Nostalgia PICM4BG

Nostalgia Electric Ice Cream Maker

Model: PICM4BG

Brand: Nostalgia

Product Overview

Gather the whole family and enjoy a fun-filled ice cream-making experience with Nostalgia's Electric Ice Cream Maker. This machine allows you to create ice cream, sorbet, and gelato with ease. Simply add your ingredients into the aluminum canister, place it in the middle of the bucket, layer with ice and salt, and let the electric motor do the rest. You can customize each recipe by adding various extras, such as strawberry preserves, cookie dough, candy, and cookie pieces. After churning, use the included lid and cap to store any leftover ice cream in the freezer.

Key Features:

- **Homemade Ice Cream:** Enjoy a fun ice cream experience with modern convenience. Make ice cream, frozen yogurt, or gelato, or choose your favorite flavor and make a unique and delicious creation.
- **Nostalgia Ice Cream Kits Compatible:** This ice cream machine pairs perfectly with all Nostalgia ice cream kits, including vanilla crème, chocolate, and strawberry ice cream mixes, or the premium starter kit.
- **Quick and Easy Operation:** Make homemade ice cream in approximately 20 minutes. The powerful electric motor handles all the churning, eliminating the need for intensive stirring or manual effort. The motor locks into place to keep all parts secure.
- **Convenient Handle:** The gelato maker features a carrying handle attached to the bucket, making it easy to transport to parties or other locations.



Image: The Nostalgia Electric Ice Cream Maker in blue, shown with several servings of homemade ice cream in bowls and cones.

Setup Guide

Before first use, ensure all components are clean. Refer to the 'Care and Maintenance' section for detailed cleaning instructions.

1. **Unpack Components:** Carefully unpack all parts: the motor unit, lid, dasher (churning paddle), aluminum canister, and the outer ice cream bucket.
2. **Position the Bucket:** Place the ice cream bucket on a stable, flat, and level surface.
3. **Insert Canister:** Place the aluminum canister into the center of the ice cream bucket.
4. **Add Mixture:** Pour your pre-chilled ice cream mixture into the aluminum canister. Do not fill the canister completely; leave at least 1.5 inches (approximately 4 cm) of space from the top to allow for expansion during churning.
5. **Place Dasher:** Insert the dasher into the canister, ensuring it is properly seated at the bottom.
6. **Attach Motor and Lid:** Secure the motor unit onto the lid, then place the entire lid assembly onto the bucket. Ensure the motor unit and lid are securely locked into place on the bucket.
7. **Add Ice and Salt:** Layer crushed ice and rock salt around the aluminum canister within the bucket. Ensure the ice and salt mixture completely surrounds the canister for optimal freezing. You may need to add layers of ice and salt alternately.



Image: A visual guide illustrating the four quick steps to prepare the ice cream maker: pour mixture, layer ice and salt, place and turn on motor, and enjoy.

Operating Instructions

Making Ice Cream:

1. **Prepare the Unit:** Follow the 'Setup Guide' to prepare your ice cream maker with the mixture, ice, and salt.
2. **Start Churning:** Plug the unit into a standard electrical outlet. The motor will begin churning automatically.
3. **Monitor Process:** Allow the machine to churn for approximately 20-40 minutes. The exact time will depend on your recipe and desired consistency. Periodically check the ice and salt level and add more if necessary to maintain consistent cooling around the canister.
4. **Stop Churning:** Once the ice cream reaches your desired consistency (it should be soft-serve like), unplug the unit from the electrical outlet.
5. **Remove Ice Cream:** Carefully remove the motor and lid assembly. Lift out the dasher and scrape off any ice cream back into the canister. Then, remove the aluminum canister from the bucket.

6. **Serve or Store:** The ice cream is now ready to serve as soft-serve. For a firmer consistency, transfer the ice cream to an airtight container and place it in the freezer for 2-4 hours.

Tips for Best Results:

- Always use fresh ingredients for the best flavor.
- Pre-chill your ice cream mixture in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours before adding it to the canister. This significantly reduces churning time.
- Use rock salt specifically designed for ice cream makers, as table salt may not provide the same freezing effect.
- Ensure the ice and salt mixture completely surrounds the aluminum canister for even and efficient freezing.

Care and Maintenance

Cleaning:

Proper cleaning ensures the longevity and hygiene of your ice cream maker. Always unplug the unit before cleaning.

1. **Disassemble:** Separate all removable parts: the motor unit, lid, dasher, aluminum canister, and the outer bucket.
2. **Hand Wash Components:** Hand wash the aluminum canister, dasher, and lid with warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly with clean water and dry completely with a soft cloth.
3. **Clean Motor Unit:** Wipe the exterior of the motor unit with a damp cloth. **DO NOT immerse the motor unit in water or any other liquid**, as this can cause electrical damage.
4. **Clean Bucket:** Clean the ice cream bucket with a damp cloth and mild detergent if necessary. Rinse and dry.
5. **Dry Thoroughly:** Ensure all parts are completely dry before reassembling or storing to prevent rust or mildew.

Storage:

Store the ice cream maker in a clean, dry place when not in use. Keep all components together to prevent loss and ensure the unit is ready for its next use.



Image: The ice cream maker is shown with text emphasizing its effortless operation due to the electric motor and easy cleaning with its plastic interior.

Troubleshooting Guide

If you encounter any issues with your Nostalgia Electric Ice Cream Maker, please consult the table below for common problems and their solutions.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Unit does not turn on	Not plugged in or power issue	Ensure the unit is securely plugged into a working electrical outlet. Check your household circuit breaker if other appliances are also not working.
Ice cream not freezing or too soft	Insufficient ice/salt mixture or mixture not pre-chilled	Add more ice and rock salt, ensuring the aluminum canister is fully surrounded. Always pre-chill your ice cream mixture for at least 2 hours before churning.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Dasher (churning paddle) not turning	Motor not properly seated or mixture too thick	Ensure the motor unit is securely locked onto the lid and bucket. If the mixture is too thick, it may impede churning; adjust your recipe for a slightly thinner consistency.
Ice cream is too hard after churning	Churning time was too long	Reduce the churning time in future batches to achieve a softer consistency.

Product Specifications

- **Brand:** Nostalgia
- **Model Name:** Electric Ice Cream Maker With Easy-Carry Handle
- **Item Model Number:** PICM4BG
- **Capacity:** 4 Quarts
- **Color:** Blue
- **Material:** Aluminum (canister), Plastic (bucket)
- **Item Weight:** 5.2 Pounds
- **Product Dimensions:** 13 x 12.25 x 16.25 inches (L x W x H)
- **Operation Mode:** Automatic
- **Product Care Instructions:** Hand Wash
- **Manufacturer:** Nostalgia Products
- **Country of Origin:** China
- **UPC:** 082677000767



Image: A diagram illustrating the dimensions of the ice cream maker, showing a height of 16.25 inches and a width of 13 inches.

Warranty and Support

Protection Plans:

Extended protection plans are available for your Nostalgia Electric Ice Cream Maker:

- **3-Year Protection Plan:** Available for $5.99
- **4-Year Protection Plan:** Available for $7.99
- **Complete Protect:** A monthly plan for $16.99/month, which renews until cancelled and covers all eligible past and future purchases.

Return Policy:

This product is eligible for a refund or replacement within 30 days of purchase when sold by Amazon.

Manufacturer Support:

For additional support, product registration, or to view other Nostalgia products, please visit the official Nostalgia website or contact their customer service department. Contact information can typically be found on the manufacturer's website or on the product packaging.

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