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Model: GC8101-BLS

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides instructions for the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of your Sunbeam GC8101-BLS 1-Quart Gel Canister Ice Cream Maker. This appliance is designed to create up to one quart of homemade ice cream, frozen yogurt, or sorbet in approximately 30 minutes.

Please read all instructions carefully before using the appliance for the first time and retain this manual for future reference.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Read all instructions before operating the appliance.
- Do not immerse the motor base in water or other liquids.
- Always unplug the appliance from the outlet before cleaning or when not in use.
- Avoid contact with moving parts.
- Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, or after the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner.
- Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
- Do not use outdoors.
- Do not use attachments not recommended by the manufacturer.
- Ensure the voltage indicated on the appliance corresponds to your local mains voltage before connecting.

PRODUCT COMPONENTS



An image of the Sunbeam GC8101-BLS 1-Quart Gel Canister Ice Cream Maker, showing its blue base and clear lid with the Sunbeam logo.

Your Sunbeam GC8101-BLS Ice Cream Maker consists of the following main parts:

- **Motor Base:** Contains the motor that rotates the paddle.
- **Lid:** Clear lid with an opening for adding ingredients.
- **Mixing Paddle:** Stirring component for the ice cream mixture.
- **Freezer Bowl (Gel Canister):** Double-insulated bowl containing a freezing gel. This bowl must be pre-frozen.

SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Prepare the Freezer Bowl:** Before first use, wash the freezer bowl, lid, and mixing paddle in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry. Place the clean freezer bowl in the freezer for at least 8 to 12 hours, or until completely frozen. For optimal results, ensure there is no sloshing sound when shaking the bowl, indicating the gel is fully solid. It is recommended to store the freezer bowl in a plastic bag to prevent freezer burn.
2. **Prepare Ingredients:** Prepare your ice cream, frozen yogurt, or sorbet mixture according to your recipe. Ensure the mixture is chilled before adding it to the machine.
3. **Assemble the Unit:** Place the frozen freezer bowl onto a stable, flat surface. Insert the mixing paddle into the center of the freezer bowl. Place the motor base onto the lid, ensuring it is securely seated.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Start the Machine:** Plug the appliance into a standard electrical outlet. Turn the machine ON. The mixing paddle should begin to rotate.
2. **Add Ingredients:** Slowly pour your chilled ice cream mixture through the opening in the lid while the machine is running. Do not overfill; the mixture will expand as it freezes.
3. **Churning Process:** Allow the machine to churn for approximately 20-30 minutes, or until the desired consistency is reached. The churning time may vary depending on the recipe and the initial temperature of your ingredients.

- Add Mix-ins:** During the last 5 minutes of churning, you can add solid ingredients like chocolate chips, chopped fruit, or nuts through the lid opening without stopping the operation.
- Finish Churning:** Once the ice cream reaches a soft-serve consistency, turn the machine OFF and unplug it.
- Serve or Store:** Serve immediately for a soft-serve texture. For a firmer consistency, transfer the ice cream to an airtight container and place it in the freezer for 2-4 hours.

MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Proper cleaning ensures the longevity and hygiene of your ice cream maker.

- Unplug:** Always unplug the appliance before cleaning.
- Disassemble:** Remove the motor base, lid, and mixing paddle from the freezer bowl.
- Clean Parts:** Wash the freezer bowl, lid, and mixing paddle by hand in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely. Do not wash these parts in a dishwasher.
- Clean Motor Base:** Wipe the motor base with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the motor base in water or any other liquid.
- Storage:** Ensure all parts are completely dry before reassembling or storing. Store the freezer bowl in the freezer for future use.

Product Care Instructions: Hand Wash (as per specifications).

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Ice cream does not freeze or is too soft.	Freezer bowl was not sufficiently frozen. Ingredients were not chilled. Too much mixture in the bowl.	Ensure freezer bowl is frozen solid (12-24 hours). Chill ingredients thoroughly before adding. Do not exceed the maximum fill line.
Machine does not turn on.	Appliance not plugged in. Power outlet malfunction.	Check if the power cord is securely plugged into a working outlet. Test the outlet with another appliance.
Mixing paddle stops during operation.	Mixture is too thick or frozen solid. Overload.	Turn off the machine, unplug it, and remove some of the mixture if it's too thick. Ensure the mixture is not already frozen.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail

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Brand	Sunbeam
Model Number	GC8101-BLS
Capacity	1 Quart
Color	Blue
Material	Gel (Freezer Bowl)
Operation Mode	Automatic
Product Dimensions	13.5 x 8.6 x 9 inches
Item Weight	8 Pounds
Product Care Instructions	Hand Wash
UPC	027045729710

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Specific warranty details for the Sunbeam GC8101-BLS Ice Cream Maker are not provided within this manual. For information regarding warranty coverage, product support, or service, please refer to the original product packaging, purchase documentation, or visit the official [Sunbeam website](#) or contact their customer service directly.

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