

Cuisinart®

INSTRUCTION BOOKLET



4-Cup Coffeemaker

DCC-450C Series

For your safety and continued enjoyment of this product,
always read the instruction book carefully before using.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock and/or injury to persons, including the following:

1. **READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS**
2. **Always 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.**
3. Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles and knobs.
4. To protect against electric shock, do not place cord, plug, or base unit in water or other liquids.
5. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
6. Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug or after the appliance malfunctions or has been dropped or damaged in any manner. Return appliance to the nearest Cuisinart Repair Center for examination, repair, and electrical or mechanical adjustment.
7. The use of accessory attachments not recommended by Cuisinart may cause injuries.
8. Do not use outdoors.
9. Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter, or touch hot surface.
10. Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
11. Always fill water reservoir first, then plug cord into the wall outlet. To disconnect, push the rocker switch to Off, then remove plug from wall outlet.
12. Do not use appliance for other than intended use.
13. Snap lid securely onto carafe before serving any beverages.
14. Scalding may occur if the lid is removed during the brewing cycle.
15. The carafe is designed for use with this appliance only. It must never be used on the range top.
16. Do not set a hot carafe on a wet or cold surface.
17. Do not use a cracked carafe or a carafe having a loose or weakened handle.
18. Do not clean carafe or warming plate with cleansers, steel wool pads, or other abrasive materials.
19. **WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE THE BASE PANEL. NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS ARE INSIDE. REPAIR SHOULD BE DONE BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY.**
20. Avoid contact with moving parts.
21. Do not operate your appliance in an appliance garage or under a wall cabinet. **When storing in an appliance garage always unplug the unit from the electrical outlet.** Not doing so could create a risk of fire, especially if the appliance touches the walls of the garage or the door touches the unit as it closes.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY

WARNING: RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK



The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated dangerous voltage within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of fire or electric shock to persons.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

SPECIAL CORD SET INSTRUCTIONS

A short power-supply cord is provided to reduce the risks resulting from becoming entangled in or tripping over a longer cord.

Longer extension cords may be used if care is exercised in their use. If a long extension cord is used, the marked electrical rating of the extension cord must be at least as great as the electrical rating of the appliance, and the longer cord should be arranged so that it will not drape over the countertop or table top where it can be pulled on by children or tripped over.

NOTICE

This appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other.) To reduce the risk of electric shock, this plug will fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Do not modify the plug in any way.

OPERATING NOTICE

Clogging and backing up of water and/or coffee in the filter basket can occur under any or a combination of any of the following conditions: The use of too finely ground coffee; using two or more paper filters; using the gold tone filter in conjunction with a paper filter or not properly cleaning coffee grounds from the gold tone filter; or allowing coffee grounds to spill over the filter.

Caution: Never open the filter basket during the brewing cycle, even if no water is draining from the filter basket, since extremely hot water/coffee can spill out from the filter basket and cause injury. If water/coffee is not draining from the filter basket during the brewing cycle, unplug the unit and wait 10 minutes before opening and checking the filter basket.

Caution: During and after brewing, hold carafe by handle only. Stainless steel will be hot.

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IMPORTANT UNPACKING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place the box on a large, sturdy, flat surface. Lay the box on its side.
2. Remove the instruction book and any other literature.
3. Slide the packaged unit out of the box.
4. Lift off the packing material. Now remove the carafe from the coffee maker.
5. Carefully lift the coffeemaker from the remaining inserts.

We suggest you save all the packing materials in the event that future shipping of the machine is needed.

Keep all plastic bags away from children.

THE QUEST FOR THE PERFECT CUP OF COFFEE

ELEMENT 1: WATER

Coffee is 98% water. The quality of that water is as important as the quality of your coffee. If water doesn't taste good from the tap, it won't taste good in your coffee.

ELEMENT 2: COFFEE

While coffee is 98% water, all of the flavour comes from the beans. To achieve the same great taste you enjoy at a coffee bar, you need to use the same quality of coffee. If you choose to grind your own beans, buy them fresh and whole. Buy only about a two-week supply at a time, because once the bean is broken, its flavour degrades quickly.

ELEMENT 3: GRIND

The grind is critical for proper flavour extraction. If the grind is too fine, over-extraction and bitterness will result. Too fine a grind may also clog the filter. If grind is too coarse, the water will pass through too quickly and the maximum flavour will not be extracted. When grinding your own beans, we recommend a medium-fine grind.

ELEMENT 4: PROPORTION

The cups on the Cuisinart® coffeemaker are 5 ounces (145 g). Add the desired amount of ground coffee, corresponding to the number of cups being brewed. We recommend 1 scoop [1 tablespoon (15ml)] of ground coffee per cup, but use more or less to suit your taste.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- 1. Reservoir Cover**
Flips back for easy filling.
- 2. Water Reservoir**
- 3. Filter Basket** (not shown)
Holds a #2 paper filter or a permanent filter.
- 4. Filter Basket Holder**
- 5. Showerhead** (not shown)
Distributes water evenly over coffee, reducing temperature loss as water passes through grounds.
- 6. Brew Pause™**
Stops flow of coffee from basket when carafe is removed (30 seconds max) from heater plate, so a cup can be poured in mid-brew.

Since the extraction rate varies during the brew cycle, we recommend allowing the brewing cycle to finish before pouring the coffee.

- 7. On/Off Power Button**
(not shown)
- 8. Stainless Steel Carafe**
The carafe has an ergonomic handle and knuckle guard for safe and easy pouring.
- 9. Auto-off Heater Plate**
Scratch resistant with black, non-stick coating. Shuts off automatically after 30 minutes.
- 10. BPA Free**
All parts that come in contact with water or coffee are BPA free.



MAKING COFFEE

BEFORE FIRST USE

We recommend flushing out your coffeemaker before first use.

Fill the reservoir with cold water and follow the directions for Brewing Coffee. **DO NOT ADD COFFEE!**

Once the system flush is complete, your coffeemaker is ready to brew so you can enjoy Cuisinart at its best!

1. Fill the water reservoir:

Lift the water reservoir lid and pour the desired amount of water using the stair-step cup measure inside the water reservoir.

2. Add the ground coffee:

Remove the filter basket by grasping the handle and lifting straight up, and place it on the countertop. Insert a #2 paper filter or permanent filter. Be sure that the paper filter is completely open and fully inserted into the basket. It may help to fold and flatten the seams of a paper filter beforehand. Add the desired amount of ground coffee, corresponding to the number of cups being brewed. Add 1 level scoop [1 tablespoon (15 ml)] of ground coffee per cup. Adjust the amount according to taste.

Replace the filter basket in the filter basket holder and flip the water reservoir lid closed. Be sure that it closes securely in place.

Before brewing coffee:

Make sure you have replaced the carafe into its position on the warming plate. Plug the cord into an electrical outlet.

3. Power unit:

Press the power button on the side of the unit to power on. The indicator will illuminate.

4. During and after brewing:

The Brew Pause™ feature allows you to remove the carafe from the warming plate during mid brew. The brewing process does not stop during this period, only the flow of coffee from the basket stops. Do

not remove the carafe for longer than 30 seconds or the coffee may overflow the basket. While we offer this feature, we do not recommend you pour the coffee before the cycle has reached completion, since the coffee brewed at the beginning of the cycle has a flavor profile that is very different from the flavor at the end of the cycle. Removing a cup during the brewing cycle will alter the flavor of the finished pot.

Caution: During and after brewing, hold carafe by handle only. Stainless steel will be hot.

Once the coffee has finished brewing, stir it before serving to blend the flavors. The coffee at the bottom of the carafe will be somewhat stronger than the coffee at the top.

After brewing, the warming plate will keep the coffee at about 180-185°F (82.2°C-85°C). Coffeemaker will automatically shut off after 30 minutes.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

COMPLETELY CLEAN AND DRY ALL PARTS AFTER EVERY USE.

Always turn the coffeemaker off and remove the plug from the electrical outlet before cleaning it.

Lift up the reservoir cover. Remove and discard the paper filter and ground coffee. The filter basket can be washed in warm soapy water and rinsed thoroughly, or cleaned in the upper rack of the dishwasher. Dry all parts after use.

Do not put any water in the unit once the filter basket has been removed. Wipe the area under the filter basket with a damp cloth.

Remove the carafe from the warming plate. Discard any remaining coffee. The carafe and lid should be washed in warm, soapy water and rinsed thoroughly.

Do not use any scouring agents or harsh cleansers on any part of the coffeemaker.

Never immerse base unit in water or other liquids.

To clean base, simply wipe with a clean, damp cloth and dry before storing. Wipe warming plate with a clean, damp cloth. Never use rough, abrasive materials or cleansers to clean the warming plate. Do not dry the inside of the water reservoir with a cloth, as lint may remain.

Maintenance

Any other servicing should be performed by an authorized service representative.

Decalcification

Decalcification refers to removing the calcium deposits that form over time on the metal parts of the coffeemaker.

For best performance from your Cuisinart® coffeemaker, decalcify the base unit from time to time. The frequency depends upon the hardness of your tap water and how often you use the coffeemaker.

To decalcify, fill the water reservoir to capacity with a mixture of $\frac{1}{3}$ white vinegar and $\frac{2}{3}$ water. Turn the coffee-maker on by pressing the Power button. One cycle should be sufficient to adequately clean the coffeemaker. Turn the coffeemaker off by pressing the Power button and then run one cycle of fresh cold water through the unit before using the unit again to brew coffee.

WARRANTY LIMITED THREE-YEAR WARRANTY

We warrant that this Cuisinart product will be free of defects in materials or workmanship under normal home use for 3 years from the date of original purchase. This warranty covers manufacturer's defects including mechanical and electrical defects. It does not cover damage from consumer abuse, unauthorized repairs or modifications, theft, misuse, or damage due to transportation or environmental conditions. Products with removed or altered identification numbers will not be covered.

This warranty is not available to retailers or other commercial purchasers or owners. If your Cuisinart product should prove to be defective within the warranty period, we will repair it or replace it if necessary. For warranty purposes, please register your product online at www.cuisinart.ca to facilitate verification of the date of original purchase and keep your original receipt for the duration of the limited warranty. This warranty excludes damage caused by accident, misuse or abuse, including damage caused by overheating, and it does not apply to scratches, stains, discoloration or other damage to external or internal surfaces that does not impair the functional utility of the product. This warranty also expressly excludes all incidental or consequential damages.

Your Cuisinart product has been manufactured to the strictest specifications and has been designed for use only in 120 volt outlets and only with authorized accessories and replacement parts. This warranty expressly excludes any defects or damages caused by attempted use of this unit with a converter, as well as use with accessories, replacement parts or repair service other than those authorized by Cuisinart.

If the appliance should become defective within the warranty period, do not return the appliance to the store. Please contact our Customer Service Centre:

Toll-free phone number:

1-800-472-7606

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100 Conair Parkway
Woodbridge, Ont. L4H 0L2

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Model:

DCC-450C SERIES

To facilitate the speed and accuracy of your return, please enclose:

- \$10.00 for shipping and handling of the product (cheque or money order)
- Return address and phone number
- Description of the product defect
- Product date code*/copy of original proof of purchase
- Any other information pertinent to the product's return

* Product date code can be found on the underside of the base of the product. The product date code is a 4 or 5 digit number. Example, 90630 would designate year, month & day (2009 June 30th).

Note: We recommend you use a traceable, insured delivery service for added protection. Cuisinart will not be held responsible for in-transit damage or for packages that are not delivered to us.

To order replacement parts or accessories, call our Customer Service Centre at 1-800-472-7606. For more information, please visit our website at www.cuisinart.com.

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