

Pressure Canner Inspection

Canner Brand _____ Size _____ Inspection Date _____
Model _____

1. CONDITION OF HANDLES

- Safe, secure
- Loose
- Broken or missing
- Recommendation:** Okay to use
- Tighten
- Replace or Do not use

2. CONDITION OF CANNER

- Good
- Scratched
- Slightly or
- Deeply pitted
- Rusty
- Discolored
- Cracked
- Warped (uneven bottom or overall roundedness)

- Recommendation:** Okay to use
- Thoroughly clean
- Do not use

Wipe cover with a soapy cloth and then with a damp one. Clean openings in the cover by drawing a string or pipe cleaner through them. Scouring powder or pads will remove built-up grease. Take off removable petcocks and safety valves; wash and dry thoroughly. Occasionally soak these parts in vinegar, rinse well and dry before you put the canner away. Crumple newspaper or clean paper towel inside the canner to absorb moisture and odors during storage. Wrap cover in several layers of paper and invert over the bottom. Do not invert unwrapped lid as moisture and dust can enter the dial and cause corrosion inside the dial.

3. DIAL GAUGE, if any

- Good
- Rusty
- Broken, cracked
- Interior moisture
- Cover too scratched to read

- Recommendation:** Okay to use if accurate*
- May not be reliable to use
- Replace
- *Have gauge checked for accuracy seasonally, and after dropping, bumping or other mishap.

4. GASKET, if any

- Firm, elastic
- Brittle, dry
- Cracked or broken

- Recommendation:** Okay to use
- Replace

- Gasket Trough:** Clean
- Needs cleaning

5. METAL TO METAL SURFACE, if any

- Clean, good condition
- Need cleaning, light oiling

6. CLOSING DEVICES, if any

- Good condition
- Need cleaning
- Coat threads with salt-free oil
- Unsafe; don't use

7. SAFETY PLUG

- Firm, elastic
- Brittle, cracked

- Recommendation:** Safe to use
- Replace

8. SAFETY VALVE/PETCOCK

- Clean, works easily
- Sticky, gummy

- Recommendation:** Clean; see manufacturer care instructions.