

# Cuisinart soho™



## 5-Cup Coffeemaker Instruction Booklet

**DCC-5 Series**

For your safety and continued enjoyment of this product, always read the instruction book carefully before using.

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# IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

When using electrical appliances, especially when children are present, basic safety precautions should always be taken to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and/or injury to persons, including the following:

1. **READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS.**
2. **Unplug from outlet when either the appliance or display clock is not in use, and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts and before cleaning the appliance.**
3. Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles and knobs.
4. To protect against electric shock, do not place cord, plug, or base unit in water or other liquids.
5. This appliance should not be used by or near children or individuals with certain disabilities.
6. Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, or after the appliance malfunctions or has been dropped or damaged in any manner. Return appliance to the nearest Cuisinart Repair Center for examination, repair, and electrical or mechanical adjustment.
7. The use of accessory attachments not recommended by Cuisinart may result in fire, electric shock or injury to persons.
8. Do not use outdoors.
9. Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter, or touch hot surfaces.
10. Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
11. Always fill water reservoir first, then plug cord into the wall outlet. To disconnect, push the BREW/CANCEL button, then remove plug from wall outlet.
12. Do not use appliance for other than its intended use.
13. Scalding may occur if the lid is removed during the brewing cycle.
14. The glass carafe is designed for use with this coffeemaker only. It must never be used on the range top.
15. Do not set a hot carafe on a wet or cold surface.
16. Do not use a cracked carafe or a carafe with a loose or weakened handle.
17. Do not clean carafe or heating plate with cleansers, steel wool pads, or other abrasive materials.
18. **WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE THE BASE PANEL. NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS ARE INSIDE. REPAIR SHOULD BE DONE ONLY BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL.**
19. Do not place cloth beneath coffeemaker or otherwise restrict airflow.
20. Use only the Cuisinart commercial-style filter or standard basket paper filter with this unit. OTHER PERMANENT FILTERS MAY CAUSE THE COFFEEMAKER TO OVERFLOW.
21. Do not operate your appliance in an appliance garage or under a wall cabinet. **When storing in an appliance garage, always unplug the unit from the electrical outlet.** Not doing so could create a risk of fire, especially if the appliance touches the walls of the garage or the door touches the unit as it closes.
22. Snap lid securely onto carafe before serving any beverages.
23. This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory, or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
24. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
25. The heating element is subject to residual heat after use.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY

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## **WARNING: RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK**



The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated dangerous voltage within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of fire or electric shock to persons.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

## **SPECIAL CORD SET INSTRUCTIONS**

A short power-supply cord is provided to reduce the risks resulting from becoming entangled in or tripping over a longer cord.

Extension cords may be used if care is exercised in their use.

If an extension cord is used, the marked electrical rating of the extension cord must be at least as great as the electrical rating of the appliance, and the longer cord should be arranged so that it will not drape over the countertop or tabletop where it can be pulled on by children or tripped over.

## **NOTICE**

This appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). To reduce the risk of electric shock, this plug will fit into a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully into the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Do not modify the plug in any way.

## **OPERATING NOTICE**

Clogging and backing up of water and/or coffee in the filter basket can occur under any or a combination of any of the following conditions: the use of too finely ground coffee; using two or more paper filters; using the nylon filter in conjunction with a paper filter; not properly cleaning coffee grounds from the nylon filter; or allowing coffee grounds to spill over the filter.

**CAUTION:** Never open the filter basket during the brewing cycle, even if no water is draining from the filter basket, because extremely hot water/coffee can spill out from the filter basket and cause injury. If water/coffee is not draining from the filter basket during the brewing cycle, unplug the unit and wait 10 minutes before opening and checking the filter basket.

	<b>WARNING</b> RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK DO NOT OPEN	
<b>WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK) NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE REPAIR SHOULD BE DONE BY AUTHORIZED SERVICE PERSONNEL ONLY</b>		

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## IMPORTANT UNPACKING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place the box on a large, sturdy, flat surface.
2. Remove the instruction book and any other literature.
3. Turn the box so that the back side of the coffeemaker is down and slide the coffeemaker from the box.
4. After the coffeemaker has been removed, place the box out of the way and lift off the packing material.
5. Grasp the carafe by its handle, remove it from the heating plate, and remove the polybag.
6. Remove the polybag covering from the coffeemaker and lift the coffeemaker off the remaining inserts.

Save all packing materials in case you have to ship the machine in the future.

KEEP ALL PLASTIC BAGS AWAY FROM CHILDREN.

## THE QUEST FOR THE PERFECT CUP OF COFFEE

### Element 1: Water

Coffee is 98% water. The quality of that water is as important as the quality of your coffee. If water doesn't taste good from the tap, it won't taste good in your coffee. Cuisinart includes a charcoal water filter to remove chlorine, bad tastes, and odors for the purest coffee flavor every time you brew.

### Element 2: Coffee

While coffee is 98% water, all of the flavor comes from the beans. To achieve the same great taste you enjoy at a coffee bar, you need to use the same quality of coffee. If you choose to grind your own beans, buy them fresh and whole. Buy only about a two-week supply at a time, because once the bean is broken, its flavor degrades quickly.

### Element 3: Grind

The grind is critical for proper flavor extraction. If the grind is too fine, overextraction and bitterness will result. Too fine a grind may also clog the filter. If the grind is too coarse, the water will pass through too quickly and the maximum flavor will not be extracted. When grinding your own beans, we recommend a medium-fine grind.

### Element 4: Proportion

Coffee that is too strong or too weak is always a disappointment. Follow the recommended portions of ground coffee in the instructions under Brewing Coffee, and later adjust the amount to suit your taste.

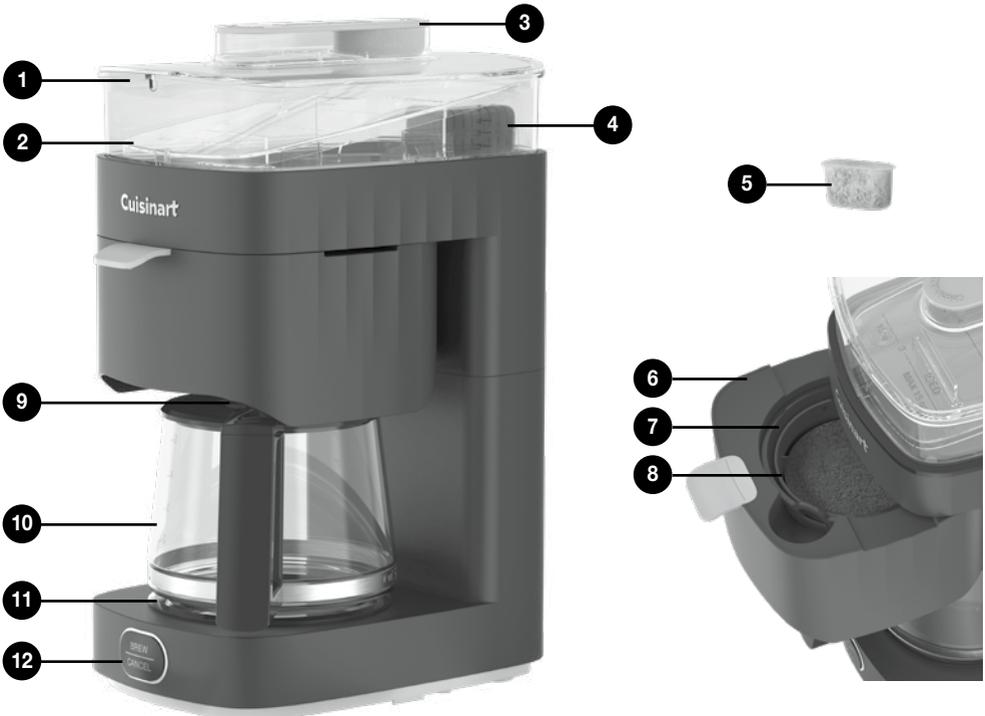
**NOTE:** The maximum capacity for ground coffee is 5 scoops (5 tablespoons) for this 25 oz. (five 5 oz. cups) coffeemaker. Exceeding this amount may cause overflow.

**NOTE:** For this coffeemaker, a cup of coffee is 5 oz.

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## FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- 1. Removable Water Reservoir**  
Removable 26 oz. water reservoir for easy filling.
- 2. Water Reservoir Baffle**  
Built-in baffle reduces splashing from sink to machine with markings to show hot and iced coffee measurements.
- 3. Measuring Scoop**
- 4. Charcoal Water Filter Holder**  
Holds filter firmly in place.
- 5. Charcoal Water Filter**  
Eliminates chlorine, calcium, and bad tastes and odors from tap water.
- 6. Removable Filter Basket Holder**
- 7. Filter Basket**  
Holds a #2 paper filter or the permanent nylon filter.
- 8. Permanent Basket Nylon Filter**  
Commercial-style filter eliminates the need for paper filters. **NOTE:** Some fine grounds may flow through the filter and appear as sediment in the carafe.
- 9. Brew Pause™**  
Stops flow of coffee from basket when carafe is removed (20 seconds max) from the heater plate, so a cup can be poured mid-brew.
- 10. 5-Cup Glass Carafe**  
The easy-pour, no-drip, 5-cup carafe has an ergonomic handle and brewed coffee markings for 2 to 5 cups.
- 11. Heating Plate**  
Scratch resistant with black, nonstick coating.
- 12. BREW/CANCEL Button**
- 13. Integrated Cord Storage (not shown)**  
Conveniently holds cord for easy storage.



## CHARCOAL WATER FILTER

Your coffeemaker comes with a charcoal water filter that eliminates chlorine, bad tastes, and odors from tap water.

### Inserting the Water Filter

- Remove the filter from the polybag and soak it, fully immersed, in cold tap water for 15 minutes.
- Lift the water filter holder out of the water reservoir (see diagram, step 1).
- Press down on the filter compartment and then pull apart to open to open.
- Place filter into the holder and snap it closed. Be careful – improper placement can tear the filter skin.
- Flush filter by running cold tap water through holes in bottom of compartment for 10 seconds.
- Allow the filter to drain completely.
- Slide the water filter holder back into the channel in the water reservoir, pushing it down to the slot in the reservoir.

**NOTE:** We recommend changing the water filter every 60 days or after 60 uses, and more often if you have hard water.

Replacement filters can be purchased in stores, by calling Cuisinart Consumer Service, or at [www.cuisinart.com](http://www.cuisinart.com).



## BEFORE BREWING YOUR FIRST POT OF COFFEE

We recommend flushing out the system before brewing your first pot of coffee.

Simply fill the reservoir and power on the unit, following steps #2, #4, #5, and #6 in BREWING COFFEE below.

### DO NOT ADD COFFEE!

Once you've done that, brew a pot of coffee and get ready to enjoy Cuisinart at its best!

## BREWING COFFEE

**Before your first brew, please follow instructions above BEFORE BREWING YOUR FIRST POT OF COFFEE.**

### 1. Insert charcoal water filter

Follow directions for the preparation and insertion of the filter on this page.



### 2. Fill the water reservoir

Remove the coffeemaker reservoir by lifting it up. Pour in the desired amount of water, using the water level indicator located on the baffles inside of reservoir. Replace lid and place reservoir back onto the unit.



- 3. Insert filter and add the ground coffee**  
Remove the filter basket by grasping the handle and pulling it out. Insert a #2 paper filter or permanent nylon filter. Be sure that a paper filter is completely open and fully inserted in the basket. Add 1 level scoop (1 tablespoon) of ground coffee per cup. Adjust the amount according to taste.



**NOTE: The maximum capacity for ground coffee is 5 scoops (5 tablespoons) for this coffeemaker. Exceeding this amount may cause overflow if the coffee is too finely ground.**

Replace the filter basket in the unit.

- 4. Before brewing coffee**  
Make sure the carafe is in position on the heating plate and the top cover is closed.
- 5. Begin brewing**  
Press the BREW/CANCEL button, and the indicator light will turn on. While brewing, the indicator light will flash slowly.  
**NOTE:** Press and release the BREW/CANCEL button again to turn off brewing at any time.



- 6.** When the brewing cycle is complete, the indicator light will stop flashing and remain on. Coffee will continue to stream from the filter for several seconds.
- 7.** After brewing cycle is complete, coffeemaker will enter Keep Warm function. The heating plate will keep carafe warm for up to 30 minutes. The indicator light will turn off after Keep Warm is complete.

**NOTE: Reservoir cover may be hot during and directly after brewing. Wait at least 10 minutes before opening.**

## BREW PAUSE™ FEATURE

This feature interrupts the flow of coffee from the basket to let you pour that first cup mid-brew. Because the flavor profile of coffee brewed at the start of a cycle differs from that brewed toward the end, be aware that using this feature will weaken the flavor strength of the finished pot.

**NOTE:** Removing carafe for more than 20 seconds may cause filter basket to overflow.

## BREWING OVER ICE

When brewing iced coffee, add ice cubes directly to the carafe prior to brewing. Follow the recommended recipe below and adjust according to taste.

<b>Brewed Coffee</b>	5 cups
<b>Water</b>	3 cups (15oz.)
<b>Coffee</b>	5 scoops (30g)
<b>Ice</b>	15 cubes

- 1. Fill the water reservoir**  
Open the water reservoir cover by lifting it up. Pour in the desired amount of water, using the water level indicator located on the baffle inside of reservoir.
- 2. Add ice**  
Fill the carafe with ice. Make sure the carafe is in position on the heating plate and the top cover is closed.



**NOTE:** Adjust amount of ice based on personal preference. Adding too much ice could impact the overall flavor of the coffee.

- 3. Brewing**  
Follow steps 3 through 5 in Brewing Coffee to complete over ice brewing.

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#### 4. After brewing

After brewing cycle is complete, coffeemaker will enter Keep Warm function. To shut the Keep Warm cycle off, press the BREW/CANCEL button and the heating plate will automatically shut off. Pour coffee over ice and enjoy!

## CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Always turn coffeemaker off and remove the plug from the electrical outlet before cleaning.

Remove and discard the paper filter and ground coffee. The filter basket can be washed in warm, soapy water and rinsed thoroughly, or cleaned in the upper rack of the dishwasher. Dry all parts after use.

**Do not put any water in the unit once the filter basket has been removed. Wipe the area under the filter basket with a damp cloth.**

Remove the carafe from the heating plate. Discard any remaining coffee. The carafe and lid can be washed in warm, soapy water and rinsed thoroughly, or placed in a dishwasher. The carafe should be placed on the upper rack. If hand-washing the carafe, carefully hand-dry or air-dry carafe in an upright position.

Never immerse base unit in water or other liquids. To clean base, simply wipe with a clean, damp cloth and dry before storing. Fingerprints and other blemishes on the housing can be washed off with soap and water or a nonabrasive cleaning solution.

Wipe heating plate with a clean, damp cloth. Never use rough, abrasive materials or cleansers to clean the heating plate or any part of the coffeemaker.

The nylon filter may have some discoloration after a few uses even if rinsed thoroughly. This will not impact taste and quality of coffee.

## CLEANING THE WATER RESERVOIR

It is normal over time for discoloration, spotting, or staining to appear in the water reservoir. Results will vary depending on the mineral content of the water used, but will not affect the operation of the brewer. However, be sure to clean the water reservoir regularly to minimize buildup. Clean inside the water reservoir with a damp, lint-free cloth as necessary.

## MAINTENANCE

Any other servicing should be performed by an authorized service representative.

## DECALCIFICATION

Decalcification refers to the removal of calcium deposits that form over time on the metal parts of the coffeemaker.

For best performance from your coffeemaker, decalcify the base unit from time to time. The frequency depends upon the hardness of your tap water and how often you use the coffeemaker.

**NOTE:** Before decalcifying your coffeemaker, remove the charcoal water filter from the water filter holder located in the water reservoir.

Turn the coffeemaker on by pressing the BREW/CANCEL button. To decalcify, fill the water reservoir to capacity with a mixture of  $\frac{1}{3}$  white vinegar and  $\frac{2}{3}$  water.

One cycle should be sufficient to adequately clean the coffeemaker. When the cycle is complete, the coffeemaker will enter Keep Warm mode. Press the BREW/CANCEL button to turn off your coffeemaker.

If your coffeemaker begins to brew slowly or there is residual water left over in the reservoir after a brew cycle, be sure to use the decalcification process above.

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# WARRANTY

## Limited Three-Year Warranty

This warranty is available only to U.S. consumers who purchase products directly from Cuisinart or an authorized Cuisinart® reseller. You are a consumer if you own a Cuisinart Soho™ 5-Cup Coffeemaker that was purchased at retail for personal, family, or household use. Except as otherwise required under applicable law, this warranty is not available to retailers or other commercial purchasers or owners or consumers who purchase from unauthorized Cuisinart® resellers. We warrant that your Cuisinart Soho™ 5-Cup Coffeemaker will be free of defects in materials and workmanship under normal home use for 3 years from the date of original purchase. We recommend that you visit our website, <https://cuisinart.registria.com>, for a fast, efficient way to complete your product registration. However, product registration does not eliminate the need for the consumer to maintain the original proof of purchase in order to obtain the warranty benefits. In the event that you do not have proof of purchase date, the purchase date for purposes of this warranty will be the date of manufacture.

## CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY

California law provides that for In-Warranty Service, California residents have the option of returning a nonconforming product (A) to the store where it was purchased or (B) to another retail store that sells Cuisinart products of the same type. The retail store shall then, according to its preference, either repair the product, refer the consumer to an independent repair facility, replace the product, or refund the purchase price less the amount directly attributable to the consumer's prior usage of the product. If neither of the above two options results in the appropriate relief to the consumer, the consumer may then take the product to an independent repair facility, if service or repair can be economically accomplished. Cuisinart and not the consumer will be responsible for the reasonable cost of such service, repair, replacement, or refund for nonconforming products under warranty. California residents may also, according to their preference, return nonconforming products directly to Cuisinart for repair or, if necessary, replacement by calling our Consumer Service Center toll-free at **1-800-726-0190**. Cuisinart will be responsible for the cost of the repair, replacement, and shipping and handling for such nonconforming products under warranty.

## HASSLE-FREE REPLACEMENT WARRANTY

Your ultimate satisfaction in Cuisinart products is our goal, so if your Cuisinart Soho™ 5-Cup Coffeemaker should fail within the generous warranty period, we will repair it or, if necessary, replace it at no cost to you. To obtain a return shipping label, visit us at <https://www.cuisinart.com/customer-care/product-assistance/product-inquiry/>. Or call our toll-free Consumer Service Center at **1-800-726-0190** to speak with a representative.

Your Cuisinart Soho™ 5-Cup Coffeemaker has been manufactured to the strictest specifications and has been designed for use only in 120-volt outlets and only with authorized accessories and replacement parts. This warranty expressly excludes any defects or damages caused by attempted use of this unit with a converter, as well as use with accessories, replacement parts, or repair service other than those authorized by Cuisinart. This warranty does not cover any damage caused by accident, misuse, shipment, or other than ordinary household use. This warranty excludes all incidental or consequential damages. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of these damages, so these exclusions may not apply to you. You may also have other rights, which vary from state to state.

**IMPORTANT:** If the nonconforming product is to be serviced by someone other than Cuisinart's Authorized Service Center, please remind the servicer to call our Consumer Service Center at **1-800-726-0190** to ensure that the problem is properly diagnosed, the product is serviced with the correct parts, and the product is still under warranty.

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