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KitchenAid KCO128CU

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Model: KCO128CU | Brand: KitchenAid

INTRODUCTION

The KitchenAid® Digital Countertop Oven with Air Fry and Pizza Stone (Model KCO128CU) is a versatile appliance designed to offer a wide range of cooking possibilities. Its compact yet spacious design makes it a valuable addition to any kitchen, allowing for everything from crispy air-fried snacks to perfectly baked pizzas.

KEY FEATURES

- **No-Flip Air Fry Basket:** Designed for perfect air-fried creations without the need for flipping, ensuring even crisping.
- **Integrated Pizza Stone:** Includes a 12-inch pizza baking stone and a dedicated pizza cycle for creating crispy, delicious homemade or frozen pizzas.
- **Even-Heat Convection Technology:** Utilizes top and bottom heating elements with a convection fan to maintain precise and consistent temperatures for optimal cooking results.
- **10 Essential Cooking Settings:** Offers a variety of functions including Air Fry, Pizza, Toast, Bagel, Proof, Dehydrate, Bake, Broil, Reheat, and Keep Warm.
- **Fast Preheat:** Reaches desired baking temperature in under 4 minutes, saving time.

SETUP

Unpacking: Carefully remove all packaging materials and accessories. Ensure all components listed in the "Included Components" section are present.

Placement: Place the oven on a stable, flat, heat-resistant surface. Ensure there is adequate clearance (at least 4 inches) on all sides and above the oven for proper ventilation, as the exterior can become warm during operation.

Power Connection: Plug the oven into a grounded electrical outlet.

Initial Cleaning: Before first use, wipe down the interior and accessories with a damp cloth. Run the oven on a high heat setting (e.g., Bake at 400°F for 15 minutes) to burn off any manufacturing oils, which may produce a slight odor. Ensure the area is well-ventilated during this process.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The KitchenAid Digital Countertop Oven features intuitive knob controls and a digital display for easy operation.

Control Panel Overview

- **Function Knob:** Selects desired cooking mode (Air Fry, Toast, Bagel, Proof, Dehydrate, Bake, Broil, Reheat, Keep Warm).
- **Temperature/Time Knob:** Adjusts temperature, cooking time, toast shade, or number of slices depending on the selected function.
- **Digital Display:** Shows selected function, temperature, time, and preheating status.
- **Start Button:** Initiates the cooking cycle.

- **Cancel Button:** Stops the current cooking cycle.
- **Convection Button:** Activates or deactivates the convection fan for certain functions (e.g., Bake, Roast).

General Operation

1. **Select Function:** Turn the Function Knob to choose your desired cooking mode.
2. **Set Temperature/Time:** Use the Temperature/Time Knob to set the desired temperature and cooking duration. For Toast/Bagel, adjust shade and slice count.
3. **Preheat (if applicable):** For functions like Bake or Air Fry, the oven will typically preheat to the set temperature. The display will indicate "Preheating."
4. **Place Food:** Once preheated (or immediately for some functions), carefully place your food inside the oven using the appropriate rack or accessory.
5. **Start Cooking:** Press the Start button to begin the cooking process.
6. **Monitor Progress:** The internal light allows for easy monitoring of food without opening the door.
7. **Completion:** The oven will signal when cooking is complete. Carefully remove food using oven mitts.

Specific Functions

Air Fry

The 360° Air Fry System and No-Flip Air Fry Basket ensure even crisping. Place food in the air fry basket, set desired temperature and time, and press Start. No need to flip food during cooking.



Image: The KitchenAid Digital Countertop Oven with its air fry basket containing crispy food, demonstrating its air frying capability.

Pizza

Use the included 12-inch pizza baking stone for optimal results. Select the Pizza function, allow the oven to preheat, then carefully place the pizza on the stone.



Image: The KitchenAid Digital Countertop Oven shown alongside a freshly baked pizza on its stone and a basket of air-fried items, highlighting its dual functionality.

Bake / Convection Bake

Ideal for casseroles, cookies, and other baked goods. The Even-Heat Convection Technology ensures consistent results.

KitchenAid Even-Heat™ Convection Technology



Image: A diagram illustrating the Even-Heat Convection Technology within the KitchenAid oven, showing heat circulation for even cooking.

Toast / Bagel

Place bread or bagels directly on the wire rack. Select Toast or Bagel, then adjust the shade level and number of slices.

Other Functions

Explore Broil for quick browning, Reheat for warming leftovers, Proof for dough rising, Dehydrate for making dried fruits or jerky, and Keep Warm to maintain food temperature.

MAINTENANCE & CLEANING

Before Cleaning: Always unplug the oven and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.

Interior: The non-stick interior can be wiped down with a damp cloth and mild detergent. Avoid abrasive cleaners or scouring pads that could damage the finish.

Accessories: The removable metal drip and crumb tray, baking pan, wire rack, and air fry basket are dishwasher-safe or can be hand-washed with warm, soapy water.

Crumb Tray: Regularly empty and clean the removable crumb tray to prevent buildup and ensure optimal performance.

Exterior: Wipe the exterior with a soft, damp cloth. Do not immerse the oven in water.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Oven Not Turning On

- Ensure the power cord is securely plugged into a working electrical outlet.
- Check your household fuse or circuit breaker.

Uneven Cooking

- Ensure food is placed evenly in the basket or on the rack.
- Verify the correct temperature and time settings for your recipe.
- For convection functions, ensure the fan is not obstructed.

Exterior is Hot

- It is normal for the exterior surfaces of the oven to become hot during operation. Ensure adequate clearance around the appliance and avoid touching hot surfaces.

Food Not Crispy (Air Fry)

- Ensure the air fry basket is not overloaded. Cook in smaller batches if necessary.
- Ensure proper air circulation around the food.
- Some foods may benefit from a light coating of oil.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	KitchenAid
Model Name	Digital Countertop Oven with Air Fry
Model Number	KCO128CU
Capacity	21 Liters
Color	Contour Silver
Product Dimensions	16"D x 17"W x 11.3"H
Item Weight	15.9 pounds
Control Type	Knob Control
Special Features	Timer, Broiler Option, Removable Crumb Tray
Included Components	(1) removable metal drip and crumb tray, (1) 9x13-inch baking pan, (1) removable metal rack, (1) 12" pizza baking stone, Air Fry Basket

WARRANTY & SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information and customer support, please refer to the official KitchenAid website or contact their customer service directly. Keep your purchase receipt for warranty claims.

PRODUCT VIDEOS

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Video: An official overview of the KitchenAid Digital Countertop Oven, showcasing its features and design.

