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INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Product Overview

The Cuisinart Elemental 13-Cup Food Processor is designed to simplify food preparation tasks, offering versatility for both large and small quantities of ingredients. It features a powerful 550-watt motor and includes a 13-cup work bowl for larger tasks, along with a bonus 4.5-cup bowl for smaller amounts. The unit comes equipped with a variety of stainless steel blades and discs, including a dicing disc, for precise and efficient processing.

Key features include:

- Powerful 550-watt motor for efficient processing.
- Exclusive patent-pending SealTight Advantage System for secure bowl and blade locking.
- Supreme wide-mouth feed tube with small, medium, and large pushers.
- Convenient electronic touchpad controls: High, Low, Off, and Pulse with illuminating blue LED lights.
- Includes a dicing disc with 10mm grid and cleaning tool.
- Stainless steel chopping/mixing blade, including a dough blade.
- Stainless steel reversible shredding disc (fine/medium).
- Stainless steel adjustable slicing disc.

Important Safety Information

WARNING: Blades and discs are extremely sharp. Always handle with extreme care to prevent injury. Keep fingers and utensils away from moving blades during operation.

- Read all instructions before using the appliance.
- Do not immerse the motor base in water or other liquids.
- Ensure the appliance is unplugged from the 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.

- Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.

Components and Accessories

The Cuisinart Elemental Food Processor comes with the following components:

- Unit base with 550-watt motor
- 13-cup large work bowl
- 4.5-cup small work bowl
- Work bowl cover with feed tube
- Small, medium, and large pushers
- Stainless steel chopping/mixing blade (S-blade)
- Dough blade
- Reversible shredding disc (fine/medium)
- Adjustable slicing disc
- Dicing disc with 10mm grid
- Dicing disc cleaning tool
- Accessory storage case



Image: The Cuisinart Elemental Food Processor displayed with its various components and accessories, including the large and small work bowls, multiple blades, and discs.

Setup and Assembly

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Wash all removable parts (work bowls, blades, discs, pushers) in warm, soapy water or in the dishwasher before first use. Rinse thoroughly and dry.
2. **Base Placement:** Place the motor base on a clean, dry, and stable surface.
3. **Work Bowl Assembly:** Choose either the 13-cup large bowl or the 4.5-cup small bowl. Place the desired work bowl onto the motor base, aligning the handle with the front of the base. Turn the bowl clockwise until it clicks securely into place.

4. **Blade/Disc Insertion:** Select the appropriate blade or disc for your task. Carefully place the blade or disc onto the motor shaft inside the work bowl. Ensure it sits firmly on the shaft.
5. **Cover Placement:** Place the work bowl cover onto the work bowl, aligning the tab on the cover with the slot on the work bowl handle. Turn the cover clockwise until it locks securely into place. The SealTight Advantage System ensures a tight seal. The processor will not operate unless the bowl and cover are correctly locked.
6. **Feed Tube:** Insert the appropriate pusher (small, medium, or large) into the feed tube opening on the cover.





Image: A front view of the Cuisinart Elemental Food Processor, showcasing its silver base, clear work bowls, and control panel.

Operating Instructions

Once assembled, plug the food processor into a standard electrical outlet. Use the electronic touchpad controls to operate the unit.

Control Panel Functions:

- **HIGH:** For continuous high-speed operation.
- **LOW:** For continuous low-speed operation.
- **OFF:** To turn the unit off.
- **PULSE:** For short bursts of power. Hold down for continuous pulsing, release to stop. This is ideal for chopping and dicing to achieve desired consistency.

Using the Blades and Discs:

- **Chopping/Mixing Blade (S-blade) and Dough Blade:** Insert the desired blade onto the motor shaft. Add ingredients to the work bowl. Secure the cover. Use PULSE for chopping or continuous HIGH/LOW for mixing and pureeing. The dough blade is specifically designed for kneading dough.
- **Dicing Disc:** Place the dicing disc onto the motor shaft. Ensure the cleaning tool is accessible. Feed ingredients through the wide-mouth feed tube using the pushers. The 10mm grid will produce uniform diced pieces. For best results, pre-cut larger ingredients to fit the feed tube.
- **Reversible Shredding Disc:** Place the disc with the desired shredding side (fine or medium) facing up onto the motor shaft. Feed ingredients through the feed tube.
- **Adjustable Slicing Disc:** Place the disc onto the motor shaft. Adjust the slicing thickness using the lever on the disc. Feed ingredients through the feed tube for consistent slices.



Image: The Cuisinart Elemental Food Processor in action, demonstrating its dicing capability with various vegetables in the work bowl.

Maintenance and Cleaning

Proper cleaning and maintenance will ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Cuisinart Elemental Food Processor.

- **Before Cleaning:** Always unplug the unit from the electrical outlet before cleaning.
- **Dishwasher Safe Parts:** All removable parts (work bowls, covers, blades, discs, pushers) are dishwasher safe. Place them on the top rack for best results.
- **Hand Washing:** For hand washing, use warm, soapy water. Exercise extreme caution when handling the sharp blades and discs. Use a brush for hard-to-reach areas.
- **Dicing Disc Cleaning:** Use the provided dicing disc cleaning tool to remove any food particles lodged in the grid.
- **Motor Base:** Wipe the motor base clean with a damp cloth. Never immerse the motor base in water or other liquids.
- **Storage:** Store the blades and discs safely in the provided accessory storage case when not in use.

Troubleshooting

If you encounter any issues with your Cuisinart Elemental Food Processor, please refer to the following general guidelines:

- **Unit Not Turning On:** Ensure the unit is properly plugged into a working electrical outlet. Verify that the work bowl and cover are correctly assembled and locked into place. The safety interlock system prevents operation if not assembled correctly.
- **Motor Stalls or Overheats:** Avoid overfilling the work bowl. Process ingredients in smaller batches if necessary. Allow the motor to cool down if it feels hot or stops unexpectedly.
- **Inconsistent Processing:** Ensure blades/discs are properly seated on the motor shaft. For chopping, use the PULSE function to achieve desired consistency and avoid over-processing.
- **Loud Noise/Vibration:** Check that all components are securely assembled. Ensure the unit is on a stable, flat surface.

For more detailed troubleshooting steps or persistent issues, please contact Cuisinart Customer Service or refer to the full user manual provided with your product.

Specifications

Brand	Cuisinart
Model Name	Elemental Food Processor
Item Model Number	FP-13DSV
Color	Silver
Product Dimensions	11.25"D x 21.75"W x 17.5"H
Item Weight	19.3 pounds
Bowl Capacity	13 Cups (large), 4.5 Cups (small)
Power Source	Corded Electric
Number of Speeds	4 (High, Low, Off, Pulse)
Blade Material	Stainless Steel
Product Care Instructions	Dishwasher Safe (removable parts)
Recommended Uses	Chop, Shred, Slice, Dice, Puree, Mix, Knead

Warranty and Support

This Cuisinart Elemental Food Processor (Model FP-13DSV) is covered by a **LIMITED 3-YEAR WARRANTY**. For detailed information regarding warranty policies, terms, and conditions, please refer to the complete user manual included with your product or visit the official Cuisinart website. For customer support, service, or replacement parts, please contact Cuisinart Customer Service directly.

Note: Blades and discs are sharp; please handle with care. This product is BPA free.

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