

## Instructions of use and care of ZERO JAPAN products

### **White Persimmon Teapot (BBN-36)**

#### Attaching the stainless steel handle

Remove the plastic packaging material from the handle. Remove the lid from the teapot. Hold the handle and put one of the pins at the end of the handle in the hole in the part sticking up from the rim of the teapot. Push both sides of the handle inwards and fit the other pin on the handle in the other hole.

If the stainless steel handle does not stand up anymore, take it out of the holes again by pushing both sides of the handle inwards, and widen the handle by push both sides outwards. Put the handle back onto the teapot.

#### Making tea

When making tea, warm the teapot before use. Put the tea leaves in the strainer. Pour boiled, hot water on the leaves. Don't fill the teapot all the way to the rim, as the tea might spill over the rim when pouring tea. Brew the tea for the time required for that specific tea. Pour the tea into the cups. If the water level of the tea is below the strainer after pouring tea, the strainer can be left in the teapot. Otherwise it might be better to take it out of the teapot, to avoid over-brewing. Be careful not to burn your fingers. Put the strainer on a saucer or in a cup. You may want to use the tea in the strainer for a second brew.

#### Cleaning

Remove the strainer from the teapot, and empty it into the (green) bin. Tap the strainer gently against the inner side of the bin, so that the leaves will come loose and drop out. Wash the strainer with hot water. Use a brush to remove leaves if necessary.

Wash the teapot by rinsing it with hot water. If tea stains occur, use a soft detergent and wash with a sponge. Rinse with warm water. Washing the teapot is easier when you remove the stainless steel lid.

When washing the teapot, lid and strainer in a dishwasher, make sure they are not touching other items in the dishwasher. Take the lid and the

handle off, and take the strainer out of the pot before putting them into the dishwasher. Put all items that need to be cleaned in the dishwasher, and make sure the stainless steel items do not touch or scratch the body of the teapot.

### Lid and strainer

The lid is attached to the teapot with a clip. It can be taken off when you want to wash the teapot. When opening the lid, just open it, and don't push it backwards, as the hinge may be forced open and fall apart. When the clip has become loose, press it tighter again with a pair of pincers.

The strainer will keep its form when you avoid squeezing it. You can try to push it back in shape if it becomes dented. For cleaning please refer to the above section.