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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the user manual for your Cuisinart Pro Custom 11 Food Processor. This appliance is designed to simplify your food preparation tasks with its powerful 625-watt motor and versatile accessories. Please read these instructions carefully before using your food processor to ensure safe and efficient operation.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

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

- Read all instructions before operating the appliance.
- To protect against risk of electrical shock, do not place the motor base in water or other liquids.
- Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
- Unplug from outlet when not in use, before putting on or taking off parts, and before cleaning.
- Avoid contact with moving parts.
- Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, or after the appliance malfunctions or has been dropped or damaged in any manner.
- The use of attachments not recommended or sold by Cuisinart may cause fire, electric shock, or injury.
- Do not use outdoors.
- Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter, or touch hot surfaces.
- Keep hands and utensils away from moving blades or discs while processing food to prevent the possibility of severe personal injury and/or damage to the food processor.
- Always use food pusher provided when feeding food into the feed tube.
- Blades are sharp. Handle carefully.
- Ensure the lid is securely locked in place before operating the appliance.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Cuisinart Pro Custom 11 Food Processor is designed for efficiency and versatility in your kitchen.



Front view of the Cuisinart Pro Custom 11 Food Processor in white, showing the motor base, 11-cup work bowl, and feed tube with pusher.

Key Components:

- **Motor Base:** Houses the powerful 625-watt motor.
- **11-Cup Work Bowl:** Large capacity for various food preparation tasks.
- **Work Bowl Cover:** Features an extra-large feed tube.
- **Large and Small Pushers:** For guiding food through the feed tube.
- **Chopping/Mixing Blade:** For chopping, mincing, mixing, and pureeing.
- **Stainless Steel Shredding Disc (2mm):** For fine shredding.
- **Medium Slicing Disc (4mm):** For consistent slicing.

- **Detachable Disc Stem:** For mounting the slicing and shredding discs.
- **Spatula:** For scraping and cleaning.

SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

Before first use, wash all parts except the motor base in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry.

1. **Place the Motor Base:** Position the motor base on a clean, dry, and stable surface.
2. **Attach the Work Bowl:** Align the work bowl with the motor base, ensuring the handle is slightly to the right of the center front. Rotate the bowl clockwise until it clicks securely into place. The bowl must be properly seated for the unit to operate.
3. **Insert the Blade/Disc:**
 - For the **Chopping/Mixing Blade:** Carefully place the blade onto the motor shaft inside the work bowl. Ensure it sits firmly at the bottom.
 - For **Slicing/Shredding Discs:** First, place the detachable disc stem onto the motor shaft. Then, carefully place the desired slicing or shredding disc onto the disc stem.
4. **Secure the Cover:** Place the work bowl cover onto the work bowl, aligning the feed tube with the work bowl handle. Rotate the cover clockwise until it locks securely into place. The safety interlock system requires both the bowl and cover to be correctly assembled for the processor to turn on.
5. **Insert Pushers:** Place the small pusher inside the large pusher, and then insert them into the feed tube.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once assembled, your food processor is ready for use.

1. **Prepare Ingredients:** Cut food into pieces that will fit comfortably into the feed tube.
2. **Add Ingredients:**
 - For **Chopping/Mixing:** Add ingredients directly into the work bowl.
 - For **Slicing/Shredding:** Place ingredients into the feed tube.
3. **Select Function:**
 - **ON:** Press the "ON" button for continuous operation.
 - **PULSE:** Press and hold the "PULSE" button for short bursts of power. Release to stop. This is ideal for precise control over chopping or mixing.
4. **Process Food:**
 - When using the feed tube, use the food pusher to guide ingredients down. **Never use your fingers or other utensils.**
 - Do not overfill the work bowl.
5. **Turn Off:** Press the "OFF" button to stop the processor.
6. **Unplug:** Always unplug the unit from the electrical outlet after use and before disassembling or cleaning.

MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Proper cleaning and maintenance will ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your food processor.

1. **Unplug:** Always ensure the unit is unplugged before cleaning.
2. **Disassemble:** Carefully remove the work bowl cover, then the blade or disc, and finally the work bowl from

the motor base.

- Cleaning Parts:** All removable parts (work bowl, cover, pushers, blades, discs, disc stem) are dishwasher safe. For best results, place them on the top rack. Alternatively, wash by hand in warm, soapy water. **Handle blades and discs with extreme care as they are very sharp.**
- Cleaning Motor Base:** Wipe the motor base with a damp cloth. Never immerse the motor base in water or other liquids.
- Safety Mechanism:** Periodically check the safety mechanism on the lid and the metal spine on the food pusher for any food particles. Clean thoroughly to ensure proper engagement and prevent operational issues.
- Drying and Storage:** Ensure all parts are completely dry before reassembling or storing. Store the food processor in a dry place.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Cuisinart Pro Custom 11 Food Processor, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Unit does not turn on.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Not plugged in.Work bowl or cover not properly locked.Safety interlock not engaged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ensure the power cord is securely plugged into a working outlet.Verify the work bowl is rotated clockwise until it clicks.Ensure the cover is rotated clockwise until it clicks and the feed tube is aligned with the handle.
Food is not processing evenly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Overfilling the work bowl.Ingredients are too large or too small.Incorrect processing technique (e.g., not using pulse for chopping).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Process smaller batches.Cut ingredients into uniform sizes.Use the pulse function for better control, especially for chopping.
Lid is difficult to lock/unlock.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Misalignment.Food particles obstructing the safety mechanism.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ensure the work bowl is correctly seated before attempting to lock the lid.Clean the safety mechanism on the lid and the metal spine on the food pusher to remove any obstructions.

SPECIFICATIONS

- Brand:** Cuisinart
- Model Name:** 11-Cup Pro Custom 11 Food Processor
- Model Number:** DLC-8SY
- Power:** 625-watt motor
- Bowl Capacity:** 11 Cups
- Product Dimensions:** 7"D x 11.25"W x 14.5"H
- Color:** White

- **Blade Material:** Stainless Steel
- **Product Care:** Dishwasher Safe (removable parts)
- **Item Weight:** 16.2 pounds
- **UPC:** 086279099686

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Your Cuisinart Pro Custom 11 Food Processor comes with a comprehensive warranty:

- **Full 5-Year Warranty on Motor**
- **Limited 3-Year Warranty** on the entire appliance.

For detailed warranty policies, troubleshooting steps, or to contact customer support, please refer to the official Cuisinart website or the instruction/recipe book included with your product.

Visit Cuisinart's Official Website

PRODUCT VIDEOS (NOT AVAILABLE)

No official product video URLs were provided in the product data. Therefore, no videos can be embedded in this manual.