



Use and Care of your Pepper Mill

Using Your Mill

Your mill comes fully loaded with black peppercorns. To start using your mill, first remove the hang tag, then loosen the chrome-colored retainer nut on top of the mill, and finally turn the top in a clockwise direction. Turning the top in the *counterclockwise direction* may cause damage to the grinding mechanism. Adjust the grind by loosening the nut for coarse grind and tightening for a fine grind.

Filling Your Mill

1. Loosen and remove the chrome-colored retainer nut on top of the mill.
2. Pull the top straight up until it becomes free from the shaft.
3. Pour peppercorns around the shaft until the cavity is $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
4. Replace the top, taking care to line up the top with the square shaft.
5. Replace and tighten the retainer nut. Sometimes it helps during this step to place your finger on the center of the grinding mechanism at the bottom and press it back up into the mill.

Caring For Your Mill

No special care is needed. If you would like to polish the exterior from time to time with furniture polish or paste wax, it will keep the finish looking bright. Prolonged exposure to excessive sunlight may cause many of the brightly colored woods to darken or fade. For this reason, store your mill away from windows.

After a period of use you may notice that the mill spins but does not grind well. This is a sign that the grinding mechanism needs cleaning. Moisture in the peppercorns causes packing in the teeth of the grinder. To clean, remove the top and the peppercorns and then remove the two screws in the base. Take note of how the parts are assembled. Clean the packed pepper from the grinder teeth with the point of a knife and reassemble.

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