

AROMA MTC-8016

Aroma Housewares Professional MTC-8016 Digital Pressure Cooker

User Manual

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1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the safe and efficient use of your Aroma Housewares Professional MTC-8016 Digital Pressure Cooker. Please read all instructions carefully before first use and retain this manual for future reference. This appliance is designed to cook a variety of meals quickly and conveniently using pressurized steam.

2. IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

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

- Read all instructions before using the appliance.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electrical shock, do not immerse the cord, plug, or the appliance body in water or other liquid.
- Close supervision is necessary when the appliance is used by or near children.
- Unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts.
- Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, or after the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner. Contact Aroma Housewares for examination, repair, or adjustment.
- The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may cause injuries.
- Do not use outdoors.
- Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter, or touch hot surfaces.
- Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
- Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot oil or other hot liquids.
- Do not use the appliance for other than intended use.
- This appliance cooks under pressure. Improper use may result in scalding injury. Make certain unit is properly closed before operating.
- Never fill the unit above the MAX fill line.
- Always check the pressure release valve for clogging before use.
- Do not open the pressure cooker until the unit has cooled and internal pressure has been released.

3. PARTS AND FEATURES

Familiarize yourself with the components of your digital pressure cooker:

- **Main Unit:** The primary housing containing the heating element and control panel.
- **Inner Pot:** A removable 6-quart capacity pot, typically non-stick, for cooking.
- **Lid:** The sealing lid with a pressure release valve and safety lock mechanism.
- **Pressure Release Valve:** Controls the release of steam and pressure.
- **Floating Valve:** Indicates when pressure has built up inside the cooker.
- **Condensation Collector:** Gathers excess moisture.
- **Measuring Cup:** For precise ingredient measurement.
- **Serving Spatula:** A bamboo spatula for serving cooked food.
- **Steam Rack:** A metal rack for steaming food.
- **Control Panel:** Digital display and buttons for selecting cooking functions and settings.



Image: The Aroma Housewares Professional MTC-8016 Digital Pressure Cooker, showcasing its main unit and lid.

4. SETUP AND FIRST USE

4.1 Unpacking

1. Remove all packaging materials, including any stickers or labels.
2. Inspect the cooker for any damage. Do not use if damaged.

4.2 Initial Cleaning

1. Wash the inner pot, lid, measuring cup, serving spatula, and steam rack in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely.
2. Wipe the exterior of the main unit with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the main unit in water.
3. Ensure the pressure release valve and floating valve are clear of any debris.

4.3 Assembly

1. Place the inner pot into the main unit.
2. Ensure the sealing gasket is properly seated inside the lid.
3. Attach the condensation collector to the back of the main unit.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Basic Operation

1. Add ingredients to the inner pot. Do not exceed the MAX fill line.
2. Place the lid on the cooker, aligning the arrow on the lid with the arrow on the main unit. Turn the lid clockwise until it locks into place.
3. Ensure the pressure release valve is set to the "Sealing" position.
4. Plug the power cord into a grounded electrical outlet. The display will show "OFF".
5. Select your desired cooking function using the control panel buttons. The MTC-8016 features 14 functions including Rice, Beans, Meat, Poultry, Stew, Fish, and Veggies.
6. Adjust cooking time and pressure settings (Low, Medium, High) if applicable for the selected function.
7. Press "Start" to begin cooking. The cooker will preheat, build pressure, and then begin the cooking cycle.
8. Once cooking is complete, the cooker will beep and switch to "Keep Warm" mode.

5.2 Releasing Pressure

There are two methods for releasing pressure:

- **Natural Release:** Allow the cooker to cool down naturally. The floating valve will drop on its own, indicating pressure has been released. This method is recommended for foamy foods or large cuts of meat.
- **Quick Release:** Carefully turn the pressure release valve to the "Venting" position. Steam will rapidly escape. Keep hands and face away from the steam. Once the floating valve drops, pressure has been released.

5.3 Delay Timer Function

The 15-hour delay timer allows you to program the cooker to start at a later time.

1. Add ingredients and secure the lid as described in Basic Operation.
2. Select your desired cooking function.
3. Press the "Delay Timer" button. Use the "+" and "-" buttons to adjust the delay time in hours.
4. Press "Start" to confirm. The cooker will begin the countdown and start cooking automatically after the set delay.

6. CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Proper cleaning ensures the longevity and safe operation of your pressure cooker.

6.1 After Each Use

1. Unplug the cooker and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
2. Remove the inner pot, lid, and condensation collector.
3. Wash the inner pot, lid (including the sealing gasket, pressure release valve, and floating valve), measuring cup, serving spatula, and steam rack in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely.
4. Wipe the exterior of the main unit with a damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads.
5. Ensure all parts are dry before reassembling or storing.

6.2 Important Notes

- The inner pot is not dishwasher safe.
- Regularly check the sealing gasket for cracks or damage. Replace if necessary.
- Ensure the pressure release valve and floating valve are free of food particles to prevent blockages.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

Refer to this guide for common issues and their solutions.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Cooker not building pressure.	Lid not properly sealed; pressure release valve in "Venting" position; sealing gasket damaged or improperly seated; insufficient liquid.	Ensure lid is locked; turn valve to "Sealing"; check/reseat/replace gasket; add more liquid.
Steam leaking from lid.	Sealing gasket dirty, damaged, or improperly seated; food debris on rim.	Clean/reseat/replace gasket; clean lid rim and inner pot rim.
Food not cooking properly.	Incorrect cooking time/pressure setting; insufficient liquid; cooker not building pressure.	Adjust settings; ensure adequate liquid; refer to "Cooker not building pressure" solution.
Display shows error code.	Specific error condition (e.g., overheating, sensor issue).	Unplug, wait 10 minutes, plug back in. If error persists, contact customer support.

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

8. PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model:** MTC-8016
- **Brand:** AROMA
- **Capacity:** 6 Quarts
- **Material:** Stainless steel, bamboo
- **Color:** Brown
- **Finish Type:** Titanium
- **Special Feature:** Programmable
- **Wattage:** 1000 watts
- **Control Method:** Touch
- **Operation Mode:** Automatic
- **Dishwasher Safe:** No (Inner pot)
- **Product Dimensions:** 12.25 x 13 x 12.88 inches
- **Item Weight:** 13.52 pounds
- **Manufacturer:** Aroma Housewares Professional
- **UPC:** 021241680165

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Aroma Housewares warrants this product against defects in material and workmanship for one year from the verifiable date of purchase in the United States. During this warranty period, Aroma Housewares will repair or replace, at its option, defective parts at no charge, provided the product is returned, freight prepaid with proof of purchase and a return authorization number issued by Aroma Housewares.

This warranty does not cover improper installation, misuse, abuse, neglect, accident, or normal wear and tear. It also excludes damage caused by unauthorized service or modification.

For warranty service, technical support, or general inquiries, please contact Aroma Housewares customer service. Contact information can typically be found on the manufacturer's official website or on the product packaging.

