



# Popcorn Machine



This popper operates on standard voltages, 120 volt, 60 cycle, single phase, AC current.

## PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY BEFORE USE

### Important Information on Extension Cords

Extension cords should not be used. You should have a properly sized outlet right at the machine. Fires can result from a light duty extension cord that overheats due to overload. If you use an extension cord you lose the safety features built into this machine and the machine will not work properly.

### Controls

There are three switches on this popper

1. LIGHT AND WARMER SWITCH - turns on heat lamp and optional strip heater under corn pan
2. KETTLE MOTOR SWITCH - turns on motor which drives kettle agitator shaft
3. KETTLE HEAT SWITCH - turns on heat element inside kettle

**CAUTION:** The motor air intake and exhaust holes located on top of machine must be clear of any obstruction. **DO NOT COVER AIR VENT HOLES** as serious damage may result. **TO AVOID SERIOUS BURNS, DO NOT TOUCH KETTLE WHILE IT IS HOT!**

### To Start Popping

1. Turn "Kettle Heat" switch and "Kettle Motor & Exhaust" switch **ON**
2. "Test Pop" a kettle of corn
  - A. Place on fourth (1/4) of the proper oil measure in the kettle along with three kernels of unpopped corn.
  - B. As soon as the three kernels pop, place the balance of the oil, plus the measured amount of corn in the kettle. Close lid.
3. After the corn has finished popping, rotate the handle to dump the popcorn still in the kettle. Return the kettle to the upright position.
4. Repeat the cycle starting with step #2, (eliminate the "Three Kernel Test Pop" step) and put a full charge of ingredients in at the same time to pop another kettle of corn. **NOTE: ALWAYS POP 4 TO 5 BATCHES OF CORN IN A ROW. THE QUALITY AND FLAVOR ARE BOTH BETTER ON BATCH NUMBER 2, 3, 4, AND 5 THAN ON THE INITIAL BATCH.**
5. On the final kettle of corn, it is a good idea to turn the "Kettle Heat" switch **OFF**, just as the lids are forced open by the popping corn. This saves electricity, since there is plenty of heat in the kettle, and also helps eliminate smoke and odor after you have stopped popping.

When you are finished popping, make sure "Kettle Heat" and "Kettle Motor & Exhaust" switches are turned **OFF**. **NEVER LEAVE THE HEAT ON WHEN YOU ARE NOT POPPING.** If you place oil in a hot kettle, remember to finish that popping cycle, or turn off the kettle. Exposure to heat starts to break down color and flavor of popcorn oils.

6. Turn all switches **OFF** at the end of your operations/event.

### Cleaning Instructions

After you finish popping for the day, or your event, let kettle cool until it is not too hot to handle, but still warm. Unplug kettle and remove it from machine. With a cloth, wipe out the inside of kettle, the kettle lids, kettle crossbar, outside of kettle and underneath. **DO NOT DUNK KETTLE IN WATER!**

*For fresh popcorn tomorrow:* Always remove all the popped popcorn and pack it into clean plastic bags. Tie this tightly with a twister and you can enjoy fresh popcorn again tomorrow. Make sure the machine is clean when you return it to **AVOID CLEANING CHARGES.** Don't forget to remove the old maid pan and empty out the un-popped kernels and wipe clean.

*If a problem occurs during use, please give Big 4 Party a call at (1-877-740-7444)*

*REMEMBER, you are renting this equipment. Be sure you are aware of the terms of your rental contract. Always return your chafing dish or tureen clean to avoid additional cleaning charges.*