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# VORTEX AIR FRYER PRO PLUS™



*pictured: Model AF-E6001-C*

## Owner's Manual

Save These Instructions - For Household Use Only

**MODELS:** AF-E6001-C (6-qt./1500W, 120V) • AF-E8001-C (8-qt./1700W, 120V)

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed. Do not use the **PowerXL® Vortex Pro Air Fryer Plus™** until you have read this manual thoroughly.



# PowerXL® Vortex Pro Air Fryer Plus™

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## **BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

The *PowerXL® Vortex Pro Air Fryer Plus™* will provide you many years of delicious family meals and memories around the dinner table. But before you begin, it's very important that you read this entire manual, making certain that you are totally familiar with this appliance's operation and precautions.

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# IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

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## **WARNING**

### **PREVENT INJURIES! – CAREFULLY READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USE!**

*When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should be followed, including the following.*

#### **1. READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS.**

- 2.** 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 are given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
- 3.** Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.

#### **Where to Use the Appliance**

- 4. DO NOT** place on or near a hot gas or electric burner or in a heated oven.
- 5. DO NOT** place your appliance on a cooktop, even if the cooktop is cool, because you could accidentally turn the cooktop on, causing a fire, damaging the appliance, your cooktop, and your home. 
- 6. DO NOT** place or use this appliance near water.
- 7.** When cooking, **DO NOT** place the appliance against a wall or within 5 inches of other appliances. **DO NOT** place anything on top of the appliance.
- 8.** A fire may occur if this appliance is covered by or touching flammable material, including curtains, draperies, walls, and the like, when in operation.
- 9. DO NOT** use outdoors.
- 10. DO NOT** place the appliance in any container or small confined space while the appliance is heated or in operation.

**11. ALWAYS** operate the appliance on a horizontal surface that is level, stable, and noncombustible with adequate space for airflow.

**12.** Before using your appliance on any countertop surface or other fragile surface, such as a glass tabletop, **CHECK WITH YOUR COUNTERTOP MANUFACTURER OR INSTALLER** for recommendations about using appliances on your surfaces. Some manufacturers and installers may recommend protecting your surface by placing a hot pad or trivet under the appliance for heat protection. Your manufacturer or installer may recommend that hot pans, pots, or electrical appliances should not be used directly on top of the countertop. If you are unsure, place a trivet or hot pad under the appliance before using it.

#### **Electrical Safety**

- 13. DO NOT** operate any appliance if it has a damaged cord or plug, if it is not working properly, or if it has been damaged or dropped. Return the appliance to an authorized service facility for examination, repair, or adjustment.
- 14.** This appliance should be serviced **ONLY** by qualified service technicians. Contact Customer Service using the information located on the back of this manual.
- 15. NEVER** immerse the main unit housing in water. If the appliance falls or accidentally becomes immersed in water, unplug from electrical outlet immediately. Do not reach into liquid if the appliance is plugged in and immersed.
- 16.** To protect against electrical shock, **DO NOT** immerse the cord or plugs, or expose the electrical components to water or other liquid.
- 17. DO NOT** plug in the power cord or operate the appliance controls with wet hands.

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**18. ALWAYS** make sure the plug is attached to the appliance first, and then plug the cord into the electrical outlet. To disconnect, press the Power button to turn the appliance off and then remove the plug from the electrical outlet.

**19. MAKE SURE** the appliance is properly plugged into a dedicated electrical outlet without any other appliances on the same outlet.

**20. KEEP** the appliance and its power cord out of the reach of children when it is in operation or in the cooling down process.

**21. NEVER** plug the appliance into an outlet below the surface where the appliance is placed.

**22. DO NOT** let the power cord hang over the edge of a table or counter or touch hot surfaces.

**23. DO NOT** clean with metal scouring pads. Pieces can break off the pad and touch electrical parts, creating risks of electric shock.

## Operational Safety

**24.** Should the appliance emit smoke, **UNPLUG IMMEDIATELY** and wait for smoking to stop before handling the appliance. Allow the appliance to cool and wipe excess oil and grease from the appliance.

**25.** Cooking appliances should be positioned in a stable location with the handles (if any) positioned to avoid the spillage of hot liquids.

**26. NEVER** operate the appliance unattended.

**27.** The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may cause injuries.

**28.** Avoid touching moving parts.

**29. UNPLUG** the appliance from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. **ALLOW** 30 minutes to cool before handling, putting on or taking off parts, cleaning, or storing.

**30. DO NOT** cover the Air Intake Vent or Hot Air Outlet Vent while the appliance is operating. Doing so will prevent even cooking and may overheat or damage the appliance.

**31.** When in operation, hot air and steam are released through the Hot Air Outlet Vent. **KEEP YOUR HANDS AND FACE** at a safe distance from the Hot Air Outlet Vent and **KEEP** the Vent clear of obstructions.

**32.** While cooking, the internal temperature of the appliance reaches several hundred degrees Fahrenheit. To avoid personal injury, **NEVER** place hands inside the appliance unless it is thoroughly cooled.

**33.** The appliance's outer surfaces and accessories may become hot during use. **WEAR OVEN MITTS** when handling the appliance during and after use and to protect against hot steam and air released when opening the appliance.

**34. DO NOT** touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.

**35. EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE USED** when moving an appliance containing hot oil or other hot liquids or when removing accessories or disposing of hot grease. This appliance is not intended for deep-frying foods.

**36.** Oversized foods, metal foil packages, or utensils **MUST NOT** be inserted in the appliance as they may involve a risk of fire or electric shock. **DO NOT** overfill the appliance.

**37. DO NOT** store any materials, other than manufacturer-recommended accessories, in this appliance when not in use.

**38. DO NOT** place any of the following materials in the appliance: paper, cardboard, plastic.

**39. NEVER** pour oil into the appliance or accessories. Fire and personal injury could result.

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- 40. **DO NOT** use aerosol cooking sprays. These sprays will build up on cookware and become difficult to remove while reducing the nonstick cooking performance.
- 41. **DO NOT** expose the appliance to corrosive chemicals or vapors.
- 42. **DO NOT** use sharp utensils with the appliance. These implements can damage the appliance's protective non-stick coating.
- 43. This appliance is for home use only. If the appliance is used improperly or for professional or semi-professional purposes or if it is not used

according to the instructions in the user manual, the guarantee becomes invalid and Empower Brands, LLC will not be held liable for damages. **DO NOT** use this appliance for anything other than its intended use.

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## **WARNING:**

### **For California Residents**

This product can expose you to chemicals including Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate, which is known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information, go to [www.P65Warnings.ca.gov](http://www.P65Warnings.ca.gov).

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## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS – FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY

### **CAUTION**

- **NEVER** connect this appliance to an external timer switch or separate remote-control system.
- When ready to start, plug the hardwired cord into a electrical outlet. To disconnect, press the Power Button to turn the appliance off and then remove the plug from the electrical outlet.
- **NEVER** rest anything on the basket while it is open.
- **DO NOT** leave the basket open for an extended period.
- **ALWAYS** ensure that nothing is protruding out of the appliance before closing the basket.
- **ALWAYS** close the basket gently; **NEVER** slam the basket closed. **ALWAYS** use the handle when opening and closing the basket.
- **NEVER** operate the appliance with the basket open.
- When the cooking time has completed, cooking will stop and the fan will continue to run for 10-20 seconds to cool down the appliance.
- The appliance is equipped with an internal microswitch that automatically shuts down the fan and heating element when the basket is removed.

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## **POLARIZED PLUG**

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.

- 1.** A short power-supply cord is provided to reduce the risk resulting from becoming entangled in or tripping over a longer cord.
- 2.** Longer detachable power-supply cords or extension cords are available and may be used if care is exercised in their use.
- 3.** If a longer detachable power-supply cord or extension cord is used:
  - a.** The marked electrical rating of the cord set or extension cord should be at least as great as the electrical rating of the appliance;
  - b.** The 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 unintentionally.

## **Electric Power**

This appliance should be operated on a dedicated electrical outlet. If the electrical outlet is overloaded with other appliances, your new appliance may not operate properly.

## **Automatic Shut-Off**

The appliance has a built-in shut-off device that will automatically shut off the appliance when the cooking time has completed. You can manually switch off the appliance by pressing the Power Button. The fan will continue running for 10–20 seconds to cool down the appliance.

## **Overheating Protection**

Should the inner temperature control system fail, the overheating protection system will be activated and the appliance will not function. Should this happen, unplug the appliance. Allow time for the appliance to cool completely before restarting or storing.

## **Electromagnetic Fields**

This appliance complies with all standards regarding electromagnetic fields. If handled properly and according to the instructions in the user manual, the appliance is safe to use based on scientific evidence available today.

# Appliance Specifications



**6-Qt.**  
AF-E6001-C



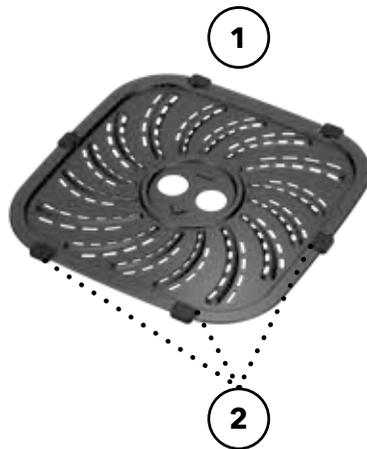
**8-Qt.**  
AF-E8001-C

## Technical Specifications

Model Number	Supply Power	Rated Power	Appliance Dimensions	Internal Cavity Dimensions	Temperature Range	Cord Length	WiFi
AF-E6001-C	120V ~60Hz	1500W	10.63" x 11.26" x 11.22" (270 x 286 x 285 mm)	9.45" x 8.23" x 5.39" (240 x 209 x 137 mm)	90° F-430° F 32° C-221° C	35.43" (0.9 m)	Yes
AF-E8001-C	120V ~60Hz	1700W	15.51" x 12.20" x 12.20" (394 x 310 x 310 mm)	9.84" x 8.66" x 5.98" (250 x 220 x 152 mm)	90° F-430° F 32° C-221° C	35.43" (0.9 m)	Yes

# Parts & Accessories

1. FRY TRAY
2. SILICONE BUMPERS\*
3. BASKET
4. HANDLE
5. CONTROL PANEL
6. AIR INLET VENT
7. MAIN UNIT HOUSING
8. HOT AIR OUTLET VENT
9. POWER CABLE



**NOTE:** Unpack all listed contents from the packaging. Contents vary by model. Please remove any clear or blue protective film on the components before use.

\*Removing the bumpers is not recommended.

**IMPORTANT:** Please make sure that your appliance has been shipped with the components that you ordered (some accessories may be sold separately). Check everything carefully before use. If any part is missing or damaged, do not use this product. Contact Empower Brands, LLC using the customer service number located on the back of this manual.



# Parts & Accessories

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## Attaching the Fry Basket Handle

Your Fry Basket Handle might come disassembled in your appliance's packaging. To attach the Fry Basket Handle:

1. Remove the paper label. Pull the Fry Basket out of the appliance.
2. Slide the attachment point on the handle downward until it clicks into place.
3. The Fry Basket Handle should lock into place and should not detach once it is locked into place.



# Parts & Accessories

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**6-Qt. Fry Tray and Basket**  
AF-E6001-C



**6-Qt. Display Panel**  
AF-E6001-C



**8-Qt. Fry Tray and Basket**  
AF-E8001-C

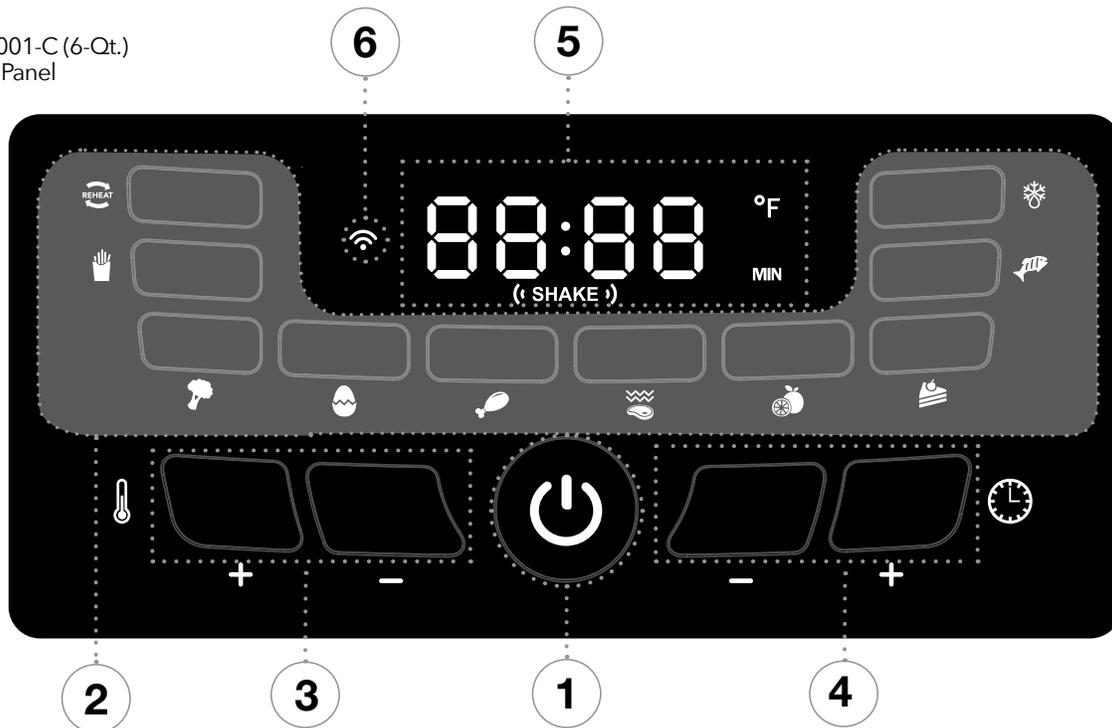


**8-Qt. Display Panel**  
AF-E8001-C



# Using The Control Panel

Model: AF-E6001-C (6-Qt.)  
Display Panel



**TO START:** Plug the Power Cord into the electrical outlet. The Digital LED Display will illuminate and a series of dashes (running lights) will display.

- 1. Power Button:** Once the Basket and Fry Tray are properly placed in the Main Unit Housing, the Control Panel will be illuminated. Pressing the Power Button once will set the appliance to a default cooking temperature of 375° F/191° C and time of 15 minutes. Pressing the Power Button a second time will start the cooking process. Pressing the Power Button during the cooking cycle will turn the appliance off.
- 2. Cooking Presets:** Press the cooking preset buttons to choose from up to ten cooking presets (presets vary by model). See the Preset Chart for the cooking times and temperatures associated with each preset. The running lights on the Control Panel will illuminate when the cooking cycle begins and will stay illuminated for up to 20 seconds after the cooking cycle is complete.

- 3. Timer Control Buttons:** The + and – symbols enable you to increase or decrease cooking time 1 minute at a time (30 minutes at a time for Dehydrate). Keeping the Button held down will rapidly change the time. Time control range: 1–60 minutes (Dehydrate time control range: 2–24 hours).
- 4. Temperature Control Buttons:** The + and – symbols enable you to increase or decrease cooking temperature 5° F at a time. Keeping a button held down will rapidly change the temperature. Temperature control range: 180° F–430° F/82° C–221° C (Dehydrate temperature control range: 90° F–170° F/32° C–77° C).
- 5. Time and Temperature Display:** This display will keep track of the temperature and remaining cook time.  
**Shake Indicator:** The Shake Indicator will illuminate when the cooking cycle has reached its halfway point. This halfway timer gives you the opportunity to shake or flip your food in the appliance, which helps ensure even cooking (see the “Shaking” section).

- 6. Wi-Fi:** Indicates the appliance’s connection to a mobile device (see the “Using the Wi-Fi Features” section).

# Using The Control Panel

## Preset Chart

Once you are familiar with the appliance, you may want to experiment with your own recipes. Simply choose the time and temperature that suits your personal taste.

Preset	Temperature	Time	Shake*	Low Fan
<i>Default</i>	375° F (191° C)	15 mins.	Yes	
 French Fry	400° F (204° C)	18 mins.	Yes	
 Vegetable	380° F (193° C)	8 mins.	Yes	
 Bake	320° F (160° C)	30 mins.	No	On
 Fish	390° F (199° C)	10 mins.	No	
 Eggs	250° F (121° C)	18 mins.	No	
 Chicken	350° F (177° C)	40 mins.	Yes	
 Broil	400° F (204° C)	12 mins.	Yes	
 Reheat	240° F (116° C)	12 mins.	Yes	
 Defrost	180° F (82° C)	15 mins.	Yes	
 Dehydrate	120° F (49° C)	2 hrs.	No	On

**\*Shake Function Programming:** Halfway through the cooking cycle, the appliance will beep five times, indicating that food can be shaken or flipped over (see the "Shaking" section).

# Instructions for Use

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## Before First Use

1. Read all material, warning stickers, and labels.
2. Remove all packing materials, stickers, and labels from the appliance.
3. Before initial use, wipe the inside and outside of the appliance with a warm, moist cloth and mild detergent. Handwash all cooking accessories.
4. Place appliance on a heat-resistant surface or use heat protection. Ensure that the appliance is used in an area with adequate air circulation. Do not place on the stove top.
5. Before cooking food, preheat the appliance for a few minutes to allow the appliance to burn off the manufacturer's protective coating of oil. Wipe the appliance with warm, soapy water and a dishcloth after this burn-in cycle.

## Inserting the Fry Tray

1. Place the Fry Tray in the Basket. The Fry Tray's adjustable tray height lets you place food closer to the heating element for broiling. You can also use it to make the total size of the basket smaller when cooking smaller quantities of food.
2. To raise the Fry Tray closer to the heating element, position the edges of the Fry Tray (see **Fig. i**) on the Fry Tray Holders (see **Fig. j**). To use the Fry Tray on the bottom of the Basket, rotate the Fry Tray so that the Fry Tray's edges slide past the Fry Tray Holder, and push the Fry Tray to the bottom of the Basket (see **Fig k**).
3. Slide the Basket into the appliance. If the Basket is placed properly, it will click into place.

**NOTE:** This appliance cooks using hot air. Do not fill the Basket with oil or frying fat.



**Fig. i**



**Fig. j**



**Fig. k**

# Instructions for Use

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## Using the Appliance

1. Plug the appliance into a dedicated electrical outlet.
2. Pull the Basket out of the appliance and place the ingredients inside. Do not touch the Basket directly because the Basket becomes very hot during operation. Only hold the Basket by its handle. Insert the Basket into the appliance.  
**NOTE:** Always use the Fry Tray with the Basket.
3. Press the Power Button. Set the appropriate time and temperature for the ingredients you are cooking.
4. When the timer beeps five times, either the set cooking time has elapsed or the appliance is reminding you to shake your food (see “Shaking” in “Instructions for Use”). Pull the Basket out of the appliance and place it on a heat-resistant surface.
5. When removing food from the basket, avoid contact with hot excess oil or the hot drip tray. To avoid being burned, use silicone-tipped tongs or tip out the basket contents carefully. The Fry Tray is not secured and can fall out. Hot oil can be inside the basket.
6. If the food is not fully cooked, simply slide the Basket back into the appliance and add a few minutes to the cooking time.
7. The appliance is instantly ready for preparing another batch.

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## Shaking

To ensure even cooking, some foods require shaking or flipping during the cooking process. Some of this appliance’s presets include a halfway timer, which is a timer that will beep and the Shake icon on the Control Panel will blink when the cooking cycle has reached its halfway point.

At the halfway point in the cycle, carefully use oven mitts to remove the hot Basket from the appliance. Gently shake.

**NOTE:** If you do not remove the Basket and shake the food, the Shake light on the Control Panel will remain illuminated.

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## Tips

- Foods that are smaller in size usually require a slightly shorter cooking time than larger foods.
- Shaking smaller-sized foods halfway through the cooking process ensures that all the pieces are fried evenly.
- Adding a bit of vegetable oil to breaded items is suggested for a crispier result. When adding oil, do so just before cooking and add only a small amount onto the breaded items.
- Snacks normally cooked in an oven can also be cooked in the appliance.
- Use premade dough to prepare filled snacks quickly and easily. Premade dough also requires a shorter cooking time than homemade dough.
- You can use the appliance to reheat foods. Simply set the temperature and time to however warm you want your food.

# Using The Wi-Fi Features

## Download the PowerXL App and Create an Account

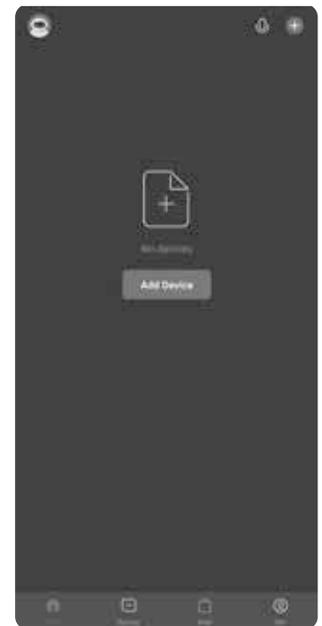
1. Download the PowerXL app from the Google Play store or App Store.
2. Select “Sign Up” and enter your email to create an account (see **Fig. a**). Your email will be sent a verification code.
3. Enter the verification in the app and create a password.

## Pair Your Device with the PowerXL App

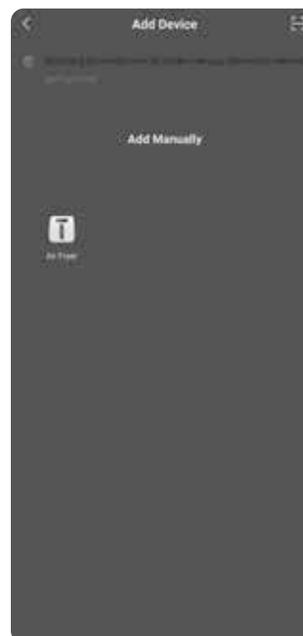
1. Plug the appliance into an electrical outlet and press the Power Button to turn the appliance on. Press and hold the Power Button for 5 seconds. The Wi-Fi indicator on the control panel should start flashing rapidly, indicating that the appliance has entered pairing mode.
2. **To pair automatically:** In the Home tab, select “Add Device” (see **Fig. b**). The appliance should be able to connect to the app automatically via Bluetooth connection. If the appliance does not connect automatically, you can manually pair the appliance with your app.
3. **To pair manually:** After selecting “Add Device,” select your appliance type (Air Fryer) under “Add Manually” (see **Fig. c**). Select your 2.4 GHz wi-fi network and enter the password for that network. Select “Next” (see **Fig. d**).
4. Select “Confirm the indicator is blinking rapidly” and then select “Next” (see **Fig. f**).
5. The app will attempt to connect to the appliance. This process might take a few minutes.
6. Your appliance should now be connected to the app. After the app is connected, your appliance’s control panel can be accessed on the app’s Home tab.



**Fig. a**



**Fig. b**



**Fig. c**



**Fig. d**

# Using The Wi-Fi Features

## Controlling Your Appliance Through the App

You can use the PowerXL app to set cooking presets and set the cooking time and temperature on your appliance.

**Power Button:** Select to light up the appliance's control panel. You must select the Power Button before selecting any other buttons.

**Preset Buttons:** Press to select a cooking preset. You can manually adjust the cooking time and temperature after selecting a preset setting.

**Time Adjustment:** Manually adjust the cooking time.

**Temperature Adjustment:** Manually adjust the cooking temperature.

**Menu Button:** Takes you to the recipe database, allowing you to select a recipe.

**NOTE:** You must press the Power Button on the appliance's Control Panel in order to begin any cooking process. The appliance cannot be started remotely using the app; only the cooking time and temperature can be set.

## Using the Recipe Database

The recipe database can be accessed by selecting the Menu button on the app's appliance control panel (see **Fig. g**) or by selecting the Recipe tab at the bottom of the app (see **Fig. h**). Here, you can search for recipes compatible with your appliance.

In addition to providing you with pictures, ingredients, and step-by-step instructions for following a recipe, the recipe portion of the app can be used to set the cooking time and temperature associated with the recipe automatically. Scroll to the bottom of the recipe and press the Start button. Select your appliance from the list of appliances that appears and press "Start cooking" to set the cooking time and temperature you will need to complete the recipe.



Fig. e



Fig. f

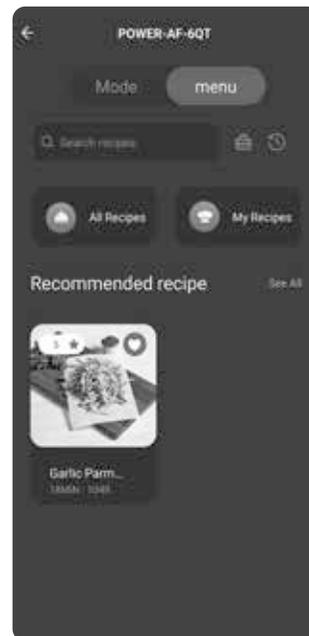


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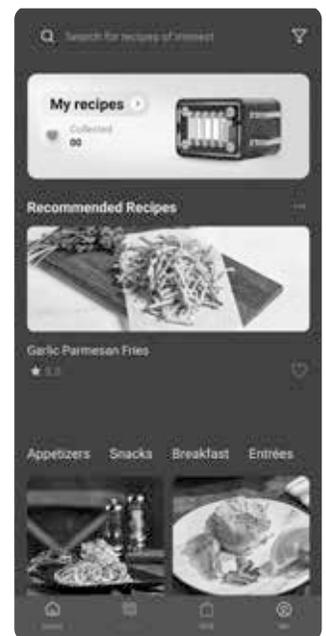


Fig. h

# General Cooking Guidelines

**NOTE:** Keep in mind that these settings are guidelines. Since ingredients differ in origin, size, shape, and brand, we cannot guarantee the best settings for your ingredients.

Food item	Size	Temperature	Cook Time	Preheat	Shake or Flip	Spray with Oil
<b>FROZEN FOOD</b>						
French fries		400° F (204° C)	18 min		✓	
Sweet potato fries		400° F (204° C)	22 min		✓	
Chicken nuggets		400° F (204° C)	14 min		✓	
<b>CHICKEN</b>						
Breaded cutlets	6 oz	400° F (204° C)	10 min	✓	✓	✓
Wings		400° F (204° C)	25 min	✓	✓	
Chicken breast	6 oz	400° F (204° C)	8 min	✓		
<b>BEEF</b>						
Burgers	6 oz	400° F (204° C)	10 min	✓	✓	
Hot dogs	8 pc	375° F (191° C)	5 min	✓	✓	
NY strip steaks	8 oz	400° F (204° C)	12 min	✓	✓	
Meatballs, 1 inch	1.5 lb	375° F (191° C)	10 min	✓	✓	
<b>PORK</b>						
Pork chops		400° F (204° C)	12 min	✓	✓	
Sausages		350° F (177° C)	15 min	✓	✓	
<b>FISH</b>						
Salmon filets	6 oz	390° F (199° C)	12 min	✓		
Shrimp (16–20 size)	12 oz	390° F (199° C)	10 min	✓	✓	

# General Cooking Guidelines

Food item	Size	Temperature	Cook Time	Preheat	Shake or Flip	Spray with Oil
<b>VEGETABLES</b>						
Asparagus	1 lb	380° F (193° C)	8 min		✓	✓
Broccoli	8 oz	380° F (193° C)	8 min		✓	✓
Corn on the cob	2 pc	380° F (193° C)	8 min		✓	✓
<b>PREPARED FOOD</b>						
Hard boiled eggs, shell on		250° F (121° C)	18 min			
Cake		320° F (160° C)	20 min			
Grilled cheese sandwich	1 pc	375° F (191° C)	6 min	✓	✓	

## Internal Temperature Meat Chart

Use this chart and a food thermometer to ensure that meat, poultry, seafood, and other cooked foods reach a safe minimum internal temperature.

\*For maximum food safety, the U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends 165° F/74° C for all poultry; 160° F/71° C for ground beef, lamb, and pork; and 145° F/63° C, with a 3-minute resting period, for all other types of beef, lamb, and pork. Also review the USDA Food Safety Standards.

Food	Type	Internal Temp.*
Beef & Veal	Ground	160° F (71° C)
	Steaks, roasts: medium	145° F (63° C)
	Steaks, roasts: rare	125° F (52° C)
Chicken & Turkey	Breasts	165° F (74° C)
	Ground, stuffed	165° F (74° C)
	Whole bird, legs, thighs, wings	165° F (74° C)
Fish & Shellfish	Any type	145° F (63° C)
Lamb	Ground	160° F (71° C)
	Steaks, roasts: medium	140° F (60° C)
	Steaks, roasts: rare	130° F (54° C)
Pork	Chops, ground, ribs, roasts	160° F (71° C)
	Fully cooked ham	140° F (60° C)

# Cleaning & Storage

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Clean the appliance after each use. The Basket and Fry Tray are coated with a special nonstick surface. Never use abrasive cleaning materials or utensils on these surfaces.

1. Remove the Power Cable from the electrical outlet and be certain the appliance is thoroughly cooled before cleaning.
2. Wipe the outside of the appliance with a warm, moist cloth and mild detergent.
3. Clean the Basket and Fry Tray, with hot water, a mild detergent, and a nonabrasive sponge. The Fry Tray is dishwasher safe, but hand-washing is recommended. For difficult-to-remove food, soak in hot, soapy water for 10 minutes.
4. **NOTE:** If the Silicone Bumpers on the Fry Tray need to be cleaned, they can be removed and reattached. To remove the bumpers, locate the capped end of the bumper and push the capped end off of the Fry Tray. There will be some resistance, but keep pushing until the bumper slides off of the Fry Tray. To reattach the bumper, slide each bumper onto the slot on the Fry Tray.
5. Clean the inside of the appliance with hot water, a mild detergent, and a nonabrasive sponge.
6. If necessary, remove unwanted food residue from the heating element with a soft cleaning brush.
7. Rinse the appliance with a clean, damp cloth. Use a clean, dry cloth to dry the appliance interior. Do not leave standing water in the appliance.
8. If any other service needs to be performed, contact Customer Service using the contact information on the back of this manual.

## Storage

Place the cooled, dry appliance in a clean, dry place. Do not stack objects on top of the appliance.

# Troubleshooting

Symptom	Possible Cause	Solution
The appliance does not work	The appliance is not plugged in.	Plug the Power Cable into an electrical outlet.
	The appliance is plugged into an outlet that is shared with other devices.	Plug the appliance into a dedicated electrical outlet.
	The appliance has not been turned on by setting the preparation time and temperature.	Press the Power Button. Select a time and temperature. Press the Power Button again and cooking will begin.
	The appliance might have been turned off. If the Power button is pressed while cooking, the Auto Shut-Off mode will be triggered.	Press the Power Button. Select a time and temperature. Press the Power Button again and cooking will begin.
Food is not cooked	The Basket is overloaded.	Use smaller batches for more even frying.
	The temperature is set too low.	Raise temperature and continue cooking.
Food is not fried evenly	Some foods need to be shaken during the cooking process.	See "Shaking" section in "Instructions for Use".
Basket will not slide into appliance properly	The Basket is overloaded.	Do not fill the Basket above the Maximum line.
	The Fry Tray is not placed in the Basket correctly.	Gently push the Fry Tray into the Basket until it clicks.
Smoke coming from appliance	Too much oil is being used.	Wipe down to remove excess oil.
	The Basket has grease residue from the previous operation.	Clean the Basket after each use.
French fries are not fried evenly	Potatoes are not prepped properly.	Consult a recipe for potato type and prep.
	Fries are not cut evenly.	Cut fries thinner or reshape fries.
	Fries are too crowded.	Spread fries out or cook a smaller batch.
	Potatoes are not rinsed properly during preparation.	Pat dry to remove excess starch.
Fries are not crispy	Raw fries have too much water.	Dry potato sticks properly before misting oil.
		Cut sticks smaller.
		Add a bit more oil.
Error	E1 - Broken circuit of the thermal sensor	Call Customer Service at 1-973-287-5129
	E2 - Short circuit of the thermal sensor	

# Frequently Asked Questions

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**1. Can I prepare foods other than fried dishes with my appliance?**

You can prepare a variety of dishes, including steaks, chops, burgers, and baked goods. See the PowerXL® Vortex Pro Air Fryer Plus™ Recipe Guide.

**2. Is the appliance good for making or reheating soups and sauces?**

Never cook or reheat liquids in the appliance.

**3. Is it possible to shut off the appliance at any time?**

Press the Power Button once or remove the Basket.

**4. What do I do if the appliance shuts off while cooking?**

As a safety feature, the appliance has an Auto Shut-Off device that prevents damage from overheating. Remove the Basket and set it on a heat-resistant surface. Remove the Power Cable from the outlet. Allow the appliance to cool down. Once cool, plug the Power Cable into the outlet. Restart by pressing the Power Button.

**5. Does the appliance need time to heat up?**

Most recipes do not require preheating. If you are cooking from a cold start and your recipe requires preheating, add 3 minutes to the cooking time to compensate.

**6. Can I check the food during the cooking process?**

You can remove the Basket at any time while cooking is in progress. During this time, you can shake the contents in the Basket if needed to ensure even cooking.

**7. Is the appliance dishwasher safe?**

Only the Fry Tray is dishwasher safe. The appliance itself, which contains the heating coil and electronics, should never be submerged in liquid of any kind or cleaned with anything more than a warm, moist cloth or nonabrasive sponge with a small amount of mild detergent.

**8. What happens if the appliance still does not work after I have tried all the troubleshooting suggestions?**

Never attempt a home repair. Contact customer service and follow the procedures set forth by the guarantee. Failure to do so could render your guarantee null and void.



# VORTEX AIR FRYER PRO PLUS™

## 90-Day Money-Back Guarantee

The **PowerXL® Vortex Pro Air Fryer Plus™** is covered by a 90-day money-back guarantee. If you are not 100% satisfied with your product, return the product and request a replacement product or refund. Proof of purchase is required. Refunds will include the purchase price, less processing and handling. Follow the instructions in the Return Policy below to request a replacement or refund.

### Replacement Guarantee Policy

Our products, when purchased from an authorized retailer, include a 1-year replacement guarantee if your product or component part does not perform as expected, the guarantee extends only to the original purchaser and is not transferable. If you experience an issue with one of our products within 1 year of purchase, return the product or the component part for replacement with a functionally equivalent new product or part. The original proof of purchase is required, and you are responsible to pay to return the appliance to us. In the event a replacement appliance is issued, the guarantee coverage ends six (6) months following the receipt date of the replacement appliance or the remainder of the existing guarantee, whichever is later. Empower Brands, LLC reserves the right to replace the appliance with one of equal or greater value.

### Return Policy

If, for any reason, you would like to replace or return the product under the money-back guarantee, your order number can be used as the return merchandise authorization number (RMA). If the product was purchased in a retail store, return the product to the store or use "RETAIL" as the RMA. Return your product to the address provided below for a replacement, which will incur no additional processing and handling fees, or for the refund of your purchase price, less processing and handling. You are responsible for the cost of returning the product. You can locate your order number at [www.customerstatus.com](http://www.customerstatus.com). You can call customer service at 973-287-5129 or email [info@tvcustomerinfo.com](mailto:info@tvcustomerinfo.com) for any additional questions. Pack the product carefully and include in the package a note with (1) your name, (2) mailing address, (3) phone number, (4) email address, (5) reason for return, and (6) proof of purchase or order number, and (7) specify on the note whether you are requesting a refund or replacement. Write the RMA on the outside of the package.

Send the product to the following return address:

PowerXL Vortex Pro Air Fryer Plus  
Empower Brands, LLC  
500 Returns Road  
Wallingford, CT 06495

If the replacement or refund request has not been acknowledged after two weeks, please contact Customer Service at 973-287-5129.

### Refund

Refunds requested within the money-back guarantee timeframe will be issued to the payment method used at purchase if the item was purchased directly from Empower Brands, LLC. If the item was purchased from an authorized retailer, proof of purchase is required, and a check will be issued for the item and sales tax amount. Processing and handling fees are non-refundable.

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