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Bell+Howell Monster Electric Bug Zapper User Manual

Model: 1986

Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the Bell+Howell Monster Electric Bug Zapper. This device is designed to effectively eliminate various flying insects, including mosquitoes, flies, gnats, moths, wasps, and fruit flies, using powerful UV light and an electrified grid. It is suitable for both indoor and outdoor use, providing a chemical-free and safe solution for a bug-free environment.



Image: The Bell+Howell Monster Electric Bug Zapper, showcasing its design and the UV light attraction mechanism.

Safety Information

WARNING: Read all safety warnings and instructions before using this product. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire, and/or serious injury.

- Do not touch the internal electrified grid. The device operates at 2,800 volts.
- Keep out of reach of children and pets. The protective grill cover is designed for safety, but direct contact with the internal components should be avoided.
- Do not use near water or in wet conditions. This product is an electrical appliance and should be kept dry.
- Unplug the device before cleaning or performing any maintenance.
- Do not insert foreign objects into the zapper.
- Ensure the power outlet matches the voltage requirements of the device.
- Do not use if the cord or plug is damaged. Contact customer support for replacement.
- This product is designed for pest control; do not use it for any other purpose.



Image: The bug zapper in a home setting with a family and pet, illustrating its safe design with a protective grill to prevent accidental contact.

Package Contents

Please check the package for the following items:

- Bell+Howell Monster Electric Bug Zapper Unit
- Removable Collection Tray
- Metal Hanging Chain (for flexible placement)
- User Manual (this document)

Setup

Follow these steps to set up your bug zapper:

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove the bug zapper and all accessories from the packaging.
2. **Placement:** Choose a suitable location for the bug zapper. It can be placed on a flat surface (table, ground) or hung using the provided metal chain.
    - For optimal performance, place the zapper in an area where flying insects are prevalent, away from direct human activity.
    - Ensure the location is dry and protected from rain if used outdoors.
3. **Power Connection:** Ensure the bug zapper's power switch is in the "OFF" position. Plug the power cord into a standard electrical outlet.



Image: Visual guide showing the simple setup process: plugging the device into an electrical outlet and the UV light attracting insects.



Image: Examples of suitable placement locations, including bedroom, living room, entryway, and patio, highlighting its versatility for indoor and outdoor use.

Operating Instructions

Operating the Bell+Howell Monster Electric Bug Zapper is straightforward:

1. **Power On:** Once plugged in, locate the power switch (usually on the side or back of the unit) and switch it to the "ON" position. The UV bulbs will illuminate.
2. **Insect Attraction:** The UV light will begin to attract flying insects. As insects come into contact with the electrified grid, they will be zapped and eliminated. You may hear a "zap" sound, which is normal.
3. **Continuous Operation:** The bug zapper is designed for continuous operation. You can leave it on for extended periods to maintain a bug-free environment.
4. **Power Off:** To turn off the device, switch the power switch to the "OFF" position and unplug it from the electrical outlet.



Image: A close-up of the bug zapper in action, showing insects being drawn to the UV light and the 2,800 volts of power eliminating them.



Image: An illustration demonstrating the types of insects targeted by the zapper, including moths, Aedes mosquitoes, fruit flies, wasps, flies, and gnats, along with the product dimensions (15.5" x 10.5" x 4").

Maintenance

Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and longevity of your bug zapper.

1. **Unplug Before Cleaning:** Always ensure the device is unplugged from the power outlet before attempting any cleaning or maintenance.
2. **Empty Collection Tray:** The bug zapper features a removable bottom tray designed to collect eliminated insects.
    - Gently slide out the collection tray from the bottom of the unit.
    - Dispose of the insect remains.
    - Wash the tray with mild soap and water, then dry thoroughly before reinserting.
3. **Clean the Grid:** If insect debris accumulates on the electrified grid, use a small, non-metallic brush (like an old toothbrush) to gently brush off the debris. Do not use water or cleaning solutions directly on the grid.
4. **Wipe Exterior:** Wipe the exterior of the unit with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or immerse the

unit in water.

5. **Bulb Replacement:** The UV bulbs have a long lifespan but may eventually need replacement. Refer to the specifications for bulb type. Contact customer support for replacement bulb availability and instructions.



Image: A person cleaning the removable bottom tray of the bug zapper under running water, demonstrating the ease of maintenance.

Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Bell+Howell Monster Electric Bug Zapper, try the following solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Zapper is not turning on.	Not plugged in, power switch off, power outage, faulty outlet.	Ensure the unit is securely plugged into a working electrical outlet. Check the power switch is in the "ON" position. Test the outlet with another device.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No "zap" sound or insects are not being eliminated.	Grid is dirty, bulbs are not working, low insect activity.	Unplug and clean the electrified grid as per maintenance instructions. Check if UV bulbs are illuminated. If not, bulbs may need replacement. Ensure the zapper is placed in an area with insect activity.
UV light is dim or flickering.	Bulbs are nearing end of life or loose connection.	Unplug the unit and gently check if bulbs are seated correctly. If problem persists, bulbs may need replacement.
Excessive insect accumulation in the tray.	Normal operation.	Empty and clean the collection tray regularly.

If the problem persists after trying these solutions, please contact customer support.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Number	1986
Brand	Bell+Howell
Product Dimensions	3.9 x 10.4 x 15.4 inches (approx. 10 x 26.4 x 39.1 cm)
Item Weight	4.36 pounds (approx. 1.98 kg)
Voltage	2,800 Volts (electrified grid)
UV Bulbs	2 x 20-Watt UV bulbs
Target Species	Mosquitoes, Flies, Gnats, Moths, Wasps, Fruit Flies, Aedes Mosquitoes
UPC	080313062551
Usage	Indoor and Outdoor

Warranty and Support

Bell+Howell products are manufactured to high-quality standards. For warranty information, product support, or to purchase replacement parts (such as UV bulbs), please contact Bell+Howell customer service. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for warranty claims.
For further assistance, please visit the official Bell+Howell website or contact their customer support line. Contact details are typically found on the product packaging or the brand's official website.
Note: Specific warranty terms and conditions may vary and are subject to the manufacturer's policy at the time of purchase.

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