



**AK15 & AK16:
Electric Tea Kettle**

Use and Care Manual

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The Upton Tea Imports Electric Tea Kettle



AK15

Fixed-Temperature Model



AK16

Variable-Temperature Model

The Upton Tea Imports Electric Tea Kettle is made from quality materials and electrical components. It is intended for household use only and, with proper care, it will last for many years. The fixed-temperature model (AK15) will bring water to a boil in a few minutes and shut off upon reaching the boiling point. The variable-temperature model (AK16) allows the shut-off temperature to be set below the boiling point, if desired. Both models have an internal safety shut-off switch which shuts the kettle off if it should boil dry or be turned on accidentally when dry.

Caution: Should the safety shut-off be triggered by allowing the kettle to boil dry, unplug the base and allow the kettle to cool for several minutes before handling. Cool water should then be added to the kettle through the spout to cool the kettle completely before the next use.

Additional Safety Precautions

- Do not fill the kettle above the 36-oz MAX indicator, located inside the kettle.
- When pouring, avoid contact with any escaping steam.
- Do not use your electric kettle to heat liquids other than water.
- Do not place your kettle on a stove, open flame or heat source other than the included base.
- Do not immerse the kettle or its base in water.
- Do not attempt to open or otherwise disassemble the kettle or its base.
- Do not leave your kettle unattended / Keep out of the reach of children.

Warranty

Note: For household use only. Warranty not applicable for commercial use.

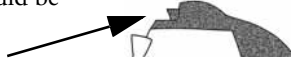
Your Upton Tea Imports Electric Kettle comes with a 1-year warranty. If your kettle should fail within one year of the original purchase date, contact our Customer Service department for replacement, repair or return information.

Upton Tea Imports' Customer Service department is available by telephone at (800) 234-8327, Mon.-Fri., 9-5 Eastern Time.

Alternately, they can be contacted via e-mail at cservice@uptontea.com.

Please note that the warranty is void if the kettle or the electric base are immersed in water or placed atop a stove, open flame, or other heat source.

Using Your Electric Kettle

- Remove the kettle from its electric base, which should be plugged into a grounded AC outlet.
- Open the lid by pressing the lid release and lifting. 
- Fill the kettle with water, up to the internal 36-oz MAX metal marker.
- Close the lid tightly & return the kettle to its base.
- For model AK16: Rotate the dial to adjust temperature: Turn the dial clockwise for warmer water, counter-clockwise for cooler water. Refer to the table below for approximate temperature based upon dial position (36 ounces of water*):



~160° to ~180°	~190°	~212°
White Tea and Green Tea	Oolong Tea	Black Tea

- Depress the switch at the base of the kettle, beneath the handle.
- The kettle will automatically shut off upon reaching the set temperature.
- Remove the kettle from the base and pour water through the spout.

*Both models can be used to heat as little as 12 ounces of water. However, small amounts of water will come to a full boil at lower dial settings (AK16). The most consistent results will be obtained when the kettle is filled to the internal 36-oz MAX indicator. The Upton Tea Imports Tea Thermometer (AR21) can confirm the water temperature at any fill level and dial setting, and is recommended as an aid to ensure optimum results.

Cleaning Your Electric Kettle

IMPORTANT: Remove kettle from its electric base before cleaning. Allow kettle to fully cool before attempting to clean. Avoid letting water into the top of the steam-vent tube, located inside the kettle.

Inside: Rinse the inside of the kettle with cool, clean water. A mild soap can be used, so long as care is taken to thoroughly rinse the inside of the kettle. The use of harsh or abrasive cleaners may damage the finish of your kettle.

Over time, scale build-up may accumulate on the inside of the kettle. This can be removed by pouring a small amount of vinegar into the kettle and allowing it to soak overnight. A citric acid solution, or any commercially-available coffee pot cleaner will also work. After descaling, rinse the kettle thoroughly and discard the first kettle of boiled water to remove any residual descaling solution.

Outside: The outside of the kettle can be wiped clean with a soft, damp cloth.

Base: Should the base require cleaning, remember to unplug the base from the electrical outlet. Do not attempt to disassemble or submerge the base in water, but rather wipe it with a damp cloth. Allow to fully dry before plugging it back into the outlet.