How to Operate the Popcorn Machine

PopMaxx w/PowerOff® Popcorn Machine
Model: #2552-00-001

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Controls and Their Functions

KETTLE HEAT SWITCH

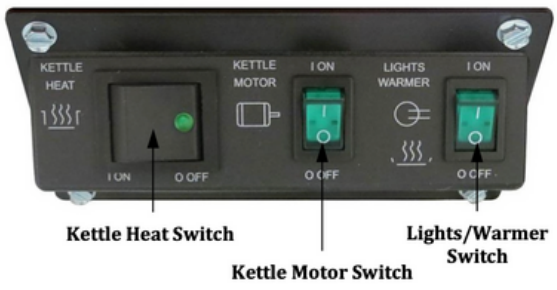
Two position, ON/OFF lighted rocker switch - supplies power to the heating elements in the popping kettle. The green switch light ON indicates there is power to the kettle heating element.

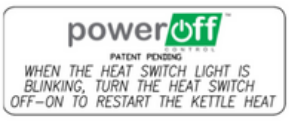
KETTLE MOTOR SWITCH

Two position, ON/OFF lighted rocker switch - supplies power to the kettle agitator motor and exhaust blower. The Kettle Motor Switch MUST be ON at all times when there is popcorn (popped or un-popped) in the kettle. The green switch light ON indicates there is power to the agitator motor and exhaust blower.

LIGHTS/WARMER SWITCH

Two position, ON/OFF lighted rocker switch - supplies power to the popcorn sign, interior cabinet light, and heat element for the corn pan.





Label used on units with the PowerOff Control feature.

POWEROFF CONTROL

The PowerOff Control feature will automatically turn the kettle heat off after 15 minutes of idle time (no popcorn popped). The PowerOff Control will prevent the heat element and thermostat from cycling OFF-ON if the Kettle Heat Switch is left on. This feature saves electrical power and extends the life of the kettle heating element and thermostat.

- When the Kettle Heat Switch is turned ON, and the kettle thermostat switches OFF, the PowerOff Control's 15 minute timer starts; the 15 minute timer resets each time a batch of popcorn is popped.
- The small green neon light in the Kettle Heat Switch will blink OFF-ON to indicate the kettle has been automatically turned OFF.
- To restart the kettle heating, cycle the Kettle Heat Switch OFF-ON.

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Popping Corn

This section describes instructions for popping Standard (salted popcorn).

Amount of Popcorn and Oil

Your new popper is equipped with a corn, salt, and oil measure. We recommend flavored and colored coconut oil. Popcorn popped in coconut oil stays fresh longer and does not leave black deposits in your kettle like other oils. Use only top quality, fresh popcorn from reputable suppliers.

Ingredient amounts for popping Standard Popcorn:

Kettle Size	Popcorn Charge	Oil Charge	Flavacol (Salt)
12 oz.	12 oz. (355 ml)	4 oz. (118 ml)	1 Tblsp. (15cc)

For best results use Mega-Pop® 12 oz. premeasured pouches (Item# 2839).

Popping Standard (Salted) Popcorn

1. Turn the Lights/Warmer, Kettle Heat and Kettle Motor Switches ON.
2. To determine when the kettle is ready to pop corn (about 4 minutes), test pop three kernels of corn and one ounce (30 ml) of popping oil. When the kernels pop, the kettle is ready for use.
3. Lift the kettle lid and load the Mega-Pop® premeasured popcorn and oil pouch into kettle, or pour in the popcorn and Flavacol, then add oil in the premeasured amounts specified above. Close lid.
4. When the corn has finished popping, gently dump the popcorn.
5. On the final kettle of corn, turn the Kettle Heat Switch OFF just as the lids are forced open by the popping corn. This procedure saves electricity, since the kettle has plenty of heat, and helps eliminate smoke/odor from any oil residue that remains after popping has stopped.
6. When finished popping, make sure KETTLE HEAT and KETTLE MOTOR switches are turned OFF.

   NEVER LEAVE THE HEAT ON WHEN YOU ARE NOT POPPING CORN!

   If Auto Shut-OFF is enabled, unit will automatically shut kettle heat OFF after 15 minutes of idle time (no popcorn popped). To restart kettle heating, cycle the Heat Switch OFF-ON.

Care and Cleaning

Good sanitation practice demands that all food preparation equipment be cleaned regularly (only use non-toxic, food grade cleaners). A clean looking, well-kept machine is one of the best ways of advertising your product.

For surfaces needing further cleaning or degreasing, Watchdog Stainless Cleaner (Item No. 2088) or Watchdog Concession Equipment Degreaser (Item No. 2580) is available for use accordingly. For any cleaning products used, follow the manufacturer's instructions on the product. **DO NOT use oven cleaners or abrasive materials** as they will damage parts of machine.

Note: It is extremely important to follow all cleaning procedures, otherwise parts damage and equipment failure will result. The warranty does not cover parts that are damaged due to improper cleaning.

Daily Kettle Cleaning Instructions

1. Turn the power switch OFF and unplug the unit.

   CAUTION: A hot kettle will cause burns if you touch it. Allow kettle to cool at least 1 hour before attempting to clean. DO NOT use ice or water to cool down a hot kettle! Severe kettle damage will result and steam burns may occur!

2. When cool, wipe **outside** of kettle clean using a clean, soft cloth and Gold Medal Watchdog Stainless Cleaner (Item No. 2088). **DO NOT** use oven cleaners or abrasive materials as they will damage the kettle.
3. Mix 2 tablespoons (29.6 ml) of Gold Medal's Heat'n Kleen (Item No. 2095) in 1 gallon (3.8 L) of water.
4. Only pour enough of the Heat'n Kleen pre-mixed solution into the kettle to fill it 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) deep (it is not necessary to use the entire gallon at once).
5. Plug in the unit.
6. Turn kettle heat ON. When solution starts to boil, turn kettle heat OFF.
7. Allow kettle to cool at least 1 hour, then unplug unit.

8. Dump solution into a bucket, do not spill any in the interior of machine.
9. Rinse kettle interior with clean water and a clean cloth.
10. Dump any water remaining into a bucket (do not spill any in the interior of machine), then wipe the kettle interior clean with a clean dry cloth.

    For an extra dirty kettle, the process may be repeated; or, after turning kettle heat OFF, allow solution to sit in kettle overnight. The next morning, finish the cleaning steps.
11. With unit OFF and unplugged, use a clean SLIGHTLY damp cloth (wring ANY EXCESS water from cloth before use) and wipe the kettle lead cord clean. **DO NOT get moisture into the kettle lead-in cord, severe damage will result.**
12. After kettle cleaning, check to be sure the crossbar fasteners are securely tightened.

Daily Unit Cleaning Instructions

1. Turn machine OFF, unplug unit and allow it to cool before attempting to clean.
2. Remove any remaining popcorn.
3. Remove all pans/accessories and take them to the sink to clean with soap and water, then rinse and dry.
4. Wipe the unit clean using a clean, SLIGHTLY damp cloth to remove any grease from the glass and cabinet (cloth may be SLIGHTLY dampened with soap and water, then wipe again with clean water to remove any remaining cleaner).
5. Clean glass panels with glass cleaner. Gold Medal Watchdog Glass Cleaner (Item No. 2588) is recommended.

    Ammonia cleaners will damage plastic doors/panels. Only use a non-ammonia cleaner, such as Gold Medal Watchdog Glass Cleaner (Item No. 2588).
6. Reinstall the clean, dry pans/accessories.
7. Check the kettle lead cord, make sure it is fully plugged into the kettle receptacle and the plug (or plug collar) is fully twisted to lock it into place.

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