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PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Take your outdoor cooking to the next level with the Cuisinart Outdoors Portable Wood Pellet Grill and Smoker. Compact yet powerful, this versatile pellet smoker offers 256 sq. in. of cooking space (188 sq. in. main rack + 68 sq. in. warming rack) and features an integrated sear zone for direct or indirect grilling. Whether you're smoking, barbecuing, grilling, roasting, or even baking, this 8-in-1 pellet grill has you covered with precise temperature control ranging from 180°F to 500°F. The Precision Pellet Delivery System automatically adds wood pellets to maintain the perfect temperature, making it easier than ever to get that authentic wood-fired flavor. With a 4 lb. pellet hopper, you can enjoy hours of uninterrupted smoking. Plus, the included meat probe lets you monitor food temperatures effortlessly. Ideal for backyard gatherings, RV camping trips & tailgating, and more, this portable pellet grill is your go-to for on-the-go grilling with smokey flavor. This versatile pellet smoker offers 256 sq. in. of cooking space and features an integrated sear zone for direct or indirect grilling. It provides 8-in-1 cooking capabilities including Smoke, BBQ, Grill, Roast, Sear, Braise, Bake, and Char-Grill, with precise temperature control from 180°F to 500°F.



Image: The Cuisinart Portable Wood Pellet Grill and Smoker in its closed position, showcasing its compact design and digital control panel.

KEY FEATURES

- **8-in-1 Versatility:** Smoke, BBQ, Grill, Roast, Sear, Braise, Bake, and Char-Grill.
- **Portable Design:** Compact at 24 x 18 x 15 inches and 40 lbs, with a locking lid and easy-carry handle.
- **Advanced Wood-Fired Technology:** Temperature range of 180°F to 500°F with digital controller.
- **Precision Pellet Delivery System:** Automatic pellet feeder for consistent heat and smoke.
- **Easy Digital Controls:** Electronic auto-start ignition and real-time PID temperature display.
- **Integrated Meat Probe:** For accurate food temperature monitoring.

SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

Before first use, ensure all packaging materials are removed. Place the grill on a stable, heat-resistant surface outdoors. Ensure proper ventilation and clearance from combustible materials.

The grill comes largely pre-assembled. Attach any remaining components as per the quick start guide included in the packaging. Ensure the grease cup is properly installed on the side.



Image: Front view of the Cuisinart Portable Wood Pellet Grill and Smoker, showing the digital control panel and handle.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Loading Pellets

Open the pellet hopper lid located on the side of the grill. Fill the hopper with food-grade wood pellets. The hopper has a 4 lb capacity.



Image: Close-up view of the pellet hopper filled with wood pellets, ready for operation.

2. Powering On and Setting Temperature

Connect the grill to a grounded electrical outlet. The digital display will illuminate. Use the temperature dial to select your desired cooking temperature, ranging from 180°F (Smoke) to 500°F (High).



Image: Detailed view of the digital control panel, showing the temperature dial, LED readout, and temperature probe port.

3. Using the Meat Probe

Insert the included meat probe into the thickest part of your food, avoiding bone. Plug the probe into the designated port on the control panel. The digital display will show the internal food temperature.



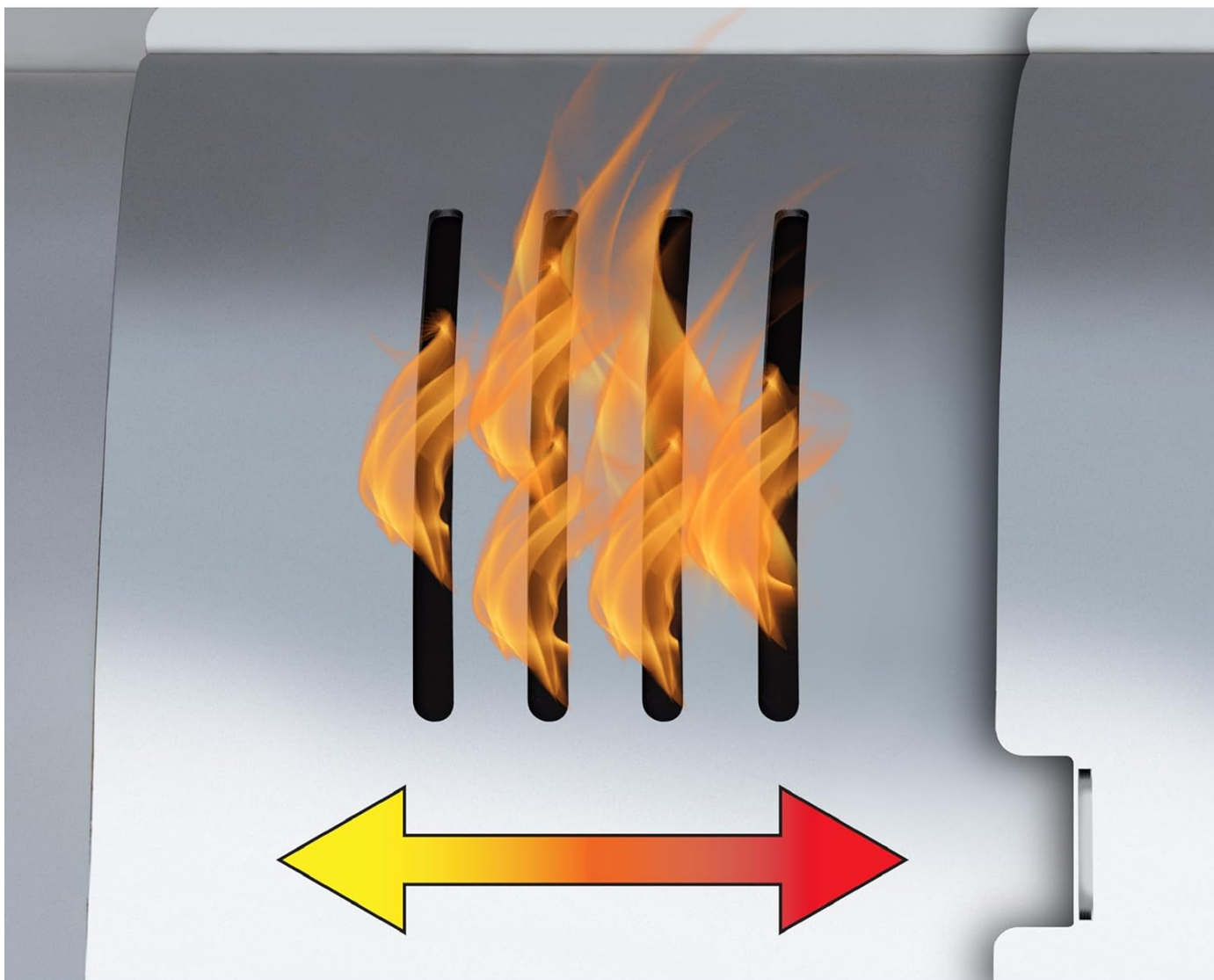
Set it and forget it.

Digital control regulates temp, stainless steel temperature probe included.

Image: A meat probe inserted into a rack of ribs cooking on the grill, demonstrating its use for temperature monitoring.

4. Utilizing the Sear Zone

The integrated sear zone allows for direct high-heat grilling. Adjust the sear zone lever to expose the flame for searing, or close it for indirect cooking and smoking.



Adjustable sear/smoke zone.

Get the perfect cook.

Image: A close-up of the adjustable sear/smoke zone, showing flames indicating direct heat for searing.

MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and longevity of your grill. Always allow the grill to cool completely before cleaning.

1. Cleaning Grill Grates

Scrape off any food residue from the grill grates using a grill brush. For stubborn residue, remove grates and wash with warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry before replacing.

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Image: The Cuisinart Portable Wood Pellet Grill and Smoker with its lid open, revealing the main cooking grates and the upper warming rack.

2. Emptying Grease Cup

The grease cup collects drippings during cooking. Regularly check and empty the grease cup to prevent overflow and flare-ups. Wash with warm, soapy water.

3. Pellet Hopper and Auger Cleaning

Periodically empty any unused pellets from the hopper, especially if storing the grill for extended periods or in humid conditions, to prevent moisture absorption and pellet swelling. Ensure the auger mechanism is free of debris.



Image: An empty pellet hopper, showing the internal structure where pellets are stored before being fed into the grill.

TROUBLESHOOTING

This section provides general guidance for common issues. For detailed troubleshooting, refer to the complete user manual available on the Cuisinart website.

- **Grill Not Powering On:** Check power connection and ensure the outlet is functional.
- **Temperature Fluctuations:** Ensure the pellet hopper has sufficient pellets and the lid is closed properly. Avoid opening the lid frequently.
- **No Smoke Production:** Verify pellets are feeding correctly and the igniter is functioning. Ensure the grill has reached the desired temperature.
- **Pellet Jam:** Turn off the grill, allow it to cool, and carefully clear any obstructions from the auger or pellet chute.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Name	CPG-256
Cooking Space	256 sq. in. (188 sq. in. main, 68 sq. in. warming rack)
Temperature Range	180°F to 500°F
Pellet Hopper Capacity	4 lbs
Dimensions (D x W x H)	18.9"D x 24.7"W x 14.9"H

Weight	39.6 lbs
Power Source	Corded Electric
Outer Material	Stainless Steel
Fuel Type	Wood Chips/Pellets

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and customer support, please refer to the official Cuisinart website or the full user manual provided with your product. You can also download the PDF user manual [here](#).

For further assistance, contact Cuisinart customer service directly.

