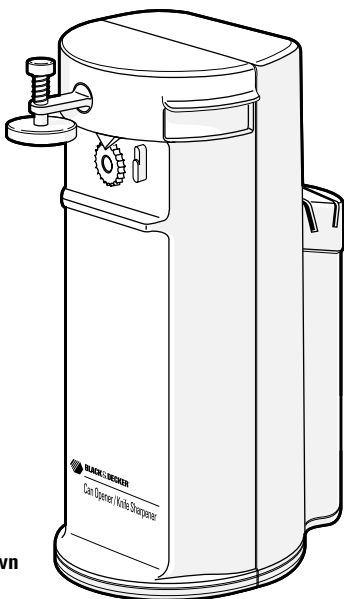




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SAVE THIS USE AND CARE BOOK

Countertop Can Opener



EC43 Shown



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MODELS EC42, EC42C, EC43, EC43B

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

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

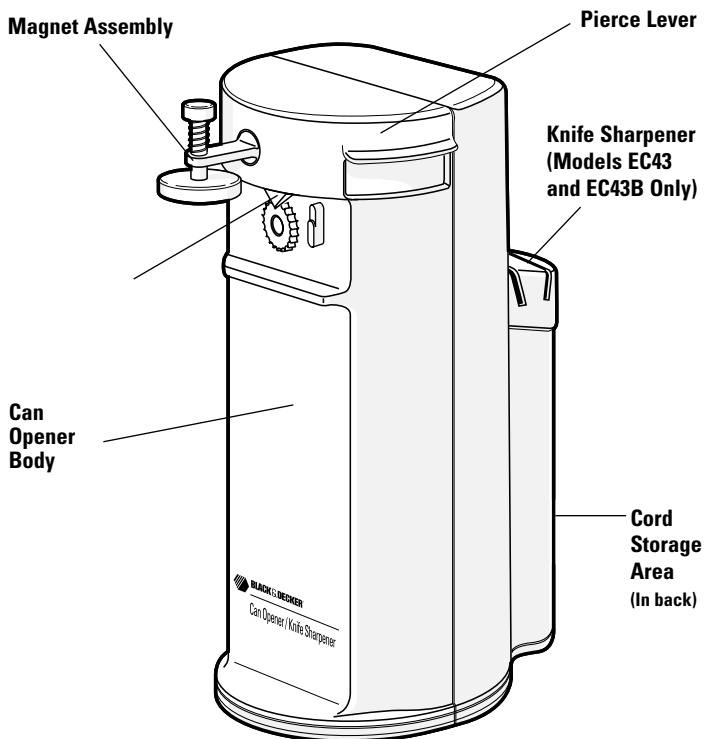
- Please read all instructions.
- To protect against risk of electrical shock, do not put can opener, cord, or plug in water or other liquid.
- Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
- Turn unit off and unplug from outlet when not in use, before putting on or taking off parts, and before cleaning.
- Avoid contacting moving parts.
- Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug or after the appliance malfunctions or is dropped or damaged in any manner. Return the appliance to an authorized service facility for examination, repair, or electrical or mechanical adjustment.
- Keep the cord away from the Knife Sharpener (Models EC43 and EC43B only) and the path of the knife being sharpened to prevent fire or shock hazard.
- The use of attachments not recommended or sold by the appliance manufacturer may cause fire, electric shock, or injury.
- Do not use outdoors.
- Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter or touch hot surfaces.
- Do not open pressurized (aerosol type) cans.
- Do not open cans of flammable liquids such as lighter fluids.
- Do not operate this appliance in the presence of explosive and/or flammable fumes.
- This appliance is intended for household use only and not for commercial or industrial use.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

POLARIZED PLUG

This appliance has a polarized plug—one blade is wider than the other. As a safety feature, this plug will fit into a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully into the outlet, reverse the plug.

If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Do not attempt to defeat this safety feature by modifying the plug in any way.



How To Use

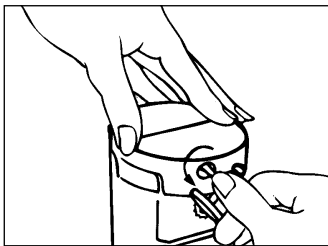


Figure A



Figure B

1. First, install the Magnet. Line up the vertical tab on the Magnet assembly with the vertical hole on the Pierce Lever, then push into the Pierce Lever, and turn until it locks into position. (Figure A)

2. Plug the cord into a standard, 120-volt electrical outlet.

3. Lift up the right side of the Pierce Lever. Tip the can on an angle so that the rim of the can is under the support post. Lower the Pierce Lever, making sure the Cutter Blade is inside the rim of the can.

(Figure B)

4. Press the Pierce Lever down completely. The can will automatically be pierced and the cutting action will begin. Because of the hands-free feature, it is not necessary to hold the Pierce Lever down or to hold onto the can during cutting. Keep in mind, however, that it may be necessary to hold or steady the Can Opener Body when cutting tall or heavy cans.

5. The Can Opener will automatically stop when the can is open.

6. If the Can Opener fails to cut the can lid completely, hold the Pierce Lever down until the can is open.

7. You may stop the cutting action any time by lifting the Pierce Lever.

8. To remove the can, hold it with one hand and raise the Pierce Lever with the other hand. Discard the cut lid.

CAN OPENING TIPS

- This Can Opener should not be used to open cans that are designed to be opened by another method, such as a pull tab, ring opener, pull strip, peel-off foil seal, or rolling key (i.e. *Spam[®], **Crisco[®], sardines, etc.). This Can Opener will not open rimless cans.
- If there is a bump or dent in the rim of the can, open the other end or start the cutting action just beyond the dent. Cans with heavy seams, uneven rims or odd shapes may cause the Can Opener to stall. If this occurs, turn the can slightly by hand to aid the cutting action.
- Frozen juices or foods in cardboard cans should be opened as soon as they are removed from the freezer. Aluminum lids will not stick to the Magnet. To prevent these lids from falling into the can, stop the cutting action before the can is completely opened.

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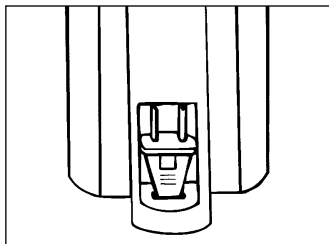


Figure C

CORD STORAGE

There is a handy cord storage area in the back of the Can Opener. Carefully push the cord up into the storage area. Then nest the plug into the cut-out area with the prongs facing upward. (Figure C)

USING THE KNIFE SHARPENER (Models EC43 and EC43B only)

1. Turn the Can Opener sideways. The Slots in the Knife Sharpener are slanted at the correct angle for best sharpening results.
2. Press and hold down the Pierce Lever before inserting a knife blade into either Slot. This will start the Grinding Wheel for sharpening. Continue to hold the Pierce Lever

down while the knife is being sharpened. This will lessen any movement across the countertop during knife sharpening.

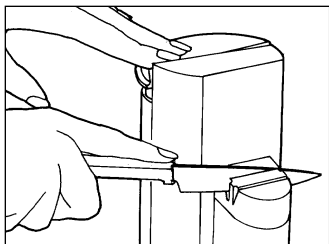


Figure D

3. Lower the end of the knife blade which is closest to the handle into either the right or left Slot of the Sharpener until it lightly touches the Grinding Wheel. (Figure D) Pull the knife blade through the Slot, bringing it toward you slowly. (Allow approximately 3-4 seconds per pass for an 8" blade.)

4. For best results, sharpen the entire blade length in one continuous stroke. Repeat in the opposite Slot to sharpen the other side of the blade. Repeat 5 or 6 times on each side.* To get the sharpest edge possible, hone the knife blade by quickly pulling (1 second per pass) it through each side twice.

5. Be sure to wash and dry knives after sharpening.

* For most knives, 5 or 6 passes per side will be adequate. However, those knives that are made out of very hard steel or that are very dull, may require more than 6 passes to thoroughly sharpen them. If a knife is not very dull, you may only need to make 2 or 3 passes per side.

KNIFE SHARPENING TIPS

(Models EC43 and EC43B only)

1. Clean and dry knives before sharpening. Wet or greasy blades may coat the Grinding Wheel and prevent sharpening.
2. Do not attempt to sharpen serrated blades, as this will smooth their edges. Do not attempt to sharpen scissors.
3. If the knife has a curved tip, raise the knife handle slightly at the end of each sharpening.
4. Do not force the knife blade against the Grinding Wheel, as this may cause uneven sharpening.
5. Do not leave the blade in one spot.

6. The Grinding Wheel is specially designed to prevent “burning” of the knife blade. If the Wheel stalls or stops, the blade is being pressed too hard against the Wheel.

7. Both the Can Opener and the Knife Sharpener are intended for household use only. Do not use the Sharpener for more than 5 minutes at one time. Allow it to cool at least 15 minutes after sharpening knives before using again. This will prevent motor burnout due to overheating.

Care and Cleaning

Other than the cleaning described in this Use and Care book, no other maintenance or servicing of this appliance is required. Repairs, if necessary, must be performed by a Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc., Household Appliance Company-Owned or Authorized Service Center.

CLEANING YOUR CAN OPENER

1. Before cleaning any part of the Can Opener, unplug the cord from the electrical outlet. To remove the Magnet Assembly for cleaning, turn it half way and pull out. Wipe clean with a damp cloth or sponge.
2. The Can Opener has a removable Pierce Lever Assembly for easy cleaning and it should be cleaned frequently. To remove the Assembly for cleaning, slide the Pierce Lever to the right and pull forward. (Figure E)

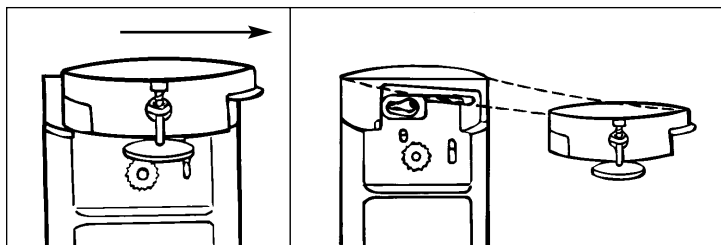


Figure E

The Assembly can be washed by hand in hot, sudsy water, rinsed and dried thoroughly. After each cleaning, add a few drops of cooking or mineral oil to the Cutter Blade.

3. Before replacing the Pierce Lever Assembly, wipe the Can Opener body, and area around the drive wheel with a slightly damp cloth. A mild cleaner can be used to remove stubborn spots. Be sure to dry the unit thoroughly before next use.

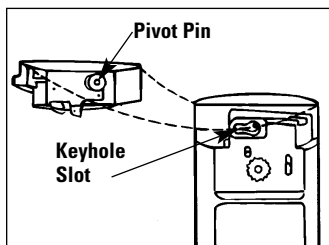


Figure F

4. To replace the Pierce Lever Assembly, insert the Pivot Pin on the back of the Lever into the keyhole shaped opening on the Can Opener Housing. Then slide the Pierce Lever Assembly to the left until the pin is securely in place. (Figure F)

5. Knife Sharpening slots (models EC43 and EC43B) and surrounding area should be wiped with a damp cloth after each use.

Need Help?

SERVICE OR REPAIR

Service, if necessary, must be performed by a Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc., Household Appliance Company-Owned or Authorized Service Center. The Service Center nearest you can be found in the yellow pages of your phone book under "Appliances-Small-Repairing".

For your convenience, a complete listing of Company-Owned Service Centers can be found on pages 9-11.

If mailing or shipping your Can Opener, pack it carefully in a sturdy carton with enough packing material to prevent damage. Include a note describing the problem to our Service

Center and be sure to give your return address. We also suggest that you insure the package for your protection.

Consumer replaceable parts and accessories are also available at Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc., Household Appliance Company-Owned or Authorized Service Centers.

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