

Rantings of an Amateur Chef

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Product Review: Perfect Bacon Bowls

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Recently, I was able to cover the 2014 International Home and Housewares show in Chicago as a media representative from the blogging community. While there I was able to spend some time at a number of booths and see some really interesting products. This product was being displayed at the show.



Another box for me?



It is the Internet sensation, the Perfect Bacon Bowl!



If you've been living under a rock and not heard of these before, I'll help you out. These little bowls help you turn the food of the Gods (bacon) into little bowls that you can fill with other food items. The box came with two of them (but if you purchase online, they will send you two sets of two).



These little baking dishes have a center bulge that you wrap the bacon around, a well to collect the ample grease, two spouts to help pour the grease out and a handle to keep your fingers safe.



You start by spraying cooking spray onto a paper towel and wipe it all over the bowl. Do not forget this step. If you do the bacon will still cook great, but will be impossible to remove intact.



Take your first strip, cut it in half and lay it over the top (in a cross-hatch style).



Take the next strip and wrap around the bottom ring. The next strip is slightly offset but also goes around. It then goes in the microwave.



The instructions say to start looking at it after two and a half minutes and add 30 seconds at a time after that. Mine went four to four and a half minutes. The bacon was solid, hardened and cooked.



I also cooked them in the oven (on a cookie sheet) and they turned out great as well.



I filled the bowls with cooked hash browns and topped them with poached eggs (my moving them to the bowls left a lot to be desired).

My Take: These bowls work as advertised. They make unique bowls out of bacon and would be great for a fun and interesting snack, breakfast or lunch. The bowls are tasty and very easy to make. In my experience, each of us needed two as the main dish for our meal. For an individual, the microwave is the best option as you are done in minutes. It is recommended that you microwave only one at a time, so it can take a while to make a quantity. Cooking in the oven, provided you have a sufficient quantity of bowls may be your best choice. You can make them ahead, so if you want a quantity, you can make them over time and refrigerate or freeze them. The bowls are dishwasher safe. Find your bowls in many of your local stores or online [here](#).