

1. Overview

The Mainstays 2.2 Quart Air Fryer is a compact kitchen appliance designed for cooking with hot air circulation, using minimal to no oil. It is suitable for small kitchens, dorm rooms, or personal use.



Key Attributes:

- **Capacity:** 2.2 Quarts (approximately 2 Liters).
- **Power:** 1150 Watts.
- **Dimensions:** 9.84" D x 7.87" W x 8.27" H.

- **Primary Material:** Plastic with non-stick coating.

2. Features & Components



2.1 Main Unit & Housing

- **Housing:** Black plastic exterior.
- **Air Intake/Exhaust Vents:** Located on the sides and rear. Ensure they are not blocked during operation.

2.2 Cooking Basket

- **Material:** Non-stick, dishwasher-safe plastic basket.
- **Handle:** Cool-touch handle for safe removal.
- **Basket Release Button:** Press to detach the basket from the main unit.

2.3 Control Panel

The control panel is located on the top of the unit and includes the following elements:

- **Temperature Control Dial:** Adjusts cooking temperature between 175°F and 400°F.
- **Timer Dial:** Sets the cooking duration. The unit features an auto-shutoff when the timer reaches zero.
- **Power Indicator Light:** Illuminates when the unit is plugged in and operating.

3. Safety Information

WARNING: To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury:

- Read all instructions before first use.
- Do not immerse the cord, plug, or main housing in water or other liquids.
- This appliance is not intended for use by persons with reduced physical, sensory, or mental capabilities.
- Always place the air fryer on a stable, level, heat-resistant surface.
- Keep the appliance and its cord out of reach of children.
- Do not operate the appliance with a damaged cord or plug, or after it malfunctions.
- Do not cover the air intake or exhaust vents during operation.
- The exterior surfaces and the cooking basket will become hot during use. Use the cool-touch handle.
- Unplug the unit when not in use and before cleaning.

4. Use Guide



4.1 Before First Use

1. Remove all packaging materials and stickers.
2. Wash the cooking basket and any removable parts with warm, soapy water. Rinse and dry thoroughly. The basket is dishwasher safe.
3. Wipe the main housing and interior with a damp cloth. Do not immerse in water.
4. Place the empty air fryer on a stable, heat-resistant countertop, away from walls, cabinets, and other heat-sensitive materials. Ensure at least 5 inches of clearance on all sides.

4.2 Basic Operation

1. **Prepare Food:** Place food in the cooking basket. Do not overfill. For even cooking, do not stack food densely. A light coating of oil can be applied for crispier results.
2. **Insert Basket:** Slide the filled basket into the main unit until it clicks into place.
3. **Connect Power:** Plug the cord into a standard 120V electrical outlet. The power indicator may light up.

4. **Set Temperature:** Turn the temperature control dial to the desired setting (175°F to 400°F). Refer to recipe guides for suggested temperatures.
5. **Set Timer:** Turn the timer dial to the desired cooking time (up to 30 minutes). The unit will begin heating.
6. **Cooking:** Hot air will circulate during cooking. It is normal to see steam or smell a slight odor during the first few uses.
7. **Check Food:** For longer cook times, you may pull the basket out halfway to check and shake the food for even browning. Press the basket release button to remove it.
8. **Completion:** When the timer reaches zero, the unit will beep and shut off automatically. The power indicator will turn off.
9. **Remove Food:** Press the basket release button and use the cool-touch handle to remove the basket. Empty food onto a plate or bowl using heat-resistant utensils.
10. **Unplug:** Unplug the appliance and allow it to cool completely before cleaning or storing.

NOTE: Cooking times may vary based on the quantity, size, and starting temperature (fresh vs. frozen) of the food. It is recommended to check food for doneness near the end of the suggested cook time.

4.3 Cooking Tips

- **Preheating:** While not always required, preheating the empty air fryer for 2-3 minutes can lead to crispier results for some foods.
- **Shaking:** Shaking the basket halfway through cooking promotes even browning and crisping.
- **Avoid Overcrowding:** Cooking in single layers yields the best results.
- **Frozen Foods:** Can be cooked directly from frozen. You may need to add a few minutes to the cooking time.

5. Cleaning & Maintenance



1. **Unplug and Cool:** Always ensure the appliance is unplugged and completely cool before cleaning.
2. **Cooking Basket:** The non-stick basket and any removable tray are dishwasher safe (top rack recommended). For hand washing, use warm soapy water and a non-abrasive sponge. Do not use metal utensils or abrasive cleaners.
3. **Main Unit Interior:** Wipe the inside of the main unit with a damp, soapy cloth or sponge to remove any food residue or grease. Do not use abrasive pads.
4. **Exterior:** Wipe the outside of the unit with a damp cloth.
5. **Drying:** Ensure all parts are completely dry before reassembling or storing.

CAUTION: Never immerse the main housing, cord, or plug in water. Do not use harsh or abrasive chemicals.

6. Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Air fryer does not turn on.	Not plugged in. Timer set to zero. Faulty outlet.	Check plug connection. Set the timer dial to a time greater than zero. Try a different outlet.
Food is not cooked evenly.	Basket is overcrowded. Food not shaken during cooking.	Do not overfill the basket. Shake or turn food halfway through the cooking time.
Smoke is coming from the appliance.	Excess oil or food debris in the bottom of the unit. Cooking temperature too high for oily foods.	Unplug the unit and allow to cool. Clean the basket and main unit interior thoroughly. For greasy foods, use a lower temperature.
The basket is difficult to remove.	Basket not aligned correctly. Food residue causing sticking.	Ensure the basket is correctly aligned before pushing in. Clean the basket and the unit's guide rails.

7. Specifications

Specification	Detail
Model	Mainstays 2.2
Capacity	2.2 Quarts (2 Liters)
Power	1150 Watts, 120V ~ 60Hz
Temperature Range	175°F to 400°F
Timer	Up to 30 minutes, with auto shutoff
Dimensions (L x W x H)	9.84" x 7.87" x 8.27"
Primary Material	Plastic (Non-stick coating on basket)
Special Features	Adjustable Temperature, Timer, Auto Shutoff, Cool-Touch Handle, Dishwasher Safe Basket
Included Components	Air Fryer Unit, Cooking Basket

Warning

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