR code. If you do not have computer access, call the Consumer Service Department at 1-800-877-0441.



### Presto® Limited Warranty

*(Applies only in the United States)*

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.

***Outside the United States, this limited warranty does not apply.***

To obtain service under the warranty, please call our Consumer Service Department at 1-800-877-0441. If unable to resolve the problem, you will be instructed to send your Presto® appliance to the Presto Factory Service Department for a quality inspection; shipping costs will be your responsibility. When returning an appliance, please include your name, address, phone number, and the date you purchased the appliance as well as a description of the problem you are encountering with the appliance.

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, misuse, disassembly, alterations, or neglect 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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