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## INTRODUCTION

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This manual provides instructions for the safe and efficient use of your West Bend Air Crazy Hot Air Popcorn Popper Machine, model PC8448RD13. This appliance is designed to pop popcorn using hot air, eliminating the need for oil, and can produce up to 4 quarts of popcorn per batch.



*Image: The West Bend Air Crazy Hot Air Popcorn Popper Machine in red, positioned next to a clear bowl filled with freshly popped popcorn.*

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and injury to persons, including the following:

- Read all instructions before operating the appliance.
- 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 liquids.
- 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.
- Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, or after the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner.
- 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.
- Do not use appliance for other than intended use.
- Always ensure the cover and measuring cup are properly in place before operating.
- Never add oil, butter, or other liquids directly into the popping chamber. This appliance is designed for air popping only.

## **PARTS AND COMPONENTS**

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Your West Bend Air Crazy Hot Air Popcorn Popper Machine includes the following components:

- Popcorn Popper Base Unit
- Clear Cover
- Dual-Purpose Measuring Cup & Butter Melter
- Care and Use Manual (this document)

# DELICIOUS & HEALTHY In 4 Easy Steps!



*Image: A visual guide illustrating the four main steps of using the popcorn popper, from adding kernels to serving.*

## SETUP

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Retain packaging for future storage or shipping.
2. **Clean:** Before first use, wipe the exterior of the popcorn popper base with a damp cloth. Wash the clear cover and the dual-purpose measuring cup/butter melter in warm, soapy water, then rinse and dry thoroughly.
3. **Placement:** Place the popcorn popper on a stable, flat, heat-resistant surface, away from walls or cabinets to allow for proper ventilation. Ensure the power cord is not obstructing walkways.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps to prepare fresh, air-popped popcorn:

1. **Measure Popcorn:** Use the dual-purpose measuring cup to measure one level cup of unpopped popcorn kernels. Do not overfill or underfill, as this can affect popping performance and cause unpopped kernels to eject.

2. **Add Kernels:** Pour the measured popcorn kernels into the popping chamber of the base unit. Do not add oil, butter, or any other ingredients to the popping chamber.
3. **Position Cover and Cup:** Place the clear cover securely onto the base unit. Then, place the dual-purpose measuring cup/butter melter into the opening on top of the clear cover. This cup also serves as a butter melting tray.
4. **Position Bowl:** Place a large heat-safe bowl directly under the popcorn chute to collect the popped corn. Ensure the bowl is wide enough to catch all popcorn as it exits the chute.
5. **Start Popping:** Plug the power cord into a standard electrical outlet. Flip the ON/OFF switch to the 'ON' position. The popping process will begin shortly.
6. **Melt Butter (Optional):** If desired, place butter into the measuring cup on top of the cover. The heat from the popper will melt the butter, which can then be poured over the popped corn.
7. **Finish Popping:** Popping will typically complete within 3 minutes. Once popping slows significantly or stops, immediately flip the ON/OFF switch to the 'OFF' position and unplug the unit.
8. **Serve:** Carefully remove the clear cover and measuring cup (they may be hot). Pour the popcorn into your serving bowl. If butter was melted, drizzle it over the popcorn. Add salt or other seasonings as desired.

## Greater Butter Capacity and Smoother Consistency



*Image: A demonstration of the dual-purpose measuring cup being used to pour melted butter over a bowl*

of popcorn, with the popper visible in the background.

## MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

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

1. **Unplug and Cool:** Always unplug the appliance from the electrical outlet and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
2. **Clean Base Unit:** Wipe the exterior of the popcorn popper base with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the base unit in water or any other liquid.
3. **Clean Cover and Measuring Cup:** The clear cover and the dual-purpose measuring cup/butter melter are dishwasher safe. Alternatively, they can be washed by hand in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely before reassembling or storing.
4. **Storage:** Store the cleaned and dried popcorn popper in a cool, dry place.

## Easy-to-Clean



*Image: The removable clear cover and measuring cup, highlighting their dishwasher-safe feature for easy cleaning.*

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Popcorn not popping or very few kernels pop.	Old or dry kernels; insufficient quantity of kernels; unit not heating properly.	Use fresh popcorn kernels. Ensure the correct amount of kernels is used (one measuring cup). If the unit is not heating, ensure it is plugged in and the switch is ON. If problem persists, contact customer support.
Unpopped kernels or popped corn flying out of the chute.	Bowl not positioned correctly; too many kernels; vigorous popping action.	Ensure a large, wide bowl is placed directly under the chute. Do not overfill the popping chamber; use only one level measuring cup of kernels. Some vigorous popping is normal for hot air poppers.
Popcorn tastes burnt.	Unit left on too long after popping; old kernels.	Turn off and unplug the unit immediately once popping stops. Use fresh kernels.
Unit does not turn on.	Not plugged in; power switch off; electrical issue.	Check if the unit is securely plugged into a working outlet. Ensure the ON/OFF switch is in the 'ON' position. Test the outlet with another appliance.

## SPECIFICATIONS

- **Brand:** West Bend
- **Model Number:** PC8448RD13
- **Capacity:** 4 Quarts (popped popcorn)
- **Material:** Plastic
- **Color:** Red
- **Product Dimensions (L x W x H):** 9.65" x 5.52" x 12.21"
- **Item Weight:** 2.77 pounds
- **UPC:** 072244000054
- **Special Feature:** Manual operation, No oil required

# SPACE SAVING DESIGN



*Image: A visual representation of the popcorn popper with its key dimensions labeled for reference.*

## WARRANTY AND CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For warranty information, product registration, or customer support, please refer to the contact information provided in the original product packaging or visit the official West Bend website. Please have your model number (PC8448RD13) and purchase date available when contacting support.