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IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and injury to persons. Read all instructions carefully before operating the appliance.

- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electrical shock, do not immerse cord, plugs, or the heating base 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.
- 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.
- The Dutch oven pot is oven safe, but the electric heating base is not.

PRODUCT COMPONENTS

Your NutriChef Electric Dutch Oven comes with the following components:

- Electric Heating Base
- 6-Quart Enamel Coated Cast Iron Pot
- Cast Iron Lid with Stainless Steel Knob
- Power Cable

- 2 Silicone Pot Holders
- 1 Heat Resistant Silicone Pad



Figure 1: What's in the Box - Electric Dutch Oven, Silicone Handles, Power Cable, and Silicone Pad.

SETUP AND FIRST USE

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Retain packaging for future storage or transport.
2. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, wash the cast iron pot and lid with warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely. Wipe the electric heating base with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the heating base in water.
3. **Placement:** Place the electric heating base on a stable, flat, heat-resistant surface, away from walls or other appliances to ensure proper ventilation. Use the provided silicone pad underneath for added protection.
4. **Assemble:** Place the clean cast iron pot into the electric heating base. Ensure it sits securely.
5. **Power Connection:** Plug the power cable into the electric heating base, then into a standard 120V AC electrical outlet. The display will illuminate.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The NutriChef Electric Dutch Oven offers versatile cooking modes for various culinary tasks. Familiarize yourself with the control panel and its functions.



Figure 2: Control Panel and 5-in-1 Cooking Modes.

Control Panel Overview

- **Display Screen:** Shows time, temperature, and selected mode.
- **Mode Buttons:** "Slow Cook", "Sear/Sauté", "Braise", "Manual Mode".
- **Delay Start Button:** Sets a delayed start time for cooking.
- **Temp/Timer Button:** Toggles between temperature and timer settings.
- **Dial:** Used to adjust time and temperature settings.
- **Start/Stop Button:** Initiates or cancels cooking.

General Operation Steps

1. **Add Ingredients:** Place your food into the cast iron pot.
2. **Select Mode:** Press the desired cooking mode button (e.g., "Slow Cook", "Sear/Sauté", "Braise", or "Manual Mode").
3. **Adjust Settings:**
 - For preset modes, the appliance will default to a recommended temperature and time.
 - Press the "Temp/Timer" button to toggle between adjusting temperature and time.
 - Turn the dial to increase or decrease the temperature or cooking time.
 - For "Manual Mode", you have full control over both temperature and time.
4. **Start Cooking:** Press the "Start/Stop" button to begin the cooking process.
5. **Monitoring:** Always monitor your food, especially during initial uses, as cooking times and temperatures can vary based on ingredients and desired results.
6. **Finish Cooking:** Once cooking is complete, the appliance may switch to a "Keep Warm" function (if available) or turn off. Press "Start/Stop" to cancel any active program.
7. **Serve:** Use the provided silicone pot holders to safely remove the hot cast iron pot from the heating base.

Important Note on Button Functionality

User reports indicate that the "Slow Cook" and "Sear/Sauté" buttons may be reversed in functionality on some units. If you intend to slow cook, you may need to press the "Sear/Sauté" button, and vice-versa. Always observe the temperature displayed on the screen to confirm the desired cooking function is active. If the displayed temperature is significantly higher than expected for slow cooking (e.g., 400°F instead of 200°F), you may be in the incorrect mode. Use the "Manual Mode" for precise control if you encounter this issue.



Figure 3: The Dutch Oven in use, featuring silicone handles for safe handling and a self-basting lid for even cooking.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Proper cleaning and maintenance will ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your NutriChef Electric Dutch Oven.

- **Always unplug the appliance and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.**
- **Cast Iron Pot and Lid:** Wash the enamel-coated cast iron pot and lid by hand with warm, soapy water and a non-abrasive sponge or cloth. Rinse thoroughly and dry immediately to prevent water spots or rust. Do not use abrasive cleaners or metal scouring pads, as these can damage the enamel finish.
- **The cast iron pot and lid are NOT dishwasher safe.**
- **Electric Heating Base:** Wipe the exterior of the electric heating base with a soft, damp cloth. Do not immerse the heating base in water or any other liquid. Ensure no water enters the control panel area.
- **Silicone Accessories:** The silicone pot holders and heat-resistant pad can be washed by hand with warm, soapy water or placed in the dishwasher.
- **Storage:** Store the Dutch oven in a dry place. Ensure all parts are completely dry before storing to prevent rust on the cast iron.



Figure 4: Easy-clean design of the enamel-coated cast iron pot.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your NutriChef Electric Dutch Oven, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Appliance does not turn on.	Not plugged in; power outlet issue; power cable damage.	Ensure the power cable is securely plugged into both the appliance and a working electrical outlet. Check the circuit breaker.
"Slow Cook" button activates high heat (e.g., 400°F).	Button functionality may be reversed on some units.	Try pressing the "Sear/Sauté" button for slow cooking, and observe the displayed temperature. Alternatively, use "Manual Mode" to set the desired low temperature (e.g., 200°F).
Food is scorching or cooking too fast in slow cook mode.	Incorrect temperature setting; button reversal issue.	Verify the displayed temperature. If it's too high for slow cooking, refer to the solution for the "Slow Cook" button issue above. Always monitor cooking, especially during initial uses.
Food is not cooking or heating sufficiently.	Incorrect temperature setting; lid not properly sealed.	Ensure the temperature is set appropriately for your recipe. Make sure the lid is seated correctly on the pot to retain heat.
Error code displayed.	Internal malfunction.	Unplug the appliance, wait a few minutes, then plug it back in. If the error persists, contact customer support.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	NCZTS60DB
Power	1500W
Capacity	6 Quarts (approx. 5.7 Liters)
Material	Enamel Coated Cast Iron (Pot & Lid), Plastic (Base)
Color	Black
Finish Type	Glossy
Item Weight	9.21 Kilograms (approx. 20.3 lbs)
Item Dimensions (L x W x H)	14.7 x 12.6 x 10.8 inches
Dishwasher Safe	No (Hand Wash Only)
Oven Safe (Pot Only)	Yes