# Cuisinarte INSTRUCTION BOOKLET



**Cuisinart Elite Collection™ 12-Cup Programmable Coffeemaker** 

DCC-3650C

### 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.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles and knobs.
- To protect against electric shock, do not place cord, plug, or base unit in water or other liquids.
- 5. This appliance should not be used by or near children or individuals with certain disabilities.
- 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 or phone Cuisinart Customer Service at 1-800-472-7606 at 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 surfaces.
- 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 Off button, 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 glass carafe is designed for use with these appliances only. It must never be used on the range top.

- 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 heating 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 SERVICE PERSONNEL ONLY.
- Do not place cloth beneath coffeemaker or otherwise restrict airflow.
- 21. Use only the Cuisinart gold-tone commercial style filter or standard basket #4 paper filter with this unit. OTHER GOLD-TONE PERMANENT FILTERS MAY CAUSE THE COFFEEMAKER TO OVERFLOW.
- 22. 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. Extension cords may be used if care is exercised in their use.

If an 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 tabletop, 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 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 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.



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# IMPORTANT UNPACKING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Place the box on a large, sturdy, flat surface.
- 2. Remove the instruction book and any other literature.
- 3. Turn the box so that the back side of the coffeemaker is down and slide the coffeemaker from the box.
- 4. After the coffeemaker has been removed, place the box out of the way and lift off the two pulp inserts.
- 5. Grasp the carafe by its handle, remove it from the heating plate, and remove the polybag.
- 6. Remove the polybag covering the coffeemaker.

Save all packing materials in case you have to ship the machine in the future.

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 does not taste good from the tap, it will not taste good in your coffee. Cuisinart includes a charcoal water filter to remove chlorine, bad tastes and odors, for the purest coffee flavour, every time you brew.

#### **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 grind.

#### **Element 4: Proportion**

Add 1 scoop of ground coffee (1 scoop = 1 tablespoon = ~6 grams) per cup (1 cup = 250 ml). You may wish to adjust this amount according to your personal taste. Do not use more than 15 scoops (15 tablespoons).

#### **FEATURES AND BENEFITS**

- 1. Extreme Brew<sup>™</sup> technology (not shown) Our re-engineered brewing technology lets you enjoy hot, fresh coffee up to 25% faster without sacrificing quality or taste!
- **2. Reservoir Cover** Flips back for easy filling.
- 3. Water Reservoir with Water Level Indicator Window (not shown)
- **4. Showerhead** (not shown)

  Distributes water evenly over coffee, reducing temperature loss as water passes through grounds.
- **5. Charcoal Water Filter Holder** Holds filter firmly in place.
- 6. Charcoal Water Filter (see page 8) Charcoal water filter eliminates chlorine, calcium and bad tastes and odors from tap water.
- 7. Filter Basket Door Release Button
- 8. Filter Basket Door
  Open to access coffee filter.
- Filter Basket
   Holds standard #4 paper filter OR
   Cuisinart permanent gold-tone
   commercial-style filter.
- 10. Cuisinart Permanent Gold-tone
  Commercial-Style Filter
  Eliminates the need for paper filters.

**NOTE:** Some fine grounds may flow through the filter and appear as sediment in the carafe.

#### 11. Control Panel

See detailed illustration, page 6.

**12. Ready Tone** (not shown)
Signals the end of the brew cycle with five beeps.

#### 13. Brew Pause™

Stops flow of coffee from basket when carafe is removed (20 seconds max) from the heater plate, so a cup can be poured in mid-brew.

#### 14. 12-Cup Glass Carafe

The easy-pour, no-drip 12-cup carafe has an ergonomic handle and brewed coffee markings for two to twelve cups.

#### 15. Heating Plate

Scratch resistant with black, nonstick coating.

- 16. Cord Storage (not shown)
- 17. Power Loss Back-up System (not shown) One-minute protection in case a breaker trips, the unit is unplugged, or the power fails. It holds all programmed information, including time of day, Auto On time and Auto Off time.
- 18. Measuring Scoop
- **19. BPA Free** (not shown)

All parts that come in contact with coffee or liquid are BPA free.





#### **GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CONTROL PANEL**

Detailed programming and use instructions are on pages 7 and 8.



#### 1. Brew/Off and Auto Off Button

Use to turn your coffeemaker on and off. Use the Auto Off feature to shut off the coffeemaker at a preset time, anywhere from 0–4 hours.

#### 2. Strength Selector

Strength button lets you choose the intensity of coffee flavour you prefer – Regular or Bold.

#### 3. 1-4 Cup Setting

Improves extraction, flavour and temperature when brewing less than 5 cups.

#### 4. Clean Setting

Indicates time to clean coffeemaker to remove calcium buildup.

#### 5. Hour and Minute Buttons

Use to set hours and minutes for time of day, Auto On and Auto Off times.

#### 6. Coffee Temperature Selector

Set the coffee temperature to Regular, Hot or X-Hot to select the brewed coffee temperature you prefer.

#### 7. Program/Auto On Button

Select to program Auto On time. Coffeemaker can be programmed to automatically start brewing up to 24 hours in advance. Select to automatically start brewing coffee at the programmed time.

#### 8. Clock Display

Displays time of day, Auto On and Auto Off times.

#### 9. Audible Tone (not shown)

A tone sounds 5 times when brew cycle is complete (coffee may continue to stream from the filter for a few seconds after tone).

### BEFORE BREWING YOUR FIRST POT OF COFFEE

During the manufacturing process, dust can get trapped in your coffeemaker. We recommend flushing out the system before brewing your first pot of coffee. Simply fill the reservoir and power on the unit. (follow steps 5 and 6 in MAKING COFFEE instructions). **DO NOT ADD COFFEE!** 

Once you have done that, brew a pot of real coffee and enjoy Cuisinart at its best!

# PROGRAMMING YOUR COFFEEMAKER

#### SETTING THE CLOCK

When the coffeemaker is plugged in, 12:00 will appear until you set the time.

Hold down Hour or Minute button until the clock begins flashing. Press either button to select the desired time. Hold buttons down to scroll through the digits, or press and release to advance one digit at a time. When scrolling, the numbers will advance slowly and then speed up. When the number displayed approaches the desired time, press and release to advance one digit at a time. Be sure the PM indicator is on if a PM time is desired. To complete clock setting, do not touch buttons for 2 seconds. The clock display will stop flashing and selected time will be displayed.

#### **SETTING THE AUTO ON TIME**

When you hold the Prog/Auto On button, it displays a previously selected Auto On time or the default time (12:00 pm).

Using the Hour and Minute buttons
 Follow directions under SETTING THE
 CLOCK (above) to program your start brew time.

#### 2. Set Coffee Strength

During Auto On setting, you can select desired coffee strength (Regular or Bold) by pressing the Strength button.

#### 3. Set Coffee Temperature

During Auto On setting, you can select desired coffee temperature (Reg, Hot or X-Hot) by pressing the Coffee Temp button.

#### 4. Complete Auto On setting

Press Prog/Auto ON button once. A blue light will appear to indicate Auto On function is set.

**NOTE:** To start brew time at the same time the next day, simply press the Prog/Auto On button and release. Blue Auto On light will go on.

#### **SETTING THE AUTO OFF TIME**

#### **Hold Auto Off button**

Clock display will flash 2:00. Follow directions under SETTING THE CLOCK (above) to program your coffeemaker to shut off from 0 to 4 hours after brew cycle is finished.

#### **MAKING COFFEE**

Follow instructions in BEFORE BREWING YOUR FIRST POT OF COFFEE in previous section and get ready to start enjoying your coffee.

#### 1. Insert charcoal water filter

Follow directions for the preparation and insertion of the filter on page 8.



#### 2. Fill the water reservoir

Open the reservoir cover by lifting it up. Pour in the desired amount of water using the water level indicator located at the side of the coffeemaker window.



#### 3. Set preferences

- a. Push the 1–4 cup button if you are brewing less than 5 cups.
- b. Press Strength button to select flavour strength – Regular or Bold.\*

c. Press Coffee Temperature button to select coffee temperature for Reg, Hot or X-Hot.

\*Features will remain at selected settings until you change them.

#### 4. Add the ground coffee

Press the filter basket door release button to access the filter basket to add ground coffee. Insert a #4 paper filter **OR** permanent filter. Be sure that the paper filter is completely open and fully inserted in the basket. It may help to fold and flatten the seams of a paper filter beforehand. Add 1 scoop of ground coffee per cup. Adjust the amount according to taste.



NOTE: The maximum capacity for ground coffee is 15 scoops (15 tablespoons) for this coffeemaker. Exceeding this amount may cause overflow if the coffee is too finely ground.

Replace the filter basket in the filter basket holder and press firmly on cover to be sure it closes securely.

#### 5. Before brewing coffee

Make sure the glass carafe is in position on the heating plate and the top cover is closed. Plug the cord into an electrical outlet.

#### 6. Power unit on

Press the Brew/Off button and the blue indicator light will turn on. Or, set the Auto On function (see page 7).

#### 7. After brewing

When the brewing cycle has been completed, five beeps will sound. Coffee will continue to stream from the filter for several seconds.

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

**NOTE:** Reservoir cover may be hot during and directly after brewing. Wait at least 10 minutes before opening.

#### CHARCOAL WATER FILTER

Your coffeemaker comes with a charcoal water filter that eliminates chlorine, bad tastes and odors from tap water.

#### **Inserting the Water Filter**

- Remove the filter from polybag and soak it, fully immersed, in cold tap water for 15 minutes.
- Lift the water filter holder out of the water reservoir.
- Press down on the filter compartment and pull toward you to open.
- Place filter into the holder and snap it closed. Be careful – improper placement can tear the filter skin.
- Flush filter by running cold tap water through holes in bottom of compartment for 10 seconds.
- Allow the filter to drain completely.
- Slide tab into position below the current month.
- Slide the water filter holder back into the channel in the water reservoir, pushing it down to the base of the unit.

**NOTE:** We recommend changing the water filter every 60 days or after 60 uses, and more often if you have hard water.

Replacement filters can be purchased in stores, by calling Cuisinart Customer Service, or at www.cuisinart.ca 1-800-472-7606





#### Brew Pause<sup>™</sup> Feature

This feature interrupts the flow of coffee from the basket to let you pour that first cup midbrew. Because the flavour profile of coffee brewed at the start of a cycle differs from that brewed toward the end, be aware that using this feature will weaken the flavour strength of the finished pot.

**NOTE:** Removing carafe for more than 20 seconds may cause filter basket to overflow.

# CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

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

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 heating plate. Discard any remaining coffee. The carafe and lid can be washed in warm, soapy water and rinsed thoroughly, or placed in a dishwasher. The carafe and carafe lid should be placed on the upper rack only.

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. Fingerprints and other blemishes on the housing can be washed off with soap and water or a nonabrasive cleaning solution. Wipe heating plate with a clean, damp cloth. Never use rough, abrasive materials or cleansers to clean the heating 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 the removal of calcium deposits, which form over time on the metal parts of the coffeemaker.

For best performance from your Cuisinart Elite Collection™ 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. The flashing Clean light will indicate when you should clean your coffeemaker.

NOTE: Before decalcifying your coffeemaker, remember to remove the charcoal water filter from the water filter holder located in the water reservoir.

If the Clean light begins to flash when the coffeemaker is turned on, it is telling you that the calcium buildup is interfering with the functioning of your coffeemaker and the flavour of your coffee. To clean, fill the water reservoir to capacity with a mixture of 1/3 white vinegar and 3/3 water. Press the Clean button. When the Clean light glows, turn the coffeemaker on by pressing the Brew/Off button. The Clean light will shine steadily. The coffeemaker is now in CLEAN mode. One cycle should be sufficient to adequately clean the coffeemaker. When the cycle is completed and five beeps sound, the coffeemaker will shut off. Turn the coffeemaker on to see if the Clean light continues to flash. If it does, turn it off and then repeat the cleaning procedure with a fresh solution of vinegar and water.

If the Clean light no longer flashes, turn the coffeemaker off and then run one cycle of fresh cold water through the unit before using the unit again to brew coffee.

#### **Notes on the Clean Function**

Pressing the Clean button cancels all other settings. If it is pressed accidentally, press it again to return the coffeemaker to all its previous settings. Pressing Brew/Off will also exit the CLEAN mode and turn the coffeemaker off.

#### 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, discolouration 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

#### Address:

Cuisinart Canada 100 Conair Parkway Woodbridge, Ont. L4H 0L2

#### Email:

consumer Canada@conair.com

#### Model:

DCC-3650C

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.ca

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