

OWNER'S MANUAL

Model No. RTC3

Cool Touch Rice Cooker

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IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following:

1. Read all instructions.
2. Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
3. To protect against electrical shock, do not immerse cord, plugs or Heating Body (appliance) in water or other liquid.
4. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
5. Unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts.
6. Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug or after the appliance malfunctions, or has been damaged in any manner. Contact Consumer Service for examination, repair or adjustment.
7. The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may cause injuries.
8. Do not use outdoors.
9. Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter, or touch hot surfaces.
10. Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
11. Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot oil or other hot liquids.
12. To disconnect, raise Selector Lever to **POWER/READY**, then remove the plug from wall outlet.
13. Do not use appliance for other than intended use.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY

Additional Important Safeguards

CAUTION HOT SURFACES: This appliance generates heat and escaping steam during use. Proper precautions must be taken to prevent the risk of burns, fires, or other injury to persons or damage to property.

1. A person who has not read and understood all operating and safety instructions is not qualified to operate this appliance. All users of this appliance must read and understand this Owner's Manual before operating or cleaning this appliance.
2. If this appliance falls or accidentally becomes immersed in water, unplug it from the wall outlet immediately. **Do not reach into the water!**
3. When using this appliance, provide adequate air space above and on all sides for air circulation. Do not operate this appliance while it is touching or near curtains, wall coverings, clothing, dishtowels or other flammable materials.
4. To reduce the risk of fire, do not leave this appliance unattended during use.
5. If this appliance begins to malfunction during use, immediately unplug the cord. Do not use or attempt to repair the malfunctioning appliance!
6. The cord to this appliance should only be plugged into a 120V AC electrical wall outlet.
7. Do not use this appliance in an unstable position.
8. Do not use the Cooking Pot or Glass Lid if cracked or damaged.
9. Avoid electric shock by unplugging the Rice Cooker before washing or adding water.
10. Never plug in the Rice Cooker without first placing the Cooking Pot inside the Heating Body.
11. To avoid burns, stay clear of the Steam Vent during cooking. Also, wait for the Rice Cooker to cool down completely before touching or cleaning the Heating Body and Glass Lid.
12. Never use the Cooking Pot on a gas or electric cooktop or on an open flame.
13. Do not leave the plastic Rice Paddle or Rice Measuring Cup in the Cooking Pot while the Rice Cooker is ON and in use.

Additional Important Safeguards *(Continued)*

14. Lift off Lid carefully to avoid scalding, and allow water to drip into Rice Cooker.
15. To reduce the risk of electric shock, cook only in the removable container (Cooking Pot). Never pour liquid directly into the Heating Body, only into the Cooking Pot.

Polarized Plug

This appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). To reduce the risk of electric shock, this plug is intended to fit into a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Do not attempt to modify the plug in any way.

Short Cord Instructions

A short power-supply cord is provided to reduce the risk resulting from becoming entangled in or tripping over a longer cord.

Do not use an extension cord with this product.

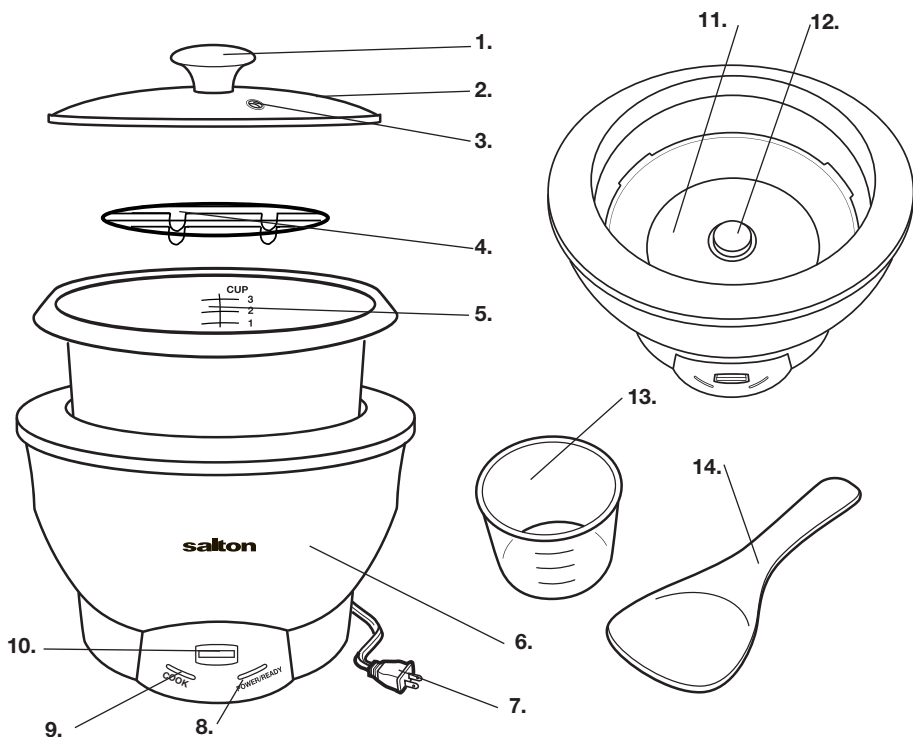
Plasticizer Warning

CAUTION: To prevent Plasticizers from migrating from the finish of the counter top or table top or other furniture, place **NON-PLASTIC** coasters or place mats between the appliance and the finish of the counter top or table top.

Failure to do so may cause the finish to darken, permanent blemishes may occur or stains can appear.

Getting To Know Your Salton® RTC3 3 Cup Automatic Rice Cooker

PRODUCT MAY VARY SLIGHTLY FROM ILLUSTRATIONS



1. Lid Handle (P/N 21762TM)
2. Glass Lid Assembly (P/N 21772TM)
3. Steam Vent
4. Wire Cooking Rack (P/N 20117TM)
5. Dupont® Teflon® Non-Stick Cooking Pot (P/N 21773TM)
6. Cool-Touch Heating Body
7. Power Cord with Polarized Plug
8. **POWER/READY** Light
9. **COOK** Light
10. Rice Cooking Selector Lever
11. Heating Plate
12. Thermostat
13. Rice Measuring Cup (Scoop) (P/N 21774TM)
14. Rice Paddle (P/N 21775TM)

Before Using For The First Time

Clean the Glass Lid, Cooking Pot, Wire Cooking Rack, Rice Paddle and Rice Measuring Cup following the Cleaning Instructions described in this Manual.

DO NOT IMMERSE THE HEATING BODY OR CORD OF THE RICE COOKER IN WATER OR ANY OTHER LIQUID!

Important Information

READ BEFORE USING YOUR Salton® AUTOMATIC RICE COOKER FOR THE FIRST TIME.

- Read all instructions.
- Wash Cooking Pot, Glass Lid, Wire Cooking Rack, Rice Measuring Cup and Rice Paddle in warm, soapy water. Rinse and dry well.
- Never immerse Heating Body in water.
- Never place liquid in the Heating Body. Place it only in the Cooking Pot.
- Never try to force the Rice Cooking Selector Lever to stay in the **COOK** Mode after it has moved up to **POWER/READY**.
- Never plug in the Cooker without first placing the Cooking Pot inside the Heating Body.
- Always be sure Cooking Pot contains liquid in the Cooking Pot when you plug in the Cooker.
- **Remember that the Rice Measuring Cup is not a standard measuring cup. When filled, it measures approximately 3/4 cup.**
- Never wash any removable parts of the Cooker in the dishwasher.
- Save these instructions and refer to them often.
- If the outside of the Cooking Pot is wet when placed into the Cooker, this may cause a cracking noise while the unit heats up. Also, this may cause damage to the inner working of the appliance, so always wipe the outside of the Cooking Pot completely dry before use.

Instructions For Use

Cooking Rice

Many varieties of rice can be used, including basmati, wild, black rice, arborio, risotto, saffron rice, brown, and long grain. Do not use this Rice Cooker to cook instant rice.

A 180 ml (3/4 cup) Rice Measuring Cup is included with your Rice Cooker.

1. Make sure the Rice Cooker is unplugged. Take the Cooking Pot out of the Rice Cooker.
2. Using the Rice Measuring Cup provided, measure the amount of raw rice that you would like to cook.

NOTE: Make sure that the rice is leveled when the Rice Measuring Cup is filled.

3. ***For Best Results...Rinse Your Rice Before Cooking***

Pour desired amount of rice into a separate container. Wash and rinse the rice until the rinse water is clear.*

4. Place rinsed rice into the Cooking Pot.
5. When using your Rice Cooker, you may use either of 2 methods to measure the ***amount of water*** to use:
 - The Rice Measuring Cup provided

OR

- The Markings on the inside of the Cooking Pot.
6. When cooking long grain white rice, using the ***Rice Measuring Cup***, add an equal amount of water to the Cooking Pot.

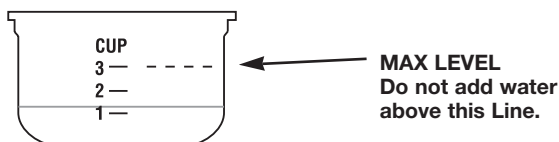
Raw Rice	Water to be added
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3 cups	3 cups
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2 cups	2 cups
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1 cup	1 cup
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7. Or, you may measure the water using the ***markings on the inside of the Cooking Pot.***



*For information regarding rinsing rice, please refer to Cooking Rice General Information Section.

Instructions For Use (Continued)

(See illustration on previous page.) Add rice to Cooking Pot first, then add water to the corresponding level.

Example: To prepare 3 cups of raw rice, rinse rice and add to the Cooking Pot; add water up to LEVEL INDICATOR 3.

(As you gain experience, adjust water to personal taste.)

8. Replace the Cooking Pot back into the Automatic Rice Cooker's Heating Body.

Rotate it slightly to make sure that it is well seated on the Heating Plate/Thermostat Assembly.

NOTE: Always wipe the outside of the Cooking Pot completely dry before use. If the outside of the Cooking Pot is wet when placed into the Cooker, this may cause a cracking noise while the unit heats up. Also, this may cause damage to the inner workings of the appliance.

9. Replace the Glass Lid.

CAUTION: Do not operate the Automatic Rice Cooker without replacing the Lid. Burns or other serious injury may occur.

10. Plug the Automatic Rice Cooker into a 120V AC electrical outlet. The **POWER/READY** Light will illuminate.

Press the Rice Cooking Selector Lever down, the **COOK** Light will illuminate and the cooking process will begin.

11. When the Automatic Rice Cooker is done cooking, the Selector Lever will rise and the Rice Cooker will automatically shut off. At this time, the **POWER/READY** Light will illuminate.

For best results, let the cooked rice sit for 15 minutes before stirring or removing. This allows the steam to finish the cooking process.

12. Mix the rice.

After rice has steamed for 15 minutes, carefully open the Lid as steam will escape. Use the Rice Paddle provided or any other non-metal long-handle utensil to scoop and mix the rice well. Allow all steam to escape.

13. Unplug the Automatic Rice Cooker from the wall. Do not touch the Heating Body or Cooking Pot until they have cooled completely.

Instructions For Use *(Continued)*

- 14. Allow the Automatic Rice Cooker to cool completely before cleaning.
- 15. When the Automatic Rice Cooker is not being used, please keep it unplugged.

Long Grain Brown Rice Cooking Chart

The Salton® Automatic Rice Cooker automatically shuts off when all the liquid evaporates from the Cooking Pot. However, for fluffy rice, allow rice to stand for approximately 10 minutes, covered, before serving.

NOTE: Always place rice in Cooking Pot before adding water.

Amount of Raw Rice	Water Level
1-1/2 Rice Measuring Cups*	to 3-cup line

*Do not exceed 1-1/2 cups raw brown rice.

Steaming Food

General Information

Keep the Glass Lid on while cooking or steaming food, unless the recipe or chart specially calls for removing it. By removing the Glass Lid unnecessarily, you lose steam and valuable time. If you must remove it to stir or to add an ingredient, have the Rice Paddle or ingredient ready, add it, stir quickly and just as quickly replace the Glass Lid.

Using the Wire Cooking Rack to Steam Foods

1. Using a liquid measuring cup, add 1-1/4 cups (10 ounces) of water to the Cooking Pot.
2. Place the Wire Cooking Rack on the bottom of the Cooking Pot.
3. Place vegetables directly on the Wire Cooking Rack. Replace Glass Lid.
4. Replace Cooking Pot back into the Automatic Rice Cooker's Heating Body. Rotate it slightly to make sure that it is well seated on the Heating Plate/Thermostat Assembly.
5. Plug into a 120V AC electrical outlet. Press the Rice Cooking Selector Lever down to the **COOK** Mode. The **COOK** Light will illuminate. The cooking process begins as soon as the Light illuminates.
6. The times in the cooking chart are approximate. Set a timer and check for doneness at the suggested cooking time; continue cooking if necessary. The size and shape as well as personal taste may call for adjustments. If you want softer vegetables, add more water if necessary, and steam for additional time. Do not allow the water in the Cooking Pot to boil dry.
7. At the end of the cooking time, raise Selector Lever to **POWER/READY** and unplug the Automatic Rice Cooker from the wall.
8. Use the Rice Paddle provided or any other non-metallic long-handle utensil to remove the vegetables from the Rice Cooker. Allow the Automatic Rice Cooker to cool completely before cleaning.

Fresh Vegetable Steaming Chart

Vegetable	Amount	Suggested Cooking Time
Artichoke, Whole	2 small, cut tips off and insert upside down	25 - 30 min.
Asparagus	1 lb.	24 - 27 min.
Baby Carrots	1 lb.	35 - 40 min.
Broccoli	1/2 lb. (2" florets, 1" stems)	25 - 30 min.
Brussels Sprouts	1 lb.	25 - 28 min.
Cabbage	1/2 small, chunked	45 - 47 min.
Cauliflower	1 lb. (3" florets, 1" stems)	25 - 30 min.
Green Beans, Whole	1 lb. (tips removed)	30 - 40 min.
Potatoes: All-Purpose	2 average size, quartered	30 - 40 min.
New	8 average size, halved	25 - 30 min.
Sweet Potato	2 medium, 1-inch slices	30 - 35 min.

Frozen Vegetable Steaming Chart

Vegetable	Amount	Suggested Cooking Time
Broccoli (Spears)	1 bag (16 oz.)	36 - 38 min.
Brussels Sprouts	1 bag (16 oz.)	25 - 29 min.
Cauliflower	1 bag (16 oz.)	26 - 30 min.

Cooking Rice

General Information

Rice is grown on marshy land that floods easily. It does not need to be milled or ground; only the outer husks must be removed, leaving behind what is known as brown or whole rice, the most nutritious of rices.

Information has recently been published about more healthful ways to eat, by consuming less fat, less protein and more complex carbohydrates in our diets. Because brown rice is about 8% protein, 87% carbohydrates and almost no fat, it is a perfect ingredient in a healthful diet.

Because rice is a valuable source of carbohydrates, it is starchy by nature. To obtain fluffier, less starchy rice, you can rinse the rice before cooking. But by rinsing or soaking the rice, you lose some of the vitamins, which are water soluble. Please refer to your rice package directions for specific instructions.

Types of Rice

Brown Rice - Contains more vitamin B complex, iron and calcium and takes longer to cook than white rice. Its flavor is nutty and its texture is chewy. (See Cooking Chart.)

White Rice - Includes several kinds of white rice, most of which can be prepared in your Salton® Automatic Rice Cooker.

Long-Grain Rice - Less starchy than short-grain rice, so it separates into individual grains more than short-grain rice.

Short-Grain Rice - More moist and tender than long-grain rice. It has a softer texture and starchier flavor.

White rice will take about 20-25 minutes to cook, (brown rice approximately 50 minutes). When rice is done, the Selector Lever will rise and the Automatic Rice Cooker will automatically shut off. Allow rice to stand for 10 to 15 minutes to ensure fluffy rice. Do not remove Cover until ready to serve. **The Cooking Pot remains very hot after cooking. Use a pot holder when handling.**

Why Rice?

Grains (including rice) are finally getting the attention they deserve as they move into the nutritional spotlight. The new USDA dietary recommendations highlight grains as an essential part of a healthy, whole foods diet. With their impressive fiber, complex carbohydrates and protein profiles, they are, without a doubt, some of Mother Nature's most perfect foods.

Grains are the edible portion of cereal plants. The grain or kernel is technically a complete fruit and houses most of its nutritional value. In addition to their high fiber content, grains are an excellent source of B vitamins and many minerals, including magnesium, iron, zinc, potassium and selenium. The germ oils found in the germ layers of whole grains contain vitamin E, an important antioxidant.

Grain Glossary

Rice is a staple food in many countries. Although long-grain rice is consumed more than any other rice around the world, it is inferior to brown rice in both taste and nutrition. Brown rice is not only more complete nutritionally, it has a wonderful nutty aroma and flavor.

Polished rice (white) has been bleached, cleaned, pearled (polished with talc), then often oiled and coated. This refining process causes the loss of its hull, bran and germ, which are removed from the grain (along with most of its nutrients) leaving only the starchy endosperm. As white rice is rather bland when eaten by itself, it is usually served under steamed or sauteed vegetables and topped with a flavorful sauce, such as curry or peanut.

Long grain brown rice contains fiber and the nutrient-rich bran and germ, as well as the starchy endosperm. In addition to being more flavorful, brown rice digests more slowly, which provides energy over a longer period of time. Brown rice is a satisfying meal companion and can even serve as the main focus for a meal. While not as high in protein as wheat and some other grains (10%), the high quality protein in brown rice is easily utilized by the body. Brown rice is also a good source of the B vitamins and several minerals, including magnesium, potassium, zinc, iron, and selenium.

User Maintenance Instructions

This appliance contains no user serviceable parts. Do not try to repair it yourself. Any servicing requiring disassembly other than cleaning must be performed by a qualified appliance repair technician.

Always remember to unplug the unit from the wall outlet when not in use and before cleaning.

- Be careful not to dent the Cooking Pot, especially the bottom of it. To work properly and produce the best cooking results, the Cooking Pot must fit snugly on top of the Thermostat.
- DO NOT let loose grains of rice or other food particles fall into the bottom of the Heating Body because they might prevent the Heating Plate/Thermostat Assembly from fitting tightly against the bottom of the Cooking Pot and cause inadequate cooking.
- Use the plastic Rice Paddle or a wooden spoon to stir and remove food from the Cooking Pot. Your removable Non-Stick Cooking Pot is coated with Dupont® Teflon® to make cleanup easy. NEVER use any metal utensils, as they may damage the Teflon® coating.
- Never use abrasive cleansers or scouring pads because they can damage the finish of both the Cooking Pot and Heating Body.

Cleaning Instructions

- **PLEASE NOTE:** It is normal to have a brown 'rice crust' coating the bottom layer of the Cooking Pot when the rice has finished cooking and steaming.
- This appliance should be cleaned after every use. Unplug the unit from the wall outlet. NEVER immerse Heating Body or Power Cord in water. Allow the unit to cool before cleaning.
- Let the Rice Cooker cool. Fill Cooking Pot with warm water and allow to sit for a while. Wash in warm, soapy water with a sponge and dry thoroughly with a cloth.
- The Glass Lid, Wire Cooking Rack, Rice Measuring Cup and Rice Paddle may also be washed in warm, soapy water.

CAUTION: Handle the Glass Lid with extreme care, as it may become slippery when wet.

- Never wash any removable parts of the Rice Cooker in the dishwasher.
- The Heating Body can be wiped clean with a soft, slightly damp cloth or sponge.
- **NEVER POUR LIQUID INTO THE HEATING BODY OR IMMERSE IT IN WATER.**

Storing Instructions

Unplug the unit from the wall outlet and clean all parts. Be sure all parts are dry before storing. Store appliance in its box or in a clean, dry place. Never store it while it is hot, wet or still plugged in. Never wrap Power Cord around the appliance.

To avoid damage to the Cooking Pot or Glass Lid, wrap a soft cloth around the Lid and store it upside down over the Cooking Pot.

Trouble Shooting

Symptom	Possible Solutions
No Indicator Lights are illuminated.	Make sure the Automatic Rice Cooker is plugged in.
Water overflows during cooking.	Before cooking, make sure you don't fill above top water level. Make sure Lid is closed before cooking.
Cooked rice is too dry or not completely cooked.	Before cooking, make sure you add enough water to the Cooking Pot for the total amount of raw rice added. After cooking, add 1/4 cup water and set Selector Lever to cook. Check between the Cooking Pot and Heating Plate/Thermostat Assembly for any foreign substances. Be sure the area is clean.
Cooked rice is too watery.	Before cooking, make sure you don't add too much water to the Cooking Pot for the total amount of raw rice added. Check between the Cooking Pot and Heating Plate/Thermostat Assembly for any foreign substances. Be sure the area is clean. Make sure the cooking cycle is not interrupted. If the Power Cord is unplugged, the unit will not operate and the rice will not cook.

Trouble Shooting *(Continued)*

Symptom	Possible Solutions
Rice is scorched.	Check between the Cooking Pot and Heating Plate/Thermostat Assembly for any foreign substances. Be sure the area is clean. Be sure to wash the Cooking Pot after each use. Be careful not to add easily-scorched ingredients such as sugar, to the recipe before cooking.
Steam escapes between Glass Lid and Cooking Pot during cooking.	Check between the Glass Lid and Cooking Pot for foreign substances, including rice kernels that may prevent the Glass Lid from closing all the way. Be sure the area is clean.

If none of these Trouble Shooting solutions are successful, contact our Consumer Service Dept. at 800-233-9054 for further advice.

LIMITED ONE YEAR WARRANTY

Warranty: This product is warranted by Salton, Inc. to be free from defects in materials or workmanship for a period of (1) year from the original purchase date. This product warranty covers only the original consumer purchaser of the product.

Warranty Coverage: This warranty is void if the product has been damaged by accident in shipment, unreasonable use, misuse, neglect, improper service, commercial use, repairs by unauthorized personnel, normal wear and tear, improper assembly, installation or maintenance abuse or other causes not arising out of defects in materials or workmanship. This warranty is effective only if the product is purchased and operated in the USA, and does not extend to any units which have been used in violation of written instructions furnished with the product or to units which have been altered or modified or to damage to products or parts thereof which have had the serial number removed, altered, defaced or rendered illegible.

Implied Warranties: ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES WHICH THE PURCHASER MAY HAVE ARE LIMITED IN DURATION TO ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you.

Warranty Performance: During the above one-year warranty period, a product with a defect will be either repaired or replaced with a reconditioned comparable model (at our option) when the product is returned to the Repair Center, or the purchase price refunded. The repaired or replacement product will be in warranty for the balance of the one-year warranty period and an additional one-month period. No charge will be made for such repair or replacement.

Service and Repair: Should the appliance malfunction, you should first call toll-free 1 (800) 233-9054 between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Central Standard Time and ask for CONSUMER SERVICE stating that you are a consumer with a problem. Please refer to model number RTC3 when you call.

In-Warranty Service (USA): For an appliance covered under the warranty period, no charge is made for service or postage. Call for return authorization 1 (800) 233-9054.

Out-of Warranty Service: A flat rate charge by model is made for out-of-warranty service. Include \$8.00 (U.S.) for return shipping and handling. We will notify you by mail of the amount of the charge for service and require you to pay in advance for the repair or replacement.

For Products Purchased in the USA, but Used in Canada: You may return the product insured, packaged with sufficient protection, and postage and insurance prepaid to the USA address listed below. Please note that all customs duty / brokerage fees, if any, must be paid by you and we will require you to pay the cost of customs duty / brokerage fees to us in advance of our performing any service.

Risk During Shipment: We cannot assume responsibility for loss or damage during incoming shipment. For your protection, carefully package the product for shipment and insure it with the carrier. Be sure to enclose the following items with your appliance: any accessories related to your problem, your full return address and daytime phone number, a note describing the problem you experienced, a copy of your sales receipt or other proof of purchase to determine warranty status. C.O.D. shipments cannot be accepted.

To return the appliance, ship to:

ATTN: Repair Center
Salton, Inc.
708 South Missouri Street
Macon, MO 63552

To contact us, please write to, call, or email:

Salton, Inc.
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Columbia, MO 65205-7366
1-800-233-9054
E-mail: Salton@Saltonusa.com

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