

M2.2qt

Mainstays 2.2 qt Air Fryer User Manual

Model: M2.2qt

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides important information for the safe and efficient operation of your Mainstays 2.2 qt Air Fryer. Please read all instructions carefully before first use and retain for future reference.

The Mainstays 2.2 Qt Compact Air Fryer is designed for healthy cooking with minimal oil. It features a nonstick pan and tray, adjustable temperature control, a timer, and an automatic shutoff function for ease of use and safety. Its compact size makes it suitable for various kitchen spaces.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

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

- Read all instructions.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electric shock, do not immerse cord, plugs, or main unit 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.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW



Figure 1: Front view of the Mainstays 2.2 qt Air Fryer in Sage Green, showing the main unit with the handle and control dials.



Figure 2: Close-up of the air fryer's control panel, featuring the temperature dial (175°F to 400°F) and the timer dial (up to 30 minutes), along with power and heating indicator lights.



Figure 3: The removable non-stick basket and the crisping tray, shown separated for cleaning or assembly.

The Mainstays 2.2 qt Air Fryer consists of the main unit, a removable non-stick cooking basket, and a crisping tray. The top of the unit features two rotary dials for temperature and timer settings, along with indicator lights for power and heating.

SETUP AND FIRST USE

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove the air fryer and all packaging materials. Ensure all parts are present: main unit, cooking basket, and crisping tray.
2. **Cleaning:** Before first use, wash the cooking basket and crisping tray thoroughly with hot water, dish soap, and a non-abrasive sponge. The basket and tray are dishwasher safe. Wipe the inside and outside of the main unit with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the main unit in water.
3. **Placement:** Place the air fryer on a stable, heat-resistant surface, away from walls or other appliances to allow for proper air circulation. Ensure there is at least 4 inches of clear space on all sides and above the unit.
4. **Power Connection:** Plug the power cord into a grounded electrical outlet (120V, 60Hz).
5. **Initial Run (Optional):** For the first use, it is recommended to run the air fryer empty for about

10-15 minutes at 400°F to burn off any manufacturing residues. A slight odor may be present, which is normal and will dissipate.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

General Operation

1. **Prepare Food:** Place your ingredients into the cooking basket. For best results, do not overfill the basket.
2. **Insert Basket:** Slide the cooking basket firmly back into the main unit until it clicks into place.
3. **Set Temperature:** Turn the temperature control dial to your desired cooking temperature (175°F to 400°F).
4. **Set Timer:** Turn the timer dial to the desired cooking time (1 to 30 minutes). The air fryer will begin heating immediately. The power indicator light will illuminate, and the heating indicator light will turn on when the heating element is active.
5. **Cooking Process:** During cooking, the heating indicator light may cycle on and off as the air fryer maintains the set temperature.
6. **Shaking (Optional):** For even cooking, especially with smaller items like fries, pull out the basket halfway through the cooking time and gently shake the contents. Then, reinsert the basket. The air fryer will resume cooking.
7. **Completion:** When the timer reaches zero, the air fryer will automatically shut off, and a bell will sound. The power indicator light will remain on until unplugged.
8. **Remove Food:** Carefully pull out the cooking basket using the handle. Place the basket on a heat-resistant surface. Use tongs to remove cooked food.
9. **Cool Down:** Allow the air fryer to cool completely before cleaning or storing.



Figure 4: The air fryer with its cooking basket partially pulled out, demonstrating how to access food during or after cooking. The basket contains cooked fries.

Cooking Tips

- For crispy results, lightly brush or spray food with oil.
- Smaller items usually require shorter cooking times.
- Preheating the air fryer for 3-5 minutes can improve cooking results for some foods.

- Do not fill the basket beyond the MAX fill line to ensure proper air circulation and even cooking.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Regular cleaning will help maintain the performance and longevity of your air fryer.

1. **Unplug and Cool:** Always unplug the air fryer from the power outlet and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
2. **Clean Basket and Tray:** The non-stick cooking basket and crisping tray are dishwasher safe. Alternatively, they can be washed by hand with hot water, dish soap, and a non-abrasive sponge. Do not use metal utensils or abrasive cleaning materials, as this may damage the non-stick coating.
3. **Clean Interior:** Wipe the interior of the air fryer with a damp cloth or non-abrasive sponge. For stubborn food residue, a small amount of mild dish soap can be used.
4. **Clean Exterior:** Wipe the exterior of the air fryer with a damp cloth. Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
5. **Storage:** Ensure all parts are clean and dry before storing. Store the air fryer in a cool, dry place.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Air fryer does not turn on.	Not plugged in. Timer not set. Basket not fully inserted.	Ensure the power cord is securely plugged into a grounded outlet. Turn the timer dial to the desired cooking time. Push the cooking basket firmly into the main unit until it clicks into place.
Food is not cooked evenly.	Basket is overfilled. Food not shaken.	Do not overfill the basket; cook in smaller batches if necessary. Shake or flip food halfway through cooking time.
White smoke coming from the appliance.	Greasy residue from previous use. High fat content food.	Clean the basket and crisping tray thoroughly after each use. For high-fat foods, place a piece of aluminum foil at the bottom of the basket to catch excess oil.
Food is not crispy.	Not enough oil. Temperature too low. Cooking time too short.	Lightly brush or spray food with oil. Increase the temperature. Extend the cooking time.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model: M2.2qt

Capacity: 2.2 Quarts / 2 Liters

Color: Sage Green

Dimensions (D x W x H): 8.43" x 10.39" x 10.43"

Weight: 6.36 Pounds

Power Supply: 120V, 60Hz

Rated Power: 1150 Watts

Temperature Range: 175°F - 400°F

Timer: 1 - 30 minutes

Control Method: Rotary Dials

Non-Stick Coating: Yes

Dishwasher Safe Parts: Basket and Crisping Tray

Materials: Aluminum, Ceramic, Plastic, Stainless Steel

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

No specific warranty information is provided in the product details. For any product support, inquiries, or warranty claims, please contact the retailer or manufacturer directly using the contact information provided at the point of purchase.

Please retain your proof of purchase for any warranty-related issues.