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Cuisinart Compact Air Fryer Toaster Oven

Model: TOA-26

Your comprehensive guide to operation and care.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Cuisinart Compact Air Fryer Toaster Oven is a versatile kitchen appliance designed to simplify your cooking experience. This compact unit combines six essential cooking functions: Air Fry, Toast, Convection Bake, Convection Broil, Pizza, and Warm. Its stainless steel construction ensures durability and a sleek appearance on any countertop.

This manual provides detailed instructions for the safe and efficient use of your new appliance, ensuring you get the most out of its capabilities. Please read all instructions thoroughly before first use.



Image: Front view of the Cuisinart Compact Air Fryer Toaster Oven, showcasing its control dials and viewing window.

2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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:

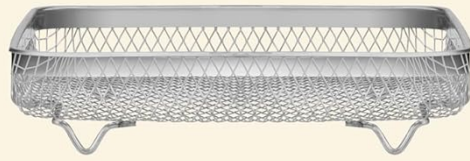
- Read all instructions.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electrical shock, do not immerse cord, plug, or unit in water or other liquids.
- Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
- Unplug from outlet when not in use and before 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 Cuisinart 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.
- To disconnect, turn any control to "OFF", then remove plug from wall outlet.
- Do not use appliance for other than intended use.
- Oversized foods or metal utensils must not be inserted in a toaster oven as they may create a fire or risk of electric shock.
- A fire may occur if the oven is covered or touching flammable material, including curtains, draperies, walls, and the like, when in operation.
- Do not place any of the following materials in the oven: paper, cardboard, plastic, or similar materials.
- Do not store any materials, other than manufacturer's recommended accessories, in this oven when not in use.
- Do not cover crumb tray or any part of the oven with metal foil. This will cause overheating of the oven.

3. COMPONENTS AND ACCESSORIES

Your Cuisinart Compact Air Fryer Toaster Oven comes equipped with essential accessories to enhance your cooking versatility.

- **Air Fryer Basket:** Designed for optimal air circulation, perfect for crispy results.
- **Baking Pan:** A versatile pan for baking, roasting, or collecting drips from the air fry basket.
- **Oven Rack:** For toasting, baking, and broiling.



● **Air Fryer Basket**



● **Baking Pan**



● **Oven Rack**

Expand your culinary horizons

All items included with our Air Fryer Toaster Oven.

Image: The three primary accessories included with the oven: the Air Fryer Basket, Baking Pan, and Oven Rack.

4. SETUP AND FIRST USE

Unpacking and Placement

1. Remove all packaging materials and any promotional labels or stickers from your oven.
2. Place the oven on a flat, stable, heat-resistant surface. Ensure there is at least 4 inches of clearance on all sides of the oven for proper ventilation.
3. Do not place anything on top of the oven.

Before First Use

1. Wash the Air Fryer Basket, Baking Pan, and Oven Rack in warm, soapy water. Rinse and dry thoroughly.
2. Wipe the interior and exterior of the oven with a damp cloth.
3. Plug the oven into a standard 120V AC electrical outlet.

- To eliminate any manufacturing oils, operate the oven on the "Bake" function at 450°F (230°C) for approximately 10 minutes. A slight odor or smoke may be present; this is normal and will dissipate.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Cuisinart Compact Air Fryer Toaster Oven features three control dials for easy operation: Function, Temperature, and Toast Shade.



Image: A detailed view of the control panel, showing the Function, Temperature, and Toast Shade dials.

Functions Overview

This appliance offers 6 cooking functions:

- **Air Fry:** Ideal for achieving crispy results with little to no oil. Use with the Air Fryer Basket.
- **Toast:** For perfectly browned toast, bagels, and more.

- **Convection Bake:** Circulates hot air for even baking, suitable for cakes, cookies, and casseroles.
- **Convection Broil:** Uses intense top heat for browning and crisping, great for meats and vegetables.
- **Pizza:** Optimized setting for baking pizzas.
- **Warm:** Keeps food warm without overcooking.

General Operation Steps

1. **Prepare Food:** Place food on the appropriate accessory (Air Fryer Basket, Baking Pan, or Oven Rack).
2. **Insert Accessory:** Slide the accessory into the desired rack position inside the oven.
3. **Select Function:** Turn the left dial to select your desired cooking function (Air Fry, Bake, Broil, Pizza, Warm).
4. **Set Temperature:** Turn the middle dial to set the desired temperature (Warm to 450°F).
5. **Set Toast Shade (if applicable):** If using the Toast function, turn the right dial to select your preferred toast shade (Light, Medium, Dark).
6. **Start Cooking:** The oven will begin heating once the function and temperature are set. For Toast, the oven will automatically turn off when the cycle is complete. For other functions, you will need to manually turn the function dial to "OFF" when cooking is finished.



Contoured design

Brushed stainless steel and viewing window.

Image: The oven in use, showing chicken nuggets being air-fried in the basket, demonstrating its generous capacity.

6. MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Proper cleaning and maintenance will ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Cuisinart Compact Air Fryer Toaster Oven.

General Cleaning

1. Always unplug the oven from the electrical outlet and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
2. Wipe the exterior with a clean, damp cloth. Dry thoroughly. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads, as they may damage the finish.
3. Clean the interior walls with a damp cloth and mild liquid soap or a sponge. Do not use steel wool or abrasive cleaners.

Cleaning Accessories

The Air Fryer Basket, Baking Pan, and Oven Rack should be hand washed. They are not dishwasher safe.

- Wash accessories in warm, soapy water. For stubborn food residue, soak the accessories in hot, soapy water for a period before scrubbing.
- Rinse thoroughly and dry completely before storing or reinserting into the oven.
- Note: Some users have reported that the basket and pan can be challenging to clean. Regular cleaning after each use can help prevent food from baking onto surfaces.

Crumb Tray

The crumb tray is located at the bottom of the oven. It should be pulled out and cleaned regularly to prevent the buildup of crumbs, which can cause odors or fire hazards.

- Slide out the crumb tray.
- Discard crumbs.
- Wipe the tray with a damp cloth and dry thoroughly.
- Reinsert the crumb tray before operating the oven.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter any issues with your Cuisinart Compact Air Fryer Toaster Oven, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Oven does not turn on.	Not plugged in; power outage; door not fully closed.	Ensure the power cord is securely plugged into a working outlet. Check your circuit breaker. Ensure the oven door is fully closed and latched.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Food is not cooking evenly.	Overcrowding; incorrect temperature/time; food placement.	Avoid overcrowding the basket/pan. Adjust cooking time and temperature as needed. Ensure food is placed centrally on the rack. Rotate food halfway through cooking for best results.
Toast takes too long or is uneven.	Incorrect shade setting; bread type.	Adjust the toast shade dial to a darker setting. Different types of bread may require different settings. Ensure bread slices are centered.
Smoke or burning smell.	Food residue; excessive grease; crumb tray full.	Unplug the oven and allow it to cool. Clean the interior, accessories, and crumb tray thoroughly. Use less oil if air frying fatty foods.
Door does not stay closed or opens during operation.	Mechanical issue with the door latch.	If the door mechanism is faulty, contact Cuisinart customer support for assistance. Do not attempt to repair it yourself.

For issues not covered here, please refer to the Warranty and Support section.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Detailed technical specifications for the Cuisinart Compact Air Fryer Toaster Oven, Model TOA-26.

- **Model Name:** Compact AirFryer Toaster
- **Model Number:** TOA-26
- **Product Dimensions:** 12.5"D x 11.5"W x 11.5"H
- **Item Weight:** Approximately 16 ounces (1 pound)
- **Color:** Stainless Steel
- **Capacity:** Air fries up to 2.5 lbs of food; bakes an 8" pizza
- **Material:** Stainless Steel
- **Wattage:** 1500 watts (Output Wattage: 1800)
- **Voltage:** 120 Volts
- **Control Method:** Touch (Dial controls)
- **Max Temperature Setting:** 450 Degrees Fahrenheit
- **Nonstick Coating:** No
- **Dishwasher Safe:** No (Hand Wash recommended for accessories)
- **Special Feature:** Manual controls

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Image: Diagram illustrating the compact dimensions of the Cuisinart Air Fryer Toaster Oven.

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Limited 3-Year Warranty

The Cuisinart Compact Air Fryer Toaster Oven comes with a limited 3-year warranty. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal household use from the date of original purchase. For full details regarding warranty coverage, limitations, and how to make a claim, please refer to the official warranty documentation included with your product or visit the Cuisinart website.

Customer Support

For technical assistance, troubleshooting beyond this manual, or warranty inquiries, please contact Cuisinart Customer Service. Contact information can typically be found on the Cuisinart official website or within the product packaging.

You can also find additional resources and product information by visiting the official Cuisinart store on Amazon:

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