Cuisinart CPM-32

Cuisinart Theatre Style Popcorn Maker CPM-32 Instruction Manual

Model: CPM-32

Brand: Cuisinart

Introduction

Welcome to your new Cuisinart Theatre Style Popcorn Maker. This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and care of your appliance. Please read all instructions carefully before use.

This popcorn maker is designed to produce up to 16 cups of fluffy, flavorful popcorn. It features quick-heat technology for fast preparation and easy serving with a tilt-access door.

Important Safety Instructions

To ensure safe operation, always follow these basic safety precautions:

- Read all instructions before operating the appliance.
- **CAUTION: HOT SURFACE.** Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electrical hazards, do not immerse the kettle or plug 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, 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 Cuisinart 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.
- To disconnect, turn any control to "off," then remove plug from wall outlet.
- Do not use appliance for other than intended use.

- **WARNING:** This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

Note: Some safety warnings may be visible on the product itself, such as "CAUTION HOT" labels. Always adhere to these warnings.

Included Components

Your Cuisinart Theatre Style Popcorn Maker comes with the following parts:

- Popcorn Maker Unit (main housing with kettle assembly)
- Popcorn Scoop
- Kernel Measuring Cup
- Oil Measuring Spoon
- Removable Crumb Tray / Unpopped Kernel Tray
- Removable Kettle with Stirring Mechanism



Image: Cuisinart Popcorn Maker shown with its included accessories: a popcorn scoop, a kernel measuring cup, and an oil measuring spoon, all essential for operation.

Setup Instructions

Follow these steps to set up your popcorn maker before first use:

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Retain packaging for future storage or shipping.
2. **Placement:** Place the popcorn maker on a stable, flat, heat-resistant surface. Ensure adequate ventilation around the unit.
3. **Assemble Kettle:**
   - Insert the stirring mechanism into the kettle.
   - Attach the kettle assembly to the hanging brackets inside the main unit. Ensure it is securely latched.
   - Plug the kettle's power cord into the receptacle located on the top interior of the unit.
4. **Install Crumb Tray:** Slide the removable crumb tray into the bottom of the unit. This tray collects unpopped kernels and debris for easy cleaning.
5. **Close Door:** Ensure the front door is securely closed before operation.

Your browser does not support the video tag.

Video: This video demonstrates the assembly process of the Cuisinart Popcorn Maker, including attaching the kettle and stirring mechanism, and installing the crumb tray. It shows how to properly secure the kettle and connect its power cord.

Operating Instructions

Once assembled, operating your popcorn maker is straightforward:

1. **Preheat:** Close the front door. Turn the unit ON using the switch located on the top. Allow the kettle to preheat for approximately 3-5 minutes.
2. **Add Ingredients:**
   - Using the provided oil measuring spoon, add the recommended amount of popcorn oil (typically 2 tablespoons) to the kettle.
   - Using the provided kernel measuring cup, add the recommended amount of popcorn kernels (typically 1/4 cup for 16 cups popped popcorn) to the kettle.
   - *Note: Do not overfill the kettle. Refer to the specific measurements for optimal popping.*
3. **Pop Popcorn:** Close the kettle lid and the main unit door. The stirring mechanism will begin to rotate, ensuring even popping.
4. **Serving:** Once popping slows to 1-2 kernels per second, turn the unit OFF. Carefully tilt the kettle using the handle to empty the popped corn into the main chamber.
5. **Enjoy:** Open the front door and use the popcorn scoop to serve.

Important:

- Do not leave the unit unattended during operation.
- Always turn the unit OFF immediately after popping is complete to prevent burning.
- For best results, use fresh popcorn kernels and quality popcorn oil.



Image: The Cuisinart Popcorn Maker actively popping corn, with the kettle tilted to release the popped kernels into the collection tray below.



Image: A close-up view of the popcorn maker's bottom chamber filled with freshly popped popcorn, ready for serving.

Cleaning and Maintenance

Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and longevity of your popcorn maker.

1. **Unplug and Cool:** Always unplug the unit from the power outlet and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
2. **Remove Kettle:** Unplug the kettle's power cord from the top receptacle and carefully unlatch the kettle from its hanging brackets.
3. **Clean Kettle:** The nonstick kettle is removable for easy cleaning. Wash the kettle, stirring mechanism, and lid with warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely. Do not immerse the kettle's electrical components in water.
4. **Clean Crumb Tray:** Remove the crumb tray from the bottom of the unit. Discard any unpopped kernels or debris. Wash the tray with warm, soapy water, rinse, and dry.
5. **Clean Interior/Exterior:** Wipe the interior and exterior surfaces of the main unit with a damp cloth. For stubborn stains, use a mild, non-abrasive cleaner. Do not use abrasive pads or harsh chemicals.

6. **Clean Accessories:** Wash the popcorn scoop, kernel measuring cup, and oil measuring spoon with warm, soapy water, rinse, and dry.
7. **Reassemble:** Once all parts are clean and dry, reassemble the unit.

Storage:
Store the popcorn maker in a cool, dry place when not in use. Ensure all components are clean and dry before storage.

Troubleshooting Guide

If you encounter issues with your Cuisinart Popcorn Maker, please refer to the following common problems and solutions:

No Power / Unit Not Turning On

- **Check Power Connection:** Ensure the unit is securely plugged into a working electrical outlet.
- **Check Kettle Connection:** Verify that the kettle's power cord is properly plugged into the receptacle on the top interior of the unit.
- **Check On/Off Switch:** Ensure the main power switch is in the "ON" position.

Popcorn Not Popping / Poor Popping Performance

- **Preheating:** Ensure the kettle has preheated for the recommended 3-5 minutes before adding ingredients.
- **Ingredient Ratios:** Verify that the correct amounts of oil and kernels are used as per the operating instructions. Too little oil or too many kernels can affect popping.
- **Freshness of Kernels:** Old or stale popcorn kernels may not pop effectively. Use fresh kernels.
- **Oil Type:** Use popcorn oil or other oils with a high smoke point.

Popcorn Burning

- **Turn Off Promptly:** Turn the unit OFF immediately once popping slows significantly (1-2 kernels per second) to prevent burning.
- **Overfilling:** Do not exceed the recommended kernel amount.

Popcorn Overflowing

- **Serving Frequency:** If making multiple batches, scoop out popped corn from the bottom chamber regularly to prevent overflow when the kettle is tilted.
- **Batch Size:** Ensure you are not exceeding the recommended batch size for the kettle.

Product Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Cuisinart
Model Number	CPM-32
Capacity	Up to 16 cups (popped)
Material	Stainless Steel (kettle), Plastic/Acrylic (housing)
Color	Red
Special Feature	Quick-Heat Technology, Tilt-Access Door, Removable Nonstick Kettle

Feature	Detail
Item Dimensions (L x W x H)	9.45"L x 19.57"W x 10.63"H
Item Weight	7.2 Pounds
UPC	086279220370

Warranty and Customer Support

For warranty information, product registration, or customer support, please visit the official Cuisinart website or contact their customer service department. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.

Online Support: www.cuisinart.com

Contact Information: Refer to the Cuisinart website for the most current contact details, including phone numbers and email support.

Ask a question about this manual

Ask about setup, troubleshooting, compatibility, parts, safety, or missing instructions. Manuals+ will review the question and use this page's manual context to help answer it.

Name

Anonymous

Email

you@example.com

After a successful submission, we securely hash the supplied account or form email before sending it to Microsoft Advertising for conversion attribution. Privacy details.

Question

Example: How do I reset this device or fix this error?

Details

Model number, symptoms, what you tried, or the section of the manual you are using.

Submit question