

## STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- To rinse, pour 1 cup of cool tap water in the air inlet area. Allow to reach transducer area. Pour out water.

### To Disinfect Humidifier Base and Tank:

- Fill humidifier tank 1/2 full with water and 1/2 tablespoon (0.25oz/7.4ml) of chlorine bleach.
- Return tank to base. Allow to set for 20 minutes. Use clean water in tank to flush system. Do not allow water to get in the fan housing.
- 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.
- Discard bleach water in the base. pour towards the left corner of base.
- To clean the humidifier base, pour out all access water. Rinse thoroughly to remove any sediment to dirt. Wipe clean and dry with a clean cloth or paper towel. Do not use metal cleaning utensils of abrasive cleansers.

**NOTE:** Do not scrape the transducer with any other object other than the brush provided. Damage could occur and cause malfunction.

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When not using your humidifier for an extended period of time:

- Clean, rinse and thoroughly dry the humidifier as directed in weekly maintenance. DO NOT leave any water in the unit when storing. Leaving water in the unit may render the unit inoperable for the following season.
- Place the humidifier in the original carton and store in a cool, dry place.

### REPLACEMENT ACCESSORIES

To order the replacement accessories you can do any of the following:

- Visit your local retailer
- Go to [www.holmesproducts.com](http://www.holmesproducts.com)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS	
Question	Answer
• What are the variables that affect run time?	The estimated run time for this humidifier is based on average room conditions. The actual run time of your humidifier is dependent on numerous variables such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Air exchange in the room where the humidifier is placed.</li> <li>✓ Room construction of the room where the humidifier is placed.</li> <li>✓ Temperature of the room where the humidifier is placed.</li> <li>✓ Humidity levels in the room where the humidifier is placed.</li> <li>✓ Movement of occupants and the opening and closing of doors in the room where the humidifier is placed.</li> <li>✓ Home furnishings in the room where the humidifier is placed.</li> </ul>
• How do I remove film on water tank?	✓ Vinegar and water soak will remove it within 20 mins.
• How can I extend the run time?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Run your unit on the lowest setting.</li> <li>✓ If your unit has electronics, set it to your desired humidity level. The unit will turn on and off, which will extend the run time.</li> <li>✓ Fill the tank all the way full, place it on the base, let the water empty into the base until it stops bubbling, then refill the tank full again. This ensures maximum water capacity and will extend run time.</li> </ul>

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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Trouble	Probable Cause	Solution
• Water Leaks from Tank.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☛ Tank/cap gasket is missing.</li> <li>☛ Unit tilted or not leveled.</li> <li>☛ Cap not tight enough.</li> <li>☛ Tank water is Hot.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Remove tank cap and replace or reposition gasket.</li> <li>✓ Place unit on a flat or leveled surface.</li> <li>✓ Tighten the cap.</li> <li>✓ Fill with cool water only.</li> </ul>
• Crack in Tank.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☛ Hot water will cause tank to pressurize.</li> <li>☛ Tanks will crack if hit or dropped.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Fill with cool water only.</li> <li>✓ Handle tank with care. If there is crack on tank, replace with a new tank.</li> </ul>
• Film on Tank.	☛ Mineral deposits.	✓ Clean/disinfect tank as instructed in weekly cleaning instructions.
• Mist output minimal to none.	☛ Scale build up on transducer.	✓ Replace the demineralization cartridge by following the maintenance instructions.
• Reduced or no mist.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☛ Out of water.</li> <li>☛ Improper Maintenance.</li> <li>☛ Demineralization cartridge not seated properly.</li> <li>☛ Using low setting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Fill tank.</li> <li>✓ Increase setting to High.</li> <li>✓ Properly seat the demineralization cartridge and reseal tank.</li> <li>✓ Follow cleaning and maintenance instructions.</li> </ul>
• Appearance of minerals or white dust.	☛ The demineralization cartridge is assembled upside down and the tank will not sit flush. This prevents the tank plunger valve from being activated to all water to flow.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Use distilled water in your humidifier. This will help reduce the precipitation of minerals or white dust.</li> <li>✓ In addition, use a demineralization cartridge to help reduce mineral build-up and "white-dust" caused by hard water.</li> </ul>
• Tank does not fit properly on the base.	☛ The demineralization cartridge is not seated correctly in the base.	✓ Confirm the proper placement of the demineralization cartridge. The cartridge is marked with "THIS SIDE UP".

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# Warm or Cool Ultrasonic Humidifier

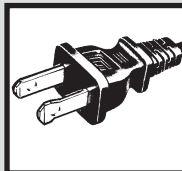
**PLEASE READ AND SAVE THESE IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS**

## IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

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 protect against electric shock, do not place or immerse cord, plugs, or appliance in water or other liquid. Do not plug in the cord with wet hands. Do not overfill the water tank.
3. Plug the appliance directly into a 120VAC electrical outlet.
4. This appliance is not intended for use by children or by persons with reduced physical, sensory, or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used near children. Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance. Keep the appliance and its cord out of reach of children.
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. Keep the cord out of heavy traffic areas. To reduce risk of fire, never put the cord under rugs or near heat registers.
7. Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug or after the appliance malfunctions, or has been damaged in any manner. Do not attempt to replace or splice a damaged cord. Return appliance to the manufacturer (see warranty) for examination, repair or adjustment.
8. Do not place on or near wet surfaces, or near heat sources such as stoves, radiators, and heaters.
9. Place your humidifier on an inside wall near an electrical outlet. The humidifier should be at least 4 inches (10 cm) away from the wall for best results.
10. **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.
11. Unplug from outlet when not in use, before putting on or taking off parts and before cleaning. To disconnect, turn any control to OFF, then unplug power cord from outlet. Be sure to unplug the unit by pulling on the plug and not the cord.
12. Do not block air inlet or outlet. Never drop or insert any object into any openings. Do not place hands, face or body directly over or near the outlet while unit is in operation.
13. Do not use outdoors or for commercial purposes.
14. Do not use appliance for other than intended use. Misuse can cause injuries.
15. Always place humidifier on a dry, stable, level surface.
16. **WARNING:** Failure to clean device per the cleaning instructions in the Cleaning Section may result in overheating or fire. 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. Never use gasoline, glass cleaner, furniture polish, paint thinner, or other household solvents to clean any part of the humidifier.
17. 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. Use both hands when carrying a full tank of water. Do not move unit after it has been used until unit cools completely.

### POLARIZED PLUG



This appliance has a polarized plug, (one blade is wider than the other). As a safety feature to reduce the risk of electrical shock, this plug is intended to fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Do not attempt to defeat this safety feature or modify the plug in any way. If the plug fits loosely into the AC outlet or if the AC outlet feels warm do not use that outlet.

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18. Do not use humidifier in an area where humidity level is in excess of 50%. Use a hygrometer, available at your local retailer, to measure the humidity.
  19. Never operate unit without water in the tank. Do not pour water in any openings other than the water tank.
- For warm mist models:**
20. **WARNING:** Hot steam can cause serious burn injuries. Keep away from steam while in operation, especially children. Do not allow children access to the appliance during operation.
  21. Allow unit to cool before refilling water tank or maintenance, as the heater bulb is hot.
  22. Do not attempt to remove the water tank within 15 minutes after the humidifier is turned off and unplugged. Serious injury may result.

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### POWER CORD INSTRUCTIONS:

A short power-supply cord or detachable power-supply cord is provided to reduce risks resulting from becoming entangled in or tripping over a longer cord. Longer detachable power-supply cords or extension cords are available and may be used if care is exercised in their use. If a long detachable power-supply cord or extension cord is used on short-cord models:

- a. The marked electrical rating of the detachable power-supply cord or extension cord should be at least as great as the electrical rating of the appliance;
- b. When the product is of the grounded type, the extension cord shall be a grounding type 3-wire cord; and
- c. The longer cord should be arranged so that it will not drape over the counter top or table top where it can be pulled on by children or tripped over unintentionally.

Do not pull, twist or otherwise abuse the power cord.

Do not wrap the power cord around the main body of the appliance during or after use.

### NOTICES

1. Do not allow the Moisture Outlet to directly face the

wall. Moisture could cause damage, particularly to wallpaper.

2. Keep unit away from surfaces that can be damaged by water and/or heat (such as wood floors). Place mat underneath the unit during use. Do not place humidifier under overhanging surfaces.
3. Do not place the humidifier on a rug or carpet. The heat sink underneath the humidifier might cause the carpet to be discolored and may cause overheating of the unit.
4. Excessive humidity in a room can cause water condensation on windows and some furniture. If this happens, turn the humidifier OFF.

### FCC STATEMENT

#### Potential for Radio/Television interference

This device complies with Part 18 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This product has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 18 of the FCC rules.

These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. The product generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that the interference will not occur in a particular installation. If the product does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the product on or off, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the product and the receiver.
- Connect the product into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.
- Changes or modifications not expressly approved by

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the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

### HOW ULTRASONIC WORKS:

An ultrasonic transducer atomizes water, producing refreshing visible cool or warm mist. The temperature of warm mist is between 86 °F (30 °C) - 104 °F (40 °C).

**NOTE:** A humidity level below 20% can be unhealthy and uncomfortable. The humidifier should be placed in a normal temperature environment 41 °F (5 °C) - 104 °F (40 °C), otherwise, the humidifier may be destroyed in the cold environment. The recommended humidity level is between 40%-50%.

### PRE-OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Be sure the humidifier is switched OFF and the unit is disconnected from the electrical outlet.
2. Select a location for your humidifier, on a flat surface, about 4 inches (10 cm) 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.

### FILLING THE WATER TANK

1. Remove the tank from the main housing.
2. 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 leaking. Replace the cap on tank FIRMLY.
3. Place tank back into the humidifier housing. The tank will immediately begin to empty into the base. There will be "gurgling" sound and air bubbles appear in the tank. It takes about 2-5 minutes for air bubbles to disappear and the humidifier is then ready to generate mist.
4. Plug the humidifier into a 120V electrical outlet.

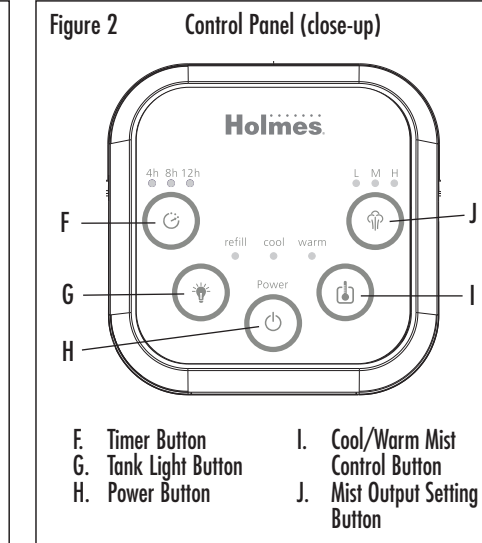
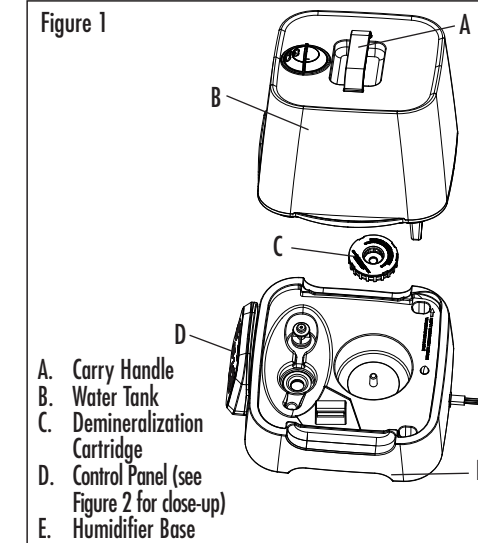
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#### Power On/Off

Press the Power Button (⏻) to turn the humidifier on. The humidifier will run at Medium setting and the Tank Light will illuminate. Press the Power Button to manually turn light off the humidifier at any setting.

#### Tank Light

Your humidifier is equipped with a Tank Light which allows



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You to see the tank in the dark. Press the Tank Light Button (☾) to see unit and tank water level while in the dark.

### Cool/Warm Mist Control

Your humidifier can be selected to generate either cool mist or warm mist by pressing the Cool/Warm Mist Control Button (☾). Each press of the button will switch between cool and warm, and respective indicator will illuminate. You can also turn the Mist Nozzle in multiple directions to achieve your desired direction for mist output.

**NOTE:** the warm setting is not designed to be hot. It is just above the standard ambient room conditions to prevent the nasal passages from being too cool from the cool moisture.

### Mist Output Setting

You may press the Mist Button to select from H/M/L which means High/Medium/Low mist output levels.

**WARNING:** DO NOT move the humidifier with water in the tank or the humidifier base. The moving action of the water may activate the water tank's release nozzle and overflow the humidifier base. This may cause the humidifier to function intermittently, or stop emitting mist. Should this occur, simply remove the excess water from the humidifier base.

### Timer Mode

4, 8, 12 hour auto shut off. Feature will allow the unit to run for the preset time and then shut off after the time has lapsed or if it runs out of water.

### Tank Refill Indicator

Once the tank is empty, the Refill indicator will illuminate, the unit will stop working, all buttons will not function until you refill the tank.

For refill, please unplug the unit and empty any residual water from the base and the tank (follow the Daily Maintenance Instructions). Then follow the Filling Instructions to refill the tank and put back into the humidifier to begin operation.

## CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Humidifiers provide comfort by adding moisture to dry, heated indoor air. To benefit most from the humidifier and avoid product misuse, follow all instructions carefully.

Please note that this is an electrical appliance and requires attention when in use.

In addition, if you do not follow the recommended care and maintenance guidelines, micro-organisms may 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.

This appliance has no user serviceable parts. Any servicing beyond that described in the Cleaning Section should be performed by an Authorized Service Representative only. See warranty available online.

### Daily Maintenance:

1. Be sure the unit is OFF and is disconnected from the electrical outlet.
  2. Remove the tank from the humidifier and place in sink or tub.
  3. Remove the tank cap and empty excess water from tank.
  5. Refill tank with cool tap water as instructed earlier in the Filling Instructions. Do not overfill.
  6. Follow Operating Instructions to turn on the humidifier.
- NOTE:** Before operation of the humidifier, ensure the rubber valve is in place to cover the hole at the bottom of the base.

### Weekly Maintenance:

1. Repeat previous steps in Daily Maintenance.
2. Remove the blue demineralization cartridge from the base. Pour 1 cup (8oz/236ml) of undiluted white vinegar in the water inlet area. The vinegar will automatically transfer to the transducer and float area. Clean the base by partially filling the base with 1 cup (8oz/236ml) of undiluted white vinegar. Leave this solution in the base for 20 minutes, while cleaning all the interior surfaces with the blue soft brush that is nested on the bottom of the tank. Remove base scale by wiping the base with a cloth dampened with undiluted white vinegar after the soaking cycle is complete, pour vinegar out (pour towards back left corner of base as indicated by the arrow on the base. Be careful not to get it in the fan housing).
3. Rinse with clean warm water to remove the cleaning solution before disinfecting the tank.