

cookworks

1.5 Litre Deep Fat Fryer

Model No. XJ-10301



Care & Instruction Manual

For household and indoor use only

Please read these instructions before use and retain for future reference



ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- You should only plug the appliance into a 220V-240V AC, 50Hz supply. Connecting it to other power sources may damage the appliance and will invalidate the guarantee.
- Switch off and unplug when not in use and before cleaning the appliance.
- Keep the appliance and its cord out of reach of children less than 8 years.
- This appliance shall not be used by children from year 0 to 8 years. This appliance can be used by children aged from 8 years if they are continuously supervised. The appliance can be used by people 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 involved. Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be made by children.
- Keep cooker housing, cable, and plug dry and away from areas where it is likely to get splashed. Never immerse in water.
- Do not pull on the cable to disconnect from the mains supply.
- Do not operate the appliance if damaged or after it malfunctions. In the event the supply cord is damaged, in order to avoid a hazard it must only be replaced by a qualified service engineer, with a suitably approved part.
- This appliance must be positioned so that the plug is accessible and the plug socket is within easy reach of the power cord.
- This appliance must be plugged in to an earthed socket outlet.

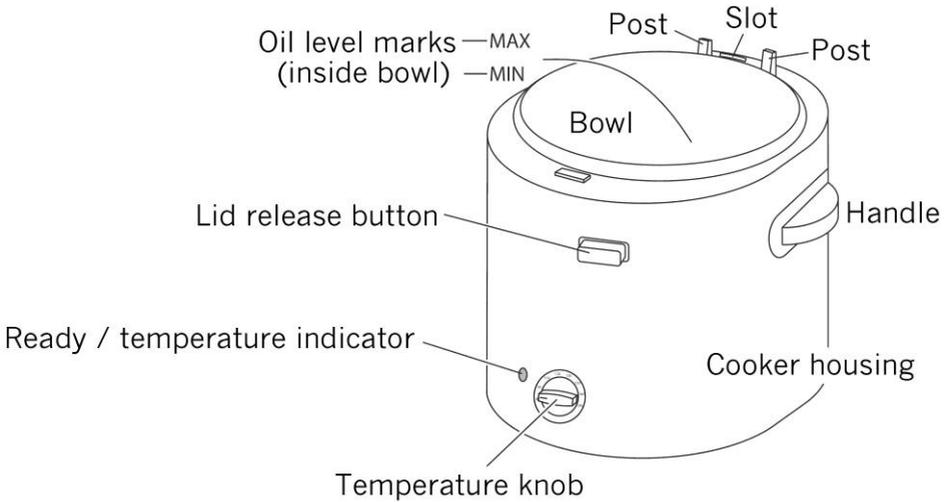
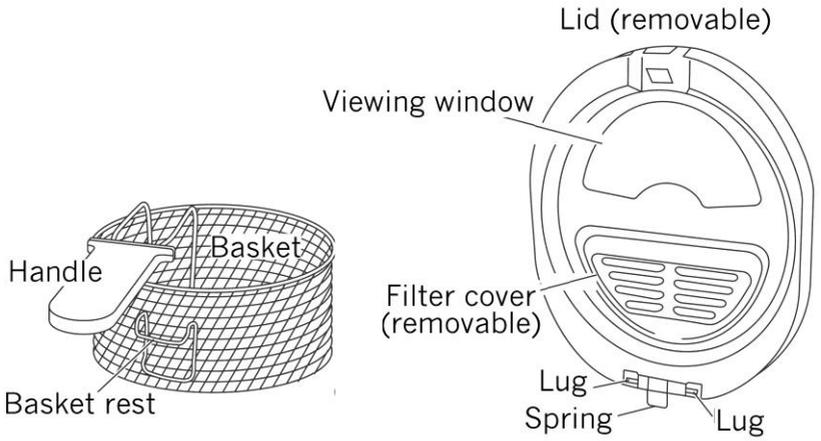
WARNING!

- This appliance is intended exclusively for use in domestic households. It is not suitable for commercial use.
- Cooking appliances should be positioned in a stable situation with handles positioned to avoid spillage of hot liquids.
- Never leave the fryer unattended during use or move the fryer when the oil is hot.
-  The surfaces of the fryer are liable to become hot during and immediately after use; wear oven gloves when handling the appliance and use long handled utensils when checking the food. Note the fryer and heating elements are subject to residual heat after use.
- Do not use the fryer on, near or under surfaces that are heat sensitive or those that may be damaged by steam.
- Do not fill the oil tank above maximum level marked or below the minimum level. Check the oil level before each use.
- Do not over fill the frying basket. Take care not to fill beyond $\frac{2}{3}$ full for most foods and a maximum of 300g of chips.
- To help prevent burns; always close the lid whilst the food is cooking and stand back when raising the lid and allow the steam to escape. Do not reach over the appliance while it is in operation.
- Only use with the parts provided and to heat cooking oil.
- Do not operate the fryer using a timer or separate remote control.
- Do not mix different types of oil.
- Do not cover and allow the fryer to cool completely before storing.
- In the unlikely event that a fat fire occurs, close the lid. Unplug the fryer and smother the flames with a damp cloth.

FOOD SAFETY

- Thoroughly defrost frozen meat, poultry, fish and seafood in the refrigerator before cooking unless cooking from frozen advice is provided by the food packaging.
- Keep raw meat and poultry separate from cooked foods.
- Always wash hands after handling raw meat and poultry, before handling any ready to eat foods.
- Wipe and disinfect surfaces that have been in contact with raw meat and poultry.
- Use separate utensils for handling raw meat/poultry and cooked food or wash them thoroughly between use.
- To check whether meat, particularly poultry, is cooked, pierce the flesh with a skewer or fork; the juices should run clear. Ensure the product is piping hot throughout.
- Fish is cooked when it appears opaque and can be flaked easily.

PARTS



BEFORE FIRST USE

1. Clean in accordance with the cleaning section of these instructions.
2. Become familiar with -
 - The parts of the fryer – See page 5
 - How to open and close the lid – See fig. 1
 - How to unfold the frying basket handle – See figs. 2
 - The drainage position for the frying basket - See fig. 3
 - How to remove and refit the lid – See fig. 5 & 9
 - How to remove and refit the filter – See figs 6 to 8.

TO USE

1. Press the lid release button to open the lid and lift out the frying basket (fig.1)
2. Unfold the handle of the frying basket and ensure it clicks fully into position (figs.2)
3. Check that the lid is securely fitted after cleaning and that the temperature control knob is set to OFF.

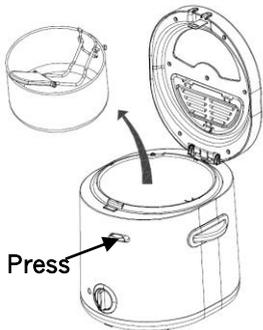


Fig 1



Figs.2

4. Place the fryer on a stable, flat, heat resistant surface and away from flammable materials and surfaces that may be damaged by steam. Check that the plug will reach a socket and that it can be accessed without reaching over the fryer.
5. Fill the tank with cooking oil to the required level marked inside the oil tank. Do not fill past the maximum (1.5 litre) or below the minimum (1 litre) level.

TO USE (CONTINUED)

6. To help prevent the build up of condensation during frying, smear a little cold oil onto the underside of the viewing window.
7. Close the lid.
8. Rotate the temperature control knob and set the temperature to the required cooking temperature.
9. Fully unwind the cable, plug in and switch on. For your safety do not allow the cable to dangle over the edge of units. The power / temperature indicator will illuminate.
10. When the oil has reached the required cooking temperature the ready / temperature indicator will extinguish.
11. Place the food to be cooked into the frying basket taking care not to fill beyond $\frac{2}{3}$ full for most foods and a maximum of 300g of chips.
12. Open the lid of the fryer, place the basket **slowly** into the fryer and close the lid.
13. Frying progress can be viewed via the viewing window. Alternatively, open the lid (taking care to observe the safety advice), and lift the frying basket to check.
14. If the food requires further cooking, replace the basket and food back into the oil and close the lid
15. When frying is complete, open the lid and hook the basket onto the front lip of the oil tank (fig. 3) to permit the oil to drain back into the oil tank for a short while.
16. When cooking has been completed, switch off at the mains and close the lid.
17. Allow the oil to cool fully (at least 3 hours) before emptying and cleaning the fryer.

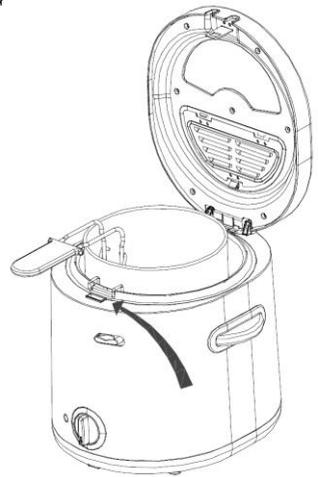


Fig.3

TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL FRYING

- Choose oil that can withstand high temperatures.
- Do not mix different types of oils.
- Change the oil regularly (8-12 uses) or when it discolours. Some cooking oils (e.g. sunflower oils) need to be changed more frequently.
- Dry food thoroughly before frying and remove any ice from frozen foods to prevent oil overflowing and to extend the life of the oil.
- Rinse raw starchy foods (e.g. potatoes) with water and pat dry to help prevent them from sticking together.
- Do not over fill the frying basket and separate food where possible. Take care not to fill the basket beyond $\frac{2}{3}$ full for most foods and a maximum of 300g of chips.
- After frying do not leave the food draining in the frying basket for too long as the steam will soften any coatings.
- Raw foods usually require frying at a lower temperature than cooked or partially cooked foods.
- Smaller quantities of food will cook faster than larger quantities.
- The cooking time will vary according to the shape, thickness and composition of the food.
- Smaller pieces will cook quicker than larger pieces. For best results, ensure pieces of food are similar in size.
- Arrange the food with spaces between the pieces to allow even frying.
- Cook foods with a lighter flavour before those with stronger flavours to help prevent flavour taint.

FRYING CHART

- All the times stated in the table are a guide only - always check that the centre of the food is piping hot.
- The times will vary according to personal choice, the type of oil used size or thickness of food being cooked (e.g. one large piece will take longer to cook than several smaller pieces of an equivalent weight).
- Always check food packaging for suitability for frying and use any recommended cooking times and temperatures stated on the packaging.

Food	Quantity	Frying temp. (°C)	Time (min)
Fresh foods			
French fries / Chips*	300g *	160*	6 – 9
Potato croquettes	4 - 5 pieces	170	3 – 4
Mushrooms (button)	Single layer	170	4 – 5
Aubergine slices	350g	190	3 – 4
Breaded fish fillets (e.g. plaice, sole)	3 pieces / 215g	160	5 – 7
Camembert wedges (breaded)	3 – 4 pieces	190	2 – 3
Prawns (raw)	8 – 10 pieces	180	3 – 4
Chicken nuggets	8-10 pieces	180	3 – 4
Potato croquettes	4 - 5 pieces	170	3 – 4

FRYING CHART (CONTINUED)

Frozen food			
Chips	150g	175	4 – 5
Potato croquettes	6 - 8 pieces	190	5 – 6
Mushrooms (breaded whole)	10 pieces	190	4 – 5
Fried onion rings	6 – 8 pieces	190	3 – 4
Breaded scampi	16 pieces / 250g	180	4 – 5
Fish fillets (e.g. cod, haddock)	3 fillets	190	8 - 10
Fish fingers	8 pieces	190	4 – 5
Chicken nuggets	8 – 10 pieces	190	3 – 5

- If cooking thicker chips or larger quantities of fresh chips, partially cook the chips in small batches ahead of the required time. Cook chips at 150 °C until soft to the feel and light golden colour and then remove the chips from the fryer (place on a plate lined with kitchen towel) and allow to cool. When the chips are required, heat the oil to 190°C and fry until crisp and a mid golden colour. Each batch will take about a minute until crisp and allows batches of chips to be ready to eat in a short time.

CLEANING

To maximize the efficiency of the fryer, clean regularly.

1. Switch off and unplug the fryer and allow it and the oil to cool completely.
2. Open the lid and the pull the lid upwards to remove (fig. 4 & 5) and lift out the frying basket.

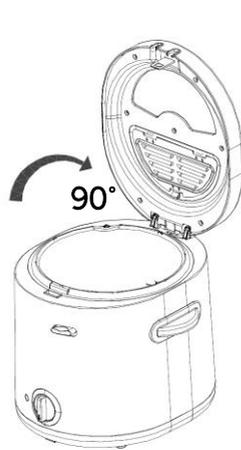


Fig. 4

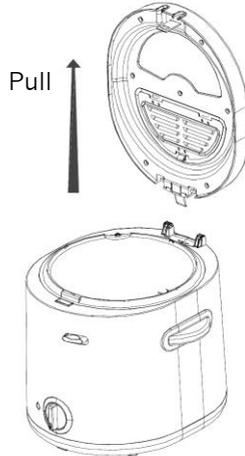


Fig 5

3. Press the filter cover lever (fig. 6), remove the filter cover (fig. 7) and the remove the filter (fig.8). Wash the filter in hot soapy water.

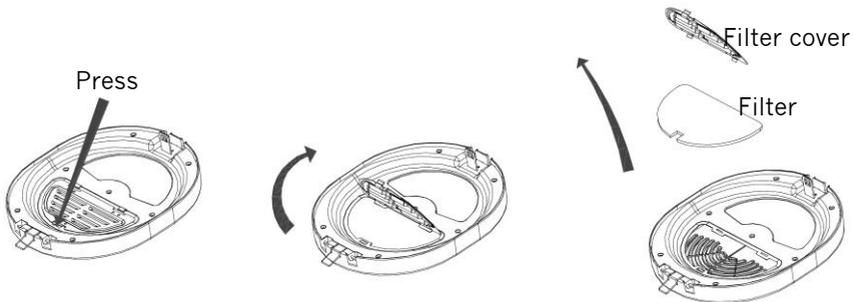


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Fig. 7

Fig. 8

4. Wash the lid, frying basket and filter cover in hot water with a little washing up liquid. Rinse and dry thoroughly. Do not use detergent or abrasives as these may scratch the surface. Not suitable for the dishwasher.

CLEANING (CONTINUED)

5. Carefully lift the cooker housing and using a funnel pour the cold cooking oil into a storage container. **It is not recommended that the oil is stored in the fryer between uses.**
6. Wipe the inside of the oil tank with kitchen towel until most of the oil has been removed before wiping all of the cooker housing with a soft damp cloth soaked in soapy water. Rinse and dry surfaces with a soft dry cloth. Do not use detergent or abrasives as these may scratch the surface. **Never immerse the cooker housing in water.**
7. After cleaning, reassemble the fryer. To refit the lid, fit the spring on the lid into the slot of the cooker housing, align the posts and lugs and push together. Refit the filter and filter cover to the lid. The frying basket handle can be refolded for storage.

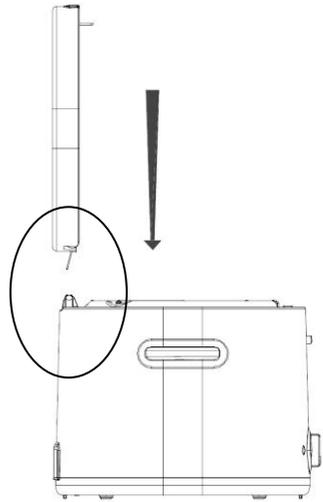


Fig 9

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

Cookworks Semi Professional Fryer	
Model	XJ-10301
Rated Voltage & Frequency	220 - 240V AC 50-60Hz
Rated Power Input	1000W
Capacity	1.5 litre
Class rating	1 (earthed)
BS 1362 fuse	10A
Product dimensions (external)	255 x 270 x 220 mm
Product weight (net)	1.6 kg approx.



RECYCLING ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS



This marking indicates that this product should not be disposed with other household wastes throughout the EU. To prevent possible harm to the environment or human health from uncontrolled waste disposal, recycle it responsibly to promote the sustainable reuse of material resources. To return your used device, please use the return and collection systems or contact the retailer where the product was purchased. They can take this product for environmental safe recycling.

PLUG / WIRING ADVICE

The wires in this mains lead are coloured in accordance with the following UK electrical code:

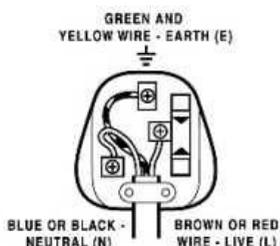
- BLUE = NEUTRAL
- BROWN = LIVE
- GREEN + YELLOW = EARTH

Non-rewireable plug

This appliance may be fitted with a “non-rewireable” plug. If you need to change the fuse in a “non-rewireable” plug, the fuse cover must be refitted. If the fuse cover is lost or damaged, the appliance must not be used.

Rewireable plug

The colours of the wires in the mains lead of this appliance may not correspond with the coloured markings identifying the terminals in a rewireable plug. **Rewireable plugs should only be replaced by a suitably competent person. If in doubt, consult a qualified electrician.**



The BLUE wire must be connected to the terminal marked with the letter N

The BROWN wire must be connected to the terminal marked with the letter L

The GREEN & YELLOW wire must be connecting to the terminal marked with the letter E or the earth symbol (⊕).

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This product is guaranteed against manufacturing defects for a period of



Year

This product is guaranteed for twelve months from the date of original purchase.

Any defect that arises due to faulty materials or workmanship will either be replaced, refunded or repaired free of charge where possible during this period by the dealer from whom you purchased the unit.

The guarantee is subject to the following provisions:

- The guarantee does not cover accidental damage, misuse, cabinet parts, knobs or consumable items.
- The product must be correctly installed and operated in accordance with the instructions contained in this manual. A replacement copy of this instruction manual can be obtained from www.argos-support.co.uk
- It must be used solely for domestic purpose.
- The guarantee will be rendered invalid if the product is re-sold or has been damaged by inexpert repair.
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