Tefal VC2048

Tefal VC2048 Ultracompact 9L Steamer Instruction Manual

Model: VC2048

1. Introduction

Thank you for choosing the Tefal VC2048 Ultracompact Steamer. This appliance is designed for healthy and convenient steam cooking, preserving vitamins and nutrients in your food. Its unique ultracompact stacking system allows for easy storage. Please read this manual carefully before first use and keep it for future reference.



Image 1: The Tefal VC2048 Ultracompact Steamer, highlighting its BPA-free components for safe food preparation.

2. Important Safety Instructions

- Always ensure the appliance is placed on a stable, heat-resistant surface.
- Do not immerse the base unit in water or any other liquid.
- Keep the appliance out of reach of children.
- Exercise caution when handling hot steam and components during and after operation.
- Never operate the steamer without water in the reservoir.
- Unplug the appliance from the power outlet when not in use and before cleaning.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads on any part of the steamer.

3. Product Components

The Tefal VC2048 Ultracompact Steamer consists of the following parts:

1. **Base Unit:** Contains the heating element and water reservoir.
2. **Water Reservoir:** For holding water to generate steam. Features an external water level indicator and refill opening.
3. **Steam Baskets (3):** Transparent, BPA-free baskets for cooking different foods simultaneously.
4. **Lid:** Transparent lid to cover the top steam basket.
5. **Rice Bowl:** A 1-liter capacity bowl for cooking rice or other grains.
6. **Timer Dial:** To set cooking time up to 60 minutes.



Image 2: An overview of the Tefal VC2048 Steamer in operation, showing its three steam baskets, the rice bowl, and the external water refill feature.

4. Setup and Assembly

Before first use, wash all removable parts (steam baskets, lid, rice bowl) in warm soapy water, rinse, and dry thoroughly. The base unit should only be wiped with a damp cloth.

1. Place the base unit on a flat, stable, and heat-resistant surface.
2. Fill the water reservoir with clean water up to the MAX level. Do not exceed the MAX line.

3. Place the first steam basket onto the base unit.
4. Add your food to the steam baskets. If cooking rice, place the rice bowl into one of the steam baskets.
5. Stack the remaining steam baskets on top, ensuring they are securely seated.
6. Place the lid on the top steam basket.



Image 3: The Tefal VC2048 Steamer fully assembled and ready for use, showcasing its clear steam baskets.

5. Operating Instructions

Once assembled and filled with water and food:

1. Plug the power cord into a suitable electrical outlet.
2. Turn the timer dial to the desired cooking time (up to 60 minutes). The steamer will begin to heat up and produce steam.
3. The indicator light will illuminate during operation.
4. If the water level becomes low during cooking, you can refill the reservoir through the external opening on the side of the base unit. Use caution as steam will be hot.
5. When the set cooking time has elapsed, the steamer will automatically switch off, and the timer will return to zero.
6. Carefully remove the lid and steam baskets using oven mitts to avoid steam burns.
7. Unplug the appliance after use.



Image 4: The steamer actively cooking various foods, demonstrating the convenient side refill feature for adding water during operation.



Image 5: The Tefal VC2048 Steamer positioned on a kitchen counter, showcasing its compact design while in use for preparing a healthy meal.

6. Cleaning and Maintenance

Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and longevity of your steamer.

- Always unplug the steamer and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
- The steam baskets, rice bowl, lid, and drip tray are dishwasher safe.
- Wipe the base unit with a damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or immerse it in water.
- For descaling, fill the water reservoir with a mixture of water and white vinegar (1:1 ratio). Run the steamer for 20-30 minutes, then rinse thoroughly. Repeat if necessary.
- The ultracompact design allows for easy storage: stack the baskets and lid onto the base unit for minimal space occupation.



Image 6: The Tefal VC2048 Steamer demonstrating its ultracompact storage feature, where baskets stack neatly onto the base unit.



Image 7: The Tefal VC2048 Steamer stored compactly inside a kitchen cabinet, illustrating its space-saving design.

7. Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Steamer does not turn on.	Not plugged in; timer not set; no water in reservoir.	Ensure power cord is securely plugged in; set the timer dial; fill water reservoir.
Little or no steam produced.	Insufficient water; limescale buildup.	Add water to the reservoir; descale the appliance as per maintenance instructions.
Food not cooking properly.	Incorrect cooking time; too much food in baskets; lid not properly sealed.	Adjust cooking time; do not overfill baskets; ensure lid is securely placed.

8. Technical Specifications

Model Number: VC2048

Brand: Tefal

Color: Black

Capacity: 9 Liters

Power: 800 Watts

Material: Plastic (BPA-free components)

Product Dimensions (L x W x H): 31 x 28 x 27 cm

Item Weight: 1.9 Kilograms

Features: Dishwasher-safe components, Water level indicator, 60-minute timer, External water refill during cooking, Ultracompact storage system.

9. Warranty and Support

Tefal products are designed for durability and ease of use. This product comes with a standard manufacturer's warranty. Please refer to the warranty card included in your packaging for specific terms and conditions.
Spare Parts Availability: Spare parts for the Tefal VC2048 are available for 10 years from the date of purchase.
For technical assistance, troubleshooting beyond this manual, or warranty claims, please contact Tefal Customer Service. Contact details can typically be found on the official Tefal website or on your product packaging.

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