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De'Longhi Extra Chef Plus Multi-Cooker FH1396/1 User Manual

Model: FH1396/1

Product Overview

The De'Longhi Extra Chef Plus FH1396/1 is a versatile multi-cooker designed to simplify your cooking experience. It combines the functions of an air fryer, oven, and grill, allowing you to prepare a wide variety of dishes with minimal oil. Its innovative Surround Heating System (SHS) ensures even cooking and crispy results.



Figure 1: Front view of the De'Longhi Extra Chef Plus Multi-Cooker.

Key Features

- **Digital Control Panel:** For precise adjustment of power level and cooking time.
- **Recipe Selection Knob:** Offers 7 pre-set programs for various dishes (potatoes, pizza, cake, soup, grill, frying, oven, air grill).
- **High Food Capacity:** Up to 1.7 kg of fresh peeled potatoes or 1.5 kg of frozen potatoes without added oil.
- **SHS (Surround Heating System) Technology:** Ensures exceptional and even cooking performance.
- **Fast Cooking:** Cook 1 kg of frozen potatoes in approximately 27 minutes.
- **Dual Heating Elements:** Upper tubular heating element for convection and grilling, lower tubular heating elements for improved speed and versatility.
- **Automatic Mixing Paddle:** Mixes food during cooking; removable for static cooking.

- **Non-Stick Ceramic Coated Bowl:** Durable and scratch-resistant.
- **Transparent Lid:** Allows for easy monitoring of the cooking process.
- **Cool Touch Walls:** Enhances safety during operation.
- **Easy to Clean:** Removable lid, mixing paddle, and bowl are dishwasher safe.
- **Power:** 2300 Watts.

Setup

Unpacking and Initial Inspection

1. Carefully remove the appliance and all accessories from the packaging.
2. Check for any signs of damage. If the appliance is damaged, do not use it and contact customer support.
3. Remove all packaging materials, stickers, and labels.
4. Retain the original packaging for future storage or transport.

Component Identification

Familiarize yourself with the main components of your multi-cooker:

- Main Unit with Digital Control Panel and Recipe Knob
- Removable Cooking Bowl (ceramic coated)
- Removable Mixing Paddle
- Transparent Lid
- Grill Rack (accessory)
- Second Flat Base Bowl (accessory)



Figure 2: Multi-cooker with its main accessories: the cooking bowl and grill rack.

Before First Use

1. Wash the cooking bowl, mixing paddle, and lid with warm soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely. These parts are also dishwasher safe.
2. Wipe the main unit with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the main unit in water.
3. Ensure the appliance is placed on a stable, heat-resistant surface, away from walls and other appliances, to allow for proper ventilation.
4. Plug the power cord into a grounded electrical outlet.

Operating Instructions

Control Panel Overview



Figure 3: Close-up of the recipe selection knob with various program icons.



Figure 4: The digital display showing time and power settings.

The multi-cooker features a digital display and a central knob for program selection and adjustments. The '+' and '-' buttons allow for fine-tuning of time and power settings.

Cooking Modes and Programs

The De'Longhi Extra Chef Plus offers a variety of pre-set programs and manual settings:

- **Pre-set Programs (via Recipe Knob):** Potatoes, Pizza, Cake, Soup, New Grill Function, Frying Function, Oven Function, Air Grill Function.
- **Manual Settings:** Adjust power levels (4 available) and cooking time using the digital controls.

General Cooking Steps

1. **Prepare Ingredients:** Cut and season your ingredients as per your recipe.
2. **Place Ingredients:** Open the lid and place the ingredients into the cooking bowl. Ensure the mixing paddle is in place if automatic stirring is desired, or remove it for static cooking (e.g., for delicate items like cakes or fish).



Figure 5: Placing prepared ingredients into the removable cooking bowl.

3. **Select Program/Settings:** Turn the recipe selection knob to choose a pre-set program, or use the digital controls to set your desired power level and cooking time manually.
4. **Start Cooking:** Press the start button. The appliance will begin heating and, if applicable, the mixing paddle will rotate.
5. **Monitor Progress:** The transparent lid allows you to monitor the cooking process without opening the appliance.
6. **Finish Cooking:** The appliance will automatically shut off when the set time expires. Carefully open the lid, avoiding steam.
7. **Serve:** Use heat-resistant utensils to remove the cooked food.

Tips for Best Results

- For crispy results, ensure food is not overcrowded in the bowl. Cook in batches if necessary.
- Use minimal oil, especially for frozen foods, to achieve healthier results.
- Refer to the included recipe book for specific cooking times and ingredient quantities.



Figure 6: Examples of various dishes that can be prepared using the multi-cooker, including pizza, fries, cake, and fish.

Maintenance and Cleaning

Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and extends the life of your De'Longhi Multi-Cooker.

Daily Cleaning

1. **Unplug and Cool:** Always unplug the appliance from the power outlet and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
2. **Remove Components:** Detach the lid, mixing paddle, and cooking bowl.
3. **Wash Removable Parts:** These parts are dishwasher safe. Alternatively, wash them by hand with warm soapy water and a non-abrasive sponge. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely.
4. **Clean Main Unit:** Wipe the exterior of the main unit with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or immerse the main unit in water.

Storage

Ensure the appliance is clean and dry before storing. Store it in a cool, dry place, preferably in its original packaging.

Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your multi-cooker, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Appliance does not turn on.	Not plugged in; power outlet malfunction; appliance not assembled correctly.	Ensure power cord is securely plugged in. Test the outlet with another appliance. Check that the bowl and lid are correctly placed.
Food is not cooking evenly.	Overcrowding of food; mixing paddle not used (if needed); incorrect temperature/time setting.	Reduce food quantity per batch. Ensure mixing paddle is installed for dishes requiring stirring. Adjust cooking time or power level.
Mixing paddle is not rotating.	Paddle not installed correctly; food obstruction.	Ensure the mixing paddle is securely clicked into place. Check for large food pieces obstructing its movement.
Smoke or unusual odor during operation.	Food residue on heating elements; new appliance odor.	Unplug immediately. Allow to cool and clean thoroughly. A slight odor is normal during first few uses. If persistent or excessive, contact support.

Specifications

Feature	Specification
Brand	De'Longhi
Model Number	FH1396/1
Color	Grey and White
Product Dimensions (W x D x H)	39.5 x 32.5 x 29 cm
Item Weight	6.33 kg
Capacity (Fresh Potatoes)	1.7 kg
Capacity (Frozen Potatoes)	1.5 kg
Power / Wattage	2300 W
Power Levels	4
Control Type	Digital
Automatic Shut-off	Yes

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Dishwasher Safe Parts	Yes (Lid, Paddle, Bowl)
Recommended Uses	Grilling, Roasting, Steaming, Reheating, Baking



Figure 7: Product dimensions for the De'Longhi Multi-Cooker.

Warranty and Support

This De'Longhi appliance comes with a standard manufacturer's warranty. For specific warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official De'Longhi website. For technical support, spare parts, or service inquiries, please contact De'Longhi customer service. Contact information can typically be found on the manufacturer's website or in the product packaging.
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