

Use and Care

▪ **ESSENTIAL PRECAUTIONS**

Never use Cuisinart® Non-Stick Cookware on high heat. Food will burn. The aluminum encapsulated base of this cookware is highly conductive and efficient for quick, even heat distribution. We recommend using a low to medium setting for most cooking. To boil water, medium-high is sufficient. Never leave Cuisinart® Non-Stick Cookware or any pan empty over a hot burner. Doing so can ruin the pan and cause damage to the stovetop.

▪ **BEFORE USING**

Wash your new cookware in hot water with a mild soap or dish detergent, or in a dishwasher, before using for the first time. Rinse thoroughly and wipe dry immediately with a soft dish towel, or you may place your Cuisinart® Non-Stick cookware in a dishwasher.

▪ **EASY MAINTENANCE**

Immediately after each use, fill the pan with hot water and liquid dish detergent; let stand until lukewarm. Use a sponge or soft cloth to remove any remaining food particles. **Do not use steel wool or other metal pads that make coarse scratches.** Rinse thoroughly and dry immediately for a flawless finish. Cuisinart® Non-Stick Cookware features oven-safe handles that can withstand oven temperatures up to 500°F (260°C). Caution should be used when handling any cookware handles and we recommend the use of potholders.

▪ **WHAT ABOUT THE DISHWASHER?**

Cuisinart® Non-Stick Cookware is dishwasher-safe, but remember that soil from other dishes may be abrasive. If the dishwasher is carelessly packed, other dishes or flatware may mar the surface of the cookware. Over a long period, regular dishwasher cleaning will eventually scratch any utensil. We recommend using a non-lemon detergent.

▪ **PROPER COOKING UTENSILS**

We recommend using plastic or wooden utensils with your Cuisinart® Non-Stick Cookware. Refrain from cutting foods or using sharp utensils such as forks, knives, mashers or whisks that can scratch the cooking surface. Slight surface marks and abrasions are normal and will not affect the performance of the Cuisinart® Non-Stick Cookware.

▪ **TO REMOVE STAINS**

Calcium in your water may leave a multicoloured stain. This is from a harmless deposit and can be removed with a little warm vinegar. Certain foods such as pasta or oatmeal may leave a light residue or cloudy appearance. This can be easily removed with any of these cleaning products: Bon Ami®, Cameo® Stainless Steel or Metal Cleaner, Nevr-Dull®.

▪ **TO REMOVE STUBBORN RESIDUE**

When food is burned in the pan, a stubborn black residue may remain. If soaking does not loosen it, add water to a depth of one inch in the pan, and then add a tablespoon (15 ml) of dishwasher detergent (a non-lemon product). Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Let cool in the pan, then drain and rinse. Loosen the residue with a sponge or plastic spatula. Repeat if necessary.

CAUTION: Detergent fumes can be irritating. Carry out this procedure under a hood with an exhaust fan or in a well ventilated room.

▪ **TO REMOVE BURNER STAINS**

Stains on the outside bottom (not sides) of pans can be removed with an oven cleaner. Follow the manufacturer's directions and spray or brush the cleaner on only the outside bottom of the pan if the directions call for using the cleaner in a warm oven, heat the pan before applying the cleaner. Rinse thoroughly after cleaning.

▪ **COOKING OVER A GAS BURNER**

When cooking over a gas burner, make certain the flame touches only the pan bottom. If the flame comes up the sides of the pan, energy is wasted and the sides of the pan may become permanently discoloured.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Cuisinart® Non-Stick Cookware has exceptionally high thermoconductivity, and even a low setting on some gas burners will overheat or even burn foods such as thinly sliced onions. An inexpensive gas flame-tamer placed between the burner and the bottom of the pot solves this problem. Flame-tamers are readily available at most hardware stores.

▪ **COOKING TEMPERATURE IN OVEN**

Cuisinart® Non-Stick Cookware can be used in the oven without damage. Naturally, the handle as well as the pan will become hot. Use potholders to prevent burns. The cookware can be used in the oven at any baking temperature up to 500°F (260°C) and can go from burner to broiler to table when placed on a heat-resistant trivet.

▪ **CONVENIENT STORAGE**

A cookware rack or pegboard provides convenient, safe storage for your Cuisinart® Non-Stick Cookware. Stacking and crowding in cabinets or drawers may cause scratches.

Limited Lifetime Warranty

Your Cuisinart® Cookware is warranted to be free of defects in material and workmanship under normal home use from the date of original purchase throughout the original purchaser's lifetime.

We recommend that you visit our website, www.cuisinart.ca for a fast, efficient way to complete your product registration. However, product registration does not eliminate the need for the consumer to maintain the original proof of purchase in order to obtain the warranty benefits.

If your cookware should prove to be defective within your lifetime warranty, we will repair it (or, if we think it necessary, replace it) without charge to you, except for shipping and handling. To obtain warranty service, please call our Consumer Service Centre toll-free at 1-800-472-7606. Or write to Consumer Service Centre, Cuisinart, 100 Conair Parkway, Woodbridge, Ontario. L4H 0L2. E-mail: Consumer_Canada@Conair.com

To facilitate the speed and accuracy of your return, please enclose \$10.00 for shipping and handling of the product, along with proof of purchase. Please also be sure to include a return address, description of the product problem, phone number, and any other information pertinent to the product's return. Please pay by cheque or money order.

NOTE: For added protection and secure handling of any Cuisinart® product that is being returned, we recommend you use a traceable, insured delivery service. Cuisinart cannot be held responsible for in-transit damage or for packages that are not delivered to us. Lost and/or damaged products are not covered under warranty.

This warranty excludes damage caused by accident, misuse or abuse, including damage caused by overheating, and it does not apply to scratches, stains, discolouration, minor imperfections, slight colour variations or other damage to external or internal surfaces which does not impair the functional utility of the cookware. This warranty also expressly excludes all incidental or consequential damages.

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