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Model: CTG-00-MST

INTRODUCTION

The Cuisinart CTG-00-MST Microwave Steamer offers a convenient method for cooking with steam in your microwave. Steaming helps to preserve the natural flavors, textures, and nutrients of your food. This manual provides instructions for safe and effective use of your new microwave steamer.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

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

- Read all instructions before use.
- Do not use the steamer for anything other than its intended purpose.
- Always use oven mitts or gloves when handling the steamer after microwaving, as contents and steam will be hot. The stay-cool handles are designed to reduce heat transfer, but caution is still advised.
- Ensure the lid is properly seated before microwaving.
- Do not overfill the steamer.
- Do not microwave an empty steamer.
- Always add water to the base before placing food on the tray.
- Inspect the steamer for any damage before each use. Do not use if damaged.
- Keep out of reach of children.

PARTS AND FEATURES

Your Cuisinart Microwave Steamer consists of three main components:

1. **Base Container:** Holds water for steaming.
2. **Steaming Tray:** Sits above the water, holding food to be steamed.
3. **Lid:** Covers the steamer, trapping steam. Features a vent for steam release.



Image: Exploded view of the Cuisinart Microwave Steamer showing the green base, white steaming tray filled with broccoli, and the clear lid.



Image: The Cuisinart Microwave Steamer disassembled, with the green base, white steaming tray, and clear lid shown separately on a countertop next to two artichoke halves.

SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

1. Ensure all components are clean before first use. Wash with warm, soapy water and rinse thoroughly.
2. Place the green base container on a flat, stable surface.
3. Pour the recommended amount of water into the base container. (Refer to the "Operating Instructions" section for specific water amounts based on food type).
4. Place the white steaming tray into the green base, ensuring it sits securely above the water.
5. Arrange your food evenly on the steaming tray.
6. Place the clear lid on top of the steaming tray and base, ensuring a snug fit.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps to steam your food using the Cuisinart Microwave Steamer:

1. **Prepare Food:** Wash and cut your vegetables, fish, or poultry as desired.
2. **Add Water:** Pour 1-2 tablespoons of water into the green base container. The exact amount may vary based on the food type and desired tenderness.
3. **Load Food:** Place the white steaming tray into the base. Arrange your food in a single layer on the steaming tray for even cooking.
4. **Cover:** Place the clear lid on top. Ensure the steam vent on the lid is open or closed according to your recipe or preference. An open vent allows some steam to escape, potentially leading to slightly less tender results, while a closed vent retains more steam for faster cooking and softer textures.
5. **Microwave:** Place the assembled steamer into your microwave. Microwave on high power. Cooking times will vary depending on your microwave's wattage and the type/quantity of food.
 - For most vegetables (e.g., broccoli, asparagus): Start with 3-5 minutes.
 - For fish fillets: Start with 4-6 minutes.
 - For poultry pieces: Start with 6-8 minutes.

Note: *Always check food for doneness and adjust cooking times as needed.*

6. **Serve:** Carefully remove the steamer from the microwave using the stay-cool handles. Be cautious of hot steam when removing the lid. Serve immediately.



Image: The Cuisinart Microwave Steamer with the white steaming tray full of fresh broccoli florets, covered by the clear lid, ready for microwave steaming.



Image: The Cuisinart Microwave Steamer with two artichoke halves placed on the white steaming tray, accompanied by a lemon wedge and rosemary sprig, demonstrating its use for various foods.

Product Overview Video

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Video: A brief product overview demonstrating the assembly and basic use of the Cuisinart CTG-00-MST Microwave Steamer.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** All components of the Cuisinart Microwave Steamer are dishwasher safe (top rack recommended) or can be hand-washed with warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely before storing.
- **Stains:** Certain foods, such as sweet potatoes or tomato-based sauces, may cause staining. This is normal and does not affect the performance or safety of the product.
- **Storage:** Store the steamer in a cool, dry place when not in use. Its compact design allows for easy storage.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Food not cooked evenly or sufficiently.	Insufficient water, too much food, uneven food distribution, incorrect microwave power/time.	Ensure adequate water in the base. Do not overfill the steaming tray; arrange food in a single layer. Adjust microwave time or power as needed. Ensure the lid vent is closed for maximum steam retention.
Steamer feels too hot to handle.	Normal heat transfer during microwaving.	Always use oven mitts or heat-resistant gloves when removing the steamer from the microwave. Allow a few moments for steam to dissipate before opening the lid.
Staining on plastic components.	Contact with certain highly pigmented foods (e.g., sweet potatoes, carrots, tomato sauce).	This is cosmetic and does not affect product performance or safety. Stains may fade over time with continued washing.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model Number: CTG-00-MST

Brand: Cuisinart

Material: Plastic (Polypropylene, BPA-free)

Color: Green/White/Clear

Capacity: 6.5 Cups

Product Dimensions: 12.12"L x 9"W x 4.25"H

Included Components: Steamer (Base, Steaming Tray, Lid)

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Cuisinart CTG-00-MST Microwave Steamer comes with a **Lifetime Warranty**.

For warranty claims, product support, or additional information, please visit the official Cuisinart website or contact Cuisinart customer service directly. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty purposes.

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