

get started

**INSTANT® VORTEX™ PLUS
DUAL AIR FRYER 8QT**

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Welcome

Welcome to your new Instant® Vortex™ Plus!

This Instant Vortex Plus Dual Air Fryer can help you cook delicious meals with less oil and less hassle. We hope you fall in love with Instant air frying, and enjoy it in your kitchen for years to come!

⚠️ WARNING

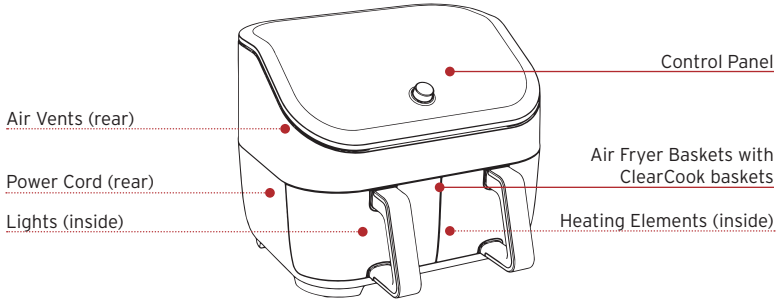
Before using your new Vortex Plus, read all instructions, including the Safety and Warranty document. Failure to follow the safeguards and instructions may result in injury and/or property damage.

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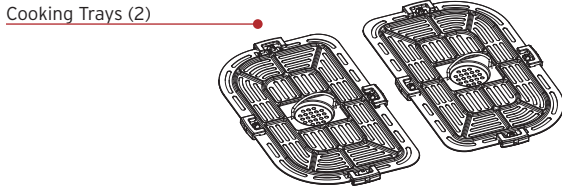
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WHAT'S IN THE BOX

Air Fryer



Parts + accessories



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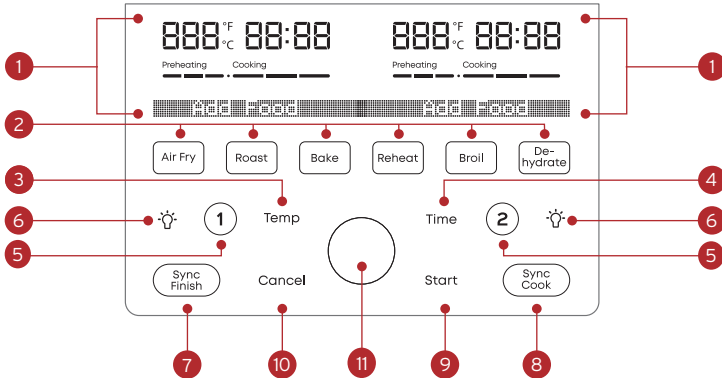
Remember to recycle!

We designed this packaging with sustainability in mind. Please recycle everything that can be recycled where you live. Be sure to keep this Guide, along with the Safety and Warranty insert for reference.

USING YOUR VORTEX PLUS

Control panel

We've designed the control panel to be simple to use and easy to read.



1. Left + Right Basket Status Display
 - Cooking temperature
 - Cooking time
 - Messages
 - Error codes
2. Smart Programs
3. Temperature Control
 - Increase or decrease cooking temperature
4. Time Control
 - Increase or decrease cooking time
5. Left (1) + Right (2) Basket Selectors
6. Light
7. SyncFinish
 - Set separate programs to end at the same time
8. SyncCook
 - Match right and left basket settings
9. Start
10. Cancel
11. Control Panel

Turning the sound On/Off

You can set notification sounds to ON or OFF.

- When in Ready or cooking modes, press and hold **Time** and **Temp** for 5 seconds until the display shows **Sound On** or **Sound Off**.

Error alerts cannot be turned off.

Choosing the temperature scale

You can display cooking temperature in either Fahrenheit or Celsius.

- When in Ready or Cooking modes, press and hold **Temp** for 5 seconds until the display shows °F or °C.

Reset Smart Programs to original settings

Reset individual Smart Programs

- Once you've selected the Smart Program, press and hold that Smart Program button for 3 seconds.

The Smart Program's button blinks and the cooking time and temperature are restored to the factory default setting.

Reset all Smart Programs

- With the cooker in Ready mode, press and hold the **Control Dial** for 3 seconds until the cooker beeps.

All Smart Program cooking times and temperatures are restored to the factory default setting.

INITIAL SET UP

Unpack

1. Remove your new Vortex Plus from the box.
2. Remove all the packaging material from in and around the air fryer.
3. Make sure to remove all the accessories from inside the air fryer.
4. Don't remove the safety warning stickers or the rating label from the air fryer.

Clean before use

1. Wipe the interior with a damp cloth. Use a clean, soft cloth to dry.
2. Wash the accessories with hot water and dish soap. Rinse with warm, clear water and use a soft cloth to dry.

Placement

1. Place your Vortex Plus on a stable, level surface, away from combustible material and external heat sources. Do not place your Vortex Plus on top of another appliance.
2. Make sure to leave at least 5 in / 13 cm of space above and around all sides of the appliance to allow for sufficient air flow.

Test run

Before using your new Vortex Plus for the first time, perform a test run to ensure everything is working correctly.

To perform a test run:

1. Follow the instructions for cooking on page 7.
2. Insert the cooking basket, but do not add food.
3. Select basket 1.
4. The Air Fry program activates by default.
5. Change the cooking temperature to 400°F / 205°C.

6. Change the cooking time to 18 minutes.
7. Select basket **2**.
8. The Air Fry program activates by default.
9. Change the cooking temperature to 400°F / 205°C.
10. Change the cooking time to 18 minutes.
11. Press **Start** and the air fryer starts the test run.
12. When the display shows **Add Food**, just wait 10 seconds for the program to resume (do not add any food).
13. When the display shows **Turn Food**, just wait 10 seconds for the program to resume.
14. After the cooking session is done, let the unit cool.

Now you're ready to cook a meal in your Instant Vortex Plus!

COOKING

The Vortex Plus uses rapid air circulation to crisp or cook food, giving your meals all the rich, crispy flavor of deep frying, with little to no oil.

⚠ WARNING

HOT SURFACES

The air fryer will be hot during and after cooking. Always exercise extreme caution when removing food from the hot cooking chamber. Touching hot surfaces may result in personal injury, and/or property damage.

MUST ALLOW AIR FLOW

To prevent personal injury, do not block air intake or air vents.

What to cook in

The cooking basket and cooking tray are perforated to allow air to flow under and around your food, and should be used for most foods, like wings and cauliflower bites.

You can place food right on the cooking tray, without using foil or other coverings.

For the Baking program only, you can use a metal or glass baking dish to hold things like batter for cakes and dough for breads. Place the baking dish inside the cooking basket for baking.

How to cook

These instructions explain how to cook using one basket at a time. See below for information on using both baskets.

Prep

Thaw, cut, season or batter your ingredients according to your recipe.

Preheat

1. Insert the cooking basket into the air fryer.
2. Press **1** (to cook in left basket) or **2** (to cook in right basket).

The Air Fry button blinks and the display shows the default time and temperature.

3. If you want to select a smart program other than Air Fry, press the button for the program you want to use.

The default time and temperature are displayed for that smart program.

4. If you want to adjust the cooking time, press **Time** and use the Control Dial to increase or decrease it.
5. If you want to adjust the cooking temperature, press **Temp** and use the Control Dial to increase or decrease it.
6. Press **Start** to begin. The status bar shows **Preheating**.
7. When the cooker reaches the target temperature, the display shows **Add Food**.

Note: Add Food applies to Air Fry, Roast, Bake and Broil only.

Cook

1. Remove the cooking basket and place your food into the basket.
2. Insert the cooking basket into the air fryer.
3. Cooking begins and the cooking countdown timer starts.

Turn

1. Part way through the cooking cycle the display shows **Turn Food**.

*If you do not remove the basket after **Turn Food** displays, cooking will proceed after 10 seconds.*

2. Remove the basket and carefully turn, flip, or rotate your food.
3. Insert the basket again. Cooking continues.

Finish

- When the smart program completes, the air fryer beeps and the display shows **End**.

The air fryer beeps after 5 minutes, 20 minutes, and 60 minutes to remind you that cooking has completed.

Cooking in both baskets

Read the instructions for “using both baskets” on page 14 to learn how to:

- Use both baskets with different settings.
- Use both baskets with matching settings.
- Use both baskets with different settings, and have both programs finish at the same time.

Changing cooking time during cooking

You can change the cooking time after you've started a smart program:

1. Press **1** or **2** to select the basket you want to change.
2. Press **Time** and use the Control Dial to increase or decrease it.
3. Then press the Control Dial to confirm the change.
4. Press **Start** to continue cooking.

If you don't press Start, cooking continues using the former settings.

Changing cooking temperature during cooking

You can change the cooking time after you've started a smart program:

1. Press **1** or **2** to select the basket you want to change.
2. Press **Temperature** and use the Control Dial to increase or decrease it.
3. Then press the Control Dial to confirm the change.
4. Press **Start** to continue cooking.

If you don't press Start, cooking continues using the former settings.

Cancel cooking during cooking

You can cancel cooking at any time after you've started a smart program:

1. Press **1** or **2** to select the basket you want to cancel.
2. Press **Cancel**.

*If you press **Cancel** without selecting a basket, both baskets will be canceled.*

SMART PROGRAMS

Air Fry

You can air fry foods like fries, cauliflower bites, wings, nuggets and more.

Setting	Default	Minimum	Maximum
Temperature	385°F / 196°C	180°F / 82°C	400°F / 205°C
Cooking Time	15 minutes (00:15)	1 minute (00:01)	1 hour (01:00)

To air fry

- Follow the basic instructions for Cooking.
- Select “Air Fry” as the Smart Program.

Roast

You can roast foods like beef, lamb, pork, poultry, vegetables and scalloped potatoes, for a deliciously tender inside and browned outside.

Setting	Default	Minimum	Maximum
Temperature	400°F / 205°C	180°F / 82°C	400°F / 205°C
Cooking Time	18 minutes (00:18)	1 minute (00:01)	1 hour (01:00)

To roast

- Follow the basic instructions for Cooking.
- Select “Roast” as the Smart Program.

Bake

You can bake foods like breads, cakes, pastries and buns, with the Vortex as your own “mini oven”.

Setting	Default	Minimum	Maximum
Temperature	350°F / 176°C	180°F / 82°C	400°F / 205°C
Cooking Time	20 minutes (00:20)	1 minute (00:01)	1 hour (01:00)

To bake

- Follow the basic instructions for Cooking.
- Select “Bake” as the Smart Program.
- There is no need to turn the food partway through cooking.

Leave approximately 1 in / 2.5 cm of space around all sides of the baking dish to allow heat to circulate evenly.

Broil

Broiling cooks using direct top-down heating, perfect for melting cheese on French onion soup, and nachos.

Setting	Default	Minimum	Maximum
Temperature	400°F / 205°C	400°F / 205°C	450°F / 232°C
Cooking Time	6 minutes (00:06)	1 minute (00:01)	30 minutes (00:30)

To broil

- Follow the basic instructions for Cooking.
- Select “Broil” as the Smart Program.
- There is no need to turn the food partway through cooking.

Dehydrate

Dehydrating uses low heat over a long period of time to safely dry out food items, like dried fruit, jerky and dried veggies.

Setting	Default	Minimum	Maximum
Temperature	130°F / 54°C	95°F / 35°C	175°F / 79°C
Cooking Time	8 hours (08:00)	1 hour (01:00)	72 hours (72:00)

To dehydrate

- Follow the basic instructions for Cooking.
- Select “Dehydrate” as the Smart Program.
- There is no need to turn the food partway through cooking.

Reheat

Bring the crisp and crunch back to leftover fries, pizza and stale bread, in just a few minutes.

Setting	Default	Minimum	Maximum
Temperature	280°F / 138°C	120°F / 49°C	360°F / 182°C
Cooking Time	10 minutes (00:10)	1 minute (00:01)	1 hour (01:00)

To reheat

- Follow the basic instructions for Cooking.
- Select “Reheat” as the Smart Program.

Once this Smart Cooking function starts, the display will show the target temperature and cooking time immediately, there's no preheating time.

USING BOTH BASKETS

The Vortex Plus Dual Air Fryer let you use cook in both baskets at the same time, with 3 options:

Cook in both baskets

Cook in both baskets at the same time, using different programs and settings.

SyncCook

Cook in both baskets at the same time, using the same program and settings for both.

SyncFinish

Cook in both baskets at the same time, using different programs and settings for each, but finish cooking at the same time.

How to cook in both baskets

1. Follow the instructions for Cooking on page 7 and any specific instructions for the smart program you want to use.
2. Set up your first program in the left basket (select 1), including any changes to time and temperature settings if you want.
3. Press **2** to start setting up a second smart program in the right basket including any changes to time and temperature settings if you want.
4. Then press **Start** and continue following the instructions for Cooking.

You can also start the first program in the right basket (select 2) and then set up the left basket (select 1).

How to SyncCook

1. Follow the instructions for Cooking on page 7 and any specific instructions for the smart program you want to use.
2. After you've set up your first program (in either basket) but before pressing Start, press **SyncCook**.

The SyncCook icon displays. 

3. Then press **Start** and continue following the instructions for Cooking.

About SyncCook

- You can change the cooking time and temperature settings for both baskets (SyncCook will remain ON) by adjusting the cooking time or temperature.
- You can change the cooking time and temperature settings for either basket (SyncCook will turn OFF) by pressing **1** or **2** to select a basket to change and then adjusting the cooking time or temperature.
- If you remove one basket during cooking, the other basket will keep cooking. The display will still show the SyncCook icon, but the cooking times will be different in the two baskets.

How to SyncFinish

1. Follow the instructions for Cooking on page 7 and any specific instructions for the smart program you want to use.
2. Set up your first program in either basket (select **1** or **2**) including any changes to time and temperature settings if you want.
3. Press **1** or **2** to select the other basket and start setting up a smart program in that basket, including any changes to time and temperature settings if you want.
4. Press **SyncFinish**.

The SyncFinish icon displays. 

5. Press **Start** and continue following the instructions for Cooking.

The air fryer will calculate the cooking times and start cooking each basket at the appropriate time so they finish together.

About SyncFinish

- If you need to remove one of the baskets during cooking, cooking in the other basket will pause to keep the two in sync.

Ending SyncCook

You can end SyncCook at any time to make changes to one or both cooking programs.

1. Press **1** or **2** to select the basket you'd like to make changes to.
SyncCook stops and the icon no longer displays.
2. Adjust the cooking time or temperature settings and press the **Control Dial** to confirm the changes.
3. Press **Start** to continue cooking, with each basket cooking with its own program and settings.

Ending SyncFinish

You can end SyncFinish if you need to make changes to the cooking programs by pressing **Cancel**. After that, reselect a program and settings for each basket.

CLEANING

Clean your Instant Vortex Plus after each use. Always let all parts cool to room temperature before cleaning. Before use or storing, make sure all surfaces are dry.

⚠ WARNING

To prevent electric shock, unplug before cleaning.

DO NOT immerse power cord, plug or the appliance in water or other liquid, which may result in electric shock.

Part	Cleaning instructions
Cooking trays	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dishwasher safe.*• The cooking trays have a non-stick coating. Avoid using metal utensils when cleaning.
Removable air fryer basket	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean with a damp cloth and mild dish soap.
Cooking chamber	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean with a damp cloth and mild dish soap.• Always check the heating coil and cooking chamber walls for oil spatter and food debris, and clean as needed.• Ensure the heating coil is dry before turning on the air fryer.• To remove baked-on grease and food residue from the cooking chamber, spray with a mixture of baking soda and vinegar and wipe clean with damp cloth. For stubborn stains, allow the mixture to sit on the affected area for several minutes before scrubbing clean.
Power cord	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean with a soft, damp cloth or sponge. Wipe dry.

**Some discoloration may occur after machine washing, but this will not affect the cooker's safety or performance.*

In the manual

For full details, read the User Manual, available at instanthome.com

LEARN MORE

There's a whole world of Instant® Vortex™ Plus information and help just waiting for you. Here are some of the most helpful resources.

Get the full User Manual

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Product specifications

Model	Volume	Wattage	Power	Weight	Dimensions
DAF8132BK [Black]	Total 8 Quart 7.5 Litres Each basket 4 Quart 3.7 Litres	1700 watts	120V/ 60Hz	16.42 lbs 7.45 kgs	in: 15.12 L x 15.87 W x 12.48 H cm: 38.4 L x 40.3 W x 31.7 H
DAF8132SS [Stainless]	Total 8 Quart 7.5 Litres Each basket 4 Quart 3.7 Litres	1700 watts	120V/ 60Hz	17.42 lbs 7.9 kgs	in: 15.12 L x 15.87 W x 12.48 H cm: 38.4 L x 40.3 W x 31.7 H

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