

## Hitachi RZ-PMA18Y

# Hitachi RZ-PMA18Y Microcomputer Rice Cooker 1.8L Instruction Manual

Model: RZ-PMA18Y

## INTRODUCTION

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Thank you for purchasing the Hitachi RZ-PMA18Y Microcomputer Rice Cooker. This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and care of your new appliance. Please read these instructions thoroughly before use and retain them for future reference.

### Important Safety Precautions

- **WARNING:** Never immerse the cooker in water; this can cause electric shock.
- Never pour liquid inside the main body of the cooker.
- Cook food only in the removable inner pot.
- Do not let children use the cooker without supervision.
- Never use the cooker on a flammable surface; this can cause a fire.
- **CAUTION:** This cooker is for household use only.
- Remove all foreign matter between the inner pot and heater.
- Do not use dented or deformed inner pots.
- Do not switch on without the inner pot in place, or when empty.
- Continue to supply power while warming.
- Do not place the cooker on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or other hot surfaces, or in a heated oven.



Image: Rear view of the rice cooker, highlighting the warning label and power cord. The label specifies model RZ-PMA18Y, 1.8L, 230V 50/60Hz 630W.

## SETUP

### Unpacking and Component Identification

Carefully remove all packaging materials. Ensure all components are present and undamaged. The package should include the main rice cooker unit, an inner pot, a rice scoop, and a measuring cup.



Image: The Hitachi RZ-PMA18Y rice cooker displayed with its included accessories: the main cooker body, the removable non-stick inner pot, a plastic measuring cup, and a rice scoop.

## Initial Cleaning

Before first use, wash the inner pot, rice scoop, and measuring cup with warm soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry. Wipe the exterior of the main unit with a damp cloth.

## Placement and Power Connection

Place the rice cooker on a stable, flat, heat-resistant surface, away from direct sunlight and heat sources. Ensure adequate ventilation around the unit. Plug the power cord into a suitable electrical outlet.



Image: Side profile of the rice cooker, illustrating the power cord extending from the rear base of the unit.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### Preparing Rice

1. Measure the desired amount of rice using the provided measuring cup. One cup typically yields enough cooked rice for one serving.
2. Wash the rice thoroughly in a separate bowl until the water runs clear.
3. Place the washed rice into the inner pot.
4. Add water according to the markings inside the inner pot, corresponding to the number of rice cups. For example, if cooking 3 cups of rice, fill water to the "3" mark.
5. Ensure the exterior of the inner pot is dry, then place it into the main cooker body. Close the lid securely.

## Selecting a Cooking Mode

The Hitachi RZ-PMA18Y offers 10 cooking modes. Use the "MENU" button to cycle through the available options:

- Jasmine Rice
- White Rice
- Brown Rice
- Sticky Rice
- Congee/Boiled Rice
- Cake
- Slow Cook
- Steam
- Rapid Cook
- Keep Warm

Once your desired mode is selected, press the "COOK" button to start the cooking process. A melody will sound when cooking is complete, and the cooker will automatically switch to the "Keep Warm" function.

## Using the Timer Function

The timer function allows you to set a delayed start time for cooking. Press the "TIMER" button, then use the "UP" or "DOWN" buttons to adjust the desired completion time. Press "COOK" to confirm the timer setting.

## MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

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Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and extends the lifespan of your rice cooker. Always unplug the appliance and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.

### Inner Pot and Accessories

- The inner pot, rice scoop, and measuring cup should be hand washed with warm water and mild dish soap.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners or metal scrubbers, as these can damage the non-stick coating of the inner pot.
- Rinse thoroughly and dry completely before storing or reassembling.

### Exterior and Lid

- Wipe the exterior of the main unit with a soft, damp cloth. Do not immerse the main unit in water.
- Clean the inner lid and steam vent regularly to prevent blockages and ensure proper steam release. These parts may be removable for easier cleaning, refer to the specific instructions in your full manual if available.

## Storage

Store the rice cooker in a dry, cool place when not in use. Ensure all components are clean and dry before storage.

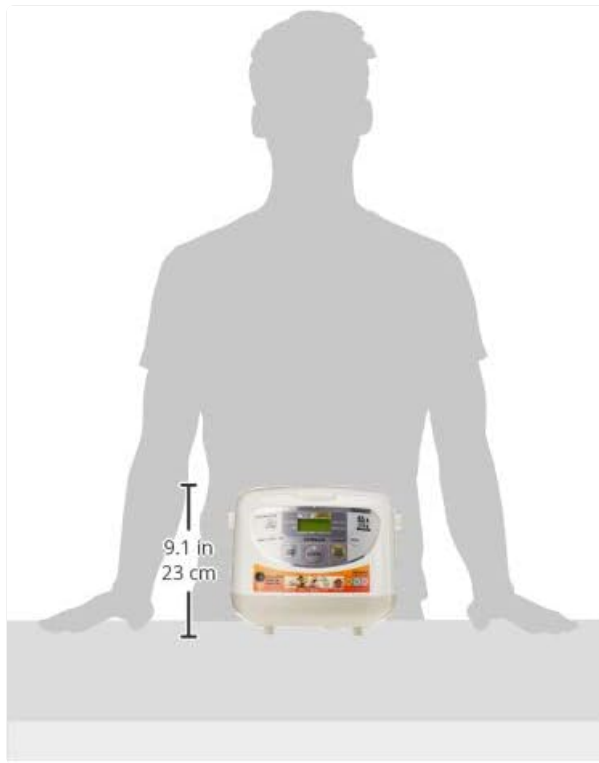
## TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your rice cooker, please consult the following table before contacting customer support.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Cooker does not turn on.	Not plugged in; power outage; faulty outlet.	Check power cord connection; verify power supply; try a different outlet.
Rice is undercooked or hard.	Insufficient water; incorrect cooking mode; lid not sealed properly.	Add correct amount of water; select appropriate cooking mode; ensure lid is closed securely.
Rice is overcooked or mushy.	Too much water; incorrect cooking mode.	Reduce water amount; select appropriate cooking mode.
Rice sticks to the inner pot.	Inner pot not clean; insufficient water; rice not washed.	Ensure inner pot is clean; use correct water ratio; wash rice thoroughly.
Melody alarm does not sound.	Sound setting off (if applicable); malfunction.	Check user interface for sound settings; if issue persists, contact support.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Hitachi
Model	RZ-PMA18Y
Capacity	1.8 Liters
Wattage	630 watts
Power Source	Corded Electric
Special Features	Non-Stick inner pot, 10 Cooking Modes, Melody alarm
Material	Non-stick coated aluminum (inner pot)
Product Dimensions	30 x 38 x 23 cm
Item Weight	4.12 kg
Included Components	1 x Rice Cooker, 1 x Rice Scoop, 1 x Measuring Cup



*Image: A diagram illustrating the physical dimensions of the rice cooker, with a height measurement of 23 cm (9.1 inches) clearly marked.*

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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For information regarding warranty coverage and terms, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or contact Hitachi customer service. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

For technical support or service inquiries, please visit the official Hitachi website or contact their authorized service centers in your region. Contact details are typically provided in the product packaging or on the manufacturer's website.