Bene Casa BC-99212

Bene Casa BC-99212 4L Electric Pressure Cooker User Manual

Model: BC-99212

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Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the Bene Casa BC-99212 4L Electric Pressure Cooker. This appliance is designed to cook food quickly and efficiently by using steam pressure, preserving nutrients and flavor. Please read this manual thoroughly before first use to ensure safe and optimal operation. Keep this manual for future reference.

Important Safety Instructions

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following:

- Read all instructions carefully before operating the appliance.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electrical shock, do not immerse cord, plugs, or the main unit 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.
- 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.
- This appliance cooks under pressure. Improper use may result in scalding injury. Make certain unit is properly closed before operating.
- Never fill the unit above the MAX fill line.
- Do not open the pressure cooker until the unit has cooled and all internal pressure has been released.
- Always check the pressure release valve for clogging before use.

Product Components



Image 1: Bene Casa BC-99212 Electric Pressure Cooker. This image shows the main unit, including the lid, handles, and the front control panel with various cooking function buttons and a digital display.

Familiarize yourself with the parts of your electric pressure cooker:

- **Main Unit:** The outer housing containing the heating element and control panel.
- **Inner Pot:** Removable stainless steel pot where food is cooked.
- **Lid:** Sealing lid with a pressure release valve and float valve.
- **Sealing Ring:** Silicone ring inside the lid for creating an airtight seal.
- **Pressure Release Valve:** Regulates and releases steam pressure.
- **Control Panel:** Features a digital display, time set buttons, and pre-programmed cooking functions (Rice, Meat, Soup, Beans, Chicken, Fish, Timer, Warm/Cancel, Stop).

- **Power Cord:** Detachable power cord.

Setup and First Use

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove all packaging materials and accessories.
2. **Cleaning:** Before first use, wash the inner pot, lid, and sealing ring 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. **Assembly:**
    - Place the inner pot into the main unit. Ensure it sits properly.
    - Insert the sealing ring firmly into the groove on the underside of the lid.
    - Attach the pressure release valve to the lid, ensuring it is securely in place.
4. **Test Run (Water Test):** It is recommended to perform a water test before cooking food.
    - Add 2-3 cups of water to the inner pot.
    - Close the lid, ensuring it is locked securely. Turn the pressure release valve to the "Sealing" position.
    - Plug in the pressure cooker. Select a short cooking program (e.g., "Soup" for 5 minutes) or use the "Time Set" function.
    - Once the cooking cycle is complete, allow the pressure to release naturally or use the quick release method (see "Pressure Release" section).
    - Open the lid and discard the water. The cooker is now ready for use.

Operating Instructions

Basic Operation

1. **Prepare Ingredients:** Place your ingredients and liquid into the inner pot. Do not exceed the MAX fill line.
2. **Close Lid:** Place the lid on the cooker and turn it clockwise until it locks into place. Ensure the pressure release valve is set to the "Sealing" position.
3. **Select Cooking Function:**
    - **Pre-programmed Functions:** Press the desired function button (e.g., Rice, Meat, Soup, Beans, Chicken, Fish). The display will show a default cooking time.
    - **Adjusting Time:** Use the "Time Set" buttons to increase or decrease the cooking time if needed.
    - **Manual Pressure Cooking:** If a specific function is not available, you can use the "Time Set" buttons to set a custom cooking time.
4. **Start Cooking:** The cooker will automatically begin the preheating process. Once pressure is reached, the cooking timer will start counting down.
5. **End of Cooking Cycle:** When the cooking cycle is complete, the cooker will beep and may automatically switch to "Keep Warm" mode.

Pressure Release Methods

There are two main methods for releasing pressure:

- **Natural Release:** Allow the pressure to dissipate naturally. This is suitable for foods that benefit from continued cooking, such as meats and stews. The float valve will drop when pressure is fully released.
- **Quick Release:** Carefully turn the pressure release valve to the "Venting" position. Steam will rapidly escape. Use caution to avoid contact with hot steam. This method is suitable for delicate foods like vegetables to prevent overcooking. Only use quick release if the recipe specifically calls for it.

Do not attempt to open the lid until the float valve has dropped, indicating all pressure has been released.

Control Panel Functions

Button	Function	Description
Rice	Pre-programmed	For cooking various types of rice.
Meat	Pre-programmed	For cooking meat dishes.
Soup	Pre-programmed	For preparing soups and broths.
Beans	Pre-programmed	For cooking beans and legumes.
Chicken	Pre-programmed	For cooking chicken dishes.
Fish	Pre-programmed	For cooking fish and seafood.
Timer	Manual/Delay Start	Sets a custom cooking time or delays the start of cooking.
Warm/Cancel	Keep Warm/Stop	Switches to keep warm mode after cooking or cancels the current program.
Stop	Cancel	Immediately stops the current cooking program.
Time Set	Adjust Time	Used to manually adjust cooking duration for programs or custom settings.

Maintenance and Cleaning

Proper cleaning and maintenance will extend the life of your pressure cooker.

1. **Always Unplug:** Ensure the appliance is unplugged and completely cooled before cleaning.
2. **Inner Pot:** The stainless steel inner pot is dishwasher safe. Alternatively, wash it with warm, soapy water and a non-abrasive sponge. Rinse and dry thoroughly.
3. **Lid:** Wash the lid, sealing ring, and pressure release valve with warm, soapy water. Pay attention to food particles that may accumulate around the valves. Rinse thoroughly and ensure all parts are dry before reassembly. The sealing ring can be removed for deeper cleaning.
4. **Main Unit:** Wipe the exterior of the main unit with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the main unit in water or any other liquid. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads.
5. **Storage:** Store the pressure cooker in a dry place. It is recommended to store the lid inverted on the inner pot to prevent the sealing ring from compressing permanently.

Troubleshooting

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

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Cooker not building pressure	Lid not properly closed; Sealing ring not installed correctly or damaged; Pressure release valve in "Venting" position; Not enough liquid.	Ensure lid is locked; Check and adjust sealing ring; Turn pressure release valve to "Sealing"; Add minimum required liquid.
Steam leaking from lid	Sealing ring dirty, damaged, or improperly installed; Food debris on rim of inner pot.	Clean or replace sealing ring; Ensure sealing ring is properly seated; Clean inner pot rim.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Food is undercooked	Insufficient cooking time; Not enough liquid; Pressure not reached.	Increase cooking time; Ensure adequate liquid; Verify pressure is building correctly.
Error code on display	Specific internal malfunction.	Unplug the unit, wait a few minutes, then plug it back in. If the error persists, contact customer support.

For issues not listed here, please contact customer support.

Specifications

Brand	Bene Casa
Model Number	BC-74787 (Also known as BC-99212)
Capacity	4 Liters
Material	Stainless steel
Color	White
Finish Type	Titanium
Wattage	900 watts
Control Method	Touch
Operation Mode	Automatic
Dishwasher Safe (Inner Pot)	Yes
UPC	656942312338
Manufacturer	Bene Casa

Warranty and Support

For warranty information or technical support, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or contact Bene Casa customer service directly. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

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