Great Northern Popcorn Company 0725000436-1

Matinee Popcorn Machine User Manual

Brand: Great Northern Popcorn Company
Model: 0725000436-1

1. Introduction and Overview

The Great Northern Popcorn Matinee Popcorn Machine is designed to bring the authentic movie theater popcorn experience into your home. This 8-ounce popper features a stainless-steel kettle, a reject kernel tray, and a warming light to keep your popcorn fresh. It is built with quality materials for durability and ease of use.

Key features include:

- **8 oz Capacity:** Produces up to 3 gallons (48 cups) of popcorn per batch.
- **Stainless-Steel Kettle:** Equipped with a built-in stirrer for even popping.
- **Heated Deck:** Keeps popcorn warm and fresh after popping.
- **Reject Kernel Tray:** Collects un-popped kernels for easy disposal.
- **3-Switch Design:** Independent controls for kettle heater, stirrer, and warming light.
- **Durable Construction:** Features tempered glass food zones and a powerful 850-watt kettle.



Image 1.1: The Matinee Popcorn Machine in black, showcasing its design and a batch of freshly popped popcorn.

2. Safety Information

Please read all safety instructions carefully before operating the popcorn machine. Failure to follow these instructions may result in electric shock, fire, or serious injury.

- Always plug the machine into a grounded electrical outlet.
- Do not immerse the power cord, plug, or the machine itself in water or other liquids.
- Keep hands and utensils out of the kettle during operation to prevent burns or injury.
- The kettle and interior surfaces become very hot during operation. Allow the machine to cool completely before cleaning or handling.
- Use only popcorn kernels and popcorn oil designed for popcorn machines. Do not use water or other liquids in the kettle.
- Ensure the machine is placed on a stable, level, heat-resistant surface.
- Supervise children closely when the machine is in use. This appliance is not intended for use by children.
- Unplug the machine from the outlet when not in use and before cleaning.
- Do not operate the machine with a damaged cord or plug, or if the machine malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner.

3. Package Contents

Upon unpacking, please ensure all items listed below are present and in good condition. If any parts are missing or damaged, contact customer support immediately.

- Matinee Popcorn Machine (Main Unit)
- 8-Ounce Stainless-Steel Kettle with Stirrer
- Measuring Cups (for oil and kernels)
- Serving Scoop
- 50 Popcorn Bags
- 3 Popcorn Buckets



Image 3.1: The Matinee Popcorn Machine shown with its complete set of included accessories.

4. Setup

The Matinee Popcorn Machine is largely pre-assembled. Follow these steps for initial setup:

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Retain packaging for future storage or transport.
2. **Placement:** Place the popcorn machine on a flat, stable, and heat-resistant surface. Ensure there is adequate clearance around the machine for ventilation and safe operation. The machine dimensions are approximately 14.7" L x 12.9" W x 23.1" H.
3. **Kettle Installation:** Ensure the stainless-steel kettle is securely hung within the machine's interior. The kettle should swing freely and its stirring arm should be properly connected to the motor.
4. **Power Connection:** Plug the power cord into a standard 120V AC grounded electrical outlet.

5. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, wipe down the interior glass panels and the kettle with a damp cloth. Refer to the "Cleaning and Maintenance" section for detailed instructions.



Image 4.1: Dimensional view of the Matinee Popcorn Machine for proper placement consideration.

5. Operating Instructions

Follow these steps to make delicious popcorn with your Matinee Popcorn Machine:

1. **Prepare the Machine:** Ensure the machine is clean and properly set up. Close the main door.
2. **Preheat Kettle:** Turn on all three switches: the kettle heater, the stirrer, and the warming light. Add 1/3 cup of popcorn oil (e.g., coconut oil) to the kettle. Add three test popcorn kernels to the kettle. Allow the kettle to preheat for 1 to 2 minutes until the test kernels begin to pop.
3. **Prepare Kernels:** While the kettle preheats, measure out 1 cup of popcorn kernels. For enhanced flavor, you may add 1 teaspoon of Flavacol seasoning directly to the kernels and mix.

4. **Add Kernels:** Once the test kernels begin to pop, immediately add the measured 1 cup of kernels (with seasoning, if used) to the kettle. Close the kettle lid and the main glass door of the machine.
5. **Popping Process:** Allow the popcorn to pop. The stirrer will ensure even popping.
6. **Turn Off Kettle Heat:** When the popping significantly slows down (less than one pop per second), turn off the kettle heat switch. Keep the stirrer and warming light switches on.
7. **Empty Kettle:** Once popping has almost ceased, carefully tilt the kettle to empty the popped corn into the machine's base. You may gently spin the stirrer with your fingers while the kettle is inverted to dislodge any remaining kernels. Return the kettle to its upright position.
8. **Turn Off Stirrer:** Turn off the stirrer switch. The warming light can remain on to keep the popcorn warm until served.
9. **Serve:** Open the main door and use the provided scoop to serve the fresh popcorn. The reject kernel tray at the bottom will collect un-popped kernels.

For smaller batches, use half the amount of oil and kernels (e.g., 1/6 cup oil, 1/2 cup kernels).



Image 5.1: The popcorn machine in operation, demonstrating its ability to produce large quantities of popcorn.

6. Cleaning and Maintenance

Regular cleaning will ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your popcorn machine. Always unplug the machine and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.

General Cleaning:

- **Interior Surfaces:** Wipe down the interior glass panels and the base with a damp cloth. For stubborn oil residue, a mild soap solution can be used, followed by wiping with a clean, damp cloth and then drying thoroughly.
- **Reject Kernel Tray:** Remove the reject kernel tray from the bottom of the machine and empty any un-popped kernels or debris. Wipe it clean with a damp cloth.
- **Exterior:** Wipe the exterior of the machine with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads.

Kettle Cleaning:

The kettle can be cleaned effectively using the following method:

1. **Initial Rinse:** After use and once cooled, remove any large popcorn debris from the kettle.
2. **Water and Stir:** Turn on the kettle heater and stirrer switches. Pour approximately half a cup of water into the kettle.
3. **Paper Towel Scrub:** Crumple 2-3 paper towels and place them into the kettle with the water. Allow the stirrer to agitate the paper towels and water for 8 to 10 minutes. This helps to loosen and absorb oil and residue.
4. **Empty and Wipe:** Carefully dump out the water and wet paper towels. Use a dry paper towel to wipe the inside of the kettle clean. The steam generated during this process also helps clean the surrounding glass panels.
5. **Stubborn Stains:** If any burn stains remain, add a small amount of water and gently scrub with a paper towel or a non-abrasive sponge.
6. **Drying:** Ensure the kettle is completely dry before its next use.

Perform kettle cleaning after every 3-4 popping sessions, or more frequently if desired, to maintain optimal performance and hygiene.

7. Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your popcorn machine.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Machine does not turn on.	Not plugged in; power outlet issue; switch not engaged.	Ensure the power cord is securely plugged into a working grounded outlet. Check that all three switches (kettle heat, stirrer, warming light) are in the "ON" position.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Kettle not heating.	Kettle heater switch off; kettle not properly connected.	Verify the kettle heater switch is on. Ensure the kettle is correctly hung and making electrical contact.
Popcorn not popping or too many un-popped kernels.	Insufficient preheating; old kernels; incorrect oil/kernel ratio.	Allow adequate preheating time (1-2 minutes with oil and test kernels). Use fresh popcorn kernels. Ensure correct oil and kernel measurements (1/3 cup oil to 1 cup kernels).
Popcorn tastes burnt or kettle smokes.	Kettle too hot; oil burning.	Ensure you add oil before heating. Turn off kettle heat immediately after popping slows down. Clean the kettle thoroughly after each use to prevent residue buildup. Note that a new machine might have a brief break-in period where the kettle runs hotter initially.
Stirrer not rotating.	Stirrer switch off; motor issue; debris obstructing.	Check that the stirrer switch is on. Ensure no large debris is obstructing the stirrer arm. If the issue persists, contact customer support.

If you encounter a problem not listed here, or if the suggested solutions do not resolve the issue, please contact Great Northern Popcorn Company customer support.

8. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Great Northern Popcorn Company
Model Number	0725000436-1
Color	Black
Capacity	8 ounces (produces up to 3 gallons / 48 cups per batch)
Power	850 Watts, 120 Volts
Warming Light	60 Watts
Materials	Metal, Stainless Steel, Tempered Glass
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	14.7" x 12.9" x 23.1"
Item Weight	26.7 lbs (approx. 26 pounds)
Special Feature	Quiet Operation

9. Warranty and Support

Great Northern Popcorn Company is committed to providing quality products. For specific warranty details, including coverage period and terms, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or contact Great Northern Popcorn Company customer support directly.

Customer Support:

For assistance with product setup, operation, troubleshooting, or warranty claims, please visit the official Great Northern Popcorn Company website or contact their customer service department. Contact information can typically be found on the product packaging or their official website.

Note: Only popcorn makers by Great Northern Popcorn are guaranteed to be genuine. Avoid buying counterfeit products and transacting with unauthorized sellers.

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