

**THE
PORTLAND
PRESS**

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing the Portland Press, made in and around its namesake city in the beautiful, rainy and always coffee-loving Pacific Northwest. In doing so you have supported the movement of quality, domestically-made consumer products and the manufacturers who worked with Bucket to make this product.

Please take the time to read through this booklet and learn more about the story of the Portland Press, and why it means so much to us. You'll find important information about using and caring for your Portland Press to ensure that it lasts a lifetime.



PARTS

1. WIDE MOUTH MASON JAR

24OZ. SODA-LIME GLASS, PRESSED AND ANNEALED

Mason jars date back to 1858 and have long been used for home canning applications. The 24oz Pint and a Half jar is perfect for canning asparagus and making coffee. Mason jars are easy to come by, inexpensive, and made in the USA. It's the perfect solution for those all too common 'I dropped my french press in the sink' situations.

2. WOOD LID ASSEMBLY

ALDER. CNC MILLED, ASSEMBLED AND STAINED

The lids are made of Alder wood which is native to the Pacific Northwest. Alder is abundant and fast growing, and is considered a sustainable hardwood by the American Hardwood Export Council. These lids were crafted by McRae and Sons out of Bay City, OR, and they all show off their unique grain pattern. The handle is attached with a Cherry dowel, and reinforced with a food-grade epoxy resin. It's stout, and designed to be comfortable to hold and pour with. Mineral oil is used to finish the lid, revealing the wood grain pattern, and protecting it from moisture.

3. GASKET

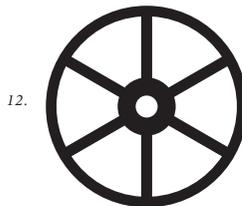
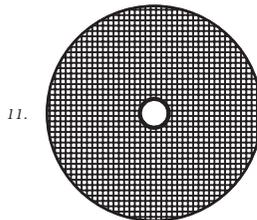
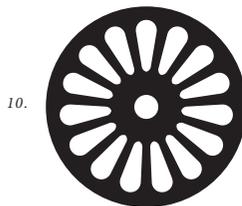
SOLID SILICONE, DIE CUT

The gasket sits in a pocket on the bottom of the lid, and forms a watertight seal between the wood lid and the glass jar. The silicone is made in California, and is die cut by Gasket Specialties in Portland, OR.

4. FELTED WOOL COZY

JACOB SHEEP WOOL, NEEDLE FELTED AND SEWN

Each wool cozy is made from Jacob sheep wool from Puddleduck Farm near Brownsville, OR. Jacob wool has thick fibers which form a strong felt. The wool is processed and needle felted at Creekside Fiber Mill in Lebanon, OR. The felting process is fairly manual, using machines that date back to the 1920's. The resulting product is perfect for keeping your coffee warm, and it makes the Portland Press look like it has a beard. The felt is sent to Spooltown in Portland, OR where they are cut and sewn into cozies.



5. *PLUNGER HANDLE*

HARDROCK MAPLE, TURNED, DRILLED, STAINED AND PRESSED

Manufactured by Smith Wood Products, in Fort Worth, TX. Stained and assembled by McRae and Sons in Bay City, OR.

6. *PLUNGER ROD*

CHERRY, TURNED, DRILLED, STAINED AND PRESSED

Manufactured by Oregon Screw Machine Products in Portland, OR. Steel sourced domestically.

7. *TOP NUT*

316 STAINLESS STEEL, TURNED

Manufactured by Oregon Screw Machine Products in Portland, OR. Steel sourced domestically.

8. *BOTTOM NUT*

430 STAINLESS STEEL, TURNED

Manufactured by Penn Engineering in Danboro, PA.

9. *SPRING*

304 STAINLESS STEEL, COILED

Manufactured by Leslie Enterprises Co. Ltd. in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan.

10. *TOP PLATE*

304 STAINLESS STEEL, PUNCHED AND STAMPED

Manufactured by Leslie Enterprises Co. Ltd. in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan.

11. *SCREEN*

304 STAINLESS STEEL PLAIN WEAVE, HEMMED, FORMED AND ASSEMBLED

Woven and formed by Sheng Yuan Net Co. Ltd. in Changhua County, Taiwan. The grommet is punched and formed by Leslie Enterprises Co. Ltd., in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan.

12. *BOTTOM PLATE*

20 GAUGE 316 STAINLESS STEEL, LASER CUT

Manufactured by Northwest Technologies in Estacada, OR. Steel sourced domestically.

13. *ADDITIONAL ITEMS*

The boxes are manufactured by Northwest Paper Box in Portland, OR. This booklet is made by Stevens Integrated Solutions in Portland, OR. The patch on the side of the cozy is made by BCI Labels, Inc., in Seattle, WA. The presses are assembled by Tualatin Valley Workshop in Hillsboro, OR. Communication with Taiwanese manufacturers is facilitated by Totality International, Ltd.



**CAUTION:
ALWAYS
PRE-HEAT
THE MASON
JAR BEFORE
BREWING
COFFEE.**

BREWING COFFEE WITH THE PORTLAND PRESS

- 1 Heat water.
- 2 Grind coffee beans.
- 3 Pre-heat jar with a small amount of hot tap water. Jar should feel warm to the touch before you brew coffee in it.
- 4 Pour grinds into jar, and add water up to the “Fill Here” line.
- 5 Wait 4 minutes while your coffee brews. Do not stir.
- 6 Using two hands, place the screen into the jar so that it rests flat on the coffee slurry. Screw on the lid. Press the plunger handle down.
- 7 Pour and drink!

BREWING TIPS



Buy coffee in small batches, and try to get coffee that has been roasted recently. Avoid dark roasts or french roasts because they can mask the true flavor of the beans.



Buy whole bean coffee, and grind it with a burr grinder right before brewing.



Don't brew coffee with boiling water. Heat water to 200 degrees (93 degrees C), or, if you boil water, let it sit a minute before adding it to the coffee.



Use between 2oz and 4oz of coffee grinds for each brew. Adjust to taste.



Optimal brewing time is 4 minutes. For best results, don't stir during this time, and pour the coffee immediately after pressing.

CARE INSTRUCTIONS



Rinse the press with warm water in between uses.



When washing, use mild dish soap and a non-abrasive sponge.



If the metal screen becomes clogged, disassemble it from between the top and bottom plate and wash it by itself in the dishwasher.



Rinse and dry the press immediately after brewing coffee. Avoid leaving cold coffee in the press for a long time.



Hand wash the wool cozy with warm water and mild detergent.
Air dry.



A food-grade oil, like mineral oil, should be reapplied to the wood lid and plunger handle once a month. Use a brush to apply the oil over the entire surface. Let it soak in for a few minutes and then wipe off the excess with a cloth towel.

**CAUTION: WOOD PARTS CAN
BE DAMAGED BY WATER.**

**DO NOT PUT ANY OF THE WOOD
PARTS OF THE PRESS IN THE
DISHWASHER.**

**DO NOT LEAVE THE PRESS IN
WATER OR IN YOUR SINK FOR A
LONG TIME, AS IT WILL SOAK
UP THE WATER AND DAMAGE
THE WOOD PARTS.**

WARRANTY

The Portland Press is designed to last a lifetime and Bucket stands behind the quality of the Portland Press. If any part of the Portland Press breaks, or stops working correctly, send it back and we will either repair it or send you a new one, free of charge. This warranty is not valid if the care instructions in this booklet are not followed. Warranty includes repair/replacement of broken parts and shipping back to you. You are responsible for shipping the broken press to us.

Please tear out this page, fill out the information on the back and include it with the entire Portland Press. Ship it back to us using the address provided.

RETURN INFORMATION

Please explain what is broken and how it broke.

Anything else you would like to let us know?

Please mail returns to:

BUCKET
c/o PFP Returns
PO Box 07996
Portland, OR 97217

ABOUT BUCKET

Founded by Bryan Kappa and Rob Story, Bucket is a product development and manufacturing startup located in Portland, Oregon. Bucket is dedicated to making products as responsibly as possible and to creating a relationship between consumers and the people who craft the products they buy. People take more pride in their objects if they know who made them, and how they were made.



SPECIAL THANKS TO:

This is the second round of manufacturing of the Portland Press, and Bucket would like to show our appreciation to those who helped keep us in the game.

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