



# 8 OZ. HEAVY-DUTY POPCORN POPPER INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Customer Service: (800) 945-4589 ext. 112  
Should you have any concerns regarding your appliance, you should first  
call Tomlinson Customer Service between 8 am and 5 pm  
Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.  
Refer to Model #512FC - 1023228



**IMPORTANT:**  
Safety Recommendations Inside

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**512FC**  
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## IMPORTANT!

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE OPERATING.  
KEEP THIS BOOKLET FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

 **WARNING:** A risk of fire and electrical shock exists in all electrical appliances and may cause personal injury or death. Please follow all safety instructions carefully.

 **CAUTION:** This appliance produces heat during use. Proper precautions must be taken to prevent risk of burns, fire or other injury to persons or damage to property.

 **CAUTION:** When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock and injury.

### Please follow these basic safety rules!

- READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USE.
- Only individuals that have read this manual are qualified to operate this appliance.
- Never operate this appliance without the corn drawer in place. The corn drawer should be emptied after every use.
- Do not immerse the popping kettle or any other electrical component of this appliance in water.
- Make sure all switches are in "OFF" position before plugging cord into outlet.
- Do not touch the popper kettle or any other hot surfaces during operation. Use handles, knobs, and hot pads when necessary.
- This appliance must be placed on a level and stable surface to operate properly. Please inspect and confirm the appliance location meets these requirements before setting the popper up for operation.
- The motor air intake holes are located in two locations – on top of the popper cap and under the top rim of the popper cap. Please be sure these vent holes are clear of any obstruction in order to prevent damage to the motor during operation.
- Be sure agitator motor and popping kettle element are turned off immediately after popping has stopped.
- Do not use or attempt to repair a malfunctioning appliance. Contact Consumer Service 1-800-945-4589 ext. 112 for return or repair authorization.
- Do not clean appliance with scouring pad or harsh abrasives. All surfaces can be cleaned by using a damp cloth and mild soap solution
- Do not attempt to pop corn in dry kettle. Oil must used.

- Not for outdoor use.
- This appliance is not for use by children.
- Close supervision is necessary when using the appliance near children.
- Unplug cord from outlet when not in use.
- Appliance should be allowed to cool before cleaning. Appliance should be unplugged when cleaning.
- Do not use accessories or attachments not recommended by manufacturer.
- Use the popper only as indicated in the manual.
- Use only with a properly grounded outlet
- Do not leave the appliance unattended while in use.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

As a safety feature, this appliance has a grounded plug to reduce the risk of electrical shock. This plug is intended to fit into a grounded outlet only. If the plug does not fit into the outlet, contact a qualified electrician. Do not attempt to defeat this safety feature.

## Getting to know your Fusion Commercial 8 oz. Heavy-Duty Popcorn Popper

The Fusion Commercial 8 oz. Heavy-duty Popcorn Popper combines high quality construction and product features with smart design for excellent performance. This popper is designed for countertop use but it can be converted to a "popper / cart" when combined with model 520 Cart.



- 1 Turn Switch – Turns the agitator arm inside the kettle to "level" the raw corn and generate even popping
- 2 Heat Switch – Heats the stainless steel popping kettle
- 3 Warm Switch – Turns on the warming lamp and heats the stainless steel corn deck to keep the popped corn hot and fresh
- 4 Kettle Release Handle –Allows for easy emptying of popped corn from kettle
- 5 Popping Kettle –Features stainless steel exterior and non-stick interior
- 6 Corn Deck – Heated with stainless steel finish
- 7 Corn Drawer – Removable stainless steel drawer holds "old maids"
- 8 Lower Door – Stainless steel panel lowers for easy access to popped corn
- 9 Upper Doors – Left and right doors open easily and feature magnetic latch on top

## Power Capacity

The Fusion Commercial 8 oz. Heavy-duty Popcorn Popper operates on 120 volts, draws 12.2 amps and processes 1460 watts of power. For best results, operate the popper on an individual outlet or circuit branch. If the electric circuit is over-loaded the circuit breaker will trip and your popcorn popper will not operate. Make sure your outlet has a 15 amp electrical circuit and is separate from other appliances.

## Before Using for the first time

- 1 Remove all packaging materials, labels and literature.
- 2 Use a clean damp cloth to wipe the corn deck, popping kettle and inside and outside of cabinet. Do not use abrasive cleaners or pads as they may damage the finish.
- 3 Make sure the light bulb is securely fastened.

## To Operate your Corn Popper

In order to attain the best results, please follow the operating instructions listed below.

- 1 Make sure the popper is always positioned on a level, stable surface.
- 2 Turn on the kettle heating element (HEAT SWITCH - #2) and the warmer heating element (WARM SWITCH - #3). Allow 3 to 6 minutes for the kettle heating element to preheat.
- 3 After preheat is completed, turn kettle agitator motor on (TURN SWITCH - #1).
- 4 Add pre-measured amounts of oil (2 oz.) and corn (8 oz.) using the measuring cups provided with popper. Seasoning (1/2 teaspoon) can also be added to the kettle, or added after popping is completed if desired. The amount of oil and seasoning can be modified to suit taste. **DO NOT OVERFILL KETTLE**
- 5 Lower kettle cover onto kettle after corn and oil has been added to kettle.
- 6 Close doors of popper so corn does not fall out the front of the machine during the popping cycle.
- 7 When popping stops, turn off the kettle motor agitator switch. Turn off the kettle heating element. Please note the kettle heating element can remain on if continuous batches are being popped. **BE SURE KETTLE ELEMENT IS TURNED OFF AFTER LAST BATCH IS COMPLETE.**

- 8 Dump the corn by rotating to the left and pulling the kettle release handle downward. Rotate kettle back to the right into the horizontal position after the corn is dumped. Be sure the kettle latch has snapped back into position before a new batch is started. KETTLE IS HOT - DO NOT TOUCH KETTLE.
- 9 Warm Switch can remain on while popcorn is being served.

### Care & Cleaning

- Use a damp cloth and mild soap solution to clean the popper. Never use scouring pads or harsh abrasives when cleaning your popper. Never immerse any part of the popper or let water drip inside the unit.
- The popping kettle MUST be cleaned after every use to prevent oil film build up in kettle. Failure to clean the kettle will result in excess smoke and poor popping efficiency of unit. It is also recommended that the rest of the popper be cleaned after every use.
- The corn drawer must be emptied after every use.
- It is recommended to occasionally clean out any kernels or debris that may have fallen beneath the corn deck. Simply lift the corn deck out of the cabinet, clean area and replace corn deck.
- The popper operating temperatures are preset at the factory to achieve optimum popping efficiency. No adjustment by customer is possible or necessary.
- If kettle must be removed, turn off kettle and allow kettle to cool. Orient the popcorn popper so that the front of the unit faces you. Open the popper's two upper doors followed by the lower door. If the kettle cover is down, raise it against the magnet before continuing this procedure. Disconnect the twist lock plug from the receptacle on the popper ceiling by rotating the plug clockwise then gently pulling downward. Verify that the kettle is completely cool and in the popping position. Rotate the kettle release handle to the left to release the popping kettle from the kettle latch and slowly guide the kettle downward to the popcorn dump position. Remove the spring pin from the hinge pin. Support the bottom of the popping kettle with one hand and remove the hinge pin. Remove the popping kettle from the popper.
- If you have a problem or feel you're your popper is not operating properly, please contact Customer Service: 1-800-945-4589 ext. 112.

### One Year Limited Warranty

Tomlinson guarantees to the original purchaser of each Tomlinson Fusion Commercial 512FC 8 oz. Heavy-Duty Popcorn Popper that any part thereof which proves to be defective in material or workmanship within one year of the date of shipment will be repaired or a replacement part furnished F.O.B. our factory. Warranty will not apply if our examination shows popper to be defective as the result of negligence, abuse, misapplication or alteration by other than ourselves. Tomlinson will not be responsible for unauthorized field service. Contact factory at 1-800-945-4589 ext. 112 for instructions.

To register your product and activate the warranty, go to [www.tomlinsonind.com](http://www.tomlinsonind.com). Click on the SUPPORT tab, then click on PRODUCT REGISTRATION.