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Model: RC516Y

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the BLACK+DECKER 16-Cup Rice Cooker with Steaming Basket. This appliance is designed to simplify your cooking process, allowing you to prepare up to 16 cups of cooked rice and steam various foods simultaneously. Its automatic 'Keep Warm' function ensures your food is ready when you are. Please read this manual thoroughly before first use to ensure safe and optimal operation.

16-CUP Rice Cooker & Steamer



Image: The BLACK+DECKER 16-Cup Rice Cooker, featuring its capacity for both rice and steamed vegetables.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury:

- Read all instructions before using the appliance.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electrical shock, do not immerse cord, plugs, or appliance 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.

PARTS AND FEATURES

Familiarize yourself with the components of your BLACK+DECKER Rice Cooker:



Image: Diagram showing the individual components of the rice cooker.

1. **Glass Lid:** Tempered glass lid with a cool-touch knob and integrated lid hanger.
2. **Steamer Basket:** For steaming vegetables, fish, or other foods above the cooking rice.
3. **PFAS-Free Ceramic Coated Rice Pot:** Removable cooking bowl with a durable, nonstick ceramic coating.
4. **Rice Cooker Base:** Houses the heating element and control panel.
5. **Control Panel:** Features a simple 'Cook' switch and 'Warm' indicator light.

6. **Cool-Touch Handles:** For safe handling of the unit.
7. **Measuring Cup:** Standard rice measuring cup (approximately 6 oz.).
8. **Rice Paddle:** Non-scratch paddle for serving rice.



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*vs our standard nonstick coating.

Image: The removable nonstick cooking bowl features a PFAS-free ceramic coating for enhanced durability.

SETUP

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all packaging materials and labels from the rice cooker.
2. **Wash Parts:** Wash the cooking bowl, glass lid, steamer basket, measuring cup, and rice paddle in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry.
3. **Wipe Base:** Wipe the exterior of the rice cooker base with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the base in water.
4. **Placement:** Place the rice cooker on a stable, level, heat-resistant surface, away from walls and cabinets to allow for proper ventilation.



Image: The rice cooker with its lid open, illustrating the removable inner pot.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Cooking Rice

1. **Measure Rice:** Use the included measuring cup to measure the desired amount of rice. One full cup of uncooked rice yields approximately two cups of cooked rice. The maximum capacity is 8 cups of uncooked rice, yielding 16 cups cooked.
2. **Rinse Rice:** Rinse the rice in a separate bowl until the water runs clear. This helps remove excess starch.
3. **Add Water:** Transfer the rinsed rice to the cooking bowl. Add the appropriate amount of water. A general guideline is 1:1 ratio for white rice (e.g., 1 cup rice to 1 cup water), but refer to your rice packaging for specific recommendations.
4. **Place Bowl:** Place the cooking bowl into the rice cooker base. Ensure it is seated properly.
5. **Close Lid:** Place the glass lid securely on the rice cooker.
6. **Plug In & Cook:** Plug the power cord into a standard electrical outlet. Press the 'Cook' switch down. The 'Cook' indicator light will illuminate.
7. **Automatic Keep Warm:** Once the rice is cooked, the cooker will automatically switch to the 'Warm' setting, and the 'Warm' indicator light will illuminate.
8. **Fluff & Serve:** Allow the rice to rest on 'Warm' for 5-10 minutes after cooking for best results. Then, open the lid, fluff the rice with the rice paddle, and serve.



**8 cups uncooked /
16 cups cooked rice**

**Perfect for large
families and gatherings,
makes up to 16 servings.**

Image: Measuring and adding rice to the cooking bowl.



**Two Heat
Settings**

**Cook and
Keep Warm**

Image: The simple two-heat setting control panel: Cook and Keep Warm.



**Auto-Keep
Warm**

**Your meal is hot & ready
when you are**

Image: The Auto-Keep Warm feature ensures your meal is hot and ready.

Steaming Food

The steamer basket allows you to steam vegetables, fish, or other foods while rice cooks below, or steam foods independently.

1. **Add Water:** Pour 1 to 2 cups of water into the cooking bowl.
2. **Place Steamer Basket:** Place the steamer basket into the cooking bowl.
3. **Add Food:** Arrange food evenly in the steamer basket. Do not overfill.
4. **Close Lid:** Place the glass lid securely on the rice cooker.
5. **Plug In & Cook:** Plug the power cord into a standard electrical outlet. Press the 'Cook' switch down. The 'Cook' indicator light will illuminate.
6. **Monitor Steaming:** Steam until food reaches desired doneness. Cooking times vary based on food type and quantity.
7. **Serve:** Carefully remove the lid (steam will be hot) and then remove the steamer basket. Serve immediately.



Steaming Basket

Allows you to steam veggies or proteins. Steam foods alone or while also making rice.

Image: The steaming basket allows you to steam vegetables or proteins while making rice.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Proper cleaning ensures the longevity and performance of your rice cooker.

- **Unplug:** Always unplug the rice cooker from the outlet and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
- **Dishwasher Safe Parts:** The removable cooking bowl, glass lid, steamer basket, measuring cup, and rice paddle are dishwasher safe for easy cleaning.
- **Hand Washing:** For best results and to prolong the life of the ceramic coating, hand washing with warm, soapy water is recommended.
- **Wipe Base:** Wipe the exterior of the rice cooker base with a damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads, as they may damage the finish.
- **Storage:** Ensure all parts are dry before storing the appliance. Store in a cool, dry place.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Rice is too hard/undercooked.	Not enough water; rice not soaked (if required).	Add a small amount of additional water and restart cooking cycle, or adjust water ratio for future cooking.
Rice is too soft/mushy.	Too much water.	Reduce water amount for future cooking.
Rice sticking to the bottom.	Insufficient water; rice not rinsed; cooking for too long on 'Warm'.	Ensure proper water ratio. Rinse rice thoroughly. Avoid leaving rice on 'Warm' for extended periods. The ceramic coating is designed to minimize sticking.
Cooker not turning on.	Not plugged in; power outage; faulty outlet.	Check power cord connection. Test outlet with another appliance.
Steaming food not cooking properly.	Not enough water in cooking bowl; steamer basket overloaded.	Ensure adequate water for steaming. Do not overload the steamer basket.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Brand:** BLACK+DECKER
- **Model Number:** RC516Y
- **Capacity:** 16 cups (cooked rice) / 8 cups (uncooked rice)
- **Product Dimensions:** 10.63"D x 10.63"W x 8.07"H
- **Power Source:** Corded Electric
- **Material:** Plastic (base), Tempered Glass (lid), Ceramic (inner pot coating)
- **Color:** Baked Stone
- **Special Features:** Automatic Keep Warm, PFAS-Free Ceramic Coated Pot
- **Included Components:** Inner Pot, Instruction Manual, Measuring Cup, Rice Paddle, Steamer Basket



Image: Product dimensions for the rice cooker.

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information or customer support, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official BLACK+DECKER website. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

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