



User Manual | GSC517

4.5-Qt Programmable Slow Cooker

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Congratulations on the purchase of your Slow Cooker from Gourmia!

Here at Gourmia, our one and only goal is to make sure nutritious and delicious meals are always a practical possibility no matter how fast-paced your life is. Whether you're in need of a hearty breakfast, a mid-day snack, or a satisfying supper, our dependable, easy-to-use appliances are designed to work for you while you work your way through your busy day.

This manual provides an overview and instructions on all the slow cooker's functions and features, along with directions for assembling, operating, cleaning, and maintaining your appliance. Please read all safety instructions before getting started. Keep this manual handy for future use and review.

Our team is available to help with any and every question you might have about your new slow cooker. We're excited for you and want you to get the most out of your purchase—so whether you need assistance with setup or guidance on which features to enable for which foods, we're happy to walk you through it, step by step.

Happy and easy cooking!

We'd love to hear about the delicious meals you're creating! Share your thoughts, recipes, and photos with us.

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IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

**Read all instructions before using the electric appliance.
For household use only.**

The following basic precautions should always be followed:

1. This appliance **is not** intended for use by children or persons with reduced physical, sensory, or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have supervision.
2. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used near children. Children should be supervised to ensure that they **do not** play with the appliance. Cleaning and user maintenance should not be done by children unless they are older than 8 and supervised..
3. **Do not** place the appliance against a wall or against other appliances. Leave at least 6 inches of free space on the back and sides and 6 inches of free space above the appliance. **Do not** place anything on top of the appliance.
4. **Do not** place on or near wet surfaces, on a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
5. To protect against electrical shock **do not** immerse cord, plugs, or appliance in water or other liquid.
6. If this appliance falls or accidentally becomes immersed in water, unplug it from the wall outlet immediately. **Do not** reach into the water!
7. **Do not** let cord hang over edge of table or counter or touch hot surfaces. A short power-supply cord is provided to reduce the risk resulting from becoming entangled in or tripping over a longer cord.
8. **Do not** operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug or after the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner. Contact Consumer Service.
9. Spilled food can cause serious burns. To avoid burns, keep appliance and cord away from children. **Never** drape cord over edge of counter. **Never** use outlet below counter.
10. **Never** use with an extension cord.
11. This appliance is intended for household countertop use only. **Do not** use appliance for other than intended use.
12. The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may cause injuries.
13. To protect against damage or electric shock, **do not** cook in the base unit. Cook only in the ceramic insert provided.
14. Avoid sudden temperature changes, such as adding refrigerated foods into a heated ceramic insert.
15. **Never** use the ceramic insert on a gas or electric cooktop, in a

heated oven, or on an open flame.

16. **Do not** use ceramic insert or tempered glass lid if chipped, cracked, or severely scratched.
17. This appliance generates heat during use. **Do not** touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs. Use potholders when removing lid or handling hot containers.
18. Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot oil or other hot liquids.
19. The slow cooker lid is made of tempered glass. **Always** inspect the lid for chips, cracks or any other damage. **Do not** use the lid if it is damaged, as it may shatter during use.
20. **Use caution** when opening the lid during or after a cooking cycle. Escaping steam can cause burns.
21. **Never** attempt to lift or carry this appliance by the lid handle.
22. **Do not** lock the lid while cooking. Locking the lid while cooking may lead to glass breakage, which can cause injuries.
23. The heating base is subject to residual heat from cooking cycle. **Do not** touch heating base immediately after removing stoneware. Allow to cool before handling.
24. To disconnect, press the power icon, then unplug power cord from outlet. **Do not** disconnect by pulling on cord.
25. Unplug from outlet when not in use, before putting on or taking off parts, and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts and before cleaning.
26. **Do not** use outdoors or for commercial purposes.

Electrical Polarized Plug

This appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). To reduce the risk of electric shock, the plug is intended to be used by inserting it into the electrical outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit securely into the outlet, reverse the plug and re-insert. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician for assistance. Do not modify the plug in any way.



POWER

AC120V~ 60HZ 210W

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Know Your Slow Cooker



Control Panel / Display



Before First Use

1. Remove all packaging from the slow cooker. Safely discard.
2. Wash the *ceramic pot* and *glass lid* in warm, soapy water. Dry thoroughly.
3. Place the slow cooker on a dry, stable, level, and heat-resistant surface



WARNING:

DO NOT put anything on top of the slow cooker.

DO NOT place the slow cooker against a wall or other appliances. To allow for proper ventilation, leave at least 6 inches of free space above and around all sides of the slow cooker.

NEVER place the slow cooker on any cooking surface, including gas or electric cooktops, even if the surface is cool / turned off.

4. Place the *ceramic pot* inside the *heating base*.

It is necessary to run an initial 30-minute cycle with water before cooking in the slow cooker.

5. Pour 4 cups of water into the *ceramic pot*. Cover with the *glass lid*.
6. Plug the slow cooker into a power outlet. The slow cooker will beep, and the *power icon* will pulse on the *control panel*.
7. Tap the *power icon*.
8. Tap **MODE** to choose the **HIGH** *heat setting*. The default time, 4 hrs., will show on the *display*.
9. Press and hold the *minus icon* to change the time to 30 minutes.
10. Tap **START / STOP** to start cooking. The cooking time will count down on the *display*.
11. When the cooking time reaches 00:00, the slow cooker will beep, and the *display* will show **End (End)**. Press the *power icon* then unplug the slow cooker. Allow the unit to cool completely.
12. Wearing oven mitts, carefully remove the *glass lid*. Remove the *ceramic pot* from the *heating base* and pour out the water.
13. Rinse the *ceramic pot*, dry thoroughly, and place back inside the *heating base*.

Using Your Slow Cooker

1. Place food inside *ceramic pot* and cover with *glass lid*.

WARNING: The *ceramic pot* **CANNOT** withstand the shock of sudden temperature changes. If the pot is hot, **DO NOT** add cold food. Before cooking frozen food, add warm liquid.

2. Plug the slow cooker into a power outlet and tap the *power icon*.
3. Tap **MODE** until the desired heat setting (High, Low, or Warm) or *preset* (Braise, Chicken, Meat, Soup, Beans) is blinking on the *control panel*.



WARNING:

DO NOT cook on the **WARM** setting. **WARM** is ONLY for maintaining already cooked food at serving temperature until you are ready to eat.

- 4A. **If you selected a heat setting or BRAISE:** tap the *plus* or *minus icons* to adjust cooking time from 30 minutes to 24 hours.
- 4B. **If you selected a preset:** tap the *plus* or *minus icons* to switch between the default cooking times and heat settings.
5. Tap **START / STOP** to start cooking. The cooking time will count down on the *display*.
6. When the time reaches 00:00, the slow cooker will beep, and the *display* will show **End (End)**.

Auto Keep Warm

When the cooking time has elapsed, the slow cooker will automatically switch to the **KEEP WARM** setting. The keep warm time will count up on the *display*. Tap **START / STOP** to cancel keep warm.

Using Delay Start



WARNING:

When using *Delay Start*, **NEVER** leave food out of refrigeration for over 2 hours even if food is inside the *ceramic pot*.

1. Follow steps 1-5 in **Using Your Slow Cooker** on page 10.
2. Tap **DELAY START**. The *delay start icon* will appear on the *display*.
3. Tap the *plus* or *minus icons* to delay start time from 30 minutes to 24 hours.
4. Tap **START / STOP**. The *timer* will count down on the *display*.
5. When the *timer* reaches 00:00, the *delay start icon* will disappear from the *display*. Cooking will auto start, and cooking time will count down on the *display*.

Stop / Cancel Cooking

1. Tap **START / STOP** to stop cooking.
2. Tap **START / STOP** within three seconds to resume cooking. If *Start / Stop* is not pressed within three seconds, cooking will cancel.

Presets Chart

Preset	Time	Heat Setting
Braise		
Default	8 hrs	Low
Range	30 min. - 24 hrs.	Low
Chicken		
2 lbs.	4 hrs.	Low
4 lbs.	6 hrs.	High
Meat		
2 lbs.	6 hrs.	Low
4 lbs	8 hrs.	High
Soup		
8 cups	4 hrs.	Low
12 cups	6 hrs.	High
Beans		
2 lbs.	4 hrs.	Low
4 lbs.	8 hrs.	High

Cooking Tips

- Reduce the liquid in your recipe slightly. Slow cooking releases juices and condensation, which can sometimes lead to a thin or watery result. You can thicken your finished dish by adding a couple of tablespoons of cornstarch mixed with water and stirring it in during the last hour of cooking.
- For best results, do not overfill the *ceramic pot*. To allow ingredients to simmer and prevent spillover, do not fill the *ceramic pot* higher than $\frac{3}{4}$ full.
- Always cook with the *glass lid* on for the recommended time. To allow heat to efficiently build up, never remove the *glass lid* during the first two hours of cooking.

Cleaning and Maintenance

! WARNING:

Before cleaning any part of the slow cooker, ensure the exterior and interior of the slow cooker are completely cool.

ALWAYS unplug the slow cooker before cleaning.

DO NOT use abrasive cleaners, as they will damage the finish.



Cleaning

- The *ceramic pot* and *glass lid* can be washed in the dishwasher or with hot, soapy water. A cloth, sponge, or rubber spatula will usually remove residue. To remove water spots and other stains, use a non-abrasive cleaner or vinegar.

CAUTION: The *ceramic pot* and *glass lid* **WILL NOT** withstand sudden temperature changes. **DO NOT** wash *ceramic pot* or *glass lid* with cold water when they are hot.

- Clean the exterior of the *heating base* with a soft cloth and warm, soapy water. Dry thoroughly.

WARNING: NEVER immerse the *heating base* in water or other liquid.

Guarantee and Service

If you need service or information or if you have a problem, please visit www.gourmia.com or contact your distributor.

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