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Imusa GAU-80504W

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MODEL: GAU-80504W

Instruction Manual

1. Introduction

The IMUSA USA Traditional Aluminum Colombian Natural Caldero is a versatile piece of cookware designed for various culinary tasks. Made from durable cast aluminum, it offers even heat distribution and a cooking surface that seasons over time for enhanced flavor. This 3.7-quart caldero is ideal for cooking rice, simmering soups, beans, sauces, stews, and can be used on stovetops or in the oven (without the lid).



Image 1: The IMUSA USA Traditional Aluminum Colombian Natural Caldero with its lid.

Key Features:

- **Cooking Capacity:** This caldero has a capacity of 3.7 quarts, making it suitable for various meals and cooking needs.
- **Durable and Reliable:** Made of cast aluminum for reliable durability, with a cooking surface that seasons over time for enhanced flavor.
- **Traditional and Convenient Design:** Provides even heat distribution and is oven safe without the lid. Features easy-grip handles and a tight-fitting aluminum lid with a cool-touch bakelite knob.
- **Culinary Adaptability:** Ideal for cooking rice, simmering soups, beans, sauces, stews, and a wide variety of other delicious dishes.
- **Versatile Essential:** Perfect for preparing a diverse array of traditional Hispanic recipes, making it an indispensable choice for everyday culinary endeavors.



Even heat distribution



Easy grip handles for convenient operation



Tight fitting lid to help keep moisture and flavor in

Image 2: Close-up view illustrating the caldero's features: even heat distribution, easy-grip handles, and a tight-fitting lid for moisture retention.

KEY FEATURES



Cast Aluminum
Aluminio Fundido



Compatible Gas, Electric & Glass Stovetop
Compatible con Estufas de Gas, Eléctricas y de Vidrio



Natural Surface
Superficie Natural



Oven Safe Without The Lid
Apto para el Horno sin la Tapa



Heat Resistant Up To 400°F
Resistente al Calor Hasta 400°F



FAMILY-SIZED COOKING

With a 3.7 Qt capacity, this pot is perfect for creating delicious family meals



CAST ALUMINUM BUILD

Provides even heat distribution for consistently delicious results, and is oven safe without the lid



NATURALLY SEASONED SURFACE

Seasons over time with use enhancing the flavor of your dishes



HOME AND OUTDOOR VERSATILITY

Ideal for daily Hispanic recipes, perfect for outdoor cooking and camping adventures

Image 3: A visual summary of the caldero's key features, emphasizing its cast aluminum build, natural cooking surface, oven safety (without lid), and heat resistance.

2. Setup and Initial Use

Before first use, and periodically thereafter, it is recommended to season your caldero to enhance its natural nonstick properties and flavor development.

Initial Cleaning:

1. Wash the caldero thoroughly with warm water and mild dish soap.
2. Rinse completely and dry immediately with a soft cloth to prevent water spots.

Seasoning Process:

1. After cleaning and drying, apply a thin layer of cooking oil (such as vegetable oil or shortening) to the entire interior surface of the caldero.
2. Place the caldero (without the lid) in a preheated oven at 300°F (150°C) for approximately 30 minutes.
3. Carefully remove the caldero from the oven and let it cool completely.
4. Wipe off any excess oil. Your caldero is now seasoned and ready for use. Repeat this process periodically to maintain seasoning.

Video 1: This video demonstrates the proper method for seasoning your IMUSA Cast Aluminum Caldero, ensuring optimal cooking performance and longevity.

3. Operating Instructions

The IMUSA Caldero is designed for versatile cooking, providing excellent heat distribution for a variety of dishes.

Stovetop Use:

- The caldero is compatible with gas, electric, and glass stovetops.
- Always use a burner size appropriate for the base of the caldero to ensure even heating and energy efficiency.

- The cast aluminum construction ensures rapid and even heat distribution, reducing hot spots and promoting consistent cooking.
- The tight-fitting lid helps to seal in moisture and flavor, crucial for dishes like rice and stews.



**PRACTICAL AND
VERSATILE**
OVEN SAFE WITHOUT THE LID

Image 4: A caldero containing a rice dish, illustrating its practical application and versatility for various recipes. It is oven safe without the lid.

Oven Use:

- The caldero is oven safe when used without its lid.
- This feature allows for browning meats on the stovetop and then transferring the caldero to the oven to finish cooking or keep warm.



**IDEAL FOR EVERYDAY
HOME USE**
SPECIALLY FOR COOKING HISPANIC
RECIPES

Image 5: The caldero is shown in use, highlighting its suitability for preparing a variety of dishes including rice, beans, soups, sauces, stews, and for baking.

Video 2: This video showcases the IMUSA USA Colombian Caldero, demonstrating its design and various uses in the kitchen.

4. Maintenance and Care

Proper care will extend the life of your IMUSA Caldero and maintain its cooking performance.

Cleaning:

- **Hand Wash Only:** The caldero is not dishwasher safe. Always hand wash with warm, soapy water.
- Avoid using abrasive cleaners or scouring pads, as these can damage the seasoned surface.
- Dry the caldero immediately after washing to prevent water spots and rust.

Seasoning Maintenance:

- The natural finish of the cast aluminum will season over time with regular use, developing a natural nonstick coating.
- If food begins to stick or the surface appears dull, re-season the caldero following the steps outlined in the

'Setup and Initial Use' section.

5. Troubleshooting

Common Issues and Solutions:

- **Lid Does Not Fit Evenly:** Ensure the pot's rim is not warped. If the lid has a noticeable gap, it may affect cooking performance. Contact customer support if the issue persists after inspection.
- **Food Sticking:** This is often due to insufficient seasoning or not using enough cooking oil/fat. Re-season the caldero and ensure you use appropriate amounts of oil when cooking.
- **Uneven Cooking:** While the caldero is designed for even heat distribution, ensure you are using a burner that matches the size of the pot's base. Overheating or using too small a burner can lead to uneven cooking.

6. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Imusa
Model Number	GAU-80504W
Material	Aluminum
Capacity	3.7 Quarts (3.7 Liters)
Color	Silver
Finish Type	Natural
Shape	Round
Lid Included	Yes (Aluminum with Bakelite Knob)
Oven Safe	Yes (without lid)
Dishwasher Safe	No (Hand Wash Only)
Item Weight	0.99 Pounds (15.8 ounces)
Product Dimensions	12"W x 4"H

L/D: 10"



H: 6"

W: 12"



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Image 6: A diagram illustrating the key dimensions of the caldero for reference.

7. Warranty and Support

For specific warranty information or customer support regarding your IMUSA USA Traditional Aluminum Colombian Natural Caldero, please refer to the product packaging or contact IMUSA USA directly through their official website or customer service channels. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.