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Slow Cooker XJ-13220B User Manual



PLEASE READ AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

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

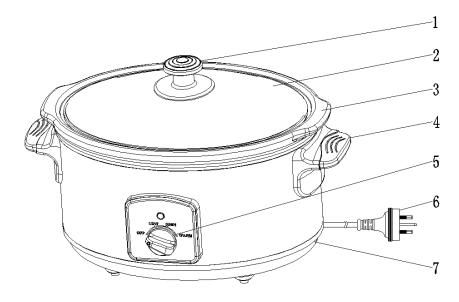
READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before cleaning.
- 2. To protect against risk of electrical hazards, do not immerse the slow cooker in water or other liquids or use near washbasins or sinks. Ensure that the appliance does not get wet (water splashes etc.) and do not use it with wet hands.
- 3. Do not touch hot surfaces as it will cause burns to hands.
- 4. If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by qualified electrical person in order to avoid a hazard or the product must be disposed.
- 5. The power socket must be readily accessible so that the appliance can be unplugged in an emergency.
- 6. Do not use outdoors as it is not designed for such use and can cause electric shock.
- 7. Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter, as you may trip and fall or cause the hot contents of the slow cooker to spill and possibly cause burns or injuries.
- 8. Do not place on or near a hot gas, electrical burner or in a heat oven as these could cause the appliance to melt.
- 9. Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot food, water or other hot liquids to reduce the risk of burns or injury.
- 10. Use only attachments that are included in the packaging of the slow cooker. The use of other attachments may cause fire, electric shock or injury.
- 11. Do not operate your appliance inside appliance cabinet or under a wall cabinet. When storing in an appliance cabinet, always unplug the unit from the electrical power outlet.
- 12. Do not use the appliance for other than intended use.
- 13. Do not allow children access to the plastic packaging bags and other components of the packing. They may be potentially dangerous to children.
- 14. Lift and open the glass lid carefully to avoid scalding and to allow hot condensation to drip back into the unit.
- 15. 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.
- 16. Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.
- 17. To disconnect, turn control knob to "OFF" position, then remove plug from power outlet.
- 18. This appliance is intended to be used in household only. It should not be used for commercial purpose.
- 19. The ceramic pot is designed for use with this appliance only. It must never be used on a cook top as it will crack and can cause burns if hot liquid or food inside. Do not use if the ceramic pot is cracked or damaged.
- 20. Avoid sudden temperature changes by adding refrigerated foods into heated pot as the pot will crack.
- 21. **WARNING:** Do not overfill the cooking pot beyond "MAX" level as boiling liquids may overflow and cause personal injury or damage to the appliance or cooking area.
- 22. WARNING: The heating element surface is subject to residual heat after use.
- 23. A Caution, hot surface. Care must be taken. The surface are liable to get hot during use.
- 24. For cleaning surfaces in contact with food, please refer to section "Cleaning and Maintenance".

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY

KNOW YOUR SLOW COOKER

- 1. Lid handle
- 2. Glass lid
- 3. Ceramic cooking pot
- 4. Slow cooker handle
- 5. Heat selector switch
- 6. Plug with cord
- 7. Stainless steel exterior base



BEFORE FIRST USE

IMPORTANT! Ensure the ceramic pot and/or the appliance is not damaged during handling and transportation. If any damage is found do not use. Please return the product to Kmart for replacement.

1. Carefully unpack the slow cooker. Wash ceramic pot and glass lid in warm, soapy water. Rinse well and dry thoroughly. Wipe interior and exterior surfaces of the base with a soft, moist cloth to remove dust particles collected during packing and handling.

Caution : Never immerse the base, supply cord or plug in water or any other liquid.

2. Slow cooker should be operated before initial use. After cleaning, place cooking pot inside the base. Pour 4 cups of water into the cooking pot and cover with the lid. Plug slow cooker into electrical outlet and turn to "HIGH" setting. Allow to operate approximately 30 minutes. After 30 minutes, switch OFF and unplug. Allow it to cool. Remove cooking pot, and discard water. Rinse the ceramic pot, dry thoroughly, and then place it inside the body.

OPERATION

Using a slow cooker is easy but different from conventional cooking. To help you, this manual contains many help hints for successful slow cooking. Many more slow cooker recipes books are available in libraries/bookstores and on-line websites.

The slow cooker has three heat settings: LOW, HIGH and WARM. Use the recommended guidelines offered in the recipe being used to determine cooking time and heating position. Dishes can be prepared well in advance of mealtime and cooking time regulated so that food is ready to serve at a convenient time.

COOKING TIME	RECOMMENDED TEMPERATURE SETTING
6-8 hours	LOW
4-6 hours	HIGH

SLOW COOKER COOKING TABLE

Food	Weight	LOW/Time	HIGH/ Time
Beef Brisket	2.0-2.5kg	8 hours	6 hours
Whole Chicken	2.0-3.0kg	6 hours	4 hours
Pork	1.0-1.5kg	6 hours	4 hours

1. Prepare recipe according to instructions.

- 2. Place food into cooking pot and cover.
- 3. Plug slow cooker into electrical outlet and select LOW, HIGH or WARM setting. Slow cooking will commence. Power on indicator will illuminate.
- Always cook with the lid on.
 IMPORTANT! Do not remove the lid often when cooking as this will prolong the cooking time.
- 5. Serving. Turn the slow cooker to WARM setting for a short period of time prior to serving or turn to the OFF position to unplug the appliance.

IMPORTANT! Slow cooker will operate until switched OFF. Do not overcook food. Monitor cooking and ensure to switch OFF the slow cooker when the food is cooked properly.

6. Using pot holders, remove the cover. CAUTION: When removing cover, grasp the designed area on the lid and lift to allow steam to escape before setting cover aside. To avoid burns, always hold cover so that escaping steam flows away from hands and face.

- 7. Grasp cooking pot by handles and remove it from the body.
- 8. Tableside serving. If serving directly from the cooking pot, always place a trivet or protective padding under the pot before placing it on a table or countertop.

CAUTION: The pot will be hot and can cause burns.

HINTS FOR SLOW COOKING

- 1. Less tender, cheaper cuts of meat are better candidates for slow cooking than more expensive varieties.
- 2. Meat will not brown during the cooking process. Browning fatty meats will reduce the amount of fat and help to preserve color while adding richer flavor. Apply small amount of oil in a skillet and brown meats prior to putting into the cooking pot.
- 3. Whole herbs and spices flavor better in slow cooking than crushed or ground.

- 4. Most recipes that call for uncooked meat and vegetables require about 6-8 hours on LOW temperature setting.
- 5. The higher the fat content, the less liquid needed. If cooking meat with a high fat content, use thick onion slices under it so that the meat will not sit and cook in the fat. If necessary, use a slice of bread, a spoon, or a straining spoon to skim off excess fat from top of food before serving.
- 6. Food cut into uniform pieces will cook faster and more evenly than food left whole such as roast or poultry.
- 7. Root vegetables such as carrots, potatoes, turnips and beets require longer cooking time than many meats. Place them on the bottom of the Slow Cooker and cover with liquid. Check to see they are fork-tender when meat temperature is reached. Remove meat and continue cooking vegetables if necessary.
- 8. Add fresh dairy products (milk, sour cream or yogurt) prior to serving. Evaporated milk or condensed creamed soups may be added at the starting of cooking.
- 9. Rice, noodles and pasta are not recommended for long cooking periods. Cook them separately and then add to Slow Cooker in the last 30 minutes of cooking time.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Before performing any cleaning and maintenance operations please ensure that the heat selector switch is in OFF position and the unit is disconnected from mains power.

- 1. The appliance should be cleaned after every use. After cooling the appliance, washing cooking pot and lid cover in warm, soapy water. Rinse well and dry.
- 2. If food sticks to the surface of the cooking pot, fill the pot with warm, soapy water and allow it to sit for a few hours before cleaning. Wipe interior and exterior surfaces of the base with a soft, slightly damp cloth or sponge.

Caution: Never immerse the base in water. Never use abrasive cleansers or scouring pads to clean the cooking pot or base, as these can damage the surface.

- 3. The ceramic cooking pot may be cleaned in a dishwasher. To prevent damage, position it in rack so that it will not hit other items.
- 4. If cooking pot becomes stained, clean with a non-abrasive cleanser or apply a paste of baking soda with a soft cloth. To remove a water spots or mineral deposits, wipe with distilled white vinegar, or pour a small amount of vinegar into pot and let it soak. After cleaning, wash pot in warm, soapy water, rinse and dry.
- 5. Be sure all parts are clean and dry before storing. Store the appliance in its box or in a clean and dry place. Never store it while it is hot or wet. To store, place covered cooking pot inside the base and place the class lid over the pot. Never wrap cord tightly around the appliance, keep it loosely coiled.

TECHNICAL DATA

Model no.: XJ-13220B Voltage : 220-240Va.c 50/60Hz Power : 260W

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