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Model: FD1026BK

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Brentwood FD1026BK 5-Tray Food Dehydrator with Auto Shutoff. This appliance is designed to help you create healthy and delicious dried fruits, vegetables, and other snacks. Its simple one-touch operation and automatic shutoff feature ensure ease of use and safety. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the dehydrator to ensure proper use and maintenance.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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

- Read all instructions before using the appliance.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electrical shock, do not immerse cord, plugs, or the appliance base in water or other liquid.
- Close supervision is necessary when any 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.
- 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.
- Always attach plug to appliance first, then plug cord into the wall outlet. To disconnect, turn any control to "off", then remove plug from wall outlet.

- Do not use appliance for other than intended use.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Brentwood FD1026BK Food Dehydrator features a compact design with five stackable trays, allowing for efficient dehydration of various food items. The transparent trays provide clear visibility of the drying process.



Image: The Brentwood FD1026BK 5-Tray Food Dehydrator, fully assembled with its clear trays and black base.

Key Features:

- **5 Stackable Trays:** Provides ample space for dehydrating multiple batches of food.
- **1-Touch Operation:** Simple and intuitive control for starting and stopping the dehydration process.
- **10-Hour Auto Shutoff:** Enhances safety by automatically turning off the unit after 10 hours of continuous operation.
- **Convenient Cord Storage:** Integrated storage for the power cord helps keep your counter tidy.
- **Integrated Carry Handles:** For easy portability and handling of the unit.

SETUP

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Retain packaging for future storage or transport.
2. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, wash the trays and lid in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely. Wipe the base unit with a damp cloth.
3. **Assemble Trays:** Place the desired number of drying trays onto the base unit. Ensure they are stacked securely.
4. **Placement:** Position the dehydrator on a stable, heat-resistant surface, away from walls or other appliances to allow for proper air circulation.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Food Preparation:

- Wash and dry all fruits and vegetables thoroughly.
- Slice food items into uniform thickness for even drying. A thickness of approximately 1/4 inch (0.6 cm) is generally recommended.
- For best results, arrange food in a single layer on each tray, ensuring there is space between pieces for air to circulate. Do not overload trays.



Image: A clear dehydrator tray filled with uniformly sliced oranges and cherry tomatoes, demonstrating proper spacing for drying.



Image: Another clear dehydrator tray, this one containing sliced kiwi and cherry tomatoes, arranged for optimal air flow.

Dehydration Process:

1. After preparing and loading the trays, place the lid securely on the top tray.
2. Plug the power cord into a standard electrical outlet.
3. Press the power button on the front of the base unit to start the dehydrator. The indicator light will illuminate.
4. The dehydrator will operate continuously for 10 hours and then automatically shut off. Monitor the food periodically to check for desired dryness. Drying times vary based on food type, thickness, and moisture content.
5. To stop the dehydrator before the 10-hour cycle is complete, simply press the power button again.
6. Once dehydration is complete, unplug the unit and allow the food and trays to cool before handling and storing.

MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Regular cleaning and maintenance will ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your dehydrator.

1. **Unplug:** Always unplug the dehydrator from the power outlet before cleaning.
2. **Clean Trays and Lid:** The removable trays and lid are BPA-free and dishwasher safe. Alternatively, they can be washed by hand in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely before reassembling or storing.
3. **Clean Base Unit:** Wipe the base unit with a soft, damp cloth. Do not immerse the base unit in water or any other liquid.
4. **Storage:** Once all parts are clean and dry, stack the trays and place the lid on top. Utilize the convenient cord storage feature on the base to wrap the power cord neatly. Store the dehydrator in a cool, dry place.



Image: A stack of five empty, clear dehydrator trays, ready for cleaning or storage.



Image: The Brentwood FD1026BK dehydrator with its clear lid removed, showing the empty stackable trays.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter any issues with your Brentwood FD1026BK Food Dehydrator, please refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
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Dehydrator does not turn on.	Not plugged in; power outlet malfunction; unit malfunction.	Ensure unit is securely plugged into a working outlet. Check circuit breaker. If problem persists, contact customer support.
Food not drying evenly.	Overloaded trays; uneven slicing; trays not rotated.	Ensure food is in a single layer with space for air circulation. Slice food uniformly. Rotate trays periodically during the drying process.
Dehydrator is too loud.	Normal fan operation; unit not on a stable surface.	A low fan noise is normal. Ensure the unit is placed on a flat, stable surface to minimize vibration.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Brentwood
Model Number	FD1026BK
Item Type Name	5-Tray Food Dehydrator with Auto Shutoff
Color	Black
Material	Food-safe material
Number of Trays	5
Item Weight	2.9 Pounds
Item Shape	Round
Dishwasher Safe	Yes (trays and lid)
UPC	812330024515
GTIN	812330024515

WARRANTY INFORMATION

The Brentwood FD1026BK 5-Tray Food Dehydrator comes with a**1-year manufacturer's warranty**. Please retain your proof of purchase for any warranty claims. For detailed warranty terms and conditions, refer to the documentation included with your product or contact Brentwood customer support.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For any questions, assistance, or troubleshooting not covered in this manual, please contact Brentwood Appliances customer support. Refer to the product packaging or the official Brentwood Appliances website for the most current contact information.

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