

West Bend 82505

West Bend Stir Crazy Hot Oil Popcorn Popper

Model: 82505

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IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USE.

- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electrical shock, do not immerse cord, plugs, or other electrical parts in water or other liquid.
- Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
- Unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts, and before cleaning the appliance.
- Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, or after the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner. Return appliance to the nearest authorized service facility for examination, repair, or adjustment.
- The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may cause injuries.
- Do not use outdoors.
- Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter, or touch hot surfaces.
- Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
- Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot oil or other hot liquids.
- Always attach plug to appliance first, then plug cord into the wall outlet. To disconnect, turn any control to "off", then remove plug from wall outlet.
- Do not use appliance for other than intended use.
- A short power-supply cord is provided to reduce the risk resulting from becoming entangled in or tripping over a longer cord.
- Extension cords may be used if care is exercised in their use. If an extension cord is used, the marked electrical rating of the extension cord should be at least as great as the electrical rating of the appliance.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW AND COMPONENTS

The West Bend Stir Crazy Hot Oil Popcorn Popper is designed for efficient and convenient popcorn preparation. It features a unique stirring rod and a clear cover that doubles as a serving bowl.



Image: The West Bend Stir Crazy Popcorn Popper fully assembled, showing the red base, black heating plate, clear lid, and popped popcorn inside.

Key Components:

- **Base Unit:** Contains the heating element and motor for the stirring rod.
- **Non-stick Popping Plate:** The surface where kernels are popped.
- **Motorized Stirring Rod:** Ensures even popping by continuously moving kernels.
- **Clear Vented Cover:** Allows observation of the popping process and doubles as a 6-quart serving bowl.
- **Butter Cap/Well:** Located on top of the clear cover, designed to melt butter during popping.
- **Heat-Resistant Handles:** For safe handling of the unit.

- **ON/OFF Switch:** Controls the operation of the popper.

SETUP

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Retain packaging for future storage or shipping.
2. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, wash the clear cover and stirring rod in warm, soapy water. Wipe the non-stick popping plate with a damp cloth. Ensure all parts are completely dry before assembly.
3. **Assemble:** Place the stirring rod onto the center post of the non-stick popping plate. Ensure it is securely seated.
4. **Position:** Place the base unit on a stable, flat, heat-resistant surface, away from walls or cabinets to allow for proper ventilation.



Image: The popcorn popper with a bowl of unpopped kernels and butter cubes nearby, illustrating readiness for use.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps to make delicious popcorn with your West Bend Stir Crazy Popcorn Popper.

1. **Add Oil:** Pour 1 to 2 tablespoons of cooking oil (vegetable, canola, or coconut oil recommended) onto the non-stick popping plate.
2. **Add Kernels:** Add up to 6 ounces (approximately 3/4 cup) of unpopped popcorn kernels to the popping plate. Do not overfill.
3. **Place Cover:** Carefully place the clear vented cover onto the base unit, ensuring it is properly seated.
4. **Add Butter (Optional):** If desired, place up to 1/4 cup of butter or margarine in the butter cap/well on top of the clear cover. The heat from the popping corn will melt the butter, allowing it to drizzle onto the popcorn.
5. **Plug In and Start:** Plug the power cord into a 120V AC electrical outlet. Flip the ON/OFF switch to the "ON" position. The stirring rod will begin to rotate, and the heating element will activate.
6. **Popping Process:** Popcorn will begin to pop within a few minutes. The stirring rod will ensure even popping.
7. **Completion:** Once popping slows to 1-2 seconds between pops, flip the ON/OFF switch to the "OFF" position and immediately unplug the unit from the wall outlet.
8. **Serve:** Carefully remove the butter cap (if used). Using oven mitts, grasp the heat-resistant handles of the clear cover and carefully invert the entire unit. The clear cover now serves as a large serving bowl.



Image: A close-up view of unpopped popcorn kernels and oil on the non-stick heating plate, ready for popping.

MELTS BUTTER WHILE IT POPS



Image: Butter cubes placed in the clear butter well on top of the lid, designed to melt and drizzle onto the popcorn.

COVER DOUBLES AS A SERVING BOWL



Image: The clear lid inverted and filled with freshly popped popcorn, demonstrating its dual function as a serving bowl.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Proper cleaning ensures the longevity and performance of your popcorn popper.

1. **Cool Down:** Always allow the unit to cool completely before cleaning.
2. **Clear Cover and Stirring Rod:** The clear cover and stirring rod are top-rack dishwasher safe. Alternatively, wash them by hand in warm, soapy water, rinse thoroughly, and dry completely.
3. **Popping Plate:** The non-stick popping plate is easy to clean. Wipe it with a damp cloth or sponge. For stubborn residue, use a small amount of mild dish soap and a non-abrasive sponge. Do NOT immerse the base unit in water or any other liquid.
4. **Exterior:** Wipe the exterior of the base unit with a soft, damp cloth.

5. **Storage:** For compact storage, the base unit nests neatly inside the inverted clear cover. The power cord can be wrapped underneath the base to prevent tangling.

COMPACT STORAGE



Image: The popcorn popper shown in its compact storage configuration, with the base nested inside the inverted clear lid, fitting into a cabinet.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Popper does not turn on.	Not plugged in; power switch off; no power at outlet.	Ensure unit is securely plugged into a working outlet. Check ON/OFF switch. Test outlet with another appliance.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Kernels not popping or only a few pop.	Insufficient oil; old or dry kernels; too many kernels.	Ensure correct amount of oil is used. Use fresh popcorn kernels. Do not exceed recommended kernel quantity (3/4 cup).
Popcorn tastes burnt.	Left on too long after popping stops.	Turn off and unplug the unit immediately once popping slows significantly.
Stirring rod not rotating.	Rod not properly seated; obstruction.	Ensure stirring rod is correctly placed on the center post. Check for any debris or unpopped kernels obstructing movement.

SPECIFICATIONS

Brand: West Bend

Model Number: 82505

Color: Red

Capacity: 6 Quarts (approx. 24 cups popped popcorn)

Material: Plastic (BPA-free)

Product Dimensions: 10"L x 13"W x 10"H

Item Weight: 4.4 Pounds

Included Components: Clear Cover, West Bend 82505 Stir Crazy Popcorn Popper (Base Unit)

Is Electric: Yes

UPC: 072244825053

Manufacturer: The Legacy Companies USA

First Available: June 15, 2014



Image: A diagram illustrating the dimensions of the West Bend Stir Crazy Popcorn Popper: 11.62" H, 11.42" W, and 7.49" D.

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and customer support, please refer to the official West Bend website or contact their customer service department directly.

You can often find detailed warranty terms and conditions, product registration, and contact information for support on the manufacturer's official channels.

For additional assistance, you may visit the [West Bend Store on Amazon](#).

A PDF version of the user manual is also available for download: [User Manual \(PDF\)](#).

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