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Cuisinart 14, the popular one is awful, and I'd never buy another one.

I'm writing in to weigh in on my first hand experience with this thing, and to serve as a datapoint for people, who like me, were looking for recommendations and feedback on whether or not they should purchase this.

Up until recently, I had a Ninja food processor that had done a few years of good work, but finally the bowl locking mechanism gave out, and it was time to get a new one (I will say that finding replacements parts was impossible, so I was forced to purchase another whole food processor). So I did the usual research, scouring forums and checking out various youtube comparisons, etc. and the popular 14 cup Cuisinart food processor was roundly praised and highly recommended. So I purchased one.

How it's built/Ease of use

Unboxed, set it up, and was immediately vexed by how annoying it was to attach the lid to the bowl. I figured I must've been doing something wrong, because the Ninja I'd had for years was always so incredible easy to detach

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I have never had one issue remotely like you mention with assembly. It all works fine for me.

I have never wanted other settings. On/off work fine for me. I chop, shred, blend, and slice all kinds of things with no issue.



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You loved your Ninja. Why didn't you just buy another Ninja. Oh and you just described most food processors.



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We bought one a year or so ago. It isn't hype. It's hands down the best kitchen device we have.

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This design is virtually unchanged for nearly 50 years. I use one in a professional capacity nearly every single day. I have every cutting disc made. The DLC-7 and it's decedents (the DFP-14) deserve every bit of the widespread praise they get. They are tireless performers that excel at the tasks they are designed to perform. Cuisinart has done their legions of dedicated users a solid: the work bowl on the current model will fit on a motor from 1978.

The safety mechanism that keeps your fingers on your hands is somewhat daunting the very first time you use it. Assembling/disassembling the work bowl components becomes second nature in no time. I do it in flash without any thought given to it whatsoever.

If your not getting proper results from a Cuisinart food processor doing a job it was designed to do, I can say with confidence it's not the food processor's fault.


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Honestly, ever since I got my high-end blender, I rarely use my cuisinart.

Unless I need to do a lot of chopping/grating/grinding/whatever, it's easier and faster to just grab a knife or a box grater or even the grating attachment for my stand mixer. Or a mandolin.

I like my Cuisinart, for the most part. But my kitchen is tiny and it lives in a cupboard. Clean up is a pain.

Unless I'm doing a lot, it's just not worth it.

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Yeah, the Cuisinart is really overrated. It's a decent value for performance that approaches what you get from Magimix or Breville/Sage, but both of those brands run circles around it in terms of usability. Agreed that the Cuisinart just feels downright unpleasant to use because of how weirdly everything fits together.

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Cuisinart makes crap products.

My first blender was an ugly Osterizer that I used for making drinks. It kept up with me as my cooking skills evolved. The motor was strong enough for daily smoothies.

It got lost in a move. I bought a beautiful Cuisinart blender to replace it. That piece of crap failed after 3 smoothies. The motor burned out. I bought another Oster.

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I'm all about the Ninja machines. I owned 1, only 1 Cuisinart, many years ago and I've never looked back.

You are dead on when you describe the infernal difficulty of assembling and seating a Cuisinart. It applies to nearly ALL food processors except for the Ninja. Ninja makes everything SO easy!

I've heard a lot of complaints about the food processor and blender not getting food as smooth as a Cuisinart, and yet, if I want super smooth sauces and butters, I just toss them into my Ninja Smoothie cup, stick it on my Ninja processor unit and give it a quick whirl... smoother nut butter/sauce than any Cuisinart could ever hope to make. The Ninja blender is absolutely fine for making standard sauces and other blended items and the processor is great for chopping, mincing and making quick doughs.

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Total agreement, and this isn't about being a Ninja loyalist, it's just that the experience is night and day. That first moment I took the Cuisinart out of the box and assembled it etc., I had that sinking "this purchase was a big mistake" feeling. Just an experience you never want to have with a brand new item. Even though people praise the Cusinart for its longevity, I'd rather have something that's convenient and needs to be replaced more often, versus something that's subpar and lasts forever. Who wants to deal with that every single time you use the device?

It's unfortunate to hear that all food processors are basically poorly engineered. I guess I was unknowingly spoiled having used the Ninja, and it took buying a competitor to realize it. But it underlined the fact that little things matter, and that when you're shopping for something, almost focus more on the bad reviews, and really pay attention to the annoyances that people point out. A lot of times, positive reviews, even mountains of them, don't provide the full story.

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