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# PRESSURE COOKER LITIGATION

# Join the hundreds of people holding manufacturers accountable for defective and unsafe pressure cookers by asserting your pressure cooker personal injury claim.

Pressure cooker manufacturers market their products as a quick, healthy and safe way to cook. However, the reality is that many of the pressure cookers on the market have serious design flaws that can lead to severe malfunctions. These malfunctions can cause steam and scalding hot liquids and food to explode out of the pressure cooker, burning the user and anyone nearby.

The pressure cooker litigation team at Johnson Becker is experienced at holding manufacturers responsible for defective products. Over the last four years, Johnson Becker has represented over 500 people in more than 40 states who have been burned by exploding pressure cookers. In addition, we have handled pressure cooker cases against virtually all of the major name-brand manufacturers.

Each pressure cooker lawsuit is dependent on its own unique facts, but our firm continues to successfully file lawsuits against the manufacturers of defective pressure cookers and obtain settlements for our clients. We believe that holding manufacturers responsible for our clients' injuries not only helps our clients, but prevents future injuries by forcing manufacturers to evaluate and improve the safety of their products.

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"Johnson Becker was so helpful and easy to work with. They were always immediately available to answer my questions and they kept me up to date every step of the way. All the staff were extremely compassionate and professional. If you need a firm to handle your litigation, I highly recommend Johnson Becker." -Sandy F.

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# Meet Our Pressure Cooker Attorneys:

Combined, they have over 55 years of experience holding manufacturers accountable when they choose to put profits over safety.

### Michael Johnson is a founding partner of Johnson Becker and the Co-Chair of its Consumer Products and Mass Tort Departments. Michael exclusively represents

individuals across



the country injured by defective and dangerous products, with an emphasis on consumer goods. Michael has battled major product manufacturers at trial, in the appellate courts, and all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Consumer Products Department.





Plaintiff, MICHAEL PRITCHARD (hereafter referred to as "Plaintiff"), by and through his undersigned counsel, JOHNSON BECKER, PLLC and HARLAN LAW, P.C., hereby submits the following Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial against Defendant SHARKNINJA OPERATING, LLC (hereafter referred to as "Defendant SharkNinja" or "Defendant") alleges the following upon personal knowledge and belief, and investigation of counsel:

### **NATURE OF THE CASE**

- 1. This is a product liability action seeking recovery for substantial personal injuries and damages suffered by Plaintiff after Plaintiff was seriously injured by a "Ninja Foodie" pressure cooker (hereafter generally referred to as "pressure cooker(s)").
- 2. Defendant SharkaNinja Operating, LLC manufactures, markets, imports, distributes and sell a wide-range of consumer products, including the subject "Ninja Foodie" pressure cooker at issue in this case.
- 3. On or about March 16, 2020, Plaintiff suffered serious and substantial burn injuries as the direct and proximate result of the pressure cooker's lid suddenly and unexpectedly exploding off the pressure cooker's pot during the normal, directed use of the pressure cooker, allowing its scalding hot contents to be forcefully ejected from the pressure cooker and onto Plaintiff.
- 4. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's conduct, the Plaintiff in this case incurred significant and painful bodily injuries, medical expenses, wage loss, physical pain, mental anguish, and diminished enjoyment of life.

### THE PARTIES

- 5. Plaintiff was and is, at all relevant times, a resident of the City of Alpine, County of San Diego, State of California.
- 6. Defendant SharkNinja designs, manufacturers, markets, imports, distributes and sells a variety of consumer products, including the subject "Ninja Foodie" pressure cookers.
- 7. Defendant SharkNinja is a Massachusetts Limited Liability Corporation

- 1 | incorporated in the State of Delaware and has a principal place of business located at
- 2 | 89 A St. # 100, Needham, MA 02494. Defendant SharkNinja has a registered service
- 3 | address Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.
- 4 8. At the time of Plaintiff's injuries on March 16, 2020, the sole member of
- 5 | SharkNinja Operating, LLC was EP Midco, LLC, a Massachusetts Limited Liability
- 6 | Company created and organized under the law of the State of Delaware and located at
- 7 | 89 A St. # 100, Needham, MA 02494.
- 8 | 9. At the time of Plaintiff's injuries on March 16, 2020, the sole member of EP
- 9 | Midco, LLC was Brian Lagarto.
- 10 | 10. Mr. Largato is a resident and citizen of the state of Massachusetts, and operates
- 11 out of his principle places of business, 180 Wells Avenue, Suite 200, Newton,
- 12 | Massachusetts, 02459.
- 13 | 11. Accordingly, Defendant SharkNinja is a resident and citizen of the State of
- 14 | Massachusetts for purposes of diversity jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 16 | 12. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this case pursuant to diversity
- 17 | jurisdiction prescribed by 28 U.S.C. § 1332 because the matter in controversy exceeds
- 18 the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs, and there is complete
- 19 diversity between the parties.
- 20 | 13. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 all or a substantial
- 21 part of the events or omissions giving rise to this claim occurred in this district.
- 22 | 14. Venue is also proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because
- 23 Defendant has sufficient minimum contacts with the State of California; and has
- 24 intentionally availed itself of the markets within California through the promotion,
- 25 | sale, marketing, and distribution of its products.

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FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 2 | 15. Defendant SharkNinja is engaged in the business of designing, manufacturing, 3 | warranting, marketing, importing, distributing and selling the pressure cookers at 4 | issue in this litigation.
  - 16. Defendant SharkNinja warrants, markets, advertises and sell its pressure cookers as a means to cook "easy" and "convenient" allowing consumers to "cook 70% faster than traditional cooking method[s]." <sup>1</sup>
- 8 17. Defendant SharkaNinja boasts that its pressure cookers have "14 safety 9 features," <sup>2</sup> which purport to keep the user safe while cooking.
- 10 18. For example, according to the Owner's Manual accompanying the individual unit sold, the pressure cookers are equipped with a "safety feature" that prevents the lid from unlocking until "the unit is completely depressurized."<sup>3</sup>
  - 19. By reason of the forgoing acts or omissions, the above-named Plaintiff and/or his family purchased the pressure cooker with the reasonable expectation that it was properly designed and manufactured, free from defects of any kind, and that it was safe for its intended, foreseeable use of cooking.
  - 20. On or about March 16, 2020, Plaintiff was using the pressure cooker designed, manufactured, marketed, imported, distributed and sold by Defendant SharkNinja for its intended and reasonably foreseeable purpose of cooking.
- 21. While the pressure cooker was in use for cooking, the pressure cooker's lid unexpectedly and suddenly blew off the pot in an explosive manner. The contents of the pressure cooker were forcefully ejected out of the pot and onto Plaintiff, causing severe, disfiguring burns.

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<sup>3</sup> Attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated by reference is the "Ninja Foodi 10-in-1 8 Qt XL Pressure Cooker OS400 Series" Owner's Manual. *See*, e.g. pgs. 15, 23.

 $<sup>^1\,\</sup>underline{\text{https://www.ninjakitchen.com/pressure-cookers/}}$  (last accessed January 25, 2022)

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  Id.

- Plaintiff and his family used the pressure cooker for its intended purpose of preparing meals and did so in a manner that was reasonable and foreseeable by the Defendant SharkNinja.
  - 23. However, the aforementioned pressure cooker was defectively and negligently designed and manufactured by Defendant SharkNinja in that it failed to properly function as to prevent the lid from being removed with normal force while the unit remained pressurized, despite the appearance that all the pressure had been released, during the ordinary, foreseeable and proper use of cooking food with the product; placing the Plaintiff, his family, and similar consumers in danger while using the pressure cookers.
  - 24. Defendant SharkNinja's pressure cookers possess defects that make them unreasonably dangerous for their intended use by consumers because the lid can be rotated and opened while the unit remains pressurized.
  - 25. Further, Defendant SharkNinja's representations about "safety" are not just misleading, they are flatly wrong, and put innocent consumers like Plaintiff directly in harm's way.
  - 26. Economic, safer alternative designs were available that could have prevented the pressure cooker's lid from being rotated and opened while pressurized.
  - 27. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant SharkNinja's intentional concealment of such defects, its failure to warn consumers of such defects, its negligent misrepresentations, its failure to remove a product with such defects from the stream of commerce, and its negligent design of such products, Plaintiff used an unreasonably dangerous pressure cooker, which resulted in significant and painful bodily injuries.
  - 28. Consequently, the Plaintiff in this case seeks compensatory damages resulting from the use of Defendant SharkNinja's pressure cooker as described above, which has caused the Plaintiff to suffer from serious bodily injuries, medical expenses, lost wages, physical pain, mental anguish, diminished enjoyment of life, and other damages.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY
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PLAINTIFF, FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION AGANST SHARKNINJA OPERATING, LLC., ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:

- 29. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each preceding and succeeding paragraph as though set forth fully at length herein.
- 7 | 30. At the time of Plaintiff's injuries, Defendant's pressure cookers were defective 8 | and unreasonably dangerous for use by foreseeable consumers, including Plaintiff.
- 9 31. Defendant's pressure cookers were in the same or substantially similar condition as when they left the possession of the Defendant.
- 11 | 32. Plaintiff and his family did not misuse or materially alter the pressure cooker.
- 12 | 33. The pressure cookers did not perform as safely as an ordinary consumer would 13 | have expected them to perform when used in a reasonably foreseeable way.
  - 34. Further, a reasonable person would conclude that the possibility and serious of harm outweighs the burden or cost of making the pressure cookers safe. Specifically:
    - a. The pressure cookers designed, manufactured, sold, and supplied by Defendant 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;
    - c. Defendant failed to properly market, design, manufacture, distribute, supply, and sell the pressure cookers, despite having extensive knowledge that the aforementioned injuries could and did occur;
    - d. Defendant failed to warn and place adequate warnings and instructions on the pressure cookers;

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- e. Defendant failed to adequately test the pressure cookers; and
- f. Defendant failed to market an economically feasible alternative design, despite the existence of economical, safer alternatives, that could have prevented the Plaintiff injuries and damages.
- 35. At the time of Plaintiff's injuries, Defendants' pressure cookers were defective and unreasonably dangerous for use by foreseeable consumers, including Plaintiff.
- 36. Defendant's actions and omissions were the direct and proximate cause of the Plaintiff's injuries and damages.
- WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant for and punitive damages according to proof, together with interest, costs of suit, attorneys' fees, and all such other relief as the Court deems proper. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend the complaint to seek punitive damages if and when evidence or facts supporting such allegations are discovered.

### SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

### **NEGLIGENT PRODUCTS LIABILITY**

- PLAINTIFF, FOR A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION AGANST SHARKNINJA OPERATING, LLC., ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:
- 37. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each preceding and succeeding paragraph as though set forth fully at length herein.
- 38. Defendant had a duty of reasonable care to design, manufacture, market, and sell non-defective pressure cookers that are reasonably safe for its intended uses by consumers, such as Plaintiff and his family.
- 39. Defendant failed to exercise ordinary care in the manufacture, sale, warnings, quality assurance, quality control, distribution, advertising, promotion, sale and marketing of its pressure cookers in that Defendant knew or should have known that said pressure cookers created a high risk of unreasonable harm to the Plaintiff and consumers alike.

- Defendant was negligent in the design, manufacture, advertising, warning, 40. marketing and sale of its pressure cookers in that, among other things, it:
  - a. Failed to use due care in designing and manufacturing the pressure cookers to avoid the aforementioned risks to individuals;
  - b. Placed an unsafe product into the stream of commerce;
  - Aggressively over-promoted and marketed its pressure cookers through television, social media, and other advertising outlets; and
  - d. Were otherwise careless or negligent

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

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant for and punitive damages according to proof, together with interest, costs of suit, attorneys' fees, and all such other relief as the Court deems proper. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend the complaint to seek punitive damages if and when evidence or facts supporting such allegations are discovered.

#### THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

### BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY

- PLAINTIFF, FOR A THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION AGANST SHARKNINJA OPERATING, LLC., ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:
- Plaintiff incorporates by reference each preceding and succeeding paragraph as though set forth fully at length herein.
- 24 43. At the time Defendant marketed, distributed and sold its pressure cookers to the Plaintiff in this case, Defendant warranted that its pressure cookers were merchantable and fit for the ordinary purposes for which they were intended. 26
  - 44. Members of the consuming public, including consumers such as Plaintiff, were intended third-party beneficiaries of the warranty.

- 1 45. Plaintiff reasonably relied on Defendant's representations that its pressure cookers were a quick, effective and safe means of cooking.
  - 46. Defendant's pressure cookers were not merchantable because they had the propensity to lead to the serious personal injuries as described herein in this Complaint.
  - 47. Plaintiff used the pressure cooker with the reasonable expectation that it was properly designed and manufactured, free from defects of any kind, and that it was safe for its intended, foreseeable use of cooking.
  - 48. Defendant's breach of implied warranty of merchantability was the direct and proximate cause of Plaintiff's injury and damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant for and punitive damages according to proof, together with interest, costs of suit, attorneys' fees, and all such other relief as the Court deems proper. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend the complaint to seek punitive damages if and when evidence or facts supporting such allegations are discovered.

#### FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

# BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE

PLAINTIFF, FOR A FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION SHARKNINJA OPERATING, LLC., ALLEGES AS FOLLOWS:

- 49. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each preceding and succeeding paragraph as though set forth fully at length herein.
- 50. Defendant manufactured, supplied, and sold its pressure cookers with an implied warranty that they were fit for the particular purpose of cooking quickly, efficiently and safely.
- 26 51. Members of the consuming public, including consumers such as Plaintiff, were the intended third-party beneficiaries of the warranty.

- 52. Defendant's 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 its
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use.

- 53. Plaintiff reasonably relied on Defendant's representations that its pressure cookers were a quick, effective and safe means of cooking.
- 6 54. Defendant's 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 Defendant for and punitive damages according to proof, together with interest, costs of suit, attorneys' fees, and all such other relief as the Court deems proper. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend the complaint to seek punitive damages if and when evidence or facts supporting such allegations are discovered.

### **INJURIES & DAMAGES**

- 55. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's 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. Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages from Defendant for these injuries in an amount which shall be proven at trial.
- 56. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's negligence and wrongful misconduct, as set forth herein, Plaintiff has incurred and will continue to incur the loss of full enjoyment of life and disfigurement as a result of the incident. Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages for loss of the full enjoyment of life and disfigurement from Defendant in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 57. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendant's negligence and wrongful misconduct, as set forth herein, Plaintiff has and will continue to incur expenses for medical care and treatment, as well as other expenses, as a result of the severe burns she suffered as a result of the incident. Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages from

1	Defendant for his past, present and future medical and other expenses in an amount
2	which shall be proven at trial.
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4	WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant as follows:
5	A. That Plaintiff has a trial by jury on all of the claims and issues;
6	B. That judgment be entered in favor of the Plaintiff and against Defendant on
7	all of the aforementioned claims and issues;
8	C. That Plaintiff recover all damages against Defendant, general damages and
9	special damages, including economic and non-economic, to compensate the
10	Plaintiff for her injuries and suffering sustained because of the use of the
11	Defendants' defective pressure cooker;
$\lfloor 2  \Big $	D. That all costs be taxed against Defendant;
13	E. That prejudgment interest be awarded according to proof;
L4	F. That Plaintiff be awarded attorney's fees to the extent permissible under
L5	Federal and California law; and
16	G. That this Court awards any other relief that it may deem equitable and just,
L7	or that may be available under the law of another forum to the extent the
18	law of another forum is applied, including but not limited to all reliefs prayed
19	for in this Complaint and in the foregoing Prayer for Relief.
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# **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiff demands a trial by jury of all the claims asserted in this Complaint so triable. Dated: March 8, 2022 JOHNSON BECKER, PLLC By /s/ Jordon Harlan, Esq. Jordon Harlan, Esq. (CA #273978)

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- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

  United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box. Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

  Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.
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Multidistrict Litigation – Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7. Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statue.

- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service.
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

  Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.

  Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

# **EXHIBIT A**

**OWNER'S GUIDE** 

## **FOODI® 10-IN-1 8-QT XL PRESSURE COOKER**



### **THANK YOU**

#### for purchasing the Ninja® Foodi® 8-QT Pressure Cooker



#### **REGISTER YOUR PURCHASE**



registeryourninja.com



Scan QR code using mobile device

#### **RECORD THIS INFORMATION**

Model Number:	
Serial Number:	
Date of Purchase: _ (Keep receipt)	
Store of Purchase:	

#### **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

Voltage: 120V~, 60Hz Watts: 1760W

**TIP:** You can find the model and serial numbers on the QR code label on the back of the unit by the power cord.

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#### HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY • READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USE

## **A WARNING**

- 1 This appliance can be used by persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge if they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance in a safe way and understand the hazards involve
- 2 Keep the appliance and its cord out of reach of children. **DO NOT** allow the appliance to be used by children. Close supervision is necessary when used near children.
- **3** To eliminate a choking hazard for young children, discard all packaging materials immediately upon unpacking.
- 4 DO NOT place appliance on a stovetop or hot surfaces or near gas or electric burner or in a heated oven.
- **5 DO NOT** use the appliance without the removable cooking pot installed.
- **6** When removable cooking pot is empty, **DO NOT** heat it for more than 10 minutes, as doing so may damage the cooking surface.
- 7 Children shall not play with the appliance.
- 8 NEVER use electrical outlet below counter.
- 9 **NEVER** connect this appliance to an external timer switch or separate remote-control system.
- **10 DO NOT** use an extension cord. A short power-supply cord is used to reduce the risk of children grabbing the cord or becoming entangled and to reduce the risk of people tripping over a longer cord.
- 11 To protect against electrical shock DO NOT immerse cord, plugs, or main unit housing in water or other liquid. Cook only in the pot provided or in a container recommended by SharkNinja placed in the provided pot.

- 12 Regularly inspect the appliance and power cord. **DO NOT** use the appliance if there is damage to the power cord or plug. If the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any way, immediately stop use and call Customer Service.
- **13 ALWAYS** ensure the appliance is properly assembled before use.
- 14 Before use. ALWAYS check pressure release valve and float valve for clogging or obstruction and clean them if necessary. Check to make sure the float valve on the pressure lid moves freely. Foods such as apple sauce, cranberries, pearl barley, oatmeal or other cereals, split peas, noodles. macaroni, rhubarb, or spaghetti can foam, froth, and splutter when pressure cooked, clogging the pressure release valve. These and similar expanding foods (such as dried vegetables, beans. grains, and rice) should not be cooked in a pressure cooker, except when following a Ninia Foodi recipe.
- **15 DO NOT**cover the air intake vent, air exhaust vent or electrical outlet while crisping lid is closed. Doing so will prevent even cooking and may damage the unit or cause it to overheat.
- 16 To prevent risk of explosion and injury, use only SharkNinia silicone rings. Make certain silicone ring is installed and lid is properly closed before operating. **DO NOT** use if torn or damaged. Replace silicone ring before using.
- 17 Before placing removable cooking pot into the cooker base, ensure pot and cooker base are clean and dry by wiping with a soft cloth.
- **18** This appliance is for household use only. **DO NOT** use this appliance for anything other than its intended use. **DO NOT** use in moving vehicles or boats. DO NOT use outdoors. Misuse may cause injury.

- 19 Intended for worktop use only. Ensure the surface is level, clean and dry. DO NOT move the appliance when in use.
- **20 DO NOT** use accessory attachments not recommended or sold by SharkNinia. **DO NOT** place accessories in a microwave, toaster oven, convection oven, or conventional oven or on a ceramic cooktop, electric coil, gas burner range, or outdoor grill. The use of accessory attachments not recommended by SharkNinia may cause fire, electric shock, or injuries.
- 21 When using this appliance, provide adequate space above and on all sides for air circulation.
- 22 ALWAYS follow the maximum and minimum quantities of liquid as stated in instructions and recipes.

- 23 NEVER use SLOW COOK setting without food and liquids in the removable cooking pot.
- 24 DO NOT use this appliance for deep frvina.
- 25 DO NOT cover the pressure valves.
- 26 DO NOT sauté or frv with oil while pressure cooking.
- **27** Prevent food contact with heating elements. DO NOT overfill or exceed the MAX fill level of the pot and the Cook & Crisp Basket or Plate. Overfilling may cause personal injury or property damage or affect the safe use of the appliance.
- **28** When pressure cooking foods that expand (such as dried vegetables. beans, grains, rice, etc.). DO NOT fill pot more than halfway, or as otherwise instructed in a Ninja® Foodi® recipe.

Indicates to read and review instructions to understand operation and use of product.



Indicates the presence of a hazard that can cause personal injury, death or substantial property damage if the warning included with this symbol is ignored.



Take care to avoid contact with hot surface. Always use hand protection to avoid burns.



For indoor and household use only.

## **SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

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#### HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY • READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USE

- 29 DO NOT use this unit to cook instant rice.
- **30** Electrical outlet voltages can varv. affecting the performance of your product. To prevent possible illness. use a thermometer to check that your food is cooked to the temperatures recommended
- **31 DO NOT** place the appliance near the edge of a worktop during operation.
- 32 To avoid possible steam damage, place the unit away from walls and cabinets during use
- 33 Should the unit emit black smoke, unplug immediately and wait for smoking to stop before removing the cooking pot and Cook & Crisp™ Basket or Plate.
- **34 DO NOT** touch hot surfaces. Appliance surfaces are hot during and after operation. To prevent burns or personal injury, **ALWAYS** use protective hot pads or insulated oven mitts and use available handles and knobs.
- **35** Extreme caution must be used when the cooker contains hot food or hot liquids and/or if the cooker is under pressure. Improper use, including moving the cooker, may result in personal injury such as serious burns. When using this appliance to pressure cook, ensure the lid is properly assembled and locked into position before use. Food are under extreme pressure during pressure cooking. Failure to follow all instructions regarding proper usage of the product may result in unintended contact with hot foods or liquids that have been pressureized, resulting in serious burns.

- **36** Caution should be used when searing meats and sautéing. Keep hands and face away from the removable cooking pot, especially when adding new ingredients, as hot oil may splatter.
- **37** When unit is in operation, hot steam is released through the air exhaust vent. Place unit so vent is not directed toward the power cord. electrical outlets, cabinets or other appliances. Keep your hands and face at a safe distance from vent.
- **38 DO NOT** tamper with, disassemble, or otherwise remove the float valve or pressure release assembly.
- **39 DO NOT** attempt to open the lid during or after pressure cooking until all internal pressure has been released through the pressure release valve and the unit has cooled slightly. Remove lid promptly to avoid re-pressurization of the inner pot.
- **40 DO NOT** use Pressure Lid when Sear/Sauté function is selected.
- 41 If using SLOW COOK setting, ALWAYS keep the pressure lid closed and the pressure release valve in the VENT position. If the lid is closed and the pressure release valve is in the SEAL position an audible alarm will sound "VENT" error code will appear on LED display to signal the need to turn the pressure release valve to the VENT position.
- 42 When using the PRESSURE COOK setting. **ALWAYS** keep the pressure lid locked and the pressure release valve turned anticlockwise to the SEAL position.

- 43 If the lid will not turn to unlock, this indicates the appliance is still under pressure. **DO NOT** intentionally press down on float valve. Any pressure remaining can be hazardous. Let unit naturally release pressure or turn the Pressure Release Valve slowly to the VENT position to release steam. Take care to avoid contact with the releasing steam to avoid burns or injury. When steam is completely released the float valve will be in the lower position allowing the lid to be removed. If steam does not release when the pressure release valve is moved to vent, unplug the unit from the wall and let the unit naturally release pressure.
- 44 Spilled food can cause serious burns. Keep appliance and cord away from children. DO NOT let cord hang over edge of tables or counters or touch hot surfaces
- 45 Serious burns can result from the steam. and hot foods inside the inner pot. **ALWAYS** keep hands, face, and other body parts away from the pressure release valve prior to or during pressure release and when removing the pressure lid after cooking.
- 46 When removing the lid, DO NOT lift the lid straight up as this may not release the seal between the lid and pot. increasing the risk of food splashing.
- 47 ALWAYS tilt the lid so that it is between your body and the inner pot so that you can be shielded from steam and hot liquids.

- **48** The cooking pot, Cook & Crisp™ Basket or Plate, and reversible rack become extremely hot during the cooking process. Avoid hot steam and air while removing the cooking pot and Cook & Crisp™ Basket or Plate from the appliance, and ALWAYS place them on a heat resistant surface after removing. DO NOT touch accessories during or immediately after cooking.
- 49 Removable cooking pot can be extremely heavy when full of ingredients. Care should be taken when lifting pot from cooker base.
- **50** Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be made by children.
- **51** Let the appliance cool for approximately 30 minutes before handling, cleaning, or storing,
- **52** To disconnect, turn any control to OFF, then unplug from electrical outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before cleaning, disassembly, putting in or taking off parts and for storage
- 53 DO NOT clean with metal scouring pads. Pieces can break off the pad and touch electrical parts, creating a risk of electric shock.
- **54** Please refer to the Cleaning & Maintenance section for regular maintenance of the appliance.

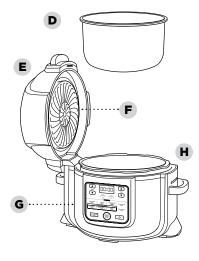
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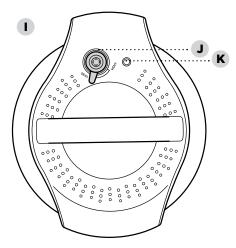
- A Reversible Rack
- Cook & Crisp™ Basket
- Detachable Diffuser
- 8-Quart Removable Cooking Pot
- **E** Crisping Lid
- F Heat Shield
- Control Panel
- **H** Cooker Base
- Pressure Lid
- J Pressure Release Valve
- K Red Float Valve
- Silicone Ring
- M Anti-Clog Cap
- N Air Outlet Vent
- Condensation Collector

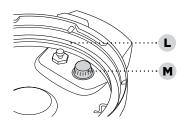










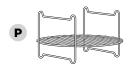






#### **ACCESSORIES (SOLD SEPARATELY)**

- P Cook & Crisp™ Layered Insert
- Skewer Stand
- R Multi-Purpose Pan
- **S** Roasting Rack Insert
- T Dehydrating Rack
- U Loaf Pan
- V Crisper Pan





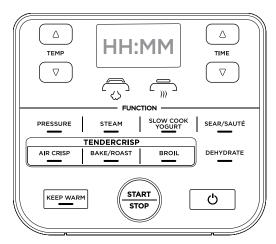












NOTE: Control panel may differ per model.

#### **FUNCTION BUTTONS**

PRESSURE: Use to cook food quickly while maintaining tenderness.

**STEAM:** Use to gently cook delicate foods at a high temperature.

**SLOW COOK:** Cook your food at a lower temperature for longer periods of time.

YOGURT: Pasteurize and ferment milk for creamy homemade yogurt.

**SEAR/SAUTÉ:** To use the unit as a stovetop for browning meats, sautéing veggies, simmering sauces, and more.

AIR CRISP: To use the unit as an air fryer to give foods crispiness and crunch with little to no oil.

**BAKE/ROAST:** To use the unit as an oven for tender meats, baked treats, and more.

**BROIL:** Use to caramelize and brown vour food.

**DEHYDRATE:** Dehydrate meats, fruits. and vegetables for healthy snacks.

**KEEP WARM:** After pressure cooking, steaming, or slow cooking, the unit will automatically switch to Keep Warm mode and start counting up. Keep Warm will stay on for 12 hours, or you may press KEEP WARM to turn it off. Keep Warm mode is not intended to warm food from a cold state but to keep it warm at a food-safe temperature.

#### **OPERATING BUTTONS**

TEMP arrows: Use the up and down TEMP arrows to adjust the cook temperature and/or pressure level.

TIME arrows: Use the up and down TIME arrows to adjust the cook time.

**NOTE:** While cooking, to adjust temp or time, use the up and down arrows. The unit will then resume at those settings.

**START/STOP button:** Press the START/STOP button after selecting your temperature (or pressure) and time to start cooking. Pressing this button while the unit is cooking will stop the function.

**POWER button:** The Power button shuts the unit off and stops all cooking modes.

#### **STANDBY MODE**

After 10 minutes with no interaction with the control panel, the unit will enter standby mode.

- 1 Remove and discard any packaging material, promotional labels, and tape from the unit.
- 2 Remove all accessories from the package and read this manual carefully. Please pay particular attention to operational instructions, warnings, and important safeguards to avoid any injury or property damage.
- **3** Wash the pressure lid, silicone ring, removable cooking pot, Cook & Crisp™ Basket, reversible rack, and condensation collector in hot, soapy water, then rinse and dry thoroughly. **NEVER** clean the cooker base or pressure lid in the dishwasher. Inspect the pressure lid to ensure there is no debris blocking the valves.
- 4 The silicone ring is reversible and can be inserted in either direction. Insert the silicone ring around the outer edge of the silicone ring rack on the underside of the lid. Ensure it is fully inserted and lies flat under the silicone ring rack.



#### **INSTALLING THE CONDENSATION COLLECTOR**

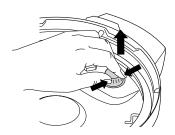
To install the condensation collector, slide it into the slot on the cooker base. Slide it out to remove it for hand-washing after each use.

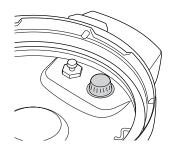


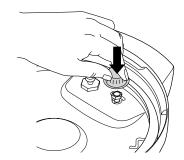
NOTE: Prior to each use, make sure the silicone ring is well seated in the silicone ring rack and the anti-clog cap is mounted properly on the pressure release valve.

#### **REMOVING & REINSTALLING** THE ANTI-CLOG CAP

Make sure that the anti-clog cap is in the correct position before using the pressure lid. The anti-clog cap protects the inner valve of the pressure lid from clogging and protects users from potential food splatters. It should be cleaned after every use with a cleaning brush. To remove, hold the anti-clog cap between your thumb and bent index finger, then turn the shield clockwise to remove.







#### **DROP THE TOP**

The two lids allow you to seamlessly transition between all your favorite cooking methods. Use the pressure lid to tenderize, then use the crisping lid to crisp up your food.

#### **USING THE CRISPING LID**

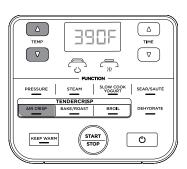
The crisping lid is affixed to the unit by a hinge and features an easy-open design. The lid can be opened during any convection cooking function so you can check on and access the ingredients. When the lid is opened, cooking will stop, the timer will pause, and the heating element in the lid will turn off. When the lid is closed, cooking will begin again and the timer will resume counting down.

#### **USING THE COOKING FUNCTIONS** WITH THE CRISPING LID

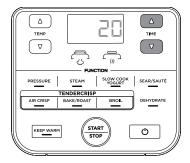
To turn on the unit, plug the power cord into a wall outlet, then press the Power button.

#### **Air Crisp**

1 Press the AIR CRISP button. The default temperature setting will display. Use the up and down TEMP arrows to choose a temperature between 300°F and 400°F.



2 Use the up and down TIME arrows to set the cook time in minute increments up to 1 hour.



**3** With the pot installed, place either the Cook & Crisp™ Basket or reversible rack in the pot. Basket should have diffuser attached.



NOTE: It is recommended to let the unit preheat for 5 minutes before adding ingredients. If preheating, before step 4, close the lid, and press the START/STOP button to begin.

4 Add ingredients to the Cook & Crisp™ Basket or reversible rack. Close the lid and press the START/STOP button to begin cooking.



**5** During cooking, you can open the lid and lift out the basket to shake or toss ingredients for even browning, if needed. When done, lower basket back into pot and close lid. Cooking will automatically resume after lid is closed.



**NOTE:** If you press the STOP during Air Crisp Mode, the unit will wait 10 seconds before entering Standby mode.

**6** When cook time is complete, the unit will beep.

#### Bake/Roast

1 Press the BAKE/ROAST button The default temperature setting will display. Use the up and down TEMP arrows to choose a temperature between 250°F and 400°F.



2 Use the up and down TIME arrows to set the cook time in minute increments up to 1 hour. 5-minute increments from 1 hour to 4 hours.



**NOTE:** If running for less than one hour the clock will count down by minutes and seconds. If running for more than one hour, the clock will count down by minutes only.

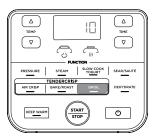
**NOTE:** It is recommended to let the unit preheat for 5 minutes before adding ingredients. If preheating, before step 3, close the lid. and press the START/STOP button to begin.

- **3** Add ingredients, along with any accessories called for in your recipe, to the pot. Close the lid and press the START/STOP button to begin cooking.
- 4 When cook time is complete, the unit will beep.

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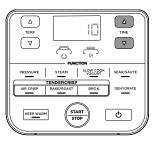
#### Broil

1 Press the BROIL button.



**NOTE:** There is no temperature adjustment available or necessary when using the Broil function.

2 Use the up and down TIME arrows to set the cook time in minute increments up to 30 minutes.



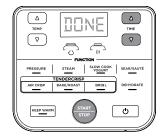
**3** Place the reversible rack in the pot in the upper broil position or follow directions per recipe.



4 Place ingredients on the rack, then close the lid.



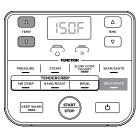
**5** Press the START/STOP button to begin cooking.



6 When cook time is complete, the unit will beep.

#### **Dehvdrate**

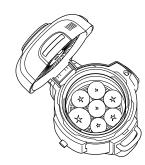
1 Press the DEHYDRATE button. The default temperature setting will display. Use the up and down TEMP arrows to choose a temperature between 105°F and 195°F.



2 Use the up and down TIME arrows to set the cook time in 15-minute increments up to 12 hours.



3 Place the ingredients on the bottom of the Cook & Crisp™ Basket.



4 Add ingredients to the Cook & Crisp Layered Insert in the Cook & Crisp Basket to create two levels for dehydrating.



**NOTE:** For five levels of capacity, use the dehydrating rack\* directly in the cooking pot.

**5** Press the START/STOP button to begin dehydrating.



6 When cook time is complete, the unit will beep.

\*The dehydrating rack is sold separately on ninjaaccessories.com.

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# PRESSURE COOKER - CONT.

**NOTE:** To reduce the risk of injury from unintended contact with hot foods, liquids and steam when pressure cooking, you must review and follow all warnings on pages 2-5. Failure to follow these safeguards increases your risk of experiencing a burn.

#### **FAMILIARIZING YOURSELF** WITH PRESSURE COOKING

In order to familiarize yourself with the Pressure Cook function and start cooking. it is highly recommended for first-time users to do an initial run

1 Place the pot in the cooker base and add 3 cups room-temperature water to the pot.



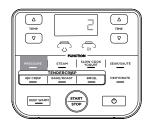
2 Assemble the pressure lid by aligning the arrow on the front of the lid with the arrow on the front of the cooker base. Then turn the lid clockwise until it locks into place.



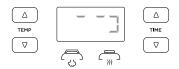
**3** Make sure the pressure release valve on the lid is in the SEAL position.



4 Press the PRESSURE button, the unit will default to high (HI) pressure and a time setting of 2 minutes. Press the START/STOP button to begin.



**5** Your Foodi Deluxe will begin to build pressure, indicated by the rotating lights. The unit will begin counting down when it is fully pressurized



6 When the countdown is finished, the Foodi Deluxe will beep, automatically switch to the Keep Warm mode, and begin counting up.



7 Turn the pressure release valve to the VENT position to quick release the pressurized steam. A quick burst of steam will spurt out of the pressure release valve. When steam is completely released, the unit will be ready to open.



#### **NATURAL PRESSURE RELEASE VS. QUICK PRESSURE RELEASE**

**Natural Pressure Release:** When pressure cooking is complete, steam will naturally release from the unit as it cools down. During this time, the unit will switch to Keep Warm mode. Press the KEEP WARM button if you would like to turn Keep Warm mode off. When natural pressure release is complete, the red float valve will drop down.

Quick Pressure Release: Use ONLY if your recipe calls for it. When pressure cooking is complete and the KEEP WARM light is on, turn the pressure release valve to the VENT position to instantly release pressure through the valve.

Even after releasing pressure naturally or using the pressure release valve, some steam will remain in the unit and will escape when the lid is opened. Lift and tilt it away from you, making sure no condensation drips into the cooker base.



**NOTE:** At any time during the natural release process, you can switch to quick release by turning the pressure release valve to the VENT position.

#### **PRESSURIZING**

As pressure builds in the unit, the control panel will display rotating lights. Pressurizing time varies, depending on the amount of ingredients and liquid in the pot. As the unit pressurizes, the lid will lock as a safety measure, and it will not unlock until pressure is released. Once the unit has reached full pressure, the lid pressure icon light will glow steadily. The pressure cooking cycle will begin and the timer will start counting down.







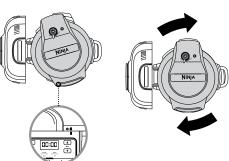
#### **INSTALLING & REMOVING** THE PRESSURE LID

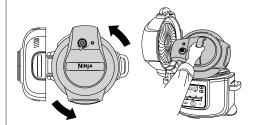
Place the pressure lid on top of the unit with the on the lid and the on the base lined up evenly. Turn the lid clockwise until it locks in place.

To unlock the pressure lid, turn it counterclockwise. Lift the lid at an angle to prevent splatter. Do not lift the lid straight up.

**NOTE:** The pressure lid will not unlock until the unit is completely depressurized.







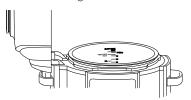
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#### **USING THE COOKING FUNCTIONS** WITH THE PRESSURE LID

To turn on the unit, plug the power cord into a wall outlet, then press the Power button.

#### **Pressure Cook**

1 Place ingredients and at least 1/2 cup of liquid in the pot, including an accessory if your recipe calls for it. DO NOT exceed the line marked PRESSURE MAX when pressure cooking.

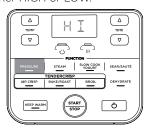


NOTE: When cooking rice, beans, or other ingredients that expand, DO NOT fill the pot more than halfway.

**2** Follow the instructions on page 15 to install the pressure lid. Turn the pressure release valve to the SEAL position.

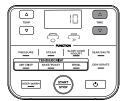


**3** Press the PRESSURE button. The default pressure level will display. Use the up and down TEMP arrows to select either HIGH or LOW.



**NOTE:** If running for less than 1 hour the clock will count down by minutes and seconds. If running for more than an hour, the clock will count down by minutes only.

4 Use the up and down TIME arrows to set the cook time in minute increments up to 1 hour, and in 5-minute increments from 1 hour to 4 hours.



**5** Press the START/STOP button. The display will show rotating lights during this time. When the unit reaches the proper temperature, the time you set will begin counting down.



6 When cook time is complete, the unit will beep, automatically switch to Keep Warm mode, and start counting up from 00:00.



**NOTE:** After Pressure Cooking is complete, you may press the KEEP WARM button to turn the Keep Warm mode off.

7 Let the unit naturally release pressure or, if the recipe instructs, turn the pressure release valve to the VENT position, quickly releasing steam through the valve.



#### Steam

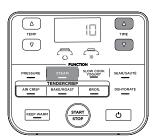
1 Add 1 cup of liquid (or amount of liquid the recipe specifies) to the pot, then place the reversible rack or Cook & Crisp™ Basket with ingredients in the pot.



2 Follow the instructions on page 15 to install the pressure lid. Turn the pressure release valve to the VENT position.



3 Press the STEAM button. Use the up and down TIME arrows to set the cook time in minute increments up to 30 minutes.



**NOTE:** There is no temperature adjustment available or necessary when using the Steam function

- 4 Press the START/STOP button.
- 5 The unit will automatically preheat to bring the steaming liquid to a boil. The display will show rotating lights during this time. When the unit reaches the proper temperature, the time you set will begin counting down.



6 When cook time is complete, the unit will beep and automatically switch to Keep Warm mode. If the red float valve pops up, wait for it to drop and then you can open the lid.



**NOTE:** After Steam cooking is complete. you may press the KEEP WARM button to turn the Keep Warm mode off.

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# PRESSURE COOKER - CONT.

#### Slow Cook

- 1 Add ingredients to the pot. **DO NOT** exceed the line marked MAX when slow cooking.
- 2 Follow the instructions on page 15 to install pressure lid. Turn the pressure release valve to the VENT position.



**3** Press the SLOW COOK button. The default temperature setting will display. Use the up and down TEMP arrows to select either Slow Cook HIGH or LOW.



4 Use the up and down TIME arrows to set the cook time in 15-minute increments up to 12 hours.



**5** Press the START/STOP button to begin cookina.

**NOTE:** The Slow Cook HIGH time setting may be adjusted anywhere between 4 and 12 hours: the Slow Cook LOW time setting may be adjusted anywhere between 6 and 12 hours.

**6** When cook time is complete, the unit will beep and automatically switch to Keep Warm mode.

#### **Yogurt**

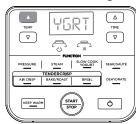
1 Add desired amount of milk to the pot.

**NOTE:** If you prefer to pasteurize, cool. and add cultures without using the unit. skip steps 1-9. Instead, press the TEMP up arrow to select FMNT, then press the TIME arrows to select desired incubation time. Press START/STOP to begin, then follow steps 10 and 11.

2 Install the pressure lid and turn the pressure release valve to the VENT position.



3 Press and hold the SLOW COOK/YOGURT button to select vogurt. The default setting will display. Use the up and down temp arrows to select either Yogurt or ferment.



4 Press the TIME arrows to adjust the incubation time in 30-minute increments between 8 and 12 hours.

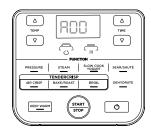


**NOTE:** Selecting a longer time will lead to tangier vogurt with a thicker consistency. Use 12 hours to achieve Greek-style yogurt.

- **5** Press START/STOP to begin pasteurization.
- 6 Unit will display BOIL while pasteurizing. When pasteurization temperature is reached, the unit will beep and display COOL.



7 Once the milk has cooled, the unit will display ADD AND STIR in succession.



- 8 Remove the pressure lid and skim the top of the milk.
- 9 Add vogurt cultures to milk and stir to combine. Install the pressure lid (valve may be in VENT or SEAL position) and press START/STOP to begin incubation process.



- 10 The display will begin counting down. When incubation time is complete, the unit will beep and display DONE.
- 11 Chill yogurt up to 12 hours before serving.

#### Sear/Sauté

1 Install the pot.



2 Press the SEAR/SAUTÉ button. The default temperature setting will display. Use the up and down TEMP arrows to select one of the setting options (low, medium-low, medium, medium-high, or high).



**NOTE:** There is no time adjustment available or necessary when using the Sear/Sauté function.

- **3** Press the START/STOP button to begin cooking.
- **4** To turn off the Sear/Sauté function, press the START/STOP button. To switch to a different cooking function, press the corresponding function button.

**NOTE:** You can use this function with either the crisping lid in the open position or the pressure lid with the pressure release valve in the VENT position.

**NOTE: ALWAYS** use nonstick utensils in the cooking pot. **DO NOT** use metal utensils, as they will scratch the nonstick coating on the pot.

# **AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

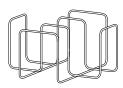
We offer a suite of accessories custom made for your Ninia® Foodi® 8-QT Pressure Cooker. Visit ninjaaccessories.com to expand your capabilities and take your cooking to the next level.

#### Multi-Purpose Pan



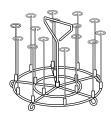
- With this pan, you can create bubbly casseroles, dips, and sweet and savory pies, or bake a fluffy, moist cake with a golden top for dessert.
- Dimensions: 8.75" D x 2.5" H

#### Roasting Rack Insert



 Use this rack in the Cook & Crisp™ Basket to crisp up shells on Taco Tuesday, roast a rack of ribs on BBQ Sunday, or evenly toast garlic bread on pasta night.

#### Skewer Stand\*



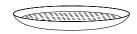
 This handy stand holds 15 skewers' worth of chicken, meat, seafood, and vegetables. Because of the Foodi's unique airflow, you get that perfect crisp to your juicy, tender creations. Compatible with 8-qt. unit only.

#### **Dehydrating Rack**



• Five stackable layers enable you to dehydrate fruits and meats or make crispy kale and vegetable chips.

#### **Crisper Pan**



- · Perforated with holes for improved airflow, this pan is great for crisping and reheating pizzas, quesadillas, and vegetables.
- Dimensions: 9" D x 0.75" H

#### **Loaf Pan**



- Our specially designed pan is the perfectly sized baking accessory for bread mixes like banana and zucchini.
- Dimensions: 8.25" x 4.25" x 3.5"

#### **Extra Pack of Silicone Rings**



 2-pack silicone ring set helps keep flavors separate—use one when cooking savory foods and the other when cooking sweet foods

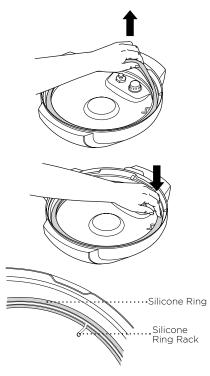
### **CLEANING & MAINTENANCE**



#### **Cleaning: Dishwasher & Hand-Washing**

The unit should be cleaned thoroughly after every use.

- 1 Unplug the unit from the wall outlet before cleaning.
- 2 **NEVER** put the cooker base in the dishwasher, or immerse it in water or any other liquid.
- **3** To clean the cooker base and the control panel, wipe them clean with a damp cloth.
- 4 The cooking pot, silicone ring, reversible rack, Cook & Crisp™ Basket, and detachable diffuser can be washed in the dishwasher.
- **5** The pressure lid, including the pressure release valve and anti-clog cap, can be washed with water and dish soap. DO NOT wash the pressure lid or any of its components in the dishwasher, and **DO NOT** take apart the pressure release valve or red float valve assembly.
- **6** To clean the crisping lid, wipe it down with a wet cloth or paper towel after the heat shield cools
- 7 If food residue is stuck on the cooking pot, reversible rack, or Cook & Crisp Basket, fill the pot with water and allow to soak before cleaning. **DO NOT** use scouring pads. If scrubbing is necessary, use a non-abrasive cleanser or liquid dish soap with a nylon pad or brush.
- 8 Air-dry all parts after each use.



#### **Removing & Reinstalling** the Silicone Ring

To remove the silicone ring, pull it outward, section by section, from the silicone ring rack. The ring can be installed with either side facing up. To reinstall, press it down into the rack section by section.

After use, remove any food debris from the silicone ring and anti-clog cap.

#### Keep the silicone ring clean to avoid odor.

Washing it in warm, soapy water or in the dishwasher can remove odor. However, it is normal for it to absorb the smell of certain. acidic foods. It is recommended to have more than one silicone ring on hand. You can purchase additional silicone rings on niniaaccessories.com.

**NEVER** pull out the silicone ring with excessive force, as that may deform it and the rack and affect the pressure-sealing function. A silicone ring with cracks, cuts. or other damage should be replaced immediately.

#### Why is my unit taking so long to come to pressure? How long does it take to come to pressure?

- Cooking times may vary based on the selected temperature, current temperature of the cooking pot, and temperature or quantity of the ingredients.
- Check to make sure your silicone ring is fully seated and flush against the lid. If installed correctly, you should be able to tug lightly on the ring to rotate it.
- Check that the pressure lid is fully locked, and the pressure release valve is in the SEAL position when pressure cooking.

#### Why is the time counting down so slowly?

• You may have set hours rather than minutes. When setting time, the display will show HH:MM and the time will increase/decrease in minute increments.

#### How can I tell when the unit is pressurizing?

• The rotating lights will display on the screen to indicate the unit is building pressure.

#### Lights are rotating on the display screen when using the Pressure or Steam function.

• This indicates the unit is building pressure or preheating when using STEAM or PRESSURE. When the unit has finished building pressure, your set cook time will begin counting down.

#### There is a lot of steam coming from my unit when using the Steam function.

• It's normal for steam to release through the pressure release valve during cooking. Leave the pressure release valve in the VENT position for Steam, Slow Cook, and Sear/Sauté.

#### Why can't I take the pressure lid off?

• As a safety feature, the pressure lid will not unlock until the unit is completely depressurized. To release pressure, turn the pressure release valve to the VENT position to quick release the pressurized steam. A quick burst of steam will spurt out of the pressure release valve. When the steam is completely released, the unit will be ready to open. To unlock the pressure lid, turn it counterclockwise. Lift the lid at an angle to prevent splatter. Do not lift the lid straight up

#### Is the pressure release valve supposed to be loose?

• Yes. The pressure release valve's loose fit is intentional; it enables a quick and easy transition between SEAL and VENT and helps regulate pressure by releasing small amounts of steam during cooking to ensure great results. Please make sure it is turned as far as possible toward the SEAL position when pressure cooking and as far as possible toward the VENT position when quick releasing.

#### The unit is hissing and not reaching pressure.

• Make sure the pressure release valve is turned to the SEAL position. If you've done this and still hear a loud hissing noise, it may indicate your silicone seal is not fully in place. Press START/STOP to stop cooking, VENT as necessary, and remove the pressure lid. Press down on the silicone ring, ensuring it is fully inserted and lies flat under the ring rack. Once fully installed, you should be able to tug lightly on the ring to rotate it.

#### The unit is counting up rather than down.

• The cooking cycle is complete and the unit is in Keep Warm mode.

#### How long does the unit take to depressurize?

• The time it takes to release pressure depends on the quantity of food in the system and can vary from recipe to recipe. Always ensure the float valve has dropped before trying to remove the lid. If the system is taking longer than normal to depressurize please unplying the unit and wait until the float valve drops before interacting with the product.

#### "POT" error message appears on display screen.

Cooking pot is not inside the cooker base. Cooking pot is required for all functions.

#### "LID" error message appears on display screen and lid icon flashes.

 The incorrect lid is installed for your desired cooking function. Place the pressure lid on the unit if you want to use the Pressure, Slow Cook, Steam, Sear/Sauté, or Keep Warm functions. Make sure the lid is in the closed position.

#### "SHUT" error message appears on display screen.

• The crisping lid is open and needs to be closed for the selected function to start.

#### "VENT" error message appears on display screen.

- When set to Slow Cook or Sear/Sauté, and the unit senses pressure building up, this message indicates the pressure release valve is in the SEAL position.
- Turn the pressure release valve to the VENT position and leave it there for the remainder of the cooking function.
- If you do not turn the pressure release valve to the VENT position within 5 minutes, the program will cancel and the unit will shut off.

#### "WATR" error message appears on display screen when using the Steam function.

• The water level is too low. Add more water to the unit for the function to continue.

#### "WATR" error message appears on display screen when using the Pressure function.

- Add more liquid to the cooking pot before restarting the pressure cook cycle.
- Make sure the pressure release valve is in the SEAL position.
- · Make sure the silicone ring is installed correctly.

#### "HOT" error message appears on display screen.

- This indicates the unit has overheated Let the unit cool down
- Once unit has cooled down, ensure there is no food caked on the bottom of the pot and there is enough liquid in the pot for the recipe you are preparing.

#### "ERR" message appears.

• The unit is not functioning properly. Please contact Customer Service at 1-877-646-5288.

- For consistent browning, make sure ingredients are arranged in an even layer in the Cook & Crisp™ Plate or cooking pot with no overlapping. If ingredients are overlapping, make sure to shake them halfway through the set cook time.
- For smaller ingredients that could fall through the broil rack, we recommend first placing them on parchment paper or foil.
- When switching from pressure cooking to using the crisping lid, we recommend emptying the pot of any remaining liquid for best crisping results.
- Press and hold down the TIME up or down arrow to get to your desired time faster.
- Use the Keep Warm mode to keep food at a warm, food-safe temperature after cooking. To prevent food from drying out, we recommend keeping the pressure lid closed and using this function just before serving. To reheat cold food, use the Air Crisp function.

### **REPLACEMENT PARTS**

To order additional parts and accessories, visit niniaaccessories, com or contact Customer Service at 1-877-646-5288

## **ONE (1) YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY**

Shark NINJA

The One (1) Year Limited Warranty applies to purchases made from authorized retailers of SharkNinja Operating LLC. Warranty coverage applies to the original owner and to the original product only and is not transferable.

SharkNinja warrants that the unit shall be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase when it is used under normal household conditions and maintained according to the requirements outlined in the Owner's Guide, subject to the following conditions and exclusions:

#### What is covered by this warranty?

- 1. The original unit and/or non-wearable parts deemed defective, in SharkNinja's sole discretion, will be repaired or replaced up to one (1) year from the original purchase date.
- 2. In the event a replacement unit is issued, the warranty coverage ends six (6) months following the receipt date of the replacement unit or the remainder of the existing warranty, whichever is later. SharkNinia reserves the right to replace the unit with one of equal or greater value.

#### What is not covered by this warranty?

- 1. Normal wear and tear of wearable parts (including removable pot, silicone ring, lids, racks, baskets, etc.) that require regular maintenance and/or replacement to ensure the proper functioning of your unit, are not covered by this warranty. Replacement parts are available for purchase at ninjaaccessories.com.
- 2. Any unit that has been tampered with or used for commercial purposes
- 3. Damage caused by misuse, abuse, negligent handling, failure to perform required maintenance (e.g., failure to keep the main unit, pressure lid, and crisping lid clear of food spills and other debris), or damage due to mishandling in transit.
- 4. Consequential and incidental damages.
- 5. Defects caused by repair persons not authorized by SharkNinja. These defects include damages caused in the process of shipping, altering, or repairing the SharkNinja product (or any of its parts) when the repair is performed by a repair person not authorized by SharkNinia.
- 6. Products purchased, used, or operated outside North America.

#### How to get service

If your appliance fails to operate properly while in use under normal household conditions within the warranty period, visit **ninjakitchen.com/support** for product care and maintenance self-help. Our Customer Service Specialists are also available at 1-877-646-5288 to assist with product support and warranty service options. So we may better assist you, please register your product online at **registeryourninja.com** and have the product on hand when you call.

SharkNinia will cover the cost for the customer to send in the unit to us for repair or replacement. A fee of \$19.95 (subject to change) will be charged when SharkNinia ships the repaired or replacement unit.

#### How to initiate a warranty claim

You must call 1-877-646-5288 to initiate a warranty claim. You will need the receipt as proof of purchase. We also ask that you register your product online at registeryourninja.com and have the product on hand when you call, so we may better assist you. A Customer Service Specialist will provide you with return and packing instruction information.

#### How state law applies

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you also may have other rights that vary from state to state. Some states do not permit the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above may not apply to you.

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