

## AROMA ARC-5204SB, AAC-001

# AROMA 8-Cup Digital Rice Cooker and Egg Bite Mold Bundle

Models: ARC-5204SB (Rice Cooker), AAC-001 (Egg Bite Mold)

## IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

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

- Read all instructions before using this appliance.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electrical shock, do not immerse cord, plug, or the appliance in water or other liquid.
- Close supervision is necessary when the 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. Contact AROMA customer service for examination, repair, or adjustment.
- The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may result in fire, electric shock, or injury.
- 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.
- Do not use the appliance for other than its intended use.
- Always unplug from the base of the wall outlet. Never pull on the cord.
- The rice cooker should be operated on a separate electrical circuit from other operating appliances. If the electrical circuit is overloaded with other appliances, this appliance may not operate properly.
- Always make sure the outside of the inner pot is dry before use. If the inner pot is returned to the cooker when wet, it may damage or cause the product to malfunction.
- Use only the inner pot provided with this model. Do not use any other inner pot.
- Do not place the appliance on an inclined or unstable surface.

- This appliance is for household use only.

## PARTS AND FEATURES

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Familiarize yourself with the components of your AROMA Digital Rice Cooker and Egg Bite Mold Bundle.



Image: The AROMA 8-Cup Digital Rice Cooker (ARC-5204SB) shown with its included accessories: removable inner pot, steam tray, rice paddle, measuring cup, and the silicone egg bite mold (AAC-001) with its storage lid.

### Rice Cooker (ARC-5204SB) Components:

- **Main Unit:** The primary housing with control panel and heating element.
- **Removable Inner Pot:** Non-stick cooking pot.
- **Steam Tray:** For steaming foods above the cooking rice or grains.
- **Rice Paddle:** For serving cooked rice.
- **Measuring Cup:** Standard rice measuring cup (approximately 3/4 standard US cup).
- **Lid:** Hinged lid with steam vent.
- **Control Panel:** Digital display and function buttons for White Rice, Brown Rice, Slow Cook, Steam, Delay Timer, and Keep Warm.

### Egg Bite Mold (AAC-001) Components:

- **Silicone Mold:** 4-cavity, 1.5-inch egg bite mold.
- **Storage Lid:** Matching lid for storing egg bites.

## BEFORE FIRST USE

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Before using your AROMA Digital Rice Cooker and Egg Bite Mold for the first time, please:

1. Read all instructions and important safeguards.
2. Remove all packaging materials and promotional stickers.
3. Wash the inner pot, steam tray, rice paddle, measuring cup, and egg bite mold with its lid in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely.
4. Wipe the main unit's body clean with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the main unit in water.

## SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

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Proper setup ensures optimal performance and safety.

1. Place the rice cooker on a dry, level, heat-resistant surface.
2. Ensure the inner pot is clean and dry before placing it into the main unit.
3. Close the hinged lid securely.
4. Plug the power cord into a grounded wall outlet. The cooker will beep and the display will show '----', indicating it is in standby mode.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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### Cooking Rice or Grains

1. Using the provided measuring cup, measure the desired amount of rice or grains. Rinse rice thoroughly until the water runs clear.
2. Place the rinsed rice/grains into the inner pot.
3. Add the appropriate amount of water according to the water lines inside the inner pot or your recipe. For example, for 2 cups of white rice, fill to the '2' line for white rice.
4. Close the lid securely.
5. Press the 'White Rice' or 'Brown Rice' button. The corresponding indicator light will illuminate, and the cooker will begin cooking.
6. Once cooking is complete, the cooker will automatically switch to 'Keep Warm' mode. The 'Keep Warm' indicator will illuminate.
7. For best results, allow rice to rest on 'Keep Warm' for 5-10 minutes before serving. Stir with the rice paddle to fluff.

### Slow Cook Function

The 2-quart capacity inner pot can be used for slow cooking stews, chili, and other dishes.

1. Add ingredients for your slow cook recipe to the inner pot.
2. Close the lid securely.
3. Press the 'Slow Cook' button. The 'Slow Cook' indicator light will illuminate.
4. The cooker will automatically set a default slow cook time. Refer to your recipe for specific cooking times.
5. Once the slow cook cycle is complete, the cooker will automatically switch to 'Keep Warm' mode.

## Steaming Foods

The steam tray allows for steaming vegetables, meats, or other items.

1. Add approximately 1-2 cups of water to the inner pot.
2. Place the steam tray into the inner pot.
3. Arrange food evenly on the steam tray.
4. Close the lid securely.
5. Press the 'Steam' button. The 'Steam' indicator light will illuminate.
6. Monitor food for desired doneness. The steam function does not have an automatic shut-off based on time; you must manually stop it by pressing the 'Keep Warm/Cancel' button.
7. Carefully remove the steam tray using oven mitts to avoid burns.

## Using the Egg Bite Mold (AAC-001)

The silicone egg bite mold can be used to create up to four 1.5-inch egg bites, either by steaming in the rice cooker or using a microwave.

1. Prepare your egg bite mixture (e.g., whisked eggs, cheese, vegetables).
2. Pour the mixture into the four cavities of the silicone egg bite mold. Do not overfill.
3. **For Steaming in Rice Cooker:**
  - Place the filled egg bite mold directly onto the steam tray inside the rice cooker.
  - Follow the 'Steaming Foods' instructions above. Steaming time will vary based on ingredients, typically 10-15 minutes.
4. **For Microwave Use:**
  - Place the filled egg bite mold in the microwave.
  - Microwave on high for 1-3 minutes, or until egg bites are set. Cooking times vary by microwave.
5. Once cooked, carefully remove the mold. Allow to cool slightly before gently pushing the egg bites out from the bottom.
6. Use the included storage lid to store leftover egg bites in the refrigerator or freezer.

## Delay Timer Function

The 15-hour delay timer allows you to program the cooker to start at a later time.

1. Add ingredients (rice/grains and water) to the inner pot.
2. Close the lid securely.
3. Press the 'Delay Timer' button. The display will show '0:00'.
4. Press the 'Hour' and 'Minute' buttons to adjust the desired delay time. The maximum delay is 15 hours.
5. After setting the delay time, press the desired cooking function button (e.g., 'White Rice', 'Brown Rice', 'Slow Cook'). The delay timer will count down, and then the cooker will automatically begin the selected cooking cycle.

## Keep Warm Function

The cooker automatically switches to 'Keep Warm' mode after most cooking cycles are complete, keeping food at an optimal serving temperature.

- The 'Keep Warm' indicator light will illuminate.
- Do not leave food on 'Keep Warm' for extended periods (typically not more than 12 hours) to maintain food quality.

- To manually activate 'Keep Warm' or cancel any function, press the 'Keep Warm/Cancel' button.

## CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

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Regular cleaning ensures the longevity and proper functioning of your appliance.

1. Always unplug the cooker and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
2. **Inner Pot, Steam Tray, Rice Paddle, Measuring Cup, Egg Bite Mold & Lid:** Wash in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely. These parts are top-rack dishwasher safe.
3. **Main Unit:** Wipe the exterior with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the main unit in water or any other liquid.
4. Ensure all parts are completely dry before storing.
5. Do not use abrasive cleaners, scouring pads, or steel wool, as these can damage surfaces.

## TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

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If your appliance is not functioning as expected, please check these common issues before contacting customer support.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Rice is too dry/hard after cooking.	Not enough water; rice not rinsed properly; lid not sealed.	Add a little more water next time; rinse rice thoroughly; ensure lid is closed tightly.
Rice is too wet/mushy after cooking.	Too much water; rice not rinsed properly.	Reduce water slightly next time; rinse rice thoroughly to remove excess starch.
Cooker does not turn on.	Power cord not plugged in; power outlet not working.	Ensure power cord is securely plugged into a working outlet.
Steam escapes from around the lid.	Lid not closed properly; gasket dirty or damaged.	Ensure lid is securely closed; clean or inspect the lid gasket for damage.
Egg bites stick to the mold.	Mold not greased; mixture too sticky.	Lightly grease mold before filling; allow to cool slightly before removing.

## SPECIFICATIONS

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Feature	Detail
Brand	AROMA
Model Name	ARC-5204SB (Rice Cooker), AAC-001 (Egg Bite Mold)
Power Source	Electric
Color	Stainless Steel
Material	Metal (Cooker), Silicone (Egg Bite Mold)
Capacity	8-Cup Cooked Rice (2-4 cups uncooked)

Feature	Detail
Special Features	Automatic Keep Warm, Programmable Delay Timer, Steam Vent, 7 Cooking Functions
Included Components	Removable Inner Pot, Steam Tray, Rice Paddle, Measuring Cup, Silicone Egg Mold with Storage Lid

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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AROMA Housewares provides a limited warranty for this product against defects in material and workmanship from the date of purchase. For specific warranty details, terms, and conditions, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official AROMA Housewares website.

If you require technical assistance or have questions about your product, please contact AROMA customer support. Have your model number (ARC-5204SB, AAC-001) and date of purchase ready when contacting support.

**AROMA Housewares Customer Support:**

Website: [www.aromaco.com](http://www.aromaco.com)

Contact information can typically be found on the website or in your product packaging.