



OWNER'S GUIDE

AIR FRYER MAX XL

NOTE: Recipe book is not included.

It's important to read this Owner's Guide prior to using your new product for the first time.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY

Read all instructions before using your Ninja® Air Fryer Max XL.

When using electrical appliance, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following:

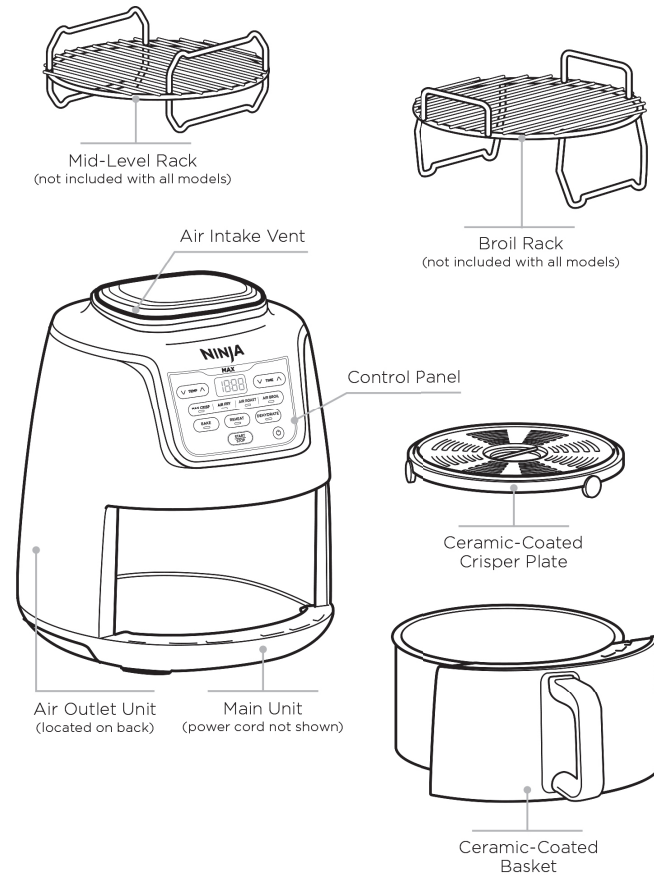
WARNINGS

- 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 involved.
2 Keep the appliance and its cord out of reach of children. DO NOT allow the appliance to be used by children.
3 To eliminate a choking hazard for young children, remove and discard the protective cover fitted on the power plug of this appliance.
4 Children shall not play with the appliance.
5 NEVER use electrical socket below counter.
6 NEVER connect this appliance to an external timer switch or separate remote-control system.
7 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.
8 To protect against electrical shock DO NOT immerse cord, plugs, or main unit housing in water or other liquid. Cook only in the ceramic-coated basket provided.
9 Regularly inspect the appliance and power cord. DO NOT use the appliance if there is damage to the power cord or plug.
10 ALWAYS ensure the appliance is properly assembled before use.
11 DO NOT cover the air intake vent or air socket vent while unit is operating.
12 Before placing removable ceramic-coated basket into the main unit, ensure basket and unit are clean and dry by wiping with a soft cloth.
13 This appliance is for household use only. DO NOT use this appliance for anything other than its intended use.
14 Intended for worktop use only. Ensure the surface is level, clean and dry.
15 DO NOT place the appliance near the edge of a worktop during operation.
16 DO NOT use accessory attachments not recommended or sold by SharkNinja.
17 DO NOT place the appliance in or near a microwave, toaster oven, convection oven, or conventional oven.
18 When using this appliance, provide adequate space above and on all sides for air circulation.

- 19 ALWAYS ensure basket is properly closed before operating.
20 DO NOT use the appliance without the removable ceramic-coated cooking basket installed.
21 DO NOT use this appliance for deep-frying.
22 DO NOT place appliance on hot surfaces or near a hot gas or electric burner or in a heated oven.
23 Prevent food contact with heating elements. DO NOT overfill when cooking.
24 Socket voltages can vary, affecting the performance of your product.
25 Should the unit emit black smoke, unplug immediately.
26 DO NOT touch hot surfaces.
27 Extreme caution must be used when the appliance contains hot food.
28 Spilled food can cause serious burns.
29 The basket and crisper plate become extremely hot during the cooking process.
30 Clearing and user maintenance shall not be made by children.
31 To disconnect, turn any control to OFF, then unplug from socket when not in use.
32 DO NOT clean with metal scouring pads.
33 Please refer to the Cleaning & Maintenance section for regular maintenance of the appliance.
34 This appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other).
35 Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot oil or other hot liquids.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
Voltage: 120V- 60Hz

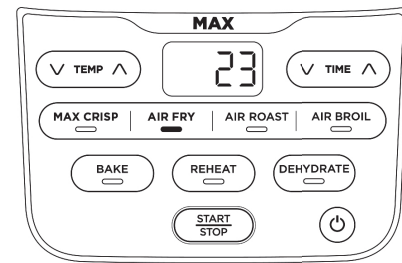
PARTS & ACCESSORIES



NOTE: Accessories may vary depending on the model.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOUR AIR FRYER MAX XL



When setting time, the digital display shows HH:MM. Display currently reads 23 minutes.

\*Not all functions are included on every model.

FUNCTION BUTTONS

- MAX CRISP: Use to give frozen foods extra crispiness and crunch with little to no oil.
AIR FRY: Use to give food crispiness and crunch with little to no oil.
AIR ROAST: Use the unit as a roaster oven for tender meats, vegetables, and more.
AIR BROIL: Use to caramelize and brown food.
BAKE: Create decadent baked treats and desserts.
REHEAT: Revive leftovers by gently warming them, leaving you with crispy results.
DEHYDRATE: Dehydrate meats, fruits, and vegetables for healthy snacks.

OPERATING BUTTONS

- TEMP arrows: Use the up and down TEMP arrows to adjust the cook temperature in any function, except Max Crisp, before or during cooking.
TIME arrows: Use the up and down TIME arrows to adjust the cook time in any function before or during cooking.
START/STOP button: After selecting the time and temperature, start cooking by pressing the START/STOP button.
POWER button: The Power button shuts off the unit and stops all cooking modes.
NOTE: After 10 minutes with no interaction with the control panel, the unit will enter standby mode.

BEFORE FIRST USE

- 1 Remove and discard all packaging material from the unit.
2 Remove all accessories from the package and read this manual carefully.
3 Wash the ceramic-coated basket, crisper plate, and accessories in hot, soapy water, then rinse and dry thoroughly. NEVER clean the main unit in the dishwasher.

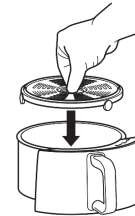
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USING THE COOKING FUNCTIONS

To turn on the unit, first plug the power cord into a wall outlet. Press the power button.

Max Crisp

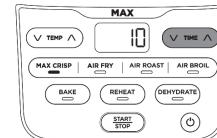
- 1 Install the crisper plate in the basket.



- 2 Press the MAX CRISP button. The default temperature setting will display. The temperature cannot be adjusted in the Max Crisp function.



- 3 Press the TIME up and down arrow buttons to set the cook time.

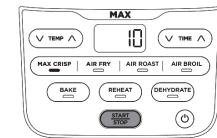


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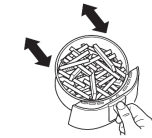
- 4 Add ingredients to the basket. Insert the basket in the unit.



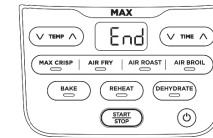
- 5 Press START/STOP to begin cooking.



- 6 To toss ingredients during cooking, remove basket and shake it back and forth. The unit will automatically pause when the basket is removed. Reinsert basket and cooking will resume.



- 7 When cooking is complete, the unit will beep and End will appear on the control panel display.



- 8 Remove ingredients by dumping them out or using oven mitts or silicone-tipped tongs/utensils.

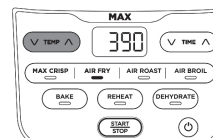


Air Fry

- 1 Install the crisper plate in the basket.



- 2 Press the AIR FRY button. The default temperature setting will display. Use the TEMP up and down arrow buttons to set your desired temperature.

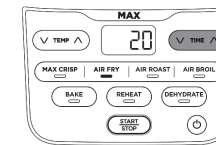


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The actual descriptions of control panel and their locations may vary, depending on the model.

Air Fry - Cont.

- 3 Press the TIME up and down arrow buttons to set the cook time.

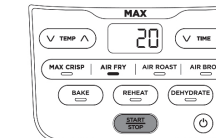


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- 4 Add ingredients to the basket. Insert the basket in the unit.



- 5 Press START/STOP to begin cooking.



Air Roast

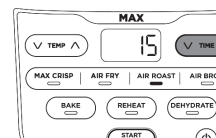
- 1 Install the crisper plate in the basket if needed.



- 2 Press the AIR ROAST button. The default temperature setting will display. Press the TEMP up and down arrow buttons to set your desired temperature.

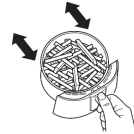


- 3 Press the TIME up and down arrow buttons to set the cook time.

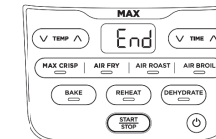


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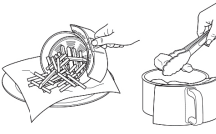
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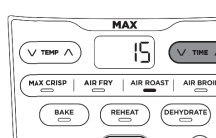
- 8 Remove ingredients by dumping them out or using oven mitts or silicone-tipped tongs/utensils.



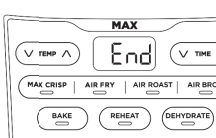
- 4 Add ingredients to the basket. Insert the basket in the unit.



- 5 Press START/STOP to begin cooking.



- 6 When cooking is complete, the unit will beep and End will appear on the control panel display.



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Take care to avoid coming into contact with a hot surface. SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

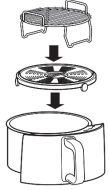


## USING YOUR AIR FRYER MAX XL – CONT.

**NOTE:** The Air Broil function and broil rack are not included on all models.

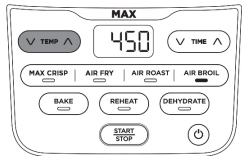
### Air Broil

- 1 Install the crisper plate and broil rack in the basket.

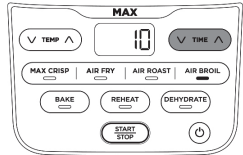


**NOTE:** For best results when broiling, use the broil rack. When using the broil rack, do not layer food below the rack.

- 2 Press the AIR BROIL button. The default temperature setting will display. Press the TEMP up and down arrow buttons to set your desired temperature.



- 3 Press the TIME up and down arrow buttons to set the cook time.

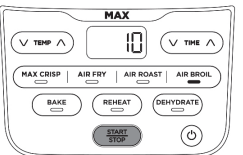


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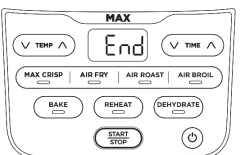
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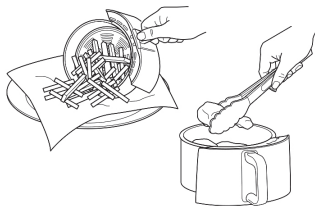
- 5 Press START/STOP to begin cooking.



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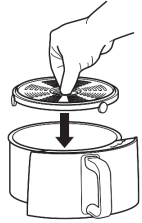


- 7 Remove ingredients by dumping them out or using oven mitts or silicone-tipped tongs/utensils.



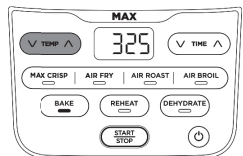
### Bake

- 1 Install the crisper plate in the basket if needed. If using a baking dish, the crisper plate is not needed.

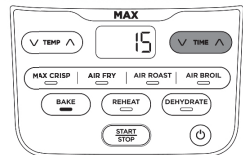


- 2 Press the BAKE button. The default temperature setting will display. Press the TEMP up and down arrow buttons to set your desired temperature.

**NOTE:** To convert recipes from a conventional oven, reduce the temperature of the air fryer by 25°F. Check food frequently to avoid overcooking.



- 3 Press the TIME up and down arrow buttons to set the cook time.

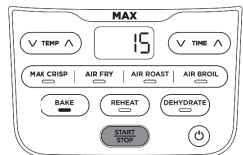


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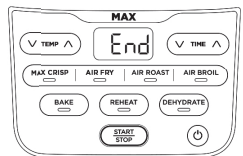
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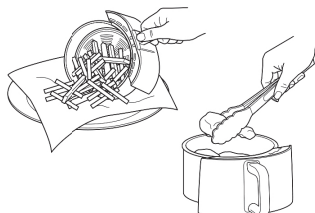
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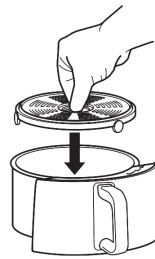


- 7 Remove ingredients by dumping them out or using oven mitts or silicone-tipped tongs/utensils.

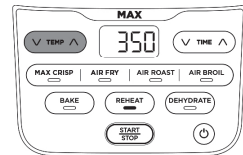


### Reheat

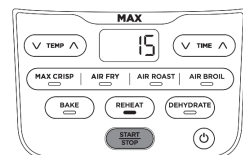
- 1 Install the crisper plate in the basket.



- 2 Press the REHEAT button. The default temperature setting will display. Press the TEMP up and down arrow buttons to set your desired temperature.

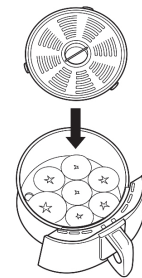


- 3 Press the TIME up and down arrow buttons to set the reheating time.

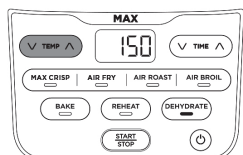


### Dehydrate

- 1 Place a layer of ingredients in the bottom of the basket. Then install the crisper plate in the basket and set a second layer of ingredients on the crisper plate.



**NOTE:** You can increase your air fryer's dehydrating capacity with the mid-level rack (Optional - Not supplied).



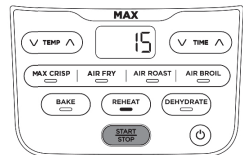
- 2 Insert the basket in the unit.

- 3 Press the DEHYDRATE button. The default temperature will display. Use the TEMP up and down arrow buttons to set your desired temperature.

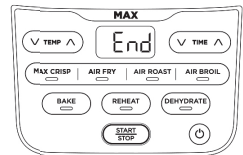
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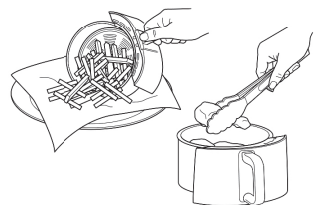
- 5 Press START/STOP to begin reheating.



- 6 When reheating is complete, the unit will beep and End will appear on the control panel display.



- 7 Remove ingredients by dumping them out or using oven mitts or silicone-tipped tongs/utensils.



## CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

### Cleaning Your Air Fryer Max XL

The unit should be cleaned thoroughly after every use.

- Unplug the unit from the wall outlet before cleaning.

**NOTE: NEVER** immerse the main unit in water or any other liquid. **NEVER** clean the main unit in a dishwasher.

- To clean the main unit and the control panel, wipe them clean with a damp cloth.
- The basket, crisper plate, and any accessories can be washed in the dishwasher.
- If food residue is stuck on the crisper plate or basket, place them in a sink filled with warm, soapy water and allow to soak.
- Air-dry or towel-dry all parts after use.

## HELPFUL TIPS

- 1 For consistent browning, make sure ingredients are arranged in an even layer on the bottom of the basket with no overlapping. If ingredients are overlapping, make sure to shake them halfway through the set cook time.
- 2 Cook time and temperature can be adjusted at any time during cooking. Simply press the up and down TIME or TEMP arrows to adjust the time or temperature.
- 3 To convert recipes from a conventional oven, reduce the temperature of the air fryer by 25°F. Check food frequently to avoid overcooking.
- 4 We recommend 3 minutes of preheating. You can use the built-in timer to set a 3-minute countdown.
- 5 Occasionally, the fan from the air fryer will blow lightweight foods around. To alleviate this, secure foods (like the top slice of bread on a sandwich) with toothpicks.
- 6 The crisper plate elevates ingredients in the basket so air can circulate under and around them for consistent, crisp results.
- 7 After a cooking function is selected, you can press the START/STOP button to begin cooking immediately. The unit will run at the default temperature and time.
- 8 For best results, remove food immediately after the cook time is complete to avoid overcooking.
- 9 For best results with fresh vegetables and potatoes, use at least 1 tablespoon of oil. Add more oil as desired to achieve the preferred level of crispiness.
- 10 For best results, check progress throughout cooking, and remove food when desired level of brownness has been achieved. We recommend using an instant-read thermometer to monitor internal temperature of proteins. After the cook time is complete, remove food immediately to avoid overcooking.

## TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

- **Why won't the temperature go any higher?**  
The max temperature is 450°F for Max Crisp and Air Broil. The max temperature is 400°F for all other functions.
- **How long does it take to preheat, and how will I know when it's done?**  
We recommend 3 minutes of preheating. To preheat, select desired function and temperature, set time to 3 minutes, and press Start/Stop.
- **Should I add the ingredients before or after preheating?**  
For best results, let the unit preheat for 3 minutes before adding ingredients.
- **When should I use Max Crisp instead of Air Fry?**  
For best results, use Max Crisp when cooking prepackaged frozen foods such as french fries or chicken nuggets.
- **Do I need to defrost frozen foods before air frying?**  
It depends on the food. Follow package instructions.
- **How do I pause the countdown?**  
The countdown timer will pause automatically when you remove the basket from the unit. Pressing Start/Stop during cooking will stop the cooking function and reset the timer.
- **Is the basket safe to put on my countertop?**  
The basket will heat during cooking. Use caution when handling, and place on heat-safe surfaces only.
- **How do I know when to use the crisper plate?**  
Use the crisper plate when you want food to come out crispy. The plate elevates the food in the basket so that air can flow under it to cook ingredients evenly.
- **My food didn't cook.**  
Make sure the basket is fully inserted during cooking. For consistent browning, make sure ingredients are arranged in an even layer on the bottom of the basket with no overlapping. Shake basket to toss loose ingredients for consistent crispiness. Cook time and temperature can be adjusted at any time during cooking. Simply press the TIME or TEMP buttons and rotate the dial.
- **My food is burned.**  
For best results, check progress throughout cooking, and remove food when desired level of brownness has been achieved. Remove food immediately after the cook time is complete to avoid overcooking.
- **Why do some ingredients blow around when air frying?**  
Occasionally, the fan from the air fryer will blow lightweight foods around. Use toothpicks to secure loose lightweight food, like the top slice on a sandwich.
- **Can I air fry fresh battered ingredients?**  
Yes, but use the proper breading technique. It is important to coat foods first with flour, then with egg, and then with bread crumbs. Be sure to press the bread crumbs onto the food so they stick in place. Loose breading may be blown off by the unit's powerful fan.
- **Why is the unit beeping?**  
The cooking function is complete.
- **The screen went black.**  
The unit is in standby mode. Press the power button to turn it back on.
- **An "E" message appears on display screen.**  
The unit is not functioning properly. Please contact a service center.

## REFURBISHED PRODUCT LIMITED NINETY DAYS WARRANTY

The **Refurbished Product Service Center** offers the following WARRANTY to the ORIGINAL purchaser of a product which we have refurbished.

This product that has been refurbished is warranted against any electronic or mechanical defects for a period of NINETY DAYS from the date of the original purchase by the consumer. Since this unit was sold as a refurbished item, the warranty does not apply to any cosmetic appearance items such as scratches. Should a defect occur, the **Refurbished Product Service Center** will repair or, at its option, replace defective unit/parts with new or rebuilt materials without charge for either parts or labor. Replacement unit/parts will be warranted for the remaining portion of the original warranty period.

This warranty does not cover installation or damage from accident, misuse, abuse, improper wiring, incorrect voltage, operating the unit against the instructions in the owner's manual or any product which has been opened, altered, or tampered with.

This warranty does not cover costs for removal and or installation of the unit for repair. Under no circumstances shall the service center be liable for any special, incidental or consequential damages or for any other expenses incurred by reason of use or sale of this product. This warranty is in lieu of any other warranties expressed or implied warranty of merchantability of fitness for particular use or otherwise.

This warranty gives the consumer specific legal rights and they may also have other rights which vary from State to State. Some States do not follow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, hence the above exclusion and limitations may not apply.

**Refurbished Product Service Center**  
13225 Marquardt Avenue Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670.

## WARRANTY REPAIR INFORMATION

If you need service on your unit and this product requires repair during the 90 days warranty period; please go to [www.ConsumerServiceRefurbish.com](http://www.ConsumerServiceRefurbish.com) or call the **Refurbished Product Service Center** at 562-946-3531 to obtain the required return authorization (RA) number. Pack the unit properly (the original carton is ideal for this purpose) along with a copy of your purchase receipt and a letter describing the problem. Send the unit freight prepaid and insured to:

**Refurbished Product Service Center,**  
Att: Customer Service Department 13225 Marquardt Avenue Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

Your unit will be promptly repaired and returned to you. We will refuse to accept delivery of the returned unit unless the assigned RA number appears on the outside of the shipping carton.

**Owner's Information**  
(Keep for your permanent records)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_ SERIAL NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

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