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Model: RZ-VS2M

1. Introduction

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and efficient use of your Hitachi RZ-VS2M Portable IH Rice Cooker. This IH (Induction Heating) rice cooker is designed for preparing small quantities of rice, specifically 0.36 liters, ensuring delicious results even for single servings. Please read this manual thoroughly before first use and retain it for future reference.

Important Note: This product is a Japan import model. It operates on AC100V. Use outside of Japan requires a suitable voltage converter to prevent damage to the appliance and ensure safe operation.

2. Safety Information

Always follow basic safety precautions when using electrical appliances to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and injury.

- **Voltage Compatibility:** This appliance is designed for AC100V. Do not connect it directly to power outlets with higher voltage (e.g., 120V, 220V, 240V) without a proper step-down voltage converter. Failure to do so will damage the unit and void the warranty.
- **Power Cord:** Do not damage, modify, or place heavy objects on the power cord. Do not use if the cord or plug is damaged.
- **Water and Moisture:** Do not immerse the main unit in water or other liquids. Do not operate with wet hands.
- **Children:** Keep the appliance out of reach of children. Close supervision is necessary when used near children.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure adequate ventilation around the rice cooker during operation. Do not block steam vents.
- **Hot Surfaces:** The inner pot and heating plate become very hot during and after cooking. Use caution and oven mitts if necessary.
- **Intended Use:** Use this appliance only for its intended purpose of cooking rice.

3. Product Overview

Familiarize yourself with the components of your Hitachi RZ-VS2M rice cooker.



Figure 3.1: Top view of the rice cooker, showing the main lid and control panel area.



Figure 3.2: Open lid revealing the removable inner lid for easy cleaning.



Figure 3.3: Main unit interior and the removable inner pot.



Figure 3.4: All included components: main unit, inner pot, measuring cup, and power cord.

Components:

- **Main Unit:** Houses the IH heating element and control panel.
- **Inner Pot:** Cast iron pot for cooking rice. It is portable.
- **Inner Lid:** Removable for cleaning.
- **Measuring Cup:** For accurate rice measurement.
- **Power Cord:** Connects the unit to the power supply.

4. Setup

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging.
2. **Clean:** Wash the inner pot, inner lid, and measuring cup with mild detergent and warm water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely before first use. Wipe the exterior of the main unit with a damp cloth.
3. **Placement:** Place the rice cooker on a stable, flat, heat-resistant surface, away from direct sunlight and heat sources. Ensure there is adequate space around the unit for ventilation.
4. **Power Connection:**
    - If using outside Japan, connect the rice cooker's power cord to a suitable step-down voltage converter (AC220V/240V to AC100V).
    - Then, plug the voltage converter into your wall outlet.
    - Ensure the power cord is securely connected to the rice cooker.

5. Operating Instructions

Follow these steps to cook rice using your Hitachi RZ-VS2M IH Rice Cooker.

Basic Rice Cooking:

1. **Measure Rice:** Use the provided measuring cup to measure the desired amount of rice. The maximum capacity is 0.36 liters (approximately 2 cups of uncooked rice).
2. **Wash Rice:** Rinse the rice thoroughly in a separate bowl until the water runs clear.
3. **Add to Inner Pot:** Place the washed rice into the inner pot.
4. **Add Water:** Add water according to the markings inside the inner pot, corresponding to the amount of rice. For best results, refer to the specific rice type and water ratios.
5. **Place Pot:** Insert the inner pot into the main unit, ensuring it sits correctly on the heating plate.
6. **Close Lid:** Close the outer lid securely until it clicks.
7. **Select Cooking Mode:** Use the control panel to select the desired cooking mode (e.g., " " for cooking). The display is in Japanese.
8. **Start Cooking:** Press the " " (Start) button to begin the cooking process. The rice cooker will automatically adjust cooking time based on the rice type and quantity.
9. **Keep Warm:** Once cooking is complete, the rice cooker will typically switch to a "Keep Warm" mode automatically.
10. **Serve:** Open the lid, stir the rice gently with a rice paddle, and serve. The inner pot is portable, allowing you to carry it directly to the table.

Note: The control panel and display are in Japanese. Refer to the included Japanese manual for detailed button functions if needed.

6. Maintenance and Cleaning

Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and longevity of your rice cooker. Always unplug the appliance and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.

- **Inner Pot:** The inner pot is made of cast iron and should be hand washed. Use a soft sponge and mild dish soap. Avoid abrasive cleaners or metal scrubbers that could damage the non-stick coating. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely.
- **Inner Lid:** Remove the inner lid and wash it by hand with mild detergent. Rinse and dry.
- **Main Unit Exterior:** Wipe the exterior of the main unit with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use harsh chemicals. Never immerse the main unit in water.
- **Heating Plate:** If food particles are on the heating plate, gently wipe them off with a damp cloth. Do not use sharp objects to scrape.
- **Steam Vent:** Ensure the steam vent is clear of any blockages.

7. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your rice cooker, refer to the following common problems and solutions.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution

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Rice not cooking properly (too hard/soft)	Incorrect water-to-rice ratio; rice not washed properly; inner pot not seated correctly.	Adjust water amount; rinse rice thoroughly; ensure inner pot is properly placed.
Rice cooker does not turn on	Power cord not connected; no power from outlet; voltage converter issue (if applicable).	Check power cord connection; test outlet with another appliance; verify voltage converter is working and correctly rated for AC100V output.
Steam leaking from lid	Lid not closed properly; inner lid not installed correctly; steam vent blocked.	Ensure lid is securely closed; re-install inner lid; clear steam vent.
Unusual odors or sounds	First use (normal); foreign object; internal malfunction.	If persistent or strong, unplug immediately and contact support.

If the problem persists after trying these solutions, please contact customer support.

8. Specifications

Brand	Hitachi
Model Name	RZ-VS2M
Capacity	0.36 Liters
Color	Black
Special Feature	Portable
Wattage	700 watts
Voltage	100 Volts
Material (Inner Pot)	Cast Iron
Product Care Instructions	Hand Wash
Item Weight	3150 Grams
Manufacturer	HITACHI

9. Warranty Information

Specific warranty details for this Japan import model are not provided in the product information. Please refer to the warranty card included with your product or contact the seller for information regarding warranty coverage and terms.



Figure 9.1: Example of included documentation, which may contain warranty information.

10. Customer Support

For further assistance, technical support, or inquiries regarding your Hitachi RZ-VS2M Portable IH Rice Cooker, please contact the retailer from whom you purchased the product. As this is a Japan import model, direct manufacturer support outside of Japan may be limited.

You may also visit the official Hitachi website for general product information, though specific support for import models might vary.

Online Resources:

- Hitachi Official Website: www.hitachi.com
- Retailer Support: Refer to your purchase documentation for retailer contact information.

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