



# Toastmaster®

5 SPEED  
BLENDER



TM-550BL

# IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

When using electrical appliances especially when children are present, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and/or injury to persons, including the following:

1. READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS.
2. To protect against electrical shock, do not place cord, plug or motor housing in water or other liquid.
3. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
4. Unplug from outlet when not in use, before putting on or taking off parts, and before cleaning.
5. Avoid contacting moving 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. Return appliance to the nearest authorized service facility for examination, repair or adjustment.
7. The use of accessory attachments, including canning jars, not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may cause fire, electric shock or injury.
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. When blending hot liquids, remove center piece of two-piece cover.
12. Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot food, water or other hot liquids.
13. Keep hands and utensils out of container while blending to reduce the risk of severe injury to persons or damage to the unit. A scraper may be used, but must be used only when the blender is not running.
14. Blades are sharp. Handle carefully.
15. To reduce the risk of injury, never place cutter assembly blades on base without the jar properly attached.
16. Always operate the blender with the cover (lid) in place.
17. Do not use appliance for other than intended use.
18. To disconnect, turn control to OFF, then remove plug from wall outlet.
19. FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY.

# SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

PRODUCT MAY VARY SLIGHTLY FROM ILLUSTRATIONS



This appliance is for HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY. It may be plugged into an AC electrical outlet (ordinary household current). Do not use any other electrical outlet.

## CORD 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 into the outlet, reverse the plug and try again. 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 hazards resulting from entanglement or tripping over a longer cord.

**Longer detachable power-supply cords or extension cords are available and may be used if care is exercised in their use. If a longer detachable power-supply cord or extension cord is used:**

1. The marked electrical rating of the cord set or extension cord should be at least as great as the electrical rating of the appliance, and
2. The 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.

## LINE CORD SAFETY TIPS

1. Never pull or yank on cord or the appliance.
2. To insert plug, grasp it firmly and guide it into outlet.
3. To disconnect appliance, grasp plug and remove it from outlet.
4. Before each use, inspect the line cord for cuts and/or abrasion marks. If any are found, this indicates that the appliance should be serviced and the line cord replaced.
5. Never wrap the cord tightly around the appliance, as this could place undue stress on the cord where it enters the appliance and cause it to fray and break.

**DO NOT OPERATE APPLIANCE IF THE LINE CORD SHOWS ANY DAMAGE, OR IF APPLIANCE WORKS INTERMITTENTLY OR STOPS WORKING ENTIRELY.**

## IMPORTANT

During the first few minutes of initial use, you may notice smoke and/or a slight odor. This is normal and should quickly disappear. It will not recur after appliance has been used a few more times.

## BEFORE USING

1. Carefully unpack the blender and all parts. Remove all packaging materials, including any stickers or labels.
2. Wash the glass jar, blade assembly and two-piece lid in warm, soapy water. Rinse and dry thoroughly. **DO NOT IMMERSE THE BASE (MOTOR HOUSING) IN WATER.**
3. Care should be taken when cleaning the blades, as the blades are sharp.
4. Wipe exterior surfaces of the base with a soft, damp cloth to remove dust particles collected during packing and handling.

## ASSEMBLING THE BLENDER

1. Position the motor base on a dry, level surface such as a countertop or table. Be sure the power cord is unplugged.
2. If the blender was disassembled for cleaning, replace the sealing gasket on the blade assembly, making sure all edges have been pressed down.
3. Insert the threaded end of the glass jar into the cutting blade assembly and turn clockwise to tighten.
4. Position the jar on the motor base by aligning two of the dots on the cutting blade assembly with the dots on the motor housing and turn clockwise to lock in place.
5. It is recommended to operate this appliance on a separate outlet and circuit from other appliances to avoid overloading the circuit.

### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

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 have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.

## HOW TO USE

**WARNING:** ALWAYS unplug the blender before assembling, disassembling, cleaning or storing.

1. Position the base on a dry, flat and level surface.
2. Add food or liquid into the blender, but do no overload. This blender is meant to process or blend regular, small quantities of food.
3. Press the blender lid firmly into place. Insert the clear inner portion of the two-piece lid into the center of the lid. Align the two tabs of the clear inner portion with the two slots on the lid. Turn clockwise to secure in place.

**CAUTION: NEVER operate the blender without the lid placed on the glass jar.**

4. Plug the power cord into a household power outlet.
5. The OFF/PULSE button will turn off the blender or operate the PULSE function.
6. Press one of the function buttons to select the desired function and speed setting. **DO NOT OVER PROCESS.** To stop the blending action, press the OFF button.
7. Before removing the lid or the jar from the base, wait for the cutting blade to stop rotating. To remove the jar from the base, grasp the jar handle.

**CAUTION:** If jar rotates during blending, immediately press the OFF button, then secure the jar by tightening the cutting blade assembly on the jar.

**PULSE:** Pulse is the ideal setting for smaller quantities or short blending cycles. For example, use the pulse setting to crumb a variety of dry ingredients: cookies, crackers, breads, etc. Pulse is also ideal for chopping vegetables and nuts, or grating cheese or chocolate.

## CARE AND CLEANING

### TO CLEAN

1. This appliance should be cleaned after every use.
2. After the blade has stopped turning, always unplug the blender before cleaning.
3. Disassemble the blender for thorough cleaning. To remove the cutting blade assembly from the glass jar, position the blender on the motor base to hold it in place and rotate the collar counterclockwise unscrewing the collar from the base of the jar. Cautiously remove the cutting blade assembly, including the sealing ring (gasket). **NOTE: Handle blades carefully and do not touch the edges, they are sharp.**
4. Wash two-piece lid, glass jar, gasket, and cutting blade assembly in hot, soapy water. Rinse and dry thoroughly.
5. Wipe base with a damp cloth or sponge. **NEVER IMMERS**e the motor housing in water or any other liquids.
6. Re-assemble and store.

### Dishwasher Cleaning

The recommended cleaning method for this product is by hand as described above. Due to the heat and water pressure of the automatic dishwasher, some parts may be damaged or warp. If proper care is taken, the glass jar may be cleaned in an automatic dishwasher without the lid or blade assembly. To prevent damage, position in rack so that it will not hit other items during cleaning.

### TO STORE

Be sure all parts are clean and dry. Store appliance in its box or in a clean, dry place. Never store it while it is hot or wet. Store with the lid slightly open to avoid trapping odors or stagnant water in the jar. Never wrap cord tightly around the appliance; keep it loosely coiled.

## MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

This appliance requires little maintenance. It contains no user serviceable parts. Do not try to repair it yourself. Any servicing requiring disassembly must be performed by a qualified appliance repair technician.

## BLENDING HINTS AND TIPS

- If ingredients stick to the sides of the glass jar during the blending process, the contents need to be pushed back into the blending zone of the blades. **DO NOT DO THIS WHILE THE BLENDER IS RUNNING.** Press the OFF button and unplug the power cord from the power outlet. Remove the lid and with a plastic or silicone spatula, scrape the contents from the sides of the glass jar. Replace the lid before

continuing to blend.

- Do not over load the blender jar. This blender is intended to process regular household quantities.
- For better and more even blending performance, cut vegetables into wedges or strips. Cut other food into 1" cubes.
- Do not place anything other than liquids or food inside the blender jar before adding solid ingredients.
- This blender is not meant to knead dough or mash potatoes.
- NEVER place hot or boiling ingredients into the blender jar. If blending warm ingredients, do not fill blender jar with more than 2 cups of ingredients.
- Follow recipe directions, but as a rule of thumb add liquid ingredients into the blender jar before adding solid ingredients.
- Heavy ingredients and mixtures will blend more evenly by using intermittent pulses of about 10 seconds.
- Do not run blender for more than 1 minute without turning off the blender motor and allowing the ingredients to slightly settle. This will help prevent over-blending.
- The blender motor will not operate without the glass jar positioned correctly on top of the blender base.
- Do not remove the blender lid while operating. To add liquid ingredients while blending, remove the center piece of the two-piece lid and pour ingredients through the opening. Do not put a utensil or any other object through the opening in the lid.
- NEVER store foods or liquid in the jar.
- To reduce wear on the blade assembly and motor, add solid foods in ½ cup increments.
- If a recipe requires different speeds for blending, blend a portion at a time.
- When crushing ice, start with 4 to 6 ice cubes and add 1 to 2 ice cubes at a time. The type of ice cube used does matter. It is recommended to use only large, solid ice cubes from the freezer. The ice cubes also should not be wet.

# ONE YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

SELECT BRANDS, INC. warrants, subject to the conditions stated below, that from the date of purchase, this product will be free from mechanical defects for a period of one (1) year. SELECT BRANDS, INC., at its option, will repair or replace this product found to be defective during the warranty period. Should this product become defective by reason of improper workmanship or material defect during the specified warranty period, Select Brands, Inc. will repair or replace the same effecting all necessary parts replacements for a period of one year from the date of purchase.

Transportation charges on parts, or products in whole, submitted for repair or replacement, under this warranty, must be borne by the purchaser.

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