

## Breville VST098X

# Breville 3-in-1 Ultimate Snack Maker Instruction Manual

Model: VST098X

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## INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and care of your Breville 3-in-1 Ultimate Snack Maker. This versatile appliance allows you to prepare sandwiches, waffles, and paninis using interchangeable non-stick plates. Please read all instructions carefully before first use and retain this manual for future reference.

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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

- Read all instructions before operating the appliance.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electrical shock, do not immerse cord, plugs, or appliance 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, and before cleaning the appliance.
- 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 the appliance manufacturer 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.
- 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.

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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The Breville 3-in-1 Ultimate Snack Maker is designed for versatility and ease of use. It features a main heating unit and three sets of interchangeable, non-stick cooking plates:

- **Sandwich Plates:** Designed with a cut and seal system for perfectly portioned and sealed sandwiches.
- **Waffle Plates:** For preparing fluffy, golden waffles.
- **Panini Plates:** For grilling paninis and other grilled sandwiches, featuring an adjustable height lid.

The appliance also includes a "Ready to Cook" indicator light, cool-touch handle, non-slip feet, and integrated cord storage for convenience.

## SETUP

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1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove the snack maker and all its components from the packaging. Dispose of all packaging materials responsibly.
2. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, wipe the exterior of the appliance with a damp cloth. Wash the removable cooking plates in warm, soapy water, rinse thoroughly, and dry completely. The plates are also dishwasher-safe.
3. **Attaching Cooking Plates:**
  - Ensure the appliance is unplugged and cool.
  - Select the desired set of cooking plates (sandwich, waffle, or panini).
  - Align the tabs on the back of the plate with the slots on the appliance.
  - Gently press the plate down until it clicks securely into place. Repeat for the second plate.



*Image: Hands attaching a cooking plate to the appliance. This shows the mechanism for plate installation and removal.*

4. **Placement:** Place the appliance on a stable, heat-resistant, and dry surface, away from the edge of the counter. Ensure there is adequate ventilation around the unit.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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Always ensure the correct plates are installed for your desired food item before plugging in the appliance.

### General Operation

1. **Preheating:** Plug the appliance into a suitable power outlet. The indicator light will illuminate, signifying that the appliance is heating. Allow the snack maker to preheat until the "Ready to Cook" indicator light turns on (or off, depending on model's specific indicator behavior, typically it turns green or off when ready). This usually takes 3-5 minutes.
2. **Preparation:** Lightly grease the cooking plates with a small amount of cooking oil or butter, especially for the first use or if food tends to stick.
3. **Cooking:** Place your food item onto the bottom cooking plate. Close the lid. The cooking time will vary depending on the food type and desired crispness.
4. **Removal:** Once cooked, use a heat-resistant plastic or wooden utensil to remove the food. Avoid metal utensils as they can damage the non-stick coating.

5. **Finishing:** Unplug the appliance from the power outlet after use and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.

## Specific Plate Usage

### Making Sandwiches (with Sandwich Plates)

- Ensure sandwich plates are installed and preheated.
- Place two slices of bread on the bottom plate, aligning them with the plate's shape. Add your desired filling.
- Close the lid firmly. The cut and seal system will create two sealed sandwiches.
- Cook for approximately 3-5 minutes, or until golden brown and the filling is heated through.



*Image: Uncooked sandwiches placed on the sandwich plates. This illustrates the preparation stage for making sandwiches.*



*Image: Cooked sandwiches on a plate. This shows the final product after using the sandwich plates.*

### **Making Waffles (with Waffle Plates)**

- Ensure waffle plates are installed and preheated.
- Pour approximately 1/2 to 3/4 cup of waffle batter onto the center of each bottom waffle plate. Do not overfill.
- Close the lid. Cook for 4-7 minutes, or until the waffles are golden brown and crisp.



*Image: Freshly made waffles with fruit. This demonstrates the result of using the waffle plates.*

### **Making Paninis (with Panini Plates)**

- Ensure panini plates are installed and preheated.
- Place your panini or desired sandwich onto the bottom panini plate.
- Close the lid. The adjustable height lid allows for various sandwich thicknesses. Gently press down for even grilling.
- Cook for 3-6 minutes, or until the bread is toasted and grill marks appear.



*Image: A panini being grilled on the panini plates. This illustrates the use of the panini function.*

## MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

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Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and performance of your snack maker.

1. **Always Unplug:** Before cleaning, always unplug the appliance from the power outlet and allow it to cool completely.
2. **Cleaning Plates:** The removable cooking plates are dishwasher-safe for easy cleaning. Alternatively, they can be washed by hand in warm, soapy water using a soft sponge or cloth. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely before storing or reattaching. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads, as these can damage the non-stick coating.
3. **Cleaning Exterior:** Wipe the exterior of the appliance with a soft, damp cloth. Do not immerse the main unit in water or any other liquid.
4. **Stubborn Residue:** For stubborn food residue on the plates, soak them in warm, soapy water for a few minutes before cleaning.
5. **Storage:** Once clean and dry, the appliance can be stored vertically to save space. Utilize the integrated cord storage to keep the power cord tidy.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Appliance does not heat up.	Not plugged in; power outlet malfunction.	Ensure the appliance is securely plugged into a working power outlet. Check the circuit breaker.
Food sticks to plates.	Plates not greased; excessive sugar in batter (waffles); plates worn.	Lightly grease plates before each use. Reduce sugar in waffle batter. If plates are worn, consider replacement.
Food not cooking evenly or taking too long.	Appliance not preheated; too much food; lid not fully closed.	Always preheat until the "Ready to Cook" indicator activates. Do not overfill. Ensure the lid is closed properly.
Smoke or unusual odor during first use.	Protective oils burning off.	This is normal for first use. Ensure good ventilation. If it persists, unplug and contact customer support.

## SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model:** VST098X (also known as 2196027)
- **Brand:** Breville
- **Power:** 850 Watts
- **Material:** Stainless Steel, Plastic (Black)
- **Dimensions (L x W x H):** 30.7 x 18 x 30.7 cm (approximately 12.1 x 7.1 x 12.1 inches)
- **Weight:** 2.42 Kilograms (approximately 5.34 lbs)
- **Special Features:** Adjustable height lid, Removable dishwasher-safe plates, Integrated cord storage, Vertical storage capability.

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information, please refer to the separate warranty card included with your product or visit the official Breville website for your region. If you encounter any issues not covered in the troubleshooting section or require further assistance, please contact Breville customer support.

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