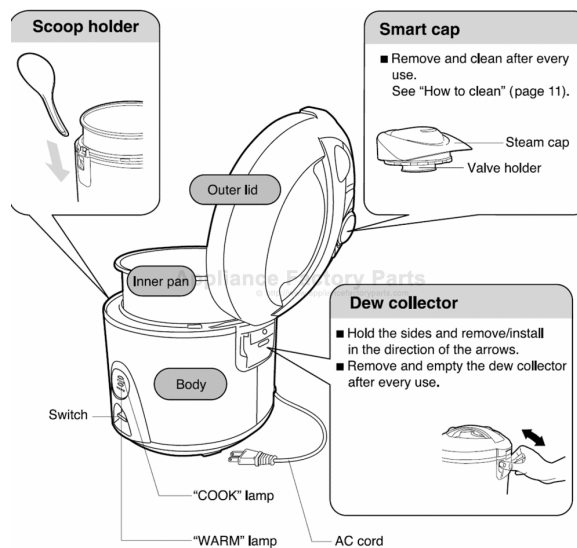


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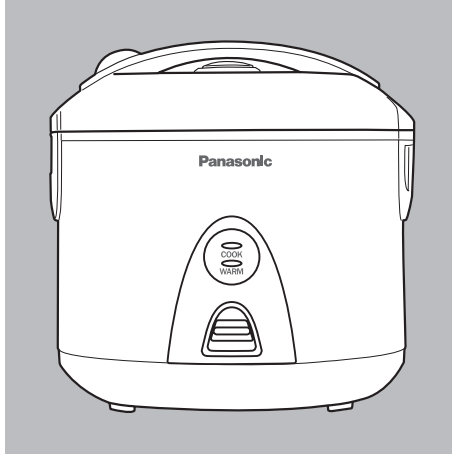
Operating Instructions

Electronic Rice Cooker / Steamer

Instrucciones de funcionamiento

Horno eléctrico de arroz / olla a vapor

Model No./N° de modelo **SR-TEL18**



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Thank you for choosing this rice cooker. Please read the Important Safeguards on page 2, Cautions on page 3 and Precautions on page 4 before use. Read and understand all instructions, and retain this manual for future use.

Appropriate use and energy saving

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Gracias por escoger este horno de arroz. Por favor lea las Medidas de seguridad importantes en la página 13, Advertencias en la página 14 y Precauciones en la página 15 antes de utilizarlo. Lea y comprenda todas las instrucciones, y conserve este manual para su futuro uso.

Uso adecuado y ahorro de energía

Important Safeguards

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

1. Read all instructions.
2. Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
3. To protect against electrical shock, do not immerse cord, plugs, or appliance (except pan) in water or other liquid.
4. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
5. Unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts.
6. Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug or after the appliance malfunctions, or has been damaged in any manner. Return appliance to the nearest authorized service facility for examination, repair, or adjustment.
7. The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may cause injuries.
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. Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot oil or other hot liquids.
12. Always attach plug to appliance first, then plug cord into the wall outlet. To disconnect, turn any control to "off", then remove plug from wall outlet.
13. Do not use appliance for other than intended use.

14. SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

This product is intended for household use.

NOTE

- A. A short power-supply cord (or cord set) is to be provided to reduce the hazards resulting from becoming entangled in or tripping over a longer cord.
- B. Longer cord set or extension cords are available and may be used if care is exercised in their use.
- C. If a long cord set or extension cord is used,
 - (1) the marked electrical rating of the cord set or extension cord should be at least as great as the electrical rating of the appliance.
 - (2) if the appliance is of the grounded type, the extension cord should be a grounding-type three-wire cord, and
 - (3) 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 accidentally.

This appliance has a polarized plug: (one blade is wider than the other).



To reduce the risk of electric shock, this plug is intended to 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 attempt to modify the plug in any way.

Cautions



This instruction manual provides operating instructions and cautions for appropriate use.











Before use, remove the paper located between the cast heater and the inner pan.

Cautions and Precautions for important safeguards

 Cautions	This sign means [It may result in severe injuries or death].
 Precautions	This sign means [It may result in injuries or malfunction].

The samples of symbols used in this manual are described below.

	This sign means prohibited action.
	This sign means required action.

 Cautions		
<p>Plug in the AC cord to the outlet firmly.</p> <p> (Not doing so can result in an electrical shock or fire due to generation of heat.)</p> <p>Do not use a damaged plug or outlet.</p>	<p>Do not damage the AC cord or plug.</p> <p> Do not disassemble, expose to heat or fire, twist, pull, place heavy objects on or tie the AC cord in a bundle.</p> <p>Prohibited</p> <p>(A damaged cord or plug can lead to electrical shock or fire.)</p> <p>If the AC cord or plug is damaged, consult your nearest retailer or service center for repair.</p>	<p>Do not allow the plug to become dusty.</p> <p> (Dust accumulation can lead to fire or a malfunction.)</p> <p>Prohibited</p> <p>Unplug and wipe with a dry cloth.</p>
<p>Do not plug or unplug the rice cooker with wet hands.</p> <p> (Doing so can result in an electrical shock.)</p> <p>Do not use wet hands.</p>	<p>Do not insert metal objects such as pins or needles, or any other objects in the exhaust outlets, or in any other portion of the unit.</p> <p> Especially clip, wire or any metal objects.</p> <p>Prohibited</p> <p>(Doing so can lead to an electric shock or malfunction.)</p>	<p>Do not operate the appliance with damaged AC plug or cord.</p> <p> (It may result in an electrical shock or fire.)</p> <p>Prohibited</p>
<p>Do not place your hands or face over or near the steam vent.</p> <p> </p> <p>Do not touch. (Exposure to steam can cause personal injury.)</p>		<p>Be sure the household supply voltage matches the required voltage of the appliance (120V in the U.S.).</p> <p> (It may cause electrical shock or fire.)</p>

English

Cautions

To prevent personal injury, close supervision is necessary when the appliance is used by or near children, or persons handicapped in any manner.



(It may result in burning injuries.)

Do not immerse the appliance in water or other liquids.



(Doing so can result in personal injury.)

If water leaks inside the appliance, consult your nearest retailer or service center.

Do not attempt to disassemble or repair the unit yourself.



(Doing so can result to electrical shock.)

There are no self-servicing parts inside. Refer servicing to qualified personnel.

Do not disassemble.

Precautions

Do not operate the appliance near water, near a heat source, or expose to high humidity.



Prohibited (Doing so can lead to an electrical shock or fire.)



The appliance becomes hot when in use, especially the lid and inner pan. This is normal.



Do not touch. Not doing so can lead to personal injury.

Allow to cool before touching them.



Do not touch the lid and inner pan.

Allow the inner pan to cool before handling.



(Handling a hot pan can lead to personal injury.)

Do not place the appliance on an unstable surface.



Prohibited

(It may become overturned causing personal injury or resulting in a fire.)

Do not press on the hook button when the appliance is being carried or moved.



Do not touch.

(The lid may open and the appliance may fall causing injury or damage.)

To prevent electric shock, be sure to grasp the plug itself when disconnecting it; never unplug by pulling the AC cord.



(Be sure the appliance is not close to the plug while unplugging it.)

(It may result in electrical shock or electrocution.)

Do not substitute the inner pan with other containers.



Prohibited

(It may overheat causing personal injury or cause the appliance not to perform correctly.)

Unplug the appliance when not in use. Be sure to grasp the AC plug; not the cord.



Unplug

(Pulling the cord may cause it to become damaged, leading to an electrical shock.)

Do not place the appliance near a wall or furniture.

(The steam may result in color changes or deformation of any objects.)



Prohibited

Watch out the steam coming off the appliance.

Do not use other than the provided cord set and do not use the cord set for other appliances.



Prohibited

(It may result in electrical shock or fire.)

Important Information

Avoiding damages to the appliance.

Do not cover the outer lid with a cloth.

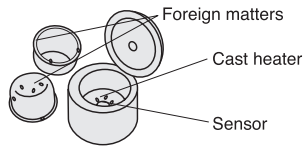
The outer lid may become deformed, cracked or discolored and result in malfunction.

Do not place the appliance in direct sunlight.

Do not substitute the inner pan with other container.

Always keep the outside bottom of the inner pan and the cast heater clean and dry.
It may result in malfunction.

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Avoiding damages to the inner pan.

Do not leave the rice scoop or any other objects inside the inner pan.

The inner pan should be cleaned immediately after cooking with seasonings or condiments.

Do not use the inner pan as mixing utility.

Do not use metal utensils that can scratch or crack the inner pan.

The coated surface of the inner pan will gradually wear away, so use with care.

Do not tap or rub the inner surface of the inner pan. Clean only with a sponge.
(Do not use scouring pad.)

English

Cooking Rice

1 Select good rice

Glossy
Not broken

2 Measure rice

Use the measuring cup provided (Approx. 180 ml.).

3 Rinse the rice, stir with hand.

Rinse the rice in a separate bowl until the water becomes relatively clear.
Do not rinse the rice in the provided inner pan.

4 Adjust water level

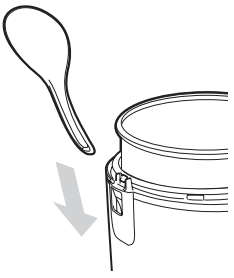
Wash and rinse the rice with drinking water.
When hot water is used to cook rice, it may result in discoloring and sogginess.

5 Stir Cooked rice

When the water is completely evaporated, the rice is cooked.
Stir it to allow the moisture to swell the grains for the best tasting rice.

Parts Identification

Scoop holder



Smart cap

- Remove and clean after every use.
See "How to clean" (page 11).



Outer lid

Inner pan

Body

Switch

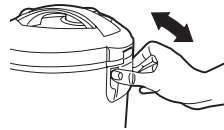
"COOK" lamp

"WARM" lamp

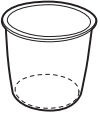
AC cord

Dew collector

- Hold the sides and remove/install in the direction of the arrows.
- Remove and empty the dew collector after every use.



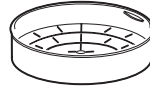
Accessories



Measuring cup
(Approx. 180 ml)



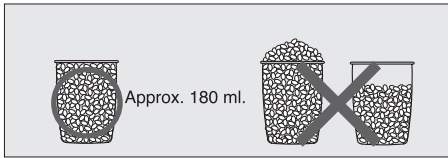
Rice scoop



Steaming basket

How to Cook

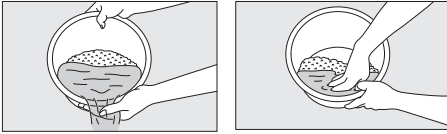
1



Measure the rice using the measuring cup provided.

The amount of rice measured depends on kinds of rice.

2



Use drinking water to rinse the rice for fresher smelling rice.

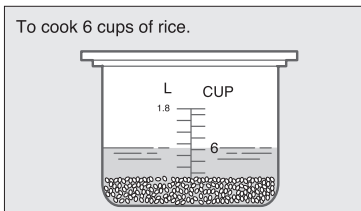
Rinse and wash the rice until the water becomes relatively clear.

Rinse the rice.

Do not rinse the rice by using the inner pan.

Rinse the rice in a separate bowl. Do not rinse the rice in the provided inner pan as non-stick coating may be damaged. Pour the washed rice into the inner pan.

3



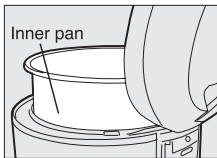
Add the water to the line marked "6" on the inside of the inner pan.

Pour the desired amount of water.

Set the inner pan on a hard, flat and stable surface to add the water. Add the desired amount of water and leave it for approximately 30 minutes. Hot water is not recommended for cooking as it may result in soggy rice.

English

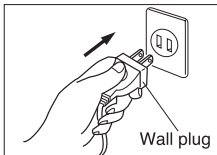
4



Put the inner pan into the body.

Wipe the surface of the inner pan before starting to cook, otherwise; it may result in strange noise during cooking. Be sure that the inner pan is directly in contact with the cast heater. Improper contact between the inner pan and the cast heater may result in water overflow or uncooked rice.

5



Plug in the AC cord to the power supply outlet.

Close the outer lid, plug in the AC cord to the power supply outlet.

Close the outer lid firmly. (If it is not securely closed, cooking will be affected.)

6



Press the switch to start cooking.
The "COOK" lamp lights up.

Press switch.

Be sure that the smart cap is in the right position before start.
Do not open the outer lid or unplug the appliance while it is operating.
Please ensure that the switch is pressed and the "COOK" lamp lights up properly. (The rice will not be cooked in warming mode.)

7



The "WARM" lamp lights up to indicate warming mode.

After the rice is cooked, it is recommended to let it steam and warm for another 15 minutes. Then scoop and mix the rice well.

After the rice is cooked, the appliance will automatically switch to warming mode. Let the rice steam and warm for another 15 minutes without opening of the outer lid. Scoop and mix the rice well. Unplug the appliance when it is not in use.

To Keep Cooked Rice Warm and Tasty

Rinse the rice until it becomes relatively clear.
After the rice has been steamed and warmed, scoop and mix the rice well.
Do not leave the rice scoop inside the inner pan.
Do not warm the rice for more than 5 hrs. (It may result in color change and bad smell.)
Do not use the rice cooker to warm other kinds of food. It is for rice only.
Do not warm cold rice.

Note:

Variations in the room temperature may cause the rice to discolor and lose its fresh smell.
Unplug the rice cooker when it is not be used.
Clean the dew collector located on the side of the rice cooker by pouring out the water after every use.

How to Steam Food (Using the steaming basket)

1

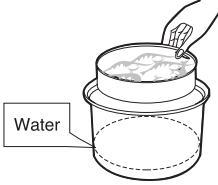


Add 2 cups of water into the inner pan by using the measuring cup provided.

To cook rice at the same time, the maximum cooking capacity should be as followings.

	Rice (cups)
1.8 L	5

2



Set the steaming basket into the inner pan and put the food in the steaming basket.

Do not put too much food as the outer lid may not be closed properly.

3



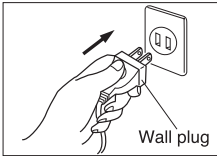
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English

4



Plug in the AC cord to the power supply outlet.

Close the outer lid, plug in the AC cord to the power supply outlet.

Close the outer lid firmly.
(If it is not securely closed, steaming will be affected.)

5

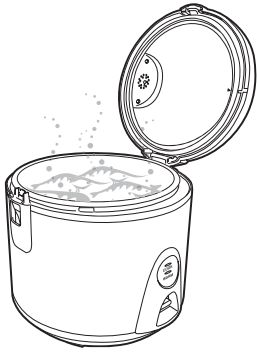


Press switch to start steaming.
The "COOK" lamp lights up.

Press switch.

Be sure that the smart cap is in the right position before start.
Do not open the outer lid or unplug the appliance while it is operating.
Please ensure that the switch is pressed and the "COOK" lamp lights up properly.
(The food will not be steamed in warming mode.)

6



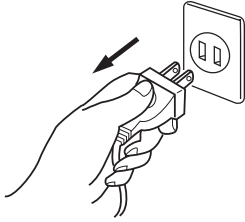
Leave the food to cool down, then open the outer lid to see whether the food is cooked as desired.

Let the food be steamed for 10-15 minutes, then cut off the switch. When the food cools down, open the outer lid to see whether it is cooked as desired.

If the food is not well cooked, close the outer lid and press the switch again.

When the water has completely evaporated, the switch will cut off to the warming mode automatically.

7



When the steaming is done, unplug the appliance and open the outer lid to take the food out.

Before opening the outer lid, be sure that there is no steam ventilated from the appliance.

Remarks

Wait until the food cools down and no steam is coming from the steam vent before opening the outer lid. Then check whether the food is cooked as desired.

When rice is cooked while steaming food, do not open the outer lid until the rice is cooked. (It is better to select the food that has a steaming time similar to the time for cooking rice.)

How to Clean

- Be sure to unplug and carry out these operations when the unit is cooled down.
- DO NOT use objects such as benzine, thinner, cleansing powder or metal scrubbers.

Body / Outer lid / Upper rim

- Wipe with a damp cloth.
- DO NOT use a dishwashing detergent.

* Remark : Clean after every use.

Inner pan

- Wash with a dishwashing detergent and sponge. Wipe off any moisture on the outside.

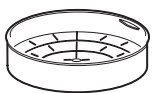
Cast heater

- If an object has stuck on the cast heater, lightly polish it off using fine sandpaper (of about # 600) / steel wool. Then wipe with a damp cloth.

Dew collector

- Remove and clean after every use.

Accessories



Steaming basket

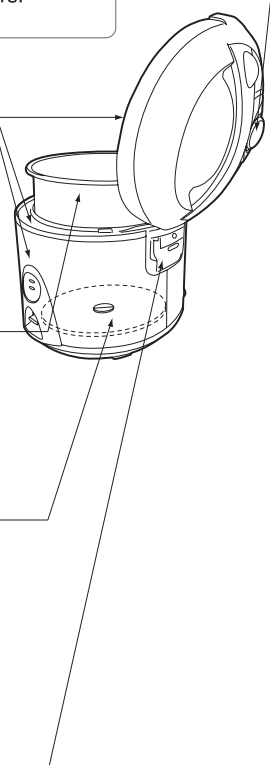


Measuring cup



Rice scoop

- Wash with a dishwashing detergent and sponge.



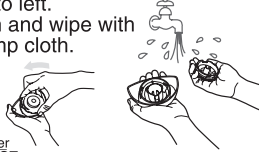
Smart cap

How to remove and clean.

1. Pull off the smart cap to remove as shown in the figure.

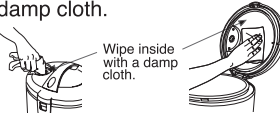


2. Remove the valve holder right to left. Wash and wipe with a damp cloth.



Rubber
DO NOT remove.

3. Wipe the inside of the hole with a damp cloth.

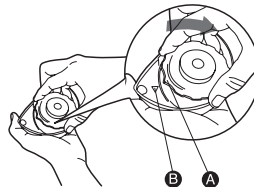


Please do not remove smart cap when using rice cooker

English

How to fit smart cap

1. Place the valve holder into the steam cap by aligning mark **A** of the valve holder with mark **B** of the steam cap. Then turn the valve holder from left to right until it seats properly. (You'll hear the sound "click")



2. Put the smart cap into the hole of the outer lid.

Troubleshooting

Time of occurrence of following situation Check items	Rice cooking					Keep warm			No reaction to any switch operation	Produce a strange sound
	Too hard	No smooth cooking (The core of rice remains)	Too soft	Viscous juice overflows	Burnt rice at the bottom of the inner pan	Produce a nasty smell	Changes in color	Gets too dry		
● Are the volume of rice and the volume of water correct?	●	●	●	●	●				● No current supplied. Pull out the plug and check the breaker.	● "Pang" sound produced during a rice cooking is a sound of bursting of water drops under the action of thermal expansion on the bottom (outside) of the inner pan.
● Is the rice rinsed adequately?				●	●	●				
● Bottom of inner pan is dented?	●	●			●					
● Is there any foreign matter sticking to the outside of the inner pan or the sensor?	●	●	●		●	●				
● Is not the rice being cooked with oil?	●	●				●				
● Has the rice been well fluffed after cooking?	●		●							
● Is not the keep warm continuing for more than 5 hours? / ● Is not the volume of rice too small during a keep warm?						●	●	●		
● Is not the keep warm being made with the scoop in it?						●				
● Is not the cold rice being submitted to the keep warm?						●				
● Is the outer lid securely closed?						●		●		
● The inner pan is clean or not?					●	●				
● AC cord unplugged or switch turned off during rice cooking?		●				●				

Specifications

Model No.	SR-TEL18	
Power supply	Local supply	
Power consumed	at Rice Cook	630W
	at Keep Warm	25W
Capacity	0.54-1.8 L	
Weight (approx.)	3.1 kg (6 3/4 lbs.)	
Accessories	Rice scoop, Measuring cup, Steaming basket	

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