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Elite Gourmet EDF-401T Electric Immersion Deep Fryer User Manual

Model: EDF-401T

1. 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:

1. Read all instructions before using the deep fryer.
2. Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
3. To protect against electrical shock, do not immerse cord, plugs, or heating element in water or other liquid.
4. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
5. Unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts, and before cleaning the appliance.
6. Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, or after the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner. Contact customer service for examination, repair, or adjustment.
7. The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may cause injuries.
8. Do not use outdoors.
9. Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter, or touch hot surfaces.
10. Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
11. Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot oil or other hot liquids.
12. 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.
13. Do not use appliance for other than intended use.
14. Ensure the oil level is between the MIN and MAX marks.
15. Never leave the deep fryer unattended while in operation.

2. Product Overview and Parts Identification

Familiarize yourself with the components of your Elite Gourmet EDF-401T Deep Fryer before use.



Figure 2.1: The Elite Gourmet EDF-401T Deep Fryer shown with its three baskets (two small, one large) in use, frying onion rings and french fries. The control panel with temperature and timer knobs is visible at the top. The unit features a brushed stainless steel exterior.



Figure 2.2: A detailed view of the control panel. It features a temperature dial (TEMP °F) ranging from 250°F to 375°F, a power indicator light (green), a heat indicator light (red), and a timer dial (TIMER) up to 30 minutes. The heating element is visible below the control panel. Note: The timer knob must be set to 'Power On' for the deep fryer to operate.



Figure 2.3: The overall dimensions of the deep fryer are approximately 14 inches in width, 22 inches in depth (including handles), and 9 inches in height. These measurements are important for counter space planning.

Components:

- **Control Panel:** Includes temperature dial, timer dial, power indicator, and heat indicator.
- **Heating Element:** Immersible heating coil.
- **Oil Pot (Removable):** Enamel-coated container for frying oil.
- **Fry Baskets (3):** Two small baskets and one large basket with detachable handles.
- **Lid:** With viewing window and odor filter.
- **Housing:** Brushed stainless steel exterior.

3. Setup

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Retain packaging for future storage or transport.
2. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, wash the oil pot, fry baskets, and lid in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely. Wipe the exterior housing with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the control panel or heating element in water.
3. **Assembly:**

- Place the removable oil pot securely into the main housing.
- Attach the heating element assembly to the back of the housing, ensuring it is properly seated and locked into place. The control panel should face the front.
- Ensure the heating element is fully immersed in the oil once added.

4. **Add Frying Oil:** Pour suitable cooking oil (e.g., vegetable oil, peanut oil) into the oil pot. Ensure the oil level is between the MIN and MAX fill lines indicated inside the pot. Do not overfill or underfill. The capacity is approximately 4.2 liters (17 cups).
5. **Basket Handles:** Attach the handles to the fry baskets by squeezing the two prongs together and inserting them into the slots on the basket.

4. Operating Instructions

1. **Placement:** Place the deep fryer on a stable, heat-resistant surface, away from walls and flammable materials. Ensure adequate ventilation.
2. **Power Connection:** Ensure the temperature dial is set to 'OFF' and the timer dial is set to '0'. Plug the power cord into a grounded 120V AC electrical outlet.
3. **Preheating Oil:**
   - Set the desired frying temperature using the temperature dial (e.g., 350°F for most foods).
   - Turn the timer dial past '0' to the 'Power On' position (usually indicated by a symbol or a specific mark). The green power indicator light will illuminate.
   - The red heat indicator light will turn on, indicating the oil is heating. It will turn off once the set temperature is reached and cycle on/off during frying to maintain temperature.
4. **Preparing Food:** While the oil preheats, prepare your food. Ensure food is dry to prevent excessive splattering. For frozen foods, remove ice crystals. Do not overload baskets.
5. **Frying:**
   - Once the oil is preheated, carefully lower the food-filled basket(s) into the hot oil. Use the basket handles.
   - Place the lid on the fryer to minimize splattering and contain odors. The viewing window allows you to monitor cooking.
   - Set the timer for the recommended cooking duration. The timer will alert you when cooking is complete.
6. **Removing Food:** When food is cooked, carefully lift the basket(s) out of the oil. Hook the basket onto the rim of the oil pot to allow excess oil to drain.
7. **Serving:** Transfer fried food to a plate lined with paper towels to absorb any remaining oil.
8. **Shutting Down:** After frying, turn the temperature dial to 'OFF' and the timer dial to '0'. Unplug the fryer from the wall outlet. Allow the oil and fryer to cool completely before cleaning or moving.

5. Maintenance

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and safe operation of your deep fryer.

1. **Cool Down:** Always ensure the fryer and oil have cooled completely before cleaning. This can take several hours.

2. **Oil Disposal/Storage:**
    - Once cooled, carefully pour the used oil into a suitable container for disposal or storage. If reusing, filter the oil through a fine-mesh strainer or cheesecloth to remove food particles.
    - Store used oil in a cool, dark place. Do not store oil in the fryer for extended periods.
3. **Cleaning the Oil Pot:** Remove the oil pot from the housing. Wash it with warm, soapy water. Use a non-abrasive sponge or cloth. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely.
4. **Cleaning Fry Baskets and Lid:** Wash fry baskets and the lid in warm, soapy water. Rinse and dry thoroughly. These parts may be dishwasher safe (check product manual for specific confirmation).
5. **Cleaning Heating Element and Control Panel:** Wipe the heating element and the exterior of the control panel with a damp cloth. For stubborn residue on the heating element, use a soft brush. **Never immerse the heating element or control panel in water or any other liquid.**
6. **Cleaning Housing:** Wipe the exterior stainless steel housing with a damp cloth and then dry with a soft, dry cloth to prevent water spots.
7. **Odor Filter:** The lid contains an odor filter. Replace the filter periodically (frequency depends on usage) to maintain odor control. Refer to the manufacturer's website or customer service for replacement filters.
8. **Storage:** Ensure all parts are clean and dry before reassembling and storing the fryer in a cool, dry place.

6. Troubleshooting

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

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Fryer does not turn on.	Not plugged in; temperature dial off; timer dial not set to 'Power On'; faulty outlet.	Ensure plug is secure; turn temperature dial to desired setting; turn timer dial past '0' to 'Power On'; test outlet with another appliance.
Oil not heating.	Heating element not properly seated; temperature too low; timer expired.	Ensure heating element is fully locked in place; increase temperature setting; reset timer if it has run out.
Excessive splattering.	Food is wet; too much food in basket; oil level too high.	Ensure food is dry before frying; do not overload baskets; check oil level and remove excess if necessary.
Food not crispy.	Oil temperature too low; too much food in basket; old oil.	Allow oil to reach set temperature; fry in smaller batches; replace old oil with fresh oil.
Odor filter ineffective.	Filter is old or saturated.	Replace the odor filter in the lid.

If the problem persists after trying these solutions, please contact customer support.

7. Specifications

Model Number	EDF-401T
Brand	Elite Gourmet
Power	1700W - 2000W (Varies by region, check product label)
Oil Capacity	4.2 Liters (approx. 17 cups)
Material	Stainless Steel
Dimensions (L x W x H)	38 x 23 x 38 cm (approx. 15 x 9 x 15 inches)
Weight	4.35 kg (approx. 9.6 lbs)
UPC	717056134114

8. Warranty Information

This product is covered by a limited warranty from the date of purchase. Please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Elite Gourmet website for detailed warranty terms and conditions. The warranty typically covers defects in material and workmanship under normal household use.

Keep your proof of purchase (receipt) for any warranty claims.

9. Customer Support

For technical assistance, parts, or service inquiries, please contact Elite Gourmet customer support:

- **Website:** Visit the official Elite Gourmet website for FAQs, product registration, and support contact information.
- **Email/Phone:** Refer to the contact details provided in your product packaging or on the official website.

When contacting support, please have your product model number (EDF-401T) and proof of purchase ready.

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