

Panasonic SR-WA18H

Panasonic SR-WA18H Automatic Cooker Steamer User Manual

Model: SR-WA18H

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1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and efficient use of your Panasonic SR-WA18H Automatic Cooker Steamer. Please read it thoroughly before operating the appliance and retain it for future reference.

The Panasonic SR-WA18H is designed for automatic cooking and steaming, featuring a 1.8-liter capacity and a "Keep Warm" function for convenience.

2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING: To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury, observe the following:

- Always ensure the power cord is securely plugged into a grounded outlet.
- Do not immerse the main unit in water or other liquids.
- Keep the appliance out of reach of children.
- Do not operate the appliance if the cord or plug is damaged.
- Use only accessories recommended by the manufacturer.
- Exercise caution when handling hot surfaces and steam.
- Unplug the appliance when not in use and before cleaning.
- This appliance is designed for household use only.

The cooker is designed for safety with a micro switch and thermal fuse to prevent overheating and ensure safe operation.



Image: Safety features including Micro Switch and Thermal Fuse for enhanced protection.

3. PRODUCT COMPONENTS

Your Panasonic SR-WA18H Automatic Cooker Steamer includes the following parts:

- **Main Unit:** The primary housing containing the heating element and controls.
- **Anodized Aluminum Pan:** A high-quality inner pan for cooking rice and other foods.
- **Cooking Plate:** Used for steaming.
- **Polycarbonate Steaming Basket:** An extremely durable basket for steaming vegetables or other items.
- **Lid:** Aluminum lid to cover the cooking pan.
- **Measuring Cup:** For accurate measurement of rice and water.
- **Rice Scoop:** For serving cooked rice.



Image: High quality anodized inner pan.

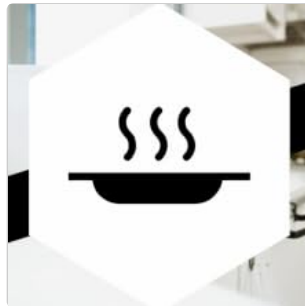


Image: Extremely durable polycarbonate material steaming basket.



Image: Cooking plate for steaming.

4. SETUP AND FIRST USE

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging.
2. **Clean:** Wash the inner pan, steaming basket, cooking plate, lid, measuring cup, and rice scoop with warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry. Wipe the exterior of the main unit with a damp cloth.
3. **Placement:** Place the cooker on a stable, flat, heat-resistant surface, away from walls or other appliances to allow for proper ventilation.

4. **Power Connection:** Ensure the power cord is not damaged before plugging it into a suitable 230V AC power outlet.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1. Cooking Rice

1. **Measure Rice:** Use the provided measuring cup to measure the desired amount of rice. Rinse the rice thoroughly until the water runs clear.
2. **Add Water:** Place the rinsed rice into the anodized aluminum pan. Add the appropriate amount of water. A general ratio is 1 cup of rice to 1.5-2 cups of water, but refer to rice packaging for specific instructions.
3. **Place Pan:** Insert the inner pan into the main unit, ensuring it sits correctly on the heating element.
4. **Cover:** Place the lid securely on the cooker.
5. **Start Cooking:** Plug in the power cord. The cooker will automatically switch to cooking mode. The indicator light will show "Cook".
6. **Automatic Keep Warm:** Once cooking is complete, the cooker will automatically switch to the "Keep Warm" mode. The "Warm" indicator light will illuminate.
7. **Serve:** Allow rice to rest for 10-15 minutes in "Keep Warm" mode before serving for best results. Use the rice scoop to serve.

5.2. Steaming Food

1. **Prepare Water:** Pour water into the inner pan. Ensure the water level is below the steaming basket when placed inside.
2. **Prepare Food:** Place food to be steamed (e.g., vegetables, dumplings) into the polycarbonate steaming basket.
3. **Assemble:** Place the steaming basket onto the inner pan.
4. **Cover and Cook:** Place the lid securely. Plug in the power cord. The cooker will begin heating.
5. **Monitor:** Steam until food reaches desired tenderness. Cooking times vary based on food type and quantity.
6. **Serve:** Carefully remove the lid (steam will be hot) and then the steaming basket.

5.3. Keep Warm Function

The Panasonic SR-WA18H automatically switches to "Keep Warm" mode after cooking is complete. This function can keep food warm for up to 5 hours. For optimal food quality, it is recommended not to keep food warm for excessively long periods.



Image: The cooker features a 5-hour "Keep Warm" function.

6. MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and extends the life of your appliance.

1. **Unplug:** Always unplug the cooker from the power outlet and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
2. **Inner Pan, Steaming Basket, Lid, Cooking Plate:** Wash these parts with warm, soapy water using a soft sponge or cloth. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely. Do not use abrasive cleaners or metal scrubbers, as they can damage the non-stick coating.
3. **Main Unit Exterior:** Wipe the exterior of the main unit with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the main unit in water.
4. **Heating Plate:** If food particles are stuck on the heating plate, gently wipe them off with a damp cloth. Do not use sharp objects to scrape.
5. **Storage:** Store the clean and dry cooker in a cool, dry place.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Cooker does not turn on.	Power cord not plugged in; power outage; faulty outlet.	Check power cord connection; check household circuit breaker; try a different outlet.
Rice is undercooked or hard.	Insufficient water; lid not properly sealed; power interruption.	Add correct amount of water; ensure lid is secure; avoid opening lid during cooking.
Rice is overcooked or mushy.	Too much water.	Reduce water amount for future cooking.
Food sticks to the bottom of the pan.	Not enough water; pan not clean; rice left on "Keep Warm" too long.	Ensure proper water ratio; clean pan thoroughly; avoid prolonged "Keep Warm" use.
Steam escaping from sides of lid.	Lid not properly seated; lid or pan deformed.	Adjust lid position; if parts are damaged, contact customer service.

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

8. PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

- Model:** SR-WA18H
- Brand:** Panasonic
- Capacity:** 1.8 Liters
- Power Source:** Corded Electric
- Voltage:** 230 Volts
- Material (Inner Pan):** Anodized Aluminum
- Material (Lid):** Aluminum
- Material (Steaming Basket):** Polycarbonate
- Special Features:** Automatic Cooking, 5 Hours Keep Warm Function, Micro Switch, Thermal Fuse
- Product Care:** Wipe with Damp Cloth
- Country of Origin:** India

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Panasonic SR-WA18H Automatic Cooker Steamer comes with a **1-year warranty** from the date of invoice by the manufacturer. Additionally, there is a **5-year warranty on the heater** component.



Image: 5-year warranty for the heater component.

For warranty claims, technical support, or service inquiries, please contact Panasonic customer service. Keep your purchase invoice handy for warranty validation. You can find contact information on the official Panasonic India website or through your local authorized service center.



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