

Mainstays MS54100112168S

Mainstays 6 Quart Oval Slow Cooker Instruction Manual

Model: MS54100112168S

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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:

- Read all instructions before operating this appliance.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electrical shock, do not immerse the base unit, cord, or plug 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.
- Avoid sudden temperature changes, such as adding refrigerated foods into a heated crock.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW AND COMPONENTS

The Mainstays 6 Quart Oval Slow Cooker consists of three main components designed for convenient and efficient cooking.



This image displays the Mainstays 6 Quart Oval Slow Cooker fully assembled, featuring its stainless steel base, black stoneware crock, and clear glass lid. The control dial is visible on the front.

Components:

- **Stainless Steel Heating Base:** The outer housing that contains the heating element and control dial.
- **Removable Stoneware Crock:** A 6-quart capacity ceramic insert where food is cooked.
- **Tempered Glass Lid:** Seals in moisture and flavor, allowing you to view food during cooking. Features a cool-touch handle.



This image shows the Mainstays 6 Quart Oval Slow Cooker disassembled, highlighting the separate stainless steel heating base, the removable black stoneware cooking crock, and the tempered glass lid with a cool-touch knob.

SETUP AND BEFORE FIRST USE

Before using your slow cooker for the first time, follow these steps:

1. Unpack the slow cooker and remove all packaging materials.
2. Wash the stoneware crock and glass lid in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely. The stoneware crock and glass lid are dishwasher safe.
3. Wipe the exterior of the heating base with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the heating base in water.
4. Place the heating base on a dry, flat, heat-resistant surface, away from walls or cabinets.
5. Insert the clean stoneware crock into the heating base.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Mainstays 6 Quart Oval Slow Cooker features a simple control dial with three temperature settings: LOW, HIGH, and WARM.



This image illustrates the overall dimensions of the Mainstays 6 Quart Oval Slow Cooker, showing its length, width, and height. The control dial is visible on the front of the base unit.

1. Prepare your ingredients and place them into the stoneware crock. Do not overfill; ensure there is at least 1 inch of space from the top rim.
2. Place the glass lid securely on the stoneware crock.
3. Plug the slow cooker into a 110-volt electrical outlet.
4. Turn the control dial to your desired setting:
 - **LOW:** Ideal for slow-cooking meats and stews over a longer period (typically 6-8 hours).
 - **HIGH:** Suitable for cooking soups and chili, or when a shorter cooking time is desired (typically 3-4 hours).
 - **WARM:** Keeps cooked food at a serving temperature without further cooking. Only use this setting after food is fully cooked.
5. Once cooking is complete, turn the control dial to 'OFF' and unplug the appliance from the outlet.
6. Always use oven mitts when handling the hot stoneware crock or lid.

CARE AND CLEANING

Proper care and cleaning will ensure the longevity of your slow cooker.

- Always unplug the slow cooker and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
- The stoneware crock and glass lid are dishwasher safe. Alternatively, they can be washed by hand with warm, soapy water and a non-abrasive sponge.
- For stubborn food residue, fill the stoneware crock with warm, soapy water and let it soak for a few hours before cleaning.
- Wipe the exterior of the heating base with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads, as they may scratch the surface.
- Never immerse the heating base, cord, or plug in water or any other liquid.

- Ensure all parts are thoroughly dry before storing or next use.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter any issues with your slow cooker, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Slow cooker does not turn on.	Not plugged in; power outlet not working; control dial not set.	Ensure the unit is securely plugged into a working outlet. Turn the control dial to LOW, HIGH, or WARM.
Food is not cooking properly.	Lid not sealed correctly; insufficient cooking time; incorrect temperature setting.	Ensure the lid is seated firmly. Allow adequate cooking time. Verify the correct temperature setting (LOW for longer, HIGH for shorter). Avoid lifting the lid frequently.
Food is burning on the bottom.	Too little liquid; cooking on HIGH for too long.	Add more liquid to the recipe. Consider using the LOW setting for longer cooking times.
Stoneware crock has stains.	Food residue buildup.	Soak the crock in warm, soapy water. For stubborn stains, a non-abrasive cleaner designed for ceramic surfaces may be used.

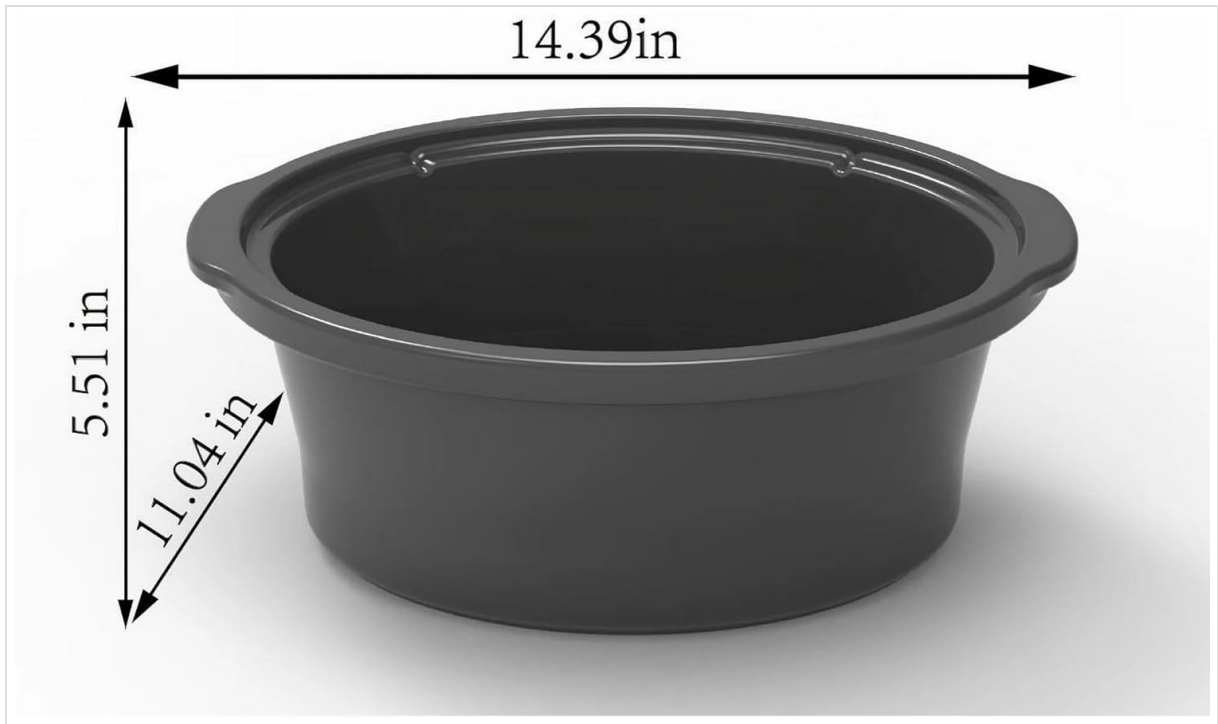
SPECIFICATIONS

Detailed technical specifications for the Mainstays 6 Quart Oval Slow Cooker.

- **Model Number:** MS54100112168S
- **Capacity:** 6 Quarts
- **Wattage:** 210 watts
- **Voltage:** 110 Volts
- **Material:** Ceramic (crock), Stainless Steel (base), Tempered Glass (lid)
- **Color:** Silver
- **Product Dimensions:** 11.65"D x 16.22"W x 10"H
- **Item Weight:** 4.8 Pounds
- **Dishwasher Safe Parts:** Stoneware Crock, Glass Lid

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This Mainstays 6 Quart Oval Slow Cooker comes with a 1-year limited warranty from the date of purchase.



This image displays the product packaging box for the Mainstays 6 Quart Slow Cooker, clearly showing a '1 YEAR WARRANTY' badge on the front.

For warranty claims, technical support, or replacement parts, please contact Mainstays customer service. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty validation.