

דרך קצרה

Brief summaries of cRc Kashrus Policies

NEW POTS

If one purchases pots or dishes from a store owned by a non-Jew, he may assume that those items are brand-new and were never used, such that they can be used without *kashering*. [They do require *tevillas keilim*.] If, however, one purchases these types of items from a private person (e.g., on eBay), they should assume it had previously been used, and therefore *kashering* is required. We will discuss two types of "new pots" where the halacha is somewhat more complicated: Farberware pots (below) and pre-seasoned cast iron pots (in volume 3).

In the 1980s, Rav Belsky spent time in a Farberware pot factory to see if there was basis to the persistent rumors that those pots were shined by smearing lard onto them. He found that lubricant used in the early stages do not pose a concern because the pots are subsequently *kashered* as part of their processing. A different lubricant is used during the buffing of the pots, and there is no *kashering* performed afterwards. Nonetheless, Rav Belsky said that the pots may be used because the

lubricant is inedible, no *b'lios* penetrate the pot, and even if they did the *b'lios* would be *battel* into the food.



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2. If one purchases pots from a store, may he assume that they were never used (and are therefore excused from *kashering*)?

Yes

3. If one purchases pots from an individual on eBay and that person claims that the pots were never used, may he accept this claim and therefore not kasher the pots?

No

4. Based on the information presented in the chapter, is one required to kasher new Farberware pots before using them?

No

מראה מקומות

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