

PLEASE READ AND SAVE THESE IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and injury to persons, including the following:

1. Read all instructions before using the appliance.
2. To avoid fire or shock hazard, plug the appliance directly into a 120V AC electrical outlet.
3. Keep the cord out of heavy traffic areas. To avoid fire hazard, NEVER put the cord under rugs or near heat registers.
4. DO NOT place humidifier near heat sources such as stoves, radiators, and heaters. DO locate your humidifier on an inside wall near an electrical outlet. The humidifier should be at least 4' away from the wall for best results.
5. NEVER place humidifier in an area where it is accessible to children. NEVER use humidifier in a closed room, particularly where a child may be sleeping, resting, or playing (a closed room may result in excessive humidity).
6. **WARNING:** Do not attempt to refill humidifier without first unplugging the unit from its electrical outlet. Failure to heed this warning may cause personal injury. Be sure to unplug the unit by pulling on the plug and not the cord.

THIS PRODUCT IS EQUIPPED WITH A POLARIZED PLUG (a plug having one blade wider than the other). This plug will fit into the power outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully into the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact qualified personnel to install the proper outlet.

DO NOT DEFEAT THE SAFETY PURPOSE OF THIS POLARIZED PLUG IN ANY WAY

7. Never place anything over moisture outlet when the unit is running.
8. NEVER drop or insert any object into any openings.
9. DO NOT operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, after the appliance malfunctions, or if it has been dropped or damaged in any manner. Return appliance to manufacturer for examination, electrical or mechanical adjustment, or repair.
10. Use appliance only for intended household use as described in this manual. Any other use not recommended by the manufacturer may cause fire, electric shock, or injury to persons. The use of attachments not recommended or sold by the manufacturer may cause hazards.
11. DO NOT use outdoors.
12. Always place humidifier on a firm, flat, level surface. A waterproof mat or pad is recommended for use under the humidifier. NEVER place it on a rug or carpet, or on a finished floor that may be damaged by exposure to water or moisture.
13. DO NOT allow the Moisture Outlet to directly face the wall. Moisture could cause damage, particularly to wall paper.
14. Humidifier should be unplugged when not in use.
15. NEVER tilt, move, or attempt to empty unit while it is operating. Shut off and unplug before removing the water tank and moving the unit.
16. This humidifier requires daily and weekly maintenance to operate appropriately. Refer to daily and weekly cleaning procedures. Use only cleaners and additives recommended by the manufacturer.

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17. NEVER use detergents, gasoline, glass cleaner, furniture polish, paint thinner, or other household solvents to clean any part of the humidifier.
18. Excessive humidity in a room can cause water condensation on windows and some furniture. If this happens, turn the humidifier OFF.
19. Do not use humidifier in an area where humidity level is in excess of 50%. Use a hygrometer, available at your local retailer or through the manufacturer, to measure the humidity.
20. DO NOT attempt to repair or adjust any electrical or mechanical functions on this unit. Doing so will void your warranty. The inside of the unit contains no user serviceable parts. All servicing should be performed by qualified personnel only.
21. Never place housing under water flow or immerse in liquids.
22. Do not plug in the cord with wet hands; electric shock could result.
23. Do not pour water in any openings other than the water tank.
24. To prevent damage to surfaces, do not place humidifier under overhanging surfaces.
25. NEVER operate unit without water in the tank.
26. Do not move unit after it has been used until cool completely.
27. Use both hands when carrying full tank of water.

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Consumer Safety Information

NOTE: This is an electrical appliance and requires attention when in use.
NOTE: If moisture forms on the walls or windows of the room, turn off the humidifier. The room already has plenty of humidity and additional moisture may cause damage.
NOTE: DO NOT block air inlet or outlet.

Cord and Plug Installation Safety Instructions
 The length of cord used on this appliance was selected to reduce the hazards of burning, tripping, or slipping over a longer cord. If a longer cord is necessary, an approved extension cord may be used. The electrical rating of the extension cord must be equal to or greater than the rating of the humidifier. Care must be taken to arrange the extension cord so that it will not drape over the countertop or tabletop where it can be pulled on by children or accidentally tripped over.

HOW COOL MIST WORKS

Your Holmes® Cool Mist humidifier draws dry air through the rear air intake grill area. This air is then passed through a moisture-wick filter, which retains the minerals and deposits in the water. The resulting moist air is directed back into the room from the top air grill.

NOTE: This humidification system provides a cool, invisible moisture output. It is normal not to see the mist.

NOTE: A humidity level below 20% can be unhealthy and uncomfortable. The recommended humidity level is between 40%-50%.

PRE-OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Be sure the humidifier is switched off.
2. Select a location for your humidifier on a flat level surface about 4' away from the wall. DO NOT place the humidifier on a finished floor or near furniture, which can be damaged by too much moisture or water. Place on a moisture resistant surface.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Remove the tank and the main housing.
2. Make sure the wick is in place.
3. Bring the tank to the sink, turn upside down and twist off the tank cap by turning counter clockwise. Fill tank with cool, fresh tap water. DO NOT fill with warm water as this may cause boiling. Replace the cap on tank FIRMLY. The tank will hold 1 gallon of water.
4. Replace the top housing and tank. The tank will immediately begin to empty into the base.

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5. Plug the humidifier into a 120V electrical outlet.
6. Remove the unit on which the tank is after the High (H), Med (M) or Low (L) setting. High will produce the maximum moisture and low will produce the longest run time and quietest performance.
7. To turn the unit off, switch the knob to OFF (O).

Manual Humidistat Operation:

1. Adjust the Humidity Control Knob and the Humidistat as desired.
2. The Automatic Humidistat Control is designed to operate between 25% and 60% Relative Humidity range. The recommended setting is between 40% and 50%. When the humidity level in the room is below the level you have set, the humidifier will operate to produce moisture.

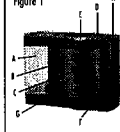
When the set humidity level in the room is reached, the humidifier will stop. When the humidity drops below the set level, the unit will automatically start and produce moisture again.

NOTE: If moisture forms on the walls or windows, turn off the humidifier.

REMOVING PERMANENT FILTER FOR CLEANING

Through normal use, waterborne minerals and sediment become trapped in the wick filter. The longer your water, the greater the amount of minerals in the water, and the more often you will need to wash your filter.

Figure 1



- A. Water Tank
- B. 3 Speed Fan Control
- C. Manual Humidistat Control
- D. Exhaust Grill
- E. FilterClean® Indicator
- F. Air Intake Grill
- G. Humidifier Base
- H. Humidifier Housing

You will be able to monitor the life of the filter in your humidifier by checking the FilterClean® Indicator. When the unit is off, the FilterClean® Indicator will read in the OFF position. After 60 minutes of use, FilterClean® Indicator (refer to Figure 2 for close-up of indicator) will move from the OFF position and indicate your filter condition. A brand new filter will register in the blue section reading 6000 filter. After frequent use of your humidifier, the FilterClean® Indicator will let you know when the filter needs to be washed.

When the needle is in the red (Wash Filter) section, this means the proper amount of moisture is not getting into your air due to the excessive minerals and sediment that have become trapped on your filter. At this point, you should wash your filter. It is important to wash your filter as indicated to obtain stated performance level.

To remove filter for cleaning follow the steps below:

1. Turn the unit off and disconnect from the electrical outlet.
2. Remove the tank and main housing to access the base tray.
3. Remove the filter and follow the filter and weekly cleaning procedure.
4. Insert the refreshed filter.
5. Repeat Operating Instructions.

It will take about 30 minutes for the humidifier to reach maximum output.

You can purchase replacement filters (model HM765NF-P) at your local retailer, by calling 1-800-5-HOLMES, filling out the accessory card, or by visiting www.holmesproducts.com. It is recommended that a replacement filter is purchased for uninterrupted use.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Humidifiers provide comfort by adding moisture to dry, heated indoor air. To benefit most from the humidifier and avoid product abuse, follow all instructions carefully. Please note that this is an electrical appliance and requires attention when in use.

CLEANING/MAINTENANCE STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

In addition, if you do not follow the recommended care and maintenance guidelines, micro-organisms may be able to grow in the water within the water tank. You must routinely follow the cleaning procedures that follow in order to ensure proper, efficient operation of your humidifier. Proper maintenance and cleaning is essential to the continued performance of your unit and the avoidance of algae or bacteria build-up.

Filter Washing Procedure:

1. The water tray should be cleaned when you clean the filter. The water tray is a convenient way to carry the filter to prevent dripping.
2. Mix 1 gallon warm tap water with 1 teaspoon concentrated antibacterial liquid dish washing soap.
3. Fully submerge filter in soap solution for 15-20 minutes.
4. Dump filter in soap solution several times then gently press to release the soapy water. Be sure not to wring, pull or scrub filter as this will degrade the filter.
5. Run under cool tap water until there is no soap remaining. Some discoloration may still be visible, this is normal and does not affect performance.
6. Gently shake or press the filter to remove excess water.
7. The filter can be put directly into the humidifier while still damp if it is to be used right away, or allow filter to dry completely if humidifier is to be stored.

Should your filter become damaged or lost, please call the customer service number listed in the manual for a replacement part. The part number for this filter is HM765NF-P.

Daily Maintenance:

1. Be sure the unit is OFF and is disconnected from the electrical outlet.
2. Remove the housing and the tank from the humidifier and place in sink or tub.
3. Carry the base of the unit to the sink, remove the wick, place in sink, drain any remaining water and rinse thoroughly to remove any sediment or dirt. Wipe clean, and dry with a clean cloth or paper towel.
4. Drain the water from the tank into the sink and rinse tank

thoroughly. Wipe clean, and dry with a clean cloth or paper towel.

5. Put filter back in, replace the housing, then refill tank with cool tap water as instructed earlier in the Filling Instructions. DO NOT overfill.
6. Follow Operating Instructions.

Weekly Maintenance:

1. Repeat steps 1-4 above.
2. Clean the base by partially filling the base with one 8-oz cup of undiluted white vinegar, or by using Clorox® (Model 51710) by the manufacturer. Leave this solution in the base for 20 minutes, while cleaning all the interior surfaces with a soft brush. Remove base scale by wiping the base with a cloth dampened with undiluted white vinegar.
3. Rinse with clean warm water to remove the cleaning solution before disinfecting the tank.

To Disinfect Humidifier Base and Tank:

1. Fill humidifier tank 1/2 full with water and 1/2 teaspoon of chlorine bleach.
2. Let the solution stand for 20 minutes, swishing every few minutes. Wet all surfaces.
3. Carefully empty the tank after 20 minutes, and rinse with warm water until you cannot detect any bleach smell. Dry with a clean cloth or paper towel.
4. Place filter back into tank, refill the water tank as directed in Operating Instructions, and turn the unit on.

STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS

- When not using your humidifier for an extended period of time:
1. Dispose of the filter. DO NOT leave in unit.
 2. Clean, rinse and thoroughly dry the humidifier as directed in weekly maintenance. DO NOT leave any water in the unit inoperable for the following season.
 3. Place the humidifier in the original carton and store in a cool, dry place.
 4. Order your replacement filter for next year's use.