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Rice Cooker

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IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

Basic safety precautions should always be followed when using electrical appliances, including the following:

- Important: Read all instructions carefully before first use.**
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use the handles or knobs.
- Use only on a level, dry and heat-resistant surface.
- To protect against fire, electric shock and injury to persons, do not immerse cord, plug or the appliance in water or any other liquid. See instructions for cleaning.
- Close supervision is necessary when the appliance is used by or near children.
- Unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow unit to cool before putting on or taking off parts and before cleaning the appliance.
- 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 Aroma® Housewares may result in fire, electrical shock or injury.
- Do not use outdoors.
- Do not let cord touch hot surfaces or hang over the edge of a counter or table.
- Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner or in a heated oven.
- Do not use the appliance for other than its intended use.
- Extreme caution must be used when moving the appliance containing rice, hot oil or other liquids.
- Do not touch, cover or obstruct the steam vent on the top of the cooker as it is extremely hot and may cause scalding.
- Use only with a 120V AC power outlet.
- Always unplug from the plug gripping area. Never pull on the cord.
- The cooker should be operated on a separate electrical circuit from other operating appliances. If the electrical circuit is overloaded with other appliances, the appliance may not operate properly.
- Always make sure the outside of the inner pot is dry prior to use. If the inner pot is returned to the cooker when wet, it may damage or cause the product to malfunction.
- Use extreme caution when opening the lid during or after cooking. Hot steam will escape and may cause scalding.
- Rice should not be left in the inner pot with the Keep Warm function on for more than 12 hours.
- To prevent damage or deformation, do not use the inner pot on a stovetop or burner.
- To disconnect, turn any control to OFF, then remove the plug from the wall outlet.
- To reduce the risk of electrical shock, cook only in the removable inner pot provided.
- Do not wrap or tie cord around appliance.
- Intended for countertop use only.
- To avoid spills and burns, do not carry cooker by the lid handle.
- Do not use for deep frying.

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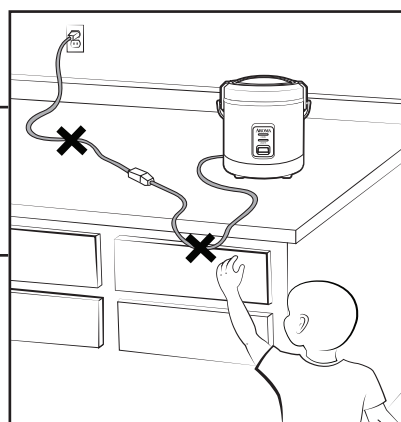
Parts Identification

Short Cord Instructions

1. A short power-supply cord is provided to reduce the risks resulting from becoming entangled in or tripping over a longer cord.
2. Longer extension cords are available and may be used if care is exercised in their use.
3. If a longer extension cord is used:
 - a.) The marked electrical rating of the extension cord should be at least as great as the electrical rating of the appliance.
 - b.) The longer cord should be arranged so that it will not drape over the counter top or tabletop where it can be pulled by children or tripped over unintentionally.

DO NOT DRAPE CORD!

KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN!

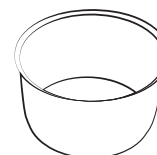
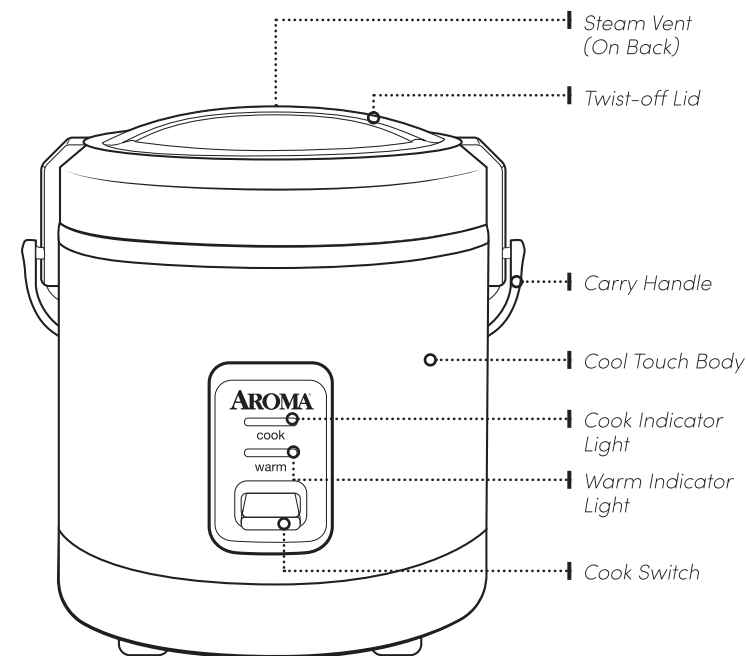


Polarized Plug

This appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other); follow the instructions below:

To reduce the risk of electric shock, this plug is intended to fit into a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully into the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Do not attempt to modify the plug in any way.

If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer, its service agent or a similarly qualified person in order to avoid a hazard.



Inner Pot



Rice Measuring Cup



Rice Spatula

THIS APPLIANCE IS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY.

Controls/Functions

Warm

Manually sets to **Warm**. **Warm** is perfect for keeping food warm and ready to serve.

Cook

To cook foods simply press the switch down to begin cooking.

BEFORE FIRST USE

1. **Read all instructions and important safeguards.**
2. Remove all packaging materials and check that all items have been received in good condition.
3. Tear up all plastic bags and dispose of properly as they can pose a risk to children.
4. Wash twist-off lid and all other accessories in warm, soapy water. Rinse and dry thoroughly.
5. Remove the inner pot from cooker and clean with warm, soapy water. Rinse and dry thoroughly before returning to cooker.
6. Wipe cooker body clean with a damp cloth.
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TO CLEAN

1. Remove the twist-off lid when cooker is completely cooled.
2. Soak the inner pot and all accessories or wash them in the top rack of the dishwasher.
3. Wipe the twist-off lid and the rice cooker's body clean with a damp cloth.
4. Thoroughly dry cooker body and lid all accessories. Reassemble for next use.
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TROUBLESHOOTING

• Rice is too dry/hard after cooking.

If your rice is dry or hard/chewy when the cooker switches to **Warm**, additional water and cooking time will soften the rice. Depending on how dry your rice is, add ½ to 1 cup of water and stir through. Close the lid and switch to **Cook**. When cooker switches to **Warm** mode, open the lid and stir the rice to check the consistency. Repeat as necessary until rice is soft and moist.

• Rice is too moist/soggy after cooking.

If your rice is still too moist or soggy when the cooker switches to **Warm**, use the serving spatula to stir the rice. This will redistribute the bottom (moistest) part of the rice as well as release excess moisture. Close the lid and allow to remain on **Warm** mode for 10–30 minutes as needed, opening the lid and stirring periodically to release excess moisture.

Note:

- Do not use harsh abrasive cleaners, scouring pads or products that are not considered safe to use on nonstick coatings.
- If washing in the dishwasher, a slight discoloration to the inner pot and accessories may occur. This is cosmetic only and will not affect performance.
- Any other servicing should be performed by Aroma® Housewares.

Helpful Hints:

The provided rice cooker cup is the equivalent to a ¾ standard US cup



Note:

- Because rice varieties may vary in their make-up, results may differ.

COOKING RICE

1. Using the provided measuring cup, add rice to the inner pot.
2. Rinse rice to remove excess starch. Drain.
3. Fill with water to the line which matches the number of cups of rice being cooked.
4. Place the inner pot into the cooker.*
5. Close the lid securely.
6. Plug the power cord into an available 120V AC wall outlet.
7. Press the **Cook** switch down to begin cooking.
8. The **Cook** indicator light will illuminate as the rice cooker begins cooking the rice.
9. When rice is ready, the **Cook** switch will automatically flip up and switch into **Warm** mode.
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10. For better results, stir the rice with the serving spatula to distribute any remaining moisture.
11. When finished serving rice, unplug the power cord to turn the rice cooker off.
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Caution:

The rice cooker will not switch to **Warm** mode until all liquid is boiled away. Follow your recipe carefully and do not leave the rice cooker unattended.

Note:

* Before placing the inner pot into the cooker, check that it is dry and free of debris. Adding the inner pot when wet may damage the cooker.

- Brown Rice requires a much longer cooking cycle than other rice varieties due to the extra bran layers on the grains.
- Rice should not be left in the cooker on **Warm** for more than 12 hours.

Helpful Hints:

If you misplace the measuring cup, a ¾ standard US cup is an exact replacement.

To add more flavor to rice, try substituting a favorite meat or vegetable broth or stock. The ratio of broth/stock to rice will be the same as water to rice.

For approximate rice cooking times and suggested rice/water ratios, see the "Rice/Water Measurement Table" on page 8.

Rice & Water

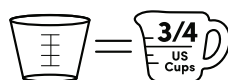
Measurement Table

White Rice Measurement Table

UNCOOKED WHITE RICE	WHITE RICE WATER LINE (inside pot)	APPROX. COOKED RICE YIELD	WHITE RICE COOKING TIMES
1 Cup*	Line 1	2 Cups*	White Rice: 18–23 Min.
2 Cups*	Line 2	4 Cups*	White Rice: 24–29 Min.
2.5 Cups*	Line 2.5	5 Cups*	White Rice: 28–33 Min.

Brown Rice Measurement Table

UNCOOKED BROWN RICE	BROWN RICE WATER LINE (inside pot)	APPROX. COOKED RICE YIELD	BROWN RICE COOKING TIMES
1 Cup*	Line 1	2 Cups*	Brown Rice: 35–40 Min.
2 Cups*	Line 2	4 Cups*	Brown Rice: 44–49 Min.
2.5 Cups*	Line 2.5	5 Cups*	Brown Rice: 47–52 Min.



*1 Rice Cooker Cup = ¾ US Cup

Note:

- Brown rice takes longer to cook and requires more water than white rice due to the extra bran layers on the grains. The **water lines in the inner pot are meant for white rice only**. Please see the chart above for brown rice/water ratios.
- Brown rice, wild rice and rice mixes vary in their make-up. Some variations may require longer cooking times and/or additional water in order to achieve optimum results. Refer to the individual package instructions for cooking suggestions.
- The measuring cup included adheres to rice industry standards (180mL) and is not equal to one U.S. cup. The chart above refers to cups of rice/water according to the measuring cup provided.
- **Do not place more than 2 cups of uncooked rice (1 cup if brown rice) into this appliance at one time.** The maximum capacity of this unit is 2 cups uncooked rice (which yields 4 cups of cooked rice).

RECIPES

Easy Omelette

2	eggs
1 slice	deli meat of choice, chopped
1	small tomato, chopped
½ cup	spinach
½ cup	shredded cheese
----	pinch of salt

Combine all ingredients in a bowl, ensuring that they mix well. Pour the mixed ingredients into the inner pot. Lock lid and raise the switch to **Cook**. When cooker automatically switches to **Warm**, leave it on that position for an additional 5 minutes, then serve.

SERVES 2.

One-Pot Pasta

1 cup	pasta (elbow macaroni, bow tie or corkscrew pasta)
1 ⅓ cup	liquid (water or chicken broth)
½ cup	pasta sauce
½ cup	cheese of your choice
½ tsp.	olive oil
----	basil leaves for garnish (optional)

Combine all ingredients (except cheese) in the inner pot. Ensure they are evenly mixed. Lock lid and raise the switch to **Cook**. When cooker automatically switches to **Warm**, open lid and stir in the cheese. Leave it on **Warm** for an additional 5 minutes. Serve hot and garnish with basil leaves.

SERVES 2.

Note:

- Before placing the inner pot into the cooker, check that the cooking pot is dry and free of debris. Adding the inner pot when wet may damage the cooker.

RECIPES (CONT.)

Green Chile Chicken & Rice

1 ½ cups*	rice
2 cups*	chicken broth
2 tblsp	dried onions, minced
½ tsp	salt
1 10-oz	chicken breast
1 4-oz	green chiles

*Using provided rice measuring cup

Add all ingredients to the inner cooking pot and stir. Place inner pot into the rice cooker and close the lid. Press the **Cook** switch. Once meal is ready, the rice cooker will automatically switch to **Warm**. Enjoy!

SERVES 3.

Easy Creamy Cheesecake

1	8-oz. package cream cheese, softened
⅓ cup	sugar
1	egg
½ cups	vanilla
----	cooking spray

Beat cream cheese, sugar, egg and vanilla with a mixer until smooth. Spray cooking spray evenly to the inside of the inner pot. Pour cheesecake mixture into the inner pot. Close lid and push switch down to **Cook**. When rice cooker switches to **Warm** let it stay for 30 minutes. If additional cooking is needed, you may push the switch down to **Cook** again to cook further. Cool to room temperature and refrigerate for 2-3 hours.

SERVES 2.

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