

Elite *Bistro*

BY MAXI-MATIC™

4 CUP MINI RICE COOKER

Model: ERC-135

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Before operating your new appliance, please read all instructions carefully and keep for future reference.



Questions? Elite's customer service team is ready to help.
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IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

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

1. Read all the instructions.
2. Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles only.
3. To protect against risk of electric shock, do not immerse appliance, cord, or plug 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 is dropped or damaged in any manner. Return the appliance to an authorized service facility for examination, repair, or electrical or mechanical adjustment.
7. Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
8. The use of accessory attachments not recommended or sold by the appliance manufacturer may cause fire, electric shock, or injury.
9. Do not use outdoors.
10. Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter or touch hot surfaces, including the stove.
11. Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot oil or other hot liquids.
12. Do not use this appliance for other than intended use.
13. 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. Always hold the plug, never pull the cord.
14. To reduce the risk of shock, cook only in removable container.
15. Some countertop and table surfaces, such as Corian®, wood and/or laminates, are not designed to withstand prolonged heat generated by certain appliances. It is recommended by countertop manufacturers that a hot pad or trivet be placed under your appliance to prevent possible damage to the surface.

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.
HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY.**



SHORT CORD PURPOSE

NOTE: A short power cord is provided to reduce the risk of personal injury resulting from becoming entangled in or tripping over a longer cord.

Longer power-supply cords or extension cords are available and may be used if care is exercised in their use.

If an extension cord is used: (1) the marked electrical rating of the extension cord should be at least as great as the electrical rating of the product; (2) the extension cord should be arranged so that it will not drape over the countertop or tabletop where it can unintentionally be pulled on or tripped over by children or pets.



POLARIZED PLUG

If this appliance is equipped with a ***polarized plug*** (one blade is wider than the other), please follow the below instructions:

To reduce the risk of electrical shock, this plug is intended to fit into a polarized outlet only one way. If you are unable to fit the plug into the electrical outlet, try reversing the plug. If the plug still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Never use the plug with an extension cord unless the plug can be fully inserted into the extension cord. Do not alter the plug of the product or any extension cord being used with this product. Do not attempt to defeat the safety purpose of the polarized plug.



PARTS IDENTIFICATION



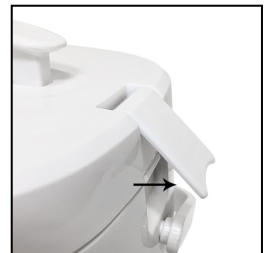
BEFORE FIRST USE

Carefully unpack the personal rice cooker and remove all packaging materials. Wash all removable parts (Inner Lid, Inner Pot, Measuring Cup & Scoop and clean according to the Care & Cleaning instructions in this manual).

Warning: Do not immerse personal rice cooker housing or power cord in water or any other liquid. Reassemble the unit after cleaning.

Removing the Detachable Lid

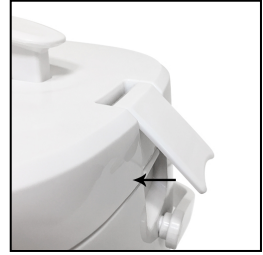
To remove the Detachable Lid, first open both Locking Tabs by pulling away from the Housing. Lift the Lid off the Housing.



Attaching the Detachable Lid

To attach the Detachable Lid, line up the Locking Tabs on the Lid with the Locking Tab Receptacle and press in until you hear a click.

Caution: A serious burn injury can occur if you try to move your mini rice cooker without the Lid locked into place.



HOW TO USE YOUR MINI RICE COOKER

NOTE: Do not process cheese, coffee beans, or whole squares of chocolate in this product, as product damage could result.

1. Only measure rice with the enclosed measuring cup. For best results rinse measured rice until the water becomes relatively clear. (see “Helpful Tips” section for details).
2. Place rinsed rice in the cooking pot, add water. For 1.5 cups of uncooked rice (yields 3 cups of cooked rice), measure 1.5 full scoops of rice using the measuring up. Add to the cooking pot.
3. Add water to the 1.5 cup line on the inside of the pot. Always add the rice to the pot BEFORE adding the water to the pot. The water level marked on the inner pot is based upon having rice added already.
4. Place the pot in the mini rice cooker.
5. Place the lid on the mini rice cooker housing and lock into place.
6. Plug in and immediately press the switch down to cook. The “Cook” Indicator light will illuminate to indicate the rice is cooking.
7. The mini rice cooker will automatically switch to “Warm” when the cooking process has completed. The warm function will continue until the unit is unplugged.
8. Open the mini rice cooker by unlocking both Locking Tabs on the lid. Be sure to open the lid facing away from you to avoid any hot steam.
9. Remove and clean the Inner Pot after every use.

Helpful Tips:

- Using the Warm function for more than 5 hours may cause discoloration or an odor in the rice.
- You can adjust the amount of water and/or rice to your own taste preferences.

Washing Rice

When rice is milled some bran and residues adhere to the surface of the rice. You can remove these residues by first washing the rice with water before cooking. This will remove excess starch & residues, which will provide you with much whiter, fluffier rice.

Remember to always use the measuring cup provided to accurately measure the rice. Add the desired amount of rice to the Mini Rice Cooker Inner Pot. Fill with cold water until all of the rice is submerged. Wash the rice by simply stirring the rice around in the water and rubbing between your hands. You will notice that the color of the water will become cloudy as the rice is cleaned. Without spilling the rice tip the Inner Pot to remove the cloudy water and repeat several times until the water remains clear.

Cooking other types of rice

Your Mini Rice Cooker can handle a wide variety of rice such as long grain rice, wild rice, yellow rice, brown rice, basmati rice, etc. When cooking brown rice, it will be necessary to increase the amount of water by 1/2 cup more than the standard short grain white rice recipe. Adjust to suit your own personal taste.

- If the rice cooker switches to WARM before the food is done, you will need to add more liquid.
- Foods that are overly sweet or oily can cause the rice cooker to switch to WARM earlier than desired. If this happens, add some liquid like water, wine, stock, milk or juice.
- When baking in the rice cooker, it is usually necessary to push COOK more than once. You will need to wait for about 5 minutes after the machine switches to WARM to be able to press it back to COOK. This is normal.
- The temperature of the WARM setting is a little over 180 degrees. This is hot enough to very gently cook foods and far too hot for any bacteria to grow or for food to spoil. It is very safe to keep foods at this setting for several hours.
- Do not double recipes in the rice cooker. The tightly closed lid will force excess liquid out the steam vent if you do.



CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

- DO NOT immerse the mini rice cooker in water.
- Clean the mini rice cooker housing with a damp cloth. DO NOT use abrasive cleaners as this would scratch the surface of the housing.
- Wash the cooking pot, lid, measuring cup and scoop in warm soapy water and dry thoroughly. Do not place parts in the dishwasher.



LIMITED WARRANTY*

ONE (1) YEAR

WARRANTY IS ONLY VALID WITH A DATED PROOF OF PURCHASE

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN TO STORE.

If you have any problems with this unit, contact Consumer Relations for service

1. Your small kitchen appliance is built with precision, inspected and tested before leaving our factory.
2. It is warranted to the original purchaser to be free from any manufacturing defects under normal use and conditions for one (1) year, cord excluded. This Warranty applies only to the original purchaser of this product.
3. Retail stores/merchants selling this product do not have the right to alter, modify, or in any way revise the terms and conditions of the warranty.
4. If you use your appliance for household use and according to instructions, it should give you years of satisfactory service.
5. At its sole discretion, Maxi-Matic USA will either repair or replace the product found to be defective during the warranty period.
6. The repaired or replacement product will be in warranty for the remaining balance of the one-year warranty period and an additional one-month period.
7. Consumer's remorse is not an acceptable reason to return a product to our Service Center.
8. **This limited warranty covers appliances purchased and used within the 50 contiguous states plus the District of Columbia and does NOT cover normal wear of parts or:**
 - Damages caused by unreasonable use, neglect, normal wear and tear, commercial use, improper assembly or installation of product.
 - Damages caused in shipping.
 - Damages caused by replacement or resetting of house fuses or circuit breakers.
 - Defects other than manufacturing defects.
 - Breakage caused by misuse, abuse, accident, alteration, lack of proper care and maintenance, or incorrect current or voltage.
 - Lost or missing parts of the product. Parts will need to be purchased separately.
 - Damages of parts that are not electrical; i.e. cracked or broken plastic/glass, scratched/dented inner pots.
 - Damage from service or repair by unauthorized personnel.
 - Extended warranties purchased via a separate company or reseller.
 - Acts of God such as fire, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, etc.

Maxi-Matic, USA shall not be liable for any incidental or consequential damages caused by the breach of any express or implied warranty. Apart from the extent prohibited by applicable law, any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose is limited in time to the duration of the warranty.

*One Year Limited Warranty valid only in the **50 contiguous states plus the District of Columbia, excluding** Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

This warranty is effective only if the product is purchased and operated in the USA; product usage which is in violation of the written instructions provided with the unit will void this warranty.

This warranty gives you special legal rights and you may also have other rights to which you are entitled which may vary by state, province, and/or jurisdiction.

For international warranty, please contact the local distributor.

**Any instruction or policy included in this manual may be subject to change at any time.

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RETURN INSTRUCTIONS

RETURNS:

- A. Any return of defective merchandise to the manufacturer must be processed accordingly by first contacting customer service (info@maxi-matic.com) to obtain an RA # (Return Authorization Number). We will not accept any returns of merchandise without an applicable RA #.
- B. **IMPORTANT RETURN INSTRUCTIONS.** Your Warranty depends on your following these instructions if you are returning the unit to Maxi-Matic, USA:
 1. Carefully pack the item in its original carton or other suitable box with sufficient cushioning to avoid damage in shipping.
 2. Before packing your unit for return, be sure to enclose:
 - a) Your name, full address with zip code, daytime telephone number, and RA#,
 - b) A dated sales receipt or PROOF OF PURCHASE,
 - c) The model number of the unit and the problem you are having (Enclose in an envelope and tape directly to the unit before the box is sealed,) and
 - d) Any parts or accessories related to the problem.
 3. Maxi-Matic, USA recommends that you ship the package via UPS ground service for tracking purposes. **We cannot assume responsibility for lost or damaged products returned to us during incoming shipment.** For your protection, always carefully package the product for shipment and insure it with the carrier. C.O.D shipments cannot be accepted.
 4. **All return shipping charges must be prepaid by you.**
 5. Mark the outside of your package:
MAXI-MATIC USA
18401 E. ARENTH AVE.
CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91748
 6. Once your return has been received by our warehouse, Maxi-Matic, USA will repair or replace the product if it is defective in material or workmanship, subject to the conditions in paragraph B.
 7. **Maxi-Matic will pay the shipping charges to ship the repaired or replacement product back to you.**