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MODEL: 34508

## 1. Introduction and Overview

The Hamilton Beach 12-in-1 Electric Pressure Cooker, Model 34508, is a versatile kitchen appliance designed to simplify your cooking process. This multi-cooker combines the functions of a pressure cooker, slow cooker, rice cooker, steamer, sauté pan, egg cooker, and yogurt maker, offering 12 preset programs for a wide range of dishes. Its robust stainless steel construction and intuitive controls make it an essential tool for preparing delicious meals efficiently.



Figure 1: The Hamilton Beach 12-in-1 Electric Pressure Cooker, showcasing its sleek stainless steel design and control panel.

## 2. Important Safety Information

Please read all instructions carefully before using your pressure cooker to ensure safe operation and prevent injury or damage. Pressure cookers operate under high pressure and temperature, requiring adherence to safety guidelines.

- Always ensure the lid is properly sealed and locked before starting any pressure cooking function.
- Never attempt to open the lid while the unit is pressurized. Wait until the pressure indicator drops completely.
- Use caution when releasing steam. Always use an oven mitt or a utensil to turn the steam release valve to avoid direct contact with hot steam.
- Do not overfill the inner pot. Refer to the maximum fill lines for different food types.
- Keep hands and face clear of the steam release valve during operation.
- Ensure the pressure release valve is clean and free of obstructions before each use.

### 3. Product Components and What's Included

Your Hamilton Beach 12-in-1 Electric Pressure Cooker comes with the following components:

- **Main Unit:** The outer housing with the control panel and heating element.
- **Removable Inner Pot:** An 8-quart nonstick pot, dishwasher safe for easy cleaning.
- **Lid:** Features a secure locking mechanism and steam release valve.
- **Lift-out Roasting/Steaming Rack:** For cooking meats or steaming vegetables.
- **Rice Paddle:** For serving rice.
- **Rice Measuring Cup:** For accurate rice measurements.

## Includes accessories

Comes with a lift-out roasting/steaming rack, plus a rice measuring cup and paddle



Figure 2: All included accessories: the lift-out roasting/steaming rack, rice measuring cup, and rice paddle.

### 4. Setup

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Retain packaging for future storage or

transport.

2. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, wash the removable inner pot, lid, and all accessories with warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely. Wipe the exterior of the main unit with a damp cloth.
3. **Placement:** Place the main unit on a stable, level, heat-resistant surface, away from walls and cabinets to allow for proper ventilation and steam release.
4. **Insert Inner Pot:** Place the clean, dry inner pot into the main unit. Ensure it sits flat and securely.
5. **Attach Condensation Collector:** If applicable, ensure the condensation collector (small cup at the back) is properly attached to catch any condensation.



**Prepare foods up to  
70% faster**  
With pressure cooking

Figure 3: The inner pot ready for ingredients, demonstrating the ease of access for filling.

## 5. Operating Instructions

The Hamilton Beach 12-in-1 Electric Pressure Cooker offers intuitive controls and preset programs for various cooking needs. It significantly reduces cooking time, preparing food up to 70% faster than traditional methods.

### Control Panel Overview:

The front panel features a digital display and dedicated buttons for each cooking function, along with time and pressure adjustments.



Figure 4: Detailed view of the control panel, showing preset buttons and pressure mode selection.

### Cooking Modes and Preset Programs:

This multi-cooker features 12 preset cooking programs to take the guesswork out of meal preparation:

- Meat
- Poultry

- Sauté/Brown
- Soup/Stew
- Egg
- Cheesecake
- Steam/Vegetable
- Rice/Risotto
- Whole Grains
- Casserole
- Beans
- Yogurt

Additionally, it offers dual pressure modes (low and high) for flexibility, and True Slow Cook Technology with two heat settings to prevent overcooking and achieve classic slow-cooked results.

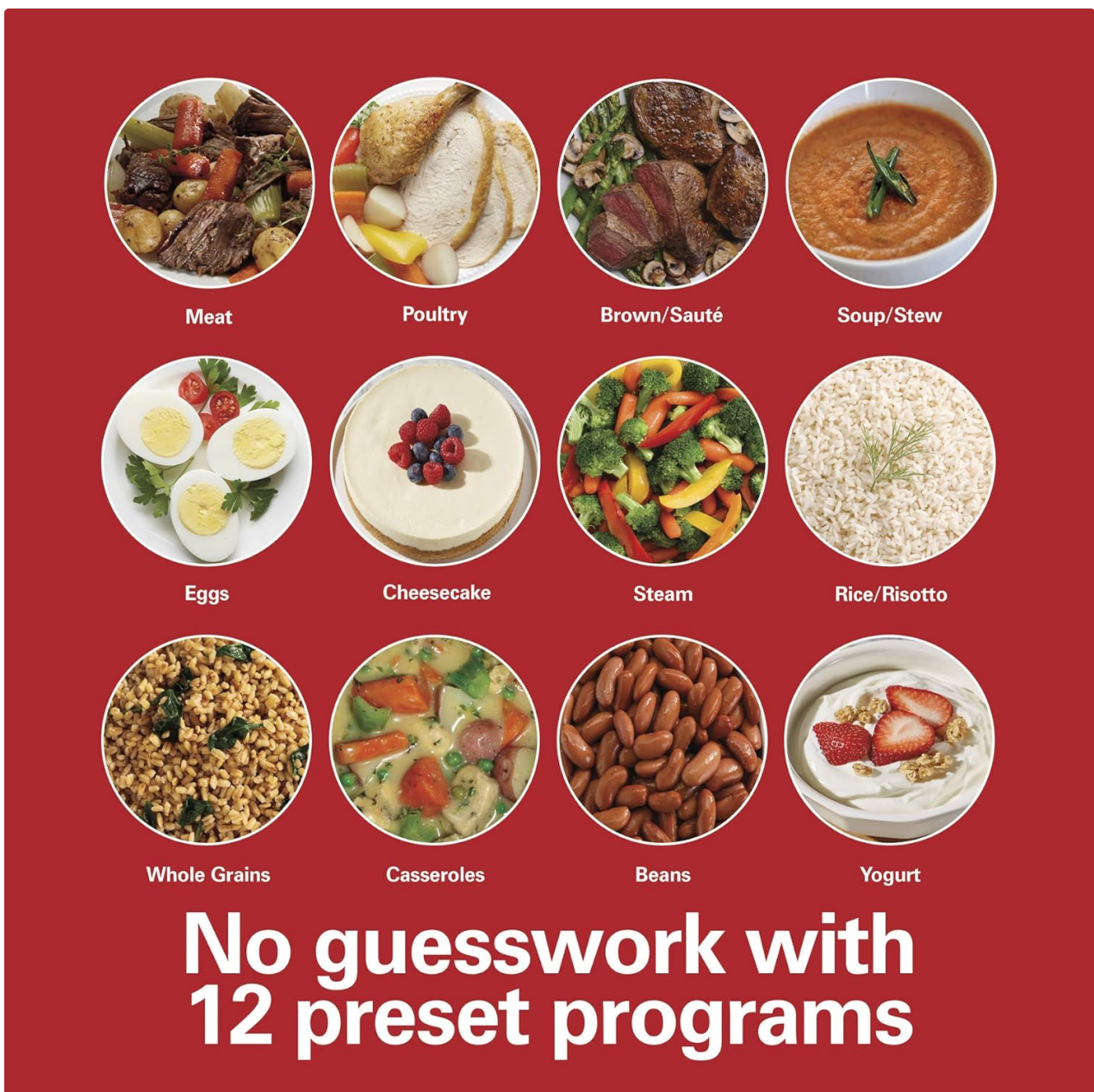


Figure 5: Visual representation of the 12 preset cooking programs available on the appliance.

### General Cooking Steps:

1. Add ingredients to the inner pot.

2. Secure the lid by aligning the arrow on the lid with the arrow on the base and twisting clockwise until it locks.
3. Ensure the steam release valve is in the "Sealing" position for pressure cooking.
4. Select your desired preset program or manually set time and pressure.
5. Once cooking is complete, allow natural pressure release or use the quick release method (with caution) as per recipe instructions.
6. Carefully open the lid once pressure is fully released.

### Official Product Video:

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Video 1: An official demonstration of the Hamilton Beach 8-Quart QuikCook Pressure Cooker, highlighting its features and ease of use for various meals.

## 6. Cleaning and Maintenance

Proper cleaning and maintenance will extend the life of your Hamilton Beach Pressure Cooker.

- **Inner Pot:** The removable 8-quart nonstick inner pot is dishwasher safe for convenient cleaning. For best results, wash immediately after use.
- **Lid:** Hand wash the lid with warm, soapy water. Ensure the sealing gasket and steam release valve are clean and free of food debris.
- **Exterior:** Wipe the stainless steel exterior of the main unit with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the main unit in water.
- **Accessories:** The roasting/steaming rack, rice paddle, and rice measuring cup are dishwasher safe.

# Easy to clean

With dishwasher safe 8 quart nonstick pot and stainless steel exterior



Figure 6: The dishwasher-safe inner pot simplifies cleanup after cooking.

## 7. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your pressure cooker, refer to the following common solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Unit not turning on	Not plugged in; power outlet issue.	Ensure power cord is securely plugged into a working outlet.
Pressure not building	Lid not sealed properly; steam release valve open.	Check lid alignment and ensure it's locked. Turn steam release valve to "Sealing" position.
Food not cooking properly	Incorrect cooking time/pressure; insufficient liquid.	Verify recipe instructions for time and liquid. Adjust settings as needed.

For more detailed troubleshooting, please refer to the full user manual or contact Hamilton Beach customer support.

## 8. Specifications

- **Brand:** Hamilton Beach
- **Model:** 34508
- **Capacity:** 8 Quarts
- **Material:** Stainless Steel (exterior), Nonstick (inner pot)
- **Wattage:** 1200 watts
- **Product Dimensions:** 14"D x 14"W x 14"H
- **Control Method:** Touch
- **Dishwasher Safe Parts:** Inner Pot, Roasting/Steaming Rack, Rice Paddle, Rice Measuring Cup

## 9. Warranty and Support

Hamilton Beach products are manufactured to the highest standards of quality and durability. This product is covered by a limited warranty against defects in material and workmanship. For specific warranty details, registration, or to obtain service, please visit the official Hamilton Beach website or contact their customer support line.

**Online Support:** [www.hamiltonbeach.com](http://www.hamiltonbeach.com)

**Customer Service:** Refer to your product packaging or the Hamilton Beach website for the most current contact information.