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Model: EPC-1200PC

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and efficient operation of your Cuisinart EPC-1200PC 6-Quart Electric Pressure Cooker. Please read all instructions thoroughly before first use to ensure proper function and to prevent injury or damage.



Image: The Cuisinart EPC-1200PC Electric Pressure Cooker, shown with a cooked roast and asparagus on a platter next to it, highlighting its cooking capabilities.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and/or injury to persons, including the following:

- Read all instructions.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electric shock, do not immerse cord, plugs, or heating unit in water or other liquid.
- Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
- Unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts.

- Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, or after the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner.
- The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may cause injuries.
- Do not use outdoors.
- Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter, or touch hot surfaces.
- Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
- Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot oil or other hot liquids.
- Always attach plug to appliance first, then plug cord into the wall outlet. To disconnect, turn any control to "off", then remove plug from wall outlet.
- Do not use appliance for other than intended use.
- This appliance cooks under pressure. Improper use may result in scalding injury. Make certain unit is properly closed before operating.
- Never force open the pressure cooker. Make sure pressure is completely released before opening.
- Do not fill the unit over 2/3 full. When cooking foods that expand during cooking, such as rice or dried vegetables, do not fill the unit over 1/2 full.
- Always check the pressure release valve for clogging before use.

PARTS AND FEATURES

Familiarize yourself with the components of your Cuisinart Electric Pressure Cooker.

- **Main Unit:** Houses the heating element and control panel.
- **Lid:** Features a pressure release valve and safety lock.
- **Removable Nonstick Cooking Pot:** 6-quart capacity, dishwasher safe.
- **Trivet:** For steaming and keeping food elevated.
- **Control Panel:** Digital display and push-button controls for various functions.



Image: Front view of the Cuisinart EPC-1200PC Electric Pressure Cooker, showcasing the brushed stainless exterior, matte black accents, and the digital control panel.



Image: Close-up of the lid for the Cuisinart Electric Pressure Cooker, showing the handle and pressure release mechanism.



Image: The removable nonstick cooking pot, designed for easy cleaning and even heat distribution.



Image: The metal trivet accessory, used for steaming or elevating food within the cooking pot.

SETUP

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Retain packaging for storage or future shipping.
2. **Clean:** Before first use, wash the removable cooking pot and trivet in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry. Wipe the exterior of the main unit with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the main unit in water.
3. **Assemble:** Place the removable cooking pot inside the main unit. Ensure it is seated correctly.
4. **Lid Placement:** Place the lid onto the unit, aligning the arrow on the lid with the unlock symbol on the base. Rotate the lid clockwise until it locks into place, aligning the arrow on the lid with the lock symbol.
5. **Power Connection:** Plug the power cord into a standard electrical outlet. The digital display will illuminate.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Cuisinart EPC-1200PC offers multiple cooking functions. Always ensure the lid is properly locked for pressure cooking functions.

General Operation

1. Add ingredients to the cooking pot. Ensure liquid is added for pressure cooking.
2. Secure the lid as described in the Setup section.
3. Press the **Menu** button to cycle through available cooking functions (Pressure Cook, Browning, Simmer, Sauté, Keep Warm).
4. For Pressure Cook, select either **Low Pressure** or **High Pressure**.
5. Use the **Time** button to adjust the cooking duration.
6. Press **Start/Cancel** to begin the cooking cycle.

7. To cancel a program at any time, press **Start/Cancel**.

Pressure Cooking

Pressure cooking significantly reduces cooking times by up to 70%.

1. Add food and liquid to the cooking pot. Do not exceed the MAX fill line (2/3 full for most foods, 1/2 full for expanding foods like rice).
2. Close and lock the lid. Ensure the pressure release valve is in the sealed position.
3. Select **Pressure Cook** and choose **Low** or **High Pressure**.
4. Set the desired cooking time using the **Time** button.
5. Press **Start/Cancel**. The unit will preheat and build pressure. Once pressure is reached, the timer will begin counting down.
6. When cooking is complete, the unit will beep and automatically switch to the **Keep Warm** function.
7. **Releasing Pressure:**
 - **Natural Release:** Allow the pressure to dissipate naturally. This is recommended for foamy foods or large cuts of meat. The lid will unlock when pressure is fully released.
 - **Quick Release:** Carefully turn the pressure release valve to the "venting" position. Steam will rapidly escape. Keep hands and face clear of the steam. Once all pressure is released, the lid will unlock.
8. Once pressure is released, twist the lid counter-clockwise to unlock and lift it away from you to avoid steam.

Browning, Simmering, Sautéing

These functions operate without pressure and are ideal for preparing ingredients before pressure cooking or for general cooking.

1. Add ingredients to the cooking pot. The lid can be left off or loosely placed on top.
2. Select the desired function (**Browning**, **Simmer**, or **Sauté**) using the **Menu** button.
3. Adjust time if necessary.
4. Press **Start/Cancel** to begin.

Keep Warm

The unit automatically switches to Keep Warm after most cooking cycles. It can also be selected manually.

- To manually activate, press **Menu** until **Keep Warm** is selected.
- Press **Start/Cancel**.

MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and longevity of your pressure cooker.

1. **Always unplug** the unit from the electrical outlet and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
2. **Removable Cooking Pot and Trivet:** These are dishwasher safe. Alternatively, wash them in warm, soapy water, rinse, and dry thoroughly.
3. **Lid:** Wash the lid by hand in warm, soapy water. Pay attention to the gasket and pressure release valve area. Ensure no food particles are lodged in the valve. Rinse thoroughly and dry. The gasket should be inspected regularly for cracks or damage and replaced if necessary.
4. **Main Unit:** Wipe the exterior with a damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads. Never immerse the main unit in water or any other liquid.

5. **Storage:** Store the pressure cooker in a dry place. You may place the lid upside down on the cooking pot to prevent odors and allow air circulation.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Unit does not turn on.	Not plugged in; power outlet issue.	Ensure power cord is securely plugged into a working outlet.
Pressure not building.	Lid not properly sealed; pressure release valve open; insufficient liquid.	Ensure lid is locked correctly. Check pressure release valve is in "sealed" position. Add minimum required liquid (usually 1 cup).
Lid cannot be opened after cooking.	Pressure still inside the cooker.	Do not force open. Allow pressure to release naturally or use quick release method. The lid will unlock only when pressure is fully dissipated.
Food is undercooked.	Insufficient cooking time; too much food.	Increase cooking time. Ensure food quantity is within recommended limits.
Steam leaking from lid.	Lid gasket not seated correctly or damaged; food debris on rim.	Check and reseal the lid gasket. Clean the rim of the cooking pot and lid. Replace gasket if damaged.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model:** EPC-1200PC
- **Capacity:** 6 Quarts
- **Power:** 1000 Watts
- **Dimensions:** 14.6 x 14.6 x 12 inches (L x W x H)
- **Weight:** 12 Pounds
- **Control Method:** Touch (Push-button)
- **Special Features:** Dishwasher Safe (pot and trivet), Keep Warm Setting, Digital Display, Precision Thermostat
- **UPC:** 086279019776

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This Cuisinart EPC-1200PC Electric Pressure Cooker comes with a **3-YEAR MANUFACTURER WARRANTY** from the date of original purchase. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

For technical support, service, or warranty inquiries, please refer to the contact information provided with your product packaging or visit the official Cuisinart website.

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