

# Cuisinart®



Cuisinart® Two to Go™ Coffeemaker

TTG-500

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## 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.

Longer extension cords are available and may be used if care is exercised in their use.

If a long 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 counter top or table top 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 in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in 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 gold filter in conjunction with a paper filter or not

properly cleaning coffee grounds from the gold filter; or allowing coffee grounds to spill over the filter.

**Caution:** Never open the top cover during the brewing cycle, even if no water is draining from the filter basket, since extremely hot water/coffee can spill out from the spreader 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 the top cover and checking the filter basket.

## IMPORTANT UNPACKING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Open outer and inner box flaps.
2. Remove use and care booklet and warranty cards.
3. Turn the box on its side and slide the unit out of the box.
4. Stand the unit upright and remove the cardboard sleeve between the top of the mugs and the filter basket by pulling.
5. Remove the mug packing assembly from the coffeemaker housing.
6. Open the polybags to remove each mug and the coffeemaker housing and replace mugs in unit.
7. Keep all packing contents for storage at a later time, if needed.

We suggest you save all packing materials in the event that future shipping of the machine is needed.

Keep all plastic bags away from children.



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## INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your purchase of the Two to Go™ Coffeemaker from Cuisinart. Now you can brew your coffee 'to go'. Brew your favorite coffee into one or two of your new stainless steel mugs and you're ready to leave the house. Your new coffeemaker has single and double cup brewing positions, a single touch 'On' switch and will automatically shut itself off after brewing is complete. It's easy to clean and easy to use.

## THE QUEST FOR THE PERFECT CUP OF COFFEE

It is generally agreed that there are four basic elements critical to the perfect cup:

### Element 1: Water

Coffee is 98% water. Often overlooked, the quality of the water is as important as the quality of the coffee. If you filter your drinking water, filter the water for your coffeemaker. A good rule of thumb is that if your water doesn't taste good from the tap, it won't taste any better in your coffee.

For hard water areas, we recommend using bottled water. The calcium in the water and the softeners used to combat it have a major impact on the extraction of coffee. Hard water will also accelerate calcium buildup inside the coffeemaker which slows down brewing, affects the flavor of the coffee and ultimately may shorten the life of your coffeemaker.

### Element 2: Coffee

While the bulk of the liquid is water, all of the flavor should be in the coffee. Don't expect to achieve the same quality cup of coffee you're accustomed to drinking at a coffee bar if you don't use the same quality beans or grounds. If you choose to grind your own beans before brewing be sure to buy them fresh, ideally no more than a two week supply at a time, and buy them whole. Once the bean is broken, its flavor degrades very quickly, so coffee should be ground just prior to brewing. If it is not practical to buy small supplies, we recommend you separate larger amounts of beans into one to two week portions immediately after purchase and freeze them in airtight containers. The best way to maximize freshness is to minimize exposure to air, light and moisture. So, once removed from the freezer, maintain the beans in a sealed container at room temperature since damaging condensation occurs every time the beans are removed from the freezer or refrigerator. Note that some coffee experts advise against freezing dark-roast beans because it can cause the oils to coagulate, while others disagree. We suggest you experiment and decide for yourself.

### Element 3: Grind

The grind is critical in proper flavor extraction. If the grind is too fine, over-extraction and bitterness will result. Too fine a grind may also clog your filter. If too coarse, the water will pass through too quickly and the desired flavors will not be extracted. We recommend a medium-fine grind.

### Element 4: Proportion

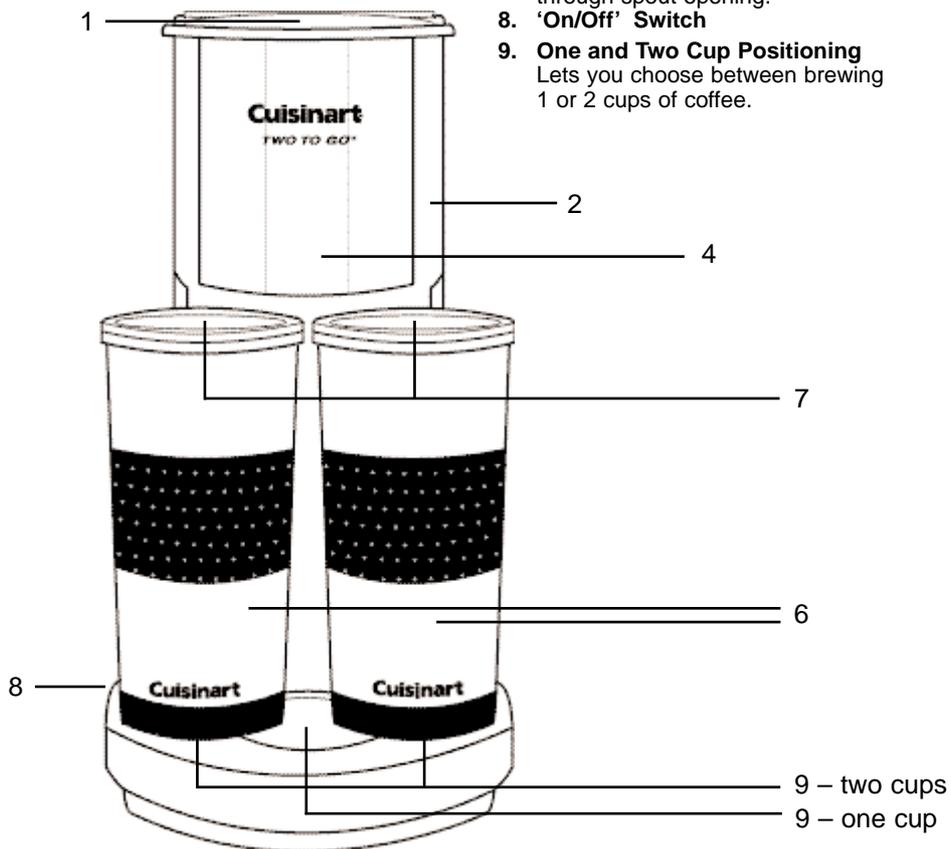
Your stainless steel mugs hold 14 ounces of coffee. Add the desired amount of ground coffee corresponding to the number of cups you are making – one or two mugs. Many coffee bars and the Specialty Coffee Association of America recommend adding 2 rounded tablespoons of coffee per 6 ounces of water. Some coffee manufacturers recommend using one tablespoon per 6 ounces of water. We recommend 3 to 4 tablespoons of ground coffee per mug, but use more or less to suit your taste.

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## FEATURES AND BENEFITS

We designed the Cuisinart® Two to Go™ Coffeemaker for our consumers who are always on the go. Our two-mug coffeemaker allows you to brew your favorite coffee directly into one or two travel mugs. We made it easy for you with a single-touch 'On' switch, 'On' indicator light, and automatic shutoff feature that turns the machine off after brewing so you don't have to. The 14-ounce brushed stainless steel mugs have tight-fitting lids, a comfortable, slip-free grip and fit most car cup holders. There's no need to rush; you can take your coffee with you.

- 1. Reservoir Cover**  
Flips back for easy filling.
- 2. Water Reservoir**
- 3. Filter Basket** (not shown)  
Holds #2 paper cone filter.
- 4. Filter Basket Holder**
- 5. Showerhead** (not shown)  
Distributes water evenly over coffee, reducing temperature loss as water passes through grounds.
- 6. Stainless Steel Mugs**  
Brushed stainless steel mugs with slip-free grip hold 14-ounces of fresh brewed coffee.
- 7. Mug Covers**  
Tight-fitting lids lock into place and prevent liquid from escaping except through spout opening.
- 8. 'On/Off' Switch**
- 9. One and Two Cup Positioning**  
Lets you choose between brewing 1 or 2 cups of coffee.



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## MAKING COFFEE

Before making the first mug of coffee in your new Cuisinar® Two to Go™ Coffeemaker, we recommend operating the coffeemaker once using only water and a filter paper. This will remove any dust or residue in the system that remain from the manufacturing process.

### 1. Fill the Water Reservoir

Open the flip top lid. Fill the water reservoir to the appropriate marking depending on whether you are making one or two cups. The markings are shown in ribs on the reservoir wall. Close lid.

### 2. Add Ground Coffee

Lift filter basket up from holder to remove. Insert #2 cone paper into filter basket. Be sure that the filter is completely open and fully inserted in the basket. It may help to fold and flatten the seams of a paper filter beforehand. Add the desired amount of ground coffee, corresponding to the number of cups being brewed. Many coffee bars and the Specialty Coffee Association of America recommend adding two tablespoons of coffee per 6 ounces of water. Some manufacturers recommend using one tablespoon per 6 ounces of water. We recommend using 3 to 4 tablespoons of ground coffee per mug, but use more or less to suit your taste. Replace filter basket in holder. Close lid.

#### Before Brewing

(A) **For best results, rinse inside of mug(s) before brewing to optimize heat of coffee.**

(B) Make sure you have your stainless steel mug(s) in their correct brewing positions and that the lids are secure. You can brew coffee into the mugs without the lids in place, or with the lids on, in any position, as long as they are tightly on the mugs.

(C) Make sure you have closed the top cover.

### 3. Power Unit

Plug cord into electrical outlet. Press ON/OFF switch to turn on. The indicator will light.

## CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

**Completely clean and dry all parts after every use**

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

Lift lid of coffeemaker and remove the filter basket from its holder. Discard the filter paper 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. Once clean, replace the filter basket.

Stainless steel mugs should be washed in warm soapy water and rinsed thoroughly.

**Note:** We do not recommend using the dishwasher to clean the mugs.

Do not use scouring agents or harsh cleaners on any part of the coffeemaker.

**Never immerse base unit in water or other liquid.** To clean base, simply wipe with a clean, damp cloth and dry before storing. Do not dry the inside of the water reservoir with a cloth as lint may remain.

## DECALCIFICATION

Decalcification refers to removing the calcium deposits that form over time on the metal parts of the coffeemaker. For best performance from your Two to Go™ 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.

If the coffeemaker begins to brew more slowly than usual, or the coffee does not taste the same, use the decalcification feature to clean the interior. To decalcify, use a solution of  $\frac{1}{2}$  white vinegar and  $\frac{1}{2}$  water, filling the water reservoir to capacity. Combine in a container and pour into the water reservoir. Plug the unit into electrical outlet. Turn to the ON position and run until half the amount has brewed (1 mug). Turn the unit to the OFF position and allow to sit for 10 minutes. Return the unit to ON and allow the remainder of the liquid to brew. Repeat the above procedure as many times as necessary until a normal brew rate returns, usually 2-3 times. With each repeated cycle, use a fresh solution of vinegar and water. Run one cycle of fresh, cold water through the unit at the completion of the decalcification before using the unit again to brew coffee.

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## WARRANTY

### THREE YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

This warranty supersedes all previous warranties on the Cuisinart® Two to Go™ Coffeemaker.

This warranty is available to consumers only. You are a consumer if you own a Cuisinart® Two to Go™ Coffeemaker that was purchased at retail for personal, family or household use. Except as otherwise required under applicable state law, this warranty is not available to retailers or other commercial purchasers or owners.

We warrant that your Cuisinart® Two to Go™ Coffeemaker will be free of defects in material or workmanship under normal home use for three years from the date of original purchase.

We suggest that you complete and return the enclosed warranty registration card promptly to facilitate verification of the date of original purchase. However, return of the warranty registration is not a condition of these warranties.

If your coffeemaker should prove to be defective within the warranty period, we will repair it (or, if we think it necessary, replace it) without charge to you. To obtain warranty service, please call our Consumer Service Center toll-free at 800-726-0190 or write to:

Cuisinart  
150 Milford Road  
East Windsor, NJ 08520

To facilitate the speed and accuracy of your return, please also enclose \$10.00 for shipping and handling of the product (California residents need only supply proof of purchase and should call 1-800-726-0190 for shipping instructions). Please also be sure to include a return address, description of the product defect, product serial number, and any other information pertinent to the product's return. Please pay by check or money order.

The Cuisinart® Two to Go™ Coffeemaker has been manufactured to strict specifications and has been designed for use with the Cuisinart

coffeemaker authorized accessories and replacement parts for your model. These warranties expressly exclude any defects or damages caused by accessories, replacement parts or other repair service other than those that have been authorized by Cuisinart. These warranties exclude all incidental or consequential damages. Some states do not allow the exclusion of or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the foregoing limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

#### 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, at its choice, 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 either of the above two options does not result 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, at their preference, return nonconforming products directly to Cuisinart for repair or, if necessary, replacement by calling our Consumer Service Center toll-free at 800-726-0190. Cuisinart will be responsible for the cost of the repair, replacement, and shipping and handling for such nonconforming products under warranty.

#### BEFORE RETURNING YOUR CUISINART® PRODUCT

\* **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 to ensure that the problem is properly diagnosed, the product is serviced with the correct parts, and to ensure that the product is still under warranty.

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