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Model: TCAFKKAF

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Total Chef 3.8 Quart Digital Air Fryer. This appliance is designed to provide a convenient and healthy way to cook your favorite foods with little to no oil. Utilizing rapid hot air circulation technology, it cooks food evenly, resulting in crispy exteriors and tender interiors. Its compact design and intuitive digital touchscreen make it suitable for various kitchen environments.

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your air fryer. Please read it thoroughly before first use and retain it for future reference.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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

- Read all instructions before operating the appliance.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electric shock, do not immerse cord, plugs, or the appliance 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.
- Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot oil or other hot liquids.
- 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.
- Ensure the appliance is placed on a stable, heat-resistant surface, away from walls or other appliances to allow adequate air circulation.

- The air fryer features a cool-touch handle and an automatic standby feature for safety upon completion of the cooking cycle.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Total Chef 3.8 Quart Digital Air Fryer is designed for ease of use and efficient cooking. Familiarize yourself with its main components:



Figure 1: The Total Chef 3.8 Quart Digital Air Fryer, showcasing its sleek black and silver design with a digital control panel on top.

Components:

- **Main Unit:** Houses the heating element and fan.
- **Digital Touchscreen Control Panel:** For setting temperature, time, and selecting presets.
- **Frying Basket:** Non-stick, removable basket for holding food during cooking.
- **Basket Handle:** Cool-touch handle for safe removal of the frying basket.
- **Basket Release Button:** Allows for easy separation of the frying basket from the outer pan.



Figure 2: The 3.8 quart non-stick frying basket, shown filled with cooked french fries, demonstrating its capacity and easy-to-handle design.



Figure 3: Detail of the digital touchscreen control panel, illustrating the adjustable temperature and timer buttons, menu selection, and power on/off.

SETUP

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all packaging materials and any promotional labels from the air fryer.
2. **Clean Before First Use:** Wash the frying basket and outer pan with warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely. Wipe the exterior of the main unit with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the main unit in water.
3. **Placement:** Place the air fryer on a stable, level, heat-resistant surface. Ensure there is at least 6 inches (15 cm) of clear space around the back and sides of the appliance for proper ventilation. Do not place it directly under cabinets.
4. **Power Connection:** Plug the power cord into a grounded electrical outlet. The air fryer is now ready for use.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Basic Operation:

1. **Prepare Food:** Place your ingredients into the frying basket. Do not overfill the basket to ensure even cooking.
2. **Insert Basket:** Slide the frying basket back into the main unit until it clicks securely into place.
3. **Power On:** Press the power button on the digital touchscreen.
4. **Set Temperature and Time:**
 - Use the temperature adjustment buttons (up/down arrows) to set the desired cooking temperature (up to 400°F).
 - Use the timer adjustment buttons (up/down arrows) to set the desired cooking time.
5. **Start Cooking:** Press the power button again to begin the cooking cycle. The air fryer will automatically

preheat and then start cooking.

- Shake/Flip (Optional):** For some foods, it is recommended to shake or flip the contents of the basket halfway through the cooking time to ensure even browning. Carefully remove the basket using the cool-touch handle, shake or flip the food, and reinsert the basket. The cooking cycle will resume automatically.
- Completion:** The air fryer will emit an audible signal when the cooking cycle is complete and will enter automatic standby mode. Carefully remove the basket and transfer the cooked food.

Using Pre-set Cooking Modes:

The air fryer features 7 pre-set cooking modes for common foods. These modes automatically set optimal temperature and time.



Figure 4: The digital control panel displaying the 7 pre-set cooking modes, each with recommended time and temperature settings for various food types.

- Power On:** Press the power button.
- Select Pre-set:** Press the 'M' (Menu) button repeatedly to cycle through the available pre-set modes (Fries, Bacon, Seafood, Bake, Chicken, Beef/Pork, Fish). The selected mode will illuminate.
- Adjust (Optional):** You can manually adjust the temperature and time of a pre-set mode if desired using the respective up/down arrows.
- Start Cooking:** Press the power button again to begin cooking.

COOKING GUIDE

The following table provides general guidelines for common foods. Cooking times and temperatures may vary based on food quantity, size, and desired crispness. Always ensure food is cooked to a safe internal temperature.

Food Item	Temperature	Time	Notes
French Fries (frozen)	400°F (200°C)	15-20 min	Shake halfway
Chicken Drumsticks	360°F (180°C)	20-25 min	Flip halfway
Bacon	350°F (175°C)	20-25 min	Single layer
Pork Chops	400°F (200°C)	10-15 min	Flip halfway

Food Item	Temperature	Time	Notes
Shrimp	330°F (165°C)	8-15 min	Shake halfway
Fish Fillets	350°F (175°C)	10-15 min	
Baked Goods (e.g., small cake)	310°F (155°C)	20-30 min	Use oven-safe dish

General Tips:

- Smaller food items usually require a slightly shorter cooking time than larger items.
- A small amount of oil can be added to fresh ingredients for a crispier result, but is often not necessary.
- Preheating the air fryer for 3-5 minutes before adding food can improve cooking results.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Regular cleaning of your air fryer will ensure optimal performance and extend its lifespan.

1. **Unplug and Cool:** Always unplug the air fryer from the power outlet and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
2. **Frying Basket and Outer Pan:** The non-stick frying basket and outer pan are dishwasher safe. Alternatively, they can be washed by hand with warm, soapy water and a non-abrasive sponge. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely.
3. **Interior of the Appliance:** Wipe the interior with a damp cloth. For stubborn food residue, use a mild detergent and a soft brush. Ensure the interior is completely dry before next use.
4. **Exterior of the Appliance:** Wipe the exterior with a damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads, as they may damage the surface.
5. **Heating Element:** If necessary, gently clean the heating element with a soft brush to remove any food particles.



Figure 5: A view of the air fryer basket's interior, highlighting its non-stick coating for easy cleaning.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your air fryer, consult the following table before contacting customer support.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
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Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Air fryer does not turn on.	Appliance not plugged in.	Ensure the power cord is securely plugged into a grounded outlet.
	Power outlet malfunction.	Test the outlet with another appliance.
Food is not cooked evenly.	Basket is overfilled.	Reduce the amount of food in the basket. Cook in batches if necessary.
	Food not shaken/flipped.	Shake or flip food halfway through cooking.
White smoke coming from appliance.	Grease residue from previous use.	Clean the basket and outer pan thoroughly after each use.
	Excess oil on food.	Pat food dry before air frying, or use less oil.
Food is not crispy.	Insufficient cooking time or temperature.	Increase cooking time or temperature slightly.
	Too much moisture in food.	Ensure food is dry before placing in the air fryer.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model Name:** Air Fryer
- **Model Number:** TCAFKKAF
- **Capacity:** 3.8 Quarts (3.6 Liters)
- **Power:** 1500 Watts
- **Voltage:** 120 Volts
- **Control Method:** Digital Touchscreen
- **Temperature Range:** Up to 400°F
- **Material:** Stainless Steel, Plastic (Outer Material)
- **Special Features:** Adjustable Temperature, Programmable Timer, 7 Presets, Non-stick Coating, Dishwasher Safe Basket
- **Product Dimensions:** 13.3"D x 15.7"W x 13.3"H
- **Item Weight:** 9.57 pounds (4.35 Kilograms)

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This Total Chef 3.8 Quart Digital Air Fryer comes with a **1-year warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use.

For warranty claims, technical support, or any questions regarding your product, please contact Koolatron customer service. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty validation.

Contact information for support is typically found on the product packaging or the manufacturer's official website.

	<p>Total Chef TCYM-07 Yogurt Maker: Instruction Manual and Warranty</p> <p>This document provides instructions, recipes, and warranty information for the Total Chef TCYM-07 Yogurt Maker by Koolatron. Learn how to make homemade yogurt with this easy-to-use appliance.</p>
	<p>Koolatron TCTKG-1.7L Glass Kettle User Manual and Safety Guide</p> <p>User manual for the Koolatron TCTKG-1.7L 1.7L Glass Kettle, including warranty, safety precautions, parts, operating instructions, and cleaning/descaling guides.</p>
	<p>Koolatron WC18-MG Dual Zone Wine Cellar User Manual</p> <p>User manual for the Koolatron WC18-MG 18-bottle Dual Zone Wine Cellar, covering features, specifications, installation, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting.</p>
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