

Crux AF-02D-3

# Crux 3.7-Quart Touchscreen Electric Air Fryer User Manual

Model: AF-02D-3 | Brand: Crux

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and efficient operation of your Crux 3.7-Quart Touchscreen Electric Air Fryer. Designed for versatility, this appliance allows for air frying, roasting, broiling, and baking with minimal oil, promoting healthier cooking. Its intuitive touchscreen controls and rapid air circulation technology ensure consistent and delicious results. Please read this manual thoroughly before first use and retain it for future reference.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and injury.

- **Electrical Safety:** Ensure the appliance is plugged into a grounded outlet. Do not immerse the cord, plug, or the appliance housing in water or other liquids.
- **Heat and Surfaces:** The air fryer generates heat during operation. Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs. Always use oven mitts when handling hot components.
- **Ventilation:** Do not block any ventilation openings. Allow at least 4 inches of free space on all sides of the appliance.
- **Supervision:** Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
- **Damage:** Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, or after the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner.
- **Automatic Shut-off:** The air fryer is equipped with an automatic shut-off feature for safety.
- **Overheat Protection:** The appliance includes overheat protection to prevent damage from excessive temperatures.

## 3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Familiarize yourself with the components of your Crux Air Fryer.



**Figure 3.1:** Crux 3.7-Quart Touchscreen Electric Air Fryer in use, displaying cooked food.

### Components:

- **Main Unit:** Houses the heating element and control panel.
- **Control Panel:** Touchscreen interface for setting time, temperature, and selecting presets.
- **Frying Basket:** Removable basket with a non-stick coating for holding food.
- **Crisper Tray:** Sits inside the frying basket to allow air circulation around food.
- **Handle:** Ergonomic handle for safely pulling out the frying basket.



**Figure 3.2:** The air fryer with its frying basket partially removed, showing the crisper tray.

### Touchscreen Controls:

- **TIME:** Adjust cooking time.
- **TEMP:** Adjust cooking temperature.
- **MENU:** Cycle through preset cooking functions (Air Fry, Roast, Broil, Bake, Reheat, Keep Warm, Bacon, Veggies).
- **POWER:** Turn the appliance on/off.
- **START/PAUSE:** Begin or temporarily stop the cooking cycle.
- **Up/Down Arrows:** Adjust time and temperature settings.

## 4. SETUP

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all packaging materials, stickers, and labels from the air fryer.
2. **Clean Components:** Wash the frying basket and crisper tray with hot water, dish soap, and a non-abrasive sponge. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely. Wipe the interior and exterior of the main unit with a damp cloth.
3. **Placement:** Place the air fryer on a stable, heat-resistant, and level surface. Ensure there is adequate air circulation around the appliance (at least 4 inches from walls or other appliances).
4. **First Use (Optional):** For the first use, it is recommended to run the air fryer for about 10-15 minutes at 350°F (175°C) without food to burn off any manufacturing residues. A slight odor may be present, which is normal.

### Visual Guide:

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**Video 4.1:** An overview of the Crux Air Fryer, demonstrating its design and basic components, useful for initial setup understanding.

## 5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### Basic Operation:

1. **Plug In:** Connect the power cord to a grounded electrical outlet. The power indicator will light up.
2. **Power On:** Press the **POWER** button on the touchscreen. The display will illuminate.
3. **Prepare Food:** Place your ingredients into the frying basket. Do not overfill the basket to ensure even cooking.
4. **Select Function:**
  - **Using Presets:** Press the **MENU** button repeatedly to cycle through the preset cooking functions (Air Fry, Roast, Broil, Bake, Reheat, Keep Warm, Bacon, Veggies). Each preset has a default time and temperature.
  - **Manual Settings:** Alternatively, press the **TEMP** button and use the Up/Down arrows to set the desired temperature. Press the **TIME** button and use the Up/Down arrows to set the desired cooking time.
5. **Start Cooking:** Press the **START/PAUSE** button to begin the cooking cycle.
6. **Shake/Flip (Optional):** For some foods, it is recommended to shake or flip the contents of the basket halfway through the cooking time for even browning. Pull out the basket, shake/flip, and reinsert. The air fryer will resume cooking automatically.
7. **Completion:** The air fryer will beep when the cooking time is complete. Carefully pull out the basket and remove the food.
8. **Power Off:** Press the **POWER** button to turn off the appliance, then unplug it from the outlet.

### Demonstration:

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**Video 5.1:** A demonstration of the air fryer’s touchscreen controls and ease of use, highlighting its minimalist design.

## 6. MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your air fryer.

- 1. Unplug and Cool:** Always unplug the air fryer and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
- 2. Clean Frying Basket and Crisper Tray:**
  - The frying basket and crisper tray have a non-stick coating. Clean them with hot water, dish soap, and a non-abrasive sponge.
  - Note:** The item is **NOT** dishwasher safe. Hand wash only.
  - For stubborn food residue, soak the basket and tray in hot soapy water for about 10 minutes before cleaning.
- 3. Clean Interior:** Wipe the interior of the air fryer with a damp cloth. For heavy residue, use a mild detergent. Avoid abrasive cleaners.
- 4. Clean Exterior:** Wipe the exterior of the air fryer with a damp cloth. Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive materials.
- 5. Storage:** Ensure all parts are clean and dry before storing the air fryer in a cool, dry place.

### Basket Removal:

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**Video 6.1:** A demonstration of removing and reinserting the air fryer basket, which is essential for cleaning and loading food.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Refer to this section for common issues and their solutions.

| Problem                                      | Possible Cause                                                             | Solution                                                                                                         |
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| Air fryer does not turn on.                  | Not plugged in; power outlet issue; appliance malfunction.                 | Ensure the power cord is securely plugged into a working, grounded outlet. Check the circuit breaker.            |
| Food is not cooked evenly.                   | Basket is overfilled; food not shaken/flipped; incorrect temperature/time. | Do not overfill the basket. Shake or flip food halfway through cooking. Adjust temperature and time as needed.   |
| White smoke coming from the appliance.       | Grease residue from previous use; fatty food cooking.                      | Clean the basket and interior thoroughly after each use. For fatty foods, drain excess oil from the basket.      |
| Air fryer basket does not slide in properly. | Basket not aligned correctly; food blocking insertion.                     | Ensure the basket is aligned with the grooves and pushed in completely. Check for any food obstructing the path. |

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model Number:** AF-02D-3
- **Brand:** Crux
- **Capacity:** 3.7 Quarts
- **Output Wattage:** 1400 Watts
- **Product Dimensions:** 12.4"D x 12.4"W x 13.97"H
- **Material:** Plastic (Outer Material: Polypropylene, Inner Material: Plastic)
- **Control Method:** Touch
- **Special Features:** Temperature Control, Automatic Shut-off, Overheat Protection
- **Nonstick Coating:** Yes
- **Dishwasher Safe:** No
- **UPC:** 829486171154

## 9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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