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Model: 26-Quart High-Performance Cooler

### INTRODUCTION

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Thank you for choosing the Ozark Trail 26-Quart High-Performance Cooler. This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your cooler to ensure optimal performance and longevity. Designed for durability and superior insulation, this cooler is built to keep your contents cold for extended periods, making it ideal for various outdoor activities.



*Image: The Ozark Trail 26-Quart High-Performance Cooler in a closed position, showcasing its robust design.*

## KEY FEATURES

- **Durable Construction:** The cooler features a heavy, thick polymer body designed for rugged outdoor use.
- **Insulated Design:** A thick, double-walled construction and a high-quality seal around the lid ensure excellent insulation, keeping contents cold for an extended duration.
- **Secure Latching System:** Equipped with screwed-in latches and rubber flanges that provide a secure and firm closure, making the cooler fully waterproof when closed.
- **Comfortable Carrying Handle:** Features a sturdy handle, made of stainless steel or aluminum, with a high-density foam grip for comfortable transport.
- **Integrated Measuring Tape:** A molded-in measuring tape on the lid allows for convenient measurement of fish or other items.
- **Molded Cup Holders:** Convenient cup holders are integrated into the lid for easy access to beverages.
- **Locking Capability:** A hole is provided through both the bottom part of the cooler and the lid, allowing for a lock to be used for added security or to enhance bear resistance. The lock attachment point is

made of stainless steel for increased durability.

- **Integrated Bottle Opener:** A built-in bottle opener is included for convenience.

## Feature Details with Images

### Carrying Handle



*Image: A close-up view of the cooler's robust metal handle, featuring a comfortable orange foam grip for easy carrying.*

The cooler's handle is constructed from durable metal (either stainless steel or aluminum) and includes a high-density foam grip. This design ensures comfortable carrying, protecting your hands from extreme temperatures or discomfort during transport.

### Lid and Latching System



*Image: The Ozark Trail cooler with its lid open, revealing the spacious interior filled with ice and beverages, and the thick lid seal.*

The lid features a very thick, high-quality seal that runs along its perimeter, ensuring a waterproof and airtight closure. The front of the cooler is equipped with two robust latches that utilize rubber flanges. These flanges pull down over plastic posts, securing the lid firmly in place. This secure latching mechanism, combined with the thick seal, contributes to the cooler's superior insulation and waterproof capabilities. Additionally, a hole is present on the front, allowing for a padlock to be inserted through the designated hole on the front of the cooler for enhanced security or bear resistance. The lock point is reinforced with stainless steel.

### **Integrated Bottle Opener**



*Image: A close-up of the stainless steel bottle opener integrated into the side of the Ozark Trail cooler. For added convenience, a durable stainless steel bottle opener is integrated into the cooler's design, providing easy access for opening bottled beverages.*

## SETUP AND PREPARATION

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1. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, clean the interior and exterior of the cooler with mild soap and water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely.
2. **Pre-Chilling:** For optimal ice retention, pre-chill your cooler by placing a bag of ice or ice packs inside for several hours before loading your items. This lowers the internal temperature of the cooler walls.
3. **Loading Contents:** Place items that need to stay coldest at the bottom, then layer with ice. For best results, use a combination of block ice and cubed ice. Block ice lasts longer, while cubed ice fills gaps and cools quickly.
4. **Minimize Air Space:** Fill the cooler as much as possible with contents and ice to reduce air space, which can accelerate ice melt.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. **Secure the Lid:** Always ensure both latches are securely fastened to maintain the cooler's waterproof

seal and insulation.

2. **Minimize Opening:** Open the lid only when necessary and close it quickly to prevent warm air from entering.
3. **Drainage:** The cooler is equipped with a drain plug for easy removal of melted ice water. Ensure the drain plug is securely closed during use to prevent leaks.
4. **Transport:** Use the metal handle with the foam grip for comfortable carrying. For heavier loads, two people may be required to lift the cooler safely.
5. **Measuring Fish:** Utilize the molded-in ruler on the lid to quickly measure fish length if needed.
6. **Using Cup Holders:** Place beverages in the molded cup holders on the lid for stability.
7. **Locking the Cooler:** If security or bear resistance is required, insert a padlock through the designated hole on the front of the cooler.

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** After each use, empty the cooler and clean the interior and exterior with mild soap and warm water. For stubborn stains or odors, a solution of baking soda and water can be used.
- **Rinsing:** Rinse the cooler thoroughly to remove all soap residue.
- **Drying:** Allow the cooler to air dry completely with the lid open to prevent mold and mildew growth.
- **Storage:** Store the cooler in a cool, dry place, preferably with the lid slightly ajar to allow for air circulation.
- **Gasket Care:** Periodically inspect the lid gasket for any signs of wear or damage. A clean, intact gasket is crucial for maintaining insulation and a waterproof seal.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

**Issue: Ice melts too quickly.**

**Solution:** Ensure the cooler was pre-chilled before use. Minimize opening the lid. Fill the cooler completely with contents and ice to reduce air space. Check that the lid gasket is clean and properly seated, and that the latches are securely closed.

**Issue: Cooler is leaking.**

**Solution:** Verify that the drain plug is tightly closed. Inspect the lid gasket for any damage or debris that might be preventing a proper seal. Ensure the latches are fully engaged.

**Issue: Difficulty opening/closing latches.**

**Solution:** The latches are designed to create a tight seal and may require firm pressure. Ensure the rubber flanges are aligned correctly with the posts. If they are stiff, they may loosen slightly with repeated use.

## SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Model</b>	26-Quart High-Performance Cooler
<b>Brand</b>	Ozark Trail
<b>Capacity</b>	26 Quarts
<b>Item Weight</b>	14 pounds

<b>Dimensions (L x W x H)</b>	15.5 x 14 x 23 inches
<b>Material</b>	Heavy-duty Polymer, Stainless Steel/Aluminum Handle, Rubber Latches

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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For warranty information or technical support, please refer to the official Ozark Trail website or contact their customer service directly. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.