

1. I'M HAVING PROBLEMS WITH MY LAMP'S PERFORMANCE, WHAT IS WRONG?

- Chimney keeps cracking — make sure to let your lamp warm up for 20 minutes before turning it up to full power
- Black spots on mantle — let your lamp warm up for 20 minutes; to remove: turn down the wick—the spots will slowly burn off
- Only part of the mantle is glowing — the flame spreader may be too high (bottom part lit) or too low (upper part lit)
- The wick is hard to light/flames spike — clean the top of the wick with a wick cleaner; don't turn lamp up too high too fast
- Lamp is not very bright — if lamp is used above 3,000', try using a high output chimney to increase the draft

2. WHAT TYPE OF FUEL SHOULD BE USED IN ALADDINS?

- Aladdin lamp oil or K-1 kerosene (clear only) are recommended for the best performance (kerosene has an odor and will smoke).
- KleanHeat can be used if Aladdin lamp oil or kerosene is not available (caution: KleanHeat may burn hotter than kerosene).
- Do NOT use: Ultra Pure or paraffin oil (because they are too thick to travel up large wicks) or colored/dyed oil, which can clog the wick.

3. WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO PURCHASE WITH MY ALADDIN LAMP?

- Lamps come complete with a mantle, wick, chimney, etc. as well as a detailed "Operating and Safety Instructions"; also suggested:
 - Lamp fuel (kerosene or Aladdin lamp oil) — essential for operating your lamp
 - Mantles — these are very fragile and are essential for use, so it's good to have a couple extra on hand; last 3 months on regular, everyday use
 - Wicks — need replaced about every 6 months on regular use, so it's good to have at least one extra
 - Chimney — chimneys will never wear out, but could break if dropped or crack if lamp is heated too quickly, so it's good to have an extra on-hand
 - Flame Spreader — most easily lost part when changing wick; absolutely critical for use, so it doesn't hurt to have a spare
- Other parts/accessories:
 - Mantle Saver Heatshield — good idea to keep bugs from falling down into the chimney and breaking the mantle, plus it dilutes heat to reduce clearance
 - Shade — lamps come without a shade (unless you purchase a kit that says it includes the lamp and shade); don't forget the shade ring or tripod
 - Wall or Hanging Bracket — offers versatility (for shelf lamps only) by allowing you to display somewhere other than just on the table or a shelf

4. HOW DO I KNOW WHAT REPLACEMENT PARTS I NEED FOR MY ALADDIN?

- The main thing needed to match parts is to locate the model # of your lamp (model # is found on the wick raiser knob).
- Some parts for older Aladdins are no longer made; check eBay or antique stores (or see the [Antique Aladdin Lamp Dealers](#) list).

5. DO I NEED ALL OF THE PARTS (MANTLE, CHIMNEY, FLAME SPREADER, ETC.) FOR MY LAMP TO WORK?

- Yes!! All parts are extremely important, and the lamp cannot function properly without all of the parts in working order.
- The mantle is the light emitting portion of the lamp. Without the flame spreader, the wick will not burn hot enough (with a blue flame) and the mantle will not glow. Without a chimney, the lamp will not draw oxygen and the lamp could overheat.

6. DO ALADDIN LAMPS PROVIDE MORE LIGHT THAN A FLAT WICK LAMP?

- Yes—Aladdins use a mantle which provides the light instead of the wick. The light produced is equivalent to 6 flat wick lamps combined.

7. IS THERE A LOT OF MAINTENANCE INVOLVED WITH ALADDIN LAMPS?

- There is a little more maintenance when compared to a flat wick lamp because there are several additional parts that require periodic cleaning in order to function properly (flame spreader, outer wick tube, gallery, mantle, etc.).
- The more practice you get, the quicker and easier the maintenance tasks will be.

8. CAN I SWITCH FROM USING A LOX-ON CHIMNEY TO A HEEL-LESS?

- Yes—you will need to replace the gallery and/or entire burner with a new heel-less version.

9. DO I HAVE TO USE AN ALADDIN CHIMNEY, OR CAN I USE ONE FROM ONE OF MY OTHER OIL LAMPS?

- You must use an Aladdin chimney! They are specifically designed for high heat — other chimneys could crack.
- Aladdin chimneys are also taller to create sufficient draft in order for the lamp to burn properly.

10. WHAT IS THE "HIGH OUTPUT" CHIMNEY AND WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THAT AND A REGULAR CHIMNEY?

- High Output chimneys are 3" taller than regular chimneys to increase the amount of draft which in turn, creates a brighter light.
- H.O. chimneys are required at elevations of 3,000' and above for proper burning; at sea level, they can increase brightness up to 20%.

11. WHAT HAS CHANGED WITH THE NEWEST MAXBRITE 500 VERSION?

- The burner has been tightened up and closes gaps to improve air leaks, which then creates brighter light and less spiking.
- New/changed parts: knob, burner basket, outer wick tube, flame spreader, wick raiser, chimney; stayed the same: gallery, wick, mantle.

12. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TABLE LAMP AND A SHELF LAMP?

- There is no different in the working parts-burner, mantle, etc.
- Table lamps have a foot or pedestal making them taller than shelf lamps; table lamps are often preferred for reading, as the light is higher off the table.
- Shelf lamps consist of the bowl or font only, making them shorter than table lamps; shelf lamps can be used in a wall or hanging bracket, while table lamps cannot.

13. WILL ANY SHADE WORK ON MY ALADDIN LAMP?

- Using a non-Aladdin shade is NOT recommended!
- Aladdin shades are specifically designed for high heat – other shades could crack (glass) or catch fire (parchment).

14. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY LAMP IS AN ALADDIN?

- All Aladdins have the name “Aladdin” and the model # printed on the wick raiser knob (models 1-4 don’t have the number).
- If there is no name on the knob, check on the fuel cap or flame spreader (inside the round wick) for wording.
 - Commonly mistaken for Aladdins: "Rayo", "B&H", "Rochester", "Miller" (hint: Rayos don't use a mantle).
- If it doesn't use a mantle, it is not an Aladdin; Aladdins commonly have taller, more slender chimneys than other types of lamps.

15. HOW DO I CONTACT THE ALADDIN KNIGHTS?

- Website for the National Association of Aladdin Lamp Collectors, Inc.: <http://www.aladdincollectors.org>
- Contact: President, J.W. "Bill" Courter, Phone: 270-488-2116, Email: brtknight@aol.com

16. HOW CAN I FIND OUT HOW MUCH MY LAMP MIGHT BE WORTH?

- The Aladdin Collector's Manual & Price Guide gives details about how to look for original parts and gives suggestions on pricing (SKU 882116); the book Aladdin: The Magic Name in Lamps (SKU 887923) book is also a good resource for identifying lamps

17. HOW DO YOU ADD FUEL TO A LAMP WITH NO FILLER HOLE IN THE FONT?

- In order to refill your font with fuel, you will need to carefully unscrew the burner from the font collar threads and use that opening to pour in your fuel.
- Tip: remove the chimney from the burner assembly to more easily unscrew the burner and not risk the chimney sliding loose and falling off.
- After re-fueling, re-assembly the burner back onto the font collar, making sure to screw it tightly.