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Instruction Manual

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Cuisinart Single Serve + 12 Cup Coffee Maker offers versatile brewing options for both individual servings and larger batches. This appliance combines a fully automatic 12-cup coffeemaker with a single-serve brewer, designed to save counter space while providing a range of coffee preparation choices.



Image: Cuisinart Single Serve + 12 Cup Coffee Maker (Model SS-15) in Cream color.

SETUP

1. **Unboxing:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Ensure all parts, including the carafe, filter, and water reservoirs, are present.
2. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, wash the carafe, filter basket, and removable drip tray in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry. Wipe down the exterior of the coffee maker with a damp cloth.
3. **Placement:** Place the coffee maker on a flat, stable surface away from heat sources and direct sunlight. Ensure adequate ventilation around the unit.
4. **Water Filter Installation:** Install the charcoal water filter into the designated holder within the 12-cup carafe brewer's water reservoir. For the single-serve side, ensure the carbon filter is correctly placed in its reservoir.
5. **Filling Water Reservoirs:** Fill the 12-cup carafe brewer's water reservoir with fresh, cold water up to the desired level indicated by the water window. For the single-serve brewer, fill the 40oz removable water reservoir.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

12-Cup Carafe Brewer

1. **Add Coffee Grounds:** Place a paper filter or the permanent filter into the filter basket. Add your desired amount of ground coffee.
2. **Fill Water:** Ensure the water reservoir is filled to the desired level for 1-12 cups.
3. **Set Time & Auto-Brew:** Use the 'HR' and 'MIN' buttons to set the current time. To program a delayed brew, press 'PROG' and set the desired brew start time. Press 'AUTO ON' to activate the delayed brew.
4. **Adjust Brew Strength:** Press the 'BOLD' button for a stronger coffee flavor.
5. **Adjust Carafe Temperature:** Use the 'CARAFE TEMP' button to select your preferred warming plate temperature.
6. **Brew Pause Feature:** The Brew Pause feature allows you to pour a cup of coffee before the brewing cycle is complete.

Single-Serve Brewer

1. **Fill Water Reservoir:** Ensure the 40oz removable water reservoir is filled with fresh, cold water.
2. **Insert Pod or Grounds:** Lift the single-serve lid. Insert a single-cup pod (Keurig K-Cup compatible) or use the HomeBarista reusable filter cup with your own coffee grounds.
3. **Select Serving Size:** Use the 'POD' button to select your desired serving size: 6 ounces, 8 ounces, or 10 ounces.
4. **Over Ice Feature:** For iced coffee, select the 'OVER ICE' option before brewing.
5. **Adjust Drip Tray:** The removable drip tray can be adjusted or removed to accommodate various cup and travel mug sizes.
6. **Energy Save Mode:** The single-serve brewer features an energy save mode that activates after the brewing cycle is complete.

Video: Demonstrates the dual functionality of a similar coffee maker, showing both carafe and single-serve brewing options.

MAINTENANCE

1. **Self-Clean Function:** The 12-cup carafe brewer includes a self-clean function to maintain optimal performance. Refer to the full user manual for detailed instructions on activating this cycle.
2. **Removable Drip Tray:** The drip tray for the single-serve side is removable for easy cleaning. Wash with warm, soapy water.
3. **Charcoal Water Filters:** Both brewing sides utilize charcoal water filters. These should be replaced regularly according to the manufacturer's recommendations to ensure optimal water quality and coffee taste.
4. **General Cleaning:** All removable parts are not dishwasher safe and should be hand-washed. The exterior can be wiped with a damp cloth. Ensure the unit is unplugged before cleaning.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Weak Coffee/Inadequate Brew:** If the coffee is weak or the brew is inadequate, check the grind size and the amount of coffee used. Too coarse a grind, too little coffee, or insufficient tamping (if using a reusable filter) can affect the brew. Reprogramming may be necessary after adjusting grind size or amount.
- **Splashing from Single-Serve:** To minimize splashing when using the single-serve side with shorter cups, utilize the adjustable drip tray to raise the cup closer to the dispenser.
- **Coffee Grounds in Cup (Single-Serve):** Ensure the single-serve pod or reusable filter cup is correctly seated and the lid is fully closed. Check for any damage to the pod or filter.
- **Water Leaks:** Verify that the water reservoirs are properly seated and not overfilled. Inspect seals for any visible damage.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Brand:** Cuisinart
- **Model Number:** SS-15
- **Color:** Cream
- **Product Dimensions:** 10.13"D x 14.25"W x 10.38"H
- **Item Weight:** 12.32 pounds
- **Capacity:** 12 Cups (Carafe)
- **Single Serve Sizes:** 6, 8, 10 ounces
- **Coffee Input Type:** Pods and Grounds
- **Operation Mode:** Fully Automatic
- **Special Feature:** Removable Tank
- **Power Source:** AC adapter
- **Is Dishwasher Safe:** No (Hand wash recommended for removable parts)
- **UPC:** 086279211378

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This Cuisinart product is backed by a manufacturer's warranty. For specific warranty details, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Cuisinart website.

Optional protection plans are available for extended coverage:

- 3-Year Protection Plan
- 4-Year Protection Plan
- Asurion Complete Protect (monthly billing)

For technical assistance, troubleshooting, or to inquire about replacement parts, please contact Cuisinart Customer Service.