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17 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
18 **FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

19 Case No. **22STCV05649**

20 **CRYSTAL GAMMAGE-BELL**, an
21 individual,

22 Plaintiff,

23 v.

24 **PICK FIVE IMPORTS, INC. d/b/a**
25 **MAXI-MATIC U.S.A., INC**, a California
26 Corporation; and **DOES 1-100,**
27 **inclusive,**

28 Defendants.

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1. Strict Products Liability
2. Negligent Products Liability
3. Breach of Express Warranty
4. Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability
5. Breach of Implied Warranty of Fitness for a Particular Purpose

29 Plaintiff, **CRYSTAL GAMMAGE-BELL** (hereafter referred to as "Plaintiff"),
30 by and through her undersigned counsel, **JOHNSON BECKER, PLLC** and
31 **HARLAN LAW, P.C.**, hereby submits the following Complaint and Demand for Jury
32 Trial against Defendants **PICK FIVE IMPORTS, INC. d/b/a MAXI-MATIC U.S.A.,**

1 INC. (hereafter referred to as “Defendant Maxi-Matic”) and **DOES 1-100** (hereafter
2 referred to as “Doe Defendants”) (collectively referred to as “Defendants”), alleges the
3 following upon personal knowledge and belief, and investigation of counsel:

4 **NATURE OF THE CASE**

5 1. Defendant Maxi-Matic designs, manufactures, markets, imports,
6 distributes and sells a wide-range of consumer kitchen products, including the subject
7 “Elite Platinum Pressure Cooker,” which specifically includes the Model Number EPC-
8 607 (referred to hereafter as “pressure cooker(s)”) that is at issue in this case.

9 2. Defendant Maxi-Matic touts the “advanced technology”¹ of its pressure
10 cookers, and states that they cannot be opened while in use. Despite Defendant’s
11 claims of “advanced technology,” it designed, manufactured, marketed, imported,
12 distributed and sold, both directly and through third-party retailers, a product that
13 suffers from serious and dangerous defects. Said defects cause significant risk of bodily
14 harm and injury to its consumers.

15 3. Specifically, said defects manifest themselves when, despite Defendant’s
16 statements, the lid of the pressure cooker is removable with built-up pressure, heat
17 and steam still inside the unit. When the lid is removed under such circumstances,
18 the pressure trapped within the unit causes the scalding hot contents to be projected
19 from the unit and into the surrounding area, including onto the unsuspecting
20 consumers, their families and other bystanders. The Plaintiff in this case was able to
21 remove the lid while the pressure cooker retained pressure, causing her serious and
22 substantial bodily injuries and damages including, but not limited to, burn injuries to
23 her arms and breasts.

24 4. Defendant knew or should have known of these defects, but has
25 nevertheless put profit ahead of safety by continuing to sell its pressure cookers to
26 consumers, failing to warn said consumers of the serious risks posed by the defects,

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28 ¹ See, e.g. Elite Platinum EPC-607 Owner’s Manual, pg. 3. A copy of the Owner’s Manual is attached hereto as “Exhibit A”.

1 and failing to recall the dangerously defective pressure cookers regardless of the risk
2 of significant injuries to Plaintiff and consumers like her.

3 5. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant’s conduct, the Plaintiff in
4 this case incurred significant and painful bodily injuries, medical expenses, lost wages,
5 physical pain, mental anguish, and diminished enjoyment of life.

6 **PLAINTIFF CRYSTAL GAMMAGE-BELL**

7 6. Plaintiff is a resident and citizen of the city of Los Angeles, County of Los
8 Angeles, State of California.

9 7. On or about February 22, 2020, Plaintiff suffered serious and substantial
10 burn injuries as the direct and proximate result of the pressure cooker’s lid being able
11 to be rotated and opened while the pressure cooker was still under pressure, during
12 the normal, directed use of the pressure cooker, allowing its scalding hot contents to
13 be forcefully ejected from the pressure cooker and onto Plaintiff. The incident occurred
14 as a result of the failure of the pressure cooker’s supposed “lid-lock slider.”² In addition,
15 the incident occurred as the result of Defendant’s failure to redesign the pressure
16 cooker, despite the existence of economical, safer alternative designs.

17 **DEFENDANTS MAXI-MATIC U.S.A., INC. & DOES 1 - 100**

18 8. Defendant Maxi-Matic designs, manufactures, markets, imports,
19 distributes and sells a variety of consumer kitchen products including pressure
20 cookers, air fryers, and blenders, amongst others. Defendant Maxi-Matic is a
21 California corporation, with is principal place of business and registered service
22 address at 18401 Arenth Avenue, STE. B, City of Industry, California 91748.

23 9. Plaintiff is ignorant of the identities of Doe Defendants, and therefore
24 sues these defendants by such fictitious names. The Doe Defendants may be
25 individuals, partnerships, or corporations. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and
26 thereon alleges, that at all times mentioned herein, each of the Doe Defendants were

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² *Id.* at pg. 4.

1 the parent, subsidiary, agent, servant, employee, co-venturer, and/or co-conspirator of
2 the other Defendant Maxi-Matic and were at all times mentioned, acting within the
3 scope, purpose, consent, knowledge, ratification and authorization of such agency,
4 employment, joint venture and conspiracy. Plaintiff will amend this Complaint to
5 allege their true names and capacities when ascertained. Plaintiff is informed and
6 believes and thereon alleges that each of the fictitiously named Doe Defendants are
7 responsible in some manner for the occurrences herein alleged, and that Plaintiff's
8 damages as herein alleged was proximately caused by their conduct.

9 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

10 10. Venue in the Superior Court of the State of California, Los Angeles Court
11 is proper in that Defendant Maxi-Matic is a resident and citizen of Los Angeles County.

12 11. Jurisdiction in the Superior Court of the State of California, Los Angeles
13 County is proper in that Defendant Maxi-Matic is located and regularly conducts
14 business in Los Angeles County and is subject to general and specific personal
15 jurisdiction in Los Angeles County. Defendant Maxi-Matic's negligent and wrongful
16 acts or omissions caused tortious injury in the State of California and are subject to
17 personal jurisdiction in this Court.

18 12. Jurisdiction in the Superior Court of the State of California is also proper
19 in that Plaintiff is a resident and citizen of the State of California.

20 13. Jurisdiction in the Superior Court of the State of California, Los Angeles
21 County is also proper in that Doe Defendants have purposely availed themselves to
22 the privilege of conducting business in the State of California and are therefore subject
23 to specific personal jurisdiction in this Court. Doe Defendants' negligent and wrongful
24 acts or omissions caused tortious injury in the State of California and are therefore
25 subject to personal jurisdiction in this Court.

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1 **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

2 14. Defendant Maxi-Matic is engaged in the business of designing,
3 manufacturing, warranting, marketing, importing, distributing and selling the
4 pressure cookers at issue in this litigation.

5 15. Defendant Maxi-Matic aggressively warrants, markets, advertises and
6 sells its pressure cookers as “advanced technology”³ allowing consumers to cook “faster
7 and healthier.”⁴

8 16. According to the Owner’s Manual accompanying each individual unit
9 sold, the pressure cookers purport to be designed with a “lid-lock slider” that prevents
10 the lid from opening until all pressure is released; misleading the consumer into
11 believing that the pressure cookers are reasonably safe for their normal, intended use.

12 17. By reason of the forgoing acts or omissions, the Plaintiff and/or her family
13 purchased the pressure cooker with the reasonable expectation that it was properly
14 designed and manufactured, free from defects of any kind, and that it was safe for its
15 intended, foreseeable use of cooking.

16 18. Plaintiff used her pressure cooker for its intended purpose of preparing
17 meals for herself and/or family and did so in a manner that was reasonable and
18 foreseeable by the Defendants.

19 19. However, the aforementioned pressure cooker was defectively and
20 negligently designed and manufactured by the Defendants in that they failed to
21 properly function as to prevent the lid from being removed with normal force while the
22 unit remained pressurized, despite the appearance that all the pressure had been
23 released, during the ordinary, foreseeable and proper use of cooking food with the
24 product; placing the Plaintiff, her family, and similar consumers in danger while using
25 the pressure cookers.

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³ *Id.* at pg. 3.

28 ⁴ *Id.*

1 20. Defendants’ pressure cookers possess defects that make them
2 unreasonably dangerous for their intended use by consumers because the lid can be
3 rotated and opened while the unit remains pressurized.

4 21. Further, Defendants’ representations about “safety” are not just
5 misleading, they are flatly wrong, and put innocent consumers like Plaintiff directly
6 in harm’s way.

7 22. Economic, safer alternative designs were available that could have
8 prevented the Pressure Cooker’s lid from being rotated and opened while pressurized.

9 23. Defendant knew or should have known that its pressure cookers
10 possessed defects that pose a serious safety risk to Plaintiff and the public.
11 Nevertheless, Defendant continues to ignore and/or conceal its knowledge of the
12 pressure cookers’ defects from the general public and continues to generate a
13 substantial profit from the sale of its pressure cookers.

14 24. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants intentional concealment
15 of such defects, its failure to warn consumers of such defects, its negligent
16 misrepresentations, its failure to remove a product with such defects from the stream
17 of commerce, and its negligent design of such products, Plaintiff used an unreasonably
18 dangerous pressure cooker, which resulted in significant and painful bodily injuries
19 upon Plaintiff’s simple removal of the lid of the Pressure Cooker.

20 25. Consequently, the Plaintiff in this case seeks compensatory damages
21 resulting from the use of Defendants’ pressure cooker as described above, which has
22 caused the Plaintiff to suffer from serious bodily injuries, medical expenses, lost wages,
23 physical pain, mental anguish, diminished enjoyment of life, and other damages.

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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY

PLAINTIFF, FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST PICK FIVE IMPORTS, INC. d/b/a MAXI-MATIC U.S.A., INC, and DOES 1-100, ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:

26. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each preceding and succeeding paragraph as though set forth fully at length herein.

27. At the time of Plaintiff's injuries, Defendants' pressure cookers were defective and unreasonably dangerous for use by foreseeable consumers, including Plaintiff.

28. Defendants' pressure cookers were in the same or substantially similar condition as when they left the possession of the Defendants.

29. Plaintiff and her family did not misuse or materially alter the pressure cooker.

30. The pressure cookers did not perform as safely as an ordinary consumer would have expected them to perform when used in a reasonably foreseeable way.

31. Further, a reasonable person would conclude that the possibility and seriousness of harm outweighs the burden or cost of making the pressure cookers safe. Specifically:

- a. The pressure cookers designed, manufactured, sold, and supplied by Defendants were defectively designed and placed into the stream of commerce in a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition for consumers;
- b. The seriousness of the potential burn injuries resulting from the product drastically outweighs any benefit that could be derived from its normal, intended use;

- 1 c. Defendants failed to properly market, design, manufacture, distribute,
- 2 supply, and sell the pressure cookers, despite having extensive knowledge
- 3 that the aforementioned injuries could and did occur;
- 4 d. Defendants failed to warn and place adequate warnings and instructions
- 5 on the pressure cookers;
- 6 e. Defendants failed to adequately test the pressure cookers; and
- 7 f. Defendants failed to market an economically feasible alternative design,
- 8 despite the existence of economical, safer alternatives, that could have
- 9 prevented the Plaintiff's injuries and damages.

10 32. Defendants' actions and omissions were the direct and proximate cause
11 of the Plaintiff's injuries and damages. **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff demands judgment
12 against Defendants for damages, together with interest, costs of suit, and all such other
13 relief as the Court deems proper.

14 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

15 **NEGLIGENT PRODUCTS LIABILITY**

16 PLAINTIFF, FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST PICK FIVE
17 IMPORTS, INC. d/b/a MAXI-MATIC U.S.A., INC, and DOES 1-100, ALLEGES AS
18 FOLLOWS:

19 33. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each preceding and succeeding
20 paragraph as though set forth fully at length herein.

21 34. Defendants had a duty of reasonable care to design, manufacture,
22 market, and sell non-defective pressure cookers that are reasonably safe for their
23 intended uses by consumers, such as Plaintiff and her family.

24 35. Defendants failed to exercise ordinary care in the manufacture, sale,
25 warnings, quality assurance, quality control, distribution, advertising, promotion, sale
26 and marketing of its pressure cookers in that Defendants knew or should have known
27 that said pressure cookers created a high risk of unreasonable harm to the Plaintiff
28 and consumers alike.

1 36. Defendants were negligent in the design, manufacture, advertising,
2 warning, marketing and sale of its pressure cookers in that, among other things, they:

- 3 a. Failed to use due care in designing and manufacturing the pressure
4 cookers to avoid the aforementioned risks to individuals;
5 b. Placed an unsafe product into the stream of commerce;
6 c. Aggressively over-promoted and marketed its pressure cookers through
7 television, social media, and other advertising outlets; and
8 d. Were otherwise careless or negligent.

9 37. Despite the fact that Defendants knew or should have known that
10 consumers were able to remove the lid while the pressure cookers were still
11 pressurized, Defendants continued to market (and continue to do so) its pressure
12 cookers to the general public.

13 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants for damages,
14 together with interest, costs of suit, and all such other relief as the Court deems proper.

15 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

16 **BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY**

17 PLAINTIFF, FOR A THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST PICK FIVE
18 IMPORTS, INC. d/b/a MAXI-MATIC U.S.A., INC, and DOES 1-100, ALLEGES AS
19 FOLLOWS:

20 38. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each preceding and succeeding
21 paragraph as though set forth fully at length herein.

22 39. Defendants expressly warranted that its pressure cookers were safe and
23 effective to members of the consuming public, including Plaintiff and her family.
24 Moreover, Defendants expressly warranted that the lid of the pressure cooker could
25 not be removed while the unit remained pressurized. For example, the pressure cooker
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1 Owner’s Manual states that “[a]s a safety feature, the lid will not open unless all
2 pressure is released.”⁵

3 40. Members of the consuming public, including consumers such as the
4 Plaintiff, were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the warranty.

5 41. Defendants marketed, promoted and sold its pressure cookers as a safe
6 product, complete with “safety features.”

7 42. Defendants’ pressure cookers do not conform to these express
8 representations because the lid can be removed using normal force while the units
9 remain pressurized, despite the appearance that the pressure has been released,
10 making the pressure cookers not safe for use by consumers.

11 43. Defendants breached their express warranties in one or more of the
12 following ways:

- 13 a. The pressure cookers as designed, manufactured, sold and/or supplied by
14 the Defendants, were defectively designed and placed into the stream of
15 commerce by Defendants in a defective and unreasonably dangerous
16 condition;
- 17 b. Defendants failed to warn and/or place adequate warnings and
18 instructions on their pressure cookers;
- 19 c. Defendants failed to adequately test its pressure cookers; and
- 20 d. Defendants failed to provide timely and adequate post-marketing
21 warnings and instructions after they knew the risk of injury from their
22 pressure cookers.

23 44. Plaintiff used the pressure cooker with the reasonable expectation that it
24 was properly designed and manufactured, free from defects of any kind, and that it
25 was safe for its intended, foreseeable use of cooking.

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28 ⁵ *Id.*

1 45. Plaintiff's injuries were the direct and proximate result of Defendants'
2 breach of their express warranties.

3 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants for damages,
4 together with interest, costs of suit, and all such other relief as the Court deems proper.

5 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

6 **BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY**

7 PLAINTIFF, FOR A FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION AGANST PICK FIVE
8 IMPORTS, INC. d/b/a MAXI-MATIC U.S.A., INC, and DOES 1-100, ALLEGES AS
9 FOLLOWS:

10 46. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each preceding and succeeding
11 paragraph as though set forth fully at length herein.

12 47. At the time Defendants marketed, distributed and sold their pressure
13 cookers to the Plaintiff in this case, Defendants warranted that its pressure cookers
14 were merchantable and fit for the ordinary purposes for which they were intended.

15 48. Members of the consuming public, including consumers such as Plaintiff,
16 were intended third-party beneficiaries of the warranty.

17 49. Plaintiff reasonably relied on Defendants' representations that its
18 pressure cookers were a quick, effective and safe means of cooking.

19 50. Defendants' pressure cookers were not merchantable because they had
20 the propensity to lead to the serious personal injuries as described herein in this
21 Complaint.

22 51. Plaintiff used the pressure cooker with the reasonable expectation that it
23 was properly designed and manufactured, free from defects of any kind, and that it
24 was safe for its intended, foreseeable use of cooking.

25 52. Defendants' breach of implied warranty of merchantability was the direct
26 and proximate cause of Plaintiff's injury and damages.

27 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants for damages,
28 together with interest, costs of suit, and all such other relief as the Court deems proper.

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FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION

BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE

PLAINTIFF, FOR A FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST PICK FIVE IMPORTS, INC. d/b/a MAXI-MATIC U.S.A., INC, and DOES 1-100, ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:

53. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each preceding and succeeding paragraph as though set forth fully at length herein.

54. Defendants manufactured, supplied, and sold their pressure cookers with an implied warranty that they were fit for the particular purpose of cooking quickly, efficiently and safely.

55. Members of the consuming public, including consumers such as Plaintiff, were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the warranty.

56. Defendants' pressure cookers were not fit for the particular purpose as a safe means of cooking, due to the unreasonable risks of bodily injury associated with their use.

57. Plaintiff reasonably relied on Defendants' representations that its pressure cookers were a quick, effective and safe means of cooking.

58. Defendants' breach of the implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose was the direct and proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries and damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendants for damages, together with interest, costs of suit, and all such other relief as the Court deems proper.

INJURIES & DAMAGES

59. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligence and wrongful misconduct as described herein, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer physical and emotional injuries and damages including past, present, and future physical and emotional pain and suffering as a result of the incident on or about

1 February 22, 2020. Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages from Defendants for these
2 injuries in an amount which shall be proven at trial.

3 60. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' negligence and wrongful
4 misconduct, as set forth herein, Plaintiff has incurred and will continue to incur the
5 loss of full enjoyment of life and disfigurement as a result of the incident on or about
6 February 22, 2020. Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages for loss of the full enjoyment
7 of life and disfigurement from Defendants in an amount to be proven at trial.

8 61. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants' negligence and wrongful
9 misconduct, as set forth herein, Plaintiff has and will continue to incur expenses for
10 medical care and treatment, as well as other expenses, as a result of the severe burns
11 she suffered as a result of the incident on or about February 22, 2020. Plaintiff is
12 entitled to recover damages from Defendants for her past, present and future medical
13 and other expenses in an amount which shall be proven at trial.

14 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

15 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants as follows:

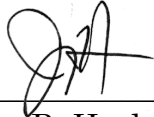
- 16 A. That Plaintiff has a trial by jury on all of the claims and issues;
17 B. That judgment be entered in favor of the Plaintiff and against Defendants
18 on all of the aforementioned claims and issues;
19 C. That Plaintiff recover all damages against Defendants, general damages
20 and special damages, including economic and non-economic, to
21 compensate the Plaintiff for her injuries and suffering sustained because
22 of the use of the Defendants' defective pressure cooker;
23 D. That all costs be taxed against Defendants;
24 E. That prejudgment interest be awarded according to proof;
25 F. That Plaintiff be awarded attorney's fees to the extent permissible under
26 California law; and
27 G. That this Court awards any other relief that it may deem equitable and
28 just, or that may be available under the law of another forum to the extent

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the law of another forum is applied, including but not limited to all reliefs
prayed for in this Complaint and in the foregoing Prayer for Relief.

Dated: February 14, 2022

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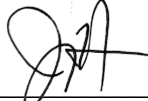
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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury of all the claims asserted in this Complaint so triable.

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EXHIBIT A

LIMITED WARRANTY* ONE (1) YEAR:

Your small kitchen appliance is warranted to the original purchaser to be free from any manufacturing defects under normal use and conditions for one (1) year, cord excluded. During that period, should the appliance fail to operate properly, return the appliance with your sales receipt to the store where purchased. If you use your appliance for household use and according to instructions, it should give you years of satisfactory service. This product warranty covers only the original consumer purchase of the product.

WARRANTY IS ONLY VALID WITH A DATED PROOF OF PURCHASE.

To guarantee repair or replacement without charge, a dated sales receipt showing purchase within the limited warranty period* must accompany the appliance. Without a sales receipt, warranty will be estimated according to the appliance's manufactured date. A comparable appliance should arrive within 2-3 weeks. However, in case an appliance is not covered by warranty, correspondence offering alternatives will be mailed to you.

During the limited one-year warranty period, a product with a defect will be either repaired or replaced with a comparable reconditioned model (at our option) when the product is returned to our Service Center. (See the "Returns" section below). The repaired or replacement product will be in warranty for the remaining balance of the limited one-year warranty period and an additional one-month (30 day) period.

This limited warranty covers appliances purchased and used within the 48 contiguous states plus Alaska, Hawaii and the District of Columbia and does NOT cover:

- Damages caused by unreasonable use, neglect, normal wear and tear, commercial use, improper assembly or installation of product.
- Damages caused in shipping.
- Damages caused by replacement or resetting of house fuses or circuit breakers.
- Defects other than manufacturing defects.
- Breakage caused by misuse, abuse, accident, alteration, lack of proper care and maintenance, or incorrect current or voltage.
- Lost or missing parts of the product. Parts will need to be purchased separately.
- Damages of parts that are not electrical; for example: cracked or broken plastic or glass.
- Damage from service or repair by unauthorized personnel.
- Extended warranties purchased via a separate company or reseller.
- Consumer's remorse is not an acceptable reason to return a product to our Service Center.

*The consumer is responsible for any delivery charges for all replacement units provided for exchange under the warranty.

RETURNS: Any return of defective merchandise to the manufacturer must be processed accordingly by contacting customer service first to obtain an RA # (Return Authorization Number). We will not accept any returns of merchandise without an applicable RA #.

We cannot assume responsibility for loss or damages to products returned to us during incoming shipment. For your protection, always carefully package the product for shipment and insure with the carrier. Be sure to enclose the following items with your return: any accessories related to the problem, your full address and daytime phone number, a note describing the problem, a copy of the dated sales receipt or other proof of purchase and a valid RA#.

C.O.D shipments cannot be accepted.

*One Year Limited Warranty valid only in the 48 contiguous states, Alaska, Hawaii and the District of Columbia, excluding Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

This warranty is effective only if the product is purchased and operated in the USA; product usage which is in violation of the written instructions provided with the unit will void this warranty.

For international warranty, please contact the local distributor.

**Any instruction or policy included in this manual may be subject to change at any time.

Model EPC-607

Elite Platinum® 6Qt. Digital Pressure Cooker

MAXI-MATIC®, USA

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6Qt. Digital Pressure Cooker



Model EPC-607

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Before operating your new appliance,
please read all instructions carefully and keep for future reference.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

When using pressure cookers, basic safety precautions should always be followed:

1. Read all instructions before operation.
2. Do not operate while unattended.
3. Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
4. Close supervision is necessary when the pressure cooker is used near children.
5. DO NOT allow children to operate under any circumstance.
6. Do not place the pressure cooker in a heated oven.
7. Extreme caution must be used when moving a pressure cooker containing hot liquids.
8. Do not use pressure cooker for other than intended use.
9. Never immerse product in water or other liquids.
10. This appliance cooks under pressure. Improper use may result in injury.
11. Make certain unit is properly closed before operating. See "Operating Instructions."
12. Do not fill the unit over 2/3 full. When cooking foods that expand during cooking such as rice or dried vegetables, do not fill the unit over 1/2 full. Over filling may cause a risk of clogging the vent pipe and developing excess pressure. Failure to follow this procedure can result in injury to person(s) and/or damage to the unit.
13. Be aware that certain foods, such as applesauce, cranberries, pearl barley, oatmeal or other cereals, split peas, noodles, macaroni, rhubarb, or spaghetti can foam, froth, and sputter, and clog the pressure release device (steam vent). These foods should not be cooked in a pressure cooker.
14. When the normal operating pressure is reached, turn the heat down so all the liquid which creates the steam does not evaporate.
15. Always check the pressure release devices for clogging before use.
16. Do not open the pressure cooker until the unit has cooled and all internal pressure has been released. If the handles are difficult to push apart, this indicates that the cooker is still pressurized – do not force it open. Any pressure in the cooker can be hazardous. See "Operating Instructions."
17. Do not use this pressure cooker for pressure frying with oil.
18. DO NOT place the product near flammable materials or use in a humid environment.
19. DO NOT damage the Seal Belt and DO NOT replace it with anything other than the replacement belt designated for this unit.
20. DO NOT tamper with the Steel Ring in the Lid (2) with any tools or external forces. If the Steel Ring is damaged (2), please stop using immediately and replace the Lid.
21. Clean the Filter (20) regularly to keep the cooker clean and ensure proper operation.
22. NEVER use additional weight on the Pressure Limiting Valve (3) or replace the Pressure Limiting Valve (3) with anything not intended for use with this unit.
23. The surface of contact between the Inner Pot (8) and the Electronic Heater (18) should always be clean. DO NOT use the Inner Pot with other heating sources. DO NOT replace the Inner Pot with a container other than what is recommended by the manufacturer.
24. The Inner Pot consists of a non-stick layer surface. To avoid scratching the non-stick surface, please use wooden or plastic utensils.
25. Food should not be kept warm for more than 24 hours in order to maintain the freshness of the food. The pressure cooker should not be used for more than 6 hours continuously. Serious Injury and/or damage may occur if any safeguards are ignored.

26. If steam releases around the Lid (2) during the cooking process, please unplug from the power supply immediately, let cool, remove contents and return the product to the manufacturer for exchange or repair. The Pressure Discharging Device has activated. This is a safeguard to alert the user that the Pressure Limiting Device is malfunctioning.
27. If there is any malfunction of the cooker during the cooking process, please stop using the device and return to the manufacturer for repair or exchange.
28. DO NOT disassemble the product, or replace parts with parts not intended for this unit.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY

SAFETY WARNING: There is a potential risk of fire, electric shock or injury to persons if the product is not used as instructed. Protection against electric shock is assured only if the main power cord is connected to a properly grounded 110-120V | 50/60Hz power receptacle.

- This product is to be used in an indoor environment only and is not intended for commercial use. Dry locations only.
- All parts and accessories for this appliance must be used properly according to the instructions. All parts and accessories must be the original provided from manufacturer. All other parts or accessories that is not intended for use with this appliance is strictly prohibited.
- The use of an extension cord, power adapter or other electric devices is not recommended due to possibility of short circuit.

LCD ERROR INDICATOR

Indicator Code	Problems/Causes
E1	Open Circuit of the Sensor
E2	Short Circuit of the Sensor
E3	Overheating
E4	Signal Switch Malfunction

ABOUT YOUR PRESSURE COOKER

This digitally controlled and automatic pressure cooker uses advanced technology so you and your family can enjoy the benefits of better, faster and healthier cooking. Your Elite Pressure Cooker seals in steam to cook hotter and faster while maintaining important nutrients for healthier meals. Cook fast and with less water to save vital natural resources and energy. Features easy touch-button settings, a countdown timer, and a very large cooking pot big enough for family gatherings! It's the easiest pressure cooker to use on the market. It may seem like a complicated unit but rest assured, this pressure cooker is simple to use, makes meals quick and easy, and overall it saves you money! Please accept our thanks for purchasing an Elite Pressure Cooker and Enjoy!

PRESSURE COOKER WITH MULTIPLE FUNCTIONS:

Multiple functions for cooking, stewing, braising, simmering, and roasting.

- Cooking will be done automatically by selecting the different menu choices on the unit. When the food has completed its cooking cycle, there will be a (3) beep indicator, followed by the unit automatically switching to the Keep Warm mode.
- This unit allows the user to choose the period of Pressurized Cooking Time (0-99 minutes) according to one's taste and needs in addition to the Pre-Set menu.
- A timer allows the user to preset the cooking time up to 9-hours. When the timer is set, the count-down will start. By the end of the countdown, the cooker will start to heat up.
- The pressure cooker also has its own memory. Interruptions such as a power failure, automatically renew the cooking cycle where the unit left off when the power resumes.

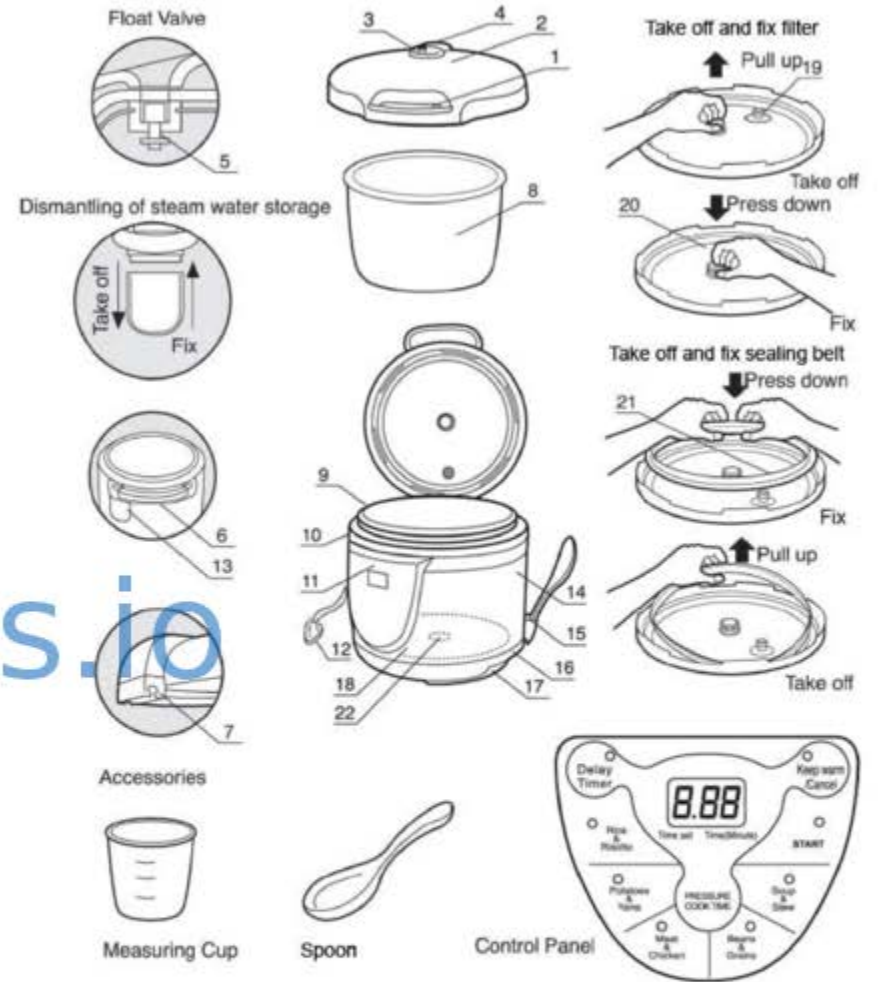
RAPID COOKING; TIME & POWER SAVING:

- By using high pressure (high temperature), food will be cooked much more rapidly. This will reduce the cooking time and consumption of power. For example: when cooking rice, this pressure cooker will save up to 20% of the electricity and up to 15% of the time when compared to a conventional rice cooker. When cooking stew, soups or braising meats, this cooker will save more than 40% of time and more than 45% of power as compared to a conventional slow cooker. Cooking can also be done at high altitudes.

PRESERVE NUTRIENTS & PROMOTE HEALTHY EATING:

- Airtight cooking methods preserve nutrients and original flavor of food.

PARTS & FEATURES



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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Handle | 9. Outer Pot | 17. Bottom Handle |
| 2. Lid | 10. Upper Body | 18. Electronic Heater |
| 3. Pressure Limiting Valve | 11. Control Panel | 19. Seal Ring for Float Valve |
| 4. Float Valve (external view) | 12. Power Cable | 20. Filter |
| 5. Float Valve (internal view) | 13. Steam Condensation Cup | 21. Rubber Seal Ring |
| 6. Lid Lock-Slider | 14. Body Cover/Structure | 22. Sensor |
| 7. Sliding Latch for Lid | 15. Spoon/Ladle Holder | |
| 8. Inner Pot | 16. Lower Body Base | |

BEFORE FIRST USE

Working Pressure	PSI	Maximum Pressure	Keep Warm Temperature	Preset Timer
0~70kPa	12 PSI	90kPa	140°F ~ 175 °F	1~9 Hours

1. Remove packaging materials such as cardboard, plastics or Styrofoam and discard properly.
2. Clean all the parts by wiping with a soft damp cloth or sponge and dry thoroughly.

LID ASSEMBLY:



1. **How to open the lid:** When the lid (2) of the cooker is at the Closed position (Figure 1), hold the Handle (1) and turn it counter-clockwise until you reach the Opened-Lid position (Figure 2). Lift up and the lid will swing open vertically.

Note: For new units, the seal of the lid may be slightly stronger than normal and may be slightly difficult to unlock. Once the lid has been opened and closed several times, it will loosen up.



2. **How to close the lid:** When the Lid (2) of the cooker is in vertical position (Figure 4), hold the Handle (1) and close it downwards at the Opened Lid position (Figure 5). Turn clockwise until you reach the Closed Lid position. (Figure 6).
3. **How to dismantle the lid:** When the lid (2) of the cooker is in the upright vertical position (Figure 7), hold the lid with both hands, and adjust the height between the Lid and the upper edge of the cooker to approximately 10cm (Figure 8). Then turn it clockwise until you reach the Closed Lid position (Figure 9). In order to remove the lid, you will need to move in an upward direction (Figure 10).



* In the process of turning the Lid, please ensure that the height between the Lid (2) and the upper edge of the cooker is always 10cm. This is to smoothen the turning and removing process.

4. **How to install the lid:** Hold the Lid (2) with both hands at the Closed Lid position and pull it upwards in a slanted position which leads to a height of 10cm between the Lid and the upper edge of the cooker (Figure 11). Align the Lid's Sliding Valve (7) to the pressure cooker's Lock-Slider (6) and turn it in a counter-clockwise direction until you reach the Opened Lid position (Figure 12). The lid will be installed when the lid is seated and in the horizontal position (Figure 13).



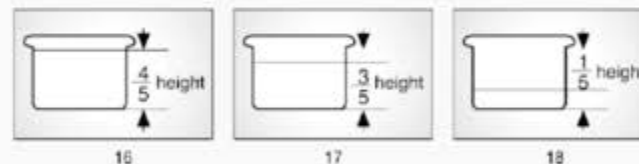
- During the process of installing the lid, please ensure that the height between the Lid and the upper edge of the cooker is approximately 10cm. This is to ensure smooth movement when turning and installing the lid.

PREPARING YOUR PRESSURE COOKER

1. To open the lid, hold the Handle (1) and turn it in a counter-clockwise direction until you reach the Opened Lid position. Then pull upwards to vertical position (Figure 14 & 15).



2. Remove the inner pot (8) and place desired food and liquids into the pot. The amount of water and food should not exceed 4/5 of the height of the inner Pot (Figure 16.) For food that will expand in water, the level should not exceed 3/5 of the Inner Pot (Figure 17). The minimum level for cooking would be 1/5 of the Inner Pot (Figure 18).



- When cooking rice, the maximum amount of rice allowed for this 6 quart pressure cooker is 12 cups of uncooked rice.
- Normally one cup of rice requires one cup of water. This may vary according to taste.

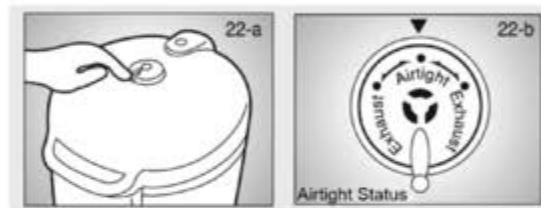


3. Be certain the inner receptacle, where the Electronic Heater is located, is clean before inserting the inner pot. Place the inner pot into the pressure cooker and adjust the pot left and right to ensure optimal contact between the Inner Pot and the Electronic Heater. (Figure 19)

4. Closing the lid.
 - a) Make sure the Rubber Seal Ring (21) is fitted properly onto the inner part of the lid (2).
 - b) Observe the Rubber Seal Ring (21) inside the Lid (2) and ensure that it is evenly fitted into the track. **(Caution: If the rubber seal ring is damaged, do not use the pressure cooker. Contact Customer Service to repair or replace.)**
 - c) Close the lid.
 - d) Hold the Handle (1) and turn it to the "Closed" position or clockwise. (A clamping sound can be heard) (Figure 20 & 21).



5. Adjust the Pressure Limiting Valve (3) to the "Air Tight" position, and ensure that the Float Valve (5) sinks. (Figure 22a & 22b)



OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

HOW TO USE THE MENU BUTTONS:

There are five Menu Buttons programmed for your pressure cooker. These are provided for quick and easy cooking for small portions of food in addition to manual programming. (When cooking food that is more than 3-4lbs. or more than 6-cups, please use the Timed Cooking function.) Each of these choices is programmed to detect the weight of food being cooked and how much liquid is inside the pot during the cooking cycle. The unit will automatically build up the pressure, cook the food and go to Keep Warm when cooking is complete.

MENU BUTTON SELECTIONS & APPROXIMATE COOK TIMES:

SOUP & STEW	20 – 25 minutes	RICE & RISOTTO	5- 10 minutes
MEAT & CHICKEN	10 – 15 minutes	POTATOES & YAMS	15-20 minutes
BEANS & GRAINS	25 – 30 minutes		

- 1) Prepare desired food and place into cooking pot.
- 2) Secure the lid onto the unit, turn it Counter-clockwise to lock it properly in place.
- 3) Make sure the Pressure Limiting Valve (3) is set to the "Airtight" position.
- 4) Plug the power cord into a 110-120V power outlet.
- 5) The LCD screen will display **0 00**.
- 6) Choose the desired Menu Button. Press the Menu Button, the indicator light will illuminate. The pressure cooker will begin to operate. There is no need to press the **START** button.

NOTES & TIPS #2:

When pressing a Menu Button, the LCD screen will not immediately change until the unit has pressurized. This may take approximately 5-10 minutes depending on the quantity of food you are cooking.

- 7) When proper pressure is achieved, the LCD screen will display **P 00**
- 8) When the unit has pressurized, it will begin to pressure-cook the food. You may hear quiet hissing or sizzling sounds coming from inside of the unit during this time.

NOTES & TIPS #3:

- During the Pressure Building process, you may notice steam or pressure escaping from the Pressure Limiting Valve (3). Carefully adjust the valve by moving it gently or turning it side to side gently using tongs or similar utensil until it seals properly.
- If any steam is escaping around the lid, it means that the Rubber Seal Ring (21) may not have completed a tight seal when the lid was locked. Cancel the cooking process, release pressure manually or naturally, remove the lid and check the Rubber Seal Ring (21). Reposition the lid and ensure that it is secure. Start the cooking process again.

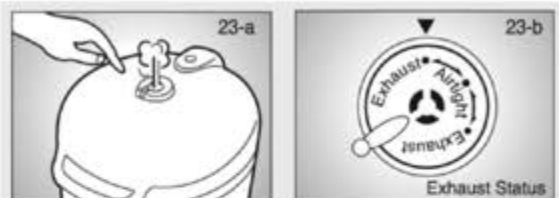
NOTES & TIPS #4:

- When cooking soups or stews with other hearty ingredients such as potatoes or meat, as much as 5 or 6 cups of liquid must be used to prevent ingredients from over-cooking or burning.

NOTES & TIPS #1:

- Please note that the Pressure Limiting Valve (3) will be loose when you are not using the unit for cooking. It will rock slightly and will turn 360° manually. Once the pressure cooker is in operation and the pressure has built up to its capacity, the Pressure Limiting Valve (3) will tighten securely, only allowing itself to be turned to the Left or Right to "Exhaust". Once all the pressure has released, it will become loose again.

- 9) When cooking has completed, the pressure cooker will beep 3-times and automatically go to Keep Warm.
- 10) The Keep Warm indicator light will begin to flash/flicker. This means the Pressure Cooker is naturally releasing the pressure. This will take approximately 10-15 minutes.
- 11) If you wish to Quick Release the pressure, move the Pressure Limiting Valve (3) to "Exhaust" position to release the pressure until the Float Valve (5) sinks. (Figure 23a & 23b).
CAUTION: Keep hands and face away from Pressure Limiting Valve while in the Exhaust position. Failure to comply may cause serious injury.



- 12) Always be certain the pressure is released completely before unlocking the lid and opening it.
- 13) Remove food to serve immediately or press the Keep Warm button to keep food warm. (It is not recommended to keep food warm for over 4-hours).

NOTES & TIPS #5:

- NATURAL RELEASE is recommended when cooking foods that will not have the tendency to overcook such as Potatoes, Beans, Soups & Stews. During the Natural Release time period (may take 10-15 minutes), the pressure cooker may still be heated and cooking the food slightly.
- QUICK RELEASE is recommended when cooking foods that you wish to be Medium or Medium-Rare such as Beef Roasts or Lamb. This will release the pressure quickly and prevent the food from over-cooking.

HOW TO USE THE "PRESSURE COOK TIME":

Setting your own cook time is ideal for cooking meat or poultry that weighs more than 3-pounds. It is also suggested for slow-cooking certain recipes that require cooking for more than 30-minutes. The programmed cook time can be set up to 90-minutes.

- 1) Prepare desired food and place into cooking pot.
- 2) Secure the lid onto the unit, turn it Counter-clockwise to lock it in place properly.
- 3) Make sure the Pressure Limiting Valve (3) is set to the "Airtight" position.
- 4) Plug the power cord into a 110-120V power outlet.
- 5) The LCD screen will display **0 00**.
- 6) Press "Pressure Cook Time" to the desired time frame.
(EX: If you set the cook time to 30-minutes, the LCD screen will display **0 30**)
- 7) Once the time has been selected, press the **START** button.
NOTE: The LCD screen will not display a P until the proper pressure has been achieved. This may take approximately 5-10 minutes depending on the quantity of food.
- 8) The pressure cooker will begin to operate.
- 9) When optimum pressure is achieved, the LCD screen will display **P 30**
- 10) When the unit has pressurized, it will begin to pressure-cook the food. The programmed time will begin to count down until it reaches zero.
- 11) When cooking is complete, the pressure cooker will beep 3-times and automatically go to Keep Warm.
- 12) The Keep Warm indicator light will begin to flash/flicker. This indicates the Pressure Cooker is Naturally Releasing the pressure.
(See Notes & Tips #5)

HOW TO USE THE PRE-SET TIMER:

If you wish to program your pressure cooker to automatically cook prepared food, you can Pre-Set the pressure cooker for up to 9-hours. (*See Tip Caution #6)

- 1) Prepare desired food and place into cooking pot.
- 2) Secure the lid onto the unit, turn it clockwise to lock it in place properly.
- 3) Make sure the Pressure Limiting Valve (3) is set to the "Airtight" position.
- 4) Plug the power cord into a 110-120V power outlet.
- 5) The LCD screen will display **0 00**.
- 6) Press the **DELAY TIMER** button to increase the timer by 1-hour increments (indicated on the LCD screen). The maximum Preset period is 9-hours. After 9-hours, the timer will start a new cycle. (The time that displays on the LCD screen shows how long the user wants the unit to wait before the cooking process begins. EX: If you wish to program the pressure cooker to automatically turn on in 3-hours, press the **DELAY TIMER** button until the LCD screen displays **3 00**).
- 7) After choosing the desired pre-set time, choose your pre-set function or cooking time.

MENU BUTTONS:

- Press one of the five pre-programmed MENU BUTTONS. The DELAY TIMER LED light will begin to flash. Your pre-set timer has been programmed.
- After the pressure cooker counts down to automatically turn on, it will follow the cooking sequence for Menu Button Operation.
- When cooking is complete, the pressure cooker will beep 3-times and automatically go to Keep Warm. (See Notes & Tips #5)

COOKING TIME:

- Press the SET PRESSURE COOKING TIME to desired cook time. EX: If you wish to program to cook for 60-minutes. The LCD screen will display **3 60**.
- Press **START**. The DELAY TIMER LED light will begin to flash. Your pre-set timer has been programmed.
- After the pressure cooker counts down to automatically turn on, it will follow the cooking sequence for desired cook time.
- When cooking is complete, the pressure cooker will beep 3-times and automatically go to Keep Warm. (See Notes & Tips #5)

NOTES & TIPS #6:

- It is recommended to release the pressurized steam when the "Keep Warm" LED stops flickering as the pressure cooker will have lower pressure. This will require a little more time. (Approximately 5-10 minutes).
- During the cooking process, when the pressure cooker enters into the Pressurized Sequence, the first digit on the LCD screen will display the letter "P". At the same time, the power supply to the Heater (18) will shut off, but the Keep Warm LED light will light up without flickering.
- For foods with a high volume of liquid (Stews, soups, porridges, etc.) **IT IS NOT RECOMMEND TO USE QUICK RELEASE**. This is to avoid liquid splatter from the ventilation in the Pressure Limiting Valve (3).
- Use the **NATURAL RELEASE**: User should wait for the temperature to drop and the Float Valve to sink on its own prior to opening the lid.

***CAUTION: It is not recommended to use the Pre-Set DelayTimer function to cook foods that may spoil. Leaving raw foods inside the pressure cooker for long periods of time prior to cooking may result in the food spoiling. Cook food that can be left out such as rice, beans, grains or other foods that will not spoil.**

HOW TO BROWN/SAUTÉ INSIDE THE PRESSURE COOKER:

Certain recipes suggest that you brown meat or sauté vegetables to ensure juices are retained during cooking. It also provides nice coloring when meat or vegetables are cooked and ready to serve.

To brown or sauté:

1. Open and/or remove the lid depending on your preference.
2. Press START to manually begin the heating process.
3. Put food into the Inner Pot (8) and cook to brown or sauté to desired consistency.

NOTES & TIPS #7:

- During Browning/Sautéing, the pressure cooker will automatically set itself to Keep Warm when it reaches a high temperature. (Approximately 5-minutes). If you are browning/sautéing a large quantity of food, you may need to allow the unit to cool slightly for 1-2 minutes before pressing START again. It is possible that the internal sensor will prevent any other buttons from activating to avoid over-heating.

4. When ready to start the pressurized cooking cycle: Press "Keep Warm/Cancel" button to cancel the browning/sautéing process.
5. Close the lid and secure properly.
6. Follow the instructions on cooking to your preference.

HOW TO USE THE KEEP WARM FUNCTION:

Food can be prepared at an earlier time and kept warm inside the pressure cooker using the Keep Warm function. Food can be kept warm for up to 4-hours. Additional time may cause a change in flavor, appearance and cause food to spoil.

- 1) Prepare desired food and place into inner pot.
- 2) Secure the lid onto the unit and turn it clockwise to lock it in place properly.
- 3) It is recommended to set the Pressure Limiting Valve (3) to "Exhaust" at this time since you are only keeping food warm and not pressurizing.
- 4) Press the Keep Warm button. The indicator light will illuminate solid. It should not be blinking.
- 5) The pressure cooker will start maintaining a lower temperature to keep warm.
- 6) To cancel, simply press the Cancel button until indicator light is no longer illuminated.
- 7) Remove food and serve.
- 8) Unplug power cord and allow to cool completely before dismantling and cleaning.

HOW TO COOK WITH FROZEN FOODS:

Cooking frozen food inside a pressure cooker is quick and easy but has certain restrictions. Only cook individual cuts of frozen meats that are up to 1 inch thick, the cooking time does not need to be altered. Pressure will not be achieved until the internal temperature has reached a preset level. If the recipe states the meat be cooked for 10 minutes after pressure has been achieved, it will still be the same, but will take longer to come to the pressure point.

It is not recommended to pressure cook larger cuts of frozen meats such as a whole roast, a block of frozen ground meat or a whole chicken. Larger cuts will require increased cooking times of up to one third more, and the results may not be the same when compared to meats that were thawed (or at least partially thawed) and browned before cooking.

HOW TO USE THE PRESSURE COOKER FOR CANNING:

It is recommended to purchase a separate instructional book that is specific to Canning.

These books can be purchased at a local book store.

This pressure cooker can be used to do basic pressure canning and the water-bath method. Low-Acidic fruits and vegetables and High-Acidic fruits and vegetables are recommended. It is not recommended to can foods such as meat or seafood products in this unit. It is not recommended to use this pressure cooker for canning at high or low altitudes.

Before using this unit for canning purposes, check with the USDA for food preservation guidelines or read the publications listed at http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/publications/publications_usda.html

- Always use canning supplies specifically manufactured for canning purposes. It is recommended to use mason jars that are 24-ounces or smaller. Do not stack jars on top of each other. This pressure cooker can hold up to 3 x 24oz. jars OR 4 x 16oz. jars at a time.
- Always inspect your canning supplies to ensure proper function and safety. Avoid using jars with chips, nicks, cracks or other imperfections in the glass, rims or lids.
- Wash jars thoroughly in hot water according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Prepare food and fill mason jars and seal according to manufacturer's instructions.
 - Always make sure there is 1-inch of headspace in the jars.
 - Use a thin utensil to release any trapped air between the food and the jar by pressing food firmly to the sides to dislodge any air bubbles.
 - Set jar lids onto the jar and screw on the outer rings until tight, then unscrew ¼ turn.
- Place jars into the inner pot.
- If desired, use clean dish towels to tuck around the jars to prevent them from touching each other or the sides of the inner pot.
- Fill inner pot with 5-cups of water. (Certain canning recipes may require a different amount of water.)
- Secure the lid onto the pressure cooker, turn it Counter-clockwise to lock it in place properly.
- Make sure the Pressure Limiting Valve (3) is set to the "Airtight" position.
- Plug the power cord into a 110-120V power outlet.
- Follow canning recipe for the type of food you are canning and program the "Pressure Cooking Time" for the specified time frame for the size of jars and type of food recipe you are using. (EX: If you set the cook time to 30-minutes, the LCD screen will display **0 30**)
- Press Start.
- The pressure cooker will begin to operate.
- When pressurization has been achieved, the LCD screen will display **P 30**
- When the unit has reached optimum pressure, it will begin to pressure-seal the mason jars. The programmed time will begin to count down until it reaches zero.
- When time has expired, the pressure cooker will beep 3-times and automatically go to Keep Warm.
- The Keep Warm indicator light will begin to flash/flicker. This indicates the Pressure Cooker is proceeding to Naturally Release the pressure. (See Notes & Tips #5)
- Open lid once pressure has completely released which is indicated by the Keep Warm indicator light staying illuminated.
- Carefully remove jars using special canning utensils or tools. **CAUTION:** Jars are hot!
- Set jars on a towel or cooling rack and allow to cool completely in a draft-free location.
- Follow recipe instructions on cooling and storage.

NOTES & TIPS #8:

- While the jars are cooling, a small "click" sound will come from the lids to indicate the lids are sealing properly.
- After approximately one hour, check to be sure the flat lids have obtained a good seal by pressing down with your thumb; the lid should remain stiff with no movement.
- If you have not achieved a good seal within 2 hours, the canning did not work properly and the ingredients will need to be refrigerated and used within 3 days or frozen in a freezer container.

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

1. Always make sure the Pressure Cooker is unplugged, depressurized and completely cooled down before dismantling.
2. Use a non-abrasive sponge or damp wash cloth to clean the exterior of the outer body (9) and the exterior surface of the pressure cooker. **NEVER** immerse the pressure cooker in any liquids.
3. Remove the Steam Condensation Cup (13) and rinse it thoroughly and let dry. Clean the Upper Body (10) with a damp sponge or wash cloth.
4. Clean the Lid (2) with warm soapy water, including the Seal Belt (21), Pressure Limiting Valve (3), Filter (20), Vent, Float Valve (5) and let dry thoroughly.
 - The Pressure Limiting Valve (3) pops off easily by gently reaching underneath it and gently prying upwards. Be careful not to damage the thin wire spring under it.
 - On the underside of the lid below the Pressure Limiting Valve (3), is a small metal filter cap which can be removed easily to clean.
5. Let parts dry completely before reassembling.
6. Wash the Inner Pot (8) with a non-abrasive sponge and allow to air dry or use a towel.
7. Clean the Pressure Limiting Valve (3) and the holes with a small brush to ensure smooth flow of steam during the release cycle.

NOTE: Any servicing required shall be performed by an authorized service representative or from the original manufacturer or distributor

FAQ (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)

- 1) **Is the Airtight/Exhaust Valve Knob on the top of the lid supposed to be loose?**
 - If you are not cooking or using the unit, the Valve Knob will be loose. It will turn 360 degrees and may even come off if you pull on it. Once you start using the pressure cooker and the pressure has built up, and the Valve Knob is set to "Airtight" properly, it will not be loose anymore.
 - Sometimes during cooking and pressurizing, steam may escape from the Valve. It indicates the Valve is not seated properly/securely. Simply use tongs or similar utensil and gently/carefully adjust it so it is seated properly.
- 2) **When I choose a Menu Button (ex: Meat & Chicken), nothing happens? What's wrong?**
 - Nothing is wrong.
 - Make sure the Valve on top is set to Airtight and the lid is locked securely. Once you have selected the Menu Button, simply leave the unit alone and it will start to heat up and build up pressure. This sometimes may take up to 5-10 minutes depending on what you're cooking.
 - Once the unit has built up enough pressure, the red display will change to a letter (**P**). This is the time the unit will start cooking the food. This may take up to 5 minutes.
 - The unit will then start to cool down and de-pressurize on its own. It will beep 3 times. The (**P**) will turn back to a (**0**) and the Keep Warm light will begin to blink.
 - During this time, the food inside is still cooking. Depending if you want your food to be cooked longer, you can allow the unit to naturally release the pressure by letting the unit sit. (Some meats will keep cooking once the pressure is released, so if you prefer your meat to be Medium or Medium-Rare, we suggest the quick release.)
 - Once the pressure has completely released, the floating valve will drop down. You can unlock the lid and open to check on your food.
- 3) **What is the little black plastic piece that came in the accessory bag?**
 - This is part #15 on the instruction manual. Some may think it is part #7, but it is not. It is the spatula spoon holder that latches onto the side of the pressure cooker. Refer to the instruction manual for the parts indicator to determine the location of where to attach #15 part.
- 4) **When I set the pressure cooker using the Manual Pressure Cooking time OR the Preset Menu Buttons, it will begin to build pressure heat up, but in about 5-minute the unit beeps 3 times and goes to Keep Warm and my food did not cook completely. What is happening?**
 - The unit is sensing that there is a leak in the pressure and that it is not sealed up properly. Check the unit thoroughly. Make sure the rubber gasket ring is in place, the lid is securely locked, and that the Valve on top of the lid is set to the "Airtight" position. Reset the unit by unplugging it. Wait 10-seconds and plug it back in. Program the unit again.
 - Another reason this may happen is that not enough liquid has been added to your recipe. The pressure cooker has an automatic over-heat prevention sensor that will automatically set itself to OFF or to Keep Warm when it senses that no liquid is present so it does not over-heat.
- 5) **Steam is being released around the rim of the lid during the pressurizing sequence. How do I fix this?**
 - The Rubber Sealing Ring did not make a proper seal. Cancel all the functions. Exhaust any remaining pressure and steam. Open the lid and remove it entirely. Check the Rubber Sealing Ring to make sure it is positioned properly. Rub a wet cloth along it to make sure it is clean of debris and it is smooth. Re-assemble the lid, lock it securely in place and restart the cooking process.

- 6) **Steam is being released from the Pressure Limiting Valve during the pressurizing sequence. How do I fix this?**
- The Valve may not be positioned properly. Simply use tongs or similar utensil or oven mitt and carefully adjust it so it is seated properly. If the steam continues to release, you may need to Cancel all the functions. Exhaust any remaining pressure and steam. Remove the Pressure Limiting Valve and check the thin wire spring on the underside of it. Make sure it is not bent or loose. If steam still continues to escape, the Valve may be faulty and replacement or repair may be necessary. Please contact the manufacturer.
- 7) **Pressurized Steam is being quietly released from the Floating Valve area during the pressurizing sequence. How do I fix this?**
- This may happen during the initial start-up of the Pressurizing Sequence. Simply use tongs or similar utensil or oven mitt and carefully adjust it so it is seated properly. This will help settle the lid and all the valves properly. The pressure will quickly push up on the Floating Valve and seal it properly then finish the pressurizing sequence.
- 8) **My food is finished cooking and all the pressure is released, but I cannot unlock and open my lid. What is stuck?**
- Make sure all the pressure and steam has completely been released. Make sure the small Floating Valve is no longer in the up position. It may be stuck in the UP position, simply tap the lid slightly to make it go back down. Then turn the lid clockwise to unlock the lid. If it is still stuck, unplugging the unit may help.

NOTES & TIPS #8:

- If recipes require the use of a trivet, riser (wire rack), foil, or heat-resistant/pressure-resistant oven-safe cookware, you may use these accessories in this pressure cooker.
- If you do not have a wire rack that will fit, simply use 3-4 mason jar lids or regular jar lids for a simple 1-inch riser.

COOKING TIME CHART

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Meat/Poultry

- Always cook meat or poultry with at least 1-3 cups of liquid. If the cooking time exceeds 15 minutes, use 2 cups of liquid. If weight of meat or poultry is 3lbs, use 3 cups of liquid. Preserved or salted meats should be immersed in water.
- Cooking times for meat and poultry may vary according to the quality and quantity of meat or poultry being cooked.
- Unless indicated. The cooking times given below are for 3 pounds of meat or poultry unless noted otherwise. Additionally, the denser the cut, the longer the cooking time should be.

Type of Meat	Approximate Cooking Minutes	Pressure Release
Beef/Veal, roast or brisket	38-42	Quick Release
Beef Meatloaf, 2 lbs.	13-18 or use the Meat Button	Quick Release
Beef, meatballs, 1-2 lbs.	7-12 or use the Meat Button	Natural Release
Beef, Corned	55-65	Natural Release
Pork, roast	43-47	Natural Release
Pork, ribs, 2 lbs.	18 or use the Meat Button	Quick Release
Pork, ham shank	25-28	Natural Release
Leg of Lamb	42-45	Natural Release
Chicken, whole, 2-3 lbs.	15-18 or use the Meat Button	Quick Release
Chicken, pieces, 2-3 lbs.	12-15 or use the Meat Button	Quick Release
Cornish Hens, two	12-15 or use the Meat Button	Quick Release
Meat/Poultry soup/stock	15-20 or use the Meat Button	Quick Release

Seafood

- Cooking times may vary according to the type of seafood being cooked.
- Cook seafood on a cooking rack with a trivet on the bottom of the pot (if available), and add at least 3/4 cup of liquid. Lightly grease cooking rack with vegetable oil when cooking fish.

Type of Seafood	Approximate Cooking Minutes	Pressure Release
Clams	3-5	Quick Release
Crabs	3-5	Quick Release
Lobster, 1 1/2 - 2 lbs.	3-5	Natural Release
Mussels	3-5	Quick Release
Shrimp	2-3	Quick Release
Fish, whole, gutted	7-8	Quick Release
Fish, Soup or Stock	7-8	Quick Release

Vegetables

- Add 1-2 additional minutes to cooking time when preparing frozen vegetables.
- Use the quick-release method at the end of cooking cycle so vegetables will not become soggy.

Type of Vegetable	Approximate Cooking Minutes	Pressure Release
Asparagus, thick whole	2-5	Quick Release
Asparagus, thin whole	1-2	Quick Release
Beans, fava, shelled	5	Quick Release
Beans, green, whole	4-5	Quick Release
Beans, lima, shelled	3	Quick Release
Beets, small, whole	2-3	Quick Release
Beets, large whole	23	Quick Release
Beets, 1-inch slices	5	Quick Release
Broccoli, flowerets	3	Quick Release
Brussel sprouts, whole	5	Quick Release
Carrots, 1-inch chunks	5	Quick Release
Carrots, 1/4-inch slices	1-2	Quick Release
Cauliflower, flowerets	3-5	Quick Release
Corn on-the-cob	4	Quick Release
Escarole, coarsely chopped	2-3	Quick Release
Kale, coarsely chopped	2-3	Quick Release
Okra, small pods	3-5	Quick Release
Onions, whole	3	Quick Release
Potatoes, 1 1/2-inch chunks	7	Quick Release
Potatoes, new, small whole	6	Quick Release
Potatoes, sweet and yams, whole, medium	10-12	Quick Release
Potatoes, sweet and yams, 2" chunks	7-8	Quick Release
Spinach, fresh, coarsely chopped	3	Quick Release
Squash, acorn, halved	8	Quick Release
Squash, butternut, 1-inch chunks	5	Quick Release
Squash, summer, zucchini or yellow, 1/2-inch slices	6	Quick Release
Turnips, small quartered	4	Quick Release
Turnips, 1 1/2 inch chunks	4	Quick Release

*Split peas and rhubarb can foam, froth, and sputter, and can clog the pressure release device (steam vent). These foods should not be cooked in a pressure cooker.

Dried Beans and Other Legumes

- Place beans or legumes in pressure cooker. Add 3 cups of water for each cup of beans or legumes.
- Add 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil for each cup of water to cut down on foaming. Do not add salt until after cooking.
- Let pressure drop naturally after cooking.
- Cooking times may vary according to the quality of the beans or other legumes. If still hard after recommended cooking times, continue cooking uncovered. Add additional water, if necessary.

Type of Legume	Approximate Cooking Minutes	Pressure Setting
Azuki	7-8	Natural Release
Black Beans	10-12	Natural Release
Black Eyed Peas	11-12	Natural Release
Chick Peas (garbanzo)	11-13	Natural Release
Gandules (pigeon peas)	8-10	Natural Release
Great Northern	10-14	Natural Release
Kidney Beans, Red	12-14	Natural Release
Lentils, green	10-12	Natural Release
Lentils, soup	8-10	Natural Release
Lentils, red	120-125	Natural Release
Lima Beans	7-8	Natural Release

* Applesauce and cranberries, can foam, froth, and sputter, and can clog the pressure release device (steam vent). These foods should not be cooked in a pressure cooker.

Grains

Before cooking, soak certain grains, such as wheat berries and pearl barley in four times their volume of lukewarm water for at least four (4) hours or overnight if required. Do not add salt to water, since it may toughen the grains and inhibit hydration.

- Do not soak rice.
- Rinse under lukewarm water (this also applies to rice)
- Cook each cup of grain in the amount of water specified.

Type of Grain	Approximate Cooking Minutes	Pressure Setting
Rice, basmati – 1 1/2 cups	7-8	Natural Release
Rice, converted – 1 1/2 cups	7-8	Natural Release
Rice, long grain – 1 1/2 cups	7-8	Natural Release
Rice, brown – 1 1/2 cups	17-22	Natural Release
Rice, wild – 3 cups	25-27	Natural Release
Wheat, berries – 3 cups	1	Natural Release

* Pearl barley, oatmeal or other cereals can foam, froth, and sputter, and can clog the pressure release device (steam vent). These foods should not be cooked in a pressure cooker.

RECIPES

Courtesy of www.recipezaar.com and www.fastcooking.ca.

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LEEK & ASPARAGUS RISOTTO

SERVES 4 -6

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 1/2 tablespoons butter
- 1 1/2 tablespoons water
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 cups leeks, sliced
- 1 1/2 cups Arborio rice
- 4 cups vegetable broth
- 1/4 lb asparagus, chopped into 1 inch segments
- 1 1/4 cups parmesan cheese, shredded

Directions

- In the pressure cooker, heat the olive oil and butter. (Follow the Browning/Sautéing instructions on Page-11 of this manual.)
- Add the garlic and leeks, sauté until soft.
- Add the rice, stir thoroughly and then add broth.
- Close pressure cooker, and press the RICE & RISOTTO function switch.
- While risotto cooks, steam asparagus in water. Then sauté in olive oil. Season with salt and pepper.
- When risotto is done cooking, follow instructions to reduce pressure, then add the sautéed asparagus, and Parmesan cheese.
- Serve immediately.

BEEF IN PEPPER SAUCE

SERVES 4

Ingredients

Pepper Sauce

- 1 red bell pepper or green bell pepper
- 1/2 cup baby carrot
- 1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce (1 tbsp to be use later)
- 2 garlic cloves
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon turmeric
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2-1 teaspoon cayenne pepper (depends on how spicy you like it)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom

Remaining Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 lbs boneless sirloin steaks, cut into strips
- salt & pepper
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2-1 onions, sliced
- 1 green bell pepper, sliced

Directions

- Remove 1 tablespoon of tomato sauce from the can to be used later. Then blend the ingredients for the pepper sauce (green pepper through cardamom) in a food processor until there are no chunks left. Set aside.
- Pour the oil into the pressure cooker, sprinkle the beef with salt & pepper then brown over heat. (Follow the Browning/Sautéing instructions on Page-11 of this manual.)
- Once brown add the water, reserved tomato sauce, paprika & cumin. Close the lid and press the MEAT & CHICKEN function switch.
- When meat is done, follow instructions to reduce pressure.
- Add the pepper mixture, sliced onions & green peppers to the meat and sauce, cover with lid and press the MEAT & CHICKEN function again.
- When cooking is complete, follow instructions to reduce pressure.
- Vegetables should be tender. Serve immediately.

CHICKEN PICCATA

SERVES 6

Ingredients

- 6 chicken breast halves
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 4 shallots
- garlic cloves, crushed
- 3/4 cup chicken broth
- 1/3 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon sherry wine
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried basil

- 1 cup pimento stuffed olive, minced
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon potato starch or flour
- 1/4 cup fresh parmesan cheese, grated (1 ounce) o 3 fontinella cheese, grated
- 1 lemon, thinly sliced, to garnish

Directions

- Lightly dust chicken pieces with flour.
- In pressure cooker, heat oil. Add chicken breasts, two at a time, and sauté in hot oil until brown on all sides. (Follow the Browning/Sautéing instructions on Page-11 of this manual.)
- Set aside when finished. (Follow the Browning/Sautéing instructions on page 11 of this manual.)
- Add shallots and garlic to pressure cooker and sauté in oil, scraping bottom of pan to loosen browned particles remaining from chicken. Stir in broth, lemon juice, sherry, salt, pepper, basil, and olives. Mix well.
- Add chicken pieces skin side down back into the pressure cooker with other ingredients.
- Close the lid and press the MEAT & CHICKEN function switch.
- When cooking is complete, follow instructions to reduce pressure.
- Lift lid. Stir chicken mixture, then transfer just the chicken to serving platter, and cover to retain heat.

- Whisk sour cream and starch together. Stir into cooking liquid inside the pressure cooker and cook over manual heat 1 minute, stirring constantly.
- Spoon sauce over chicken. Sprinkle with cheese and garnish with lemon slices.

ITALIAN POTATO, RICE, & SPINACH SOUP

SERVES 6

Ingredients

1/4 cup olive oil	2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
6 leeks, white part only, sliced	3 tablespoons tomato paste
3 garlic cloves, crushed	1 tablespoon light brown sugar
2 carrots	10 ounces fresh spinach, rinsed, cut in large pieces
1/2 cup Arborio rice	1/4 cup parmesan cheese, grated
3 potatoes, cut in large chunks	1/4 cup fontinella cheese, grated
5 cups chicken stock	
1/2 cup parsley, chopped	
1/2 cup celery, chopped	
1 bay leaf	
1 teaspoon salt	
1/4 teaspoon pepper	
2 teaspoons dried basil	

Directions

- In the pressure cooker, heat oil. Add leeks, garlic, and carrots and sauté in hot oil 2 minutes. (Follow the Browning/Sautéing instructions on Page-11 of this manual.)
- Add rice and potatoes. Stir well and cook 1 minute.
- Add broth, parsley, celery, bay leaf, salt, pepper, basil, lemon juice, tomato paste, and brown sugar. Stir well.
- Secure lid. Press the POTATOES & YAMS function switch.
- Cooking should be approximately 15-20 minutes.
- When cooking is complete, follow instructions to reduce pressure.
- Lift lid. Ladle the soup into large serving bowl or individual bowls
- Combine the cheeses and sprinkle over soup. Serve with hunks of Italian bread.

CHICKEN ADOBO

SERVES 4 -5

Ingredients

8-9 chicken thighs	2 tablespoons cooking sherry
2 cups water	1 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 cups low sodium soy sauce	3 tablespoons molasses
1 large onion (cut into rings)	1 tablespoon olive oil
8 garlic cloves (chopped up)	Jasmine rice
3 bay leaves	

Directions

- In the pressure cooker, heat olive oil over heat. Brown the chicken thighs on both sides. (Follow the Browning/Sautéing instructions on Page-11 of this manual.)
- Remove and set aside.
- In pressure cooker, combine water, soy sauce, onion, garlic, bay leaves, sherry wine, black pepper and molasses.
- Add the chicken to the sauce. Stir a bit to get the chicken thighs down into the liquid.
- Close the lid and press the MEAT & CHICKEN function switch.
- Use this time to cook some jasmine rice.
- When cooking is complete, follow instructions to reduce pressure.
- Lift lid. Remove the bay leaves. Serve chicken and sauce over jasmine rice.

TUSCAN LAMB SHANK

SERVES 5

Ingredients

3/4 cup dried great northern beans	1 cup dry red wine
3 1/4 cups water, divided	1/4 cup sun-dried tomato
3 lbs lamb shanks (about 2 large shanks)	1 teaspoon dried rosemary
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour	1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 teaspoon salt	1 (14 1/4 ounce) can low sodium beef broth
1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper	2 tablespoons flat leaf parsley, chopped
2 teaspoons olive oil, divided	5 cups egg noodles, hot cooked (about 4 cups uncooked pasta)
1/2 cup shallot, sliced	
6 garlic cloves, sliced	

Directions

- Sort and wash beans; combine with 3 cups water in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil; cook 1 minute. Remove from heat. Let stand 20 minutes. Drain; set aside.
- Trim fat from lamb. Place flour, salt, and pepper in a large zip-top plastic bag; add lamb. Seal; shake to coat. Remove lamb from bag; shake off excess flour mixture. Reserve 1 1/2 teaspoons flour mixture, and set aside. (Follow the Browning/Sautéing instructions on Page-11 of this manual.)
- Heat 1 teaspoon oil in the pressure cooker over heat. Brown the lamb shanks one by one. Let cook for 8-minutes on each side for Medium doneness. Remove lamb and set aside.
- Add shallots and garlic to the pressure cooker, and sauté 2 minutes using the Browning/Sautéing instructions on Page-11 of this manual.
- Add the beans, 1/4 cup water, reserved 1 1/2 teaspoons flour mixture, red wine, and the next 4 ingredients (wine through broth).
- Close the lid and press the BEANS & GRAINS function switch.
- During cooking of the sauce, go back to the lamb that was set aside. Remove lamb meat from bones; discard bones, fat, and gristle.
- When the sauce is finished cooking, follow instructions to reduce pressure.
- Lift lid. Skim fat from surface. Stir meat into bean mixture. Sprinkle with parsley. Serve over noodles.

SPARE RIBS

SERVES 6 -8

Ingredients

1 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup soy sauce
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1 tablespoon vinegar
1/4 teaspoon cayenne
1 teaspoon garlic powder
2 lbs pork ribs
1 cup of chicken/beef stock

Directions

- Prepare sauce ingredients inside inner pot.
- Divide ribs up evenly so it fits into the pressure cooker.
- Coat each piece thoroughly with the sauce.
- Place all ribs into pressure cooker pot after coating with sauce.
- Add the 1 cup of stock to the bottom of pot.
- Close the lid, lock and press the MEAT & CHICKEN function switch.
- When cooking is complete, use the Quick or Natural release method and remove the lid.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER SPICY CHILI

SERVES 6

Chili is a nutritionally sound and complete meal. You can make it more or less fiery by adjusting the amount of chili powder used.

2 tablespoons olive oil	1 bay leaf
2 medium onions, chopped	2 teaspoons celery seed
3 garlic cloves, minced	Salt to taste
1 1/2 lb ground beef	1 tablespoon flour
2 teaspoons ground cumin	1 1/2 cups crushed tomato
2 tablespoons chili powder, or to taste	1 cup beef stock
1 1/2 teaspoons oregano	1 1/2 cups cooked pinto or red kidney beans

Garnishes

Grated cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese
Finely chopped onion
Shredded lettuce

Directions:

- Heat the oil in the pressure cooker and sauté the onion and garlic until the onion is wilted. (Follow the Browning/Sautéing instructions on Page-11 of this manual.)
- Add the beef and cook until it is browned. Mix the cumin, chili powder, oregano, bay leaf, celery seed, salt and flour. Stir in the crushed tomato and beef stock. Add beans.
- Lock the lid in place and press the SOUP & STEW button. When cooking is complete, use the Quick release method and remove the lid. Serve in bowls, passing the garnishes separately.

TRADITIONAL MEAT LOAF

SERVES 4

Ingredients

1 1/2 lb mixture of chopped or ground lean beef, pork and veal
1 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper
2 slices bread, soaked in water and squeezed dry
2 tablespoons parsley
1 medium onion, minced 1 garlic clove
1 egg
2 tablespoons chicken stock
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 cup tomato sauce
1 cup water

Directions:

- In a bowl, combine the chopped meat, salt, pepper, bread, parsley, onion, garlic, egg, chicken stock and Worcestershire sauce. Shape into two small loaves. Wrap each in wax paper and chill several hours to firm. Heat the oil in the pressure cooker and brown the loaves well on all sides. (Follow the Browning/Sautéing instructions on Page-11 of this manual.)
- Remove and set on oven-safe dish that will fit into the pressure cooker.
- Pour off the oil and combine the tomato sauce and water, and season with salt and pepper. Spread the ketchup over the meat loaves and lower the oven-safe dish into the pressure cooker.
- Lock the lid in place and press the MEAT & POULTRY button. When cooking is complete, use the Quick or Natural release method and remove the lid. Remove dish using a removing utensil/tool. Slice and serve.

SWEET-SOUR BEEF SPARERIBS

SERVES 4

Ingredients

3 tablespoons vegetable oil
3 lb lean short spareribs cut into serving pieces

Sweet-Sour Sauce Ingredients

3 tablespoons soy sauce	2 tablespoons onion, minced
2 tablespoons brown sugar	2 tablespoons apricot marmalade
2 tablespoons honey	2 tablespoons cider vinegar
3 cloves garlic, minced	2 tablespoons dry sherry
1/4 cup ketchup	1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce, or to taste

Directions:

- In a small bowl combine all the sauce ingredients. Heat the oil in the pressure cooker until very hot, add as many ribs at a time as will comfortably fit, and brown well. Pour off all fat, and then stir in the sauce. (Follow the Browning/Sautéing instructions on Page-11 of this manual.)
- Lock the lid in place and press the MEAT & POULTRY button. When cooking is complete, use the Quick or Natural release method and remove the lid. Serve with rice if desired.

JAMBALAYA

SERVES 4-6

Ingredients

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1/2 lb boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1" pieces
1/2 lb fully cooked Andouille or Italian sausage, sliced
1/2 lb uncooked shrimp, peeled and deveined
2 teaspoons Creole seasoning
1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper 1 onion, chopped
3 garlic cloves, minced
1 green bell pepper, chopped
3 stalks celery, sliced
1 cup long grain rice
16 oz canned chopped tomatoes, un-drained
1 cup chicken stock
3 tablespoons fresh parsley, minced

Directions:

- Heat oil in the pressure cooker. Add chicken, sausage and shrimp. Sprinkle meats with half of the Creole seasoning, half the thyme and half the cayenne. Cook for 3-5 minutes uncovered, stirring frequently, until chicken and shrimp are thoroughly cooked. Remove chicken, sausage and shrimp with a slotted spoon and set aside. (Follow the Browning/Sautéing instructions on Page-11 of this manual.)
- Add onion, bell pepper, celery and remaining Creole seasoning, thyme and cayenne to pressure cooker. Cook for 4-5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add chicken, sauce, shrimp and rice, tomatoes with their juice and stock. (Follow the Browning/Sautéing instructions on Page-11 of this manual.)
- Lock the lid in place and press the SOUP & STEW button. When cooking is complete, use the Quick or Natural release method and remove the lid. Serve with rice if desired.

CORNISH HENS BRAISED IN WHITE WINE

SERVES 4

Ingredients

2 tablespoons olive oil	1 tablespoon minced parsley
2 Cornish hens, trussed	1 tablespoon flour
1/2 teaspoon salt	1/2 cup dry white wine
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper	1/2 cup chicken stock
1/2 teaspoon thyme	1/4 lb mushrooms, cleaned and sliced
1/2 teaspoon basil	

Directions:

- In the pressure cooker, heat the olive oil and brown the Cornish hens on all sides. Sprinkle them with salt and pepper, thyme, basil and parsley. Stir in the flour, and then pour in the wine and stock. (Follow the Browning/Saut ing instructions on Page-11 of this manual.)
- Lock the lid in place and program to cook for 40-minutes. When cooking is complete, use the Quick or Natural release method and remove the lid. Serve with rice or a salad if desired.

ORANGE-FLAVORED CANDIED YAMS

SERVES 4

Ingredients

1 cup orange juice	1/2 cup brown sugar
2 large sweet potatoes (yams)	1 teaspoon grated orange zest
Salt, to taste	2 tablespoons butter

Directions:

- Pour the orange juice into the pressure cooker. Peel the sweet potatoes and cut them in half lengthwise. Arrange in a pressure cooker steamer basket (if available) and sprinkle with salt, brown sugar and orange zest. Dot with butter.
- Lower the steamer basket into the pressure cooker.
- Lock the lid in place and press the POTATOES & YAMS. When cooking is complete, use the Quick or Natural release method and remove the lid.
- Lift out the sweet potatoes.
- Boil down the sauce until thickened and pour over the sweet potatoes.

TORTILLA SOUP

SERVES 8-10

Ingredients

1/3 cup vegetable oil	2 Cups Cooked Shredded Chicken
2 onions, diced	Tortilla chips
4 cloves garlic, peeled	cilantro, chopped
1 can tomatoes, drained	1 lb grated cheese
3 quarts chicken broth	lime wedges (optional)

Directions:

- Saut  onions and garlic in the oil in the pressure cooker until they are deep golden brown. (Follow the Browning/Saut ing instructions on Page-11 of this manual.)
- Remove from unit and pur e with tomatoes in blender or food processor until smooth.
- Return to pressure cooker and add broth. Heat to boiling.
- Lock the lid in place and press the SOUP & STEW button. When cooking is complete, use the Quick or Natural release method and remove the lid.
- Add cilantro and salt to taste. Place cheese and tortilla chips in individual soup bowls and pour hot soup on top. Serve with lime wedges, if desired.

SPICED APPLE CRUNCH

SERVES 3

Ingredients

1 cup dry bread crumbs (unseasoned)	1 lemon (juice and rind)	3 apples, sliced
1/4 cup sugar	1/4 cup butter, melted	
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon	2 cups water	

Directions:

- Butter a 15 cm (6") baking dish. Combine bread crumbs (or graham wafer crumbs), sugar, cinnamon, juice and lemon rind. Place alternate layers of apples and crumbs in baking dish. Pour melted butter over ingredients and cover baking dish firmly with aluminum foil.
- Place water, trivet, and then baking dish in pressure cooker.
- Lock the lid in place and program to cook for 20-minutes. When cooking is complete, use the Quick or Natural release method and remove the lid.
- If you wish to add more color and crunch, run the dish quickly under the broiler. Be sure to watch carefully to prevent burning.

OLD FASHIONED RICE PUDDING

SERVES 4

It's preferable to eat it the same day or the rice may become chewy.

Ingredients

1 tablespoon butter	1 egg
1/4 cup long grain rice	1/4 cup evaporated milk
2 cups milk	1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup water	Cinnamon
1/3 sugar	1/2 teaspoon salt

Directions:

- Melt the butter in the pressure cooker and stir in the rice, coating it with the butter. Pour in the fresh milk and water, and then stir in the sugar and salt. (Follow the Browning/Saut ing instructions on Page-11 of this manual.)
- Lock the lid in place and program to cook for 10-minutes. When cooking is complete, use the Quick or Natural release method and remove the lid.
- In a small bowl mix together the egg, evaporated milk and vanilla. Stir in a little of the hot liquid from the pressure cooker, then add the mixture to the pressure cooker.
- When cooking is complete, use the Quick or Natural release method and remove the lid.
- Cover again and set to cook for 5 more minutes.
- When cooking is complete, use the Quick or Natural release method and remove the lid.
- Cool 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Transfer to individual dessert bowls, continue cooling, then refrigerate. Serve sprinkled with cinnamon.

PEARS STEWED IN RED WINE

SERVES 4

A most elegant dessert when served with raspberry sauce. A fine ending to a special dinner.

2 cups water	4 firm pears, peeled but not cored, stems on
1/2 cup sugar	3/4 cup red wine
2 slices lemon	1 cup frozen raspberries
2 cinnamon sticks	4 tablespoons heavy cream
1/4 teaspoon mace	

Directions:

- In the pressure cooker, combine the water, sugar, lemon, cinnamon sticks and mace. Simmer until the sugar is dissolved. (Follow the Browning/Sautéing instructions on Page-11 of this manual.)
- Place the pears into the pressure cooker, trimming bottoms if necessary so they stand upright.
- Lock the lid in place and program to cook for 10-minutes. When cooking is complete, use the Quick or Natural release method and remove the lid.
- Add the red wine.
- Lock the lid in place again and program to cook for 10 more minutes. When cooking is complete, use the Quick or Natural release method and remove the lid.
- Carefully remove only the pears and transfer to a deep container.
- Boil down the remaining sauce until it is syrupy by pressing START. Cool, then pour over the pears and keep at room temperature overnight.
- To serve, defrost and purée the raspberries in a processor until smooth.
- Spoon 4 tablespoons of the purée on four dessert dishes or shallow bowls. Place a pear upright in the center of each dish. Spoon some syrup over the pears.
- Dribble 1 tablespoon of cream in a circle over the sauce. With the aid of a knife, swirl the cream into the sauce in an attractive design.

CINNAMON APPLE FLAN WITH MAPLE SYRUP

SERVES 6

Ingredients

5 tablespoons maple syrup	1/4 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon	6 tablespoons sugar
2 apples, peeled and cut in 1/4" slices	2 1/2 cups milk
3 whole eggs 3 egg yolks	

Directions:

- In a small saucepan, combine the maple syrup and the cinnamon. Add the apple slices and slowly simmer until the apples are tender.
- Divide the mixture into 6 greased oven-safe custard cups. In a large bowl, whisk the eggs and egg yolks. Stir in the vanilla, sugar and milk. Pour this mixture slowly into the custard cups. Cover tightly with foil.
- Fill the pressure cooker with 2 1/2 cups water. Place as many custard cups as will fit in the pressure cooker steamer basket (if available) and lower into the pressure cooker.
- Lock the lid in place again and program to cook for 10 more minutes. When cooking is complete, use the Natural release method and remove the lid.
- Remove the lid, take out the basket, loosen the foil and cool the custard.
- Refrigerate. To serve, loosen the custard from the molds with a knife and invert onto dessert dishes.

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