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## Digital Pressure Canner



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## INSTRUCTIONS AND RECIPES

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This is an  Listed appliance. The following important safeguards are recommended by most portable appliance manufacturers.

## IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

To reduce the risk of personal injury or property damage when using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following:

1. Read all instructions. Improper use may result in bodily injury or property damage.
2. Always check the vent pipe before use. Hold the cover up to a light and look through the vent pipe to be certain it is clear. (Fig. A, page 3).
3. Always check the air vent/cover lock to be sure it moves freely before use.
4. To protect against electrical shock, do not immerse cord, plug, or canner body in water or other liquid.
5. This appliance comes with a permanently attached cord. To use, plug cord into the wall outlet. To disconnect, press and hold the  (cancel button) for 3 seconds, then remove plug from wall outlet.
6. Unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow appliance to cool before putting on or taking off parts and before cleaning.
7. Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, or in the event the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner. Return the appliance to the Presto Service Department for examination, repair, or electrical or mechanical adjustment.
8. **WARNING!** Contents are hot and can cause serious burns. Keep appliance and cord away from children. Do not let cord hang over edge of counter or table, or touch hot surfaces.
9. The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may cause injuries. Use only genuine Presto® accessories and replacement parts.
10. Intended for countertop use only.
11. Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
12. This appliance operates under pressure. Improper use may result in scalding injury. Make certain canner is properly closed before operating (see step 9 on page 8 and step 10 on page 18).
13. Do not attempt to open the canner until all internal pressure has been released and the air vent/cover lock has dropped. Any pressure in the canner can be hazardous. Never force the canner cover open.
14. To ensure safe operation and satisfactory performance, replace the overpressure plug every time you replace the sealing ring or sooner if it becomes hard, deformed, cracked, worn, or pitted. It is recommended that the sealing ring and overpressure plug be replaced at least every 3 years. Use only genuine Presto® replacement parts.
15. Extreme caution must be used when moving a canner containing hot liquids. Do not touch hot surfaces. Always use appliance handles.
16. Close supervision is necessary when the canner is used near children. It is not recommended that children use the canner.
17. Do not use this appliance for other than intended use.
18. Do not use this appliance for deep fat frying.
19. Do not use outdoors.
20. This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory, or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they are closely supervised and instructed concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

THIS APPLIANCE IS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY.

### IMPORTANT CORD INFORMATION

To reduce the risk of electric shock, this appliance has a 3-prong grounded plug. If the plug on this appliance does not fit into your outlet, contact a qualified electrician. Do not attempt to modify the plug in any way.

An extension cord may be used if care is properly exercised in its use. If an extension cord is used, it should be a 3-wire grounded type cord, marked with a minimum electrical rating of 13 amps, and be no longer than 10 feet. The extension cord should be arranged so that it will not drape over the countertop or tabletop where it can be pulled on by children or tripped over unintentionally.

Connect the power supply cord to a 120VAC electrical outlet only.

## INTRODUCTION

The Presto Precise® Digital Pressure Canner is both a pressure canner and boiling water canner in one. Use the control knob to set the desired canning method. The LED display will then guide you through each step of the process.

Each time you use the canner, complete the preparation steps on page 7. Then follow the instructions for **Pressure Canning** on pages 7–9 or for **Boiling Water Canning** on pages 18–19.

There is no altitude adjustment necessary when pressure canning; however, when using the boiling water canning method, per USDA guidelines, you must increase the processing time. Refer to the altitude chart on page 20 for recommended times.

**NOTICE:** This product is intended only for pressure canning and boiling water canning. Do not use it for cooking or preparing foods.

## GETTING ACQUAINTED

Before using the canner for the first time, become familiar with the various parts (Fig. A). Some parts act as safety features and are further described below.

To watch a video "How to Pressure Can with the 02153-02154 Presto® Precise Digital Pressure Canners," scan this QR code or visit [www.gopresto.com/02153pc](http://www.gopresto.com/02153pc).



To watch a video "How to Boiling Water Can with the 02153-02154 Presto® Precise Digital Pressure Canners," scan this QR code or visit [www.gopresto.com/02153bwc](http://www.gopresto.com/02153bwc).



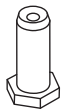
### 1. REGULATOR

The regulator maintains the pressure in the canner. The regulator is used for pressure canning, but it is not used for boiling water canning.



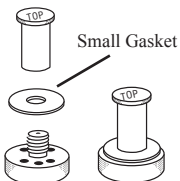
### 2. VENT PIPE

The vent pipe is the primary pressure relief valve and will release excess pressure in the canner with the regulator in place. The regulator sits loosely on the vent pipe.



### 3. AIR VENT/COVER LOCK

The air vent/cover lock automatically vents or exhausts air from the canner and acts as a visual indication of pressure in the canner. The small gasket must be in place for the air vent/cover lock to seal completely.



### 4. LOCKING BRACKET

The locking bracket on the inside of the canner body engages with the air vent/cover lock to prevent the cover from being opened when there is pressure in the unit.



### 5. SEALING RING

The sealing ring fits into the canner cover and forms a pressure-tight seal between the cover and body during canning.

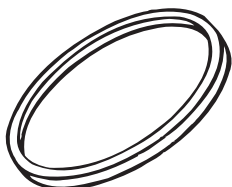
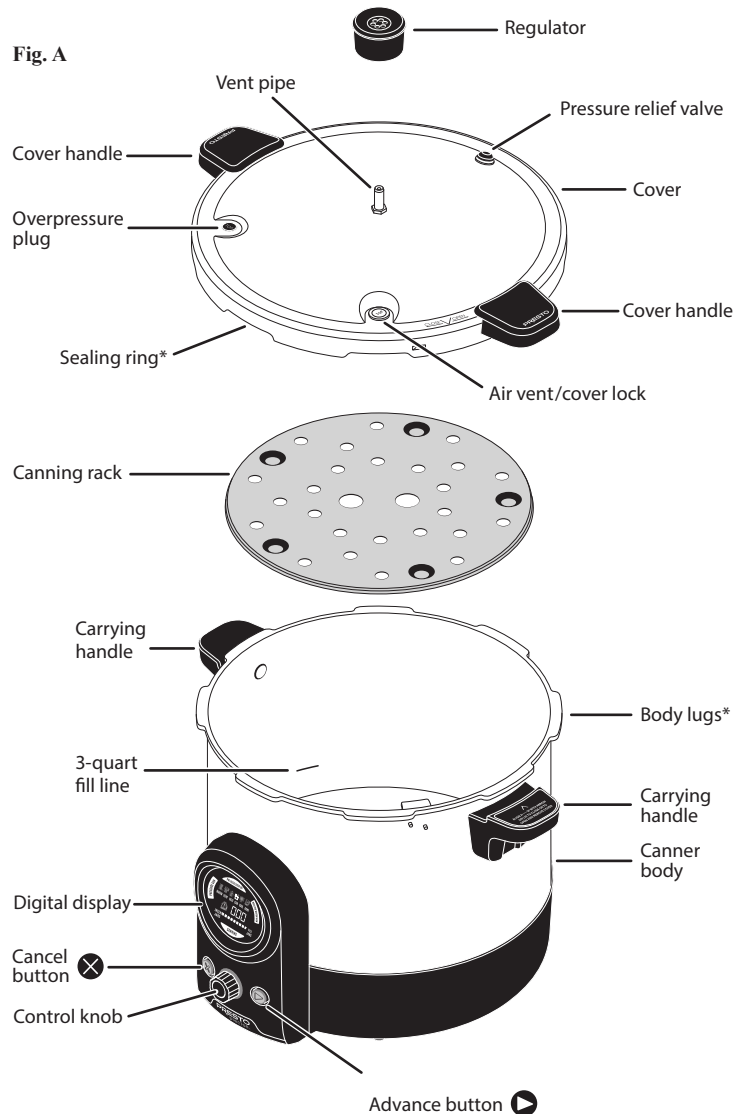


Fig. A



\* If necessary, apply vegetable oil to the sealing ring and to the body lugs to help make the cover easier to open and close.



## 6. OVERPRESSURE PLUG

The black rubber overpressure plug is located in the canner cover. It will automatically pop out and release steam in case the vent pipe and pressure relief valve are blocked and pressure cannot be released normally through the vent pipe. The overpressure plug must be installed for pressure canning. However, it must be removed from the canner cover when boiling water canning so the canner will not pressurize.



## 7. PRESSURE RELIEF VALVE

The pressure relief valve is a safety device located in the canner cover. In the event the vent pipe is blocked, the valve will automatically lift to release steam and will also provide an audio signal.

### Follow these steps before the first use:

1. Invert the cover and remove the sealing ring from the inside rim of the cover.
2. Wash the cover, sealing ring, and canning rack in hot, soapy water to remove any manufacturing residue; rinse and dry thoroughly. Do NOT wash these parts in the dishwasher.
3. Reinstall the sealing ring in the sealing ring groove, making certain to fit the ring under the stop tab located on the inside rim of the cover (Fig. B).
4. Wipe the canner body with a damp cloth.

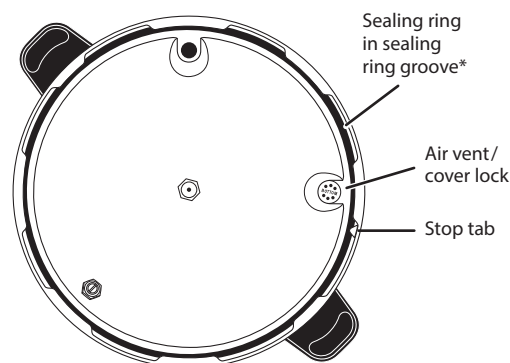
**CAUTION!** To prevent electrical shock and damage to the canner, never immerse the canner body, cord, or plug in water or wash in a dishwasher.

5. The sealing ring is prelubricated. The cover should open and close easily when following step 9 on page 8.

If necessary, to help make the cover easier to open and close, a very light coating of vegetable oil may be applied to the sealing ring (Fig. B) and underside of the body lugs (Fig. A, page 3).

6. Check the air vent/cover lock in the canner cover (Fig. A) to be sure the two pieces are screwed together securely. If loose, tighten with fingers until a point of resistance is met (fingertip tight). See page 31 for assembly instructions.
7. If you are new to canning or need some refresher training, refer to the “Canning Basics” section on pages 5–6.

Fig. B



\* Apply vegetable oil to sealing ring and body lugs if necessary.

### Perform “WATER TEST” before first use.

To help yourself understand the operation of the pressure canner, practice first with jars of water instead of jars of food. Lids and bands are not needed on the jars.

Follow the step-by-step instructions for Pressure Canning (pages 7–9) and for Boiling Water Canning (pages 18–19), beginning with step 3. Pour 3 quarts of water into the canner, up to the fill line.

## MASON JAR CAPACITY

Maximum capacity may vary depending on jar styles. Do not force jars to fit.

| 16-Quart Digital Pressure Canner Stock No. 02154<br>MASON JAR CAPACITY |                  |            |                       |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Method                                                                 | PRESSURE CANNING |            | BOILING WATER CANNING |            |
| JAR TYPE                                                               | Regular mouth    | Wide mouth | Regular mouth         | Wide mouth |
| Half-pints*                                                            | 13               | 16**       | 13                    | 8          |
| Pints                                                                  | 10               | 8          | 10                    | 8          |
| Quarts                                                                 | 7                | 7          | n/a                   | n/a        |

Only pints and smaller jars can be processed using the boiling water canning method. The 16-quart Digital Canner is not tall enough to accommodate 1½-pint or quart jars covered with the recommended 1-inch layer of water for boiling water canning.

| 23-Quart Digital Pressure Canner Stock No. 02153<br>MASON JAR CAPACITY |                  |            |                       |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Method                                                                 | PRESSURE CANNING |            | BOILING WATER CANNING |            |
| JAR TYPE                                                               | Regular mouth    | Wide mouth | Regular mouth         | Wide mouth |
| Half-pints*                                                            | 26**             | 16**       | 13                    | 8          |
| Pints                                                                  | 20**             | 16**       | 10                    | 8          |
| Quarts                                                                 | 7                | 7          | 7                     | 7          |

\* See next page.

\*\* See next page.

#### FOR PRESSURE CANNING ONLY

\*To properly **pressure can** half-pint or smaller jars, it may be necessary to raise the rack off the bottom of the canner so the jars are not fully immersed in the water. To do this, place four screw bands in the bottom of the canner and set the rack on top of the bands.

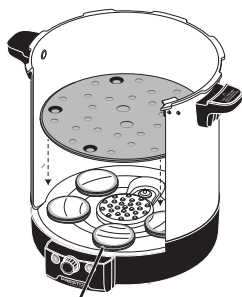


Fig. C

#### FOR PRESSURE CANNING ONLY

Overhead view of double-decked jars in canner

\*\*It will be necessary to double-deck these jars to achieve maximum jar capacity when pressure canning. Stagger the jars by placing one jar on top of two. Jars may touch.

**NOTE:** When double-decking jars, warm the top layer of jars in a dishwasher or pour hot water into the jars and set them aside until needed.

**For boiling water canning, do not double-deck jars.**

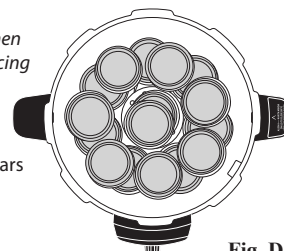


Fig. D

## CANNING BASICS

Canning is a process that enables the user to keep fruits, vegetables and meat for extended periods without refrigeration or freezing. Normally, if left out, these foods would spoil. Canning interrupts the natural spoilage cycle so food can be preserved safely.

There are invisible microorganisms present all around us and in our food that cause spoilage. Spoilage is nature's way of telling us when food is no longer fit to eat. There are four basic agents of food spoilage—enzymes, mold, yeast, and bacteria. The first three—enzymes, molds, and yeast—are destroyed at temperatures below 212°F, the temperature at which water boils (at sea level). Therefore, boiling water canning is sufficient to destroy those agents.

Foods naturally high in acid and acidified foods having a pH of 4.6 or less may be safely processed using the boiling water canning method. **Step-by-step instructions for Boiling Water Canning begin on page 18.**

Bacteria, however, are not as easily destroyed. The bacteria *Clostridium botulinum* produces a spore that makes a poisonous toxin which causes botulism. This spore is not destroyed at 212°F. In addition, the bacteria thrive on low-acid foods in the absence of air. According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), pressure canning is the only safe method of processing low-acid foods (vegetables, meats, poultry, fish, and seafood).

In pressure canning, some of the water in the canner is converted to steam, which creates pressure within the canner. This pressure is what allows the canner to reach temperatures above boiling. At 240°F, this pressurized heat destroys the potentially harmful bacterial spores. **Step-by-step instructions for Pressure Canning begin on page 7.**

As jars cool after processing (by either the boiling water or pressure canning method), a vacuum is formed, sealing food within and preventing any new microorganisms from entering and spoiling the foods.

### Before Beginning

#### Selecting a Recipe

To produce home-canned food that is safe for storage at room temperature, it is necessary to use a tested canning recipe. Recipes that have been handed down through the years or those found on the web are oftentimes unreliable and usually do not include the scientifically-tested processing procedures vital to a successful and safe canning project. Canning information published prior to 2015 may be incorrect and could pose a serious health risk. A tested canning recipe has been evaluated to determine the accurate processing method (boiling water canning or pressure canning) as well as the processing time.

Do NOT can leftovers; it is not safe.

Always choose recipes from a reliable resource, such as the National Center for Home Food Preservation ([nchfp.uga.edu](http://nchfp.uga.edu)), your local Cooperative Extension Service, or this instruction book.

#### Selecting Jars

Glass home canning jars, sometimes referred to as Mason jars, are the only jars recommended for safe home canning. They can withstand the heat of a pressure canner, are durable, and can be reused time after time. They are available in standard sizes (half-pint, pint, and quart jars) and other non-standard sizes. The diameter of Mason jars may vary from one manufacturer to another.

When canning with a research-tested recipe, a smaller jar size may be used than what is specified in the recipe. However, you must follow the processing time for the smallest jar size listed in the recipe. Never use a larger jar than what is listed.

The canning rack which accompanied your canner must be placed on the bottom of the canner to prevent jar breakage. To pressure can small jars, the rack may need to be raised so the jars are not fully immersed in the water (see Fig. C above). Although it is not necessary to use a rack between layers of jars, if you wish to do so, a rack can be ordered from the Presto Consumer Service Department (see pages 33–34).

Before filling Mason jars, test load your canner. When pressure canning, it may be necessary to double-deck pint and smaller jars to reach the maximum capacity for your canner, as indicated in the chart on page 4. To double-deck, stagger the jars by placing one jar on top of two (Fig. D). Jars may touch. **Do not double-deck jars for the boiling water canning method.**

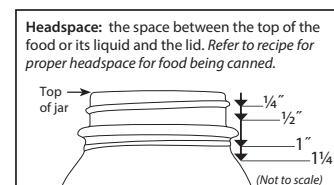


## Canning Lids and Screw Bands

The two-piece vacuum cap (lid and screw band) is the recommended closure for home canning. It consists of a flat metal lid with a sealing compound on the outer edge and a separate metal screw band that secures the lid during processing. The flat lid is for one use only, while the bands can be used repeatedly if they remain in good condition. Do not use dented or rusty bands. Use only jars, lids, and screw bands in perfect condition so an airtight seal may be obtained. Bands should be removed prior to storage.

## Measuring Headspace

Headspace is the air space between the top of the food or its liquid and the lid. Leaving too much headspace can result in underprocessing because it may take too long to release the air from the jar. Leaving too little headspace will trap food between the jar and the lid and may result in an inadequate seal. As a general rule, allow ¼-inch headspace for jams and jellies; ½-inch for fruits and tomatoes; 1-inch for vegetables, meats, and seafood; and 1¼-inch for poultry. All recipes will indicate the amount of headspace necessary for the food being canned.



## Removing Air Bubbles

After food has been packed in jars, any air bubbles must be removed. Trapped air bubbles may rise to the top during processing, causing too much headspace. Work quickly to remove air bubbles that have become trapped between the pieces of food by moving a clean, nonmetal spatula around the jar between the food and side of the jar.

## Preparing Jar Rims and Adjusting Lids and Screw Bands

Immediately after filling, wipe jar rims with a clean, damp cloth to remove any residue. Any food particles, such as seeds, grease, or syrup, on the rim of the jar may prevent the jar from sealing. Center a flat lid on the jar rim, making sure the sealing compound is touching the glass. Position a band over the lid and, using your fingertips, screw it onto the jar evenly and firmly (fingertight). Do not overtighten as air must release from the jars during processing and cooling.

## Other Special Canning Tips

To help prevent mineral deposits on the canning rack and jars, as well as discoloration of the canner interior, add 1 teaspoon of cream of tartar or 2 tablespoons of white vinegar to the water in the canner.

## After Processing

### Cooling Jars

After processing, remove jars to a towel or cooling rack on countertop away from drafts. Leave 1 to 2 inches of space between jars to allow for even cooling. Do not retighten bands. Do not invert jars or cover with a cloth. Allow jars to cool naturally. Check seals no earlier than 12 hours, but no later than 24 hours.

Bubbles often appear in the jar after removal from the canner because food is still boiling in the jar. Ordinarily bubbles do not appear once the product has been allowed to thoroughly cool.

## Testing Seals and Storing Canned Food

After jars have cooled a minimum of 12 hours, but no more than 24 hours, test the jar lids to be sure a vacuum seal has formed. Press down on the center of the flat lid to determine if it is concave (stays down when pressed). Remove the screw band and gently try to lift the lid with your fingertips. If the center does not flex up and down and you cannot lift the lid off, the lid has a good seal. Wipe off any food residue from jars and lids. Date and label jars. Store in a cool, dark, and dry place.

*To watch a video demonstrating how to test the seals on jars, scan this QR code or visit [www.gopresto.com/https](http://www.gopresto.com/https).*



If a jar does not seal, the food can be refrigerated and should be used within 3 days. Other options include freezing the food or reprocessing per the canning recipe. If choosing to reprocess, remove the lids and reheat the food and/or liquid. Use the hot pack method. Pack food into clean, heated jars, leaving appropriate headspace. Remove air bubbles and clean jar rims. Position new lids on jars and secure with bands. Reprocess for the full recommended processing time. **If more than 24 hours have elapsed since the canner registered DONE, and the seal is faulty, the food is no longer safe. Discard at once.**

## Detecting Spoilage

If up-to-date instructions and processing times are followed carefully, spoilage is uncommon. However, it is still recommended to check for signs of spoilage before tasting any canned food. Check for a broken seal, gassiness when opening, mold, sliminess, cloudiness, or unpleasant odors. If any of these signs are present, discard the food.

As a safeguard against using canned low-acid and tomato products which may be affected with spoilage that is not readily detected, boil food 10 minutes for altitudes up to 1,000 feet above sea level. Extend the boiling time by 1 minute for each 1,000 foot increase in altitude. Many times odors that cannot be detected in the cold product will become evident by this method. If food does not smell or look right after boiling, **discard it without tasting**.

## PREPARATION STEPS BEFORE CANNING

In order for the unit to function properly, **always** follow these instructions before each use:

- **WARNING!** Always use the canner on a dry, level surface that can support the weight of a fully loaded canner, such as the center of a kitchen counter or table. *A fully loaded 16-quart canner can weigh more than 30 pounds. A fully loaded 23-quart canner can weigh more than 40 pounds.* Never place the canner near an edge or on an overhang, as it may tip or cause damage.
- Protect the countertop by placing a heat-resistant material, such as a large cutting board, under the canner. Make sure the canner feet rest fully on the board so the vent holes on the bottom are not blocked.
- To prevent steam damage to cabinets, position the canner so the vent pipe and air vent/cover lock are not directly under cabinets.
- Be sure the inside of the canner body is free of debris before placing the canning rack in it.

**CAUTION!** To prevent electrical shock and damage to the canner, never immerse the canner body in water or other liquid.

- Check the sealing ring and overpressure plug. Replace both parts at least every 3 years, but immediately replace them when they become hard, deformed, cracked, worn, pitted, or unusually soft.
- Confirm the sealing ring is positioned correctly in the cover (Fig. B, page 4). If pressure canning, make sure the overpressure plug is seated properly (Fig. O, page 31).
- Ensure the two metal parts of the air vent/cover lock are screwed together securely (Fig. M, page 31). If loose, tighten with fingers until a point of resistance is met (fingertip tight).
- Hold the cover up to the light and look through the vent pipe to be certain it is clear. If you cannot see light coming through, clean the vent pipe and vent pipe nut with a small brush or pipe cleaner to remove the blockage (Fig. K and Fig. L, page 30).
- Examine Mason jars for nicks, cracks, and sharp edges. Check screw bands for dents or rust. Use only jars, lids, and screw bands in perfect condition so an airtight seal may be obtained.
- Wash and rinse jars, lids, and screw bands. Follow closure manufacturer's directions for preparing lids.

### Perform "WATER TEST" before first use.

To help yourself understand the operation of the pressure canner, practice first with jars of water instead of jars of food. Lids and bands are not needed on the jars.

Follow the step-by-step instructions for pressure canning, beginning with step 3 below. Pour 3 quarts of water into the canner, up to the fill line.

## PRESSURE CANNING

### I. GETTING READY

1. Complete the steps above. Select the pressure canning recipe (see pages 10–17 or use a tested canning recipe) and gather the needed supplies.

2. Begin preparing the food that will be used for filling the jars in step 11.

**NOTE:** Any food described in a recipe as "Hot Pack" should be freshly prepared or, if made in advance, reheated as instructed in the canning recipe.

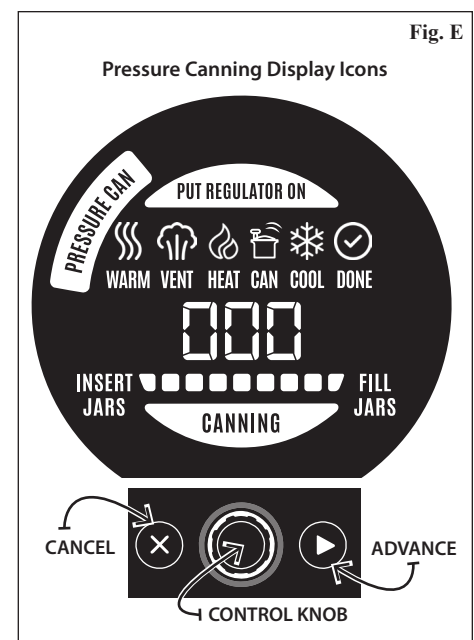
3. Place the canning rack in the canner body, feet side down.\*

**NOTE:** Jars will be placed on the rack in step 7. If set directly on the bottom of the canner, jars may break.

4. Pour 3 quarts of water into the canner, up to the fill line (Fig. A, page 3).

**Tips:** You may use hot tap water to shorten the time needed to heat the water. To help prevent mineral deposits on the canning rack and jars, as well as discoloration of the canner interior, add 1 teaspoon of cream of tartar or 2 tablespoons of white vinegar to the water in the canner.

**NOTE:** 3 quarts of water are needed regardless of how many jars are being canned.



\* If pressure canning half-pint or smaller jars, it may be necessary to raise the rack off the bottom of the canner so the jars are not fully immersed in the water. To do this, place four screw bands in the bottom of the canner and set the rack on top of the bands (Fig. C, page 5).



5. Plug the canner into a 120VAC wall outlet. The default icon **PRESSURE CAN** will flash in the display window (Fig. E, page 7). Press the control knob to select the **PRESSURE CAN** mode. The **PRESSURE CAN** icon will remain illuminated for the duration of the canning process.
6. Rotate the knob to set the time for the specific canning recipe and jar size being used. The time adjusts in 5-minute increments up to 180 minutes.

**IMPORTANT: Verify you have set the right program and time.**

**NOTE:** If the **BOILING WATER CAN** program is accidentally selected, or the wrong time is entered, press and hold  for 3 seconds. The **PRESSURE CAN** icon will flash. Press the control knob and repeat step 6.

## II. JAR WARMING

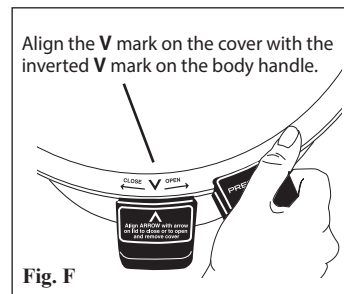


7. Press . **INSERT JARS** will light up. Fill the canning jars half full with water and place them on the canning rack.
8. **REMOVE THE REGULATOR** if it is on the canner cover. It will not be needed until step 14 of the venting phase.
9. Place the cover on the canner, aligning the **V** mark on the cover with the inverted **V** mark on the body handle (Fig. F). To lock the cover, press down on the cover handles to compress the sealing ring and turn the cover in the direction indicated to close (clockwise) until the cover handles are above the body handles. Do not rotate the cover beyond this point.



10. Press . **WARM** will light up and the progress bar will begin scrolling from left to right, indicating the unit is heating.

Jar warming will take 20 to 40 minutes. Times will vary based on the number and size of the jars being warmed as well as the starting temperature of the water. During this time, complete any necessary food preparation.



## III. FILL JARS



11. When the canner beeps twice and **FILL JARS** lights up, the jars are preheated and ready for filling. The canner will continue to keep the jars warm until you are ready to fill them. Unlock the cover by turning it counterclockwise until it hits the stop tab. The cover handles will be beyond the body handles. Lift the cover toward you to keep any steam away from you.

Remove one jar at a time from the canner; discard the water from the jar. Immediately fill the jar with food and liquid, according to the specific tested recipe. Remove air bubbles by moving a clean, nonmetal spatula around the jar. Clean the jar rim with a damp cloth. Center a flat lid on the jar rim, making sure the sealing compound is touching the glass. Position a band over the lid and, using your fingertips, screw it onto the jar evenly and firmly (fingertip tight). Do not overtighten as air must release from the jars during processing and cooling. Place the jar on the canning rack promptly after filling.

Repeat the above procedure for each jar.

## IV. VENTING



12. Place the cover back on the canner and lock it on, following step 9 above.

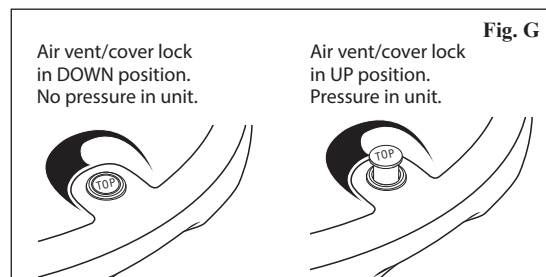
**IMPORTANT: Confirm the regulator is NOT on the cover.** Press  and **HEAT** will light up.



13. Once the proper temperature is reached, the canner will proceed to the vent phase; **VENT** and  will light up. The venting timer will begin counting down.

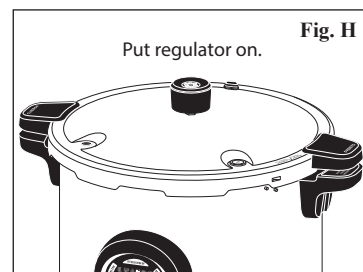
During venting, air/steam will release from the vent pipe and air vent/cover lock. This will be noticeable. You will hear boiling throughout the venting and canning phases.

Depending on the number and size of the jars, the air vent/cover lock may lift during venting (Fig. G). The smaller the load, the more likely the air vent/cover lock will lift.



14. When the time expires, the unit will start beeping and **PUT REGULATOR ON** will light up. Place the regulator on the vent pipe (Fig. H). The regulator will fit loosely on the vent pipe. Press  to advance to the canning phase. The beeping will stop.

If the air vent/cover lock did not lift during venting, air/steam will continue to release from the air vent/cover lock until it lifts.





## V. CANNING



15. **CAN** will light up and the processing time programmed in step 6 will appear in the display. The progress bar will continue to scroll as the canner heats.

**NOTE:** In the event an incorrect processing time was entered, see *Frequently Asked Questions* #1 on page 29.



16. Once the required canning temperature is reached, the unit will beep twice and **CANNING** will light up. The canner is now processing and the timer will start to count down. The progress bar will stop scrolling and begin to light up in segments, increasing in length as the processing time counts down (e.g., if 15 minutes of a 20 minute processing time have elapsed, 75% of the bars will be illuminated).

## VI. COOLING



17. When the processing time expires, the canner will beep 4 times and **COOL** will light up. This is the final canning phase. The length of the cool-down period will depend on the canner load and may take about 1½ hours. The progress bar will scroll from right to left to indicate the unit is cooling.

When 10 minutes remain, **10** will light up in the display and the unit will start to count down.

## VII. DONE



18. When the time expires, the unit will beep 10 times and **DONE** will light up. Press and hold **X** for 3 seconds. If the air vent/cover lock remains in the up position when the display indicates **DONE**, wait for it to drop.

When the air vent/cover lock has dropped, remove the regulator. Unlock and remove the canner cover. Lift the top of the canner cover toward you to keep steam away from you.

**CAUTION!** If the cover seems to stick or is hard to turn, **do not force it open**. Sticking may indicate that there is still pressure inside the canner. If in doubt about pressure being completely reduced, let the canner stand until cool before removing the cover.

19. Using a jar lifter, remove jars by lifting them straight up. Be careful not to tilt the jars, which causes liquid to siphon out. Food particles may also get between the jar rim and the lid and prevent the jar from sealing. Place jars upright on a towel or cooling rack, away from drafts. Do not retighten bands.

Allow jars to cool naturally. Check seals no earlier than 12 hours, but no later than 24 hours. See page 6 for “After Processing” information.

20. **When processing consecutive batches:** Before warming the next batch of jars, allow the water in the canner to cool or replace with 3 quarts of fresh water. **NOTICE:** Placing jars immediately in the water from the previous batch can result in thermal shock to the glass jars that may in turn cause cracks and breakage.

If reusing the water, check the water level in the canner. Add water, if necessary, to keep water at the 3-quart fill mark (Fig. A, page 3).

21. To can additional jars, repeat steps 6 to 20.

22. When canning is complete, unplug the cord from the wall outlet and allow the canner to cool completely. Empty water from the canner and clean according to the instructions beginning on page 30.

## PRESSURE CANNING *Tomatoes and Tomato Products*

Tomatoes and tomato products may be safely processed using the boiling water canning method or pressure canning method. However, for some tomato products, the pressure canning method may result in a more nutritious canned product. (For boiling water canning instructions, see page 23).

### Acidifying Tomatoes and Tomato Products

Tomatoes have a pH close to 4.6, which means it is necessary to take precautions to can them safely. First, carefully choose the tomatoes for canning. Use only tomatoes that are disease-free, preferably vine-ripened, and firm.

Second, an acid must be added to tomatoes whether they are processed using the boiling water canning method or pressure canning method. To ensure the safety of whole, crushed, or juiced tomatoes, add 1 tablespoon bottled lemon juice (not natural juice) or ¼ teaspoon citric acid per pint jar; for quarts, add 2 tablespoons bottled lemon juice or ½ teaspoon citric acid.

### Salt

Tomatoes and tomato products may be canned with or without salt. Salt is used only for flavor, as it is not used in a large enough quantity to prevent spoilage. If salt is desired, use only canning or pickling salt. Table salt contains anti-caking agents that may cause cloudiness in the liquid inside the jars.

The recommended amount of salt is ½ teaspoon for each pint jar, 1 teaspoon for each quart jar.

**Tip:** Dried herbs and spices can safely be added to a tested canning recipe.

## PRESSURE CANNING RECIPES: TOMATOES

### TOMATOES—WHOLE OR HALVED (packed in water)

Wash smooth, firm, ripe tomatoes. Loosen skins by dipping tomatoes in boiling water for 1 minute, then in cold water. Peel and remove core. Leave whole or halve, or if using large tomatoes, quarter.

**Hot Pack:** Place prepared tomatoes in a large pot and add just enough water to cover. Bring to a boil and boil gently for 5 minutes. Add bottled lemon juice or citric acid to hot jars (page 9). Add salt, if desired (page 9). Pack hot tomatoes in hot jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Fill jars with hot cooking liquid, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Raw Pack:** Add bottled lemon juice or citric acid to hot jars (page 9). Add salt, if desired (page 9). Pack prepared tomatoes in hot jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Fill hot jars with boiling water, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints and quarts 10 minutes.

### TOMATOES—WHOLE OR HALVED (packed raw without added liquid)

Wash smooth, firm, ripe tomatoes. Loosen skins by dipping tomatoes in boiling water for 1 minute, then in cold water. Peel and remove core. Leave whole or halve.

**NOTE:** Tomatoes that are raw packed will separate during processing into a liquid and solid, with the solids forming on top of the liquid. This is due to an enzyme that causes tomatoes to break apart when heated. Flavor and nutritional quality are not affected by this change.

Add bottled lemon juice or citric acid to hot jars (page 9). Add salt, if desired (page 9). Fill jars with raw tomatoes, pressing until spaces between them fill with juice. Leave ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints and quarts 25 minutes.

### TOMATO JUICE

Wash ripe, juicy tomatoes. Remove stem ends and trim off bruised or discolored portions. To prevent juice from separating, quickly cut about 1 pound of tomatoes into quarters and put directly into a large pot. Heat immediately to boiling while crushing. Continue to slowly add and crush freshly cut tomato quarters to the boiling mixture. Make sure the mixture boils constantly and vigorously while adding more tomatoes. Simmer 5 minutes after you add all the pieces.

If juice separation is not a concern, simply slice or quarter tomatoes into a large pot. Crush, heat, and simmer for 5 minutes before juicing.

Press heated juice through a sieve or food mill to remove skins and seeds. Heat juice again to boiling.

Add bottled lemon juice or citric acid to hot jars (page 9). Add salt, if desired (page 9). Fill hot jars with hot tomato juice, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints and quarts 15 minutes.

### TOMATO SAUCE

Prepare and press tomatoes as you would for making tomato juice (see recipe above). Heat in a large pot until sauce reaches desired consistency. Simmer until volume is reduced by about one-third for thin sauce or by one-half for thick sauce. Add bottled lemon juice or citric acid to hot jars (page 9). Add salt, if desired (page 9). Pour hot sauce into hot jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints and quarts 15 minutes.

### SALSA

Process salsa using the boiling water canning method only. Refer to page 25 for tested canning recipe.

## SPAGHETTI SAUCE WITHOUT MEAT

|                                            |                             |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 30 pounds tomatoes                         | ¼ cup packed brown sugar    |
| 1 cup chopped onion                        | 4 tablespoons dried parsley |
| 1 cup chopped celery or green pepper       | 2 tablespoons dried oregano |
| 1 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced (optional) | 4½ teaspoons salt           |
| 5 cloves garlic, minced                    | 2 teaspoons black pepper    |
| ¼ cup vegetable oil                        |                             |

**NOTE:** Do not increase the proportion of onion, celery, green pepper, or mushrooms.

Wash tomatoes and dip in boiling water for 30 to 60 seconds or until skins split. Dip in cold water and slip off skins. Remove cores and quarter tomatoes. Boil 20 minutes, uncovered, in a large pot. Put through food mill or sieve. Sauté onion, celery or pepper, mushrooms (if desired), and garlic in vegetable oil until tender. Combine vegetables, tomatoes, sugar, parsley, oregano, salt, and pepper. Bring to a boil. Simmer, uncovered, stirring frequently until thick enough for serving. At this time the initial volume will have been reduced by nearly one-half. Fill hot jars with hot sauce, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

*Yield: About 9 pints*

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 20 minutes and quarts 25 minutes.

## SPAGHETTI SAUCE WITH MEAT

|                                            |                             |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 30 pounds tomatoes                         | ¼ cup packed brown sugar    |
| 2½ pounds ground beef or sausage           | 4 tablespoons dried parsley |
| 1 cup chopped onion                        | 2 tablespoons dried oregano |
| 1 cup chopped celery or green pepper       | 4½ teaspoons salt           |
| 1 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced (optional) | 2 teaspoons black pepper    |
| 5 cloves garlic, minced                    |                             |

**NOTE:** Do not increase the proportion of onion, celery, green pepper, or mushrooms.

Wash tomatoes and dip in boiling water for 30 to 60 seconds or until skins split. Dip in cold water and slip off skins. Remove cores and quarter tomatoes. Boil 20 minutes, uncovered, in a large pot. Put through food mill or sieve. Brown beef or sausage. Add onion, celery or green pepper, mushrooms (if desired), and garlic. Cook until vegetables are tender. Combine with tomatoes in large pot. Add sugar, parsley, oregano, salt, and pepper. Bring to a boil. Simmer, uncovered, stirring frequently until thick enough for serving. At this time the initial volume will have been reduced by nearly one-half. Fill hot jars with hot sauce, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

*Yield: About 9 pints*

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 60 minutes and quarts 70 minutes.

## PRESSURE CANNING *Vegetables*

**Pressure canning is the only safe method for canning vegetables.**

Young, tender, fresh, and slightly immature vegetables are better for canning than those which are overripe. As a rule, vegetables are best when canned immediately after picking, since flavor decreases upon standing and often unpleasant color changes take place. Avoid bruised vegetables because spoilage organisms grow more rapidly on bruised vegetables than on those that are unblemished.

Wash and prepare garden fresh vegetables as you would for cooking. When packing vegetables, always leave 1-inch headspace (or more if directed in recipe) in hot Mason jars.

To hot pack vegetables, precook in boiling water following the recipe instructions. Pack precooked vegetables into hot jars and cover with boiling water. Whenever possible, the precooking water should be used as liquid to cover the vegetables after packing into jars. However, there are a few vegetables, such as greens and asparagus, which make the cooking water bitter and undesirable to use.

To raw pack vegetables, simply place the prepared vegetables into hot jars and cover with boiling water.

### **Salt**

Vegetables may be processed with or without salt. Salt is used only for flavor, as it is not used in a large enough quantity to prevent spoilage. If salt is desired, use only canning or pickling salt. Table salt contains anti-caking agents that may cause cloudiness in the liquid inside the jars.

The recommended amount of salt is ½ teaspoon for each pint jar, 1 teaspoon for each quart jar.

**Tip:** Dried herbs and spices can safely be added to a tested canning recipe.

## CANNING RECIPES: VEGETABLES

### ASPARAGUS

Wash and drain asparagus. Remove tough ends and scales. Rinse. Leave asparagus whole or cut into pieces.

**Hot Pack:** Cover asparagus with boiling water and boil 2 to 3 minutes. Pack hot asparagus loosely in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace.

**Raw Pack:** Pack raw asparagus tightly in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace.

Add salt, if desired (page 11). Cover with boiling water, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 30 minutes and quarts 40 minutes.

### BEANS OR PEAS—DRY

Sort out and discard any discolored beans/peas. Rehydrate beans/peas using **one** of the following methods:

- Place dry beans/peas in a large pot and cover with water. Soak 12 to 18 hours in a cool place. Then drain.

#### OR

- Cover beans/peas with boiling water in a large pot. Boil 2 minutes, remove from heat, and soak 1 hour. Then drain.

**Hot Pack:** Cover beans/peas soaked by either method with fresh water and boil 30 minutes. Add salt to hot jars, if desired (page 11). Fill jars with beans/peas and cooking water, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 75 minutes and quarts 90 minutes.

### BEANS—FRESH LIMA, BUTTER, PINTO, OR SOY

Shell and wash young, tender beans thoroughly.

**Hot Pack:** Cover beans with boiling water and bring to a boil. Boil 3 minutes. Pack hot beans loosely in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace.

**Raw Pack:** Pack raw beans loosely in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace in pint jars. For quarts, leave 1½-inch headspace if beans are small and 1¾-inch headspace if beans are large.

Add salt, if desired (page 11). Cover with boiling water, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 40 minutes and quarts 50 minutes.

### BEANS—GREEN, WAX, ITALIAN

Wash young, tender beans thoroughly. Remove stem and blossom ends or any strings. Leave whole or cut into 1-inch pieces.

**Hot Pack:** Cover beans with boiling water and boil 5 minutes. Pack hot beans loosely in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace.

**Raw Pack:** Pack raw beans tightly in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace.

Add salt, if desired (page 11). Cover with boiling water, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 20 minutes and quarts 25 minutes.

### BEETS

Trim tops of young, tender beets, leaving 1 to 2 inches of stem and root to reduce bleeding of color. Wash thoroughly.

**Hot Pack:** Cover beets with boiling water and boil 15 to 25 minutes or until skins slip off easily. Remove skins, stems, and roots. Small beets may be left whole. Cut medium or large beets into ½-inch cubes or slices; halve or quarter very large slices. Pack hot beets in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace.

Add salt, if desired (page 11). Cover with boiling water, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 30 minutes and quarts 35 minutes.

## CARROTS

Wash, peel, and rewash young, tender carrots. Carrots may be left whole, sliced, or diced.

**Hot Pack:** Cover carrots with boiling water, bring to a boil, and simmer 5 minutes. Pack hot carrots in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace.

**Raw Pack:** Pack raw carrots tightly in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace.

Add salt, if desired (page 11). Cover with boiling water, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 25 minutes and quarts 30 minutes.

## CORN—WHOLE KERNEL

Husk and remove silk from young, tender, freshly-picked corn; wash ears. Blanch 3 minutes in boiling water. Cut corn from cob at about three-fourths the depth of the kernel. Do not scrape cob.

**Hot Pack:** For each quart of corn, add 1 cup boiling water. Bring to a boil and simmer 5 minutes. Pack hot corn loosely in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace.

**Raw Pack:** Pack raw corn loosely in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace.

Add salt, if desired (page 11). Cover with boiling water, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 55 minutes and quarts 85 minutes.

## GREENS

Sort young, tender, freshly-picked greens; discard wilted or tough leaves, stems, and roots. Wash greens thoroughly.

**Hot Pack:** Blanch 1 pound of greens at a time, until well wilted (about 3 to 5 minutes). Pack hot greens loosely in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace.

Add salt, if desired (page 11). Cover with fresh boiling water, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 70 minutes and quarts 90 minutes.

## MUSHROOMS—WHOLE OR SLICED

Trim stems and discolored parts of small to medium domestic mushrooms. Soak mushrooms in cold water for 10 minutes to remove soil. Wash in clean water. Leave small mushrooms whole; cut large ones.

**Hot Pack:** Cover mushrooms with water and boil 5 minutes. Pack hot mushrooms in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace. For better color, add 1/8 teaspoon of ascorbic acid per pint.

Add salt, if desired (page 11). Cover with boiling water, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process half-pints and pints 45 minutes.

**CAUTION!** In accordance with USDA guidelines, do not can wild mushrooms.

## OKRA

Wash and trim young, tender okra pods. Remove stem, without cutting into pods if okra is to be canned whole. If desired, slice okra into 1-inch pieces.

**Hot Pack:** Cover okra with hot water and boil 2 minutes. Pack hot okra in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace.

Add salt, if desired (page 11). Cover with boiling water, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 25 minutes and quarts 40 minutes.



## PEAS—GREEN

Wash and shell young, tender freshly-picked green peas. Rinse.

**Hot Pack:** Cover peas with boiling water and bring to a boil. Boil 2 minutes. Pack hot peas loosely in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace. Do not shake or press down.

**Raw Pack:** Pack peas loosely in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace. Do not shake or press down.

Add salt, if desired (page 11). Cover with boiling water, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints and quarts 40 minutes.

## PEPPERS—HOT OR SWEET (including bell, chile, jalapeño, and pimiento)

**CAUTION!** Wear plastic or rubber gloves and do not touch your face while handling or cutting hot peppers. If you do not wear gloves, wash hands thoroughly with soap and water before touching your face or eyes.

**Preparation of chile peppers:** Cut two or four slits in each pepper and either blanch in boiling water or blister using one of the following methods:

- Oven or broiler method: Place chile peppers in a 400°F. oven or broiler for 6 to 8 minutes until skins blister.
- Range-top method: Cover hot burner, either gas or electric, with heavy wire mesh. Place chiles on wire mesh for several minutes until skins blister.

Allow peppers to cool. Place in a pan and cover with a damp cloth. After several minutes, peel peppers. Remove stems and seeds.

**Preparation of other peppers:** Remove stems and seeds; blanch 3 minutes.

**Hot Pack:** Small peppers may be left whole. Large peppers may be quartered. Pack peppers loosely in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace.

Add salt, if desired (page 11). Cover with boiling water, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 35 minutes.

## POTATOES—SWEET

Wash small to medium-sized sweet potatoes.

**Hot Pack:** Boil or steam sweet potatoes just until partially soft (15 to 20 minutes). Remove skins and cut into pieces of uniform size. Pack hot sweet potatoes in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace.

**CAUTION!** There are no tested recipes for mashed or pureed sweet potatoes. In accordance with USDA guidelines, do not mash or puree sweet potatoes as processing time may not be adequate.

Add salt, if desired (page 11). Cover with boiling water, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 65 minutes and quarts 90 minutes.

## POTATOES—WHITE

Wash, peel, and rinse new potatoes 1 to 2 inches in diameter. If desired, cut into ½-inch cubes. Place in ascorbic acid solution (1 teaspoon ascorbic acid to 1 gallon water) to prevent darkening. Drain.

**Hot Pack:** Cover potatoes with hot water and bring to a boil. Boil whole potatoes for 10 minutes, cubes for 2 minutes. Pack hot potatoes in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace.

**CAUTION!** There are no tested recipes for mashed or pureed potatoes. Do not mash or puree potatoes as processing time may not be adequate.

Add salt, if desired (page 11). Cover with fresh boiling water, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 35 minutes and quarts 40 minutes.

## PUMPKIN AND WINTER SQUASH\*

Wash and remove seeds from small-sized pumpkins or squash. Cut into 1-inch slices and peel. Cut flesh into 1-inch cubes.

**Hot Pack:** Boil cubes in water for 2 minutes. Pack hot pumpkin or squash cubes loosely in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace.

**CAUTION!** There are no tested recipes for mashed or pureed pumpkin or squash. In accordance with USDA guidelines, do not mash or puree pumpkin or squash as processing time may not be adequate.

Add salt, if desired (page 11). Cover with boiling water, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 55 minutes and quarts 90 minutes.

*\*Types of winter squash that can safely be canned are acorn, buttercup, butternut, and hubbard.*

## PRESSURE CANNING *Meat, Game, Poultry, and Rabbit*

**Pressure canning is the only safe method for canning meat, game, poultry, and rabbit.**

Meat, game, poultry, and rabbit should be handled carefully to avoid contamination. Keep it as cool as possible during preparation for canning, handle rapidly, and process as soon as it is packed.

Use good quality product that has been trimmed of gristle, fat, and bruised spots. The hot pack method is recommended for the best liquid coverage and quality during storage.

To make broth, place bony pieces in a large pot and cover with cold water. Simmer until meat is tender. Discard fat. Add boiling broth to hot jars packed with precooked meat or poultry.

### Salt

Meat, game, poultry, and rabbit may be canned with or without salt. Salt is used only for flavor, as it is not used in a large enough quantity to prevent spoilage. If salt is desired, use only canning or pickling salt. Table salt contains anti-caking agents that may cause cloudiness in the liquid inside the jars.

The recommended amount of salt is ½ teaspoon for each pint jar, 1 teaspoon for each quart jar.

**Tip:** Dried herbs and spices can safely be added to a tested canning recipe.

## CANNING RECIPES: MEAT

### CUT-UP MEAT (strips, cubes, or chunks)

#### Bear, Beef, Lamb, Pork, Veal, and Venison

Remove excess fat. Soak strong-flavored wild meats for 1 hour in brine water containing 1 tablespoon of salt per quart of water. Rinse. Remove large bones and cut into desired pieces.

**Hot Pack:** Precook meat until rare by roasting, stewing, or browning in a small amount of oil. Do not use flour. Pack hot meat loosely in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace. Add salt, if desired (see above). Cover meat with boiling broth, water, or tomato juice (especially with wild game), leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Raw Pack:** Add salt to hot jars, if desired (see above). Pack raw meat in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace. DO NOT ADD LIQUID. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 75 minutes and quarts 90 minutes.

### GROUND MEAT

#### Bear, Beef, Lamb, Pork, Sausage, Veal, and Venison

Grind fresh meat in a food processor or meat grinder. For venison, add one part high quality pork fat to three or four parts venison before grinding. For sausage, use freshly made sausage seasoned with salt and cayenne pepper (do not use sage as it may cause a bitter flavor).

**Hot Pack:** Shape ground meat or sausage into patties or balls. Cook until lightly browned. Ground meat may also be cooked without shaping. Drain to remove excess fat. Pack hot meat loosely in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace. Add salt, if desired (see above). Cover meat with boiling water, broth, or tomato juice, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 75 minutes and quarts 90 minutes.

## CANNING RECIPES: POULTRY AND RABBIT

### CHICKEN, DUCK, GOOSE, TURKEY

Cut poultry into serving size pieces. If desired, remove bone and skin.

**Hot Pack:** Precook poultry until almost done by baking, boiling, or steaming. Pack hot poultry in hot jars, leaving 1¼-inch headspace. Add salt, if desired (page 15). Cover poultry with hot broth, leaving 1¼-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Raw Pack:** Add salt to hot jars, if desired (page 15). Pack raw poultry loosely in hot jars, leaving 1¼-inch headspace. DO NOT ADD LIQUID. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

|                                        | <u>With Bone</u> | <u>Without Bone</u> |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Pressure canning:</b> Process pints | 65 minutes       | 75 minutes          |
| Process quarts                         | 75 minutes       | 90 minutes          |

### RABBIT

Soak dressed rabbits 1 hour in brine water containing 1 tablespoon of salt per quart of water. Rinse. Use preparation procedures and processing times for poultry, omitting salt.

## PRESSURE CANNING *Fish and Seafood*

**Pressure canning is the only safe method for canning fish and seafood.**

Only fresh fish should be canned. These should be bled and thoroughly cleaned of all viscera and membranes within 2 hours after they are caught. To prevent spoilage, keep fish and shellfish refrigerated or on ice to maintain a temperature of 40°F or below until ready to can.

## CANNING RECIPES: FISH AND SEAFOOD

### CLAMS—WHOLE OR MINCED

Keep clams on ice until ready to can. Scrub shells thoroughly and rinse.

**Hot Pack:** Steam 5 minutes and open. Remove clam meat. Collect and save clam juice. Wash clam meat in salted water using 1½ to 3 tablespoons of salt per gallon of water. Rinse.

Cover clam meat with boiling water containing 2 tablespoons of lemon juice or ½ teaspoon of citric acid per gallon. Boil 2 minutes and drain. To make minced clams, grind clams with a meat grinder or food processor. Heat reserved clam juice to boiling.

Pack clams loosely in hot jars, leaving 1-inch headspace. Add hot clam juice and, if needed, boiling water, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process half-pints 60 minutes and pints 70 minutes.

### FISH

#### Blue, Mackerel, Salmon, Trout, Steelhead, and other fatty fish except Tuna

Remove head, tail, fins, and scales. Wash fish in cold water.

**Raw Pack:** Split fish lengthwise and then cut into lengths that fit the jar size being used. Bones can be left in and skin left on, if desired. For halibut, remove the bones and skin.

Pack fish tightly in hot jars, skin side next to glass, leaving 1-inch headspace. Add ½ teaspoon canning salt to each half-pint jar, 1 teaspoon to each pint jar, if desired. DO NOT ADD LIQUID. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process half-pints and pints 100 minutes.

**NOTE:** Glass-like crystals of magnesium ammonium phosphate sometimes form in canned salmon. There is no way for the home canner to prevent these crystals from forming, but they usually dissolve when heated and are safe to eat.

## TUNA

Remove viscera and clean fish thoroughly. Tuna may be canned either raw or precooked. Precooking removes most of the strong-flavored, natural oils.

**Hot Pack:** Place tuna belly-side down on a rack in the bottom of a large baking pan. Bake at 350°F for 1 hour. Refrigerate cooked fish overnight to firm the meat.

Remove skin. Cut meat away from bones; cut out and discard bone, fin bases, and dark flesh. Quarter the pieces; cut quarters crosswise into lengths that fit the jar size being used.

Add ½ teaspoon canning salt to each half-pint jar, 1 teaspoon to each pint jar, if desired. Pack fish into hot jars, pressing down gently to make a solid pack, leaving 1-inch headspace. Add water or oil to jars, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Raw Pack:** Remove skin. Separate the meat into quarters by cutting the meat away from bones. Cut out and discard bone, fin bases, and dark flesh. Cut quarters crosswise into lengths that fit the jar size being used.

Add ½ teaspoon canning salt to each half-pint jar, 1 teaspoon to each pint jar, if desired. Pack fish into hot jars, pressing down gently to make a solid pack, leaving 1-inch headspace. DO NOT ADD LIQUID. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process half-pints and pints 100 minutes.

## PRESSURE CANNING *Stock and Soup*

**Pressure canning is the only safe method for canning stock and soup.**

**Tip:** Dried herbs and spices can safely be added to a tested canning recipe.

## CANNING RECIPES: STOCK AND SOUP

### BEEF STOCK

Saw or crack fresh trimmed beef bones (with meat removed) to enhance extraction of flavor. Rinse bones.

**Hot Pack:** Place bones in a large pot and cover with water. Cover pot and simmer 3 to 4 hours. Remove bones. Cool broth; skim off and discard fat. Remove any tiny amount of meat tidbits from bones and add to broth, if desired. Reheat broth to boiling. Fill hot jars with hot broth, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 20 minutes and quarts 25 minutes.

### CHICKEN AND TURKEY STOCK

**Hot Pack:** Place large carcass bones (with meat removed) in a large pot. Add enough water to cover bones. Cover pot and simmer 30 to 45 minutes or until meat can be easily removed from bones. Remove bones. Cool broth; skim off and discard fat. Remove any tiny amount of meat tidbits from bones and add to broth, if desired. Reheat broth to boiling. Fill hot jars with hot broth, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 20 minutes and quarts 25 minutes.

## SOUPS

### **Vegetable, Dried Bean or Pea, Meat, Poultry, or Seafood\***

Choose your favorite vegetables, dried beans or peas, meat, poultry, or seafood ingredients for soup as long as those ingredients have their own individual canning recommendations. Do not use ingredients for which there are no canning recommendations.

**CAUTION!** In accordance with USDA guidelines, do not add noodles or other pasta, rice, cured or brined meat, flour, cream, milk, or other thickening agents, to home canned soups as processing time may not be adequate.

**Hot Pack:** Prepare vegetables, meat, poultry, and seafood\* as described in the hot pack directions for the individual ingredients.

**If dried beans or peas are used, they must be fully rehydrated before adding to other ingredients** (see page 12).

Combine solid ingredients with meat broth, tomatoes, or water to cover. Boil 5 minutes. Salt to taste, if desired. Fill jars halfway with solid ingredients and then add soup liquid, leaving 1-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Pressure canning:** Process pints 60 minutes and quarts 75 minutes.

**\*If soup contains seafood, process pints and quarts 100 minutes.**

## BOILING WATER CANNING

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### I. GETTING READY

1. Complete the preparation steps on page 7. Select the boiling water canning recipe (see pages 21–26) and gather the needed supplies.

2. Begin preparing the food that will be used for filling the jars in step 12.

**NOTE:** Any food described in a recipe as “Hot Pack” should be freshly prepared or, if made in advance, reheated as instructed in the canning recipe.

3. Place the canning rack in the canner body, feet side down.\*

**NOTE:** Jars will be placed on the rack in step 8. If set directly on the bottom of the canner, jars may break.

4. Pour 3 quarts of water into the canner, up to the fill line (Fig. A, page 3).

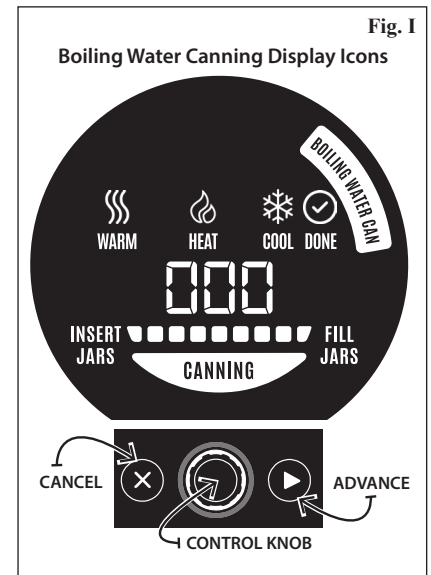
**Tips:** You may use hot tap water to shorten the time to heat the water. To help prevent mineral deposits on the canning rack and jars, as well as discoloration of the canner interior, add 1 teaspoon of cream of tartar or 2 tablespoons of white vinegar to the water in the canner.

5. Plug the canner into a 120VAC wall outlet. The default icon **PRESSURE CAN** will flash in the display window.

6. **SLOWLY** rotate the control knob until **BOILING WATER CAN** flashes in the display (Fig. I). Press the control knob to select the **BOILING WATER CAN** mode. The **BOILING WATER CAN** icon will remain illuminated for the duration of the canning process.

7. Rotate the knob to set the time for the specific boiling water canning recipe and jar size being used. The time adjusts in 5-minute increments up to 120 minutes. **IMPORTANT: Verify you have set the right program and time.** Make sure you have increased the processing time if you live at an altitude above 1,000 feet.

**NOTE:** If the **PRESSURE CAN** program is accidentally selected or the wrong time is entered, press and hold **⊗** for 3 seconds. Then repeat steps 6 and 7.



### II. JAR WARMING

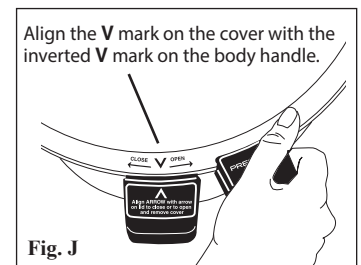
8. Press **▶**. **INSERT JARS** will light up. Fill the canning jars to be canned half full with water and place the jars on the canning rack.
9. **Remove the regulator and the overpressure plug from the canner cover.** See page 31 for overpressure plug removal instructions. Never use the regulator or overpressure plug for boiling water canning.

10. Place the cover on the canner, aligning the **V** mark on the cover with the inverted **V** mark on the body handle (Fig. J). To lock the cover, press down on the cover handles to compress the sealing ring and turn the cover in the direction indicated to close (clockwise) until the cover handles are above the body handles. Do not rotate the cover beyond this point.

11. Press **▶**. **WARM** will light up and the progress bar will begin scrolling from left to right, indicating the unit is heating.

Jar warming will take 20 to 40 minutes. Times will vary based on the number and size of the jars being warmed and the starting temperature of the water.

During this time, complete any necessary food preparation. Also, heat at least 3 quarts of water to boiling in a large kettle for use in step 13. More water will be needed if canner is not filled to jar capacity.



### III. FILL JARS

12. When the canner beeps twice and **FILL JARS** lights up, the jars are preheated and ready for filling. The canner will continue to keep the jars warm until you are ready to fill them. Unlock the cover by turning it counterclockwise until it hits the stop tab. The cover handles will be beyond the body handles. Lift the cover toward you to keep any steam away from you.





Remove one jar at a time from the canner; discard the water from the jar. Immediately fill the jar with food and liquid, according to the specific tested recipe. Remove air bubbles by moving a clean, nonmetal spatula around the jar. Clean the jar rim with a damp cloth. Center a flat lid on the jar rim, making sure the sealing compound is touching the glass. Position a band over the lid and, using your fingertips, screw it onto the jar evenly and firmly (fingertight). Do not overtighten as air must release from the jars during processing and cooling. Place the jar on the canning rack promptly after filling.

Repeat the above procedure for each jar.

13. After all the jars are in the canner, check the water level. Using a liquid measuring cup or pitcher, carefully pour more boiling water (heated in Step 11) around the jars until the water level is at least 1 inch above the jar tops.

**CAUTION!** To avoid burns from splashing or steam, never pour boiling water directly from a large pot into the canner.

14. Place the cover back on the canner and lock it on, following step 10, page 18.

**IMPORTANT:** Verify that the regulator is NOT on the cover and the overpressure plug is NOT installed in the cover.

#### IV. CANNING



15. Press . **HEAT** will light up and the processing time programmed in step 7 will appear in the display. The progress bar will continue to scroll as the canner heats.

**NOTE:** In the event an incorrect processing time was entered, see *Frequently Asked Questions* #1 on page 29.



16. Once the required canning temperature is reached, the unit will beep twice and **CANNING** will light up. The canner is now processing and the timer will start to count down. The progress bar will stop scrolling and begin to light up in segments, increasing in length as the processing time counts down (e.g., if 15 minutes of a 20 minute processing time have elapsed, 75% of the bars will be illuminated).

During canning there will be a noticeable amount of air/steam venting from the vent pipe and air vent/cover lock. You will also hear boiling.

#### V. COOLING



17. When the processing time expires, the canner will beep 4 times. **COOL** and 5 will light up in the display. At this time, carefully unlock and remove the canner cover for the cooling period.

**CAUTION!** To prevent burns when removing the canner cover, tilt the top of the cover toward you to avoid steam and/or boiling water.

The timer will count down during the cooling period. During the countdown, the progress bar will scroll from right to left to indicate the unit is cooling.

#### VI. DONE



18. When the time expires, the unit will beep 10 times and **DONE** will light up. Press and hold  for 3 seconds.
19. Using a jar lifter, remove jars by lifting them straight up. Be careful not to tilt the jars, which causes liquid to siphon out. Food particles may also get between the jar rim and the lid and prevent the jar from sealing. Place jars upright on a towel or cooling rack, away from drafts. Do not retighten bands. Allow jars to cool naturally. Check seals no earlier than 12 hours, but no later than 24 hours. See page 6 for "After Processing" information.
20. **When processing consecutive batches:** Before warming the next batch of jars, allow the water in the canner to cool or replace it with 3 quarts of fresh water. **NOTICE:** Placing jars immediately in the water from the previous batch can result in thermal shock to the glass jars that may in turn cause cracks and breakage.  
  
If reusing the water, it should not be above the 3-quart fill line (Fig. A, page 3). Remove excess water to a large kettle. Bring to a boil and use this water to cover the filled jars.
21. To can additional jars, repeat steps 6 to 20.
22. When canning is complete, unplug the cord from the wall outlet and allow the canner to cool completely. Empty water from the canner and clean according to the instructions beginning on page 30.

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### Altitude Adjustments

When using the canner for boiling water canning at altitudes of 1,000 feet or below, process according to the specific recipe. When canning at higher altitudes, process according to the following chart.

| ALTITUDE CHART<br>BOILING WATER CANNING |                                 |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Altitude                                | Increase Recipe Processing Time |
| 1,001–3,000 ft.                         | + 5 minutes                     |
| 3,001–6,000 ft.                         | + 10 minutes                    |
| 6,001–8,000 ft.                         | + 15 minutes                    |

## BOILING WATER CANNING *Fruits*

Select firm fruit that is fully ripened but not soft. Do not can overripe foods.

### Maintaining Color

Some fruits (apples, apricots, nectarines, peaches, and pears) tend to darken while they are being prepared. To prevent darkening, place fruit in a solution of 3 grams (3,000 milligrams) ascorbic acid to 1 gallon of cold water. Ascorbic acid is available in different forms:

**Pure Powdered Form:** Use 1 teaspoon of pure powder, which weighs about 3 grams, per gallon of water.

**Vitamin C Tablets:** Buy 500 milligram tablets. Crush and dissolve 6 tablets per gallon of water.

**Commercially Prepared Mixes of Ascorbic and Citric Acid:** Available under different brand names. Use according to manufacturer's directions found on the package.

### Canning Liquids

Although fruit has better color, shape, and flavor when it is canned with syrup, it may be canned in juices (such as apple, white grape, or pineapple) or water.

White sugar is preferable to brown sugar for canning. Light corn syrup or honey may be used to replace up to one-half the sugar. If you wish to use sugar substitutes, follow package instructions.

The amount of sugar desirable to use in preparing syrups will depend upon the tartness of the fruit and on personal preference. It should be remembered that fruit, when heated, releases some of its juices which will dilute the syrup in proportion to the juiciness of the fruit.

Use the syrup chart as a guideline for preparing syrup needed for your canning recipe. Syrup recipe may be doubled or tripled depending on the packing method and amount of fruit being canned at one time.

| SYRUPS FOR CANNING FRUITS                                                                                                    |         |        |         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Combine sugar and water in a large pot. Bring to a boil and keep syrup hot while preparing fruit. Use as directed in recipe. |         |        |         |
| Syrup                                                                                                                        | Sugar   | Water  | Yield   |
| Very Light                                                                                                                   | ½ cup   | 4 cups | 4½ cups |
| Light                                                                                                                        | 1 cup   | 4 cups | 4¾ cups |
| Medium                                                                                                                       | 1¾ cups | 4 cups | 5 cups  |
| Heavy                                                                                                                        | 2¾ cups | 4 cups | 5½ cups |

## BOILING WATER CANNING RECIPES: FRUITS

### APPLES

Wash, peel, and core apples. Cut into ½-inch slices. Place apples in an ascorbic acid solution (page 20) to prevent darkening during preparation. Drain well.

**Hot Pack:** Add apples and syrup (page 20), juice, or water to a large pot and bring to a boil. Boil for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent scorching. Pack hot apples in hot jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Cover apples with hot syrup, juice, or water, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process pints and quarts 20 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.

### APPLESAUCE

Wash, peel, core, and slice apples. If desired, place apple slices into ascorbic acid solution (page 20) to prevent darkening. Drain well. Place slices in a large pot. Add ½ cup water. Heat quickly until apples are tender, stirring occasionally to prevent scorching. Press through food mill or sieve. (If chunk style sauce is preferred, omit this step.) If desired, sweeten to taste. Reheat sauce to boiling. Pack into hot jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process pints 15 minutes and quarts 20 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.

### APRICOTS

Wash well-ripened, firm apricots. If peeled apricots are desired, dip 1 minute in boiling water, then in cold water and peel. Cut apricots in halves and remove pits. Place apricots in an ascorbic acid solution (page 20) to prevent darkening during preparation. Drain well.

**Hot Pack:** Add apricots and syrup (page 20), juice, or water to a large pot and bring to a boil. Pack hot apricots, cut side down, in hot jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Cover with hot syrup, juice, or water, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process pints 20 minutes and quarts 25 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.

**Raw Pack:** Pack raw apricots, cut side down, in hot jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Cover with hot syrup (page 20), juice, or water, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process pints 25 minutes and quarts 30 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.

### BERRIES

#### Except strawberries and elderberries

Choose ripe, sweet berries with uniform color. Wash 1 to 2 quarts of berries at a time. Drain, cap, and stem if necessary.

**Hot Pack:** Use this method for firmer berries such as blueberries, currants, gooseberries, and huckleberries. Heat berries in a large pot with boiling water for 30 seconds and drain. Add ½ cup hot syrup (page 20), juice, or water to hot jars. Pack hot berries into jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Cover with hot syrup, juice, or water, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process pints and quarts 15 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.

**Raw Pack:** Use this method for softer berries such as raspberries and blackberries. Add ½ cup hot syrup (page 20), juice, or water to hot jars. Pack raw berries into jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Gently shake jars while filling to pack firmly without crushing berries. Cover with hot syrup, juice, or water, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process pints 15 minutes and quarts 20 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.

## CHERRIES

Stem and wash cherries. Remove pits, if desired. If pitted, place cherries in an ascorbic acid solution (page 20) to prevent darkening of the stem end. If canning whole cherries, prick each cherry with a clean needle to prevent splitting.

**Hot Pack:** Heat cherries in a large pot with ½ cup hot syrup (page 20), juice, or water per quart of cherries. Cover pot and bring to a boil. Pack hot cherries and cooking liquid in hot jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process pints 15 minutes and quarts 20 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.

## NECTARINES AND PEACHES–YELLOW

Wash fully-ripened but not soft yellow nectarines or peaches. Do not process white flesh nectarines or peaches as there are no tested recipes.

Skin can be left on nectarines. For peaches, loosen skin by dipping them 1 minute in boiling water, then in cold water. Peel. Cut fruit in halves and remove pits. Slice if desired. Place fruit in an ascorbic acid solution (page 20) to prevent darkening during preparation. Drain well.

**Hot Pack:** Add fruit and syrup (page 20), juice, or water to a large pot and bring to a boil. Pack hot fruit, cut side down, in hot jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Cover with hot syrup, juice, or water, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process pints 20 minutes and quarts 25 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.

**Raw Pack:** Pack raw fruit, cut side down, in hot jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Cover with hot syrup (page 20), juice, or water, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process pints 25 minutes and quarts 30 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.

## PEARS

Wash pears. Peel, cut in halves lengthwise, and core. Place pears in an ascorbic acid solution (page 20) to prevent darkening during preparation. Drain well.

**Hot Pack:** Add pears and syrup (page 20), juice, or water to a large pot and bring to a boil. Boil 5 minutes. Pack hot pears in hot jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Cover with hot syrup, juice, or water, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process pints 20 minutes and quarts 25 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.

## PLUMS

Stem and wash firm, ripe plums. If plums are to be canned whole, prick each side with a fork. Freestone varieties may be cut in halves and pitted.

**Hot Pack:** Add plums and syrup (page 20), juice, or water to a large pot and bring to a boil. Boil 2 minutes. Cover pot and let stand 20 to 30 minutes. Pack hot plums in hot jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Cover with hot syrup, juice, or water, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Raw Pack:** Pack raw plums firmly in hot jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Cover with hot syrup (page 20), juice, or water, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process pints 20 minutes and quarts 25 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.

## RHUBARB

Trim off leaves. Wash stalks and cut into ½-inch to 1-inch pieces.

**Hot Pack:** Add rhubarb and ½ cup sugar per quart of rhubarb to a large pot. Let stand until juice appears. Heat rhubarb slowly to boiling. Pack hot rhubarb in hot jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process pints and quarts 15 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.

**BOILING WATER CANNING *Tomatoes and Tomato Products***

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Tomatoes and tomato products may be safely processed using the boiling water canning method or the pressure canning method. However, for some tomato products, the pressure canning method may result in a more nutritious canned product. (For pressure canning instructions, see page 9).

**Acidifying Tomatoes and Tomato Products**

Tomatoes have a pH close to 4.6, which means it is necessary to take precautions to can them safely. First, carefully choose the tomatoes for canning. Use only tomatoes that are disease-free, preferably vine-ripened, and firm.

Second, an acid must be added to tomatoes whether they are processed using the boiling water canning method or pressure canning method. To ensure the safety of whole, crushed, or juiced tomatoes, add 1 tablespoon bottled lemon juice (not natural juice) or ¼ teaspoon citric acid per pint jar. For quarts, add 2 tablespoons bottled lemon juice or ½ teaspoon citric acid.

**Salt**

Tomatoes and tomato products may be canned with or without salt. Salt is used only for flavor, as it is not used in a large enough quantity to prevent spoilage. If salt is desired, use only canning or pickling salt. Table salt contains anti-caking agents that may cause cloudiness in the liquid inside the jars.

The recommended amount of salt is ½ teaspoon for each pint jar and 1 teaspoon for each quart jar.

**Tip:** Dried herbs and spices can safely be added to a tested canning recipe.

| Salt is optional when canning most foods.<br>ACIDIFYING TOMATOES IS REQUIRED.<br>Tomatoes have a pH close to 4.6, which means an acid must be added to obtain a safe food product. |              |                                                           |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Most Foods <i>(add canning salt, if desired)</i>                                                                                                                                   |              | Tomatoes <i>(must choose one)</i>                         |                |
| ADD TO JAR                                                                                                                                                                         | Canning Salt | Bottled Lemon Juice<br><small>(not natural juice)</small> | OR Citric Acid |
| PINT                                                                                                                                                                               | ½ teaspoon   | 1 tablespoon                                              | ¼ teaspoon     |
| QUART                                                                                                                                                                              | 1 teaspoon   | 2 tablespoons                                             | ½ teaspoon     |

**BOILING WATER CANNING RECIPES:  
TOMATOES AND TOMATO PRODUCTS**

**TOMATOES—WHOLE OR HALVED  
(packed in water)**

Wash smooth, firm, ripe tomatoes. Loosen skins by dipping tomatoes 1 minute in boiling water, then in cold water. Peel and remove core. Leave whole or halve, or if using large tomatoes, quarter.

**Hot Pack:** Place prepared tomatoes in a large pot and add just enough water to cover. Bring to a boil and boil gently for 5 minutes. Add bottled lemon juice or citric acid to hot jars (see above). Add salt, if desired (see above). Pack hot tomatoes in hot jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Fill jars with hot cooking liquid, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Raw Pack:** Add bottled lemon juice or citric acid to hot jars (see above). Add salt, if desired (see above). Pack prepared tomatoes in hot jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Fill hot jars with boiling water, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process pints 40 minutes and quarts 45 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.



## **TOMATOES—WHOLE OR HALVED** **(packed raw without added liquid)**

Wash smooth, firm, ripe tomatoes. Loosen skins by dipping tomatoes 1 minute in boiling water, then in cold water. Peel and remove core. Leave whole or halve.

**NOTE:** Tomatoes that are raw packed will separate during processing into a liquid and solid, with the solids forming on top of the liquid. This is due to an enzyme that causes tomatoes to break apart when heated. Flavor and nutritional quality are not affected by this change.

Add bottled lemon juice or citric acid to hot jars (page 23). Add salt, if desired (page 23). Fill jars with raw tomatoes, pressing until spaces between them fill with juice. Leave ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process pints and quarts 85 minutes\*. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time\*.

\*Raw-packed tomatoes without added liquid require a long processing time—85 minutes. For this extended processing time, begin with 2 inches of boiling water above the jar tops (rather than the usual 1 inch).

## **TOMATO JUICE**

Wash ripe, juicy tomatoes. Remove stem ends and trim off bruised or discolored portions. To prevent juice from separating, quickly cut about 1 pound of tomatoes into quarters and put directly into a large pot. Heat immediately to boiling while crushing. Continue to slowly add and crush freshly cut tomato quarters to the boiling mixture. Make sure the mixture boils constantly and vigorously while adding more tomatoes. Simmer 5 minutes after you add all the pieces.

If juice separation is not a concern, simply slice or quarter tomatoes into a large pot. Crush, heat, and simmer for 5 minutes before juicing.

Press heated juice through a sieve or food mill to remove skins and seeds. Heat juice again to boiling.

Add bottled lemon juice or citric acid to hot jars (page 23). Add salt, if desired (page 23). Fill hot jars with hot tomato juice, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process pints 35 minutes and quarts 40 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.

## **TOMATO SAUCE**

Prepare and press tomatoes as you would for making tomato juice (see recipe above). Heat in a large pot until sauce reaches desired consistency. Simmer until volume is reduced by about one-third for thin sauce or by one-half for thick sauce. Add bottled lemon juice or citric acid to hot jars (page 23). Add salt, if desired (page 23). Pour hot sauce into hot jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process pints 35 minutes and quarts 40 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.

## BOILING WATER CANNING RECIPES:

*The recipes on pages 25–26 are safely canned using the boiling water canning method. Do not use the pressure canning method for these recipes because the food quality will be unacceptable.*

**Important:** Jars used for the three preserve recipes (marked with a ❖) will need to be sterilized because the processing time is less than 10 minutes. To sterilize the jars, boil them for 10 minutes. If you live at an altitude of 1,000 feet or more, boil an additional minute for each 1,000-foot increase in altitude. If preferred, instead of sterilizing the jars, you can increase the processing time to 10 minutes. The additional processing time is not harmful to most gels.

### TOMATO SALSA

|                                                 |                              |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 7 quarts peeled, cored, chopped paste tomatoes* | 2 tablespoons salt           |
| 5 cups chopped onion                            | 1 tablespoon black pepper    |
| 4 cups seeded, chopped long green chiles        | <i>Optional ingredients:</i> |
| ½ cup seeded, finely chopped jalapeño peppers   | 3 tablespoons dried oregano  |
| 6 cloves garlic, finely chopped                 | 2 tablespoons ground cumin   |
| 2 cups bottled lemon or lime juice              | 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro |

*\*This recipe works best with paste tomatoes, such as Roma. Slicing tomatoes, such as Beefsteak, require a much longer initial cooking time to achieve a desirable consistency.*

**CAUTION!** Wear plastic or rubber gloves and do not touch your face while handling or cutting hot peppers. If you do not wear gloves, wash hands thoroughly with soap and water before touching your face or eyes.

The jalapeño peppers do not need to be peeled. The skin of the long green chiles may be tough. If you choose to peel chiles, wash and dry them and then slit each pepper along the side to allow steam to escape. Blister skins by placing peppers in a hot oven (400°F) or under a broiler for 6 to 8 minutes until skins blister.

After blistering skins, place peppers in a pan and cover with a damp cloth. Cool several minutes; peel off skins. Discard seeds and chop.

Wash tomatoes and dip in boiling water for 30 to 60 seconds or until skins split. Dip in cold water, slip off skins, and remove cores. Combine all ingredients except oregano, cumin, and cilantro in a large pot and bring to a boil, stirring frequently, then reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. Add oregano, cumin, and cilantro, if desired, and simmer for another 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Ladle hot salsa into hot jars, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process pints 15 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.

*Yield: About 16 to 18 pints*

### APPLE BUTTER ❖

*Recommended apples include Jonathan, Winesap, Stayman, Golden Delicious, and McIntosh.*

|                    |                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8 pounds apples    | 2¼ cups packed brown sugar    |
| 2 cups apple cider | 2 tablespoons ground cinnamon |
| 2 cups vinegar     | 1 tablespoon ground cloves    |
| 2¼ cups sugar      |                               |

Wash apples. Remove stems, quarter, and core fruit. Cook apples slowly in apple cider and vinegar until soft. Press fruit through a colander, food mill, or strainer. Cook fruit pulp with sugar and spices, stirring frequently. To test for doneness, remove a spoonful and hold it away from steam for 2 minutes. It is done if the butter remains mounded on the spoon. Another way to determine when the butter is cooked adequately is to spoon a small quantity onto a plate. When a rim of liquid does not separate around the edge of the butter, it is ready for canning. Ladle hot butter into hot jars, leaving ¼-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process half-pints and pints 5 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.

*Yield: 8 to 9 pints*

*Apple Butter recipe adapted from the "Complete Guide to Home Canning," Agriculture Information Bulletin No. 539, USDA, revised 2015. National Center for Home Food Preservation.*

## GRAPE JELLY ❖

5 cups grape juice  
(about 3½ pounds grapes and about 1 cup water)

1 package powdered pectin  
7 cups sugar

**To prepare juice:** Sort, wash, and remove stems from fully ripe grapes. In a large pot, crush about 3½ pounds of grapes and add just enough water to cover grapes, about 1 cup. Cover and bring to a boil on high heat. Reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Pour contents of pot into a damp jelly bag and suspend the bag to drain the juice into a large bowl. Allow juice to drain undisturbed overnight in a cool place. Strain through two thicknesses of damp cheesecloth to remove any crystals that have formed.

**To make jelly:** In a large pot combine juice and pectin; stir well. Place on high heat and, stirring constantly, bring quickly to a full rolling boil that cannot be stirred down. Add sugar, continue stirring, and heat again to a full rolling boil. Boil hard for 1 minute. Remove from heat; skim off foam quickly. Immediately ladle hot jelly into hot jars, leaving ¼-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process half-pints and pints 5 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.

*Yield: About 8 half-pints*

*Grape Jelly recipe adapted from "How to Make Jellies, Jams, and Preserves at Home," Home and Garden Bulletin No. 56. Extension Service, USDA. 1982 reprint. National Center for Home Food Preservation, June 2005.*

## STRAWBERRY JAM ❖

5½ cups crushed strawberries (about 3 quart  
boxes strawberries)

1 package powdered pectin  
8 cups sugar

**To prepare fruit:** Sort and wash fully ripe strawberries; remove stems and caps. Crush berries.

**To make jam:** Measure crushed strawberries into a large pot. Add pectin and stir well. Place on high heat and, stirring constantly, bring quickly to a full boil with bubbles over the entire surface. Add sugar, continue stirring, and heat again to a full bubbling boil. Boil hard for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Skim foam, if necessary. Immediately ladle hot jam into hot jars leaving ¼-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process half-pints and pints 5 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.

*Yield: About 9 or 10 half-pints*

*Strawberry Jam recipe adapted from "How to Make Jellies, Jams and Preserves at Home." Home and Garden Bulletin No. 56. Extension Service, United States Department of Agriculture. 1982 reprint. National Center for Home Food Preservation, June 2005.*

## QUICK FRESH-PACK DILL PICKLES

8 pounds 3- to 5-inch whole pickling cucumbers  
2 gallons water  
1¼ cups canning or pickling salt (divided)  
1½ quarts vinegar (5% acidity)  
¼ cup sugar  
2 quarts water

2 tablespoons whole mixed pickling spice  
3 tablespoons whole mustard seed (1 teaspoon per  
pint jar)  
14 heads of fresh dill (1½ heads per pint jar) **OR**  
4½ tablespoons dill seed (1½ teaspoons per pint jar)

Wash cucumbers. Cut ¼-inch slice off blossom end and discard, but leave ¼-inch of stem attached. Dissolve ¾ cup salt in 2 gallons water. Pour over cucumbers and let stand 12 hours. Drain. In a large pot combine vinegar, ½ cup salt, sugar, and 2 quarts water. Add mixed pickling spices tied in a clean, white cloth. Heat to boiling. Fill hot jars with cucumbers. Add 1 teaspoon mustard seed and 1½ heads fresh dill per pint. Cover with boiling pickling liquid, leaving ½-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles. Clean jar rims. Position lids and secure with bands.

**Boiling water canning:** Process pints 10 minutes and quarts 15 minutes. For processing above 1,000 feet altitude, see page 20 for recommended increase in time.

*Yield: About 7 to 9 pints*

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**NOTE:** Many more tested canning recipes for jams and jellies, pickles and relishes, and salsa are available from the National Center for Home Food Preservation ([nchfp.uga.edu](http://nchfp.uga.edu)) or in these reliable sources:

*"So Easy to Preserve", Cooperative Extension The University of Georgia, bulletin 989; "Ball Blue Book Guide to Preserving"; "Bernardin Complete Book of Home Preserving"*

## TROUBLESHOOTING

### Issues with Canned Food

- Jar breakage during processing is caused by: (1) packing jar too solidly or overfilling; (2) weakened, nicked, or chipped jars; (3) jars touching bottom of canner; (4) failure to tighten screw bands properly; (5) use of jars other than Mason jars.
- Liquid lost from jars during processing is caused by: (1) packing jar too solidly or overfilling; (2) failure to tighten screw bands properly.

If liquid is lost during processing, do not open jar to replace liquid. Loss of liquid will not cause spoilage, but food above the liquid will discolor. If at least half of the liquid is gone, place the jar in the refrigerator and use the food within 3 days.

- Flat sour, a type of food spoilage, is caused by canning overripe food, allowing precooked food to stand in the jar too long before processing, or keeping the jars in the canner too long after processing. It may be prevented by using fresh food; by properly processing, cooling, and storing food; and by removing jars from the canner promptly after processing. Flat sour shows no indication of spoilage until jar is opened. Flat sour is not a safety concern, but the taste of the food is compromised. It is advised that you discard the food.
- Food spoilage or jars not sealing is caused by: (1) failure to follow exact recipes and timetables; (2) failure to wipe sealing edge of jar clean before placing lid on jar; (3) foods, seeds, or grease lodged between lid and jar; (4) jars which are nicked, cracked, or have sharp sealing edges; (5) failure to tighten screw bands properly; (6) turning jars upside down while jars are cooling and sealing.
- If a jar does not seal by the time it is completely cool, and a minimum of 12 but no more than 24 hours have elapsed after canning, the food can be refrigerated and used within 3 days. Other options include freezing the food or reprocessing per the canning recipe. If choosing to reprocess, remove the lids and reheat the food and/or liquid. Use the hot pack method. Pack food into clean, heated jars, leaving appropriate headspace. Remove air bubbles and clean jar rims. Position new lids on jars and secure with bands. Reprocess for the full recommended processing time. **If more than 24 hours have elapsed since the canner registered DONE, and the seal is faulty, the food is no longer safe. Discard at once.**

Additionally, if an error code with an  or  appear during pressure canning, the food can be saved by refrigerating, freezing, or reprocessing.

- Mold can form only in the presence of air. Therefore, jars are not sealed if mold is present. Discard contents.
- The black deposit sometimes found on the underside of a lid is caused by tannins in the food or hydrogen sulfide which is liberated from the food by the heat of processing. This does not indicate spoilage.
- The loss of color from beets during canning is usually due to the variety of beets used. Two varieties that retain color well are Ruby Queen and Detroit Red. To reduce bleeding of color, precook beets with entire root and 1 to 2 inches of stem. Remove stem and root after precooking.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

### Error Codes

The pressure canner is programmed to display error codes and to sound an alert in the event of an error in the processing procedure or a product malfunction. The alert will be a continuous tone for 5 seconds followed by repeating 1 second beeps. Be sure to note what error code is displayed before unplugging the canner.

See the following chart for explanation and remedies.

| Code                                                                           | Cause                                                         | Remedy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>E1, E2, E4, E5</b>                                                          | Canner has been damaged, been tampered with, or is defective. | Unplug canner and call Consumer Service Department (see page 33).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>E3</b><br><br>Can appear in any phase of Pressure and Boiling Water Canning | Canner is overheated as a result of insufficient or no water. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unplug canner.</li> <li>• Remove regulator if still present on cover.</li> <li>• Unlock and remove cover.</li> <li>• Cool canner for 15 minutes.</li> <li>• For pressure canning, add water to the 3-quart fill line. For boiling water canning, add water so it is 1 inch above the jars.</li> <li>• Lock on cover and plug in canner.</li> <li>• Select program and processing time and press .</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If E3 appears in Pressure Canning and the  icon is lit, it will be necessary to let pressure drop naturally until air vent/cover lock drops before unlocking and removing cover. Please refer to additional information above.</p> |

| Code                                                                                     | Cause                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Remedy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>E10</b><br>Can appear only in JAR WARMING phase of Pressure and Boiling Water Canning | Canner has developed pressure during the JAR WARMING phase because the regulator was installed on the cover.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unplug canner.</li> <li>Wait for air vent/cover lock to drop.</li> <li><b>Remove regulator.</b></li> <li>Unlock and remove cover.</li> <li>Add water, as necessary.</li> <li>Lock on cover and plug in canner.</li> <li>Select program and processing time and press .*</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>E20</b><br>Only in Pressure Canning                                                   | Canner has developed pressure during the VENTING phase because the regulator was installed on the cover.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow remedy for E10 above.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>E21</b><br>Only in Pressure Canning                                                   | The regulator was not installed after the completion of the VENTING phase.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unplug canner.</li> <li>Unlock and remove cover.</li> <li>Cool canner for 15 minutes.</li> <li>Add water, as necessary.</li> <li>Lock on cover and plug in canner.</li> <li>Select program and processing time and press .*</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>E30</b><br>Only in Boiling Water Canning                                              | Canner has developed pressure because the regulator was installed on the cover<br><br>Canner is overheated as a result of insufficient or no water.                                                                                                                                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unplug canner.</li> <li>Wait for air vent/cover lock to drop.</li> <li><b>Remove regulator.</b></li> <li>Unlock and remove cover.</li> <li>Check water level; add water if necessary.</li> <li>Lock on cover and plug in canner.</li> <li>Select program and processing time and press .*</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>E40</b> and<br><b>E50</b><br>Only in Pressure Canning                                 | Canner has sensed a release of pressure during CANNING phase as a result of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removing the regulator.</li> <li>Sealing ring leaking because it is damaged or needs to be replaced.</li> <li>Air vent/cover lock is loose.</li> </ul>                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unplug canner.</li> <li>Allow canner to release pressure until air vent/cover lock drops.</li> <li>Remove regulator, if still present on cover.</li> <li>Unlock and remove cover.</li> <li>Tighten air vent/cover lock until fingertip tight. See page 31.</li> </ul> <p><b>Canning process is not complete.</b> To be sure your food is safe, it must be reprocessed for the full amount of time (see page 27 for additional information).</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If release of pressure was due to sealing ring, replacement is necessary before using canner again. Please refer to page 33 for ordering replacement parts.</p> |
| <b>E41</b><br>Only in Pressure Canning                                                   | Canner did not attain proper canning temperature within the required time frame as a result of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sealing ring not in cover.</li> <li>Overpressure plug not in cover.</li> <li>Regulator not on vent pipe.</li> <li>Air vent/cover lock did not lift.</li> <li>Air vent/cover lock is loose.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow remedy for E40 and E50 above. In addition:</li> <li>Confirm sealing ring, overpressure plug, and air vent/cover lock gasket are in good condition and properly installed in cover.</li> <li>After venting is complete, remember to place the regulator on the vent pipe and press  to advance to canning.</li> <li>Tighten air vent/cover lock until fingertip tight. See page 31.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>E60</b><br>Only in Pressure Canning                                                   | Canner has sensed a premature release of pressure during COOLING phase as a result of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removing the regulator.</li> <li>Sealing ring leaking because it is damaged or needs to be replaced.</li> </ul>                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow remedy for E50 above.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

\*Press again to display the icon. At this point the regulator should NOT be on the cover.

Press and hold the button for approximately 5 seconds until the display shows the icon. This indicates the unit has bypassed the jar warming phase and is heating to reach the next phase.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. I accidentally selected the wrong canning method and/or time and then started the program. What should I do?

Press and hold  (the cancel button) for 3 seconds. This will enable you to start over and select the correct program. The point at which this is discovered will determine how you should proceed. See below:

If discovered during the **INSERT JARS**, **FILL JARS**, or **VENT** phase of Pressure Canning, OR during the **CANNING** phase of the Boiling Water Canning function:

- Select the correct canning method and/or adjust the correct time. Press  once to activate the program.
- Press  again to display the  icon. At this point the regulator should NOT be on the cover.
- Press and hold the  button for approximately 5 seconds until the display shows the  icon. This indicates the unit has bypassed the jar warming phase and is heating to reach the next phase.

If discovered during the **CANNING** phase of the Pressure Canning function as indicated by the icon :

- Allow pressure to drop naturally until the air vent/cover lock drops. Once the air vent/cover lock has dropped, remove the regulator. Unlock and remove the cover.
- Check to see if jar lids have sealed. If lids have sealed, it will be necessary to remove the lids and replace with new ones.
- Select the correct canning method and/or adjust the correct time. Press  once to activate the program.
- Press  again to display the  icon. At this point the regulator should NOT be on the cover.
- Press and hold the  button for approximately 5 seconds until the display shows the  icon. This indicates the unit has bypassed the jar warming phase and is heating to reach the next phase. **NOTE:** If **PRESSURE CAN** is selected again, the canner will go through another venting period before the program moves to canning.

#### 2. Why is so much water required when I'm using the boiling water canning method?

This canner follows USDA guidelines which require 1 to 2 inches of boiling water above the jars. That means you may process any approved boiling water canning recipe in this digital canner.

#### 3. When boiling water canning, once the jars are filled may I use hot tap water, instead of boiling water, to cover the filled jars?

No. This canner follows USDA guidelines which require that boiling water be used to cover the jars.

#### 4. Steam is leaking around the canner cover. Why is this happening?

The sealing ring was not installed in the canner cover. **NOTICE:** If the sealing ring is not in place during canning, the canner will leak and pressure will not build.

Leakage may also occur if the sealing ring needs to be replaced. See page 31.

#### 5. I'm only placing water and jars in the canner. Why do I need to check the vent pipe before each use?

Mistakes do happen in processing. Food does leak out of jars. Jars break. Some areas have water with heavy mineral deposits. Using best practices, the vent pipe should be checked prior to each use and cleaned as needed. See page 31.

#### 6. Can I use my favorite tested canning recipes for stovetop pressure canners in the electric canner?

Yes, the Presto® Precise Digital Pressure Canner uses standard, research-tested processing guidelines for both pressure canning and boiling water canning from the USDA publication, "Complete Guide to Home Canning." These are the same recipes used with stovetop Presto® pressure canners.

#### 7. Is it safe to use canning recipes found on the web or passed down from family?

Always use reliable sources that offer current, research-tested procedures, recipes, and timetables. Such information is available in this instruction manual or at [www.GoPresto.com](http://www.GoPresto.com). In addition, the National Center for Home Food Preservation ([nchfp.uga.edu](http://nchfp.uga.edu)) and your local Cooperative Extension Service are also reliable sources of home canning information and established processing procedures. Using only scientifically tested canning recipes is vital to a safe and successful home canning project. Canning information published before 2015 may be incorrect and could pose a serious health risk.



## 8. Can I use jars that are smaller than what is listed in my canning recipe?

If you are using a research-tested recipe, you may use glass home canning jars that are smaller than the jar size specified in the recipe. However, you must use the processing time listed for the smallest jar in the recipe. Never use a larger jar than what is listed.

## 9. Is it safe to can my leftovers?

Canning leftovers is not safe and should not be done. Canning is a science and many factors are involved (type of food, acidity or pH of food, density of food, heat penetration). When you change a recipe or use untested recipes, you change the outcome and safety of the canned product. Use **only** tested canning recipes. Add any special ingredients to canned products when ready to use them.

## 10. Is it okay to leave processed jars in the canner overnight or for an extended period of time after canning is complete?

No. The jars should be removed within a couple of hours of canning. If processed jars are left in the canner overnight or for an extended period of time, this may result in flat-sour, a type of food spoilage.

## 11. Can I use the dishwasher to heat my jars?

Yes, but you cannot skip the **JAR WARMING** phase. **JAR WARMING** not only warms the jars, but also heats the canner and the water within in preparation for the next phase of canning.

## NOTES

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## CLEANING

### After Every Use

1. After the canner has cooled completely, remove the sealing ring from the canner cover. Then, hold the cover up to a light and look through the vent pipe to make sure it is clear. If it is blocked or partially blocked, clean the vent pipe and vent pipe nut with a small brush or pipe cleaner (Fig. K and Fig. L).

2. Wash the sealing ring, cover, and canning rack in warm, soapy water; rinse and dry thoroughly. Reinstall the sealing ring in the cover.

Do NOT wash any of the canner parts in the dishwasher.

3. After pressure canning, empty the water from the canner into the sink. When emptying, make sure the control panel is facing up so it does not get wet or damaged. After boiling water canning, use a measuring pitcher to remove most of the water.

4. Clean the interior of the canner body with a wet, soapy cloth. Then carefully rinse the inside and dry completely.

**CAUTION!** To prevent electrical shock and damage to the canner, never immerse the canner body or the power cord in water.

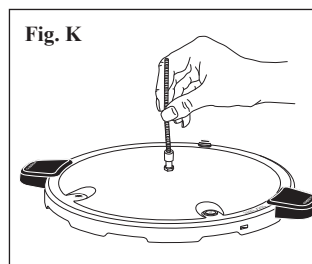


Fig. K

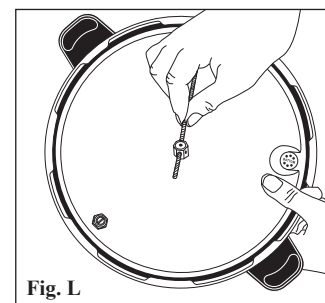


Fig. L

## As Needed

### Air Vent/Cover Lock

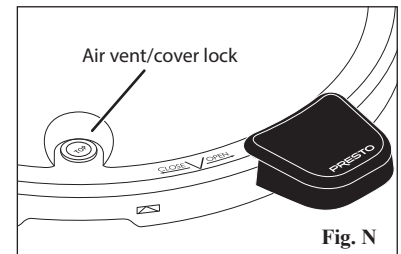
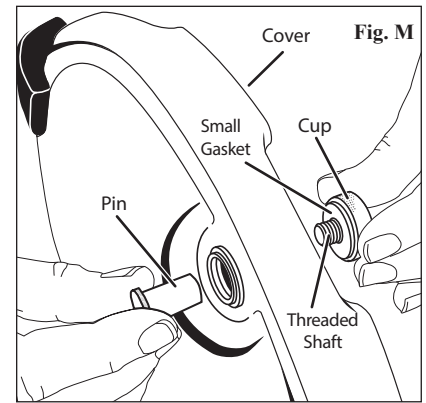
1. Remove the air vent/cover lock from the canner cover for cleaning. Grasp and securely hold the cup portion on the underside of the cover with your fingers (Fig. M). Using the fingers of your other hand, turn the pin portion of the air vent/cover lock on the top side of the cover counterclockwise until the pin is free of the cup portion. Lift the pin out of the cover and remove the cup from under the cover.

Carefully pull the small gasket off the threaded shaft on the cup portion. Wash all parts in warm, soapy water. Use a soft cloth or small nylon brush to clean the cover hole.

2. To reassemble the air vent/cover lock, place the small gasket over the threaded shaft of the cup portion. Reinsert the cup portion by pushing the threaded shaft through the air vent/cover lock opening from the underside of the cover (Fig. M).

Screw the pin portion clockwise onto the threaded shaft until it is fingertip tight. Do not use a wrench to tighten the air vent/cover lock. Overtightening may cause the rubber gasket to wrinkle, which will prevent the canner from sealing.

When properly installed, the word (TOP) will be visible on the air vent/cover lock when viewing the outside of the cover (Fig. N). Periodically check to make sure these two pieces are tight.



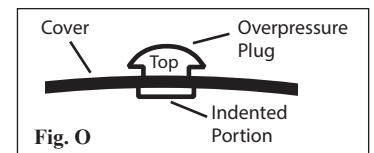
## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

### Canner Body

- It is normal for the inside of the canner to discolor. This discoloration, which is not harmful, is a result of the various minerals in water interacting with the aluminum of the canner. To minimize this discoloration, add 1 teaspoon cream of tartar or 2 tablespoons of white vinegar to the water in the canner each time you use it.
- Pitting is caused by the interaction of aluminum with other metals in the presence of moisture. To reduce pitting, wash, rinse, and dry the canner body thoroughly after every use. At least once a year, scour the inside of the canner body with an abrasive cleanser, such as Cameo\* Aluminum & Stainless Steel Cleaner. Always store the canner in a dry area.
- Do not strike the rim of the canner body with any metal utensil. This will cause nicks which may damage the rim and allow steam to escape.
- Do not pour water into a dry, overheated canner as this may crack the metal.
- If the canner body or cover handles become loose, tighten them with a screwdriver.

### Sealing Ring, Overpressure Plug, and Pressure Relief Valve

- The sealing ring and overpressure plug should be replaced at least every 3 years or sooner if the sealing ring becomes hard, deformed, cracked, worn, pitted, or if the canner is difficult to open or close. **CAUTION!** Failure to replace the sealing ring and overpressure plug could result in bodily injury or property damage. Use only genuine Presto® replacement parts.
- To replace or clean the overpressure plug, push it out of its opening from the top of the cover. When replacing it or after cleaning it, reinsert the plug by pushing the domed side into the opening from the underside of the cover until the bottom edge is fully and evenly seated against the underside of the cover. When properly installed, the word (TOP) will be visible on the overpressure plug when viewed from the outside of the cover (Fig. O).
- The pressure relief valve should not be disassembled for cleaning or repair. Clean the exposed surface of the valve when cleaning the underside of the cover. Never tamper with the internal components of the pressure relief valve. The pressure relief valve is a very sensitive part and can be easily damaged.



### Vent Pipe

- Periodically check the vent pipe nut for looseness. Retighten, if necessary, using a 7/16" wrench.
- In the event that the vent pipe becomes blocked, there are two backup safety devices which are intended to release excess pressure: the pressure relief valve and the overpressure plug. If these safety devices release excess pressure, it is important to call the Presto Consumer Service Department at 1-800-877-0441 for assistance in determining why this happened.

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### ***Air Vent/Cover Lock***

- The air vent/cover lock gasket deteriorates over time (becomes hard, deformed, cracked, or torn with normal use). If you begin to notice steam escaping or receive an error code, this part may need to be replaced.

### ***Steam Leakage***

- Leakage between the cover and body is usually caused by shrinkage of the sealing ring after prolonged use. Replace both the sealing ring and overpressure plug.
- A slight amount of leakage around the air vent/cover lock is normal when canning first begins. If leakage continues, the cover handles may not be fully aligned with the body handles (see step 9, page 8). Therefore, the air vent/cover lock cannot engage.

Do not operate your pressure canner with continual leakage. If the steps above do not correct the problem, contact the Presto Consumer Service Department (see page 33).

Any maintenance required for this product, other than normal household care and cleaning, should be performed by National Presto Industries, Inc. (see page 33).

If for any reason the canner cannot be opened, contact the Consumer Service Department in Eau Claire, WI at 1-800-877-0441 for assistance.

## **REPLACEMENT PARTS**

Use only genuine Presto® replacement parts. These parts are available at most hardware stores or they can be ordered directly from Presto (see page 33).

**NOTE:** Replacement of the sealing ring, overpressure plug, and air vent/cover lock gasket is considered routine maintenance and not covered under the warranty.

## **STORAGE**

When not in use, store the electric canner in a dry place at temperatures above freezing. Exposure to temperatures below freezing may damage the canner. The canner should be completely dry before storing. To prevent unpleasant odors from lingering, store the canner with the cover inverted on the canner body.

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| Apples . . . . .                        | 21 |
| Applesauce . . . . .                    | 21 |
| Apricots . . . . .                      | 21 |
| Berries . . . . .                       | 21 |
| Cherries . . . . .                      | 22 |
| Nectarines and Peaches—Yellow . . . . . | 22 |
| Pears . . . . .                         | 22 |
| Plums . . . . .                         | 22 |
| Rhubarb . . . . .                       | 22 |

#### *Tomatoes and Tomato Products*

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| Tomatoes (packed in water) . . . . . | 23 |
| Tomatoes (no added liquid) . . . . . | 24 |
| Tomato Juice . . . . .               | 24 |
| Tomato Sauce . . . . .               | 24 |
| Tomato Salsa . . . . .               | 25 |

#### *Jam, Jelly, Soft Spreads*

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|--------------------------|----|
| Apple Butter . . . . .   | 25 |
| Grape Jelly . . . . .    | 26 |
| Strawberry Jam . . . . . | 26 |

#### *Pickles*

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| Quick Fresh-Pack Dill Pickles . . . . . | 26 |
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## CONSUMER SERVICE INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the operation of your Presto® appliance, or need parts or repair for your appliance, contact us by any of these methods:

- Call 1-800-877-0441 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Central Time)
- Email us through our website at [www.GoPresto.com/contact](http://www.GoPresto.com/contact)
- Chat at [GoPresto.com](http://GoPresto.com) weekdays 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 3 p.m. (Central Time)
- Write: National Presto Industries, Inc.  
Consumer Service Department  
3925 North Hastings Way  
Eau Claire, WI 54703-3703

Inquiries will be answered promptly by email, telephone, or letter. When emailing or writing, please include a phone number and a time when you can be reached during weekdays if possible.

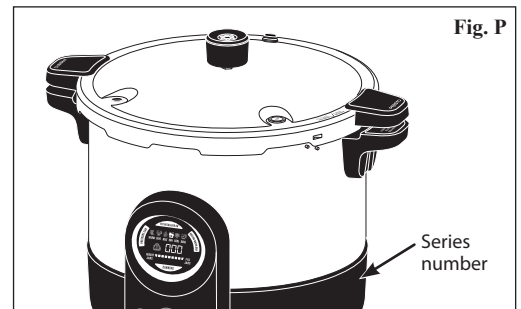
When contacting the Consumer Service Department or when ordering replacement parts, please indicate the model and series numbers for the pressure canner. The model number is on the back of the unit above the cord receptacle. The series number is stamped in the black plastic base below the right handle (Fig. P).

Please record this information:

Model \_\_\_\_\_ Series \_\_\_\_\_ Date Purchased \_\_\_\_\_

The Presto Service Department is equipped to service this Presto® Digital Canner and supply genuine Presto® parts. Genuine Presto® replacement parts are manufactured to the same exacting quality standards as Presto® appliances and are engineered specifically to function properly with its appliances. Presto can only guarantee the quality and performance of genuine Presto® parts. “Look-alikes” might not be of the same quality or function in the same manner. To ensure that you are buying genuine Presto® replacement parts, look for the Presto® trademark.

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## Product Registration

**IMPORTANT:** Please go online and register this product within 10 days of purchase. Proper registration will serve as proof of purchase in the event your original receipt becomes misplaced or lost. Registration will not affect warranty coverage, but it may expedite the processing of warranty claims. The additional information requested will help us develop new products that best meet your needs and desires.

To register the product, visit [www.GoPresto.com/registration](http://www.GoPresto.com/registration) or simply scan this QR code. If you do not have computer access, contact the Consumer Service Department at 1-800-877-0441 for assistance with registration.



Created by Presto, the **Official Presto Precise® Digital Canner Facebook Group** offers a social networking environment to share your canning experiences, as well as the opportunity to learn accurate information about your digital canner and canning in general, straight from the company.

To join this group, visit:

[www.facebook.com/groups/prestodigitalcanner](http://www.facebook.com/groups/prestodigitalcanner)

For more canning information and recipes, visit:

[www.GoPresto.com/content/canning](http://www.GoPresto.com/content/canning)

## Presto® Limited Warranty

*(Applies only in the United States and Canada)*

This quality Presto® appliance is designed and built to provide many years of satisfactory performance under normal household use. Presto pledges to the original owner that should there be any defects in material or workmanship during the first year after delivery of the Presto® appliance, we will repair or replace it at our option. Our pledge does not apply to normal wear and tear including scratches, dulling of the polish, or staining; the repair or replacement of moving and/or perishable parts such as the sealing ring, regulator, overpressure plug, or air vent/cover lock gasket; or for any damage caused by shipping. **Outside the United States and Canada, this limited warranty does not apply.**

To obtain service under the warranty, please call our Consumer Service Department at 1-800-877-0441 or visit [www.GoPresto.com/contact](http://www.GoPresto.com/contact). If unable to resolve the problem, you will be instructed to send your Presto® appliance to the Presto Service Department for a quality inspection; shipping costs will be your responsibility. When returning an appliance, please include your name, address, phone number, and the date you purchased the appliance as well as a description of the problem you are encountering with the appliance.

Because we cannot control the quality of appliances sold by unauthorized sellers, this warranty applies only to appliances that were purchased from Presto® or a Presto authorized seller, unless otherwise prohibited by law. We reserve the right to reject warranty claims for appliances purchased from unauthorized sellers, including unauthorized internet sites. For additional information, visit [www.GoPresto.com/downloads/warranty](http://www.GoPresto.com/downloads/warranty) or simply scan this QR code.

We want you to obtain maximum enjoyment from using this Presto® appliance and ask that you read and follow the instructions enclosed. Failure to follow instructions, damage caused by improper replacement parts, abuse, misuse, disassembly, alterations, or neglect will void this pledge. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state. This is Presto's personal pledge to you and is being made in place of all other express warranties.

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