Cuisinart | PRESSURE COOKER

INSTRUCTION BOOKLET
RECIPES

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IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS
READ AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS
FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY

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

1. **READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS prior to use and refer back to this user's guide when needed.**
2. Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
3. To protect against electrical shock, do not immerse cord, plugs or base in water or other liquid.
4. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
5. Unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts, and before cleaning the appliance.
6. Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug or after the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner. Return appliance to the nearest authorized service facility for examination, repair or electrical or mechanical adjustment.
7. The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may cause injuries.
8. Do not use outdoors or for commercial purposes.
9. Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter, or touch hot surfaces.
10. Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
11. Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot oil or other hot liquids.
12. 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.
13. Do not use appliance for other than intended use.
14. **SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS. THIS APPLIANCE IS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY.**
15. Do not operate the appliance if it has been dropped or damaged until it has been examined by a qualified service representative.
16. Do not let the power supply cord hang over the edge of a table or counter, or touch hot surfaces, including the stove.
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BEFORE FIRST USE

Remove and discard any packaging material and promotional labels before using the appliance for the first time. Wash the cooking pot, lid and steamer basket in hot, soapy water. Rinse and dry thoroughly. Wipe the inside and outside of the base unit with a damp cloth. Dry thoroughly.

PARTS AND FEATURES

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Using the Pressure Cooker

1. Place the base unit on a flat, stable surface. Do not use the appliance on a surface that is not level.
2. Make sure the sealing ring is properly installed.
3. Fill the pot with the desired amount of liquid.
4. Add the food to be cooked to the cooking pot. **NOTE:** Do not fill the cooking pot more than 2/3 full when cooking foods that expand during cooking, such as rice or beans. Do not fill more than 1/2 full when cooking foods that require pressure cooking.
5. Place the lid on the cooking pot, aligning the arrow on the lid with the arrow on the handle. Turn the lid clockwise until it locks into place.
6. Make sure the pressure valve is in the sealing position.
7. Select the desired cooking program or manually set the cooking time and pressure level.
8. The cooker will begin to build pressure. Once pressure is reached, the cooking time will start counting down.
9. When cooking is complete, the cooker will beep and switch to the keep warm function.
10. To release pressure, turn the pressure valve to the venting position. Steam will be released. Wait until all pressure has been released before opening the lid.
11. Carefully open the lid by turning it counterclockwise until it unlocks. Lift the lid away from you to avoid steam.
12. Stir the food before serving.

SAFETY FEATURES

The appliance is equipped with several safety features to prevent accidents and injuries. These features include:

- **Lid locking system** – The lid will not open while the cooker is under pressure.
- **Pressure release valve** – Releases excess pressure automatically.
- **Overheat protection** – The cooker will switch off if it detects overheating.
- **Anti-blockage system** – Prevents the pressure valve from becoming blocked.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Unplug the appliance and allow it to cool before cleaning. Wipe the exterior with a damp cloth. Wash the cooking pot, lid, steamer basket and sealing ring in hot, soapy water. Rinse and dry thoroughly. Do not immerse the base unit in water.

PRESSURE COOKER HELPFUL TIPS & TRICKS

1. Always use enough liquid when pressure cooking. The minimum amount is usually 1 cup (250 ml).
2. Do not fill the cooking pot more than 2/3 full when cooking foods that expand during cooking, such as rice or beans.
3. Do not fill more than 1/2 full when cooking foods that require pressure cooking.
4. Add vegetables and meat after pressure cooking has been completed.
5. Use the quick release method for delicate foods.
6. Use the natural release method for foods that require a longer cooking time.
7. Add dairy products after pressure cooking has been completed.
8. Thicken sauces after pressure cooking has been completed.
9. Use the sauté function to brown meat before pressure cooking.
10. Use the steamer basket to cook foods that should not be submerged in liquid.

TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM	REASON	SOLUTION
Cooker will not pressurize	Lid not closed properly	Close lid properly
	Pressure valve not in sealing position	Turn pressure valve to sealing position
	Sealing ring not installed correctly	Install sealing ring correctly
Cooker takes too long to pressurize	Too much liquid in cooking pot	Reduce amount of liquid
	Lid not closed properly	Close lid properly
Food is undercooked	Cooking time too short	Increase cooking time
	Pressure level too low	Increase pressure level
Food is overcooked	Cooking time too long	Decrease cooking time
	Pressure level too high	Decrease pressure level
Steam leaks from lid	Lid not closed properly	Close lid properly
	Sealing ring not installed correctly	Install sealing ring correctly
Error code displayed	Refer to error code table	Refer to error code table

LIFETIME WARRANTY (U.S. and Canada Only)

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