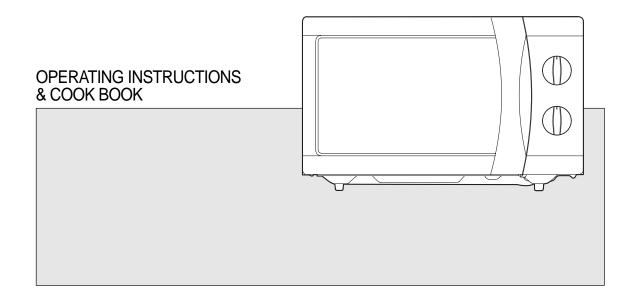


# MICROWAVE OVEN

# KOR-8A253A27



Before operating this oven, please read these instructions completely.

# PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID POSSIBLE EXPOSURE TO EXCESSIVE MICROWAVE ENERGY

- (a) Do not attempt to operate this oven with the door open since open-door operation can result in harmful exposure to microwave energy. It is important not to defeat or tamper with the safety interlocks.
- (b) **Do not place any object** between the oven front face and the door or allow soil or cleaner residue to accumulate on sealing surfaces.
- (c) **Do not operate the oven if it is damaged.** It is particularly important that the oven door close properly and that there is no damage to the: (1) door (bent), (2) hinges and latches (broken or loosened), (3) door seals and sealing surfaces.
- (d) The oven should not be adjusted or repaired by anyone except properly qualified service personnel.

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## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

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

WARNING-To reduce the risk of burns, electric shock, fire, injury to persons or exposure to excessive microwave energy:

- 1. Read all instructions before using the appliance.
- 2. Read and follow the specific "PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID POSSIBLE EXPOSURE TO EXCESSIVE MICROWAVE ENERGY" found on page 1.
- This appliance must be grounded. Connect only to properly grounded outlet. See "GROUNDING INSTRUCTIONS" found on page 3.
- Install or locate this appliance only in accordance with the provided installation instructions.
- Some products such as whole eggs and sealed containers - for example, closed glass jars are able to explode and should not be heated in this oven.
- 6. Use this appliance only for its intended use as described in this manual. Do not use corrosive chemicals or vapors in this appliance. This type of oven is specifically designed to heat, cook, or dry food. It is not designed for industrial or laboratory use.
- Only allow children to use the oven without supervision when adequate instructions have been given so that the child is able to use the oven in a safe way and understands the hazards of improper use.
- Do not operate this appliance if it has a damaged cord or plug, if it is not working properly, or if it has been damaged or dropped.
- 9. This appliance should be serviced only by qualified service personnel.

Contact nearest authorized service facility for examination, repair or adjustment.

- 10. Do not cover or block any openings on the appliance.
- Do not store this appliance outdoors. Do not use this product near water — for example, near a kitchen sink, in a wet basement, near a swimming pool, or similar locations.
- 12. Do not immerse cord or plug in water.
- 13. Keep cord away from heated surfaces.
- 14. Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter.
- 15. When cleaning surfaces of door and oven that comes together on closing the door, use only mild, nonabrasive soaps or detergents applied with a sponge or soft cloth.
- 16. To reduce the risk of fire in the oven cavity:a) Do not overcook food. Carefully attend appliance when paper, plastic, or other combustible materials are placed inside the oven to facilitate cooking.

- b) Remove wire twist-ties from paper or plastic bags before placing bag in oven.
- c) If materials inside the oven ignite, keep oven door closed, turn oven off, and disconnect the power cord, or shut off power at the fuse or circuit breaker panel.
- d) Do not use the cavity for storage purposes. Do not leave paper products, cooking utensils, or food in the cavity when not in use.
- 17. Liquids, such as water, coffee, or tea are able to be overheated beyond the boiling point without appearing to be boiling due to surface tension of the liquid. Visible bubbling or boiling when the container is removed from the microwave oven is not always present. THIS COULD RESULT IN VERY HOT LIQUIDS SUDDENLY BOILING OVER WHEN A SPOON OR OTHER UTENSIL IS INSERTED INTO THE LIQUID.

### To reduce the risk of injury to persons:

- a) Do not overheat the liquid.
- b) Stir the liquid both before and halfway through heating it.
- c) Do not use straight-sided containers with narrow necks.
- d) After heating, allow the container to stand in the microwave oven for a short time before removing the container.
- e) Use extreme care when inserting a spoon or other utensil into the container.
- 18. Do not use this microwave oven to heat corrosive chemicals (for example, sulfides and chlorides). Vapors from such corrosive chemicals may interact with the contact and springs of the safety interlock switches thereby rendering them inoperable.
- 19. Keep the waveguide cover clean at all times. Wipe the oven interior with a soft damp cloth after each use. If you leave grease or fat anywhere in the cavity it may overheat, smoke or even catch fire when next using the oven.
- 20. Never heat oil or fat for deep frying as you cannot control the temperature and doing so may lead to overheating and fire.
- 21. Do not operate the oven without the glass tray in place. Be sure it is properly sitting on the rotating base.

# SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RADIO FREQUENCY INTERFERENCE STATEMENT

### WARNING:

This equipment generates and uses ISM frequency energy and if not installed and used properly, that is in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, may cause interference to radio and television reception.

It has been type-tested and found to comply with limits for an ISM Equipment pursuant to part 18 of FCC Rules, which are designed to provide reasonable protection against such interference in a residential installation.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation.

If this equipment does cause interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the followings.

- Reorient the receiving antenna of radio or television.
- Relocate the Microwave oven with respect to the receiver.
- Move the microwave oven away from the receiver.
- Plug the microwave oven into a different outlet so that microwave oven and receiver are on different branch circuits.

THE MANUFACTURER is not responsible for any radio or TV interference caused by UNAUTHORIZED MODIFICATION to this microwave oven. It is the responsibility of the user to correct such interference.

# **GROUNDING INSTRUCTIONS**

This appliance must be grounded. In the event of an electrical short circuit, the grounding plug reduces the risk of electric shock by providing an escape wire for electric current. This appliance is equipped with a cord having a grounding wire with a grounding plug. The plug must be plugged into an outlet that is properly installed and grounded.

### WARNING:

Improper use of the grounding can result in a risk of electric shock.

Consult a qualified electrician or serviceman if the grounding instructions are not completely understood, or if doubt exists as to whether the appliance is properly grounded, and either :

- (1) If it is necessary to use an extension cord, use only a 3-wire extension cord that has a 3-blade grounding plug, and a 3-slot receptacle that will accept the plug on the appliance. The marked rating of the extension cord shall be equal to or greater than the electrical rating of the appliance. or
- (2) Do not use an extension cord, if the power supply cord is too short, have a qualified electrician or serviceman install an outlet near the appliance.

### WARNING:

Do not cut or remove the third (ground) prong from the power cord under any circumstances.

# INSTALLATION

#### 1. Examine the oven after unpacking.

Check for damage such as a misaligned door, broken door or dent in the cavity. If any damage is visible, DO NOT INSTALL, and notify your dealer immediately.

### 2. Level, flat location.

Install the microwave oven on a level, flat surface.

#### 3. Ventilation.

Do not block air vents. If they are blocked during operation, the oven may overheat and eventually cause a failure.

For proper ventilation, allow 3 inches of space between oven top, sides, rear and adjacent surfaces.

### 4. Away from radio and TV sets.

Poor television reception and radio interference may result if the oven is located close to a TV, radio, antenna, feeder, etc.

Place the oven as far from them as possible.

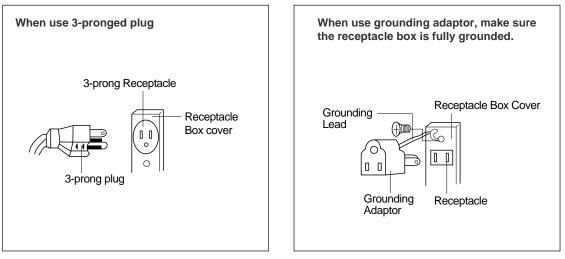
### 5. Away from heating appliances and water taps.

Keep the oven away from heat, steam or splashing liquids. These things can adversely affect oven wiring and contacts.

### 6. Power supply.

- Check your local power source.
- This microwave oven requires a current of approximately 15 amperes, 120Volts, 60Hz grounded outlet.1. A short power-supply cord is provided to reduce the risks resulting from becoming entangled in or tripping over a longer cord.
- 2. Longer cord sets or extension cords are available and may be used if care is exercised in their use.
- 3. If a long cord or extension cord is used:
  - The marked electrical rating of the cord set or extension cord should be at least as great as the electrical rating of the appliance.
  - The extension cord must be a grounding type 3-wire cord.
  - The longer cord should be arranged so that it will not drape over the counter top or tabletop where it can be pulled on by children or tripped over unintentionally.

### 7. The minimum height of free space necessary above the top surface of the oven is about 4 inches.

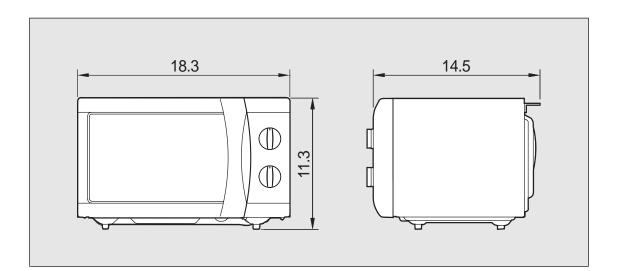


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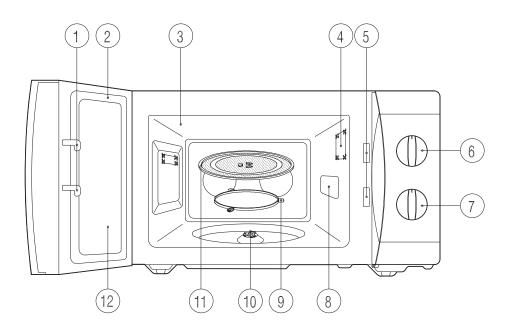
# **SPECIFICATIONS**

POWER SUPPLY		120V AC, 60Hz SINGLE PHASE WITH GROUNDING	
INPUT POWER		1100 W	
MICROWAVE	ENERGY OUTPUT	700 W	
	FREQUENCY	2,450MHz	
OUTSIDE DIMENS	SIONS (W × H × D)	18.3 ×11.3 ×14.5 in	
CAVITY DIMENSIONS (W × H × D)		11.7 × 9.0 × 13.0 in	
CAVITY VOLUME		0.8 cu.ft	
NET WEIGHT		APPROX. 23.0 lbs.	
TIMER		35min. DUAL SPEED	
POWER SELECTIONS		5 Levels	

\* Specifications are subject to change without notice.



# **FEATURES DIAGRAM**



- (1) **Door latch** When the door is closed, it will automatically shut off. If the door is opened while the oven is operating, the magnetron will automatically shut off.
- (2) **Door seal** The door seal surfaces prevent microwaves escaping from the oven cavity.
- 3 Oven cavity
- (4) **Oven lamp** Automatically turns on during oven operating.
- 5 Safety interlock system
- (6) Variable Power Control Knob Used to select a microwave power level.
- Timer knob Used in setting cooking time for all functions.

- (8) Waveguide cover Protects the microwave outlet from splashes of cooking foods.
- (9) **Roller guide** This must always be used for cooking together with the glass cooking tray.
- Coupler- This fits over the shaft in the center of the oven cavity floor.
   This is to remain in the oven for all cooking.
- (1) Glass cooking tray Made of special heat resistant glass. The tray must always be in proper position before operating. Do not cook food directly on the tray.
- Viewing screen Allows viewing of food. The screen is designed so that light can pass through, but not the microwave.

# **OPERATION PROCEDURE**

This section includes useful information about oven operation.

- Plug power supply cord into 120V AC 60Hz power outlet.
- After placing the food in a suitable container, open the oven door and put it on the glass tray. The glass tray and roller guide must always be in place during cooking.
- Close the door. Make sure that it is firmly closed. The oven door can be opened at any time during operation by pulling the handle of door. The oven will automatically shut off.
- 4. Set the variable power control knob to the desired power level.

SYMBOL	POWER LEVEL	OUTPUT POWER
٤	Warm	120W
***	Defrost	230W
¥	Medium	385W
¥	Medium high	540W
¥	High	700W

- Set the operating time by turning the timer knob to the desired cook time and the microwave cooking starts.
  - If setting the timer control for less than
    2 minutes, turn it past 2 minutes and then back to the desired time.

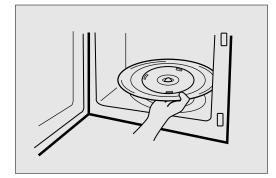
- Microwave energy will be turned off automatically when the timer knob reaches "OFF". Then food can be taken out of the oven.
  - To prevent the oven from operating with the door open, your microwave oven is fitted with safety door interlock switches.
  - If you wish to inspect the food while it is cooking simply open the door. The oven will automatically stop cooking. To continue cooking, you simply close the door.
  - If you wish to stop cooking, simply turn the timer knob to the "OFF" position. Cooking can be reset at any time during the cooking cycle by turning the timer control.
  - Do not let the timer continue to operate after removing or when there is no food.

# CARE OF YOUR MICROWAVE OVEN

The oven should be cleaned regularly and any food deposits removed. Failure to maintain the oven in a clean condition could lead to deterioration of the surface that could adversely affect the life of the appliance and possibly result in a hazardous situation.

- 1 Turn the oven off before cleaning.
- 2 Keep the inside of the oven clean. When food spatters or spilled liquids adhere to oven walls, wipe with a damp cloth. Mild detergent may be used if the oven gets very dirty. The use of harsh detergent or abrasives is not recommended.
- 3 The outside oven surface should be cleaned with soap and water, rinsed and dried with a soft cloth. To prevent damage to the operating parts inside the oven, water should not be allowed to seep into the ventilation openings.
- 4 If the Control Panel becomes wet, clean with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use harsh detergents or abrasives on Control Panel.
- 5 If steam accumulates inside or around the outside of the oven door, wipe with a soft cloth. This may occur when the microwave oven is operated under high humidity conditions and in no way indicates malfunction of the unit.

6 It is occasionally necessary to remove the glass tray for cleaning. Wash the tray in warm sudsy water or in a dishwasher.



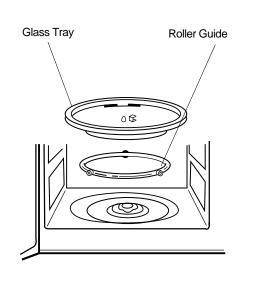
7 The roller guide and oven cavity floor should be cleaned regularly to avoid excessive noise. Simply wipe the bottom surface of the oven with mild detergent water or window cleaner and dry. The roller guide may be washed in mild sudsy water.

### ROLLER GUIDE

- 1 The ROLLER GUIDE and oven floor should be cleaned frequently to prevent excessive noise.
- 2 The ROLLER GUIDE MUST ALWAYS be used for cooking together with the Glass Tray.

### GLASS TRAY

- 1 DO NOT operate the oven without the Glass Tray in place.
- 2 DO NOT use any other Glass Tray with this oven.
- 3 If Glass Tray is hot, ALLOW TO COOL before cleaning or placing it in water.
- 4 DO NOT cook directly on the Glass Tray. (Except for popcorn)



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## **BEFORE YOU CALL FOR SERVICE**

Refer to following checklist, you may prevent an unnecessary service call.

- \* The oven doesn't work :
- 1. Check that the power cord is securely plugged in.
- 2. Check that the door is firmly closed.
- 3. Check that the cooking time is set.
- 4. Check for a blown circuit fuse or tripped main circuit breaker in your house.

### \* Sparking in the cavity :

- 1. Check utensils. Metal containers or dishes with metal trim should not be used.
- Check that metal skewers or foil does not touch the interior walls.

If there is still a problem, contact the service station. A list of these stations is included in the oven.

## CARE AND CLEANING

Although your oven is provided with safety features, it is important to observe the following:

- 1. It is important not to defeat or tamper with safety interlocks.
- Do not place any object between the oven front face and the door or allow residue to accumulate on sealing surfaces. Wipe the sealing area frequently with a mild detergent, rinse and dry. Never use abrasive powders or pads.
- 3. When opened, the door must not be subjected to strain, for example, a child hanging on an opened door or any load could cause the oven to fall forward to cause injury and also damage to the door. Do not operate the oven if it is damaged, until it has been repaired by a competent service

technician. It is particularly important that the oven closes properly and that there is no damage to the: i) Door(bent)

- ii) Hinges and Hookes(broken or loosened)iii) Door seals and sealing surfaces.
- 4. The oven should not be adjusted or repaired by anyone except a properly competent service technician.
- 5. The oven should be cleaned regularly and any food deposits removed;
- Failure to maintain the oven in a clean condition could lead to deterioration of the surface that could adversely affect the life of the appliance and possibly result in a hazardous situation;

# **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- \* Q : I accidentally ran my microwave oven without any food in it. Is it damaged?
- A : Running the oven empty for a short time will not damage the oven. However, it is not recommended.
- \* Q : Can the oven be used with the glass tray or roller guide removed?
- A : No. Both the glass tray and roller guide must always be used in the oven before cooking.
- \* Q : Can I open the door when the oven is operating?
- A : The door can be opened anytime during the cooking operation. Then microwave energy will be instantly switched off and the time setting will maintain until the door is closed.
- \* Q : Why do I have moisture in my microwave oven after cooking?
- A : The moisture on the side of your microwave oven is normal. It is caused by steam from cooking food hitting the cool oven surface.
- \* Q : Does microwave energy pass through the viewing screen in the door?
- A : No. The metal screen bounces back the energy to the oven cavity. The holes are made to allow light to pass through. They do not let microwave energy pass through.

### \* Q : Why do eggs sometimes pop?

- A : When baking or poaching eggs, the yolk may pop due to steam build-up inside the yolk membrane. To prevent this, simply pierce the yolk with a toothpick before cooking. Never cook eggs without piercing their shells.
- \* Q : Why this standing time recommended after the cooking operation has been completed?
- A : Standing time is very important. With microwave cooking, the heat is in the food, not in the oven. Many foods build up enough internal heat to allow the cooking process to continue, even after the food is removed from the oven. Standing time for joints of meat, large vegetables and cakes is to allow the inside to cook completely, without overcooking the outside.

- \* Q : What does "standing time" mean?
- A : "Standing time" means that food should be removed from the oven and covered for additional time to allow it to finish cooking. This frees the oven for other cooking.
- \* Q : Why does my oven not always cook as fast as the microwave cooking guide says?
- A : Check your cooking guide again, to make sure you've followed directions exactly ; and to see what might cause variations in cooking time. Cooking guide times and heat settings are suggestions, to help prevent over-cooking... the most common problem in getting used to a microwave oven.

Variations in the size, shape and weights and dimensions could require longer cooking time. Use your own judgement along with the cooking guide suggestions to check whether the food has been properly cooked just as you would do with a conventional cooker.

### \* Q : Will the microwave oven be damaged if it operates while empty?

- A : Yes. Never run it empty.
- \* Q : Can I operate my microwave oven without the turntable or turn the turntable over to hold a large dish?
- A : No. If you remove or turn over the turntable, you will get poor cooking results. Dishes used in your oven must fit on the turntable.
- \* Q : Is it normal for the turntable to turn in either direction?
- A : Yes. The turntable rotates clockwise or counterclockwise, depending on the rotation of the motor when the cooking cycle begins.
- \* Q : Can I pop popcorn in my microwave oven? How do I get the best results?
- A : Yes. Pop packaged microwave popcorn following manufacture's guidelines. Do not use regular paper bags. Use the "listening test" by stopping the oven as soon as the popping slows to a "pop" every 1 or 2 seconds. Do not repop unpopped kernels. Do not pop popcorn in glass cookware.

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# **COOKING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **Utensil Guide**

Only use utensils that are suitable for use in microwave ovens.

To cook food in the microwave oven, the microwaves must be able to penetrate the food, without being reflected or absorbed by the dish used. Care must therefore be taken choosing the utensil. If the utensil is marked microwave-safe, you do not need to worry. The following table lists various of utensil and indicates whether and how they should be used in a microwave oven.

Utensil	Safe	Comments
Aluminium foil		Can be used in small quantities to protect areas against overcooking. Arcing can occur if the foil is too close to the oven wall or if too much foil is used.
Crust plate	•	Do not preheat for more than 8minutes.
China and earthenware	•	Porcelain, pottery, glazed earthenware and bone china are usually suitable, unless deco-rated with a metal trim.
Disposable polyester cardboard dishes	•	Some frozen foods are packaged in these dishes.
<ul> <li>Fast-food packaging</li> <li>Polystyrene cups containers</li> <li>Paper bags or newspaper</li> <li>Recycled paper or metal trims</li> </ul>	• × ×	Can be used to warm food. Overheating may cause the polystyrene to melt. May catch fire. May cause arcing.
Glassware • Oven-to-table ware • Fine glassware • Glass jars	•	Can be used, unless decorated with a metal trim. Can be used to warm foods or liquids. Delicate glass may break or crack if heated suddenly. Must remove the lid. Suitable for warming only.
Metal • Dishes • Freezer bag twist ties	×××	May cause arcing or fire.
<ul> <li>Paper</li> <li>Plates, cups, napkins and Kitchen paper</li> <li>Recycled paper</li> </ul>	• ×	For short cooking times and warming. Also to absorb excess moisture. May cause arcing.
Plastic • Containers	•	Particularly if heat-resistant thermoplastic. Some other plastics may warp or discolour at high temperatures. Do not use Melamine plastic.
<ul><li>Cling film</li><li>Freezer bags</li></ul>		Can be used to retain moisture. Should not touch the food. Take care when removing the film as hot steam will escape. Only if boilable or oven-proof. Should not be airtight. Prick with a fork, if necessary.
Wax or grease-proof paper	•	Can be used to retain moisture and prevent spattering.

• : Recommended use

▲ : Limited Use

X : Not Recommended

# **USE YOUR MICROWAVE OVEN SAFELY**

### **General Use**

Do not attempt to defeat or tamper with safety interlocks.

Do not place any object between the oven front frame and the door or allow residue to build up on sealing surfaces. Wipe with a mild detergent, rinse and dry. Never use abrasive powders or pads.

Do not subject the oven door to strain or weight such as a child hanging on an open door.

This could cause the oven to fall forward resulting in injury to you and damage to the oven.

### Food

Never use your microwave oven for home canning. The oven is not designed for proper home canning. Improperly canned food may spoil and be dangerous to consume.

Always use the minimum recipe cooking time. It is better to undercook rather than overcook foods. Undercooked foods can be returned to the oven for more cooking. If food is overcooked, nothing can be done.

Heat small quantities of food or foods with low moisture carefully. These can quickly dry out, burn or catch on fire.

Do not heat eggs in the shell. Pressure may build up and eggs can explode.

Potatoes, apples, egg yolks and sausages are examples of food with non-porous skins.

These must be pierced before cooking to prevent bursting.

Do not attempt to deep fat fry in your microwave oven. Always allow a standing time of at least 20 seconds after the oven has been switched off to allow the Do not operate the oven if door seals or sealing surfaces are damaged; or if door is bent; or if hinges are loose or broken.

Do not operate the oven empty. This will damage the oven.

Do not attempt to dry clothes, newspapers or other materials in the oven. They may catch on fire. Do not use recycled paper products as they may contain impurities which may cause sparks or fires. Do not hit or strike the control panel with hard objects. This can damage the oven.

temperature to even out, stir during heating, if necessary, and ALWAYS stir after heating. To prevent eruptive boiling and possible scalding, you should put a spoon or glass stick into the beverages and stir before, during and after heating.

Do not leave the oven unattended while popping corn. Do not pop corn in a paper bag unless it is the commercially prepared Microwave Popcorn product. The kernels can overheat and ignite a brown paper bag.

Do not put packaged Microwave Popcorn bags directly on the oven tray. Place the package on a microwave safe glass or ceramic plate to avoid overheating and cracking the oven tray.

Do not exceed the Microwave Popcorn manufacturers suggested popping time.

Longer popping does not yield more popcorn but it can result in scorch, burn of fire. Remember, the Popcorn bag and tray can be too hot to handle. Remove with caution and use pot holders.

# ARCING

If you see arcing, open the door and correct the problem.

Arcing is the microwave term for sparks in the oven. Arcing is caused by:

• Metal or foil touching the side of the oven.

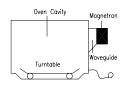
 Foil not molded to food (upturned edges act like antennas).  Metal, such as twist-ties, poultry pins, or gold rimmed dishes, in the microwave.

• Recycled paper towels containing small metal pieces being used in the microwave.

## MICROWAVING PRINCIPLES

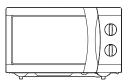
Microwave energy has been used in this country to cook and reheat food since early experiments with RADAR in World War II. Microwaves are present in the atmosphere all the time, both naturally and manmade sources. Manmade sources include radar, radio, television, telecommunication links and car phones.

## HOW MICROWAVES COOK FOOD



In a microwave oven, electricity is converted into microwave by the MAGNETRON.

### ► REFLECTION



The microwaves bounce off the metal walls and the metal door screen.

### ► TRANSMISSION



Then they pass through the cooking containers to be absorbed by the water molecules in the food, all foods contain water to a more or lesser extent.

### ► ABSORPTION

Microwave Water Molecule Absorption Vibration

The microwaves cause the water molecules to vibrate which causes FRICTION, i.e. HEAT. This heat then cooks the food. Microwaves are also attracted to fat and sugar particles, and foods high in these will cook more quickly. Microwaves can only penetrate to a depth of 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> - 2 inches(4-5cm) and as heat spreads through the food by conduction, just as in a traditional oven, the food cooks from the outside inwards.

# **CONVERSION CHARTS**

WEIGHT N	IEASURES	VOLUME MEASURES		SPOON MEASURES	
15 g	<sup>1</sup> /2 oz.	30 ml	1 fl.oz.	1.25 ml	1/4 tsp
25 g	1 oz.	100 ml	3 fl.oz.	2.5 ml	1/2 tsp
50 g	2 oz.	150 ml	5 fl.oz. ( <sup>1</sup> /4 pt)	5 ml	1 tsp
100 g	4 oz.	300 ml	10 fl.oz. ( <sup>1</sup> /2 pt)	15 ml	1 tbsp
175 g	6 oz.	600 ml	20 fl.oz. (1pt)		
225 g	8 oz.				
450 g	1 lb.				

# FLUID MEASUREMENTS 1 Cup = 8 fl.oz. = 240 ml 1 Pint = 16 fl.oz. (UK 20 fl.oz.) = 480 ml (UK 560 ml) 1 Quart = 32 fl.oz. (UK 40 fl.oz.) = 960 ml (UK 1120 ml) 1 Gallon = 128 fl.oz. (UK 160 fl.oz.) = 3840 ml (UK 4500 ml)

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# COOKING TECHNIQUES

## STANDING TIME

Dense foods e.g. meat, jacket potatoes and cakes, require standing time(inside or outside of the oven) after cooking, to allow heat to finish conducting to cook the center completely. Wrap meat joints and jacket potatoes in aluminium foil while standing. Meat joints need approx. 10-15 minutes, jacket potatoes 5 minutes. Other foods such as plated meal, vegetables, fish etc require 2-5 minutes standing. After defrosting food, standing time should also be allowed. If food is not cooked after standing time, return to the oven and cook for additional time.

## **MOISTURE CONTENT**

Many fresh foods e.g. vegetables and fruit, vary in their moisture content throughout the season, particularly jacket potatoes. For this reason cooking times may have to be adjusted. Dry ingredients e.g. rice, pasta, can dry out during storage so cooking times may differ.

### DENSITY

Porous airy foods heat more quickly than dense heavy foods.

## CLING FILM

Cling film helps keep the food moist and the trapped steam assists in speeding up cooking times. Pierce before cooking to allow excess steam to escape. Always take care when removing cling film from a dish as the build-up of steam will be very hot.

### SHAPE

Even shapes cook evenly. Food cooks better by microwave when in a round container rather than square.

## SPACING

Foods cook more quickly and evenly if spaced apart. NEVER pile foods on top of each other.

## STARTING TEMPERATURE

The colder the food, the longer it takes to heat up. Food from a fridge takes longer to reheat than food at room temperature.

### LIQUIDS

All liquids must be stirred before and during heating. Water especially must be stirred before and during heating, to avoid eruption. Do not heat liquids that have previously been boiled. DO NOT OVERHEAT.

### **TURNING & STIRRING**

Some foods require stirring during cooking. Meat and poultry should be turned after half the cooking time.

### ARRANGING

Individual foods e.g. chicken portions or chops, should be placed on a dish so that the thicker parts are towards the outside.

## QUANTITY

Small quantities cook faster than large quantities, also small meals will reheat more quickly than large portions.

### PIERCING

The skin or membrane on some foods will cause steam to build up during cooking. These foods must be pierced or a strip of skin should be peeled off before cooking to allow the steam to escape. Eggs, potatoes, apples, sausages etc, will all need to be pierced before cooking. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO BOIL EGGS IN THEIR SHELLS.

### COVERING

Cover foods with microwave cling film or a lid. Cover fish, vegetables, casseroles, soups. Do not cover cakes, sauces, jacket potatoes or pastry items.

## **DEFROSTING GUIDE**

- Do not defrost covered meat. Covering might allow cooking to take place. Always remove outer wrap and tray. Use only containers that are microwavesafe.
- Begin defrosting whole poultry breast-side-down. Begin defrosting roasts fat-side-down.
- The shape of the package alters the defrosting time. Shallow rectangular shapes defrost more quickly than a deep block.
- After 1/3 of the defrost time has elapsed, check the food. Toy may wish to turn over, break apart, rearrange or remove thawed portions of the food.
- During defrost, the oven will prompt you to turn the over. At this point, open oven door and check the food. Follow the techniques listed below for optimum defrost results.

Then, close oven door.

When defrosted, food should be cool, but softened in all areas. If still slightly icy, return to microwave oven very briefly, or let stand a few minutes. After defrosting, allow food to stand 5-60 minutes if there are any icy areas.

Poultry and fish may be placed under running cool water until defrosted

- ➡ Turn over : Roast, ribs, whole poultry, turkey breasts, hot dogs, sausages, steaks, or chops.
- Rearrange : Break apart or separate steaks, chops, hamburger patties, ground meat, chicken or seafood pieces, chunks of meat such as stew beef.
- Shield : Use small strips of aluminum foil to protect thin areas or edges of unevenly shaped foods such as chicken wings. To prevent arching, do not allow foil to come within 1-inch of oven walls or door.
- Remove : To prevent cooking, thawed portions should be removed from the oven at this point. This may shorten defrost time for food weighing less than 3 lbs.(1350g).

Item & Weight	Defrosting Time	Standing Time	Special Techniques
BEEF Minced beef 1 lb./450g	10-12 min.	15-20 min.	Break apart and remove thawed portions with fork.
Stew Meat 1 <sup>1</sup> /2 lbs./675g	15-19 min.	25-30 min.	Separate and rearrange once.
Patties 4(4oz./110g)	9-11 min.	15-20 min.	Turn over after half the time.
PORK Spareribs 1 lb./450g	9-11 min.	25-30 min.	Separate and rearrange once.
Chops 4(5oz./125g)	10-12 min.	25-30 min.	Separate and turn over once.
Minced pork 1 lb./450g	10-12 min.	15-20 min.	Break apart and remove thawed portions with fork.
POULTRY Whole Chicken 2 <sup>1</sup> /2 lbs./1125g	26-30 min.	45-90 min.	Break side down. Turn over after half the time. Shield as needed.
Chicken Breasts 1 lbs./450g	11-14 min.	15-30 min.	Separate and rearrange once.
Fryer Chicken(cut up) 2 lbs./900g	20-22 min.	25-30 min.	Separate and rearrange once.
Chicken Thights 1 <sup>1</sup> /2 lbs./675g	16-20 min.	15-30 min.	Separate and rearrange once.
FISH & SEAFOOD Whole Fish 1 lb./450g	8-10 min.	15-20 min.	Turn over after half the time. Shield as needed.
Fish Fillets 1 <sup>1</sup> /2 lb./675g	12-14 min.	15-20 min.	Separate and turn over once.
Shrimp <sup>1</sup> /2 lb./225g	4-5 min.	15-20 min.	Separate and rearrange once.

## **DEFROSTING CHART**

\* The times are approximate because freezer temperatures vary.

# **COOKING & REHEATING CHART**

## **Cooking chart**

ltem	Power Level	Cooking Time Per Ib./450g	Special Instruction	
MEAT				
Beef joint -Rare	Medium high	9-11 min.	<ul> <li>Chilled meat and poultry should be removed from the refrigerator at least 30 minutes before</li> </ul>	
-Medium	Medium high	10-12 min.	cooking.	
-well done	Medium high	12-14 min.	<ul> <li>Always let the meat and poultry stand, covered after cooking.</li> </ul>	
Pork Joint	High	13-16 min.		
Bacon joint	High	10-12 min.		
POULTRY				
Whole chicken	High	8-10 min.		
Portions chicken	Medium high	6-8 min.		
Breast (boned)	Medium high	7-9 min.		
FISH				
Fish Fillets	High	4-6 min.	- Brush a little oil or melted butter over the fish, or	
Whole Mackerel, Cleaned and prepared	High	4-6 min.	add 15~30ml(1-2 tbsp) lemon juice, wine, stock, milk or water. - Always let the fish stand, covered, after cooking	
Whole Trout, Cleaned & Prepared	High	5-7 min.		
Salmon steaks	High	5-7 min.		
<b>NOTE :</b> The above times should be regarded only as a guide. Allow for difference in individual tastes and preferences. The times may vary due to the shape, cut, and composition of the food. Frozen meat, poultry and fish must be thoroughly thawed before cooking.				

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### **Reheating chart**

• Baby food particularly needs to be checked carefully before serving to prevent burns.

- When heating pre-packaged ready-cooked foods, always follow the pack instructions carefully.
- If you freeze foods which were bought from the fresh or chilled counters, remember that they should be thoroughly thawed before following the heating instructions on the packed. It's worth putting a note on them so that other members of the household will remember too.
- Remember metal ties and transfer food from foil containers before reheating.
- Chilled(refrigerated) food takes longer to reheat than food at room temperature (such as just-cooled food or food from the store cupboard).
- All foods should be reheated using full microwave power.

Item	Cooking time	Special Instructions
Baby food	20 sec.	Empty into a small serving bowl.
128g jar		Stir well once or twice during heating.
		Before serving, check the temperature carefully.
Baby milk		
100ml / 4fl.oz.	20-30 sec.	Stir or shake well and pour into a sterilized bottle.
225ml / 8fl.oz.	40-50 sec.	Before serving, shake well and check the temperature carefully.
Sandwich roll or bun		
1 roll	20-30 sec.	Wrap in paper towel and place on glass microwaveable rack.
		*Note : Do not use recycled paper towels.
Lasagna		
1 serving	4-6 min.	Place lasagna on microwaveable plate.
(10 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> oz./300g)		Cover with plastic wrap and vent.
Casserole		
1 cup	1 <sup>1</sup> /2-3 min.	Cook covered in microwaveable casserole.
4 cups	5-7 min.	Stir once halfway through cooking.
Mashed potatoes		
1 cup	2-3 min.	Cook covered in microwaveable casserole.
4 cups	6-8 min.	Stir once halfway through cooking.
Baked beans		
1 cup	2-3 min.	Cook covered in microwaveable casserole.
		Stir once halfway through cooking.
Ravioli or pasta in sauce		
1 cup	3-4 min.	Cook covered in microwaveable casserole.
4 cups	7-10 min.	Stir once halfway through cooking.

# **VEGETABLE CHART**

Use a suitable glass pyrex bowl with lid. Add 30-45ml cold water(2-3 tbsp.) for every 250g unless another water quantity is recommended - see table. Cook covered for the minimum time - see table.

Continue cooking to get the result you prefer. Stir once during and once after cooking. Add salt, herbs or butter after cooking. Cover during a standing time of 3 minutes.

Hint : cut the fresh vegetables into even sized pieces. The smaller they are cut, the quicker they will cook. All vegetables should be cooked using full microwave power.

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Vegetables	Weight	Time	Comments
Broccoli	<sup>1</sup> /2 lb./250g	3-4 min	Prepare even sized florets.
	1 lb./500g	5-7 min	Arrange the stems to the centre.
Brussels sprouts	<sup>1</sup> /2 lb./250g	4-5 min	Add 60-75ml(5-6tbsp.) water.
Carrots	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lb./250g	3-4 min	Cut carrots into even sized slices.
Cauliflower	<sup>1</sup> /2 lb./250g	3-4 min	Prepare even sized florets. Cut big florets into halves.
	1 lb./500g	5-7 min	Arrange stems to the centre.
Courgettes	<sup>1</sup> /2 lb./250g	3-4 min	Cut courgettes into slices. Add 30ml(2tbsp.) water or a
			knob of butter. Cook until just tender.
Egg plants	<sup>1</sup> /2 lb./250g	3-4 min	Cut egg plants into small slices and sprinkle with 1
			tablespoon lemon juice.
Leeks	1/2 lb./250g	3-4 min	Cut leeks into thick slices.
Mushrooms	0.3 lb./125g	2-3 min	Prepare small whole or sliced mushrooms. Do not add
	<sup>1</sup> /2 lb./250g	3-5 min	any water. Sprinkle with lemon juice. Spice with salt and
			pepper. Drain before serving.
Onions	<sup>1</sup> /2 lb./250g	3-4 min	Cut onions into slices or halves. Add only 15ml(1tbsp.)
			water.
Pepper	<sup>1</sup> /2 lb./250g	3-5 min	Cut pepper into small slices.
Potatoes	<sup>1</sup> /2 lb./250g	5-7 min	Weigh the peeled potatoes and cut them into similar
	1 lb./500g	9-11 min	sized halves or quarters.
Turnip cabbage	<sup>1</sup> /2 lb./250g	5-7 min	Cut turnip cabbage into small cubes.

## Cooking Guide for fresh vegetables

## **Cooking Guide for frozen vegetables**

Vegetables	Weight	Time	Instructions
spinach	0.3 lb./125g	2-3 min	Add 15ml(1tbsp.) cold water.
broccoli	<sup>1</sup> /2 lb./250g	4-5 min	Add 30ml(2 tbsp.) cold water.
Peas	<sup>1</sup> /2 lb./250g	4-5 min	Add 15ml(1 tbsp.) cold water.
Green beans	<sup>1</sup> /2 lb./250g	5-6 min	Add 30ml(2t tbsp.) cold water.
Mixed vegetables (carrots/peas/corn)	<sup>1</sup> /2 lb./250g	4-5 min	Add 15ml(1ttbsp.) cold water.
Mixed vegetables (Chinese style)	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> lb./250g	5-6 min	Add 15ml(1 tbsp.) cold water.

## RECIPES

## **TOMATO & ORANGE SOUP**

1 oz.(25g) butter

1 medium onion, chopped 1 large carrot & 1 large potato, chopped 1<sup>3</sup>/4lb(800g) canned, chopped tomatoes juice and grated rind of 1 small orange 1<sup>1</sup>/2pints(900ml) hot vegetable stock salt and pepper to taste

## FRENCH ONION SOUP

 large onions, sliced
 tbsp (15ml) corn oil
 oz.(50g) plain flour
 pints(1.2 liters) hot meat or vegetable stock
 salt and pepper to taste
 tbsp (30ml) parsley, chopped
 thick slices French bread
 oz.(50g) cheese, grated

## STIR FRIED VEGETABLES

1 tbsp(15ml) sunflower oil

- 2 tbsp (30ml) soy sauce
- 1 tbsp (15ml) sherry
- 1"(2.5cm) root ginger,
- peeled and finely grated
- 2 medium carrots, cut into fine strips
- 4 oz.(100g) button mushrooms, chopped
- 2 oz.(50g) beansprouts 4 oz.(100g) mange-tout
- 1 red pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
- 4 spring onions, chopped
- 4 oz.(100g) canned water chestnuts, sliced
- 1/4 head of chinese leaves, thinly sliced

## HONEYED CHICKEN

- 4 boneless chicken breasts
- 2 tbsp(30ml) clear honey
- 1 tbsp(15ml) whole grain mustard
- 1/2 tsp(2.5ml) dried tarragon
- 1 tbsp(15ml) tomato puree
- <sup>1</sup>/4 pint(150ml) chicken stock

- 1. Melt the in a large bowl on P-HI for 1 minute.
- 2. Add the onion, carrot and potato and cook at HIGH for 6 minutes. stir halfway through cooking.
- Add the tomatoes, orange juice, orange rind and stock. Mix thoroughly. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Cover the bowl and cook at HIGH for 15 minutes. stir 2-3 times during cooking, until the vegetables are tender.
- 4. Blend and serve immediately.
- 1. Place the onion and oil a bowl, mix well and cook at HIGH for 2 minutes.
- 2. Stir in the flour to make a paste and gradually add stock. Season and add the parsley.
- 3. Cover the bowl and cook at Medium for 16 minutes.
- 4. Pour the soup into serving bowls, submerge bread and sprinkle generously with cheese.
- 5. Cook at Medium for 2 minutes, until the cheese has melted.
- 1. Place the oil, soy sauce, sherry, ginger, garlic and carrots in a large bowl, mix thoroughly
- Cover and cook at HIGH for 4-5 minutes, stirring once.
- Add the button mushrooms, beansprouts, mangetout, red pepper, spring onions, water chestnuts and chinese leaves. Mix thoroughly.
- 4. Cook at HIGH for 4-5 minutes, until the vegetables are tender. Stir 2-3 times during cooking.

# Stir fried vegetables are ideally served with meat or fish.

- 1. Place the chicken breasts in a casserole dish.
- Mix all remaining ingredients together and pour over the chicken. Salt and pepper to taste.
- Cook at HIGH for 11-12 minutes. Rearrange and coat the chicken with the sauce twice during cooking.

## **BLUE CHEESE & CHIVE JACKETS**

### 2 baking potatoes,

(approx.9 oz.(250g) each) 2 oz.(50g) butter 4 oz.(100g) blue cheese, chopped 1 tbsp(15ml) fresh chives, chopped 2 oz.(50g) mushrooms, sliced salt and pepper to taste

## WHITE SAUCE

1 oz.(25g) butter 1 oz.(25g) plain flour 1/2 pint(300ml) milk salt and pepper to taste

- Prick each potato in several places. Cook at HIGH for 10-11 minutes. Halve and scoop the flesh into a bowl, add the butter, cheese, chives, mushrooms, salt and pepper, mix thoroughly.
- 2. Pile mixture into the potato skins and place in a flan dish.
- 3. Cook at Medium for 10 minutes.
- 1. Place the butter in a bowl and cook at HIGH for 1 minute, until melted.
- Stir in the flour and whisk in the milk. Cook at HIGH for 3-4 minutes, stirring every 2 minutes until thick and smooth. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

### STRAWBERRY JAM

1<sup>1</sup>/2 lb.(675g) strawberries, hulled 3 tbsp(45ml) lemon juice 1<sup>1</sup>/2 lb.(675g) caster sugar

- Place strawberries and lemon juice in a very large bowl, heat at HIGH for 5 minutes, or until the fruit has softened. Add sugar, mix well.
- 2. Cook at Medium for 25-30 minutes, until setting point\*is reached, stir every 4-5 minutes.
- 3. Pour into hot, clean jars. Cover, seal and label.

\* setting point : To determine setting point, place 1 tsp(5ml)jam onto chilled saucer. Allow to stand for 1 minute. Move surface of jam gently with your finger, if the surface wrinkles setting point has been reached.

## PLAIN MICROWAVE CAKE

- 4 oz.(100g) margarine
- 4 oz.(100g) sugar
- 1 eggs
- 4 oz.(100g) self raising flour, sifted 2-3 tbsp(30-45ml) milk

## **OMELETTS**

<sup>1</sup>/2 oz.(15g) butter 4 eggs 6 tbsp(90ml) milk salt & pepper

- 1. line the base of 8" (20.4cm) cake dish with greaseproof paper.
- Cream the margarine and sugar together until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs and fold in the sifted flour alternately with the milk.
- 3. Pour into prepared container. Cook at HIGH for 3-4 minutes, until a skewer comes out cleanly.
- 4. Leave the cake to stand for 5 minutes before turning out.
- 1. Whisk together eggs and milk.
- 2. Place butter in 10"(26cm) flan dish. Cook at HIGH for 1 minute, until melted. Coat the dish with the melted butter.
- 3. Pour omelette mixture into flan dish. Cook at HIGH for 2 minutes. whisk mixture and cook again at HIGH for 1 minutes.

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## SCRAMBLED EGG

1/2 oz.(15g) butter2 eggs2 tbsp(30ml) milksalt & pepper

## SAVORY MINCE

small onion, diced
 clove garlic, crushed
 tsp(5ml) oil
 oz.(200g) can chopped tomatoes
 tbsp(15ml) tomato puree
 tsp(5ml) mixed herbs
 oz.(225g) minced beef
 salt and pepper

- 1. Melt the butter in a bowl on P-HI for 1 minute.
- 2. Add the eggs, milk and seasoning and mix well.
- 3. Cook at HIGH for 2 minutes, stirring every 30 seconds.
- 1. Place onion, garlic and oil in casserole, and cook at HIGH for 2 minutes or until soft.
- 2. Place all other ingredients in casserole. Stir well.
- 3. Cover and cook at HIGH for 4 minutes then at Medium for 8-12 minutes or until the meat is cooked.

