Stovetop Surfaces: Hot Utensil with Food

Situation

A hot (120° F--49° C--or more) lid or utensil (such as a spoon, fork, or ladle) containing food is put on a stovetop surface. Consider:

- Temperature of stovetop;
- Volume of food on lid or fork/spoon;
- Timing--Was the stovetop used at 120° F or more within 24 hours? (If not and if it is clean, everything is *kosher b'di'avad.*)

Status of Utensil

• Utensil: Dry.

Stove: Clean. Utensil is *kosher*.

• Utensil: Dry or wet.

Stove: Dirty. Utensil is non-*kosher*.

• Utensil: Wet.

Stove (clean or dirty); had hot opposite-gender food on it within previous 24 hours. Utensil is not *kosher*.

• Utensil: Dry or wet.

Stove: Clean; no hot opposite-gender food on it within the previous 24 hours: Utensil is *kosher*.

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