

Cuisinart®

INSTRUCTION
BOOKLET



Countdown Classic 4-Slice Toaster

CPT-435

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

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

When using an electrical appliance, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following:

1. **Read all instructions.**
2. **Always unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before cleaning or handling.**
3. Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
4. To protect against electrical shock, do not place any part of the toaster in water or other liquid. See instructions for cleaning.
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 has malfunctioned or has been dropped or damaged in any way, or if it is not operating properly. Return appliance to the nearest authorized service facility for examination, repair, or electrical or mechanical adjustment.
7. The use of accessory attachments not recommended by Cuisinart may cause injury.
8. Do not use outdoors.
9. Do not let cord hang over the edge of the table or countertop or touch hot surfaces.
10. Do not place toaster on or near a hot gas or electric burner or in a heated oven.
11. Do not use this toaster for other than intended use.
12. Oversize foods, metal foil packages or utensils must not be inserted in the toaster, as they may involve a risk of fire or electric shock.
13. A fire may occur if the toaster is covered or touching flammable materials, such as curtains, draperies or walls, when in operation. Do not operate under wall cabinets.
14. Do not attempt to dislodge food when the toaster is plugged into electrical outlet.
15. To avoid possibility of fire, do not leave toaster unattended during use.
16. To disconnect, push the cancel button, then remove plug from wall.

17. 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

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 are available and 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 should 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 unintentionally.

NOTICE: This unintentionally appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). As a safety feature, 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 attempt to defeat this safety feature.

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FEATURES AND BENEFITS

1. 1½” Toasting Slots

Wide toaster slots toast a wide variety of items.

2. Extra-Lift Carriage Control Lever

Brings small items close to the top of the toaster, for easy removal.

3. Dual Control Panels

Two sets of controls toast breads on different settings. Use controls and carriage lever on the left for slots 1 and 2 and controls and carriage lever on the right for slots 3 and 4.

4. LCD Countdown Window

Blue backlit LCD timer counts down bars, until toast cycle is completed.

5. Shade Control

Seven browning levels toast from light to dark.

6. Bagel Button

Reduces heat on uncut side of bagel.
LED lights when selected.

7. Defrost Button

Defrosts and toasts frozen bread.
LED lights when selected.

8. Reheat Button

Reheats without browning or toasting.
LED lights when selected.

9. Cancel Button

Interrupts toasting process.

10. Slide-out Crumb Tray (not shown)

Pulls out to clean crumbs that collect in bottom of toaster.

11. Cord Storage (not shown)

Takes up excess cord and keeps countertop neat.

12. BPA-Free (not shown)

All materials that come in contact with food are BPA Free.



USE AND CARE

Unwind the power cord. Check that the crumb tray is in place and that there is nothing in the toaster slot. Plug power cord into the wall outlet.

1. Insert slice(s) of bread

Be sure that multiple slices do not overlap and that the carriage is in the up position.

2. Set the browning control.

Press the + or – buttons to the desired setting in the display.

Setting	Color
1-2	light
3-5	medium
6-7	dark

Note: Use controls and carriage lever on the left to toast items in slots 1 and 2.

Use controls and carriage lever on the right to toast items in slots 3 and 4.

Some notes on browning

Toasting is a combination of cooking and drying of the bread. Therefore, differences in moisture level from one bread to another can result in varying toasting times.

- For slightly dry bread, use a lower setting than you normally would.
- For very fresh bread or whole wheat bread, use a higher setting than normal.
- Breads with very uneven surfaces (such as English muffins) will require a higher toast setting.
- Thickly cut pieces of bread (including bagels) will take longer to toast, sometimes significantly longer, since more moisture must be evaporated from the bread before toasting can occur. Very thick pieces may require two cycles.
- When toasting raisin or other fruit breads, remove any loose raisins, etc. from the surface of the bread before placing into the toaster. This will help prevent fruit pieces from falling into the toaster or sticking on the guide wires in the slot.
- Before toasting bagels, slice each bagel into two equal halves.

Single slice toasting

If you are toasting a single slice of bread, set the heat selector to a lighter setting than you normally would. The toaster is designed to heat the whole toasting chamber for two slices. By lowering the heat for a single slice, you won't overtoast.

Frozen waffles, pancakes, french toast and frozen bagels

These breads and pastries should be warmed using the Defrost button.

Toaster pastries

Exercise caution with toaster pastries; the filling can become quite hot, long before the surface of the pastry becomes browned. Never leave toaster pastries unattended while toasting or warming.

3. To begin toasting

Press the carriage lever until it locks into the down position.

4. To stop toasting

When the toasting cycle is finished, the toast will be raised.

If you wish to stop the cycle before it is finished, simply press the Cancel button.

Tips

- Never force foods into the toasting slot. Foods should fit freely between the guide wires.
- Do not place buttered breads or pastries with fillings or frostings in the toaster, as this could create a fire hazard.
- Uneven toasting is usually due to bread slices of uneven thickness.
- After use, unplug your toaster from the electrical outlet.

Defrost button

The Defrost button is designed to first defrost and then toast the bread, which extends the toasting cycle slightly.

1. Insert slice(s) of bread.

Be sure that multiple slices do not overlap and the carriage is in the up position.

2. Set the browning control.

Settings 1-2

For refrigerated breads and thinner frozen items such as frozen pancakes.

Settings 3-5

For toaster pastries, frozen waffles and (thin) French toast, and refrigerated bagels.

Settings 6-7

For thicker frozen items such as bagels, hand-cut bread and thick French toast.

3. **Press the Carriage control lever until it locks into position.**
4. **Press the Defrost button. Blue LED indicates feature is activated.**

To stop cycle

When the defrost cycle is complete, the toaster will raise the bread. If you wish to stop the cycle before it is finished, simply press the Cancel button to interrupt.

After use, unplug the toaster from the electrical outlet.

Reheat Button

The reheat feature allows you to reheat bread without browning or toasting.

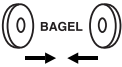
1. **Insert slice(s) of bread.**
Be sure that multiple slices do not overlap and the carriage is in the up position.
2. **Press the carriage control lever until it locks into position.**
3. **Press the Reheat button. Blue LED indicates feature is activated.**

To stop cycle

When the reheat cycle is complete, the toaster will raise the bread. If you wish to stop the cycle before it is finished, simply press the Cancel button to interrupt.

Bagel button

The bagel feature reduces heat on one side of the toasting slot. This toasts the cut side of the bagel slightly more than the other side.

 An embossed icon located on the top of the toaster, just above the control panel, shows you the right way to insert your bagel. (The cut side should always face toward the center of the pair of toasting slots.)

1. **Insert slice(s) of bread or halved bagels**
2. **Press the Bagel button. Blue LED indicates feature is activated.**
3. **Press the carriage control lever until it locks into position.**

To stop cycle

When the bagel cycle is complete, the toaster will raise the bread. If you wish to stop the cycle before it is finished, simply press the Cancel button to interrupt.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Always allow the toaster to cool completely before cleaning.

1. Always unplug the toaster from the electrical outlet before cleaning.
2. Do not use abrasive cleansers. Simply wipe the exterior with a clean damp cloth and dry thoroughly. Apply any cleansing agent to a cloth, not to the toaster, before cleaning.
3. To remove crumbs, slide out the crumb tray and discard crumbs. Wipe clean and replace. Never operate the toaster without the crumb tray in place.
4. To remove any pieces of bread remaining in the toaster, turn the toaster upside down and gently shake. Never insert any hard or sharp instruments into the slot, as this could damage the toaster and cause a safety hazard.
5. Never wrap the cord around the outside of the toaster. Use the cord storage cleats on the underside of the toaster.
6. Any other servicing should be performed by an authorized service representative.

WARRANTY

LIMITED THREE-YEAR WARRANTY

This warranty is available to consumers only. You are a consumer if you own a Cuisinart® Countdown Classic 4-Slice Toaster that was purchased at retail for personal, family or household use. Except as otherwise required under applicable law, this warranty is not available to retailers or other commercial purchasers or owners.

We warrant that your Cuisinart® Countdown Classic 4-Slice Toaster will be free of defects in materials and workmanship under normal home use for 3 years from the date of original purchase.

We recommend that you visit our website, www.cuisinart.com 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. In the event that you do not have proof of purchase date, the purchase date for purposes of this warranty will be the date of manufacture.

If your Cuisinart® Countdown Classic 4-Slice Toaster should prove to be defective within the warranty period, we will repair it, or if we think necessary, replace it. To obtain warranty service, simply call our toll-free number 1-800-726-0190 for additional information from our Customer Service Representatives, or send the defective product to Customer Service at Cuisinart, 7811 North Glen Harbor Blvd., Glendale, AZ 85307.

To facilitate the speed and accuracy of your return, please enclose \$10.00 for shipping and handling of the product.

Please pay by check or money order (California residents need only supply proof of purchase and should call 1-800-726-0190 for shipping instructions).

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. Please be sure to include your return address, daytime phone number, description of the product defect, product model number (located on bottom of product), original date of purchase, and any other information pertinent to the product's return.

CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY:

California law provides that for In-Warranty Service, California residents have the option of returning a nonconforming product (A) to the store where it was purchased or (B) to another retail store which sells Cuisinart products of the same type.

The retail store shall then, at its discretion, either repair the product, refer the consumer to an independent repair facility, replace the product, or refund the purchase price less the amount directly attributable to the consumer's prior usage of the product. If the above two options do not result in the appropriate relief to the consumer, the consumer may then take the product to an independent repair facility if service or repair can be economically accomplished. Cuisinart and not the consumer will be responsible for the reasonable cost of such service, repair, replacement, or refund for nonconforming products under warranty.

California residents may also, according to their preference, return nonconforming products directly to Cuisinart for repair, or if necessary, replacement, by calling our Consumer Service Center toll-free at 1-800-726-0190.

Cuisinart will be responsible for the cost of the repair, replacement, and shipping and handling for such products under warranty.

BEFORE RETURNING YOUR CUISINART® PRODUCT

If you are experiencing problems with your Cuisinart® product, we suggest that you call our Cuisinart® Service Center at 1-800-726-0190 before returning the product serviced. If servicing is needed, a Representative can confirm whether the product is under warranty and direct you to the nearest service location.

Your Cuisinart® Countdown Classic 4-Slice Toaster 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 by use with accessories, replacement parts or repair service other than those authorized by Cuisinart. This warranty does not cover any damage caused by accident, misuse, shipment or other than ordinary household use. This warranty excludes all incidental or consequential damages. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of these damages, so these exclusions may not apply to you. You may also have other rights, which vary from state to state.

Important: If the nonconforming product is to be serviced by someone other than Cuisinart's Authorized Service Center, please remind the servicer to call our Consumer Service Center at 1-800-726-0190 to ensure that the problem is properly diagnosed, the product is serviced with the correct parts, and the product is still under warranty.

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