

# PRESTO®

## CoolDaddy® Elite

cool-touch electric deep fryer

- Delicious deep fried foods, fast and easy.
- Exterior handle lowers food into the oil with the cover closed to prevent spattering.
- Big six-cup food capacity in a compact size.
- Removable pot for easy cleaning.



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# INSTRUCTIONS

## 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. Please include a phone number and a time when you can be reached during weekdays, if possible, when emailing or writing.

When contacting the Consumer Service Department, please indicate the model and series numbers for the deep fryer, which can be found on the bottom of the unit. Please record this information:

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

The Presto Factory Service Department is equipped to service PRESTO® appliances and supply genuine PRESTO™ replacement parts. Genuine PRESTO™ 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™ replacement parts. “Look-alikes” might not be of the same quality or function in the same manner. To ensure that you are buying genuine PRESTO™ parts, look for the PRESTO trademark.

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### 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.**

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This is a  Listed appliance. 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 electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following:

1. Read all instructions.
2. Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles.
3. Be sure handle is properly assembled to basket and locked in place. See detailed assembly instructions on page 5. Failure to securely attach the basket handle can result in the release of the basket during use, which may result in severe burns.
4. To protect against electrical shock or burns, do not immerse unit, cord, or plug in water or other liquid.
5. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
6. Do not let children handle or put electrical cords or plugs in their mouths.
7. Always attach magnetic plug end to appliance first, then plug power cord into the wall outlet. To disconnect, remove plug from wall outlet, then magnetic plug end from appliance.
8. Unplug from wall outlet when unit is not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts, and before cleaning the appliance.
9. Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, or in the event the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner. Return the appliance to the Presto Factory Service Department for examination, repair, or electrical or mechanical adjustment. See page 2 for contact information.
10. The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may cause injuries. Use only genuine Presto™ replacement parts.
11. Do not use outdoors.
12. Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter or touch hot surfaces.
13. Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner or in a heated oven.
14. It is recommended that this fryer not be moved when it contains hot oil or other hot liquid. If it must be moved when it contains hot oil or other hot liquid, use extreme caution.
15. Do not use appliance for other than intended use.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

THIS PRODUCT IS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY.

### Important Cord and Plug Information

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 WITH AN EXTENSION CORD.** Do not allow the power supply cord to run underneath or around the unit. The magnetic cord assembly may not detach easily if the power supply cord is positioned in this fashion. Connect the power supply cord to a 120VAC electrical outlet only.

### Before First Use

Become familiar with the various parts of the deep fryer (Fig. A) and read the instructions carefully.

### Cleaning before first use

Wipe the fryer cover and cool-touch base with a damp cloth. **Never immerse the fryer base in water or other liquid. Never wash the cover parts or fryer base in a dishwasher.**

Open the deep fryer cover by pushing the cover release button on the front of the fryer. Remove the frying basket, basket handle, drip cup, magnetic cord assembly, charcoal filter, and any packaging material from the fryer. Then lift the removable pot out of the fryer base.

Wash both the basket and the removable pot in warm, soapy water; rinse and dry thoroughly. Washing the removable pot in a dishwasher is not recommended.

**NOTICE:** If you choose to wash the removable pot in a dishwasher, the exterior of the removable pot will likely discolor due to the caustic nature of the dishwasher detergent.

Insert the drip cup into the back of the unit with the tab side out (Fig. B).

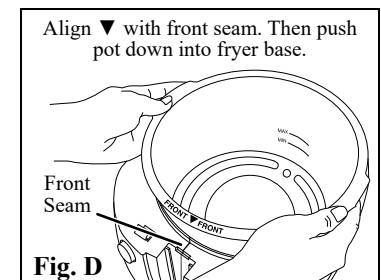
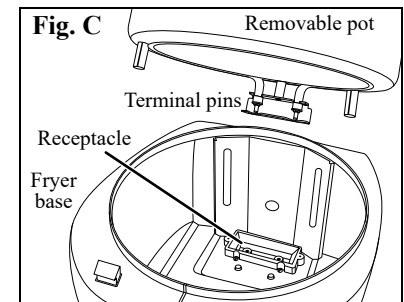
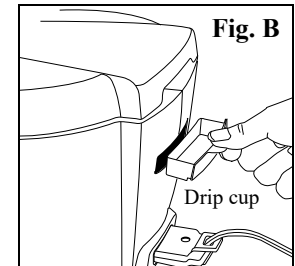
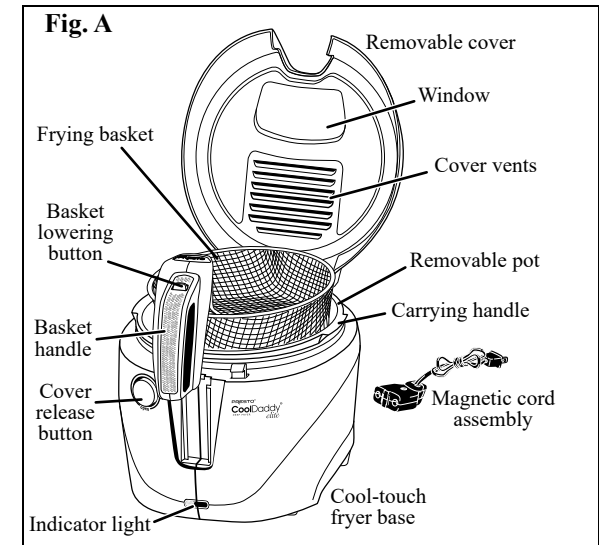
### Positioning removable pot in fryer base

After cleaning, place the removable pot back in the fryer base. The terminal pins on the bottom of the removable pot fit in the receptacle inside the fryer base (Fig. C).

The spring-loaded thermostat makes it easy to place the pot in base. Instead of a snap fit which requires precise positioning, the fryer's pot floats in the base. Simply position the pot so the ▼ on the front of the pot aligns with the front seam of the base (Fig. D). Then close the cover. If the cover closes, the pot is in the correct position.

### Installing or replacing removable filter

The charcoal filter, which is located in the cover of the deep fryer, will help absorb unpleasant odors. For the deep fryer to effectively absorb these odors, always use the fryer with the filter in the cover.



To install or replace the filter, first close the fryer cover. Then, push the release latch on the filter cover (Fig. E) towards the back of the fryer and remove the filter cover. If replacing an old filter, remove old filter and discard. Unwrap the new charcoal filter and insert it into the filter compartment.

Replace the filter cover by holding it at an angle and inserting the two tabs into the cover slots. Snap into place by pushing down. Replacement filters may be purchased through the Presto Consumer Service Department (page 2).

### Attaching basket handle to basket

Before using the deep fryer, you will need to attach the basket handle to the basket. Follow these steps:

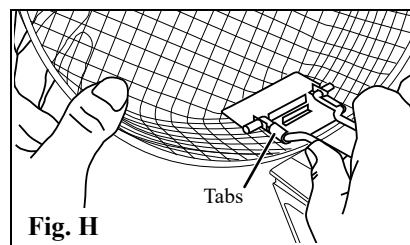
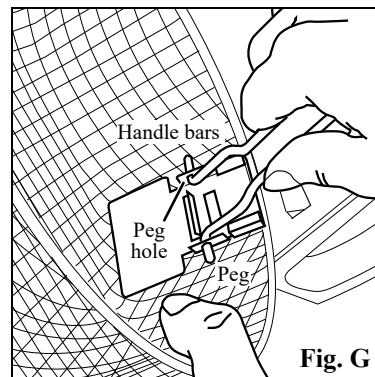
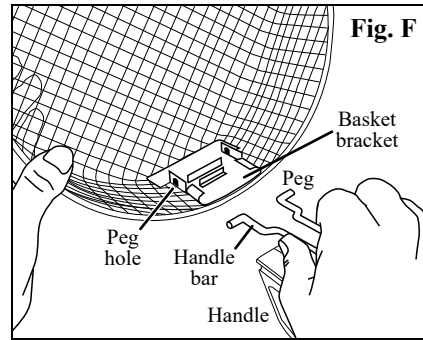
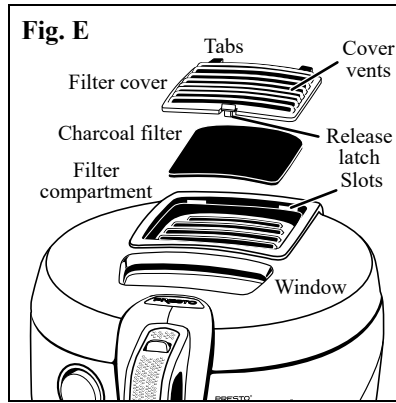
1. Hold the basket in one hand and the basket handle in your other hand. The PRESTO logo on the handle should be facing up. You will be placing the pegs, which are at the ends of the two basket handle bars, into the two holes in the basket bracket (Fig. F).
2. While holding the pegs near the peg holes, tilt the handle inward before attempting to place the pegs in their holes. You will not be able to fit the second peg into its hole if the handle bars are positioned too close to the bracket.
3. Place one of the pegs in one of the peg holes. Then squeeze the handle bars together and fit the opposite peg in the other hole (Fig. G).
4. While squeezing the handle bars together and keeping the pegs in the holes, rotate the handle towards the basket rim, allowing the handle bars to snap into the tabs (Fig. H) on the bracket. The handle is now in the locked position.

**WARNING!** Failure to securely attach the basket handle can result in the release of the basket during use, which may result in severe burns.

For instructions on positioning basket in fryer, see step 3 in “To fry” section on page 7.

### Important Fryer Guidelines

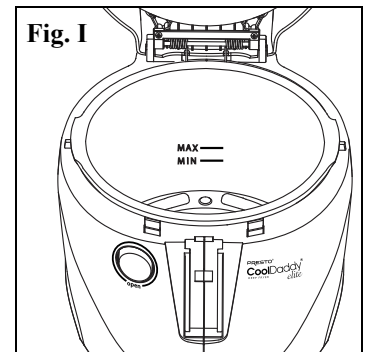
- Use the deep fryer only on a clean, dry, level, stable, and heat-resistant surface, away from the countertop edge.
- **WARNING!** Hot oil can cause serious and painful burns. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.



• **WARNING!** Oil and water do not mix. The combination can be dangerous. When the oil is heated, any water droplets in the oil super-heat, becoming a volatile steam that can cause hot oil to spatter, boil over, or even erupt out of the deep fryer. **Hot oil can cause severe burns!**

Accordingly, before pouring oil into the removable pot, be sure that the pot and all parts are **completely dry**. Before placing food in deep fryer, always remove ice crystals and excess moisture from food by patting dry with paper toweling.

- **CAUTION!** When frying doughs, such as beignets, donuts, dumplings, hushpuppies, and fritters, use the scoop provided or tongs, rather than a fork, to turn food during frying and to remove food from oil. These foods may develop air bubbles during heating, which may burst and cause burns.
- **CAUTION!** Flour tortillas contain air bubbles. During frying, oil can become trapped within these bubbles. If not properly drained, the bubbles can burst and cause burns. Therefore, after frying tortillas, carefully raise them out of the vegetable oil and allow oil to drain from the tortillas for approximately 30 seconds.
- **CAUTION!** Because raw fries contain a high percentage of moisture, extreme care must be used when frying. Follow special frying instructions found in “To fry” steps 1, 4, 5, and 6 (pages 7 and 8), the timetable (page 10), and the Raw French Fries recipe (page 11).
- **WARNING!** To avoid the risk of electrocution or severe disfiguring electrical burns, do not let children handle or put electrical cords or plugs in their mouths. Do not let the cord or plug come in contact with water or other liquid.
- Never use the deep fryer without the removable pot, without oil, or with insufficient oil. Failure to fill fryer with oil to the minimum (MIN) fill level will cause overheating and damage to the product. Also never exceed the maximum (MAX) fill level. Using more than the maximum amount may cause the oil to boil over the top of the fryer. The MIN and MAX fill levels are embossed inside the removable pot (Fig. I). The minimum amount of oil for this fryer is six, 8-ounce cups and the maximum amount is eight, 8-ounce cups.
- Use vegetable oil, such as canola, corn, sunflower, peanut, or soybean, for frying. Frying foods in butter, margarine, olive oil, or animal fat is not recommended because they have lower smoking temperatures.
- Always remove plug from wall outlet and then magnetic plug end from fryer when not in use. Always allow fryer to cool completely with cover closed before removing oil and before cleaning.



### How To Use

#### To fill with oil

1. Open the deep fryer cover. If the frying basket is in the fryer, remove it and set it aside.
2. Fill the removable pot with vegetable oil or shortening up to the maximum oil level line (MAX) located on the inside of the removable pot (Fig. I). Use eight, 8-ounce cups of oil or four pounds of shortening. The amount of oil in the removable pot must always be between the MIN and MAX level markings. **Never exceed the MAX level mark.**

## To preheat

1. Close the fryer cover. Attach the power supply cord to the fryer by aligning the magnetic plug end of the cord with the two electrical pins located in the recessed area of the fryer base (Fig. J). When properly aligned, the magnetic plug end will attach itself magnetically to the appliance. For proper connection, the magnetic plug end must be parallel with the countertop (Fig. K).

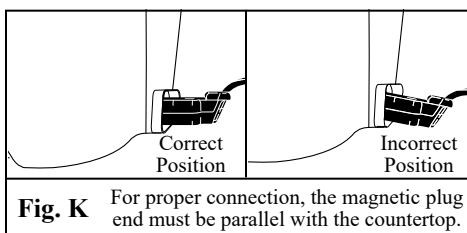
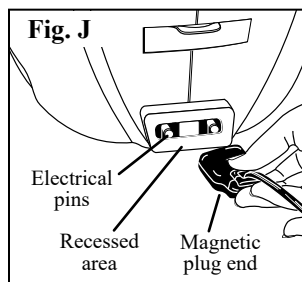
**Important:** The magnetic cord assembly was designed to detach easily from the fryer. As a result, if bumped or touched during use, it could detach, causing the unit to stop heating. Avoid contact with magnetic cord assembly during operation. If contact occurs, verify it is still properly connected.

2. Plug power supply cord into a 120VAC electrical wall outlet only. **NOTE:** When using the fryer for the first time, it is normal for a slight odor or light smoking to occur as manufacturing residue evaporates.
3. While oil is preheating, prepare food for frying. When the oil has reached the proper frying temperature, the indicator light will go out. Preheat time is approximately 10 minutes.

**WARNING!** To prevent risk of severe personal injury or property damage, use caution when frying with hot oil.

## To fry

1. Place frying basket on countertop and fill up to  $\frac{2}{3}$  full with food. For raw fries, only fill basket  $\frac{1}{2}$  full.
2. Push cover release button to open cover. If cover does not open completely, slowly tilt the cover back to an upright position. **CAUTION!** Even though fryer has a special cool-touch exterior, the interior of the fryer is extremely hot and should not be touched.
3. Place the filled frying basket in the removable pot, aligning the grooves on the sides of the basket handle with the guide ribs on the front of the base (Fig. L and M), and lower the basket until it stops. This is the drain position.
4. With your hand on top of the cool-touch cover, pull cover down to the closed position and press until it locks in place. When frying raw fries, leave cover in open position until basket has been completely lowered into oil.
5. Slide the basket lowering button forward and slowly lower the basket into the oil. When lowering a basket containing raw fries, make sure the oil does not bubble up to the rim of the removable pot. If it appears the oil will bubble up to the rim, raise the basket and allow the bubbles to subside. Then slowly lower the basket again. Repeat until basket is completely lowered into fryer.



**CAUTION!** It is normal for steam to escape from the cover vents during frying. To prevent steam burns, keep well away from the vents.

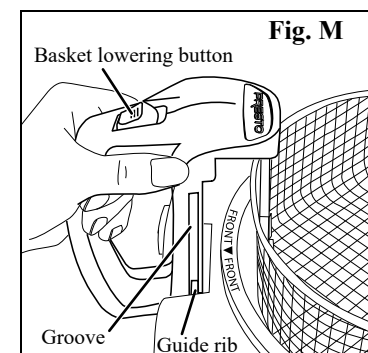
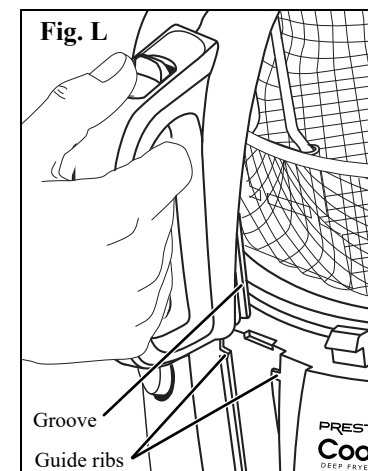
**Note:** High moisture foods, such as French fries, produce more steam than other foods. The fryer is designed to ensure that excessive moisture does not remain in the fryer. Thus, when frying moist foods, you may see beads of condensation on the exterior of the fryer. This is normal.

7. When frying time has elapsed, lift up on basket handle to raise basket to the drain position.
8. Push the cover release button to open the cover. Allow the steam to vent and then slowly tilt the cover back to an upright position; **do not touch hot surfaces.** Check that the food is golden brown. If more frying time is needed, close the cover and slide the basket lowering button forward to lower the basket back into the oil.
9. Once the food is done, carefully lift the basket out of the fryer and empty food on paper toweling. Season to taste.
10. If frying additional food, close fryer cover and wait for indicator light to go out. Then repeat steps 1 through 9.

## Care and Cleaning

1. Remove plug from wall outlet and then from deep fryer. Allow oil and fryer to cool completely with the cover closed.
2. After unit has cooled completely, open cover. Lift the removable pot out of the deep fryer using the two carrying handles.
3. If you plan to reuse the vegetable oil, it is recommended that you strain the oil through a filter or double thickness of cheese cloth to remove any food particles. Store oil in a tightly sealed container where it will not be exposed to heat or direct light.
4. Detach the basket handle from the basket and wipe handle with a damp cloth to clean. To detach the basket handle for cleaning, squeeze the handle bars together and tilt the handle towards the interior of the basket. While squeezing the handle bars, remove the pegs from the peg holes.
5. Wash the frying basket, with the handle removed, with warm water and a mild detergent. Rinse and dry thoroughly. The frying basket, with the handle removed, may be washed in the dishwasher.

Wash the removable pot with warm water and a mild detergent. Rinse and dry thoroughly. **Washing the removable pot in a dishwasher is not recommended.** If you choose to wash the removable pot in a dishwasher, the exterior of the removable pot will likely discolor due to the caustic nature of the dishwasher detergent.



**Do not use steel wool scouring pads on the removable pot or the cool-touch base.** To clean oil residue, use a heavy-duty nylon abrasive scouring pad and a chlorine cleanser.

6. **Never immerse the cool-touch base in water or other liquid, or wash in a dishwasher.** Wipe with a damp cloth to clean.
7. After each use, wipe the inside of the fryer cover with a damp cloth. For a more thorough cleaning, remove the cover from the fryer base by opening the cover and then lifting it straight up. Press the release latch on the filter cover (Fig. E, page 5) and remove the charcoal filter. **The filter should not be washed.**  
Always remove the filter before immersing the cover in water. Wash the cover in warm, soapy water; rinse and dry. **Do not wash the cover parts in the dishwasher.** Dry the cover in a vertical position to allow water to drain out. Once the cover is thoroughly dry, reattach it to the fryer base.
8. On the back side of the deep fryer is a slide-out drip cup (Fig. B, page 4). This cup collects condensation from the fryer cover when the cover is opened after frying. Empty the drip cup after each use and replace in fryer with the tab side out.
9. Store the power supply cord in a clean, dry location away from metal objects. Always check the magnetic plug end before use to assure metal items have not become attached.
10. Periodically check the screws on the basket handle for looseness. Retighten, if necessary, with a Phillips screwdriver. **NOTICE:** Continuing to tighten, once secure, can result in stripping of screws.

## Helpful Hints

- **CAUTION!** Before deep frying, always remove excess moisture or ice crystals from food by patting dry with paper toweling. Even small amounts of moisture may cause the oil to spatter, pop, boil over, or erupt out of the deep fryer. **Hot oil can cause severe burns!**
- When breading or coating foods, use commercial breading, finely ground bread or cracker crumbs, corn meal, a mixture of corn meal and flour, pancake mix, or prepared bread mixes.
- Use only heat-resistant utensils in the fryer. Hot oil damages most plastic or rubber utensils. Do not leave metal utensils in the fryer as they will become hot.
- After each use, strain oil through a filter or a double thickness of cheesecloth to remove the accumulated residue.
- The number of times the vegetable oil can be reused will depend on the food that is fried in it. For example, the oil will need to be replaced more often if fish, chicken, or food coated with bread or cracker crumbs is fried frequently.
- It is time to replace the vegetable oil when the oil is dark in color, has an unpleasant odor, smokes when it is heated, or foams excessively during frying.

## Questions and Answers

### *How do I know the removable pot is installed correctly?*

The spring-loaded thermostat makes it easy to place the pot in the base. Instead of a snap fit which requires precise positioning, the fryer's pot floats in the base. Simply position the pot so the ▼ on the front of the pot aligns with the front seam of the base (Fig. D, page 4). Then close the cover. If the cover closes, the pot is in the correct position.

### *Sometimes my fryer won't heat up or it stops working while I'm frying. Why?*

If your fryer fails to preheat or if the frying process stops while you are frying, check the magnetic cord assembly to assure magnetic plug end is properly attached to the appliance (Fig. K, page 7).

### *The basket lowering button moves, but nothing happens. Why?*

The basket is probably not positioned correctly in the fryer base. If you look at the basket handle, you will notice a long groove on each side of the handle. These grooves need to be lined up with the guide ribs on the fryer base (Fig. L and M, page 8). This enables the basket to be lowered partially into the fryer. The basket lowering button is then used to lower the basket the rest of the way into the hot oil. If the handle is not positioned correctly in the slot, the basket lowering button will not function.

### *Whenever I make battered foods, they stick to the basket. What can I do?*

Battered foods work best when fried without the basket. When using the fryer without the basket, a slotted heat-resistant scoop may be used to add or remove foods. These heat-resistant scoops may be purchased on the web at [www.GoPresto.com](http://www.GoPresto.com).

### *My food doesn't get as crisp as I'd like or is unevenly cooked. What am I doing wrong?*

You may have overfilled the fryer. If too much food is fried at the same time, the food will not get crisp. Do not fill the basket more than  $\frac{2}{3}$  full. If your food is unevenly cooked, you may be frying foods that are not uniform in thickness or size. Try frying foods of equal size and thickness as they will fry more evenly and at the same speed.

### *Frying Timetable*

The following times are approximate and based on the maximum recommended amounts of food. Fill the basket no more than  $\frac{2}{3}$  full for most foods. When frying raw fries, fill the basket only  $\frac{1}{2}$  full.

Food	Quantity	Frying Time
Cheese, frozen nuggets	6 cups	2–3 minutes
Chicken		
Raw, serving size pieces, breaded	4–5 pieces	13–18 minutes
Strips	6 cups	2–4 minutes
Donuts* (fry without basket)	3–4	2–3 minutes
Egg rolls, frozen, thawed	3–4	5–6 minutes
Fish		
Frozen, battered or breaded	3–4 pieces	5–7 minutes
Raw, breaded	3–4 pieces	3–4 minutes
Onion rings		
Frozen, battered or breaded	6 cups	3–4 minutes
Raw, breaded*	3–4 large pieces	1½–2½ minutes
Potatoes		
Frozen French fries	6 cups	11–13 minutes
Raw fries (see recipe on page 11)	3 cups	8–10 minutes
Shrimp		
Frozen, battered or breaded	6 cups	5–7 minutes
Raw, breaded	6 cups	2–4 minutes
Vegetables, raw, breaded*	5–6 pieces	1–3 minutes

\*These foods are best when fried in small quantities.

# Recipes

## Raw French Fries

Cut scrubbed potatoes into ¼ to ½ inch thick strips. Place into large bowl and cover with hot tap water. Soak potato strips for 15 minutes or until ready to fry. Rinse, drain, and pat dry with paper toweling.

Because raw fries contain a high percentage of moisture, extreme care must be used when placing them into hot oil. Make sure fries are well dried before frying.

**Fill the basket ½ rather than ¾ full.** Keeping the cover open, lower the filled basket slowly into the hot oil. If the oil starts to boil up too quickly, lift the basket out of the oil for a couple of seconds, then lower again. Repeat as necessary until the basket is completely lowered into the fryer. Close cover. Fry for 8 to 10 minutes.

## Crispy Coating

½ cup milk	Flour
1 egg, beaten	Salt and Pepper

Beat milk and egg together. Combine flour and seasonings. Dip food into milk-egg mixture, then coat in seasoned flour. Fry food according to timetable on page 10.

## Milk Batter

1 cup flour	2 eggs, beaten
1½ teaspoons baking powder	½ cup milk
½ teaspoon salt	

Sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Add eggs and milk. Stir batter until smooth. If a thinner batter is desired, add more milk. Dip food in batter and fry according to timetable on page 10. For best results, fry battered foods without the frying basket.

## Beer Batter

1½ cups flour	1½ cups beer
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Thoroughly combine flour and beer in a large bowl. Cover and allow the batter to sit at room temperature for 3 hours or longer. Dip food in batter and fry according to timetable on page 10. For best results, fry battered foods without the frying basket.

## Quesadilla Crispers

¼ pound fresh sausage (chorizo, Italian, etc.)	¼ pound jalapeño jack cheese, shredded (1 cup)
1 cup refried beans	8 (7-inch) flour tortillas
¼ cup finely chopped onion	1 tablespoon flour
¼ cup diced canned green chilies, drained	2 tablespoons cold water

Cook sausage until done, breaking it up as it cooks. Combine sausage, beans, onion, chilies, and cheese. *Makes about 1½ cups.*

Cut tortillas into quarters. Place about 1 teaspoon of bean mixture in center. Brush edges with mixture of flour and water. Fold in half and press to seal; keep covered as you work. Continue until all are made. *Makes 32.*

Let stand 5 minutes before frying to allow edges to stick together. Fry 3 or 4 at a time for 2 minutes. Drain on paper toweling.

## Apple Pie Fritters

1 cup all-purpose flour	1 tablespoon butter, melted
2 tablespoons sugar	½ tablespoon ground cinnamon
1½ teaspoons baking powder	4 tablespoons sugar
¼ teaspoon salt	3–4 apples, peeled, cored, sliced ¼ inch thick
¾ cup milk, minus 1 tablespoon	2 teaspoons ground nutmeg
1 tablespoon brandy	2 egg whites
1 egg yolk	

In medium bowl, mix together flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. In a second bowl, whisk together milk, brandy, egg yolk, and melted butter. Gradually stir into dry ingredients until smooth. Set aside.

Mix together cinnamon and sugar. Sprinkle over both sides of apple slices, saving remainder to dust over finished fritters. Sprinkle slices lightly with nutmeg. In clean bowl, beat egg whites until stiff, but not dry. Fold into reserved batter. Dip several apple slices into batter to coat evenly, letting excess drip off.

Carefully place 1 to 2 slices at a time into preheated oil. Fry for 3 to 4 minutes, turning once. Drain on paper toweling. Sprinkle both sides with reserved cinnamon and sugar mixture. Best served warm.

## Jalapeño Kickers

12 fresh jalapeño peppers or 1 (3½ oz) can jalapeño peppers	2 tablespoons bread crumbs
Cream Cheese	¼ teaspoon onion salt
½ cup flour	¼ teaspoon garlic salt
1 egg	¼ teaspoon vegetable oil
½ cup milk	¼ cup flour
	1 teaspoon sugar

**CAUTION!** Wear plastic gloves when working with peppers. Do not touch eye area.

To prepare fresh jalapeño peppers:

Rinse and cut in half lengthwise. Remove seeds and stems. Place in boiling water; remove after 2 minutes. Drain well.

To prepare canned jalapeño peppers:

Drain. Cut in half lengthwise. Remove seeds and stems.

Fill each pepper half with cream cheese until slightly rounded. Place ½ cup flour in separate bowl, set aside.

In a second bowl, beat egg with milk.

In a third bowl, prepare breading by combining bread crumbs, onion salt, garlic salt, and oil. Stir in flour and sugar until mixed thoroughly.

Roll each pepper in flour, dip in egg mixture, and then cover with breading. For a heavier breading, dip in egg mixture again and cover with breading a second time. Gently set aside until ready to fry.

Fry approximately 1 to 2 minutes or until golden brown. Remove immediately if cream cheese filling appears through the coating. Place fried peppers on paper toweling. Serve warm. If desired, serve with salsa.

**Variations:**

Substitute shredded cheddar cheese for cream cheese filling and pack firmly.

Substitute a mixture of cream cheese and shredded cheddar cheese for cream cheese filling.