

Vicks® Cool Mist Humidifier

Use and Care Manual

IMPORTANT!
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INSTRUCTIONS

- ▶ Relief from dry indoor air
- ▶ Easy to fill tank
- ▶ Two comfort settings

If you have any questions about the operation of your Vicks Humidifier, call our toll-free Consumer Service line at 800 477-0457



Model V3100

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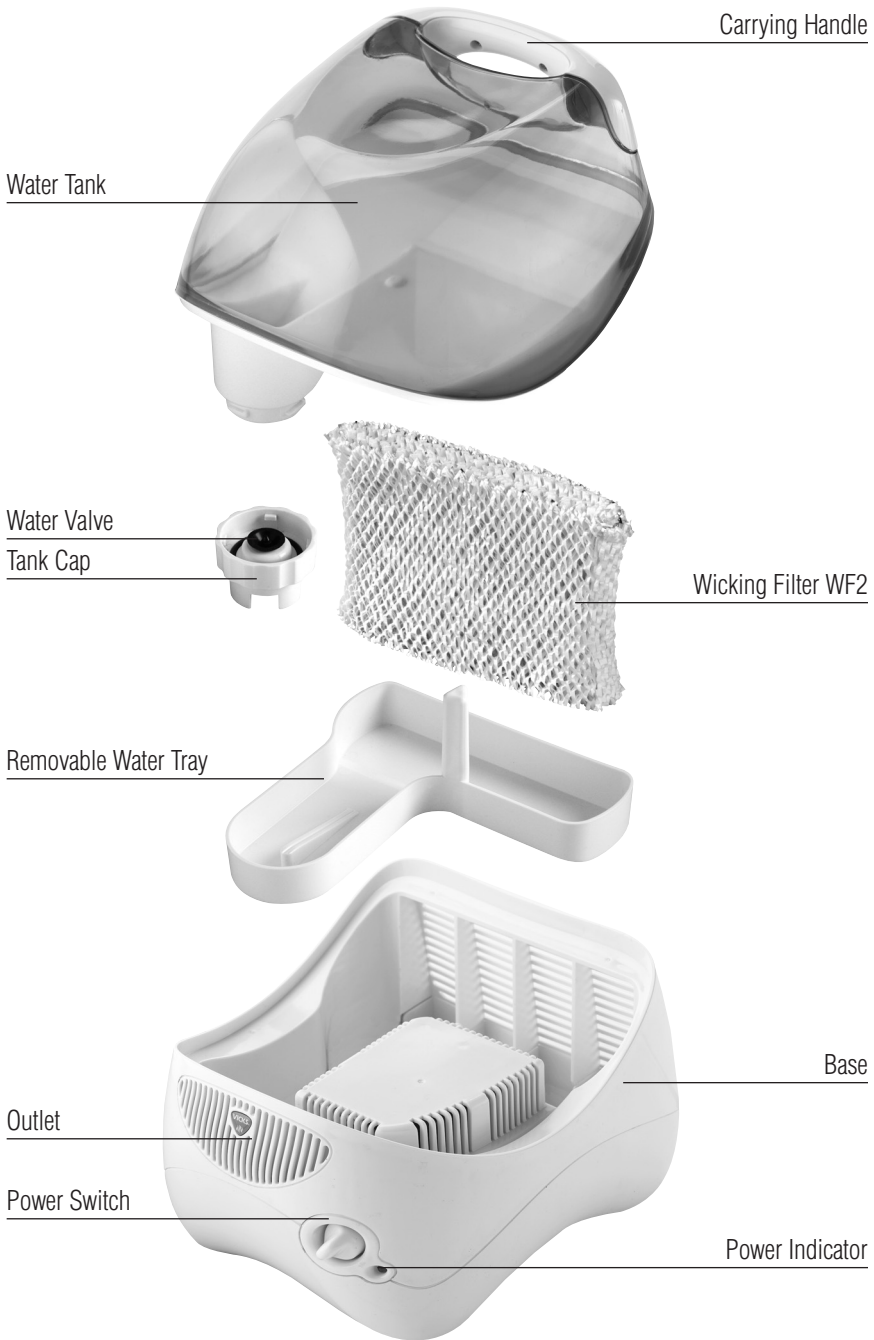
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READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING HUMIDIFIER, ESPECIALLY THESE BASIC SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

1. Before using the humidifier, extend the cord and inspect for any signs of damage. **Do not** use product if cord has been damaged.
2. **Always** place humidifier on a firm, flat, level surface. Keep cord away from heated surfaces and out of the way, where it cannot be stepped on or tripped over.
3. **Do not** place the humidifier directly on wood furniture or other surfaces that could be damaged by water. Protect by placing the humidifier on a non-metallic waterproof surface.
4. Place humidifier in an area that is out of the reach of children.
5. **Do not** operate outdoors; this appliance is intended for indoor use.
6. **Do not** operate without water. Turn off unit when tank is empty.
7. **Do not** add any medications (e.g., **do not** add Kaz Inhalant or Vicks VapoSteam) into the Water Tray or Water Tank. **Do not** cover, or insert objects into, any openings on the unit.
8. **Do not** immerse the base in water or other liquid. **Do not** pour water in the outlet.
9. Humidifier should always be unplugged and emptied when not in operation or while being cleaned. Shut off and unplug humidifier before moving. **Do not** move or tilt humidifier while it is operating. **Plug and unplug unit with dry hands.**
10. The humidifier should not be left unattended in a closed room since air could become saturated and leave condensation on walls or furniture. Leave room door partly open. **Do not** aim outlet directly at children, walls or furniture.
11. This product 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.
12. **Caution:** To avoid the risk of fire, shock or personal injury, do not use an extension cord.
13. Humidifier requires regular cleaning. Refer to and follow cleaning instructions.
14. When moving or lifting the Tank, use one hand on the Tank Handle and the other on the bottom of the tank.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Vicks® Cool Mist Humidifier (Model V3100)



Using Your Vicks Cool Mist Humidifier

First Time Use

Read all instructions before using this appliance. With proper care and maintenance, the humidifier should be able to provide at least 18 hours operation per filling.

Unpack and remove all packing material from the Water Tank and Base. Completely unravel power cord and place unit on a flat, stable surface at least 5 inches away from walls and heat sources. Do not use product if cord has been damaged. Place cord out of the way where it cannot be pulled or stepped on. Follow the directions below to fill and operate the Humidifier.

Filling the Water Tank

Always UNPLUG the humidifier before filling.

- 1.** Remove the Water Tank from the Base and turn it upside down. Turn the Tank Cap counterclockwise to open.
- 2.** Fill the Water Tank with clean, cool, tap water and replace the Tank Cap by firmly turning clockwise. Turn the tank upright and check Tank Cap for leaks. If any water drips from Tank Cap, remove it and re-tighten. Make sure the circular rub cap Gasket (o-Ring) is in place when replacing Tank Cap — this prevents water leakage.
- 3.** Carry Water Tank using one hand on the handle and one on the bottom of the Tank.
- 4.** Be sure the Water Tray and Wicking Filter are in place.
- 5.** Replace the Water Tank on the Base by aligning the Tank Cap into the Water Tray.

Caution:

Do not use hot water, which may damage the wick.

Do not add any medication or other additives to the water.

Do not pour any water into the outlet.

Operating Instructions

1. **Do not** operate the humidifier without water in the Water Tank or without a Wicking Filter installed.
2. After filling the humidifier, be sure the Power Switch is in the OFF position, then plug the power cord into a 120 volt AC wall outlet. **CAUTION: DO NOT PLUG IN THE CORD WITH WET HANDS; ELECTRIC SHOCK COULD RESULT.**
3. Turn the Switch to either the Hi or Low position. The Power Indicator will illuminate and the fan will start turning.
4. Direct Outlet away from walls and furniture. If condensation forms on walls or windows, or if indoor relative humidity exceeds 50%, turn the Power Switch to the low setting, open door to room where humidifier is operating, or turn unit off.
5. Turn the humidifier off and unplug the humidifier before removing and refilling the Water Tank.

Care and Cleaning

CAUTION: ALWAYS TURN OFF THE POWER SWITCH AND DISCONNECT THE POWER CORD FROM THE ELECTRICAL OUTLET BEFORE CLEANING.

Humidifiers provide comfort by adding moisture to dry indoor air. For maximized benefit from your Vicks Cool Mist Humidifier, follow instructions carefully. Please note that this is an electric appliance and requires careful attention when in use.

Tap water may contain pollutants and minerals (scale) that can deposit on the inner surfaces of the Humidifier and clog the Wicking Filter. Such scale can accelerate the growth of microorganisms and can impair the performance of the Wicking Filter.

Daily Maintenance

1. Turn switch to OFF position and unplug the cord from wall outlet.
2. Lift the Water Tank from Base. Carefully remove the Water Tray from the base being careful not to damage the delicate Wicking Filter. Empty excess water from the Water Tray without removing the Wicking Filter. Remove the Tank Cap and drain any water from the Water Tank. Rinse the Water Tank with lukewarm water after each use. Wipe accessible surfaces of the Water Tank and Water Tray clean with a soft, damp cloth.
3. **Do not** immerse the Base in water. For storage, wipe dry with a soft, clean cloth. Keep water away from the Air Outlet.
4. **Do not** leave water in the Water Tank or Water Tray when unit is not in use as it may result in the build up of mineral deposits and bacteria that can inhibit the output efficiency of the humidifier. Please note that if water remains in the Water Tank for more than a day or two, bacterial growth is possible.
5. Replace Water Tray with Wicking Filter. Then replace the Tank. Humidifier is now ready for use.

Weekly Maintenance

Removing Scale

1. Remove the Water Tank and empty any remaining water from the Water Tank.
2. Turn switch to the ON position, either low or high speed, and operate Humidifier until the Wicking Filter is thoroughly dry.
3. Turn switch to the OFF position and unplug the cord from wall outlet.
4. Remove Wicking Filter from the Water Tray by carefully lifting straight up taking care not to tear filter.
5. Remove the Water Tray from the Base. Fill Water Tray with undiluted white vinegar. Let stand for 20 minutes.
6. Dampen soft, clean cloth or sponge with undiluted white vinegar and wipe out Water Tray to remove scale. **Do not** use soap, detergents or abrasive cleaners.
7. Rinse the Water Tray thoroughly in clean warm water or put in top shelf of dishwasher to remove scale and vinegar before disinfecting the Water Tray.

Disinfecting the Water Tray and Tank

1. Fill tank with 1 teaspoon of household bleach in 1 gallon of water. Let stand twenty (20) minutes, shaking vigorously every few minutes, drain and rinse with clean water until the bleach smell is gone. Dry with a clean cloth or paper towel.
2. Wipe the Water Tray with a soft cloth dampened in the bleach and water solution. Rinse the Water Tray thoroughly or place in dishwasher before proceeding.
3. Wipe all exterior surfaces of the Base with a soft, dry cloth. Do not immerse the Base in water or use water to clean the base. An electric shock may result or the humidifier may be damaged.

CAUTION: Do not wash the Wicking Filter since this could damage the wick.

End of Season Maintenance

1. Follow above weekly cleaning procedure at the end of the humidification season, or when the humidifier will not be used for several days, being sure to dry all parts. Allow the Water Tank to air dry before storing. Do not store with water inside.
2. Leave Tank Cap partially loosened during storage to prevent Tank Cap and Gasket from sticking together. This will prolong the life of the gasket.
3. At the end of season, remove and throw away the Wicking Filter. Never leave a used filter in the humidifier during storage.
4. Store in a cool dry location.
5. Order your new Kaz Replacement WF2 Wicking Filter now, so that it will be available for use next season.

Wicking Filter Maintenance

Wicking Filter performance will diminish depending on the mineral content of the water and the amount of airborne dust in the environment.

IMPORTANT: CHECK WICKING FILTER REGULARLY. Any of the following conditions indicate that it is time to replace the Wicking Filter.

- A buildup of impurities and minerals on the Wicking Filter (evidenced by discoloration of the Wicking Filter)
- An appreciable decrease in Humidifier output — the humidifier will run for increasingly longer periods between fillings
- The top of the Wicking Filter is not moist to the touch
- The Wicking Filter has large holes or tears

The Wicking Filter should be replaced at least one or two times during the season, depending on usage, mineral content of the water and the environment. We encourage you to only use a Kaz Model WF2 Replacement Wicking Filter. The use of other Wicking Filters may lead to substandard performance.

Troubleshooting

If your Humidifier is not working properly, refer to the following:

If the unit does not operate:

- Check that polarized plug is fully inserted into wall outlet.
- Check airflow. Are there any obstructions preventing airflow?
- The motor contains a temperature-limiting fuse. If the motor overheats, the fuse will trip and shut off the motor. If you suspect this may be the case, unplug the unit and contact our Consumer Service Department. **Do not** attempt to repair the motor yourself.

If the unit does not produce enough humidity:

- The moisture output from an evaporative humidifier is invisible. It is operating properly if the water level in the tank goes down during usage, even when you cannot see the vapor.
- Check the Wicking Filter. Replace the Wicking Filter if it is clogged, torn or discolored.
- Check the water level. Refilling may be required.
- If the unit is working properly, it may not be large enough for the room. You may need to run an additional humidifier for desired results.

If the unit produces too much humidity:

- If room air is excessively humid (greater than 50% relative humidity), do not use the humidifier. Excessive humidity is indicated by condensation on cold surfaces or walls in the room. For proper humidity readings, use a hygrometer available in most hardware and department stores.

If water leakage occurs:

- Check to be sure the tank cap is tightened properly.
- Check the tank for leaks and replace if necessary.

Limited Warranty

This Vicks Cool Mist Humidifier (Model V3100) is warranted against defective material or workmanship for a period of three years from the date of purchase. Any defective part will be, at the discretion of Kaz, Incorporated, repaired or replaced at no charge if the appliance has not been tampered with and has been used according to these printed directions. Retain receipt to prove warranty. Warranty does not cover the Wicking Filter after it has been used; performance of the Wicking Filter depends on the mineral content of the water. This Warranty gives you specific legal rights as well as other rights that vary from state to state.

If you experience unsatisfactory operation, first refer to the Trouble-Shooting section herein to determine if the problem is due to care or cleaning. Follow Care and Cleaning instructions.

If you have any questions or comments, call the Kaz Consumer Service Department at (800) 477-0457 or, e-mail consumerservice@kaz.com or, write to Kaz, Consumer Service Department, PO Box 544, Hudson, NY 12534, explaining just how the product is operating. Specify model number. Our Consumer Service Representative will advise you how to correct the problem yourself, or will ask you to return the product for repair or replacement.

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