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Welcome to Panasonic Microwave Cooking

Dear Owner,

Thank you for purchasing a Panasonic Microwave Oven. Even if this is not your first microwave oven, do please read the opening chapters of this cookbook to achieve perfect results every time.



This microwave oven has the benefit of the Inverter System Inside. The new unique technology has been in use with microwave ovens in Japan for many years, improving the cooking performance of the oven. It also means that you benefit from having more space inside your oven, without taking up more room on your work surface.

Microwaves leave most foods tastier and leave you with less washing up, but don't expect to become a perfect microwave cook overnight – some of the methods are very different to those used in conventional cooking.

Home Economists program the ovens especially for the UK market. The recipes are also tested many times to ensure you achieve successful results at home.

We hope you enjoy using your new oven but should you require any further help or explanation, phone our

COOKERY ADVICE LINE 01344 862108

Write to the address below, or contact us on-line at **test.kitchen@panasonic.co.uk** Alternatively visit our web site at **www.cooking-corner.co.uk**

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When writing, be sure to state your model number and daytime telephone number.



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Important safety instructions Read carefully and keep for future reference

This appliance is supplied with a moulded three pin mains plug for your safety and convenience. A 13 amp fuse is fitted in this plug. Should the fuse need to be replaced, please ensure that the replacement fuse has a rating of 13 amps and that it is approved by ASTA or BSI to BS1362. Check for the ASTA mark 😧 or the BSI mark 😲 on the body of the fuse.

If the fuse cover is detachable, never use the plug with the cover omitted. A replacement fuse cover can be purchased from your local Panasonic Dealer.

HOW TO REPLACE THE FUSE



Open the fuse compartment with a screwdriver and replace the fuse.

IF THE FITTED MOULDED PLUG IS UNSUITABLE FOR THE SOCKET OUTLET IN YOUR HOME THEN THE FUSE SHOULD BE REMOVED AND THE PLUG CUT OFF AND DISPOSED OF SAFELY AND AN APPROPRIATE ONE FITTED. THERE IS A DANGER OF SEVERE ELECTRICAL SHOCK IF THE CUT OFF PLUG IS INSERTED INTO ANY 13 AMP SOCKET.

If a new plug is to be fitted, please observe the wiring code as shown opposite. If in any doubt, please consult a qualified electrician. (For U.K. Models only)

WARNING: THIS APPLIANCE MUST BE EARTHED.

IMPORTANT: The wires in this mains lead are coloured in accordance with the following code: Green-and-yellow: Earth. Blue: Neutral. Brown: Live.

As the colours of the wire in the mains lead of this appliance may not correspond with the coloured markings identifying the terminals in your plug, proceed as follows:

The wire which is coloured GREEN-AND-YELLOW must be connected to the terminal in the plug which is marked with the letter E or by the Earth symbol $\stackrel{\bullet}{\Longrightarrow}$ or coloured GREEN or GREEN-AND-YELLOW.

The wire which is coloured BLUE must be connected to the terminal in the plug which is marked with the letter N or coloured BLACK.

The wire which is coloured BROWN must be connected to the terminal in the plug which is marked with the letter L or coloured RED.

When this oven is installed it should be easy to isolate the appliance from the electricity supply by pulling out the plug or operating a circuit breaker.

Voltage & Power

The voltage used must be the same as specified on this microwave oven. Using a higher voltage than that which is specified is dangerous and may result in a fire or other type of accident causing damage.

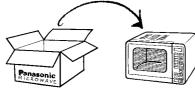
Do not immerse cord, plug or oven in water. Keep cord away from heated surfaces. Do not let cord hang over the edge of table or work top. Do not plug your oven in via an extension cable as this can be dangerous. It is important to plug the oven directly into a wall socket.

The back of the appliance heats up during use. Do not allow the cord to be in contact with the back of the appliance or cabinet surface.

Unpacking your oven

1. Examine Your Oven

Unpack oven, remove all packing material, and examine the oven for any damage such as dents, broken door latches or cracks in the door. Notify dealer immediately if unit is damaged. Do NOT install if unit is damaged.



2. Guarantee

Your receipt is your guarantee, please keep safely.

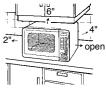
3. Cord

If the supply cord of this appliance is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer or it's service agent or a similarly qualified person in order to avoid a hazard.

N.B. The appliance should be inspected for damage to the door seals and door seal areas. If these areas are damaged the appliance should not be operated until it has been repaired by a service technician trained by the manufacturer.

Placement of your oven

- Oven must be placed on a flat, stable surface 850mm above floor level. For proper operation, the oven must have sufficient air flow. i.e. 5cm/2" at one side, the other being open; 15cm/6" clear over the top; 10cm/4" at the rear.
- Do not place the microwave oven on a shelf directly above a gas or electric hob. This may be a safety hazard and the oven may be damaged.



- 3. Do not block air vents on the rear and bottom or top of the cabinet. Do not place any articles on the top of the oven over the vents. If air vents are blocked during operation, the oven may overheat. If the oven overheats, a thermal safety device will turn the oven off. The oven will remain inoperable with blank display until it has cooled.
- 4. Do not use outdoors.



Using your oven

- 1. The appliance must not be operated by Microwave WITHOUT FOOD IN THE OVEN. Operation when empty will damage the appliance.
- 2. 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. Ensure that children do not touch the hot outer casing after operation of the oven.



3. Storage of Accessories

Do not store any objects other than oven accessories inside the oven in case it is accidentally turned on. In case of electronic failure, oven can only be turned off at wall socket.



Care & Cleaning of your Microwave Oven - IMPORTANT

It is essential for the safe operation of the oven that it is kept clean, and wiped out after each use.

- 1. Switch the oven off before cleaning and unplug at socket if possible.
- 2. Keep the inside of the oven, door seals and door seal areas clean. When food splatters or spilled liquids adhere to oven walls, door seals and door seal areas wipe off with a damp cloth. Mild detergent may be used if they get very dirty. The use of harsh detergents or abrasives is not recommended.
- 3. The **outside oven surface** should be cleaned with a damp cloth. Do not allow water to seep into the ventilation openings.
- 4. If the Control Panel becomes dirty, clean with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use harsh detergents or abrasives on Control Panel. When cleaning the Control Panel, leave the oven door open to prevent the oven from accidentally turning on. After cleaning touch STOP/CANCEL Pad to clear display window.
- 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 a malfunction of the unit or microwave leakage.
- 6. It is occasionally necessary to remove the **glass turntable** for cleaning. Wash the tray in warm soapy water.
- 7. The roller ring and oven cavity floor should be cleaned regularly to avoid excessive noise. Simply wipe the bottom surface of the oven, particularly the turntable spindle and the area surrounding this, with mild detergent and hot water then dry with a clean cloth. The roller ring may be washed in mild soapy water. Cooking vapours collect during repeated use but in no way affect the bottom surface or the roller ring wheels. Replace properly after cleaning.
- 8. A steam cleaner is not to be used for cleaning.

Maintenance of your oven

1. Service

WHEN YOUR OVEN REQUIRES SERVICING call your local Panasonic engineer (08705 357357 Customer Support). It is hazardous for anyone other than a competent person to carry



out any service or repair operation which involves the removal of a cover which gives protection against exposure to microwave energy.

2. Door Seals

Do not attempt to tamper with or make any adjustments or repairs to door, control panel housing, safety interlock switches or any other part of the oven. Do not remove outer panel from oven. The door seals and door seal areas should always be kept clean – use a damp cloth. **N.B.** The appliance should be inspected for damage to the door seals and door seal areas. If these areas are damaged the appliance should not be operated until it has been repaired by a service technician trained by the manufacturer.

3. Oven Light

The oven lamp must be replaced by a service technician trained by the manufacturer. DO NOT attempt to remove the outer casing from the oven.



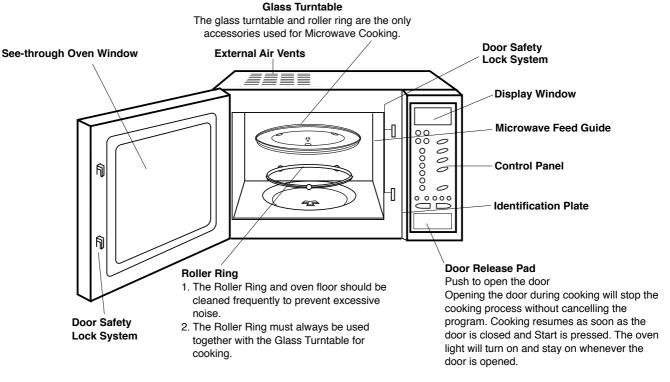
4. Selected Spares and Accessories

These may be ordered direct; on line at www.panasonic.co.uk or by telephoning the Customer Care Centre 08705 357357. Most major credit and debit cards accepted. Ensure you quote the correct model number.

Parts of Your Oven

- 1. Do not operate the oven without the Roller Ring and Glass Turntable in place.
- 2. Only use the Glass Turntable specifically designed for this oven. Do not substitute with any other Glass Turntable.
- 3. If Glass Turntable is hot, allow to cool before cleaning or placing in water.
- Do not cook directly on Glass Turntable. Always place food in a microwave safe dish. The only exception to this is when cooking Jacket Potatoes or Auto Program Jacket Potatoes.
- 5. If food or utensil on Glass Turntable touches oven walls, causing the turntable to stop moving, it will automatically rotate in the opposite direction. This is normal. Open oven door, reposition the food and restart.

- The Glass Turntable can rotate in either direction. The maximum weight that can be placed on the turntable is 4 Kg (8 lb 14 oz) (this includes total weight of food and dish).
- 7. While cooking by MICROWAVE the turntable may vibrate. This will not affect cooking performance.
- 8. Arcing may occur if the incorrect weight of food is used or a metal container has been used accidentally. If this occurs, stop the machine immediately.



Important Information - Read Carefully

Safety

If smoke or a fire occurs in the oven, press Stop/Cancel pad and leave the door closed in order to stifle any flames. Disconnect the power cord, or shut off the power at the fuse or the circuit breaker panel.

Short Cooking Times

As microwave cooking times are much shorter than other cooking methods it is essential that recommended cooking times are not exceeded without first checking the food.

Cooking times given in the cookbook are approximate. Factors that may affect cooking times are: preferred degree of cooking, starting temperature, altitude, volume, size and shape of foods and utensils used. As you become familiar with the oven, you will be able to adjust these factors.

It is better to undercook rather than overcook foods. If food is undercooked, it can always be returned to the oven for further cooking. If food is overcooked, nothing can be done. Always start with minimum cooking times.

Important.

If the recommended cooking times are exceeded the food will be spoiled and in extreme circumstances could catch fire and possibly damage the interior of the oven.



1. Small quantities of food.

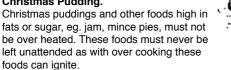
Take care when heating small quantities of food as these can easily burn, dry out or catch fire if cooked too long. Always set short cooking times and check the food frequently.

NEVER OPERATE THE OVEN WITHOUT FOOD INSIDE ON MICROWAVE.

2. Foods low in moisture.

Take care when heating foods low in moisture, eg bread items, chocolate, popcorn, biscuits and pastries. These can easily burn, dry out or catch on fire if cooked too long.

3. Christmas Pudding.

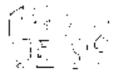


4. Boiled Eggs.

Eggs in their shell and whole hardboiled eggs should not be heated in microwave ovens since they may explode even after microwave heating has ended.

5. Foods with Skins.

Potatoes, apples, egg yolk, whole vegetables and sausages are examples of food with non porous skins. These must be pierced using a fork before cooking to prevent bursting.





6. Liquids.

Liquids and other foods must not be heated in sealed containers since they are liable to explode. When heating liquids, eg soup, sauces and beverages in your microwave oven, overheating the liquid beyond boiling point can occur without evidence of bubbling.

This could result in a sudden boil over of the hot liquid. To prevent this possibility the following steps should be taken:



- a) Avoid using straight-sided containers with narrow necks.
- b) Do not overheat.
- c) Stir the liquid before placing the container in the oven and again halfway through the heating time.
- d) After heating, allow to stand in the oven for a short time, stirring again before carefully removing the container.
- e) Microwave heating of beverages can result in delayed eruptive boiling, therefore care should be taken when handling the container.

7. Lids.

Always remove the lids of jars and containers and takeaway food containers before you microwave them. If you don't then steam and pressure might build up inside and cause an explosion even after the microwave cooking has stopped.

8. Deep Fat Frying.

Do not attempt to deep fat fry in your oven.



Important Information – Read Carefully

9. Meat Thermometer.

Use a meat thermometer to check the degree of cooking of roasts and poultry only when meat has been removed from the microwave. If undercooked, return to the oven and cook for a few more minutes at the recommended power level. Do not leave a conventional meat thermometer in the oven when microwaving.



10. Paper, Plastic.

When heating food in plastic or paper containers, keep an eye on the oven due to the possibility of ignition. Do not use wire twist-ties with roasting bags as arcing will occur.

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Do not use re-cycled paper products, eg

Kitchen roll unless they say they are specifically designed for use in a microwave oven. These products contain impurities which may cause sparks and/or fires when used.

11. Reheating.

It is essential that reheated food is served "piping hot".

Remove the food from the oven and check that it is "piping hot", ie steam is being emitted from all parts and any sauce is bubbling. (If you wish you may choose to check the food has reached 72°C with a food thermometer – but



remember do not use this thermometer inside the microwave.)

For foods that cannot be stirred, eg lasagne, shepherds pie, the centre should be cut with a knife to test it is well heated through. Even if a manufacturer's packet instructions have been followed always check the food is piping hot before serving and if in doubt return your food to the oven for further heating.

12. Standing Time.

Standing time refers to the period at the end of cooking or reheating when food is left before being eaten, ie. it is a rest time which allows the heat in the food to continue to conduct to the centre, thus eliminating cold spots.



13. Keeping Your Oven Clean.

It is essential for the safe operation of the oven that it is wiped out regularly. Use warm soapy water, squeeze the cloth out well and use to remove any grease or food from the interior. Pay particular attention to the door seal area and also the areas around the microwave feed guide situated on the



right hand side of the cavity wall. The oven should be unplugged when cleaning.

14. Fan Motor Operation.

After using the microwave the fan motor may rotate for a few minutes to cool the electric components. This is normal and you can take out food even though the fan motor operates. You can continue using the oven during this time.

15. Utensils.

Before use check that utensils/containers are suitable for use in microwave ovens.

16. Babies Bottles and Food Jars.

When reheating babies bottles always remove top and teat. Liquid at the top of the bottle will be much hotter than that at the bottom and must be shaken thoroughly before checking the temperature. The lid must also be removed from babies food jars, the contents must also be stirred or shaken before the temperature is checked. This should be carried out before consumption in order to avoid burns.



17. Arcing

Arcing may occur if a metal container has been used accidentally or if the incorrect weight of food is used. Arcing is when blue flashes of light are seen in the microwave oven. If this occurs, stop the machine immediately. If the oven is left unattended and this continues it can damage the machine.

18. Maximum weight on turntable

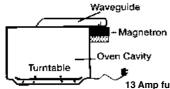
The maximum weight that can be placed on the turntable is 4 Kg (8 lb 4 oz) (this includes total weight of food and dish).

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 from manmade sources.

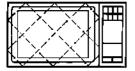
Manmade sources include radar, radio, television, telecommunication links and car phones.

HOW MICROWAVES COOK FOOD



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

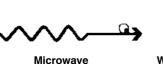
13 Amp fused socket



REFLECTION

TRANSMISSION

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





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.



Water Molecule Absorption

The microwaves cause the water molecules to vibrate which causes FRICTION, ie. 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 $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 inches (4-5 cm) and as heat spreads through the food by conduction, just as in a traditional oven, the food cooks from the outside inwards.

IMPORTANT NOTES

The dish used to cook or reheat the food will get warm during cooking, as the heat conducts from the food. Even in microwaving, oven gloves are required!

MICROWAVES CANNOT PASS THROUGH METAL AND THEREFORE METAL COOKING UTENSILS CAN NEVER BE USED IN A MICROWAVE, FOR COOKING ON MICROWAVE ONLY

Foods Not Suitable for Cooking by Microwave Only

Yorkshire Puddings, Souffles, Double Crust Pastry Pies.

Because these foods rely on dry external heat to cook correctly, do not attempt to cook by microwave.

Foods that require deep fat frying cannot be cooked either.

Boiled Eggs

Do not boil eggs in your microwave. Raw eggs boiled in their shells can explode and cause serious injury

STANDING TIME

When a microwave oven is switched off, the food will continue to cook by conduction – NOT BY MICROWAVE ENERGY. Hence STANDING TIME is very important in microwaving, particularly for dense foods i.e. meat, cakes and reheated meals. (Refer to page 9.)

General Guidelines

STANDING TIME



Dense foods e.g. meat, jacket potatoes and cakes, require a STANDING TIME (inside or outside of the oven) after cooking, to allow heat to finish conducting to cook the centre completely.

- MEAT JOINTS Stand 15 mins. wrapped in aluminium foil.
- JACKET POTATOES Stand 5 mins. wrapped in aluminium foil.
- LIGHT CAKES Stand 5 mins. before removing from dish.
- RICH DENSE CAKES Stand 15-20 mins.
- FISH Stand 2-5 mins.
- EGG DISHES Stand 2-3 mins.
- PRECOOKED CONVENIENCE FOODS Stand for 5 mins.
- PLATED MEALS Stand for 2-5 mins.
- VEGETABLES Boiled potatoes benefit from standing 1-2 mins., however most other types of vegetables can be served immediately.
- DEFROSTING It is essential to allow standing time to complete the process. This can vary from 5 mins. e.g. raspberries, to up to 1 hour for a joint of meat.

If food is not cooked after STANDING TIME, return to oven and cook for additional time.

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.

MOISTURE CONTENT

Many fresh foods e.g. vegetables and fruit, vary in their moisture content throughout the season. Jacket potatoes are a



particular example of this. For this reason cooking times may have to be adjusted throughout the year. Dry ingredients e.g. rice, pasta, can dry out further during storage and cooking times may differ from ingredients freshly purchased.

CLING FILM

Cling film helps keep the food moist and the trapped steam assists in speeding up cooking times. However it should be pierced 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. Always purchase cling film that states on the packet "suitable for microwave cooking" and use as a covering only. Do not line dishes with cling film.



DISH SIZE

Follow the dish sizes given in the recipes, as these affect the cooking and reheating times. A quantity of food spread in a bigger dish cooks and reheats more quickly.



DENSITY Porous airy foods heat more quickly than dense heavy foods.



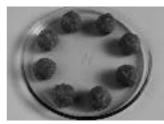
TURNING AND STIRRING

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



QUANTITY Small quantities cook faster than

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



SPACING

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



SHAPE

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



COVERING

LIQUIDS

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

All liquids must be stirred before

especially must be stirred before

eruption. Do not heat liquids that

have previously been boiled. DO

and during heating. Water

and during heating, to avoid

NOT OVERHEAT.



ARRANGING

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



CHECKING FOOD

It is essential that food is checked during and after a recommended cooking time, even if an AUTO PROGRAM has been used (just as you would check food cooked in a conventional oven). Return the food to the oven for further cooking if necessary.



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.



CLEANING

As microwaves work on food particles, keep your oven clean at all times. Stubborn spots of food can be removed by using a branded oven cleaner, sprayed onto a soft cloth, always wipe the oven dry after cleaning. Avoid any plastic parts and door area. Please refer to page 4 for more details.

Containers to use

Choosing the correct container is a very important factor in deciding the success or failure of your cooking.

Testing Dishes for Suitability



When unsure that a cooking container is suitable for use in your microwave, check by the following test:

- 1. Fill a microwave safe measuring jug with 300ml (^{1/2}pt) cold water.
- 2. Place it on the turntable alongside the dish to be tested. If the dish you are testing is a large dish, then stand the measuring jug on top of the empty dish.
- Heat on HIGH power for 1 minute.

Result

If the dish is suitable for microwaving, it will remain cool, whilst the water in the jug will begin to feel warm. If the testing dish feels warm, do not use as it is obviously absorbing microwave energy.

N.B. This test does not apply to plastic or metal based containers e.g. Le Creuset[®] style dishes, which should not be used as they are cast iron covered with enamel.



OVEN GLASS

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Everyday glass that is heat resistant e.g. Pyrex[®], is ideal. Do not use delicate glass which may crack due to the heat from the food. Do not use lead crystal which may crack or arc.

POTTERY, EARTHENWARE, STONEWARE

If completely glazed, these dishes are suitable. Do not use if partially glazed or unglazed, since they are able to absorb water which in turn absorbs microwave energy, making the container very hot and slows down the cooking of food.





CHINA AND CERAMIC

Everyday glazed china plates, saucers, bowls, mugs and cups can be used if they are heat resistant. Porcelain and ceramic are also ideal. Fine bone china should only be used for reheating for short periods, otherwise the change in temperature may crack

the dish or craze the finish. Do not use dishes with a metal rim or pattern. Do not use jugs or mugs with glued handles, since the glue can melt in a microwave.

FOIL/METAL CONTAINERS

NEVER ATTEMPT TO COOK IN FOIL OR METAL containers – the microwaves cannot pass through and the food will not heat evenly – this may also damage your oven. Small items in shallow foil containers can be REHEATED in the microwave, but take care that

the microwave, but take care that containers do not touch the oven walls or door. Use wooden kebab sticks instead of metal skewers. DO NOT RE-USE FOIL CONTAINERS AS THEY MAY BECOME DENTED OR DAMAGED AND ARCING MAY OCCUR.



PLASTIC

Many plastic containers are designed for microwave use. Only use Tupperware® containers if they are designed for microwave use. Do not use Melamine – although it



is heat resistant it absorbs microwave energy and scorches. Even if a container is microwave safe, do not use for cooking foods high in sugar or fat. Foods that require long cooking times e.g. brown rice, should not be cooked in plastic. Never cook in margarine cartons or yoghurt pots, as these will melt with the heat from the food. Many plastics that are not heatproof for cooking are suitable for defrosting.

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CLING FILM

Microwave cling film can be used for covering food that is reheated by



microwave. It is also useful for covering food to be cooked, but care should be taken to avoid the film being in direct contact with the food.

ROASTING BAGS

Roasting bags are useful when slit up one side to tent a joint for roasting by power and time. Do not use the metal twists supplied.





Plain white absorbent kitchen paper (kitchen towel) can be used for covering blind pastry cases and for covering bacon to prevent splattering BUT FOR SHORT COOKING TIMES ONLY. NEVER RE-USE A PIECE OF KITCHEN TOWEL. ALWAYS USE A FRESH PIECE OF PAPER FOR EACH DISH.

Avoid kitchen paper containing manmade fibres. If you are using branded re-cycled kitchen towel, check first that it is recommended for microwave use. Do not use waxed or plastic coated cups or plates as the finish may melt in the oven. Greaseproof paper can be used to line the base of dishes and to cover fatty foods e.g. bacon rashers to stop them splattering. White paper plates can be used for SHORT REHEATING TIMES.

WICKER, WOOD, STRAW BASKETS

Do not use these items in your microwave. With continued use and with prolonged exposure they will crack and could ignite. Do not use wooden dishes in your microwave.

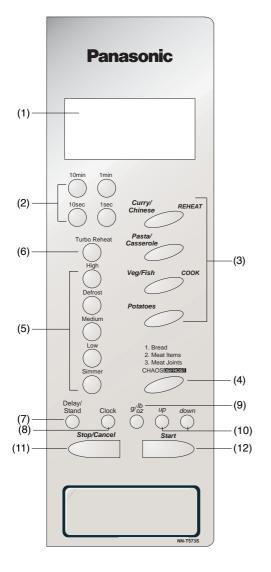


ALUMINIUM FOIL

Small amounts of smooth aluminium foil can be used to SHIELD joints of meat during defrosting and cooking, as the microwaves cannot pass through the foil, this prevents the parts shielded from overcooking or overdefrosting. Take care that the foil does not touch the sides or roof of the oven, as this may cause arcing and damage your oven.

Control Panel

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- (1) Display Window
- (2) Time Pads
- (3) Auto Weight Microwave Programs
- (4) Auto Weight Defrost Programs
- (5) Microwave Power Setting
- (6) Turbo reheat
- (7) Delay/Stand Pad:

This can be used to delay a cooking program for up to 9 hrs 99 mins., or used to time or for standing (non-cooking) time.

(8) Clock Pad:

Press the clock pad. Using the minute and second pads set the clock (12 hr clock). Press clock pad again to stop colons flashing.

- (9) Ib/oz Conversion Pad
- (10) Weight Selection Pads
- (11) Stop/Cancel Pad:

Before Cooking:

one press clears your instructions.

During Cooking:

one press temporarily stops the cooking program. Another press cancels all your instructions and the time of day will appear in the display.

(12) Start Pad:

Press to start operating the oven. If during cooking the door is opened or Stop/Cancel Pad is pressed once, Start Pad has to be pressed again to continue cooking.

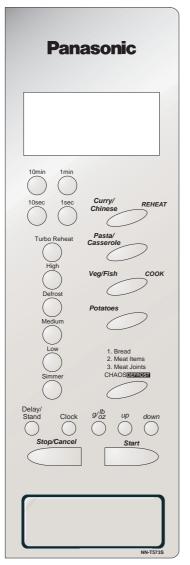
Beep Sound:

A beep sounds when a pad is pressed. If this beep does not sound, the setting is incorrect. When the oven changes from one function to another, two beeps sound. After completion of cooking, five beeps sound.

Let's Start to Use your Oven

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* The design of your control panel may vary from the panel displayed (depending on colour), but the words on the pads will be the same.

Plug in

Plug into a 13 amp fused electrical socket. You will be reminded to read your operating instructions.

2 Press Clock Pad

Set clock as a 12hr clock. Set time using time pads. Press clock pad again. (See page 15 for details).

3 Demonstration Mode

This is to enable you to experiment setting various programs. (The letter D will always appear in the display window. This is to confirm that there is no microwave power produced and it is safe to use the oven without any food). To select this mode press the clock pad three times. "Demo Mode Press Any Key" will appear in the display window.

4 Select Power

For example - press HIGH

5 Press Time Pad

To set a cooking time eg. 1 minute, press 1 minute pad once.

6 Press Start Pad

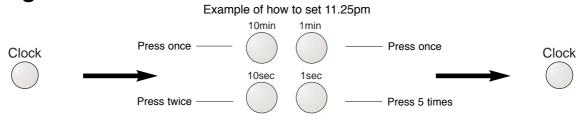
The time will be displayed in the window and count down. The oven will beep at the end of the cooking program.

Check that the letter *D* appears in the display window, to confirm no microwave power is being produced, and it is safe to use the oven without any food. To cancel the demonstration mode press the clock pad a further three times.

7 Child Lock

To operate the child lock facility press the start pad three times, this will deactivate the microwave. "Lock" will appear in the display and none of the controls will operate. To clear child lock facility press Stop/Cancel three times.

Setting the Clock



Press Clock Pad

• Press Time Pads

Press Clock Pad

"SET TIME" will appear in the display window, and the colon starts to blink.

Enter time of day by pressing Time Pads. Use minute pads to set the hours and second pads to set the minutes. Set as 12 hr clock.

Colon stops blinking. Time of day is now locked into the display.

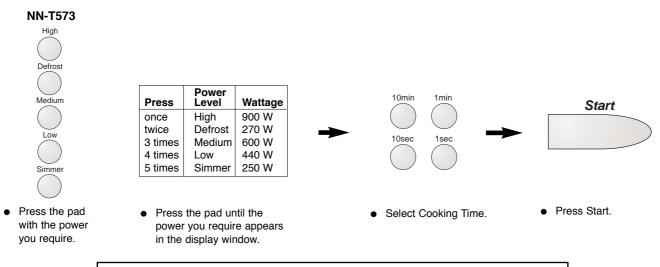
N.B.

- 1. To reset time of day, repeat step 1 through to step 3.
- 2. The clock will keep the time of day as long as the oven is plugged in and electricity is supplied.
- 3. This is a 12 hour clock.

Microwave Cooking and Defrosting

There are 5 different microwave power levels available.

Selecting Microwave Power Level



CAUTION: The oven will automatically work on HIGH microwave power if a cooking time is entered without the power level previously being selected.

Turbo Reheat

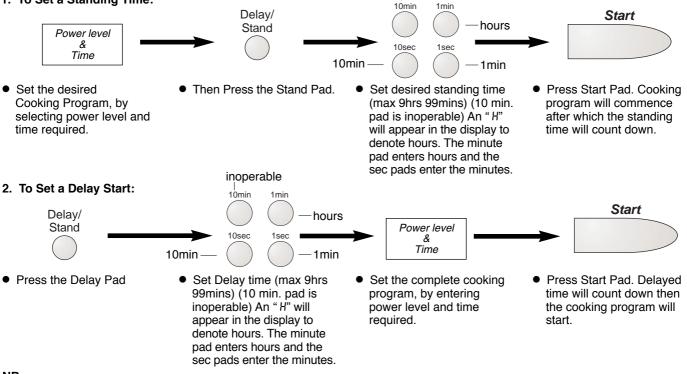
This will provide an added boost of microwave power up to 1000 watts, for the initial part of the cooking time, when reheating foods e.g. soup, baked beans.



Using the Delay/Stand Feature

The Delay/Stand Pad is used as a timing pad either before, during or after a cooking program. When the Delay/Stand Pad is selected with a time, there is no microwave power in the oven during this time. inoperable

1. To Set a Standing Time:



NB

- 1. If the oven door is opened during the stand or delay time, the time in the display window will continue to count down.
- 2. Delay Start cannot be used before an Auto Program.
- 3. If the Delay Stand pad is pressed three times, this will turn off the auto guide system. "Operation guide off" will appear once. The words will not now scroll in the display window. To turn the auto guide back on, press the Delay/Stand pad three times. "Operation guide on" will appear, and then the words will scroll again.

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Microwave Cooking and Defrosting

ACCESSORY TO USE:



When using your oven, the glass turntable provided must always be in position. DO NOT place food directly onto the turntable except in the case of Jacket Potatoes or Auto Program Jacket Potatoes. Foods reheated or cooked by MICROWAVE are normally covered with a lid or cling film, unless otherwise stated.

Two Stage Cooking:

eg. High power 10 minutes followed by Simmer power 20 minutes; Select High power and program 10 minutes then select second power (Simmer) with second cooking time (20 minutes) then press Start.

Three Stage Cooking:

eg. High power 5 minutes, Delay 5 minutes, High power 2 minutes; Select first Power level and cooking time, then press DELAY and time, then select final power level and final cooking time. Then press Start.

Auto Weight Defrost

With this feature you can defrost frozen foods according to the weight. Select the category and set the weight of the food. The weight can be programmed in pounds and ounces or grams. The weight starts from the minimum weight for each category.



 Select the desired program by pressing pad. Press "CHAOS DEFROST" pad once, twice or three times to select food. Press to select g or lb and oz.
 Enter the weight by pressing the Up & Down pads. The "up" pad will start with the minimum weight for each food.

Press Start.

Program	Weight Range	Suitable Foods		
1 Bread	100 - 800g (4oz - 1lb 12oz)	Bread and rolls. Turn at beep.		
2 Meat Items	200 - 1200g (7oz - 2lb 10oz)	Small pieces of meat, minced meat, chicken portions, steaks, chops. Turn at beeps.		
3 Meat Joints	400 - 2000g (14oz - 4lb 6oz)	Whole chicken, meat joints. Turn at beeps and shield.		

Auto Weight Defrost Programs

This feature allows you to defrost minced meat, chops, chicken portions, meat joints and bread.

The CHAOS defrost pad should be pressed to select the correct category and then enter in the weight of the food in grams or pounds and ounces using the appropriate pads (See page 17).

Foods should be placed in a suitable dish, whole chickens and joints of meat should be on an upturned saucer or on a rack. Chops, chicken portions and slices of bread should be placed in a single layer. It is not necessary to cover the foods.

The CHAOS Theory principle is used in Auto Weight defrost programs to give you a quick and more even defrost.

The CHAOS system uses a random sequence of pulsing microwave energy which speeds up the defrosting process.

During the program the oven will beep to remind you to check the food. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU TURN AND STIR THE FOOD FREQUENTLY AND SHIELD IF NECESSARY. (See page 19).

On hearing the first beep you should TURN and SHIELD (if possible). On the second beep you should turn the food or break it up.

1st Beep

Turn



1st Beep

Shield







Turn or break up

CATEGORY 1 BREAD

or

The Bread Program is suitable for defrosting small items e.g. rolls, buns and slices of bread which are required for immediate use. Small items may feel warm immediately after defrosting. Loaves can also be defrosted on this program but these will require standing time to allow the centre to thaw out. Standing time can be shortened if slices are separated and buns and loaves cut in half. Items should be turned halfway during defrosting. THIS PROGRAM IS NOT SUITABLE FOR CREAM CAKES OR DESSERTS eg. cheesecake.

Bread
 Meat Items
 Meat Joints
 CHAOS DEFROST

CATEGORY 2 MEAT ITEMS (MINCE/CHOPS/CHICKEN PORTIONS)

It is necessary for mince to be broken up frequently during defrosting and this is best carried out in a large shallow dish. Chops and chicken portions should be arranged in a single layer and turned frequently.

CATEGORY 3 MEAT JOINTS/WHOLE CHICKENS

Meat joints and chickens will require shielding during defrosting especially if they are particularly fatty pieces. This is to prevent over defrosting on the outside edges. Smooth foil secured with cocktail sticks should be used. DO NOT ALLOW THE FOIL TO TOUCH THE WALLS OF THE OVEN. Back fat of joints, legs, wings and breast bones need shielding (see photograph above). Standing time of at least 1 hour should be allowed (rolled joints may require longer) before cooking to ensure the centre is fully defrosted.

Defrosting Guidelines

By selecting the DEFROST power level, from the microwave power pad, and setting a time, you can defrost food in your microwave. The biggest problem is getting the inside defrosted before the outside starts to cook.

For this reason a defrost program alternates between a defrost power and a standing time. The name for this type of defrost is cyclic and during the standing stages there is not any microwave power in the oven, although the light will remain on and the turntable will turn. The automatic stand times ensure a more even defrost but it is still necessary to allow for standing time before use. Place foods in a suitable container. Meat joints and chickens should be placed on an upturned saucer or on a plastic rack if you have one.



Separate chops and small items e.g. bread slices where possible.



Turn dense foods and meat 2/3 times during defrosting.



Chickens and joints of meat will require shielding during defrosting.



Break up small items e.g. minced meat, frequently during defrosting.

TIPS

- 1 Check foods during defrosting. Foods vary in their defrosting speed.
- 2 It is not necessary to cover the food.
- 3 Always turn or stir the food especially when the oven "beeps". Shield if necessary (see point 5).
- 4 Minced meat/chops/chicken portions should be broken up or separated as soon as possible and placed in a single layer.
- 5 Shielding prevents food cooking. It is essential when defrosting chickens and joints of meat. The outside thaws out first, so protect wings/breast/fat with smooth pieces of aluminium foil secured with cocktail sticks.
- 6 Allow standing time so that the centre of the food thaws out.
 (minimum 1 hour for joints of meat and whole chickens).

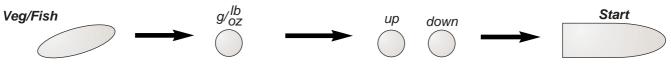
Defrosting Foods Using Defrost Power & Time

The times given below are a guideline only. Always check the progress of the food by opening the oven door and then re-starting. For larger quantities adjust times accordingly. Food should not be covered during defrosting.

Meat	Defrosting Time	Method	Standing Time	
Beef/Lamb/ Pork Joint	14-16 mins. 450g (1lb)	Place in a suitable dish or on an upturned saucer or use a rack. Turn 3-4 times. Shield.	60 mins.	
Minced Beef	12 mins. 450g (1lb)	Place in a suitable dish. Break up and turn 3-4 times.	15 mins.	
Chops	10 mins. 450g (1lb)	Place in a suitable dish in a single layer. Turn twice. Shield if necessary.	15 mins.	
Sausages	12 mins. 450g (1lb)	Place in a suitable dish in a single layer. Turn twice. Shield if necessary.	15 mins.	
Bacon	6-7 mins. 450g (1lb)	Place in a suitable dish in a single layer. Turn twice. Shield if necessary.	10 mins.	
Stewing Steak	12 mins. 450g (1lb)	Place in a suitable dish. Break up frequently.	15 mins.	
Chicken	13 mins. 450g (1lb)	Place in a suitable dish on an upturned saucer or use a rack. Turn 3-4 times. Shield.	60 mins.	
Chicken Portions	10-12 mins. 450g (1lb)	Place in a suitable dish in a single layer. Turn twice. Shield if necessary.	30 mins.	
Fish				
Whole	9-10 mins. 450g (1lb)	Place in a suitable dish. Turn Twice. Shield.	15 mins.	
Fillets/Steak	7-8 mins. 450g (1lb)	Place in a suitable dish. Turn twice, separate if necessary.	15 mins.	
Prawns	6-7 mins. 450g (1lb)	Place in a suitable dish. Stir twice during defrosting.	10 mins.	
General				
Bread Sliced	5 mins. 400g (14oz)	Place on the turntable. Separate and rearrange during defrosting.	10 mins.	
Slice of bread.	30 sec. 30g (1oz)	Place on the turntable on a piece of kitchen paper.	1-2 mins.	
Pastry	5½ mins. 450g (1lb)	Place on a plate. Turn over half way.	10-15 mins.	
Soft Fruit	6-7 mins. 450g (1lb)	Place in a suitable dish. Stir twice during defrosting.	10 mins.	

Auto Weight Reheat / Cook Programs NN-T573

This feature allows you to cook or reheat foods by setting the weight only. The oven determines the Microwave power level and then the cooking time automatically. Select the category of food and then just enter the weight. The weight can be entered in grams or pounds and ounces. The NN-T573 has eight programs.



 Select the desired Auto Weight Program, by pressing the pad.
 The pad can be pressed once

or twice to select one of the two programs available.

- Press to select grams or pounds and ounces.
- Enter the weight by pressing the up and down pads. This is the weight of the food.

• Press Start.

Guidelines for Use

The Auto Weight Programs are designed to take the guesswork out of cooking or reheating your food. They must ONLY be used for the foods described.

- 1. Only cook foods within the weight ranges described (see appropriate table for your oven below).
- 2. Only use the accessories as indicated on page 22.
- 3. Always choose a container size that is suitable for the quantities of food, ie. do not allow a large headspace or food may not cook correctly.
- 4. Always cover the dish with pierced cling film or a lid, this helps keep the food moist. The only exception to this rule is the Jacket Potato program.
- 5. Most foods benefit from a STANDING time after cooking on an Auto Program, to allow heat to continue conducting to the centre.
- 6. To allow for some variations that occur in food, check that food is thoroughly cooked and piping hot before serving.

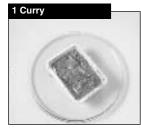
Minimum/Maximum Weights to use on Auto Weight Programs NN-T573

Program	Minimum	Maximum
Curry	350g (12oz)	1000g (2lb 2oz)
Chinese	250g (9oz)	500g (1lb 2oz)
Pasta	300g (11oz)	1500g (3lb 5oz)
Casserole	350g (12oz)	1000g (2lb 2oz)
Fresh Vegetables	100g (4oz)	800g (1lb 12oz)
Fresh Fish	100g (4oz)	800g (1lb 12oz)
Jacket Potatoes	200g (7oz)	1500g (3lb 5oz)
Boiled Potatoes	200g (7oz)	1000g (2lb 2oz)

Auto Weight Cook Programs for NN-T573

Auto Programs must ONLY be used for the foods described below. Place food off centre, unless stated otherwise.

Curry/



This program is for reheating a chilled curry convenience meal that can be stirred. Foods must be in a suitable single section microwaveable container* and have the film pierced. Place on turntable, press the pad once. Enter the weight then press START. Stir halfway. Allow to stand for 1 minute. Ensure that the food is piping hot. Stir the food before serving



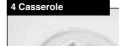


This program is for reheating a chilled pasta style convenience meal that can be stirred. Foods must be in a suitable single section microwaveable container* and have the film pierced. Place on turntable, press the pad once. Enter the weight then press START. Stir halfway. Allow to stand for 1 minute. Ensure that the food is piping hot. Stir the food before serving.

2 Chinese style



This program is for reheating a chilled chinese style convenience meal that can be stirred. Foods must be in a suitable single section microwaveable container* and have the film pierced. Place on the turntable, press the pad twice. Enter the weight then press START. Stir halfway. Allow to stand for 1 minute. Ensure food is piping hot. Stir again before serving.



This program is for reheating a chilled casserole style convenience meal that can be stirred. Foods must be in a suitable single section microwaveable container* and have the film pierced. Place on the turntable, press the pad twice. Enter the weight and press START. Stir halfway. Allow to stand for 1 minute. Ensure food is piping hot. Stir again before serving. Note: Large pieces of meat may require longer cooking.



To cook FRESH vegetables. Place prepared vegetables into a shallow container on turntable. Add 90ml (6tbsp) of water. Cover with pierced cling film or lid. Press the pad once. Enter the weight. Press START.

To cook jacket potatoes choose medium

sized potatoes 200-250g (7-9oz). Wash

times. Arrange around edge of turntable.

START. DO NOT COVER. After cooking,

and dry and prick with a fork several

Press pad once. Enter weight. Press

wrap in foil and stand for 5 mins.



Veg/Fish

7 Jacket Potatoes



*IMPORTANT NOTE:

Meals in bowl shaped containers may require extra cooking time.





To cook FRESH fish. Shield the thinner portions. Place in a shallow container on turntable. Add 15ml (1tbsp) liquid. Cover with pierced cling film or lid. Press the pad twice. Enter the weight. Press START.

8 Boiled Potatoes



Cut into even size pieces, arrange in a single layer. For weights below 500g (1lb) add 6tbsp (90ml) water. For large weights add 150ml (η_4 pt) water. Cover with pierced cling film or a lid. Press the pad twice. Enter the weight and press START.

Cooking and Reheating Guidelines

Most foods reheat very quickly in your oven by HIGH power. Meals can be brought back to serving temperature in just minutes and will taste freshly cooked and NOT leftover. Always check food is piping hot and return to oven if necessary.

As a general rule, always cover wet foods, e.g. soups, casseroles and plated meals.

Do not cover dry foods e.g. bread rolls, mince pies, sausage rolls etc.

The charts on pages 24-32 show you the best way to cook or reheat your favourite foods. The best method depends on the type of food.

Remember when cooking or reheating any food that it should be stirred or turned wherever possible. This ensures even cooking or reheating on the outside and in the centre.

When is food reheated?

Food that has been reheated or cooked should be served "piping hot" i.e. steam should be visibly emitted from all parts. As long as good hygiene practices have been followed during the preparation and storage of the food, then cooking or reheating presents no safety risks.

Foods that cannot be stirred should be cut with a knife to test that they are adequately heated throughout. Even if a manufacturer's instructions or the times in the cookbook have been followed, it is still important to check the food is heated thoroughly. If in doubt, always return to the oven for further reheating.

If you cannot find the equivalent food in the chart then choose a similar type and size listed and adjust the cooking time if necessary.

PLATED MEALS

Everyone's appetite varies and reheat times depend on meal contents. Dense items e.g. mashed potato, should be spread out well. If a lot of gravy is added, extra time may be required. Place denser items to the outside of the plate. Between 3-5 mins. on HIGH power will reheat an average portion. If stacking two meals, heat on HIGH power for 6-7 mins. and change the meals over halfway.

CANNED FOODS

Remove foods from can and place in a suitable dish before heating.

SOUPS

Use a bowl and stir before heating and at least once through reheat time and again at the end.

CASSEROLES

Stir halfway through and again at the end of heating.

MINCE PIES - CAUTION

REMEMBER even if the pastry is cold to the touch, the filling will be piping hot and will warm the pastry through. Take care not to overheat otherwise burning can occur due to the high fat and sugar content of the filling. Check the temperature of the filling before consuming to avoid burning your mouth.

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS AND LIQUIDS - CAUTION

Take great care when reheating these items. See Page 6.

Do not leave unattended.

Do not add extra alcohol.

BABIES' BOTTLES - CAUTION

Milk or formula MUST be shaken thoroughly before heating and again at the end and tested carefully before feeding a baby.

See page 24 for details.

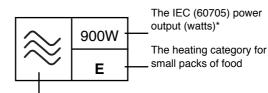
WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THAT YOU USE YOUR MICROWAVE TO STERILISE BABIES' BOTTLES. If you have a special microwave steriliser we urge extreme caution, due to the low quantity of water involved. It is vital to follow the manufacturers instructions implicitly.

The times given in the charts below are a guideline only, and will vary depending on STARTING temperature, dish size etc.

HEATING CATEGORY

Your oven is Heating Category E and this is displayed on the front of your oven door. The information on this label will assist you in using new instructions on food packs to enable you to program the best heating time in your oven.

*1000 Watts IEC (60705) is achieved by using the Turbo Reheat pad, see page 16 for details.



Microwave symbol

Food	Weight/ Quantity	Power Level	Time to Select (approx)	Instructions/Guidelines			
BABIES BOTTLES – CAUTION							
For 7-8 fl.oz of milk from fridge temperature, remove top and teat. Heat on HIGH Power for 25-30 secs. CHECK CAREFULLY For 3 fl.oz of milk from fridge temperature, remove top and teat. Heat on HIGH Power for 10-15 secs. CHECK CAREFULLY							
N.B. Liquid at the top of the bott	• •	•					
before checking the temperature				• •			
BREAD – Precooked – Fresh – M	I.B. Breads re	heated by Microway	ve will have a soft base.				
Croissants	2	HIGH	15-20 secs.				
	4	HIGH	30-40 secs.				
Rolls	1	HIGH	15 secs.	Place on microwave safe plate on turntable. Do not cover.			
	4	HIGH	30-40 secs.				
CANNED BEANS, PASTA							
Baked Beans	225 g	TURBO REHEAT	1 min. 40 secs.				
Bakeu Bearls	420 g	TURBO REHEAT	3 mins 3 mins. 30 secs.				
Ravioli in sauce	215 g	HIGH	2 mins. 30 secs.				
	400 g	HIGH	4 mins.	Place in a microwave safe bowl on turntable. Cover			
Macaroni chese	225 g	TURBO REHEAT	2 mins.				
Spaghetti Bolognese	210 g	HIGH	2 mins.				
	430 g	HIGH	4 mins.				
Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce	200 g	TURBO REHEAT	1 min. 40 secs.				
CANNED MEAT							
Chilli Con Carne	410 g	HIGH	3 mins. 30 secs.				
Hot Dogs (drained)	415 g	HIGH	2 mins. 30 secs.				
Meat Balls	418 g	HIGH	4 mins. 30 secs.	Place in a microwave safe bowl on turntable. Cover.			
Minced Beef & Onion	392 g	HIGH	4 mins.				
Stewed Steak	405g	HIGH	4 mins.				
CANNED SOUPS	_						
Cream of Tomato	425 g	HIGH	3 mins. 30 secs 4 mins.	Place in a microwave safe bowl on turntable. Cover.			
Minestrone	300 g	TURBO REHEAT	2 mins.	Flace in a microwave sale powron turnlaple. Cover.			

POINTS FOR CHECKING

Food	Weight/ Quantity	Power Level	Time to Select (approx)	Instructions/Guidelines
CANNED PUDDINGS				
Creamed Rice	425 g	HIGH	2 mins 2 mins. 30 secs.	
	624g	HIGH	3 mins.	Place in a microwave safe bowl on turntable. Cover.
Custard	425g	HIGH	2 mins.	
Sponge Pudding	300 g	HIGH	2 mins.	
CANNED VEGETABLES – D	rain where appropr	iate		
Carrots, whole	410 g	HIGH	3 mins.	
Mushrooms, whole	300 g	HIGH	2 mins.	
Peas, Mushy	440 g	HIGH	2 mins 3 mins.	
Peas, Garden	550 g	HIGH	2 mins. 30 secs.	Place in a microwave safe bowl on turntable. Cover.
Potatoes, new	820 g	HIGH	5 mins.	r lace in a microwave sale bow on tamable. Oover.
Our et e e m	198 g	HIGH	1 min. 30 secs.	
Sweetcorn	340 g	HIGH	2 mins.	
Tomatoes, whole	400 g	HIGH	3 mins.	
CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS - O	verheating may ca	use pudding to ig	nite	
Slice	150 g	HIGH	30 secs.	
Small	450 g	HIGH	2 mins.	Place in a microwave safe dish on turntable. Cover.
Medium	900 g	HIGH	3 mins.	Flace in a microwave sale distron turnable. Cover.
Large	1.1 kg	HIGH	3 mins. 30 secs.	
DRINKS – COFFEE				
1 mug	235 ml	HIGH	2 mins.	
2 mugs	470 ml	HIGH	3 mins. 30 secs.	Place in a microwave safe mug on turntable.
3 mugs	705 ml	HIGH	4 mins. 30 secs.	Stir, before, during and after reheating.
4 mugs	940 ml	HIGH	6 mins.	
DRINKS – MILK				
1 mug	235 ml	MEDIUM	2 mins.	Place in a microwave safe mug on turntable.
1 jug	600 ml	MEDIUM	4 mins. 30 secs.	Stir, before, during and after reheating.
HOMEMADE MEAT DISHES			· · ·	
Casserole for 2	500 g	HIGH	3 mins.	
Casserole for 4	1 kg	HIGH	10 mins.	Place in a microwave safe dish on turntable. Cover.
Delegnese Course	250 g	HIGH	3 mins.	Flace in a microwave sale dish on turntable. Cover.
Bolognese Sauce	1 kg	HIGH	8 mins.	

POINTS FOR CHECKING

Food	Weight/ Quantity	Power Level	Time to Select (approx)	Instructions/Guidelines
PASTA				
Cooked Spaghetti	100 g	HIGH	1 min.	
Macaroni Cheese	225 g	HIGH	3 mins.	Place in a microwaveable safe dish on turntable. Cover.
	1 kg	HIGH	8 mins.	
PASTRY PRODUCTS - PRECOOI	KED - N.B. Pa	stries reheated by mi	crowave will have a soft	base.
Beef & Onion Pie	155 g	HIGH	1-2 mins.	
Chicken Pie	480 g	HIGH	4-5 mins.	
Cornish Pastie	200 g (1)	HIGH	2-3 mins.	
Quiche	400 g (1)	HIGH	3-4 mins.	
Samosas	140 g (4)	HIGH	1-2 mins.	Place on microwaveable safe plate on turntable. Do not cover.
Steak & Kidney Pie	550 g (1)	HIGH	6-6 mins. 30 secs.	
Steak & Kidney Pie	250 g (1)	HIGH	2-2 mins. 30 secs.	
Sausage Rolls	260 g (4)	HIGH	1 min. 30 secs2 mins.	
Spring Roll	230 g (6)	HIGH	1-2 mins.	
Christmas Mince Pies	90 g (2)	HIGH	10-20 secs.	
PLATED MEALS - HOMEMADE -	CHILLED			
Child Size	1	HIGH	3 mins.	
	2	HIGH	5 mins.	Place on a microwave safe plate on turntable. Cover.
Adult Size	1	HIGH	4-5 mins.	Flace of a microwave sale plate of turnable. Cover.
	2	HIGH	5-6 mins.	
PORRIDGE				
1 portion		HIGH	1 min.	Use a large bowl on turntable. Stir during cooking.
4 portions		HIGH	5 mins.	
PUDDINGS & DESSERTS N.B. TI	ransfer food			ave safe dish
Apple Pie	500 g	HIGH	4 mins.	
Baked Apple - 1	175 g	HIGH	30 secs1 min.	
Bread & Butter Pudding	340 g	HIGH	2-3 mins.	
Fruit Crumble	400 g	HIGH	4 mins.	Place in a microwave safe bowl on turntable. Do not cover.
Fruit Pie, individual	1	TURBO REHEAT	10-15 secs.	
	4	TURBO REHEAT	30-40 secs.	
Milk Pudding for 1		HIGH	50 secs.	
Milk Pudding for 4		HIGH	3 mins. 40 secs.	

POINTS FOR CHECKING

Food	Weight/ Quantity	Power Level	Time to Select (approx)	Instructions/Guidelines
PUDDINGS AND DESSERTS N.E	3. Transfer for	d from foil containe	ers to a similar sized mic	rowave safe dish
Pancakes, filled	1	HIGH	45-60 secs.	
	2	HIGH	1 min. 30 secs.	Place in a microwaveable safe dish on turntable. Cover.
Rice Pudding	500 g	HIGH	2 mins. 30 secs.	
PURCHASED CONVENIENCE F	OODS - CHILL	ED N.B. Transfer fo	od from foil container to	a similar sized microwave safe dish. Plastic dishes designed for
microwave and conventional ov	ens may be u	sed with care.		
Cauliflower Cheese	450 g	HIGH	7 mins.	
Cottage Pie	190 g	HIGH	3-4 mins.	
	600 g	HIGH	6-8 mins.	
Hot & Spicy Wings	700 g	HIGH	6-7 mins.	Place on microwaveable safe plate or rack on turntable. Do not cover.
Lasagne	300 g	HIGH	5-6 mins.	Trace of Thicrowaveable sale plate of tack of turnlable. Do not cover.
Onion Bhajis Pakora & Felafel	200 g (6)	HIGH	1-2 mins.	
Vegetable Bake	454 g	HIGH	6-8 mins.	
PURCHASED CONVENIENCE F	OODS - FROZ	EN N.B. Transfer for	od from foil container to	a similar sized microwave safe dish. Plastic dishes designed for
microwave and conventional ov	ens may be u	sed with care.		
Lasagne	400 g	HIGH	5 mins. then rest for 1 min.	
		then HIGH	4 mins.	
Salmon Crumble	300 g	HIGH	3 mins. then rest for 1 min.	Place on turntable. Do not cover.
		then HIGH	3-4 mins.	Flace of furnable. Do not cover.
Shepherd's Pie	460 g	HIGH	6 mins. then rest for 1 min.	
		then HIGH	4-5 mins.	
SAUCES				
Custard	300 ml	HIGH	1 min. 30 secs.	
	600 ml	HIGH	3 mins.	Use a large bowl on turntable. Stir during cooking.
Savoury Sauce	300 ml	HIGH	2 mins.	
VEGETABLES				
Jacket Potato	250 g	HIGH	1 min.	
Green Vegetables	100 g	HIGH	1 min. 30 secs.	
	225 g	HIGH	2 mins.	Place in a microwave safe bowl on turntable. Do not cover.
Mashed Potato	350 g	MEDIUM	7-8 mins.	
Root Vegetables	100 g	HIGH	1 min.	
	225 g	HIGH	1 min. 30 secs.	

POINTS FOR CHECKING

Food	Weight/ Quantity	Choice of Cooking Modes	Time Approx. (mins.)	Instructions/Guidelines
BACON – from raw				
Rashers	200 g (8)	HIGH	4-5	Place on microwave safe rack or plate on turntable
			or 45 secs per rasher.	and cover with kitchen towel to minimise splatter.
Steaks	210 g (4)	HIGH	4-5	Place on microwave safe rack or plate on turntable.
BEANS & PULSES - should be pr	re-soaked (ex	cept lentils)	•	
Black Fired Bases	005 -	HIGH	10	
Black Eyed Beans	225 g	then SIMMER	25-30	
Ohiala Daga	005 -	HIGH	10	Use 600 ml (1 pt) boiling water in a large bowl. Cover.
Chick Peas	225 g	then SIMMER	40	
Lentils	225 g	MEDIUM power	10-15	
Ded Kideen Deere	005 -	HIGH	15	Use 600 ml (1 pt) boiling water in a large bowl. Cover.
Red Kidney Beans	225 g	then SIMMER	40	Must boil for at least 12 minutes to destroy toxic enzymes.
BEEF – Joints from raw – Caution	n: Hot fat! Re	move dish with care.	For Guidelines see Me	at Chapter page 39.
	N	MEDIUM 11-14 per 450 g (1 lb)	11-14 per	Place on upturned saucer in flan dish or drip tray. Cover. Place on
Medium Rare			450 g (1 lb)	turntable. Turn joint over halfway during cooking. Drain off fat
				during cooking.
BEEF – Steaks from raw – Cautio	n: Hot fat! Re	move dish with care.		
Rump	350 g (2)	MEDIUM	6-8	Place on microwave safe rack or plate on turntable. Cover.
Sirloin	400 g (2)	MEDIUM	7-9	
BEEFBURGERS – Fresh from rav			with care.	
	227 g (2)	MEDIUM	3-4	Place on microwave safe rack or plate on turntable. Cover.
BEEFBURGERS – Frozen from ra	w – Caution:	Hot fat! Remove dish	with care.	
	335 g (6)	MEDIUM	6	Place on microwave safe rack or plate on turntable. Cover.
CHICKEN from raw – Caution: Ho	t fat! Remove	e dish with care.		
Breasts, boneless	595 g	MEDIUM	12-14	
Drumsticks	900 g (8)	MEDIUM	12-14	Place on microwave safe rack or plate on turntable. Cover.
Quarters	1.2 kg (4)	MEDIUM	20	
Whole		MEDIUM	9-10 per	Place on upturned saucer breast side down in flan dish or drip tray.
			450 g (1 lb)	Cover. Place on turntable. Turn chicken over halfway.

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Food	Weight/ Quantity	Choice of Cooking Modes	Time Approx. (mins.)	Instructions/Guidelines
EGGS – Poached.				
Water	45 ml	HIGH	50 secs.	Place in a small bowl and heat for 1st cooking time.
Egg	1	MEDIUM	30 secs.	• Add egg (medium sized).
Water	90 ml	HIGH	1	Pierce volk and white.
Eggs	2	MEDIUM	1	Cover.
Water	135 ml	HIGH	1 min. 30 secs.	Cover. Cook for 2nd cooking time.
Eggs	3	MEDIUM	1 min. 30 secs.	
Water	180 ml	HIGH	2	Then leave to stand for 1 min.
Eggs	4	MEDIUM	1min. 50 secs.	
EGGS – Scrambled.				•
1 Egg		HIGH	30 secs.	
	[HIGH	20 secs.	Add 1 tbsp of milk for each egg used.
2 Eggs		HIGH	50 secs.	Beat eggs, milk and knob of butter together.
		HIGH	30 secs.	Cook for 1st cooking time then stir.
3 Eggs		HIGH	1 min. 20 secs.	Cook for 2nd cooking time then stand for 1 min.
		HIGH	30 secs.	
FISH - FRESH from raw - F	or Guidelines see	Fish Chapter page 36.		•
Fillets	450 g (3)	HIGH	3-4	
Steaks	350 g (2)	HIGH	3-4	Place in microwave safe dish. Add 30 ml liquid. Cover.
Whole	280 g (1)	HIGH	3-4	
FISH – FROZEN from raw –	For Guidelines se	e Fish Chapter page 36	•	
Fish Fingers	210 g (8)	HIGH	4-5	Place on microwave safe dish. Do not cover.
Haddock Fillets	380 g (4)	HIGH	7-8	Diago in microwaya cofo diah. Add 20 ml of liquid. Cayor
Whole	450 g (2)	HIGH	10-12	Place in microwave safe dish. Add 30 ml of liquid. Cover.
Boil in the Bag	170 g (1)	DEFROST	4	Place bag sauce side down on a microwave safe plate.
		then stand	2	Slash top of bag with a knife.
		then MEDIUM	6	
FRUIT – Peel, slice, chop in	to even sized piec	es. Place in shallow mi	crowave safe dish.	
Apples – poached	450 g	HIGH	6	Add 300 ml (1/2 pt) water. Only half fill dish. Cover.
Apples – stewed	450 g	HIGH	5	Only half fill dish. Cover.
Peaches – poached	450 g	HIGH	4-5	
Pears – poached	450 g	HIGH	5-6	Add 300 ml (1/2 pt) water. Only half fill dish. Cover.
Plums - poached	450 g	HIGH	8	
Plums – stewed	450 g	HIGH	8-10	Add 30 ml (2 tbsp) of water. Only half fill dish. Cover.
Rhubarb – stewed	450 g	HIGH	5	Only half fill dish. Cover.

POINTS FOR CHECKING

Food	Weight/ Quantity	Choice of Cooking Modes	Time Approx. (mins.)	Instructions/Guidelines
LAMB – from raw – CAUTION: Ho	t Fat! Remov		Guidelines see Meat	Chapter page 39.
Chops, cutlets	425 g (4)	MEDIUM	6-7	Place in microwave safe dish or rack on turntable. Cover.
Chops, loin	600 g (4)	MEDIUM	7-8	
Joints		MEDIUM	12-13 per	Place on upturned saucer in microwave safe dish or drip tray.
			450 g (1 lb)	Cover. Place dish on turntable. Turn joint over halfway during
				cooking. Drain off fat during cooking.
PASTA – Place in a large 2 litre (4	pint) microw	vave safe bowl.		
Twists	225 g	HIGH	8-10	
Macaroni	225 g	HIGH	10-12	
Spaghetti	225 g	HIGH	8	
Lasagne	225 g	HIGH	6-8	Use 1 litre (1 ³ / ₄ pt) boiling water. Add 15 ml oil. Cover. Stir halfway.
Tortellini	225 g	HIGH	12	Use Thitre (1% pt) boiling water. Add 15 mi oil. Cover. Stir hanway.
Tagliatelli	225 g	HIGH	8-9	
Spaghetti (Quick Cook)	225 g	HIGH	5-7	
Pasta Shapes (Quick Cook)	225 g	HIGH	6-7	
PASTRY – UNCOOKED	•			
Shortcrust Flan Case	23 cm (9")	HIGH	3-4	Prick base of pastry, chill well. Lay piece of kitchen towel in base.
				Place on turntable.
PIZZA – FRESH CHILLED – N.B. F	Remove all pa	ackaging. Pizzas will I	have a soft base.	
Thin & Crispy	400 g	HIGH	4-5	Disco en hasterest siste en turntable. De set source
Deep Pan	475 g	HIGH	4-6	Place on heatproof plate on turntable. Do not cover.
PORK - from raw - CAUTION: Ho	t Fat! Remov	e dish with care. For	Guidelines see Meat	Chapter page 39.
Chops	360 g (2)	MEDIUM	5-6	Place in microwave safe dish on rack on turntable. Cover.
Joints		MEDIUM	13-15 per	Place on upturned saucer in microwave safe dish or drip tray
			450 g (1 lb)	on turntable. Turn joint over halfway during cooking. Drain off fat
				during cooking.
PORRIDGE – N.B. Use a large bo	-			
1 serving	¹ / ₂ cup oats	HIGH	2-2 ¹ /2	Add 1 cup of water or milk. Stir halfway.
2 servings	1 cup oats	HIGH	4-5	Add 2 cups of water or milk. Stir halfway.
3 servings	2 cups oats	HIGH	8-9	Add 4 cups of water or milk. Stir halfway.
RICE – Place in a large microwav				
Basmati	250 g	MEDIUM	10-12	Use 600 ml (1 pt) boiling water. Cover.
Easycook White	250 g	HIGH	12-13	, r.,

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Food	Weight/ Quantity	Choice of Cooking Modes	Time Approx. (mins.)	Instructions/Guidelines			
RICE – Place in a large microway	ve safe bowl.		<u> </u>				
Easycook Brown	250 g	HIGH	15-17	Use 600 ml (1 pt) boiling water. Cover.			
Long Grain White	250 g	MEDIUM	14				
Long Grain Brown	250 g	MEDIUM	20				
Wild Rice & Brown Rice Mix	250 g	MEDIUM	18				
MILK PUDDING – Place in a large microwave safe bowl.							
Flaked Rice	50 g	SIMMER power	20	Add 600 ml (1 pt) milk. 30 ml sugar.			
Pudding Rice	50 g	HIGH then SIMMER	5 30	Add 450 ml (3/4 pt) milk. 30 ml sugar.			
Таріоса	50 g	SIMMER	30-35	Add 600 ml (1 pt) milk. 30 ml sugar.			
SAUSAGES from raw – CAUTION: Hot Fat! Remove dish with care.							
Chipolatas	227 g (8)	HIGH	3-4	Place on microwave safe plate or rack on turntable. Cover.			
Thick	454 g (8)	HIGH	4-5				
FRESH VEGETABLES – Place in shallow microwave safe dish.							
Asparagus	450 g	HIGH	6-8				
Aubergine	450 g	HIGH	7				
Broad Beans	450 g	HIGH	6	Add 90 ml (6 tbsp) water. Cover.			
Runner Beans	450 g	HIGH	7				
French Beans	450 g	HIGH	7-8				
Beetroot	450 g	MEDIUM	12				
Broccoli	450 g	HIGH	8				
Brussel Sprouts	450 g	HIGH	8-9				
Cabbage – sliced	450 g	HIGH	7-9				
Carrots	450 g	HIGH	7-9				
Cauliflower – florets	450 g	HIGH	9				
Celery	450 g	HIGH	8-9				
Corn on the Cob	450 g	HIGH	6-7				
Courgettes	450 g	HIGH	5				
Leeks	450 g	HIGH	7-9				
Mange Tout	450 g	HIGH	4-5				
Marrow – cubed	450 g	HIGH	4-5				
Mushrooms	450 g	HIGH	5				
Parsnips – sliced	450 g	HIGH	6-7				

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Food	Weight/ Quantity	Choice of Cooking Modes	Time Approx. (mins.)	Instructions/Guidelines				
FRESH VEGETABLES – Place in shallow microwave safe dish.								
Peas	450 g	HIGH	4-6	Add 90 ml (6 tbsp) water. Cover.				
Potatoes – boiled	450 g	HIGH	6-7					
Potatoes – par-boiled	450 g	HIGH	4-5					
Potatoes – new whole	450 g	HIGH	6-7					
Potatoes – to mash	450 g	HIGH	8					
Potatoes – jacket (200 g / 7 oz)	1	HIGH	4 mins. 30 secs.	Wash and prick skins several times. Place directly on turntable.				
	2	HIGH	7					
	4	HIGH	12	After cooking stand for 5 mins wrapped in foil.				
Potatoes – jacket (250 g / 9 oz)	1	HIGH	5 mins. 30 secs.	Or use Auto Program Jacket Potato.				
	2	HIGH	9 mins. 30 secs.					
	4	HIGH	15					
Spinach	450 g	HIGH	7	Add 90 ml (6 tbsp) water. Cover.				
Spring Greens	450 g	HIGH	7					
Swede – cubed	450 g	HIGH	7-8					
Turnip	450 g	HIGH	11-12					
FROZEN VEGETABLES – Place in shallow microwave safe dish.								
Asparagus	450 g	HIGH	7-8	Add 30 ml (2 tbsp) water. Cover.				
Beans – broad	450 g	HIGH	8					
Beans – green	450 g	HIGH	8-9					
Broccoli	450 g	HIGH	9					
Brussel Sprouts	450 g	HIGH	9-10					
Cabbage – shredded	450 g	HIGH	5-6					
Carrots	450 g	HIGH	8-9					
Cauliflower	450 g	HIGH	10					
Mange Tout	450 g	HIGH	7-8					
Mixed Vegetables	450 g	HIGH	7					
Peas	450 g	HIGH	6-7					
Spinach – nuggets	450 g	HIGH	8-9					
Swede – diced	450 g	HIGH	10					
Sweetcorn	450 g	HIGH	7					

POINTS FOR CHECKING

Increasing and Decreasing Recipes

INCREASING RECIPES

- To increase a recipe from 4 to 6 servings, increase each ingredient listed by half. To double the quantity, simply double every ingredient listed.
- Do not forget that large quantities will require a larger dish. Make sure that it is deep enough to prevent the recipe from boiling over during cooking.
- Cover as directed in the recipe. Stir or rearrange foods as recommended.
- · Increase the stand times by 5 mins. per lb.
- · Always check the recipe during cooking.
- When increasing the ingredients to 6 servings, add an extra one third of the original cooking time, ie. 30 mins. on MEDIUM power

for 4 servings will become 40 mins. on MEDIUM power for 6 servings.

• When doubling a recipe from 4 to 8 add on half the original cooking time, ie. 30 mins. on MEDIUM power for 4 servings will become 45 mins. on MEDIUM power for 8 servings.

DECREASING RECIPES

- To decrease a recipe from 4 servings to 2 servings, halve the ingredients listed.
- Choose a dish that is proportionally smaller than the one recommended in the recipe, however make sure it is deep enough to stop food boiling over.
- Allow half to two-thirds of the original cooking time, ie. 30 mins. on MEDIUM power for 4 servings will become 15-20 mins. on MEDIUM power for 2 servings.

Using Recipes from Other Books

The best way to convert a family favourite dish is to find a similar recipe in a cookery book to give you a guide to the correct method and timings to use.

Many cookbooks refer to 650 W ovens, however since 1990 oven output powers have been set by a new standard (IEC). When using

other cookbooks, the 900 W output power of your oven must be allowed for. Use the same power level suggested e.g. HIGH or MEDIUM and select the same cooking time suggested, however CHECK the progress of the food during cooking and adjust the time if necessary.

Cooking for One

- · For one serving quarter ALL ingredients listed.
- Choose a dish that is proportionally smaller than the one recommended in the recipe.
- · Use the same cooking power recommended in the original recipe.
- Start by cooking for one quarter of the recommended cooking time, although extra time in most cases will be required.
- Always check the food during cooking.
- There is not a great saving for reduced quantities of soups, casseroles, stews and rice, as a minimum time is required to tenderise meats and blend flavours.
- When cooking for one it often makes sense to cook for two and plate up both meals. Freeze one meal for a later date.

Soups and Starters

Ingredients

8 field mushrooms, approx. 150 g (5 oz) total weight 50 g (2 oz) butter 60 ml (4 tbsp) chopped mixed herbs 1 garlic clove, crushed seasoning

Ingredients

8 rashers streaky bacon, stretched and halved 450 g (1 lb) minced pork 60 ml (4 tbsp) breadcrumbs 5 ml (1 tsp) sage 1 onion, finely chopped 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice 30 ml (2 tbsp) parsley, chopped 15 ml (1 tbsp) capers salt and pepper to taste

Ingredients

25 g (1 oz) butter 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil 1 onion, finely chopped 350 g (12 oz) potatoes, diced 500 g (1 lb 2 oz) broccoli, cut into florets 850 ml (1½ pts) vegetable stock 3 ml (½ tsp) grated nutmeg 150 ml (¼ pt) semi skimmed milk 100 g (4 oz) stilton cheese, cubed Salt and pepper

Garlic Mushrooms with Herbs

Serves 4

Serves 4

Dish: large flan dish

- 1. Arrange the mushrooms in a large flan dish. Dot with butter and sprinkle with the herbs and garlic.
- 2. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 3-4 mins. or until mushrooms are just tender. Season and serve.

Coarse Pork Pâtés

Dish: 4 ramekin dishes 8 cm (3") diameter

- 1. Line each ramekin with 4 half rashers of bacon.
- 2. Mix all ingredients together and press into ramekins.
- 3. Cook 4 ramekins together on MEDIUM power for 12-14 mins. or until cooked through. Pour off excess liquid, and serve hot or cold with crusty French bread.

Broccoli and Stilton Soup

Serves 4

Dish: large bowl

- 1. Place the butter, oil and onion in a large bowl. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 3 mins. or until soft.
- 2. Add the potatoes, cover and cook on HIGH power for 3-4 mins. or until softened.
- 3. Add the broccoli, hot vegetable stock and nutmeg. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 15-20 mins. or until the broccoli is cooked.
- 4. Allow to cool and then blend in a food processor until smooth.
- 5. Stir in the milk and stilton cheese. Season to taste. Reheat the soup on HIGH power for 4-5 mins. or until hot and smooth. Stir frequently.

Ingredients

25g (1oz) butter 1 onion coarsely chopped 675g (11/2 lb) carrots thickly sliced 1 litre (1³/₄ pints) vegetable stock grated zest of 1/2 orange 90ml (6 tbsp) orange juice 60ml (4 tbsp) crème fraiche salt & black pepper 1 tbsp snipped fresh chives

Ingredients

25g (1oz) butter 2 garlic cloves, crushed 4 tbsp finely chopped parsley 400g (14oz) chestnut mushrooms, roughly chopped 15g (1/2 oz) dried porcini, rehydrated 125 ml (4 fl. oz) dry white wine 900ml (11/2 pint) vegetable stock 3 tbsp double cream salt & freshly ground black pepper

Ingredients

40 g ($1^{1/2}$ oz) dried Cep mushrooms 50 g (2 oz) butter 1 clove garlic, finely chopped 1 small onion, finely chopped freshly ground black pepper 250 g (9 oz) Arborio rice 300 ml (1/2 pt) hot vegetable stock 12 basil leaves, torn

Parmesan cheese shavings to garnish

Carrot and Orange Soup

Serves 4

Dish: 3 litre (6 pt) bowl

- 1. Place the butter and onion in a large bowl. Cook on HIGH power for 3-4 mins. or until soft
- 2. Add the carrots. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 8-10 mins. or until vegetables are softened. Stir halfway.
- 3. Add stock and orange zest. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 5 mins. then LOW power for 15 mins. or until the carrots are soft.
- 4. Place in liquidiser and puree until smooth.
- 5 Return puree to the bowl and add orange juice. Stir in the crème fraiche and season to taste. Cover and cook on MEDIUM power for 3-4 mins. or until piping hot.
- 6. Garnish with fresh chives.

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Serves 4

Dish: 3 litre (6 pt) bowl

- 1. Place the butter, garlic and parsley in bowl. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 1 mins.
- 2. Add the chopped mushrooms and rehydrated porcini. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 6-8 mins. or until softened. Stir halfway.
- 3. Add wine. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 5 mins.
- 4. Add stock and cook on HIGH power for 15 mins.
- 5. Place in liquidiser and puree until smooth.
- 6. Return puree to the bowl. Stir in cream and season to taste. Cover and cook on MEDIUM power for 3-4 mins. or until piping hot.

Wild Mushroom and Basil Risotto

Serves 6

Dish: 3 litre (6 pt) casserole dish

- 1. Soak mushrooms in 300 ml (1/2 pt) warm water.
- 2. Place the butter, garlic and onion in a large bowl, cover with cling film and cook on HIGH power for 3 mins, or until softened. Season with freshly ground black pepper.
- 3. Stir the rice into the butter mixture and add the hot stock and soaking liquid from the mushrooms. Cover and cook for a further 5 mins on HIGH power.
- 4. Stir the mushrooms into the rice mixture. Cover and cook for a further 5 mins. on HIGH power.
- 5. Stir and add the basil. Continue to cook for the final 5 mins. on HIGH power. Leave to stand for approx. 10 mins and then stir with a fork.

Serving suggestion:

Place the cooked risotto in greased dariole moulds, press in firmly. Then turn out and serve garnished with shavings of Parmesan cheese.

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Fish

Fish cooks very well by microwave as it stays moist and the lingering fish smells left in conventional ovens are avoided.

WHEN IS FISH COOKED?

Fish is cooked when it flakes easily and becomes opaque.



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Thin fillets of fish i.e. plaice, should be rolled up prior to cooking to avoid overcooking on the thinner outside edge and tail.

Fish steaks should be arranged in a circle, thicker part to the outside. Cover with cling film or lid.

For fish with a strong odour, eliminate the smell after cooking by placing 600 ml (1 pt) of boiling water and 1 sliced lemon in a large bowl, cook on SIMMER for 20 mins. Wipe out oven with a dry cloth.



LIQUID

Fresh fish should always be sprinkled with 30 ml (2 tbsp) of lemon juice, white wine or water.

When cooking **Frozen** fish, add liquid as above for even cooking.

Do not sprinkle salt onto fish before cooking as this may make the fish dry.

WHOLE FISH

If cooking 2 whole fish together, they should be arranged head to tail for even cooking. Large whole fish must have the tail and head shielded halfway through cooking with smooth pieces of tin foil secured with cocktail sticks.



NOISE

During cooking, popping sounds may be heard. This is due to moisture trapped between the flesh, particularly with oily fish such as salmon and mackerel. This can be minimised when cooking if the skin and flesh is pierced several times with a cocktail stick.

Serves 4

Ingredients

4 trout, 350 g (12 oz) each **Stuffing:**

1 bunch spring onions, finely chopped 100 g (4 oz) button mushrooms, finely sliced grated rind and juice of 1 orange $2^{1_{/2}}$ cm (1") cube fresh ginger, peeled and grated dash of Soy sauce

juice of 1 orange juice of 1 lime black pepper 25 g (1 oz) butter

Stuffed Citrus Trout

Dish: large shallow dish

- 1. Wash, cut the heads off the fish and pat dry. Pierce the flesh all over. Fill the fish cavities with the combined stuffing ingredients and arrange the fish in a shallow dish.
- 2. Pour over the orange and lime juice. Season. Marinade for one hour.
- 3. Dot with butter, cover and cook on HIGH power for 10-12 mins. or until cooked. Allow to stand for 5 mins. before serving.

100 g (4 oz) broccoli 100 g (4 oz) cauliflower 1 medium red pepper, diced 198 g (7 oz) can salmon, drained 25 g (1 oz) butter 30 ml (2 tbsp) plain flour 300 ml (½ pt) milk 50 g (2 oz) grated tasty cheese 150 ml (¼ pt) cream cheese (optional) salt and pepper to taste 15 g ($^{1}_{2}$ oz) butter 75 g (3 oz) fresh white breadcrumbs 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh parsley pinch paprika

Ingredients

450 g (1 lb) smoked haddock cut into 4 portions 300 ml (½ pt) milk knob of butter

Ingredients

450 g (1 lb) smoked haddock
30 ml (2 tbsp) lemon juice
15 ml (1 tbsp) oil
1 large onion, sliced
40 g (1½ oz) butter
40 g (1½ oz) flour
3 ml (½ tsp) mustard
600 ml (1 pt) milk
salt and pepper
100 g (4 oz) Red Leicester cheese
600 g (1¼ lb) cooked jacket potatoes, sliced
(see page 32)
75 g (3 oz) wholemeal breadcrumbs

Salmon and Vegetable Mornay

Dish: 20 x 25 cm (8" x 10") dish

- 1. Break broccoli and cauliflower into florets, add red pepper and 2 tbsp water. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 5 mins. or until soft. Drain.
- 2. Flake salmon and mix with vegetables.
- 3. Melt butter in a jug on HIGH power for approx. 20-30 secs. Stir in flour then milk. Cook on HIGH power for 2 mins. or until mixture boils and thickens; stir halfway. Stir in cheese, cream and seasoning. Pour cheese sauce over vegetables and salmon.
- 4. Melt extra butter in a small bowl on HIGH power for approx. 15-20 secs. Stir in breadcrumbs, parsley and paprika. Sprinkle over vegetable mixture.
- 5. Cook on MEDIUM power for 7-8 mins. or until piping hot.

Poached Smoked Haddock

Serves 4

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Serves 4

Dish: casserole dish

1. Place haddock in single layer in casserole dish and cover with milk and butter. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 5-6 mins. Serve on its own or with poached eggs on top.

Family Fish Pie

Dish: large casserole

- 1. Arrange fish in a shallow dish. Add lemon juice, cover and cook on HIGH power for 3 mins. or until it flakes easily.
- 2. Place onion and oil in a bowl. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 3 mins. or until the onion is soft.
- 3. Melt the butter on HIGH power for 30 secs. Stir in the flour and mustard and cook for a further 15 secs. Add milk and seasoning, gradually stirring to a smooth paste. Cook on HIGH power for 5 mins. or until the sauce is thick and bubbling. Stir twice during cooking. Add 75 g (3 oz) of grated cheese to the sauce and stir well.
- 4. Flake the fish and arrange in the serving dish. Add onions and place the sliced potatoes on top.
- 5. Pour over the cheese sauce. Sprinkle with breadcrumbs and remaining cheese.
- 6. Cook on MEDIUM power for 8-10 mins. or until the mixture has been completely reheated.

25 g (1 oz) butter 2 onions, peeled and quartered 1 clove of garlic, crushed 2 courgettes, sliced 1 yellow pepper, sliced 3 ml (½ tsp) cumin 3 ml (½ tsp) paprika 15 ml (1 tbsp) tomato puree 400 g (14 oz) can tomatoes 8 plaice fillets 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice

Ingredients

1 red pepper, cut into chunks 350 g (12 oz) cod or huss, cubed 8 button mushrooms 1 small sweetcorn, cooked and cut into slices

Marinade:

½ small onion, grated 60 ml (4 tbsp) olive oil 60 ml (4 tbsp) lemon juice 2 cloves of garlic, crushed 30 ml (2 tbsp) parsley, chopped

Plaice Provencal

Serves 4

Serves 4

Dish: large shallow rectangular dish

- 1. Place the butter, onions and garlic in a large bowl. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 2 mins. or until softened.
- 2. Add the courgettes and yellow pepper. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 2 mins. or until softened. Add the spices, puree and tomatoes. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 4 mins. or until piping hot. Pour into serving dish.
- 3. Roll each fillet and arrange on top of the sauce. Sprinkle with lemon juice. Cook covered on HIGH power for 7-8 mins. or until the fish is cooked. Garnish with parsley and serve with French bread.

Fish Kebabs

Dish: shallow dish + wooden skewers

- 1. Place pieces of red pepper in a bowl with 30 ml (2 tbsp) of water. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 1-2 mins, or until slightly softened.
- 2. Prepare 4 kebabs by threading fish and vegetables alternately. Place in a shallow dish.
- 3. Mix together the marinade ingredients. Pour over the kebabs, cover and leave to marinate in the fridge for at least 2 hours.
- 4. Place the kebabs in a shallow dish. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 6-7 mins. or until cooked. Rearrange the kebabs halfway through cooking. Fish should be white and flake easily when cooked. Serve on a bed of wild rice.

Ingredients

15 ml (1 tbsp) oil
1 onion, finely chopped
175 g (6 oz) okra, topped and tailed
1 green pepper, deseeded and sliced
30 ml (2 tbsp) Balti curry paste
400 g (14 oz) can chopped tomatoes
75 ml (5 tbsp) water
350 g (12 oz) cod fillet, cubed
12 large king prawns, cooked

Fish Balti

Dish: 3 litre (6 pt) casserole dish

- 1. Place the oil and onion in a large bowl. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 3 mins. or until the onion is softened.
- 2. Add the okra and pepper and cook on HIGH power for 3 mins. or until softened.
- 3. Stir in the curry paste, tomatoes and the water. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 5 mins. or until boiling.
- 4. Add the cod and cook on HIGH power for 3 mins. Stir in the prawns and cook on HIGH power for a further 2 mins. or until the fish is cooked.

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Meat and Poultry

Guidelines

DEFROSTED JOINTS

If the meat has previously been frozen, ensure it is properly thawed before cooking by microwave. Defrosted joints of meat must be allowed to **STAND** for a **minimum of 60 mins.** before cooking to ensure the centre is fully defrosted.

FAT

Large amounts of fat absorb microwave energy and can cause the meat next to it to overcook. Always choose joints that aren't excessively fatty.

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How to roast a joint by microwave

To roast basic joints of meat place the joint onto the rack of a microwave roasting set and cover with a dome lid. Alternatively use a large, shallow dish and place the joint on an upturned saucer and cover with cling film.

STANDING TIME

Meat and poultry require a **minimum of 15 mins. STANDING TIME** wrapped in aluminium foil after cooking by microwave. Roast meat is always easier to carve after STANDING and the meat will continue to cook during the STAND TIME.

BONE

Bone tips on legs of lamb and crown roasts may need shielding when cooked by microwave, to prevent overcooking.



How to cook small cuts of meat by microwave

Some cuts of meat can be cooked successfully by microwave although due to their short cooking times and no heat source, they will not crisp and brown.

They should always be cooked on a microwave rack to lift them out of their juices.

TIPS

Braised and stewed meat cooked in a microwave has a slightly firm texture and therefore it is essential to purchase good quality meats.

When cooking a casserole, place a saucer or small upturned plate over the meat to keep it submerged in the juices.

Crispy Bacon - place on a microwave safe rack (optional extra obtainable from cookware shops). Cover with a plain piece of kitchen towel to minimise splatter. Cook on HIGH power for approx. 45 secs. per rasher, or until desired crispness is achieved.

TURNING

Joints and poultry **should be turned over** halfway through cooking.

SHIELDING

Large joints may need shielding with pieces of smooth aluminium foil after half the cooking time to avoid overcooking on the outside edges. Turkeys and large chickens should have their breast meat, legs and wings protected. Secure foil with cocktail sticks and **do not** allow foil to touch the walls of the oven.

ROASTING BAGS

Roasting bags are useful when split up one side to tent a joint for roasting by power and time.

Do not use the metal twists supplied.

1 onion, diced 1 onion, diced 1 clove of garlic, crushed 1 green pepper, diced 30 ml (2 tbsp) oil 100 g (4 oz) mushrooms, sliced 225 g (8 oz) lean minced beef 1 glass of red wine 15 ml (1 tbsp) mixed herbs 100 g (4 oz) garlic sausage or bacon, diced 396 g (14 oz) can chopped tomatoes 30 ml (2 tbsp) tomato puree salt and pepper

Ingredients

3-4 cloves garlic 1 cm (1/4 ") piece fresh ginger, grated 50 g (2 oz) ground almonds 3x15 ml (3 tbsp) water 3 whole cardamon pods 2 cloves 2.5 cm (1") stick of cinnamon 1 onion chopped 2x15 ml (2 tbsp) oil 450 g (1 lb) boned lamb, trimmed and cut into cubes 1x5 ml (1 tsp) ground coriander 1x5 ml (1 tsp) ground cumin 1.5 ml (1/4 tsp) garam masala 1.5 ml (1/4 tsp) cayenne pepper 150 ml (1/4 pt) single cream salt and pepper

Ingredients

675 g (1¹/₂ lb) shoulder of lamb, cubed
1 large onion, chopped
450 ml (³/₄ pt) hot chicken stock
15 ml (1 tbsp) dried rosemary
450 g (1 lb) potatoes, peeled and coarsely chopped
salt and pepper
10 ml (2 tsp) cornflour
50 g (2 oz) tasty cheese grated

Bolognese Sauce

Dish: 1.5 litre (3 pt) casserole dish

- 1. Mix onion, garlic, pepper and oil in a bowl. Cook on HIGH power for 2 mins. or until the onion is soft.
- 2. Stir in all the other ingredients. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 10 mins. then MEDIUM power for 15-20 mins. or until vegetables are soft.

Lamb in a Spicy Cream and Almond Sauce Serves 4

Dish: large casserole dish

- 1. Mix together the garlic, ginger, almonds and water to make a thick paste.
- 2. Place the cardamon pods, cloves, cinnamon, onion and oil in the casserole dish cook on HIGH power for 2 mins.
- 3. Add the lamb and cook for 5 mins. on HIGH power or until light brown in colour. Stir halfway.
- 4. Stir in the rest of the spices, the almond mixture, cream, salt and pepper. Cover and cook on SIMMER power for 40-50 mins. or until the meat is tender. Stir the casserole 2-3 times during the cooking time.
- 5. Remove the whole cardamon pods, cloves and cinnamon before serving with rice or other vegetables.

Lamb Casserole

Serves 4

Dish: 3 litre (6 pt) casserole dish

- 1. Place all the ingredients except cheese and cornflour into casserole dish. Place plate on top of meat to prevent meat drying out during cooking.
- 2. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 10 mins., then SIMMER power for 40 mins. or until meat is tender.
- 3. Mix cornflour with a little water and stir into casserole to thicken gravy.
- 4. Sprinkle with cheese and reheat on HIGH power for 2 mins. or until cheese melts.

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500 g (1 lb 2 oz) braising steak, cubed 2 large onions, sliced thinly 1 clove garlic, crushed 30 ml (2 tbsp) seasoned flour 15 ml (1 tbsp) brown sugar 300 ml ($^{1}_{2}$ pt) hot beef stock 300 ml ($^{1}_{2}$ pt) light ale 15 ml (1 tbsp) wine vinegar 5 ml (1 tsp) mixed herbs 2 bay leaves

Ingredients

Filling: 350 g (12 oz) braising steak, cubed 100 g (4 oz) kidney, cubed 30 ml (2 tbsp) seasoned flour 1 onion, chopped 600 ml (1 pt) hot beef stock

Pudding:

175 g (6 oz) self-raising flour pinch salt 75 g (3 oz) suet cold water to mix 15 ml (1 tbsp) cornflour

Ingredients

100 g (4 oz) creamed coconut
90 ml (6 tbsp) crunchy peanut butter
45 ml (3 tbsp) lemon juice
30 ml (2 tbsp) soy sauce
large pinch of chilli powder
4 chicken breast fillets, skinned
30 ml (2 tbsp) vegetable oil
2 garlic cloves, crushed
5 ml (1 tsp) ground turmeric
5 ml (1 tsp) five-spice powder
5 ml (1 tsp) coriander seeds
5 ml (1 tsp) cumin seeds



Dish: large casserole with lid

 Combine all the casserole ingredients in dish. Cover with lid and cook on HIGH power for 10 mins. Stir then use SIMMER power for 90 mins. or until meat is tender, stir every 30 mins. Remove bay leaves.

Steak and Kidney Pudding

Serves 4

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Dish: 1.5 litre (3 pt) casserole + 1.2 litre (2 pt) pudding basin

- Combine all filling ingredients in casserole. Place upturned plate on top of meat, cover and cook on HIGH power for 10 mins., then SIMMER power for 60 mins., or until meat is tender. Remove plate.
- 2. Mix flour, salt and suet together. Mix to a firm dough with cold water.
- 3. Roll out 3/4 of pastry to line basin.
- 4. Remove meat with a slotted spoon and fill basin. Mix cornflour with water and stir into the gravy. Cook on HIGH power for 2 mins., stirring once, or until gravy has thickened. Pour 60 ml (4 tbsp) of gravy over the meat and reserve the rest for serving. Roll the remaining pastry to form a lid, moisten the edges and seal over the top of meat.
- 5. Cook on MEDIUM power for 10-12 mins. or until pastry looks dry.

Chicken Satay

Dish: 4-8 wooden skewers + large shallow dish

- 1. For the serving sauce: Crumble 50 g (2 oz) of creamed coconut into a large jug. Add the peanut butter, 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the lemon juice, 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the soy sauce, the chilli powder and 300 ml (½ pt) water. Cook on HIGH power for 5-6 mins. or until the sauce boils and thickens, stirring frequently. Turn into a serving bowl.
- 2. Cut the chicken into small chunks and place in a bowl.
- 3. Put the remaining creamed coconut, lemon juice and soy sauce into a blender or food processor. Add the remaining ingredients and blend until smooth.
- 4. Pour over the chicken. Cover and marinate in the fridge for 2-3 hours or overnight.
- 5. Thread the chicken onto wooden skewers. Place on a shallow dish, cover with any remaining marinade and cook covered on HIGH power for 7-8 mins. or until cooked, turn and baste frequently. Serve hot with the sauce for dipping.

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15 ml (1 tbsp) sunflower oil 450 g (1 lb) pork, cubed 1 onion, sliced 1 clove garlic, crushed 1 green pepper, deseeded and cut into strips 15 ml (1 tbsp) paprika 3 ml ($^{1}_2$ tsp) ground cumin 396 g (14 oz) can chopped tomatoes 15 ml (1 tbsp) tomato puree 150 ml ($^{1}_4$ pt) hot pork or chicken stock 175 g (6 oz) button mushrooms black pepper 10 ml (2 tsps) cornflour 30 ml (2 tbsp) crème frâiche

Ingredients

25 g (1 oz) butter 2 medium onions, sliced 2 sticks celery, trimmed and chopped 100 g (4 oz) mushrooms, sliced 4 chicken quarters, skinned 300 ml (½ pt) hot chicken stock 396 g (14 oz) can tomatoes salt and pepper 30 ml (2 tbsp) cornflour

Ingredients Sauce

15 ml (1 tbsp) cornflour 15 ml (1 tbsp) caster sugar 15 ml (1 tbsp) white wine vinegar 15 ml (1 tbsp) orange juice 15 ml (1 tbsp) tomato sauce 15 ml (1 tbsp) sherry juice from pineapple seasoning to taste

450 g (1 lb) pork fillet, diced and trimmed ¹/₂ green pepper sliced 225 g (8 oz) can pineapple chunks, drained (reserve juice)

Paprika Pork Casserole

Serves 4

Dish: large casserole

- 1. Place all the ingredients except the cornflour and crème frâiche in a large bowl. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 10 mins.
- 2. Stir the casserole, cover and cook on SIMMER power for 50 mins., or until the meat is cooked. Stir once during cooking.
- 3. Blend the cornflour with a little water and stir into the casserole. Cover and cook for a further 5 mins. on SIMMER power or until thickened.
- 4. Swirl in the crème frâiche and serve immediately.

Chicken Casserole

Serves 4

Dish: 3 litre (6 pt) casserole

- 1. Place vegetables and butter in dish. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 2-3 mins. or until soft.
- 2. Place chicken on top of vegetables, cover with stock and tomatoes and add salt and pepper to taste.
- 3. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 5 mins. then SIMMER power for 35-40 mins. or until well cooked through.
- Mix cornflour with a little water. Remove chicken from casserole, skim off excess fat and stir in cornflour paste. Cook on HIGH power for 2 mins. Serve chicken with sauce poured over.

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If diced boneless breast is used in place of the quarters, reduce 2nd cooking time to 15-20 mins. or until well cooked through.

Sweet and Sour Pork

Serves 4

Dish: 20 cm (8") casserole

- 1. Mix all sauce ingredients together.
- 2. Layer pork, pepper and pineapple in casserole, pour over sauce.
- 3. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 5 mins. then LOW power for 10-15 mins. or until meat is tender. Stir halfway through cooking time.

Pasta and Rice

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Sauce:

15 ml (1 tbsp) oil

3 ml (1/2 tsp) salt

25 g (1 oz) butter

40 g (11/2 oz) butter

40 g (11/2 oz) flour

600 ml (1 pt) milk

salt & pepper

Ingredients

 $1^{1/2}$ litre (3 pt) boiling water

198 g (7 oz) can tuna, drained

100 g (4 oz) prawns to garnish

175 g (6 oz) easycook brown rice 450 ml (3/4 pt) hot chicken stock 450 g (1 lb) smoked haddock

30 ml (2 tbsp) lemon juice

1 medium onion, chopped

15 ml (1 tbsp) curry paste

30 ml (2 tbsp) parsley, chopped

2 hardboiled eggs, chopped

100 g (4 oz) frozen peas

15 ml (1 tbsp) oil 150 ml (¹/₄ pt) sour cream

100 g (4 oz) mushrooms, peeled and sliced

30 ml (2 tbsp) Dry Vermouth (optional)

275 g (10 oz) spaghetti 400 g (14 oz) new potatoes, cubed 225 g (8 oz) green beans, halved 120 g ($4^{1}/_{2}$ oz) tub fresh pesto olive oil, for drizzling salt and fresh ground black pepper

Pesto Spaghetti

Dish: large casserole

- 1. Place spaghetti in a large bowl, add 1 litre (1³/₄ pt) of boiling water, cover and cook on HIGH power for 8-9 mins. or until cooked. Drain and keep warm.
- 2. Place the potatoes in a bowl with 90 ml (6 tbsp) of water, and cook on HIGH power for 5-6 mins., add the green beans and cook for a further 3-4 mins. or until tender.
- 3. Combine the spaghetti and vegetables together with 4 tbsps of the liquid, from the potatoes and beans.
- 4. Stir in the fresh pesto, season to taste and serve drizzled with a little olive oil.

Dish: 3 litre (6 pt) casserole dish

- Leave to stand for 2-3 mins. Drain.
- 2. Melt butter in small dish on HIGH power for approx. 45 secs. Add mushrooms and cook on HIGH power for 3-4 mins. or until soft.
- 3. To make sauce, melt butter on HIGH power for 30-40 secs. Stir in flour to make a roux. Gradually whisk in milk until well combined. Cook on HIGH power for 3-5 mins. or until smooth and glossy. Stir halfway through cooking. Add Vermouth and season.
- 4. Combine pasta, tuna and mushrooms in dish. Pour sauce over and stir to mix thoroughly. Garnish with prawns.

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Dish: large casserole

- 1. Place the rice and chicken stock in casserole, cover and cook on HIGH power for 15-17 mins. or until tender.
- 2. Place the fish in a shallow dish, sprinkle with lemon juice, cover and cook on HIGH power for 5-6 mins. or until cooked. Skin and flake.
- 3. Place onion and oil in a small dish, cover and cook on HIGH power for 3-4 mins. or until softened.
- 4. Combine sour cream with curry paste. Mix into rice then stir in flaked fish, onion, peas, parsley, eggs and seasoning. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 5 mins. until piping hot.

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Tuna Pasta Bake 225 g (8 oz) mixed dried pasta i.e. tagliatelle,

- 1. Cook pasta in water with oil and salt covered on HIGH power for 10-12 mins. or until soft.

30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil 1 onion, finely chopped 2 cm (${}^{3}_{4}$ ") fresh root ginger, peeled and chopped 10 ml (2 tsp) cumin seeds 3 ml (${}^{1}_{2}$ tsp) turmeric 1 cinnamon stick, broken in half 4 boneless chicken breasts, cubed 275 g (10 oz) basmati rice 1 litre (${}^{13}_{4}$ pt) hot chicken stock 75 g (3 oz) ready to eat dried apricots, chopped 50 g (2 oz) sultanas salt and pepper

Ingredients

1 aubergine, cubed salt 350 g (12 oz) tagliatelle, fresh 1 onion 1 clove garlic crushed 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil 397 g (14 oz) tin of chopped tomatoes 5 ml (1 tsp) basil 15 ml (1 tbsp) tomato puree 15 g (1₂ oz) butter salt and pepper 8-10 black olives, stoned 100 g (4 oz) mozzarella, diced 30 ml (2 tbsp) parmesan cheese, grated

Ingredients

1 large onion, sliced 225 g (8 oz) courgettes, thickly sliced 225 g (8 oz) green beans, chopped 225 g (8 oz) carrots, thickly sliced 1 small cauliflower, broken into florets 396 g (14 oz) can chick peas, drained 5 ml (1 tsp) tumeric 3 ml (¹/₂ tsp) cinnamon salt 1 clove garlic, crushed

300 ml ($^{1/2}$ pt) hot vegetable stock 350 g (12 oz) couscous

Fruity Chicken Risotto

Serves 4

Dish: 3 litre (6 pt) casserole

- 1. Place the oil, onion and ginger in a large bowl, cover and cook on HIGH power for 3 mins. or until softened.
- 2. Add the cumin, turmeric, cinnamon and chicken. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 1 minute.
- 3. Add the rice, stock, apricots and sultanas. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 10 mins. and then MEDIUM power for 8 mins. or until the chicken and rice are cooked.
- 4. Season to taste and cover and allow to stand 5 mins. before serving.

Tagliatelle Toscana

Serves 4

Dish: deep casserole dish

- 1. Sprinkle the aubergine with salt and leave for 20 mins. then rinse and dry.
- 2. Cook the pasta in 600 ml (1 pt) boiling water, covered, on HIGH power for 4 mins. or until tender. Drain.
- Place onion, garlic and oil in a bowl, cover and cook on HIGH power for 2 mins. or until soft. Add the remaining ingredients except the mozzarella and parmesan cheese, cover and cook on HIGH power for 6 mins.
- 4. Mix the drained pasta with the mozzarella. Place in a casserole dish. Pour the sauce over the top. Sprinkle with parmesan. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 4-5 mins. until piping hot.

Vegetable Couscous

Serves 4

Dish: large casserole

- 1. Place all the vegetables in a large casserole with the spices, salt, garlic and chick peas. Add the hot vegetable stock. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 16-18 mins. or until the vegetables are tender.
- 2. Pour 450 ml (${}^{3}_{4}$ pt) of boiling water over the couscous. Allow to stand for 10 mins. Cover and cook on MEDIUM power for 5 mins. or until warm and fluffed. Separate the grains with a fork and serve with the vegetables.

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Cheese and Egg Dishes

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Always pierce egg yolk and white to stop them exploding when poaching or frying in a microwave.

Ingredients

1 garlic clove, halved 300 ml (½ pt) dry white wine 450 g (1 lb) Gruyère cheese, grated 25 g (1 oz) plain flour Pinch of pepper Pinch of grated nutmeg Paprika for sprinkling

Ingredients

2 onions, finely chopped
50 g (2 oz) butter or margarine
225 g (8 oz) long grain rice
600 ml (1 pt) hot chicken stock
800 g (1½ lb) tin tomatoes
100 g (4 oz) mature cheddar cheese, grated
salt and pepper
25 g (1 oz) Parmesan cheese, grated
1 bunch of chives, chopped

Ingredients

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive or vegetable oil
- 1/2 red pepper, deseeded & diced
- $\frac{1}{2}\,$ green pepper, deseeded & diced
- 1 onion finely chopped
- 4 eggs

3 ml (½ tsp) basil salt and pepper to taste

BOILED EGGS IN SHELLS

Never attempt to cook a boiled egg by microwave. They can explode dangerously.

Swiss Cheese Fondue

Dish: large 2 litre (4 pt) bowl

1. Place garlic and wine in the bowl and cook on HIGH power for 4 mins., or until wine is just boiling.

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Always cook quiches on SIMMER power to

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avoid curdling the egg filling.

- 2. In another bowl mix the cheese and flour together, until evenly combined.
- 3. Remove the garlic from the wine and discard. Add half of the cheese mixture, stirring constantly until the cheese melts.
- 4. Cook on HIGH power for 1 minute, then stir in the rest of the cheese mixture.
- 5. Return to the microwave and cook again for 1 minute on HIGH power. Season with pepper and nutmeg.
- 6. Sprinkle with paprika, if desired. Serve with chunks of french bread, or vegetables.

Cheesey Risotto

Dish: large casserole

- 1. Place the onions and butter in a large casserole. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 3 mins. or until softened.
- 2. Stir in the rice, cover and cook on HIGH for 1 minute.
- 3. Add the hot stock and tomatoes, cover and cook on HIGH power for 5 mins. and then MEDIUM power for 15 mins. or until the rice is cooked. Stir halfway during cooking.
- 4. Season and stir in 75 g (3 oz) cheese. Cover and leave to stand for 5 mins. (this enables the rice to absorb any excess stock).
- 5. Serve the Risotto sprinkled with remaining cheese and chives.

Piperade

Dish: 22 cm (9") Pyrex plate

- 1. Place oil and vegetables in a bowl, cover and cook on HIGH power for 3-4 mins. or until soft.
- 2. Grease the plate and spread with vegetables. Beat the eggs with basil and salt and pepper and pour over the vegetables.
- 3. Cook on HIGH power for 3-4 mins. or until eggs are softly set, but still moist, beating with a fork several times during cooking. Allow to stand covered for 2 mins. before serving.

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225 g (8 oz) shortcrust pastry
1 medium onion, chopped
15 ml (1 tbsp) oil
6 streaky bacon rashers, or 100 g (4 oz) ham cut into strips
2 eggs
150 ml (¹/₄ pt) single cream salt and pepper to taste
50 g (2 oz) cheddar cheese, grated

Ingredients

675 g (1¹/₂ lb) new potatoes 225 g (8 oz) broccoli florets Salt and pepper to taste 150 ml (¹/₄ pt) soured cream 75 g (3 oz) Gruyère cheese, grated

Ingredients

175 g (6 oz) quick cooking macaroni 40 g ($1^{1/2}$ oz) butter 1 small onion, finely chopped 100 g (4 oz) bacon, chopped 40 g ($1^{1/2}$ oz) flour 600 ml (1 pt) milk 5 ml (1 tsp) french mustard 150 g (5 oz) red cheese, grated salt and pepper 30 ml (2 tbsp) fresh brown breadcrumbs

Quiche Lorraine

Dish: 20 cm (8") flan dish

- 1. Roll out pastry and use to line the flan dish. Prick base of pastry with a fork, chill for 15 mins. Line base of pastry with kitchen towel and cook on HIGH power for 4-5 mins. or until pastry is starting to dry.
- 2. Place the onion and oil in a small dish. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 2 mins. or until onion is soft. Drain onion and place in bottom of flan case.
- 3. Place bacon on a microwave rack and cook on HIGH power for 4 mins. or until starting to crisp. Cool and cut into bite-sized pieces. Place in flan case.
- 4. Beat the eggs, cream, salt and pepper and pour over the bacon. Sprinkle with cheese and cook uncovered on LOW power for 10-12 mins. or until just set.

Creamy Cheese, Potato & Broccoli Bake Serves 4

Dish: large bowl + heatproof dish

- 1. Cut potatoes in half (or quarters if large). Place in a bowl with 90 ml (6 tbsp) of water and cook on HIGH power for 8 mins. covered with cling film.
- 2. Add the broccoli to the potatoes and cook for a further 4-6 mins. or until tender.
- 3. Mix together 1/2 the cheese and the cream.
- 4. Arrange the potato and broccoli in a heatproof dish in a single layer, season to taste and then pour the cream mixture over them and sprinkle the rest of the cheese on top.
- 5. Cook on HIGH power for 2-3 mins. until cheese melts.

Macaroni Cheese

Dish: large dish + jug

- 1. Cook macaroni in 450ml (³/₄ pt) boiling water on HIGH power for 5-6 mins. or until soft. Drain.
- Place butter, onion and bacon in a jug. Cook on HIGH power for 5 mins. or until onion is soft. Stir halfway through cooking.
- 3. Stir in flour and cook for 30 secs. on HIGH power.
- 4. Gradually add milk stir well and season. Cook on HIGH power for 5 mins. or until sauce is thick and bubbling. Stir twice during cooking.
- 5. Add mustard and 100g (4oz) grated cheese. Place the macaroni in a large dish and pour over the sauce. Sprinkle with breadcrumbs and remaining cheese.
- 6. Cook on HIGH power for 2-3 mins. until the cheese starts to melt.

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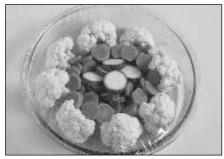
Vegetables and Vegetarian



Root vegetables. i.e. carrots, swede, should be cut into slices, strips or cubes. Do not mix fresh and frozen vegetables as the cooking times may be different.



- Cabbage should be shredded and cooked by power and time.
- Fresh vegetables require 90 ml (6 tbsp) of water. For each extra 450 g (1 lb) add an extra 90 ml (6 tbsp) of water and stir halfway.



 Always cook vegetables in a dish that is a suitable size. Use flat dishes not basins. Always cover with microwave cling film or a lid.

Jacket Potatoes

Varieties of potatoes vary in their suitability for cooking by microwave. We recommend Maris Piper for consistently good results. The cooking times given may need adjustment for other varieties. The ideal size of potato to be cooked by microwave is 200 g-250 g (7-9 oz).



Certain vegetables i.e. broccoli and asparagus, should be arranged so that the tips are in the centre of the dish, as these require less cooking.

Before Cooking

Wash potatoes and prick skins several times. Spread around edge of turntable.





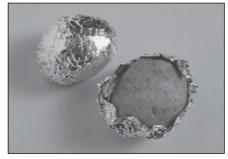
- If cooking potatoes with other vegetables, only cook with other ROOT vegetables.
- Never add salt to vegetables before microwaving. Remember the flavour of microwaved vegetables is much better than boiled.



 Whole cauliflower should be cooked upside down on MEDIUM power for 10 mins. approx. with 90 ml (6 tbsp) water. Make a cross with a knife in the stalk. Turn half way during cooking.

After Cooking

Remove from oven and wrap in aluminium foil to retain the heat. Leave to stand for 5 mins.



1 aubergine, sliced 5 ml (1 tsp) salt 1 courgette, sliced 1 onion, sliced 1 green pepper, trimmed and sliced 1 clove of garlic, peeled and crushed 396 g (14 oz) can of tomatoes 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil salt and pepper to taste

Ingredients

1 clove of garlic, halved 675 g (1½ lb) potatoes, sliced very thinly pinch nutmeg pepper and salt 150 ml (½ pt) double cream 25 g (1 oz) butter

Ingredients

1 large onion, chopped 25 g (1 oz) butter 1 clove of garlic, crushed 225 g (8 oz) each of diced carrots, diced leeks, diced courgettes 1 green pepper, chopped 150 ml (¼ pt) hot vegetable stock salt and pepper to taste 300 ml (½ pt) prepared tomato sauce 175 g (6 oz) pre-cooked lasagne 225 g (8 oz) Mozzarella cheese

Ratatouille

Dish: 20 cm (8") casserole

- 1. In a colander sprinkle aubergine slices with salt and leave for 30 mins. to remove bitter juices. Rinse with cold water.
- 2. Combine all ingredients in a casserole. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 15 mins. or until vegetables are soft. Stir halfway through cooking time.

Gratin Dauphinois

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Dish: 20 cm (8") shallow dish

- 1. Rub halves of garlic around inside of dish and discard.
- 2. Layer the potato slices in the dish, seasoning with salt and pepper and nutmeg between each layer.
- Pour the cream evenly over the top of the potatoes and dot with butter. Cook on MEDIUM power for 12 mins.

Vegetable Lasagne

Serves 4-6

Dish: large shallow rectangular Pyrex® or heatproof dish

- Place onion, butter and garlic in a casserole dish, cover and cook on HIGH power for 3 mins. Add vegetables and stock, re-cover and cook on HIGH power for 8-10 mins. or until vegetables are soft. Season to taste.
- Cover base of dish with a thin layer of tomato sauce, then a layer of lasagne on top followed by a layer of vegetable mixture. Thinly slice 175 g (6 oz) of the cheese and layer on top of vegetables. Continue layering until ingredients are all used ending with a tomato sauce layer.
- 3. Grate remaining cheese and arrange over top in 3 diagonal bands. Cook on HIGH power for 20 mins. or until piping hot. Brown under a preheated grill if desired.

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2 medium sweet potatoes 1 large tomato, sliced 50 g (2 oz) spicy sausage, sliced 30 ml (2 tbsp) coriander, chopped 75 g (3 oz) cheddar cheese, grated salt and pepper

Ingredients

1 cauliflower, trimmed 90 ml (6 tbsp) water 25 g (1 oz) butter 25 g (1 oz) flour 3 ml (½ tsp) French mustard 300 ml (½ pt) milk seasoning to taste

Topping:

75 g (3 oz) grated cheese 15 ml (1 tbsp) brown breadcrumbs

Ingredients

2 onions, chopped

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed 1 large aubergine, chopped
- 2 courgettes, sliced
- 1 large red perper
- 1 large red pepper, deseeded and sliced 1 large green pepper, deseeded and sliced
- 400 g (14 oz) can chopped tomatoes
- 300 ml (1/2 pt) vegetable stock
- 5 ml (1 tsp) chopped rosemary
- 10 ml (2 tsp) chopped thyme
- 100 g (4 oz) red lentils

Stuffed Sweet Potatoes

Dish: shallow heatproof dish

- 1. Wash and prick the potato skins. Cook on the Jacket Potato program.
- 2. Split the potatoes horizontally, keeping the edge joined.
- 3. Layer the tomatoes and the sausage alternately over the potatoes. Season and sprinkle with coriander and the grated cheese.
- 4. Cook on HIGH power for 2-3 mins. until the cheese melts.

Cauliflower Cheese

Dish: large bowl + shallow casserole

- 1. Place cauliflower upside down in a bowl. Add water. Cover and cook on MEDIUM power for 10 mins. or until tender. Drain.
- Melt butter on HIGH power for 15-30 secs. Stir in flour and mustard. Cook for a further 15 secs. Add milk gradually. Stir well and season. Cook on HIGH power for 2-3 mins. or until sauce is thick and bubbling. Stir once halfway during cooking.
- 3. Stir in 50 g (2 oz) grated cheese. Pour the sauce over the cauliflower. Top with remaining cheese and breadcrumbs.
- 4. Cook on HIGH power for 1-2 mins. or until piping hot.

Red Lentil Casserole

Dish: large casserole

- 1. Place onions, oil, and garlic in the casserole. Cook on HIGH power for 3 mins.
- Add chopped aubergine, courgettes, and peppers to the casserole. Cook on HIGH power for 4-5 mins.
- 3. Add the tomatoes, vegetable stock, herbs and lentils. Cook on HIGH power for 5 mins.
- 4. Stir and then cook on SIMMER power for 10-12 mins. or until lentils are tender.

Serves 4

Serves 4

Tomato Sauce: 1/2 green pepper, chopped 1 onion, chopped 1 clove garlic, crushed 15 ml (1 tbsp) oil 397 g (14 oz) can chopped tomatoes 227 g (8 oz) can whole tomatoes 3 ml (1/2 tsp) ground cumin 3 ml (1/2 tsp) dried oregano 3 ml (1/2 tsp) chilli powder salt and pepper Enchiladas: 50 g (2 oz) cheddar cheese, grated 100 g (4 oz) cottage cheese pinch salt . 2 ml (½ tsp) chilli powder pinch ground cumin 1 tomato, chopped 1 courgette, grated ¹/₂ green pepper, chopped 1 small onion, chopped 6 x 15 cm (6") corn tortillas or thin crepes

Ingredients

22.5 ml (1 ½ tbsp) olive oil ½ large red onion, chopped 450 g (1 lb) red cabbage, finely shredded 2 eating apples, cored, peeled and sliced 37 ml (2 ½ tbsp) light muscovado sugar 30 ml (2 tbsp) red wine vinegar 22.5 ml (1 ½ tbsp) red currant jelly ¼ tsp ground cinnamon 50 g (2 oz) flaked almonds, toasted

Ingredients

100 g (4 oz) black-eye beans, soaked overnight
100 g (4 oz) adzuki beans, soaked overnight
15 ml (1 tbsp) vegetable oil
1 garlic clove, crushed
1 yellow pepper, chopped
10 ml (2 tsp) caraway seeds, lightly crushed
15 ml (1 tbsp) paprika
397 g (14 oz) can chopped tomatoes
175 g (6 oz) mushrooms, thickly sliced
60 ml (4 tbsp) natural yoghurt
salt and pepper
Garnish:
fresh parsley, chopped

Vegetable Enchiladas

Dish: 20 x 25cm (8 x 10") shallow dish

- 1. Combine the green pepper, onion, garlic and oil in a bowl. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 3-5 mins. or until tender.
- Stir in remaining sauce ingredients and cook uncovered on HIGH power for 5-7 mins. or until piping hot and thickened. Leave to one side.
- Combine 25 g (1 oz) cheddar cheese in a small bowl with the cottage cheese, salt, chilli and cumin. Mix well.
- 4. Mix tomato, courgette, green pepper and onion in a bowl. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 4-6 mins. or until vegetables are tender. Drain and press lightly to remove excess moisture. Stir in half of the tomato sauce.
- 5. Spread the cheese mixture over each tortilla, top with vegetable mixture and roll up. Arrange tortillas seam side down in a shallow dish. Pour the remaining sauce down the centre.
- 6. Cook on MEDIUM power for 6-8 mins. or until piping hot.

Red Cabbage with Red Onion and Almonds Serves 4-6

Dish: large bowl

- 1. Soften the onion on HIGH power for 2 mins.
- 2. Add all the other ingredients except the almonds, mix well and then cook on HIGH power for 10 -12 mins. or until cabbage is softened. Stir halfway through cooking.
- 3. Stir in the almonds just before serving, so they retain their crunch.

Spicy Bean Goulash

Serves 4-6

Dish: large casserole

- 1. Drain the beans, rinse well and place in a large bowl. Add 600 ml (1pt) boiling water. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 15 mins. then LOW power for 30 mins. or until tender.
- 2. Place the oil, garlic, yellow pepper, caraway seeds and paprika in a large casserole. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 2 mins. or until softened.
- 3. Add drained, rinsed beans, tomatoes and mushrooms. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 8-10 mins. or until piping hot and the mushrooms are soft. Stir once during cooking.
- 4. Stir in 30 ml (2 tbsp) yoghurt and season to taste. Drizzle remaining yoghurt on top and sprinkle with parsley.

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Puddings and Desserts

Ingredients

385 g (13 oz) can apple slices
100 g (4 oz) margarine
100 g (4 oz) light muscovado sugar
2 eggs
50 g (2 oz) ground almonds
50 g (2 oz) self raising flour
5 ml (1 tsp) ground mixed spice
60 ml (4 tbsp) flaked almonds

Ingredients

150 ml ('/₄ pt) water 100 g (4 oz) caster sugar 3 eggs 3 ml ('/₂ tsp) vanilla essence 30 ml (2 tbsp) caster sugar 300 ml ('/₂ pt) cold milk

Ingredients

200 g (7 oz) fresh dates, stoned and finely chopped 175 g (6 oz) self-raising flour 5 ml (1 tsp) baking powder 5 ml (1 tsp) vanilla essence 15 ml (1 tbsp) Camp coffee essence 100 ml ($3^{1}/_{2}$ fl. oz) milk 75 g (3 oz) butter 150 g (5 oz) caster sugar 2 eggs lightly beaten

Butterscotch sauce

45 g (1³/₄ oz) butter 120 ml (8 tbsp) soft brown sugar 200 ml (7 fl. oz) whipping cream 15 ml (1 tbsp) vanilla essence

Almond Eve's Pudding

Dish: 22 cm ($8^{1}/_{2}$ ") Pyrex® or microwave safe dish

- 1. Arrange the apple slices in the base of the dish.
- 2. Beat together the remaining ingredients except the flaked almonds until smooth.
- 3. Spread over the top of the apples and sprinkle with flaked almonds.
- 4. Cook on MEDIUM power for 8-9 mins or until cooked. Test with a skewer to ensure the middle is cooked.

Creme Caramel

Dish: 15 cm (6") souffle dish

- Put water and the 100 g (4 oz) of sugar in a souffle dish. Cook on HIGH power for 2-3 mins. or until sugar has dissolved. Continue cooking on HIGH power for 6-10 mins. until sugar has caramelised, keeping a close watch as it can burn easly: CAUTION - Remove from oven very carefully using oven gloves (the base will be extremely hot) and cool.
- 2. Beat eggs, essence, caster sugar and milk together and strain over caramel.
- 3. Cook on SIMMER power for 14-16 mins. or until starting to set around edge of dish. The custard will continue to set on cooling. Refrigerate for several hours before turning out.

N.B. Individual Creme Caramels can be prepared by dividing the above ingredients between 4 individual 9 cm $(3^{1/2})$ ramekins. Cook the sugar solution for approx. 10-12 mins. on HIGH power then cook the custards for approx. 11-13 mins. on SIMMER power.

Date Puddings and Butterscotch Sauce

Dish: 6 Individual microwave proof moulds

- 1. Pour 175 ml (6 fl. oz) boiling water over the chopped dates and set aside to cool.
- 2. Sift together flour and baking powder. Add vanilla and coffee essence to the milk.
- 3. Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs a little at a time.
- 4. Fold in the flour and flavoured milk, then pour in the date mixture.
- 5. Place in six moulds. Cook on HIGH power for 7 mins. and leave to stand for 10 mins.

Sauce

- 1. Place butter in a large jug and cook on HIGH power for 45 sec. to 1 minute, or until bubbling.
- 2. Add sugar and stir until it has dissolved cooking for 1 minute at a time on HIGH power. Continue to cook until liquid is foaming and bubbling 30 sec. at a time on HIGH power.
- 3. Slowly pour in the cream and bring to the boil on HIGH power for 2-3 mins. Add essence. Stir, continue to boil on HIGH power 30 sec. at a time until it starts to thicken.

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Serves 4

Serves 6

2 lemons 500 ml (18 fl oz.) full fat milk 1 cinnamon stick grated nutmeg 4 medium egg yolks 50 g (2 oz) caster sugar 30 ml (2 tbsp) cornflour 100 g (4 oz) demerara sugar

Ingredients

4 medium sized apples 30 ml (2 tbsp) sugar 25-50 g (1-2 oz) mixed dried fruit 25g (1 oz) butter

Ingredients

1 whole orange 1 orange, juice and grated rind of 175 g (6 oz) self-raising flour, sifted 100 g (4 oz) soft margarine 100 g (4 oz) caster sugar 2 eggs, beaten 100 g (4 oz) chocolate drops

Lemon Brûleé

Dish: 4 individual heatproof ramekins

- 1. Place the grated rind of the lemons with the milk, cinnamon and nutmeg in a large jug and cook on HIGH power for 4 mins. Allow to cool.
- 2. Whisk the egg yolks and caster sugar until pale and foamy, then stir in the cornflour.
- 3. Strain the milk into the egg mixture and then cook on HIGH power for 4-5 mins. or until thickened. Stir frequently.
- 4. Pour into 4 ovenproof dishes and allow to cool for 4 hours or overnight.
- 5. Sprinkle with remaining sugar and place under a hot grill to caramelise the top.

Baked Apples

Dish: 20cm (8") shallow dish

- 1. Core the apples and score the skin around the middle.
- 2. Mix together the sugar and fruit and fill the centres of the apples.
- 3. Dot the top with butter. Stand the apples in a suitable dish and cook on HIGH power for 5-7 mins. before serving.

The apples will look quite green when removed from the oven, but they should feel slightly soft when tested with a sharp knife. During the standing time, the colour will become dull and the apples will be tender. The apples will overcook very easily, so take care to undercook slightly. For 1 baked apple cook for 2-3 mins. For 2 baked apples cook for 3-5 mins.

Orange and Chocolate Drop Pudding

Serves 4-6

Dish: 1.2 litre (2 pt) pudding basin

- 1. Cut one orange into slices and arrange around the sides of the basin.
- 2. Mix flour, margarine, sugar, grated rind and orange juice and eggs and beat well until thoroughly mixed. Stir in chocolate drops. Spoon mixture into pudding basin and cook on HIGH power for 5-6 mins. or until just set.

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Serves 4

30 g (1 ¹/₄ oz) unsalted butter 125 g (4 ¹/₂ oz) arborio rice 600 ml (1 pint) milk 50 g (2 oz) granulated sugar 50 g (2 oz) fine plain Continental chocolate, broken into pieces 50 g (2 oz) plain dark chocolate chips

Ingredients

150 g (5 oz) self-raising flour pinch of salt
50 g (2 oz) caster sugar
50 g (2 oz) suet
1 egg
150 ml (¹/₄ pt) milk
30 ml (2 tbsp) jam or golden syrup
Optional:
add 1 tbsp of sultanas to dry ingredients

Ingredients

1 cooking apple, peeled and grated 1 carrot, peeled and grated 1 orange, juice and grated rind of 400 g (14 oz) mixed dried fruit 45 ml (3 tbsp) brandy 15 ml (1 tbsp) black treacle 50 g (2 oz) self-raising flour pinch of salt 15 ml (1 tbsp) cocoa 5 ml (1 tsp) mixed spice $3 \text{ ml} (1/_2 \text{ tsp}) \text{ nutmeg}$ 100 g (4 oz) shredded suet 150 g (5 oz) fresh breadcrumbs 50 g (2 oz) mixed peel 50 g (2 oz) flaked almonds 2 eggs, beaten

Chocolate Risotto Indulgence

Serves 4-6

Serves 4

Serves 6-8

Dish: Large bowl

- 1. Place butter in the bowl, cook on HIGH power for 1 min. to melt.
- 2. Stir in the rice and ensure all grains are coated with a little butter.
- 3. Add the milk and the sugar to the rice, cook on HIGH power for 10 mins. stir at the end of cooking.
- 4. Cook on SIMMER power for 7 mins.
- 5. Add the plain Continental chocolate to the rice mixture, stir well and then cook for a further 11-12 mins. on SIMMER power, or until thickened.
- 6. Allow to cool slightly then stir in the chocolate chips just before serving.
- 7. Serve immediately with clotted cream, mascarpone or vanilla ice cream.

Steamed Suet Sponge Pudding

Dish: 1 litre (2 pt) pudding basin

- 1. In a mixing bowl, sift together the flour and salt. Stir in the sugar and suet.
- 2. Make a well in the centre and add beaten egg and milk. Mix to a soft dropping consistency.
- Put the jam in the base of the greased pudding basin and pour pudding mixture over. Cook on HIGH power for 5-6 mins. until firm.

Christmas Pudding

Dish: 1.3 litre (21/2 pt) pudding basin lightly greased

- 1. Place apple and carrot in a large bowl. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 5 mins. Beat well to make a thick puree.
- 2. Stir in juice, rind and mixed fruit. Cook on HIGH power for 2 mins. Stir in brandy and treacle. Stand for 5 mins. Beat in rest of ingredients.
- 3. Press into the pudding basin. Cover with greaseproof paper and cook on HIGH power for 4 mins. Stand for 5 mins. Cook on HIGH power for another 2 mins. or until just firm.
- **N.B.** One of the advantages of using your microwave to make this traditional pudding is that it can be made the week before Christmas and stored in a cool dry place. **Do not** attempt to make the pudding earlier than this, since the flavour will not improve with keeping, unlike a traditionally steamed pudding.

Sauces

CONTAINER SIZE

Always use a container or jug at least twice the capacity of the sauce, to avoid boiling over

COVERING

DO NOT cover sauces when cooking.

Ingredients

30 g (1 oz) butter 30 g (1 oz) flour 600 ml (1 pt) milk

Variations of White Sauce Parslev

Onion

Ingredients

30 ml (2 tbsp) custard powder 15 ml (1 tbsp) sugar 600 ml (1 pt) cold milk

Ingredients

3 egg yolks 30 ml (2 tbsp) white wine vinegar 100 g (4 oz) chilled, unsalted butter, cut into cubes pepper

STIRBING - IMPORTANT

Sauces/gravy should be thoroughly stirred before, during and after cooking, to avoid any eruptions and to result in a smooth sauce.

REHEATING

Sauces can be made in advance and reheated by microwave. Reheat on HIGH power and stir halfway.

White Pouring Sauce

Dish: 1 litre (2 pt) jug

- 1. Melt butter in jug on HIGH power for 20-40 secs.
- 2. Stir in the flour to make a roux.
- 3. Add the milk gradually stirring continuously until well combined.
- 4. Cook for 2 mins. on HIGH power. Stir and cook for a further 3 mins. Sauce should be smooth and glossy and coat the back of a spoon.

POWER LEVEL

Most sauces require HIGH Power for

cooked on SIMMER power.

WOODEN SPOONS

sauce.

cooking. Sauces containing eggs should be

Do not leave wooden spoons in the sauce

when cooking. The wood may dry out and

burn. NEVER LEAVE metal spoons in the

Stir 60 ml (4 tbsp) chopped parsley and 15 ml (1 tbsp) lemon juice into sauce halfway through cooking time.

Cook 1 small onion in the butter for 30 secs. on HIGH power before adding the flour and milk.

Custard

Dish: 1 litre (2 pt) jug

- 1. Mix together the custard powder, sugar and a little milk to form a smooth paste.
- 2. Blend in the remaining milk, whisking well.
- 3. Cook on HIGH power for 4-6 mins. Whisk well halfway through cooking time and again at the end

Hollandaise Sauce

Dish: 1 litre (2 pt) jug

- 1. Place egg yolks and vinegar in a jug. Beat well.
- 2. Drop cubes of butter on top. Cook on HIGH power for 15 secs.
- 3. Whisk. Cook on HIGH power for 10 secs.
- 4. Whisk again and cook on HIGH power for 10 secs. Repeat 10 secs. stages until sauce is thick and creamy.
- 5. Season and serve immediately with salmon steaks or asparagus spears.
- N.B. This sauce must not boil or eggs will curdle.

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Baking Guidelines

DISH SHAPE

Ring moulds are ideal for baking cakes in, especially dense cakes. They help prevent the outside edge of the cake overcooking before the dense centre is cooked through.

KEEPING QUALITY

Light sponge type cakes cook very quickly by microwave and so should be cooked as required, since their keeping quality is not as long as those baked traditionally.

Ingredients

100 g (4 oz) self raising flour 100 g (4 oz) soft margarine 100 g (4 oz) caster sugar 2 eggs 30 ml (2 tbsp) milk

Ingredients

2 eggs beaten 150 ml (¼ pt) vegetable or corn oil 150 g (5 oz) self-raising wholemeal flour 100 g (4 oz) soft light brown sugar 10 ml (2 tsp) cinnamon 75 g (3 oz) raisins 100 g (4 oz) carrots, grated

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50 g (2 oz) cream cheese 50 g (2 oz) butter 100 g (4 oz) icing sugar 10 ml (2 tsp) lemon juice 50 g (2 oz) walnuts, chopped

CONSISTENCY

Generally cakes to be cooked by microwave should have a softer consistency than those baked traditionally. As a general rule add 15-30 ml (1-2 tbsp) of milk or water to the mixture.

COVERING

Just as you wouldn't cover a cake baked in a traditional oven, NEVER cover your cakes cooked by microwave.

DISH SIZE

Always use the exact dish size stated in the following recipes, otherwise cooking times and results will be affected.

MIXING/BEATING

Cakes cooked by microwave need to be well mixed, but not over beaten. Generally it is unnecessary to cream butter and sugar or beat eggs in an electric mixer or food processor. Do not attempt to cook whisked/fatless sponges, or any cakes containing whisked egg white.

EGGS

The following recipes have been tested using medium eggs. Using a different size of egg may affect cooking times.

Sponge Cake

Dish: 18 cm (7") souffle dish, based lined with greaseproof paper

- 1. Combine all ingredients together in a large bowl. Mix well until smooth. Tip into prepared dish and smooth the top.
- Cook on MEDIUM power for 3½-4 mins. Cool for 10 mins. before turning out onto a rack. The cake is cooked when it has just dried on the top. Do not overcook as overcooked cakes stale quickly.

Carrot Cake

Dish: 25 cm (10") ring mould, based lined with greaseproof paper

- 1. Mix eggs and oil together.
- 2. Combine flour, sugar, cinnamon, raisins and carrots in a mixing bowl. Pour egg mixture into flour and stir well until well combined.
- 3. Pour into ring mould and cook on MEDIUM power for 7-8 mins. or until firm. Stand for 10 mins. before turning out.
- 4. Beat cream cheese and butter until smooth. Gradually beat in icing sugar and lemon juice. Spread over sides and top of cake and sprinkle with walnuts.

75 g (3 oz) butter or margarine 30 ml (2 tbsp) golden syrup 75 g (3 oz) light brown sugar 150 g (5 oz) porridge oats 50 g (2 oz) raisins

Ingredients

100 g (4 oz) butter or margarine 100 g (4 oz) golden syrup 100 g (4 oz) black treacle 75 g (3 oz) soft brown sugar 100 g (4 oz) self-raising flour 100 g (4 oz) plain wholemeal flour 5 ml (1 tsp) mixed spice 30 ml (2 tsp) ground ginger 5 ml (1 tsp) bicarbonate of soda pinch salt 150 ml (¹/₄ pt) milk 2 eggs beaten

Ingredients

100 g (4 oz) plain chocolate 100 g (4 oz) butter 100 g (4 oz) soft dark brown sugar 100 g (4 oz) soft-raising flour 10 ml (2 tsp) cocoa powder pinch salt 2 eggs, beaten 3 ml (½ tsp) vanilla essence 100 g (4 oz) walnuts, chopped

Chewy Flapjacks

Dish: 20 cm (8") round flan dish

- 1. Place butter, syrup and sugar in a bowl and cook on HIGH power for 1-2 mins. or until melted.
- 2. Stir in the oats and raisins. Press into dish. Cook on HIGH power for 3-4 mins. or until firm. Allow to cool slightly then cut into pieces.

Ginger Cake

Dish: 20 cm (8") Soufflé dish base lined with greaseproof

- 1. Place butter, syrup, treacle and sugar in a bowl and heat on HIGH power for 1-2 mins. or until fat has melted.
- 2. Place flours, spices, bicarbonate and salt in a large bowl. Stir in treacle mixture and mix well. Stir in milk and eggs and beat until smooth.
- 3. Pour into cake dish and cook on MEDIUM power for 8-9 mins. or until set around edges. The cake will appear slightly wet in centre, but will continue cooking as it cools.

Boston Brownies

Dish: 20 cm (8") square dish base lined with greaseproof

- 1. Place chocolate and butter in a bowl and cook on HIGH power for 1 minute or until chocolate has melted.
- 2. Stir in all other ingredients and beat well.
- 3. Pour into dish and cook on MEDIUM power for 6 mins. or until just slightly sticky. Allow to cool and then cut into squares.

Preserves

STERILIZING JARS

Jam jars can be sterilized by microwave ready for your jams. Half fill with water and heat them on HIGH power until water boils (approx. 3 mins. for 2 jars). Empty and drain upside down on kitchen paper. The jars should be warm when filled with jam.

If you wish to cook larger quantities than given in the recipes below, revert to the traditional hob method, using a traditional recipe.

Ingredients

450 g (1 lb) soft fruit, washed 450 g (1 lb) caster sugar 30 ml (2 tbsp) lemon juice 5 ml (1 tsp) butter

Ingredients

4 lemons, grated rind and juice of 450 g (1 lb) caster sugar 4 eggs, beaten 100 g (4 oz) butter

Ingredients

450 g (1 lb) seville oranges 1 lemon 900 ml (1½ pts) water 450 g (1 lb) sugar knob of butter

DISH SIZE

Always use a very large pyrex bowl. DO NOT attempt to use jam pans or saucepans in your microwave.

DO NOT LEAVE JAMS UNATTENDED DURING COOKING BECAUSE OF THE HIGH SUGAR CONTENT.

COVERING

Do not cover preserves whilst cooking, apart from if recommended in the recipe.

WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THAT YOU USE YOUR MICROWAVE TO STERILIZE BABIES' BOTTLES. (See details on page 23)

DO NOT SEAL PRESERVING JARS IN YOUR MICROWAVE.

SETTING POINT

To determine whether setting point is reached, place a couple of drops of jam or marmalade on a cold saucer (put one in the fridge whilst making the jam). Leave to cool. The jam should wrinkle on the surface when your finger pushes across the top.

Makes approx. 11/2 lbs jam

Makes 2 lbs

Makes 1¹/₂-2lbs

Soft Fruit Jam

Dish: large bowl

- 1. Place all ingredients in a large bowl and stir. Cook on HIGH power for 5 mins. (10-15 mins. if using frozen fruit), stirring frequently. Continue to cook in one minute intervals until sugar has dissolved.
- 2. Wash down any sugar crystals from around the bowl.
- 3. Bring mixture to the boil and continue to cook until setting point is reached approx. 15-25 mins. Test regularly for setting point.

Lemon Curd

Dish: large bowl

- 1. Place all ingredients in bowl. Mix well.
- Cook on HIGH power for 1 min. Stir. Continue to cook in 1 minute stages until mixture starts to thicken, then cook for 30 secs. at a time until mixture coats back of spoon. (The eggs will curdle if overcooked).
- 3. The mixture will thicken on cooling. Pot into warm jars. Cover with a circle of waxed paper and a jam pot cover.

Orange Marmalade

Dish: large bowl

- 1. Grate oranges and lemon ensuring all the pith is left on the fruit.
- 2. Place the peeled fruit in a food processor and chop until the pips are broken.
- 3. Place the chopped mixture in a large bowl and pour over boiling water. Cover and cook on HIGH power for 10 mins.
- 4. Strain the mixture through a sieve into another large bowl pressing the pulp well until all the juice is extracted. Discard the pulp.
- 5. Stir the shredded rind into the hot juice and cook uncovered on HIGH power for 10 mins. until rind is tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in the sugar until dissolved.
- 6. Cook on HIGH for 8 mins covered. Stir in the butter and cook to setting point 4-6 mins.
- 7. Leave to stand for 10 mins then pour into warmed sterilized jars.

675 g (1¹/₂ lb) plums or damsons 200 ml (7 fl. oz) water 675 g (1¹/₂ lb) sugar 30 ml (2 tbsp) lemon juice 5 ml (1 tsp) butter

Ingredients

675 g (1¹/₂ lb) tomatoes 225 g (8 oz) cooking apples, peeled and sliced 1 medium onion, chopped 100 g (4 oz) granulated sugar 30 ml (2 tbsp) tomato puree 5 ml (1 tsp) salt 200 ml (7 fl. oz) white distilled vinegar 10 ml (2 tsp) ground ginger 2 ml (¹/₄ tsp) cayenne pepper 3 ml (¹/₂ tsp) mustard powder

Plum Jam

Makes approx. 2-2¹/₂ lbs jam

Makes approx. 2 lbs

Makes approx 1¹/₂ - 2 lbs

Dish: large bowl

- 1. Prick the plums and place in a large bowl with the water. Cook on HIGH power for 5-10 mins. or until the fruit is soft. Add the rest of ingredients. Cook on HIGH power for 5 mins. stirring frequently.
- 2. Wash down any sugar crystals from around the bowl and bring to the boil on HIGH power. Continue to cook until setting point is reached - approx. 15-20 mins., opening the door and testing regularly. Leave to cool slightly, remove the stones, then pot, seal and label.

Tomato Chutney

Dish: large bowl

- 1. Prick the tomatoes and place in a bowl. Cover with boiling water and leave for 5 mins. Drain. Peel off skin and roughly chop flesh.
- 2. Blend apple and onion in a food processor to a thick puree.
- 3. Combine all ingredients together in a bowl. Cook on HIGH power for 25-30 mins., stirring occasionally, or until the mixture is thick with no excess liquid.
- 4. Leave to stand covered for 10 mins. then stir and pour into sterilised jars. Cover and label.

Ingredients

45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil 4 large red onions halved and thinly sliced 50 g (2 oz) demerara sugar 100 g (4 oz) sultanas 300 ml ($\frac{1}{2}$ pint) red wine 125 ml (4 fl.oz) red wine vinegar

Red Onion Chutney

Dish: large bowl

- 1. Put oil in bowl with onions. Soften on HIGH power for 10 minutes, stirring halfway.
- 2. Add all other ingredients and mix well.
- 3. Cook on MEDIUM power for 20 mins, or until onions are soft.
- 4. Cool slightly, then pour into a jar.
- 5. Allow to cool thoroughly before chilling.

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Questions and Answers

- Q My microwave oven causes interference with my TV, is this normal?
- A Some radio and TV interference might occur when you cook with the microwave oven. This interference is similar to the interference caused by small appliances such as mixers, vacuums, hair dryers, etc. It does not indicate a problem with your oven.
- Q Sometimes warm air comes from the oven vents. Why?
- A The heat given off from the cooking food warms the air in the oven cavity. This warmed air is carried out of the oven by the air flow pattern in the oven. There isn't an airtight seal to the air therefore steam can escape. There are no microwaves in the air, or steam. The oven vents should never be blocked during cooking.

Technical Specifications

230-240 V 50 Hz
2,450 MHz
Microwave 1300 W
Microwave 900 W (IEC-60705)
1000 W Turbo Reheat (IEC-60705)
510 (W) x 380 (D) x 304 (H) mm
359 (W) x 352 (D) x 217 (H) mm
re approximate.

Building-in Your Oven

- In case of fitting into an oven housing, please use Panasonic's Trim Kit NN-TKV63MBBP - silver
- 2. Microwave ovens should **not be built** into a unit **directly above** a top front venting conventional cooker. This will invalidate your one year guarantee.
- 3. A microwave which is built in must be more than 850 mm above floor level. Read Trim-Kit instructions carefully before installation.

It is recommended that the microwave oven is placed below a conventional oven to avoid heat damage to the facia of the microwave.

However if it is necessary to install the microwave above, then a gap of at least 15 cm (6 inches) is required from the top of the conventional oven casing to the bottom of the trim kit.

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Standard Conversion Chart

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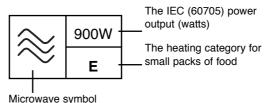
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1oz	-	25g
2oz	-	50g
3oz	-	75g
4oz	-	100g
5oz	-	150g
6oz	-	175g
7oz	-	200g
8oz	-	225g
9oz	-	250g
10oz	-	275g
11oz	-	300g
12oz	-	350g
13oz	-	375g
14oz	-	400g
15oz	-	425g
1lb/16oz	-	450g

Capacity

_	3ml
_	5ml
_	15ml
_	150ml
_	300ml
_	450ml
_	600ml
_	1 litre
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When using recipes in this book always follow metric or imperial measurements. Do not combine the two. In some recipes the conversions are not a direct equivalent due to recipe result.

Important Notice



Your oven is rated 900 Watts (IEC)*. When using other cookbooks remember to adjust cooking times accordingly. The symbol above, which is displayed on your oven door, indicates the heating category for your oven when cooking or reheating convenience foods.

Your oven is rated 'E', which is very efficient. It is therefore very important that you refer carefully to the packet instructions on convenience foods. Some packet instructions only display information for B or D rated ovens. We therefore provide additional guidelines for reheating on pages 24-32 of this book. ALWAYS check the progress of the food as it cooks or reheats by simply opening the door and after checking the progress of the foods press START to continue the cooking time.

*1000 Watts IEC (60705) is achieved by using the Turbo Reheat pad, see page 16 for details.

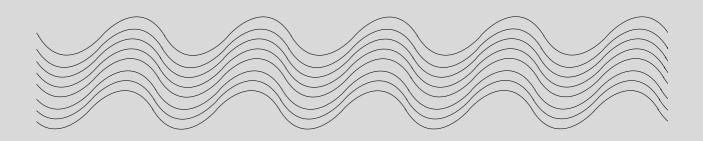
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