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Microwave Oven

OPERATION MANUAL WITH COOKING GUIDE

Read all instructions carefully before using the oven

Other Warnings

- 1. To reduce the risk of fire in the oven cavity:
 - a. Do not overcook food.
 - b. Remove wire twist-ties from paper or plastic bags before placing bag in the oven.
 - c. Do not heat oil or fat for deep frying. The temperature of the oil cannot be controlled.
- 2. To reduce the risk of an explosion or delayed eruptive boiling, care should be taken when handling the food and container. Your oven is capable of heating food and beverages very quickly with microwaves, therefore it is very important that you select the appropriate cooking time and power level for the type and quantity of food to be heated. If you are unsure of the cooking time and power level required, begin with low cooking times and power levels until the food is sufficiently heated evenly throughout. Additionally:
 - a. Do not place sealed containers in the oven. Baby bottles fitted with a screw cap or teat are considered to be sealed containers.
 - b. Do not use excessive amounts of time.
 - c. When boiling liquids in the oven, use a wide-mouthed container.
 - d. Stand for at least 20 seconds at the end of cooking to avoid delayed eruptive boiling of liquids.
 - e. Stir the liquid before and during cooking. Use extreme care when handling the container or inserting a spoon or other utensil into the container.
- 3. Never operate the oven whilst any object is caught or jammed between the door and the oven.
- 4. Handle with care when removing items from the oven so that the utensil, your clothes or accessories do not touch the latches.
- 5. Never poke an object, particularly a metal object, through a grille or between the door and the oven while the oven is operating.
- 6. Never tamper with or deactivate the door safety latches.
- 7. Always use oven gloves to prevent burns when handling utensils that are in contact with hot food. Enough heat from the food can transfer through utensils to cause skin burns.
- 8. If the oven lamp fails please consult your dealer or a qualified service technician trained by SHARP.
- 9. Avoid steam burns by directing steam away from the face and hands. Slowly lift the furthest edge of a dish's cover including microwave plastic wrap etc., and carefully open popcorn and oven cooking bags away from the face.
- 10. Make sure that the power supply cord is undamaged, and that it does not run under the oven or over any hot surfaces or sharp edges.
- 11. Before cleaning the flatbed with water, leave the oven to cool.
 - a. Wipe clean with a damp cloth.
 - b. Do not use any harsh abrasives.
- 12. Do not place anything on the outer cabinet.
- 13. Do not store food or any other items inside the oven.
- 14. Make sure the utensil does not touch the interior walls during cooking.

Information on Disposal

This product should not be disposed of in a general waste bin as it contains materials that should be recycled, which is good for the environment.

If you are in doubt about the correct disposal method, contact your local council.

OPERATION OF TOUCH CONTROL PANEL

The operation of the oven is controlled by pressing the appropriate pads arranged on the surface of the control panel. An entry signal tone should be heard each time you press the control panel to make a correct entry. In addition the oven will beep 5 times at the end of the cooking cycle, or 4 times when a cooking procedure is required.

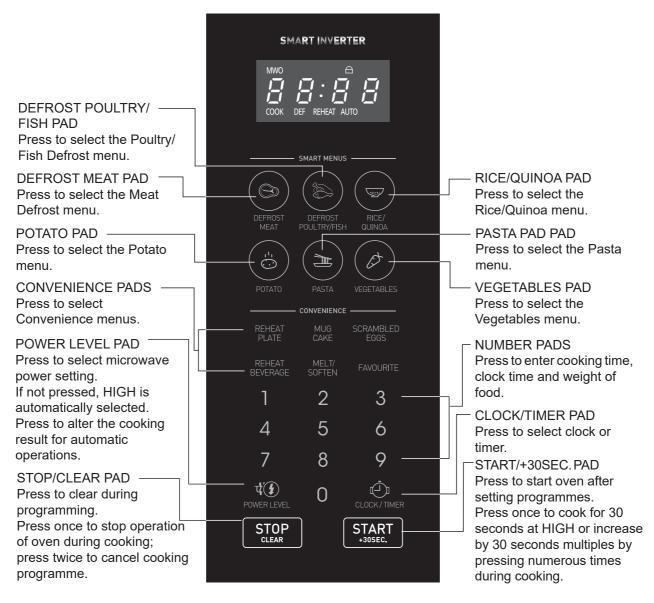
Control Panel Display 1 2 MWO \ominus Indicators COOK DEF REHEAT AUTO 3 4 5 6

Touch Control Panel Layout

1. MICROWAVE SYMBOL

It will appear when setting a programme using the microwave mode, or when in a microwave cooking mode.

- 2. CHILD LOCK SYMBOL It will appear when using child lock.
- 3. COOK indicator It will light up when the oven is operating.
- 4. DEFROST SYMBOL It will appear when setting a programme using the defrost mode, or when in a defrost cooking mode.
- 5. REHEAT SYMBOL It will appear when setting a programme using the
- reheat mode, or when in a reheat cooking mode. 6. AUTO SYMBOL
 - It will appear when setting a programme using the auto menu mode, or when in a auto cooking mode.



BEFORE OPERATING

Getting Started

Step	Procedure	Pad Order	Display
1	Plug the oven into a power point and switch on the power. Ensure the oven door is closed.		0:00

Clock Setting

* To enter the present time of day 11:34 (AM or PM).

Step	Procedure	Pad Order	Display
1	Press the CLOCK/TIMER pad once.	CLOCK/TIMER × 1	00:00
2	Enter the correct time of day by pressing the numbers in sequence.	1 1 3 4	1 1:34
3	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	1 1:3 4

This is a 12 hour clock. If you attempt to enter an incorrect clock time (e.g. 13:45), the clock would not be active.

Press the STOP/CLEAR pad and re-enter the time of day (e.g. 1:45).

Stop/Clear

Press the STOP/CLEAR pad once to:

- 1. Stop the oven temporarily during cooking.
- 2. Clear if you make a mistake during programming.

To Cancel a Programme During Cooking

Press the STOP/CLEAR pad twice.

MANUAL OPERATIONS

Microwave Time Cooking

This is a manual cooking feature, first enter the power level then the cooking time.

There are eleven different power levels. You can programme up to 99 minutes, 99 seconds.

This variable cooking control allows you to select the rate of microwave cooking.

If a power level is not selected, then 900W is automatically used.

Display	Power level		Examples
900	100%	High	Raw meat, Vegetables,
830	90%		Rice or Pasta
750	80%		
680	70%	Medium High	Delicate Food such as
600	60%		Eggs or Seafood.
530	50%	Medium	
450	40%		
350	30%	Medium Low	Defrost, Softening butter
220	20%		
100	10%	Low	Keep food warm
0	0%		

* Suppose you want to cook for 2 minutes 30 seconds on 900W.

Step	Procedure	Pad Order	Display
1	Enter desired cooking time.	2 3 O	
2	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	The timer begins to count down.

MANUAL OPERATIONS

<Microwave Cooking>

Microwave Time Cooking

To lower the wattage level press the POWER LEVEL pad first. Note the display will indicate "900". Press the POWER LEVEL pad again until required wattage level is displayed.

Step	Procedure	Pad Order	Display
1	Press the POWER LEVEL pad.	POWER LEVEL	

* Suppose you want to cook Fish Fillets for 10 minutes on 830W power.

2	Select power level by pressing the POWER LEVEL pad as required (for 830W press once).	POWER LEVEL	······ 8 3 0
3	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	
4	Enter desired cooking time.	1000	
5	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	The timer begins to count down.

If the door is opened during a cooking process, the cooking time on the display automatically stops. The cooking time starts to count down again when the door is closed and the START/+30SEC. pad is pressed.

HELPFUL HINTS:

If you want to check the microwave wattage during cooking, press the POWER LEVEL pad.

Sequence Cooking

Your oven can be programmed with up to 4 manual cooking sequences, automatically switching from one variable power setting to the next.

* Suppose you want to cook for 10 minutes on 830W followed by 3 minutes on 900W.

Step	Procedure	Pad Order	Display
1	Select desired power level by pressing the POWER LEVEL pad (for 830W press two times).	POWER LEVEL × 2	
2	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	
3	Enter desired cooking time.	1000	
4	For second sequence, select desired power level by pressing the POWER LEVEL pad (for 900W press once).	POWER LEVEL × 1	
5	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	
6	For second sequence, enter desired cooking time.	300	
7	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	The timer begins to count down to zero. When it reaches zero, $ \begin{array}{c} \hline & & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ & \\ &$

Instant Cook

For your convenience Sharp's Instant Cook allows you to easily cook for 30 seconds on 900W power.

Step	Procedure	Pad Order	Display
1	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	The timer begins to count down.

Press the START/+30SEC. pad until desired time is displayed.

Each time the pad is pressed, the cook time is increased by 30 seconds.

Increasing Time During a Cooking Programme

Microwave time can be added during a manual cooking programme using the START/+30SEC. pad.

* Suppose you want to increase the cooking time by 2 minutes during 5 minutes on 830W power cooking. (at the moment the remaining cooking time is 1 min. 30 sec.)

Step	Procedure	Pad Order	Display
1	Select power level by pressing the POWER LEVEL pad as required (for 830W press two times).	POWER LEVEL × 2	^{™®} 8 3 0
2	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	
3	Enter desired cooking time.	500	
4	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	The timer starts to count down. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
5	Press the START/+30SEC. pad 4 times to increase the cooking time by two minutes.	START +30SEC. × 4	<u>3:3</u>

Notes for Automatic Operations

1. When using the automatic features, carefully follow the instructions provided in each MENU GUIDE to achieve the best result.

If the instructions are not followed carefully, the food may be overcooked or undercooked.Please follow instructions carefully.

- 2. Food weighing more or less than the quantity or weight listed in each MENU GUIDE should be cooked manually. Refer to manual cooking charts in the RECIPES section.
- 3. The final cooking result will vary according to the foods condition (e.g. initial temperature, shape, quality). Check the food after cooking and if necessary continue cooking manually.

SMART MENUS

DEFROST	DEFROST	RICE/
MEAT	POULTRY/FISH	QUINOA
ΡΟΤΑΤΟ	PASTA	VEGETABLES

DEFROST MFAT 1.Mince 2.Steak / Chops 3.Roast Meat ΡΟΤΑΤΟ 1.Jacket Potato **3.Boiled Potato**

DEFROST POULTRY / FISH 1.Whole Chicken 2.Chicken Fillet 3.Fish Fillet PASTA 1.Pasta 2.Sweet Jacket Potato 2.Wholemeal Pasta **RICE / QUINOA**

1.White Rice 2.Brown Rice 3.Quinoa

VEGETABLES 1.Fresh Vegetables

2.Frozen Vegetables

SMART MENUS will automatically compute the power level and cooking time. SMART MENUS has 6 categories. To select a menu, press the desired SMART MENUS pad until the menu of your choice is displayed.

DEFROST will automatically compute the microwave power and defrosting time.

Follow the instructions provided in the DEFROST MENU GUIDE on page (7 - 8) of the cooking guides. * Suppose you want to defrost 1.5 kg of Whole Chicken.

Step	Procedure	Pad Order	Display
1	Press the DEFROST POULTRY/ FISH pad until the desired menu is displayed (for Whole Chicken press once).	DEFROST POULTRY/FISH × 1	MNNO J DEF
2	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	
3	Press the number pads to enter weight.	1 5 0	
4	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	The timer begins to count down. $ \begin{bmatrix} MOO \\ COOK \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ COOK \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C \\ COOK \end{bmatrix} $ When it is time to turn over the meat, the oven will "beep" 4 times and the remaining time on the display will start blinking. *1

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5	Open the door. Turn over the meat. Close the door.		When the door is opened, the cooking will stop and the display will stop blinking.
6	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	When the cooking restarts, the display will resume countdown.

*1 The "beep" will repeat every 30 seconds up to 2 minutes or the door is opened. The cooking will not stop until the door is opened. If the door is not opened within 2 minutes, the oven will continue to cook and the display will stop blinking.

Follow the instructions provided in the SMART MENUS GUIDE on pages (5)- (6) of the cooking guide. * Suppose you want to use SMART MENUS to cook 2 Jacket Potatoes.

Step	Procedure	Pad Order	Display
1	Press the POTATO pad once.	POTATO × 1	MNO Y I AUTO
2	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	
3	Enter desired quantity.	2	ммо Долана
4	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	The timer begins to count down. I : I : I : I : I : I : I : I : I : I :

Smart Convenience Menu

REHEAT PLATE REHEAT	MUG CAKE MELT/	SCRAMBLED EGGS	REHEAT PLATE (1 Plate)	REHEAT BEVERAGE (1 Mug)	MELT / SOFTEN 1.Chocolate 2.Butter	SCRAMBLED EGGS (1 Serve)	MUG CAKE (1 Mug Cake)
BEVERAGE	SOFTEN				3.Cream Cheese		

CONVENIENCE allows you to use preprogrammed popular menus.

Follow the instructions provided in the CONVENIENCE MENU GUIDE on page (3)-(4) of the cooking guides.

* Suppose you want to melt 250g of Chocolate.

Step	Procedure	Pad Order	Display
1	Press the MELT/SOFTEN pad until the desired menu is displayed (for Chocolate press once).	MELT/ SOFTEN × 1	
2	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	
3	Press the number pads to enter weight.	2 5 O	
4	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	The timer begins to count down. $ \begin{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} MWO \\ COOK \end{matrix} $ The timer begins to count down. $ \begin{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} MWO \\ COOK \end{matrix} $ $ \begin{matrix} I : I : J : J \\ MUO \end{matrix} $ When it is time to stir the chocolate, the oven will "beep" 4 times and the remaining time on the display will start blinking. *1
5	Open the door. Stir. Close the door.		When the door is opened, the cooking will stop and the display will stop blinking.
6	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	When the cooking restarts, the display will resume countdown.

*1 The "beep" will repeat every 30 seconds up to 2 minutes or the door is opened. The cooking will not stop until the door is opened. If the door is not opened within 2 minutes, the oven will continue to cook and the display will stop blinking.

Convenience (FAVOURITE)



The favourite function allows you to store 3 frequently used microwave power levels and cook times to make cooking/reheating more convenient.

* Suppose you want to set the following procedure as Favourite 2. Cook food for 3 minutes and 20 seconds at 830W.

Step	Procedure	Pad Order	Display
1	Press the FAVOURITE pad twice.	FAVOURITE × 2	2

If the procedure has been set, press START/+30SEC. to use it. If not, continue to set the procedure. Up to 4 stages can be set.

Step	Procedure	Pad Order	Display
2	Select desired power level by pressing the POWER LEVEL pad.	POWER LEVEL × 2	^{™™} 8 3 0
3	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	
4	Enter desired cooking time.	320	
5	Press the START/+30SEC. pad to save as FAVOURITE 2.	START +30SEC.	2
6	Press the START/+30SEC. pad to operate.	START +30SEC.	

* To add another stage to the programme repeat steps 2 to 5.

Set Timer

Use this feature as a general purpose timer. Examples include:

timing boiled eggs cooked on the stove top.

timing the recommended standing time of food.

You can enter any time up to 99 minutes, 99 seconds. If you want to cancel the timer during the count down phase simply press STOP/CLEAR.

* Suppose you want to set the timer for 3 minutes to boil an egg on the stove top.

Step	Procedure	Pad Order	Display
1	Press the CLOCK/TIMER pad twice.	CLOCK/TIMER	00:00
		× 2	
2	Enter desired time.	300	0 3:0 0
3	Press the START/+30SEC. pad.	START +30SEC.	금: 다 다 The timer begins to count down. When the timer reaches zero, the oven will "beep".

Child Lock

If the oven is accidentally started with no food or liquid in the cavity, the life of the oven can be reduced. To prevent accidents like this, your oven has a "Child Lock" feature that you can set when the oven is not in use.

* To set the Child Lock.

Step	Procedure	Pad Order	Display
1	Press the number 0 pad for 3 seconds.	0	

* If set the time of day, the time of day will be displayed.

* To cancel the Child Lock.

Step	Procedure	Pad Order	Display
2	Press the STOP/CLEAR pad for 3 seconds.	STOP CLEAR	The time of day will be displayed, if set. The oven is ready to use.

CARE AND CLEANING

CLEAN THE OVEN AT REGULAR INTERVALS - Keep the oven clean and remove any food deposits, or it could lead to deterioration of the surface. this could adversely affect the life of the appliance and possibly result in a hazardous situation.

Exterior:

The outside may be cleaned with mild soap and warm water, wipe clean with a damp cloth. Avoid the use of harsh abrasive cleaners. Keep the ventilation openings free of dust.

Door:

Wipe the door and window on both sides, the door seals and adjacent parts frequently with a damp cloth to remove any spills or spatters. Do not use abrasive cleaners.

Touch Control Panel:

Wipe the panel with a slightly dampened cloth with water only. Do not scrub or use any sort of chemical cleaners. Avoid the use of excess water.

Interior walls:

To clean the interior surfaces, wipe with a soft cloth and warm water. Built-up splashes may overheat and begin to smoke or catch fire. DO NOT USE A COMMERCIAL OVEN CLEANER, ABRASIVE OR HARSH CLEANERS AND SCOURING PADS ON ANY PART OF YOUR MICROWAVE OVEN. NEVER SPRAY OVEN CLEANERS DIRECTLY ONTO ANY PART OF YOUR OVEN.

Avoid using excess water. After cleaning the oven, ensure any water is removed with a soft cloth.

SERVICE CALL CHECK

Please check the following before calling for service:

1. Does the display light up?

1.	Does the display light up?	Yes	No
	When the door is opened, does the oven lamp come on?	Yes	No
3.	Place one cup of water (approx. 250 ml) in a glass measure in the oven	and close the c	loor securely.
	Oven lamp should go off if door is closed properly. Press the START/+30	SEC. pad twic	e.
	A. Does the oven lamp come on?	Yes	No
	B. Does the cooling fan work?	Yes	No
	(Put your hand over the rear ventilation openings.)		
	C. After one minute, did an audible signal sound and COOK		
	indicator go off?	Yes	No
	D. Is the water inside the oven hot?	Yes	No
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If "NO" is the answer to any of the above questions, please check your wall socket and the fuse in your meter box. If both the wall socket and the fuse are functioning properly. CONTACT YOUR NEAREST SERVICE CENTRE APPROVED BY SHARP.

NOTE: In high/medium high power, output power will gradually be reduced to avoid overheating.

SPECIFICATIONS

AC Line Voltage	Single phase 230~240V/50Hz
AC Power Required	1450 W
Output Power	900 W* (IEC test procedure)
Microwave Frequency	2450 MHz (Class B/Group 2)**
Outside Dimensions (W × H × D)	495 × 303 × 370mm
Cavity Dimensions (W × H × D)	335 × 226 × 348mm
Overall Cavity Volume	26L
Weight	Approx. 10.0kg

* When tested in accordance with AS/NZS 2895.1.2007

** This is the classification of ISM (Industrial, Scientific and Medical) equipment described in the International Standard CISPR11. In conformity with this standard, this product is classified as group 2 class B equipment. Group 2 means that the equipment intentionally generates radio-frequency energy in the form of electromagnetic radiation for heating treatment of food. Class B equipment means that the equipment suitable to be used in domestic establishments.

NOTE

HINTS

- Always place the stems of vegetables e.g. cauliflower, broccoli – toward the outside of the dish. The stems are tougher than the flower, so this will ensure even cooking.
- Ice-cream containers were made for freezing food and are not suitable for use in a microwave oven.
- Remember: When melting chocolate in the microwave oven, it holds its shape until stirred. Refer to MELT/ SOFTEN MENU GUIDE on page ④ for instructions.
- Jams and chutneys are great when made in the microwave, as they retain their colour and flavour. As cooking time is so short, less evaporation occurs. Therefore pectin or a jam setting agent is required to make jam set.
- To obtain more juice from oranges, lemons or limes, prick skin, microwave 1 minute on HIGH and stand 2 minutes before squeezing.
- Warm jam for a quick glaze. Heat 2-3 tablespoons for 1 minute on HIGH; strain if necessary while hot.
- Soften cream cheese for dips or beating by removing foil wrapper and cooking for 2 minutes on MEDIUM LOW.
- To melt marshmallows, place 100 g in a large bowl. Cook for 1 minute on HIGH.
- To dissolve gelatine, mix 1 teaspoon gelatine with 2 tablespoons water and cook for 50-60 seconds on HIGH. Stir well.
- To blanch almonds place 100 g in a bowl with 1 cup of water. Cook for 6 minutes on HIGH.
- If brown sugar becomes hard, simply soften in the microwave oven. Place a cup at a time in a bowl with a slice of bread. Cover with plastic wrap and cook for 1 minute on HIGH.
- Soften 6-8 honey-snap biscuits for 1 minute on HIGH. Shape into base of patty dish for quick tartlet cases.
- · Place a chocolate after-dinner mint on top of 6 patty

cakes; arrange cakes evenly on the flatbed. Cook about 1 minute on HIGH, or until chocolate is soft.

Gently spread chocolate mint evenly over patty cake for a quick icing.

- To soften honey, remove metal lid from jar and microwave on HIGH for 1 minute.
- Stuffed mushrooms are a terrific idea. Provided the filling is cooked, twelve mushrooms placed on a layer of paper towel will take approximately 4 minutes to heat on HIGH.
- To remove odours, place 1-litre water with slice of lemon or 1 teaspoon vanilla essence in the microwave. Cook for 22 minutes on HIGH.
- As microwave cooking time is so quick, food should be seasoned to taste with herbs and spices after cooking.
- To peel a tomato, pierce the skin with a fork 3-4 times. Place on a rack and cook for 1-1½ minutes on HIGH. Stand for 3 minutes before peeling.
- Lightly prick the skin of chicken before cooking. This prevents the loud popping noises.
- Peeling garlic is made easier by placing a clove in the microwave for 30 seconds on HIGH.
- Pierce the skin of chicken livers with a fork before cooking to prevent popping of the internal fat. Cover with paper towel when cooking.
- The flavour of wine in food is highlighted with the short microwave cooking time, so adjust the quantity to your taste.
- Tomato sauce can be warmed for 1 minute on HIGH to give it a pouring consistency. (ensure lid is removed.)
- When cooking sauces in the microwave use less liquid: the absence of direct heat means sauces do not reduce as much as stovetop-prepared sauces.
- Rice and pasta cook well in small quantities. Use a large container to prevent boiling over.
- FOIL. Contrary to popular belief, foil can be used in

the microwave – for shielding, not covering. It must not come in contact with the walls of the microwave. Foil directs microwave energy away from delicate or thin areas of food, toward areas that need more cooking. It is essential for even defrosting. Place foil over the thawed sections, allowing the frozen portions to continue defrosting.

- To enhance the colour and flavour when roasting chicken, mix some brown sugar, honey and a little soy sauce together and brush both sides of poultry before and during cooking.
- To blanch vegetables for freezing, place 150 g of vegetables in a dish with 1 tablespoon of water. Cover and cook on HIGH for 1/3 of the usual cooking time. After cooking, immerse immediately in iced water, package, label, and freeze for up to 3 months.
- Do not add salt to vegetables before cooking, as salt draws out the moisture and causes vegetables to toughen.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

MICROWAVES COOK FROM THE INSIDE OUT. They certainly do not. Microwaves penetrate foods from the outside to a depth of about 2.5 cm. Small

foods, under 5 cm in diameter, are penetrated to the centre from all sides. With large foods, energy creates heat in the outer layer; then the heat moves to the centre by conduction, as it does conventionally. A few foods may appear to cook more on the inside. One example is an egg. Energy penetrates to the centre, where the fatty yolk becomes hotter than the white, and cooks quicker.

YOU CAN'T USE METAL IN A MICROWAVE OVEN.

False. Metal reflects microwaves; the oven itself is made of metal so microwave energy can't escape. Inside the oven, metal slows cooking because it keeps energy from reaching parts of the food. You can use the reflective properties of metal to protect foods which might overcook in some areas.

DISHES DON'T GET HOT IN A MICROWAVE OVEN.

Keep your oven mitts handy. A microwave-safe utensil will not be heated by microwave energy, but it will become hot from contact with hot food. Heat tends to equalise. A warm object heats the air around it, like a radiator in a cool room. When food becomes hot, some of this heat is transferred to the dish.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

As a general guide:

HIGH – is ideal for vegetables, fruit, soup, beverages, bacon and sauces.

MEDIUM HIGH – for roasting lamb, roasting chicken and fish fillets.

MEDIUM – is for roasting beef, pork and simmering; great for casseroles or stews and cooking seafood. MEDIUM LOW – allows you to defrost.

- LOW is used to keep foods warm once they are cooked.
- The more food in the microwave oven, the longer it takes to cook.
- Reduce liquids in a microwave recipe because there is not as much evaporation, due to the shorter cooking time.
- Reduce seasonings slightly because flavours will be unbalanced by quantity of liquid. Do not add salt until the end of the cooking process.
- Microwaves cook from the outside to the centre, so when arranging foods always place the thicker or more dense portions of food at the outside, with the thinner, less dense pieces on the inside.
- Foil can be used in the microwave oven successfully. Just remember two rules:
 - (a) There must be at least half of the food exposed to the microwaves.
 - (b) Do not let the foil touch the sides of the oven.

Use foil to shield thinner parts of food when defrosting, to prevent over-cooking and drying out.

• All food continues to cook after it leaves the microwave oven because the heat is stored in the food and not in the oven.

Standing time required will vary according to the volume and density of food.

e.g. Fish and vegetables – 1-5 minutes Cakes – 3-10 minutes Roasts – 10-15 minutes Cover foods with a lid or foil when standing.

- When reheating foods always cover with a lid, plastic wrap or paper towel to prevent foods from drying out. Reheat on MEDIUM for best results.
- Always pierce food that has a membrane for example eggs, tomatoes, potatoes and kidneys.
- Remember to cover vegetables with a lid or plastic wrap when cooking.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

SPOON MEASURES

1 teaspoon	= 5 mL
1/2 teaspoon	= 2.5 mL
1/4 teaspoon	= 1.25 mL

Cups		Metric		Imperial
1 cup	=	250 mL	=	8 fl. oz.
½ cup	=	125 mL	=	4 fl. oz.
⅓ cup	=	80 mL	=	2.5 fl. oz.
¼ cup	=	60 mL	=	2 fl. oz.

CUP MEASURES

	Metric	Imperial
1 cup flour	140 g	4½ oz.
1 cup sugar	250 g	8 oz.
1 cup brown sugar	185 g	6 oz.
1 cup icing sugar	185 g	6 oz.
1 cup butter/margarine	250 g	8 oz.
1 cup honey/golden syrup	375 g	12 oz.
1 cup fresh breadcrumbs	60 g	2 oz.
1 cup crushed biscuits	125 g	4 oz.
1 cup uncooked rice	220 g	7 oz.
1 cup mixed fruit	185 g	6 oz.
1 cup chopped nuts	125 g	4 oz.
1 cup coconut	90 g	3 oz.

DRY INGREDIENTS

Metric		Imperial
15 g	=	½ OZ.
30 g	=	1 oz.
60 g	=	2 oz.
90 ğ	=	3 oz.
125 g	=	4 oz.
185 g	=	6 oz.
250 g	=	8 oz.
500 g	=	1 lb.
1000 g (1 kg)	=	2 lb.

NOTE

• Recipes in this book use standard metric equipment approved by the Australian Standards Association.

- All spoon and cup measures are level.
- All recipes in this book that include eggs require 55 g unless otherwise specified.

GENERAL INFORMATION DEFROSTING

Thawing food, especially meats, using the microwave oven is not only faster than any other method but it can also give better results.

Once frozen meat is thawed, it begins to lose its juices.

With a microwave oven you can thaw meat just before you plan to cook it, thus preserving the quality.

Microwave thawing doesn't mean a lot of fuss, but some attention is needed to make sure that parts of food do not start to cook before the centre is thawed. MEDIUM LOW is fast enough to be convenient but gentle enough to give good results.

POULTRY

Start thawing poultry breast-side down; shield warm areas and turn over halfway through defrosting. Let poultry stand 30 to 60 minutes after thawing, until giblets and neck can be removed and breast meat under wings is completely thawed.

CUTS OF MEAT

Break up or separate minced beef, cubed meat, chicken pieces or fish fillets after one-third of thawing time. Remove any thawed pieces. Place remainder in baking dish to complete thawing. Turn over roasts, steaks, chops or chicken. Separate as soon as possible.

JOINTS

Turn over large roasts halfway through defrosting. As you turn, touch the meat to find warm areas and shield these with small pieces of foil. Let roasts stand 30 to 45 minutes after defrosting time. Thaw meats and poultry only until they can be pierced in the centre with a skewer. Surface or cavity should feel cool but not icy. Cook as soon as possible to prevent loss of juices.

REHEATING

Foods reheated in the microwave oven taste freshly cooked, not reheated. Suit the power level to the food. A bowl of leftover vegetables can be reheated at HIGH, while lasagne, which contains sensitive cheese and cannot be stirred, should be reheated at MEDIUM HIGH or MEDIUM.

CASSEROLES

Cover dish tightly with plastic wrap or a lid. Stir several times during reheating, especially if casserole has been refrigerated. If casserole cannot be stirred, reheat at MEDIUM.

MEATS

Medium to thin slices reheat best. Cover meat with sauce or gravy. Cover with microwave plastic wrap to hold in heat. Reheat on MEDIUM.

PLATES OF FOOD

Arrange food with thickest parts of meat and bulky vegetables to outside of the plate. Place quick-to-heat foods in the centre. Cover with microwave plastic wrap. Reheat on MEDIUM.

VEGETABLES

Wrap large, whole vegetables in microwave plastic wrap. Cover dishes of vegetables and stir during reheating, if possible.

TOASTING

ALMONDS

Place 100 g almonds in a glass dish; cook for $4-4\frac{1}{2}$ minutes on HIGH, or until golden brown. Stir almonds every minute during cooking.

SESAME SEEDS

Place ¹/₄ cup sesame seeds in a glass bowl; cook for 3-4 minutes on HIGH, or until golden. Stir every minute.

RECONSTITUTING DRIED FOODS

DRIED FRUITS

Place 1 cup of fruit in a bowl, cover with cold water, and cook for $5\frac{1}{2}$ -6 minutes on HIGH. Stand covered for 5 minutes before using.

DRIED MUSHROOMS

Place in a bowl with 2 cups of water and heat, slowly, 9-11 minutes on LOW.

REHEATING/DEFROSTING CONVENIENCE FOODS CHART

FOOD	AMOUNT	MICROWAVE TIME AND POWER LEVEL	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	STANDING TIME
Beverage (room temp.)	1 cup	1 minute on HIGH (100%)	Stir after heating.	_
250mL per cup	2 cups	2 minutes on HIGH (100%)		
Canned Food (room temp.)	1 cup	4 minutes on MEDIUM (50%)	Place food in bowl. Cover with plastic	1-3 minutes
(e.g. Spaghetti, Baked Beans)	2 cups	9 minutes on MEDIUM (50%)	wrap and pierce 5 times with a skewer. Stir halfway.	
Canned Soup (room temp)	1 cup	2 minutes on HIGH (100%)	Place food in bowl. Cover with plastic	_
250mL per cup (thin soup)	2 cups	4 minutes on HIGH (100%)	wrap or lid. Stir halfway.	
Meat Pie (refrigerated)	1 pie	5 minutes on MEDIUM (50%)	Place directly on the flatbed, face side	3 minutes
Individual 180g each	4 pies	14 minutes on MEDIUM (50%)	down. Cover with paper towel. Turn over halfway.	
Frozen Rice/Pasta Dinners (e.g. Lasange, Risotto)	300-500g	7-9 minutes on HIGH (100%)	Remove from foil container. Cover with plastic wrap or lid. Allow to stand.	2 minutes
Dinner Plate (refrigerated) 350g-400g per serve	1 serve	4-5 minutes on HIGH (100%)	Cover plate with plastic wrap and pierce 5 times with a skewer. Place directly on the flatbed. Allow to stand.	5 minutes
Casserole (refrigerated)	1 serve	4 minutes on HIGH (100%)	Place in a bowl, cover with plastic wrap.	1-3 minutes
250g per serve	2 serves	7 minutes on HIGH (100%)	Place directly on the flatbed. Stir halfway. Allow to stand, then stir.	
Croissants (frozen)	1	2 minutes on MEDIUM LOW (30%)	Place between paper towels. Place	_
	2	3 minutes on MEDIUM LOW (30%)	directly on the flatbed.	
Fruit Pie individual (frozen)	1	5 minutes on MEDIUM LOW (30%)	Remove from foil container. Place on a	2 minutes
135g each	2	7 minutes on MEDIUM LOW (30%)	plate and then onto the flatbed. Allow to stand.	
Danish Pastry whole (frozen)	400g	5 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH (70%) followed by 5 ½ minutes on MEDIUM LOW (30%)	Remove from foil container. Place on dinner plate. Allow to stand.	2 minutes

NOTE: Room Temperature

+20°C

Refrigerator Temperature +3°C

Frozen Temperature -18°C

FROZEN VEGETABLE CHART

- 1. Place vegetables in a medium/large microwave safe bowl and cover with plastic wrap.
- 2. Halfway through cooking, stir the vegetables to ensure even cooking.
- 3. Allow to stand for 2 minutes before draining any water and serving.

VEGETABLE	AMOUNT	MICROWAVE TIME 900W	PROCEDURE
Beans (green, cut)	500g	9-11 minutes	
Broccoli	500g	9-11 minutes	Break apart as soon as possible. Arrange with flower towards the centre.
Carrots (sliced)	500g	10-12 minutes	Stir halfway through.
Cauliflower	500g	9-11 minutes	Break apart as soon as possible. Arrange with flower towards the centre.
Corn on the Cob	4 pieces	8-10 minutes	
Peas (green)	500g	8-10 minutes	
Spinach	250g	7-9 minutes	Break apart as soon as possible.
Mixed Vegetables (i.e. carrots, beans and corn kernels)	500g	14-15 minutes	Break apart as soon as possible.

RICE AND PASTA COOKING CHART

- 1. Wash and strain rice before measuring amounts.
- 2. Place rice/pasta in a medium/large microwave safe bowl with water. Cook uncovered, stirring halfway through cooking. Allow to stand for 2 minutes before straining any remaining water and serving.

FOOD		OTHER INGREDIENTS	MICROWAVE TIME 900W
Pasta	1 cup	2 cups hot water	13-14 minutes
	2 cups	4 cups hot water	17-18 minutes
	4 cups	6 cups hot water	21-22 minutes
White Rice	1 cup	2 cups hot water	15-16 minutes
	2 cups	4 cups hot water	20-21 minutes
	4 cups	6 cups hot water	25-26 minutes
Brown Rice	1 cup	2 cups hot water	24-25 minutes
	2 cups	4 cups hot water	35-36 minutes
	4 cups	6 cups hot water	45-46 minutes
Quick Oats	1 cup	2 ¼ cups milk	6 minutes

SCRAMBLED EGG GUIDE

Place butter, eggs and milk in a small/medium microwave safe bowl. Beat with a fork until well combined and yolks of eggs are completely stirred in. Cook uncovered, stirring halfway through cooking.

EGG(S)	BUTTER	MILK	MICROWAVE TIME 530W
1	1 tsp	1 tbsp	2 minute
2	2 tsp	1 tbsp	2 minute 30 seconds
3	1 tbsp	2 tbsp	3 minutes 30 seconds
4	1 tbsp	¼ cup	5 minutes

FRESH VEGETABLE CHART

1. Wash vegetables under cold running water.

- Cover required dishes with plastic wrap or a lid.
 Drain any remaining water after standing before serving.

VEGETABLE	AMOUNT	MICROWAVE TIME 900W	PROCEDURE
Asparagus (halved)	500g	5-7 minutes	Place in a microwave safe dish. Cover. Stand for 2 minutes.
Beans (top and tailed)	500g	5-7 minutes	Place in a microwave safe dish with 1 tablespoon of water. Cover. Stand for 2 minutes.
Broccoli (uniform florets)	500g	5-7 minutes	Place in a microwave safe dish. Cover. Stand for 2 minutes.
Brussels Sprouts	500g	5-7 minutes	Place in a microwave safe dish. Cover. Stand for 2 minutes.
Cabbage (shredded)	500g	7-9 minutes	Place in a microwave safe dish with 2 tablespoons of water. Cover. Stand for 2 minutes.
Carrots (sliced)	500g	6-8 minutes	Place in a microwave safe dish. Cover. Stand for 2 minutes (cook for longer for less crunch).
Cauliflower (uniform florets)	500g	6-8 minutes	Place in a microwave safe dish with 1 tablespoon of water. Cover. Stand for 2 minutes.
Corn on the Cob	2 pieces	7-9 minutes	Rinse corn under cold water. Place corn in husk and place directly on the flatbed. Turn over during cooking. Stand for 2 minutes.
Mushrooms (quartered)	500g	5-7 minutes	Place in a microwave safe dish with 1 tablespoon of water. Cover. Stand for 2 minutes.
Potatoes – Jacket	4 medium	13-14 minutes	Pierce with a fork. Turn over during cooking. Stand for 2 minutes.
Potatoes – Boiled	4 medium	15-17 minutes	Peel and quarter potatoes. Cook in a dish with $\frac{1}{3}$ cup water. Cook covered. Stand for 2 minutes.
Pumpkin (2cm cubes)	500g	8-9 minutes	Place in a microwave safe dish. Cover. Stand for 2 minutes.
Spinach (shredded)	500g	4-5 minutes	Place in a microwave safe dish with 1 tablespoon of water. Cover. Stand for 2 minutes.
Snow Peas (top and tailed)	500g	4-6 minutes	Place in a microwave safe dish with 1 tablespoon of water. Cover. Stand for 2 minutes (cook for longer for less crunch).
Sweet Potato (2cm cubes)	500g	6-8 minutes	Place in a microwave safe dish. Cover. Stand for 2 minutes.
Zucchini (sliced)	500g	5-7 minutes	Place in a microwave safe dish with 1 tablespoon of water. Cover. Stand for 2 minutes.

CHARTS

DEFROST MEAT, POULTRY, BREAD and PIES CHARTS

- 1. Remove wrapping and place frozen item on a shallow, Microwave safe plastic defrost rack. If necessary, shield thin areas with aluminum foil to prevent the item from cooking while defrosting.
- 2. Defrost by following the steps in the MICROWAVE TIME column.
- 3. Set the microwave to 350W.
- 4. When turning over, re-shield any warm areas so it continues to defrost without cooking.

CUT	MICROWAVE TIME	STANDING TIME
BEEF (Roast)	5-7 minutes/500g	10-15 minutes
Steaks	4-6 minutes/500g	10 minutes
Minced Beef	5-7 minutes/500g	10 minutes
PORK (Roast)	5-7 minutes/500g	10-15 minutes
Chops	4-6 minutes/500g	10 minutes
Ribs	5-6 minutes/500g	10 minutes
Minced Pork	5-6 minutes/500g	10 minutes
LAMB (Roast)	5-7 minutes/500g	10-15 minutes
Shoulder	5-7 minutes/500g	10 minutes
Chops	4-6 minutes/500g	10 minutes
POULTRY		
Chicken (Whole)	7-9 minutes/500g	10-15 minutes
Pieces	5-6 minutes/500g	10 minutes

BREAD / PIES	MICROWAVE TIME	PROCEDURE
2 Slices of Bread	30 seconds –1 minute	Place between paper towel and place
4 Slices of Bread	1 minute – 1 minute 30 seconds	directly on the flatbed.
1 Bread Roll	1 minute	
2 Bread Rolls	2 minutes	
Individual Pies	3 minutes	Remove from packaging. Place between paper towel and place directly on the flatbed. Turn over halfway. Allow to stand 3-5 minutes before reheating.

JAM

CASHEW FUDGE

Serves 8

125 g butter2 tablespoons golden syrup1x 400 g can sweetened condensed milk1 cup brown sugar

100 g packet choc bits 1 cup 125 g chopped cashews (unsalted) ½ teaspoon vanilla essence

- In a large microwave safe glass bowl, combine the butter, golden syrup, condensed milk and sugar. Mix well. Cook for 7 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH, stirring every minute. To avoid a grainy texture, do not scrape the undissovled sugar crystals from the sides down into the bowl during cooking.
- 2. Stir in the choc bits, cashews and vanilla essence.
- 3. Pour the mixture into a greased and lined 28x18cm lamington tin.
- 4. Refrigerate until firm. Cut into squares.

PUMPKIN PIE

Serves 8

CRUST	
60 g butter or margarine	¼ cup brown sugar
1 cup crushed sweet biscuits	
FILLING	
250g cream cheese	1 ½ tablespoons plain flour
1 cup cooked pumpkin	1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
³ ⁄ ₄ cup brown sugar	¹ / ₄ teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 eggs	1/2 teaspoon vanilla essence

- 1. To make the pie crust, place the butter in a medium pyrex dish. Cook for 1 minute on HIGH until the butter is melted.
- 2. Add the biscuit crumbs and sugar. Mix thoroughly. Press the mixture firmly into the bottom and side of a 23cm microwave safe pie dish. Cook for 4 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH until hot. Set aside to cool completely.
- 3. To make the filling add the cream cheese in a large microwave safe glass bowl. Cook for 2 minutes on MEDIUM until soft.
- 4. Add remaining ingredients. Beat at medium speed with an electric mixer, until smooth and well blended. Cook for 6 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH until hot and thick, stirring every minute.
- 5. Pour the filling into cooled crust. Cook for 11 minutes on MEDIUM until the filling is firm to touch, centre may appear soft set.
- 6. Refrigerate until completely set. Serve with cream or ice cream.

STRAWBERRY JAM Makes approximately 2 x 500g jars.

2 punnets strawberries

¹/₄ cup lemon juice

2 cups sugar

- 1. Wash, hull and cut the strawberries in half.
- 2. In a large microwave safe glass bowl, combine the strawberries and lemon juice. Cook, uncovered for 4 minutes on HIGH.
- 3. Add the sugar and mix well. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, for 22 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH. Caution: watch the jam closely the entire cooking time to ensure it does not boil over.
- 4. To test that the jam sets place 1 teaspoon on a small plate and let it cool. If it gels slightly, it is set.
- 5. Pour the jam into hot sterilised jars, seal and label.

MIXED BERRY AND APPLE JAM

Makes approximately 2 x 500g jars.

600 g frozen mixed berries 2 large Granny Smith apples, peeled and grated ½ cup apple juice 2 cups sugar

- 1. In a large microwave safe glass bowl, combine the frozen mixed berries, apples and juice. Cover with plastic cling-wrap and cook for 14 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH.
- 2. Add the sugar and stir well. Cook, uncovered for 20 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH, stirring twice during cooking and then once again after cooking is complete.
- 3. To test that the jam sets, place 1 teaspoon on a small plate and let it cool. If it gels slightly, it is set.
- 4. Pour the jam into hot sterilised jars, seal and label.

DESSERTS

Serves 4-6

BREAD AND BUTTER PUDDING

6 slices white bread, crusts removed 300ml cream Butter for spreading 6 tablespoons fruit jam of choice 3 tablespoons caster sugar ¹/₄ cup sultanas

1/2 teaspoon vanilla essence 1 egg, lightly beaten ¹/₄ teaspoon ground nutmeg extra sugar to sprinkle

- 1. Spread one side of the bread with butter and jam.
- 2. Cut the bread into 2cm squares.
- 3. In a 2 litre microwave safe pudding bowl, add the bread and sultanas and set aside.
- 4. In a medium bowl, whisk the equ. Add the cream, vanilla essence and sugar. continue to mix.
- 5. Pour the mixture over the bread and sultanas and sprinkle with nutmeg and extra sugar. Cook for 22 minutes on MEDIUM LOW.
- 6. Allow to stand for 5-10 minutes. Serve with cream or ice cream.

CHOCOLATE FUDGE CAKE

2 cups sugar
³ / ₄ cup cocoa powder
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 ½ cups milk

 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup oil 1 ³/₄ cups plain flour 2 eaas 2 teaspoons vanilla essence

ICING 125 a butter 1 cup icing sugar

125 g cream cheese 2 dessert spoons cocoa

1 tablespoon vanilla essence

- 1. In a large bowl, combine all the ingredients together. Using an electric hand mixer beat together for 3 minutes on a high setting.
- 2. Pour the batter into a greased microwave safe round cake dish.
- 3. Cook for 18-20 minutes on MEDIUM. Allow to stand for 5-10 minutes before turning out.
- 4. To make the icing, beat together all the ingredients until light and creamy.
- 5. Ice the cooled cake and serve.

PEPPERMINT CHOC HAZELNUT MOUSSE Serves 4

100 g dark chocolate chopped 100 g milk chocolate chopped 2 eggs separated

1 cup thickened cream whipped 1/2 cup hazelnuts finely chopped 2 teaspoons peppermint essence

- 1. Place dark chocolate and milk chocolate in a microwave safe bowl. Microwave on HIGH for 3 minutes, stirring with a metal spoon halfway through cooking or until smooth. Cool slightly.
- 2. Stir in egg yolks until just combined, stir cream, hazelnuts and peppermint essence using an electric mixer, beat the egg whites in a separated bowl, until stiff peaks form. Fold egg whites in 2 batches into the chocolate mixture.
- 3. Spoon mixture into 4 glasses. Cover and refrigerate for 3 hours or until set.

CARAMEL RICE PUDDING

1 cup Arborio rice 3 cups hot water

1 tablespoon lemon juice 395 g can sweetened condensed milk 3 eggs, separated

20 g butter

- 1. In a large microwave safe glass bowl, combine the rice and hot water. Cook for 14-17 minutes on HIGH, stirring after 6-7 minutes until the rice is tender. Drain and set aside.
- 2. In a microwave safe glass jug, combine the condensed milk and butter. Cook for 6 minutes on 830W, stirring every 20 seconds to prevent the mixture from boiling over.
- 3. Stir the rice, lemon juice, egg yolk and vanilla essence into the caramel. Transfer the mixture to a 2 litre microwave safe pudding bowl. Set aside
- 4. Beat egg whites until stiff in a separate bowl, gradually beat in sugar.
- 5. Spoon the egg whites mixture over the rice pudding and sprinkle with the cinnamon sugar. Cook for 6 minutes on MEDIUM.
- 6 Allow to stand for 5 minutes and serve with cream or ice cream

MOIST CARROT CAKE

1 cup oil

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 ¹/₂ cups self raising flour, sifted
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

CREAM CHEESE ICING

250 g cream cheese $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups icing sugar 2 tablespoons lemon juice

2 large carrots, grated

³/₄ cup chopped walnuts

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Salt to taste

- 1. In a large bowl, beat the oil, sugar and eggs until well combined.
- 2. Add flour, bicarbonate soda, cinnamon and salt,
- 3. Fold in the carrots and walnuts.
- 4. Pour into a greased 20cm microwave safe cake dish. Cook for 13 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH.
- 5. Allow to stand for 5 minutes. Turn out and cool.
- 6. To make icing, beat cream cheese until smooth.
- 7. Add icing sugar and lemon juice and beat until smooth.
- 8. Ice the cake when cool.

Serves 4-6

2 tablespoons caster sugar

1 tablespoon vanilla essence Cinnamon sugar, to garnish

CHILLI AND TOMATO SPAGHETTI Serves 4-6

350 g spaghetti, snapped in half $1\frac{1}{2}$ litres hot water

1½ litres hot water3 tablespoons ex1 birdseye chilli, finely chopped3 tablespoons ex1 spanish onion, finely chopped2 handful of chop2 cloves garlic finely choppedparsley

1 can diced tomatoes 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil salt and pepper to taste 2 handful of chopped continental parsley

- 1. In a large microwave safe glass bowl combine the spaghetti and hot water. Cook for 16 minutes on HIGH, stirring after 7 minutes. Drain and set aside.
- 2. In a medium microwave safe glass bowl add the oil onion and chilli. Cook for 3 minutes on 830W.
- 3. Add garlic, cook for 2 minutes on 830W.
- 4. Add tomatoes, salt and pepper, cook for 6 minutes on 830W stirring half way through.
- 5. Place spaghetti in serving dish, add parsley and sauce. Stir until well combined.
- 6. Serve with freshly grated parmesan cheese.

CHUNKY VEGETABLE SOUP

Serves 4-6

- 1/4 cup oil2 zucchinis chopped60 g butter1/4 cabbage shredded2 onions peeled and chopped3 cups beef stock3 carrots finely chopped2 cans chopped tomatoes1 potato peeled and choppedsalt and pepper3 sticks celery choppedparmesan cheese
- 1. Combine oil, butter and onion in a large casserole dish. Cook for 4 minutes on HIGH.
- 2. Add carrots and potato. Cover and cook for 7 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH.
- Add celery, zucchini and cabbage. Cover and cook for 5 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH. Add stock, undrained tomatoes, salt and pepper. Cook covered for 27 minutes on 830W stirring occasionally
- 4. Serve hot, topped with parmesan cheese.

POTATO BAKE

4 large potatoes, peeled and sliced ¹/₃ cup grated tasty cheese

1/4 cup hot water

1 onion, diced

2 teaspoons finely chopped garlic

2 rashers bacon, chopped

¹/₃ cup grated tasty cheese
1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped cracked black pepper and salt, to taste
¹/₂ cup thickened cream

- 1. In a large microwave safe casserole dish, combine the potato and hot water. Cover and cook for 13 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH. Drain.
- 2. Arrange the potato to cover the base of the dish. Place a layer of onion, one third of the garlic and bacon, and a quarter of the cheese on top of the potato layer. Sprinkle with one third of the parsley and season to taste.
- 3. Repeat this layering twice, beginning with potato.
- 4. Pour the cream over the top. Sprinkle with the remaining cheese and parsley. Add the salt and pepper to taste. Cook uncovered for 9 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH, until the cheese has melted.
- 5. Allow to stand for 1 minute and serve as a side dish with a main meal.

THAI VEGETABLE NOODLE SOUP

Serves 4

1 teaspoon sesame oil1 car2 cloves garlic, crushed50 g100 g rice vermicelli noodles100 g2 cups vegetable stock200 g2 cm piece fresh ginger, grated1 sha1½ tablespoons oyster sauce100 g2 teaspoons hoisin sauce1 tea

1 carrot, thinly sliced 50 g cabbage, sliced 100 g cauliflower, cut into florets 200 g canned baby corn (drained) 1 shallot, sliced 100 g snow peas, topped and tailed 1 teaspoon fresh coriander, chopped

- 1. In a large bowl, add the noodles and cover with the boiling water. Leave to soak until soft, then drain. Set aside.
- 2. In a large microwave safe glass bowl, combine the oil and garlic. Cook for 2 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH, then stir.
- 3. Add the stock, ginger, sauces, carrot, cabbage and cauliflower. Cook for 6 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH.
- 4. Add the remaining ingredients. Cook for 8 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH.
- 5. Place the noodles into a serving bowl and pour the soup over the top.

Serves 4-6

VEGETABLES

Serves 6

POTATO, AVOCADO AND ONION SALAD Serves 6

1 kg small potatoes150ml sour cream1 large onion, cut in half then slicedblack pepper1 tablespoon caster sugar1 large avocado, cubed20 g butterchives, for garnish½ cup mayonnaise1

1. Cut unpeeled potatoes in half. Place in a large microwave safe glass dish and cover with cold water. Cook, covered with a lid, for 25 minutes on HIGH. (potatoes should be tender but holding their shape) Drain.

- 2. Place onion, caster sugar and butter in a microwave safe glass dish. Cook for 5 minutes on 830W, stirring twice.
- 3. Combine mayonnaise, sour cream and black pepper. Pour over potatoes.
- 4. Toss on onions and avocado, sprinkle with chives.

HONEY GINGERED VEGETABLES

2 teaspoons grated ginger

- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 500 g butternut pumpkin, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 cup frozen beans
- 2 zucchinis, sliced
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds
- 1. In a large microwave safe glass bowl, add ginger, honey, soy sauce and lemon juice stir and cook for 2 minutes on HIGH.
- 2. Add pumpkin and cook covered 7 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH, until just tender.
- 3. Stir in beans and zucchini, cook covered for a further 7 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH.
- 4. Spoon onto a serving plate, sprinkle with sesame seeds.

HONEY CARROTS

500 g carrots, sliced lengthwise 60 g butter 1 tablespoon honey 1 teaspoon garlic, crushed 1 teaspoon sesame seeds

- 1. Combine all ingredients in a casserole dish.
- 2. Cover and cook for 9 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH. Stir halfway through cooking.
- 3. Stand coved for 3 minutes before serving.
- 4. Sprinkle with sesame seeds.

VEGETABLE PLATTER

Serves 4

200 g carrots, sliced 200 g broccoli, cut into florets 100 g zucchini, sliced

- 1. Arrange vegetables in a microwave safe shallow casserole dish with the harder vegetables positioned around the outside and the softer vegetables in the centre.
- 2. Cover with lid or plastic wrap.
- 3. Cook for 8 minutes on HIGH.
- 4. Stand covered for 3 minutes, before serving.

CRAB MORNAY

Cans crab meat drained

5 garlic cloves crushed

350 g fresh crab meat or 2 x 170 g

1 onion. finely chopped ¹/₂ cup grated cheese 4 tablespoons tomato sauce ¹/₂ teaspoon Tabasco sauce

Serves 6

2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce 3 tablespoons cream

¹/₂ teaspoon drv mustard

¹/₃ cup plain flour

2 cups milk

60 a butter

- 1. In a large microwave safe glass bowl, melt butter for 1 minute on HIGH, stir in flour and mustard. Cook for a further 2 minutes on HIGH.
- 2. Gradually stir in milk, cook for 5 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH, stirring every minute.
- 3. Place oil, onion and garlic in a small microwave safe glass bowl. Cook for 3 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH, stir halfway.
- 4. Stir in onion and garlic, crab meat, salt and pepper, ¹/₄ cup cheese, tomato sauce, worcestershire sauce. Tabasco sauce. cream and garlic.
- 5. Place into a 1 litre serving dish, sprinkle with remaining cheese.
- 6. Cook for 10 minutes on MEDIUM.
- 7. Serve with a garden salad.

CHEESY SALMON CANNELLONI

Serves 4-6

12 fresh cannelloni sheets 250 g ricotta cheese 90 g cheddar cheese Salt and pepper to taste 2 eggs lightly beaten 210 g red salmon, drained with bones removed

2 teaspoons lemon juice 2 tablespoons fresh parley chopped 2 tablespoons of extra cheddar cheese 375 q jar pasta sauce

- 1. Combine ricotta cheese, cheddar cheese, salt and pepper, eggs, salmon and lemon juice and mix well.
- 2. Place spoonfuls of salmon mixture into cannelloni sheets and roll to form tubes.
- 3. Place tubes in a single layer in a shallow microwave safe glass dish.
- 4. Pour pasta sauce over cannelloni and smooth over with the back of a spoon to ensure all sections of the pasta are covered with sauce.
- 5. Cook for 17 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH.
- 6. Remove dish and sprinkle with extra cheese. Continue cooking on 830W for a further 3 minutes. Allow to stand for 10 minutes before serving.
- 7. Sprinkle with chopped parsley to serve.

BOUILLABAISSE

6 frozen mussels half shell (thawed) 400 g scallops 300 g green prawns peeled and develned 500 a firm fish fillets. cut into bite sized pieces 300 g seafood extender 1 onion finely diced 1 tablespoon olive oil

1 clove garlic crushed 1¹/₂ cups fish stock 425 g can tomatoes pureed $\frac{1}{2}$ cup white wine 2 tablespoons tomato paste ¹/₄ teaspoon turmeric grated rind of 1 lemon salt and pepper ¹/₄ cup chopped fresh basil

- 1. Wash and clean seafood.
- 2. Cook oil, onion and garlic in a large casserole dish for 2 ½ minutes on MEDIUM HIGH.
- 3. Stir in fish stock, tomatoes, white wine and tomato paste. Cover and cook for 9 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH, stirring halfway through cooking.
- 4. Stir in scallops, prawns, turmeric, lemon rind, salt and pepper. Cover and cook for 6 minutes on 830W.
- Stir in fish fillets, seafood extender and mussels, Cover and cook for 14 minutes on 830W. or until fish flakes.

1 cup chicken stock

2 teaspoons sugar

6. Garnish with fresh chopped basil.

PRAWN CREOLE

20 a butter

- 1 medium onion chopped
- 1 capsicum chopped
- 1 stick celery sliced
- 2 tablespoons flour 1 400g can whole tomatoes
- ¹/₂ teaspoon salt ¹/₂ teaspoon chilli powder
 - 500 g green prawns peeled and deveined

1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

- ¹/₂ cup tomato paste 1. In a large microwave safe glass bowl, combine the butter, onion, capsicum and celery. Cook for 5 minutes on HIGH.
- 2. Stir in the flour, tomatoes, tomato paste, stock, sugar, salt and chilli powder. Mix well. Cook, uncovered for 6 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH stirring halfway.
- Add the prawns and cook for 6 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH stirring halfway.
- Sprinkle with chopped parsley. 4.
- 5. Serve with rice.

CHILLI PRAWNS WITH SNOW PEAS

20 g butter

(14)

24 green prawns, peeled and deveined

1 small red capsicum, cut into thin strips

- 1 tablespoon fresh chives, chopped
- 100 g snow peas, topped and tailed 3 tablespoons sweet chilli sauce grated rind of one lemon freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1. In a large microwave safe glass bowl, add the butter, heat for 1 minute on HIGH, until melted.
- 2. Add the prawns, capsicum, chives, chilli sauce, lemon rind and black pepper. Mix well. Cook for 6 minutes on MEDIUM, stirring after 3 minutes.
- Stir in the snow peas. Cook for 4 minutes on MEDIUM. 3.
- 4. Serve immediately with rice.

Serves 4

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SEAFOOD

CRUNCHY CAMEMBERT CHICKEN

125g camembert cheese **Finely chopped** 2 rashers bacon finely chopped ¹/₂ cup toasted slivered almonds chopped

2 tablespoons seeded mustard 1.5 kg chicken (approximately) 2 tablespoons honey

- 1. Mix camembert, bacon, almonds and 1 tablespoon mustard together.
- 2. Press camembert mixture between skin and flesh of chicken.
- 3. Tie chicken legs together.
- 4. Mix remaining mustard and honey. Brush over chicken, save some mixture to brush over chicken at halfway stage.
- 5. Place breast side down in a microwave safe dish, cook for 38 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH. Turn over halfway through cooking, and brush with remaining mixture.
- 6. Allow to stand covered with foil for 10 minutes before serving.

CHICKEN SKEWERS IN FAMOUS PEANUT SAUCE

Serves 4

Serves 6

¹/₂ cup smooth peanut butter 2 tablespoons soy sauce 1 ¹/₂ teaspoons water 1/2 teaspoon sugar 1 clove garlic crushed 2 drops Tabasco sauce

¹/₄ cup water extra 400 g chicken breast fillets (sliced approximately 1cm thick) chopped coriander to garnish

- 1. In a small bowl, combine the peanut butter, soy sauce and water. Stir well. Add sugar, garlic and Tabasco then gradually stir in extra water. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes to allow the flavours to develop.
- 2. Place 2 tablespoons of the sauce into a separate dish and set aside.
- 3. Thread the chicken onto six soaked wooden skewers. Brush the chicken with the larger amount of peanut sauce and arrange them onto a microwave safe rack in a circle. Cook for 3 1/2 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH.
- 4. Turn the skewers and brush with the sauce. Cook for 3 ¹/₂ minutes on MEDIUM HIGH. Allow to stand for 2 minutes.
- 5. Garnish with the coriander and serve with the reserved peanut sauce.

SEAFOOD LAKSA

1-2 tablespoons laksa paste

270ml coconut cream

1 tablespoon oil

Coriander

1 tablespoon lemon grass, finely sliced 1 tablespoon fish sauce ¹/₂ packet of beans shoots 2 fish fillets or 300g king prawns or both 2 cloves garlic, crushed 100 g rice vermicelli noodles 1 125ml fish stock fried onion flakes

- 1. In a large microwave safe glass cook laksa paste, oil, lemon grass and garlic for 2 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH. Stir once during cooking.
- 2. Add fish sauce, fish stock and cook for 3 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH.
- 3. Add cubed fish and / or peeled deveined prawns and cook for 7 minutes on MEDIUM. Stir halfway through cooking.
- 4. Stir through coconut cream and cook for a further 4 minutes on MEDIUM.
- 5. Add noodles to a large bowl of boiling water and let stand for 5-10 minutes or until noodles collapse.
- 6. In a large serving bowl place bean shoots, noodles and then laks a soup.
- 7. Garnish with freshly torn coriander and fried onion flakes.

SMOKED SALMON FETTUCCINE

250 g fettuccine pasta, broken in half 2 cloves garlic, crushed

- 60a butter
- 100 g smoked salmon (sliced)
- 100 g snow peas trimmed
- 100 g button mushrooms **Finely sliced**
- 1 brown onion, finely chopped 300 g thickened cream 1 tablespoon fresh dill 1 cup parmesan cheese
- 1. Place fettuccine in a large microwave safe glass bowl with 6 cups of hot water.

Cook for 17 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH, stirring halfway. Stand for 5 minutes then drain.

- 2. In a large microwave safe glass bowl cook garlic, butter and onions for $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes on 830W.
- 3. Add trimmed whole snow peas and button mushrooms and cook for a further 2 minutes on 830W.
- 4. In a large microwave safe bowl, place cream and cook for 5 minutes on MEDIUM, stirring once during cooking.
- 5. In a large shallow dish, combine pasta, snow peas, button mushrooms, smoked salmon, dill and cream.
- 6. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese and cook for 3 minutes on 830W.

Serves 4-6

POULTRY

CHICKEN WITH BACON AND LEEK SEASONING

Serves 4

1.5 kg chicken (approximately)	³ / ₄ cup wholemeal breadcrumbs
60 g butter, melted	1 egg yolk
1 leek, finely chopped	salt and pepper
1 rash bacon, chopped	20 g butter, melted extra

- 1. Combine butter, leek and bacon in a microwave safe glass bowl. Cook for 3 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH.
- 2. Stir breadcrumbs, egg yolk and seasoning. Mix well.
- 3. Fill cavity of chicken with stuffing and tie the legs together with string.
- 4. Brush chicken with melted butter.
- 5. Place chicken on rack, breast-side down, cook for 17 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH.
- 6. Turn over, cook for a further 20 minutes on 830W.
- 7. Stand covered with foil for 10 minutes before serving.

CHICKEN PENNE SALAD

Serves 6

1.5 kg chicken (approximately)

20 g butter

- 1 packet picador cheese (soft capsicum flavored cheese)
- 1 cup chicken stock
- ¹/₂ red capsicum chopped
- 1/2 yellow capsicum chopped
- 1 stick celery chopped
- 2 cups penne pasta
- 4 cups hot tap water
- 1 tablespoon fresh chives
- 1. Brush chicken with butter melted for 40 seconds on HIGH.
- 2. Cook chicken for 38 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH, turning halfway through cooking.
- 3. Cool and then remove chicken flesh from the bone.
- 4. Cook pasta in a large bowl for 17 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH. Stand for 5 minutes stir and strain. Set aside to cool.
- 5. To melt cheese, place cheese and chicken stock in a microwave safe bowl and cook on 830W for 2 minutes. Mix well.
- 6. Combine all other ingredients and mix well with chicken pasta and sauce.

TANDOORI CHICKEN

- 2 fresh red chillies seeded3 teaspoons gr1 onion2 whole cloves2 cloves garlic crushed½ teaspoon cin2 teaspoons crushed ginger1 bay leaf2 tablespoons lemon juice½ teaspoon tur½ teaspoons ground cumin½ teaspoon nut½ salt and pepper2 teaspoons pa3 teaspoons ground coriander6 chicken thigh2 whole cloves200 g low fat yo
 - 3 teaspoons ground coriander 2 whole cloves 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon 1 bay leaf 1/2 teaspoon turmeric 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg 2 teaspoons paprika 6 chicken thighs, skin removed 200 g low fat yoghurt
- 1. In a food processor, puree chillies, onion, garlic, ginger and lemon juice until smooth.
- 2. Mix cumin, pepper, coriander, cloves, cinnamon, bay leaf, turmeric, nutmeg and paprika in a small microwave safe glass bowl.
- 3. Cook for 2 minutes on HIGH, stirring halfway through cooking. Remove bay leaf and cloves.
- 4. Combine chilli mixture, spices and yoghurt together. Spread over chicken.
- 5. Cover and marinate overnight, stirring occasionally.
- 6. Place on a roasting rack, cook for 22 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH. Turn over halfway through cooking time.
- 7. Serve with boiled rice.

HONEY CHICKEN LEGS

- 250 ml soy sauce
- 4 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 clove garlic crushed

1/2 teaspoon freshly grated ginger 2 tablespoons oil 8 large chicken legs sesame seeds

1. Combine soy sauce, honey, lemon juice, garlic, ginger and oil in a small bowl.

Pour over chicken and marinate for 2-3 hours.

- 2. Sprinkle with sesame seeds.
- 3. Arrange chicken legs on a roasting rack. Cook for 24 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH turning halfway through cooking time.
- 4. Allow to stand for 5 minutes.

Serves 4-6

4 cups water

1 carrot grated

30 a butter

2 cups iasmine rice (rinsed)

2. In a large microwave safe glass bowl, melt butter on 830W for 30 seconds. Add the grated carrots, beans, leek and mix. Cook for 3 minutes on 830W. stirring every minute.

- 3. Add corn, bacon, lite sov sauce, sweet chilli sauce and ovster sauce and cook for $2\frac{1}{2}$ minutes on 830W.
- 4. In a small microwave safe glass bowl, cook eggs on 830W for $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes, stirring every 30 seconds.

Serves 4-6

1 ka mince 1 large onion finely chopped 825 g can peeled tomatoes Salt and pepper

1-2 teaspoons chilli powder

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1. Mix mince and onion together in a large microwave safe glass bowl. Cook for 11 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH, stirring every 2 minutes. Drain excess liquid.

1 teaspoon sugar

375 g jar tomato paste

425 can red kidnev beans drained

- 2. Stir in tomatoes, salt and pepper, chilli powder, vinegar, sugar, tomato paste and kidnev beans.
- 3. Cook for 20-22 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH, stirring twice during cookina.
- 4. Serve with boiled rice.

HONEY ROAST LAMB

1.5 kg leg of lamb

3 tablespoons honey

1 tablespoons Dijon mustard

- 1. Combine honey and Dijon mustard. Brush over lamb, save some mixture to brush over lamb at halfway stage
- 2. Place fat side down on a roasting rack.
- 3. Cook for 31 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH.
- 4. Turn over halfway through cooking shielding shank with foil to prevent overcooking. Brush saved mixture over leg of lamb.
- 5. When cooked cover with foil and allow to stand for 10 minutes before carving.

SPECIAL FRIED RICE

¹/₂ leek sliced (cut into quarters) 1 teaspoon vegetable stock powder 1 x 125 g can corn kernels 150 g bacon diced 2 eaas lightly whisked 2 tablespoons lite soy sauce 2 tablespoons sweet chilli sauce 1 tablespoon oyster sauce

- 100 g green beans sliced
- 1. In a large microwave safe glass bowl, add the rice, vegetable stock and water. Cook uncovered for 19 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH. Stirring after 7-8 minutes. Stir with a fork and set aside.

- 5. Add all the ingredients together and mix well.

MEAT

LASAGNE

Serves 4-6

MEAT SAUCE INGREDIENTS

30g butter

1 onion chopped 1 kg topside mince ¹/₄ cup tomato paste 300 q jar Napolitana 2 cloves garlic crushed (optional) 1 tablespoon fresh oregano Salt and pepper to taste

¹/₃ cup flour 1¹/₄ cups milk

90 a butter

125 g tasty cheese, grated

CHEESE SAUCE INGREDIENTS

200 g packet fresh lasagna sheets

1 cup fresh butter mushrooms sliced 100 g mozzarella cheese grated

MEAT SAUCE METHOD

- 1. Place butter and onion in a large microwave safe glass bowl, Cook for 3 minutes on HIGH.
- 2. Stir mince. Cook uncovered for 11 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH, stirring every 2 minutes. Drain excess fat.
- 3. Stir tomato paste, napolitana sauce, mushrooms, garlic, oregano, salt and pepper.

CHEESE SAUCE METHOD

- 1. Melt butter in a medium sized microwave safe glass bowl for 1 minute on MEDIUM HIGH. Stir in flour. cook for a further 1 minute on MEDIUM HIGH.
- 2. Gradually stir in milk. Cook for 4 minutes on 830W, stirring every minute.
- 3. Stir in cheese to taste.

TO ASSEMBLE

- 1. Use a 3 litre deep casserole dish.
- 2. Spoon meat sauce to just cover base of dish. Cover with a single layer of lasagna sheets.
- 3. Spoon over sheets one-third of meat sauce. Cover with one-third with cheese sauce.
- 4. Repeat the process 3 times, ending with cheese sauce.
- 5. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese.
- 6. Cook for 10 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH with lid on. Remove lid and continue cooking for a further 9 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH.
- 7. Allow to stand for 10 minutes before serving.
- 8. Serve with a fresh garden salad and bread.

GOLDEN CURRY SAUSAGES

1 kg sausages 1 onion finely chopped 40 a butter 3 teaspoons curry powder 1 ¹/₂ cups water

2 tablespoons plain flour 1 carrot grated 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce 1 tablespoon brown sugar 2 tablespoons brown vinegar

- 1. Pierce sausages with a fork twice. Arrange on microwave safe rack.
- 2. Cook sausages for 15 minutes on MEDIUM, turning halfway through cooking. After cooking slice into rounds.
- 3. Mix sugar, vinegar, curry powder, flour Worcestershire sauce and water together in a jug.
- 4. In a 3 litre casserole dish combine butter, onions and cook for 4 minutes on MEDIUM HIGH or until onions become transparent.
- 5. Add carrots, sausages and sauce. Mix well and cook for an extra 7 minutes on MEDIUM.
- 6. Serve hot with Basmati rice and pappadums.

SHEPHERD'S PIE

4 large potatoes (approx 1kg)	2 tablespoons gravy powder
Butter	250 g frozen mixed vegetables
Milk	1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons fresh chives chopped	1 can chopped tomatoes
Salt and pepper	2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 kg minced beef	60 g grated cheddar cheese
1 kg minced beef 1 onion diced	60 g grated cheddar cheese salt and pepper to taste

- 1. Peel and cut potatoes into 2.5 cm cubes. Place in a large microwave safe glass bowl. Add 2 tablespoons water, cover and cook for 17 minutes on HIGH or until tender. Stir halfway through cooking. Drain.
- 2. Mash potatoes, add butter, milk, chives, salt and pepper until it forms a smooth consistency.
- 3. In a large bowl, combine mince and onion and cook for 9 minutes on 830W stirring every 2 minutes. Drain juice from meat.
- 4. Place frozen mixed vegetables in a shallow dish and cook for 3 minutes on 830W.
- 5. Add gravy powder, mixed vegetables, Worcestershire sauce, tomatoes, parsley and seasoning. Mix well.
- 6. Spoon mixture into a 25-20cm rectangular dish.
- 7. Spread mashed potato evenly over top of mixture. Sprinkle cheese on top
- 8. Cook for 23 minutes on 830W.
- 9. Allow to stand covered with foil for 10 minutes before serving.

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MEAT To use the following menus, press MEAT until the desired menu appears on the display.

Menu	Weight Range	Initial Temperature (approx.)	Procedure	Standing Time (minutes)
Mince	0.5 - 1kg	-18°C	 Place mince on a defrost rack. After 4 "beep sounds", open the door, flip the food over, and then shield warm portions with foil strips. After defrost time, stand covered with foil. 	10 - 15
Steak / Chops	0.5 - 1kg	-18°C	 Place steak / chops on a defrost rack. After 4 "beep sounds", open the door, flip the food over, and then shield warm portions with foil strips. After defrost time, stand covered with foil. 	10 - 15
Roast Meat	1 - 2kg	-18°C	 Place roast meat on a defrost rack. After 4 "beep sounds", open the door, flip the food over, and then shield warm portions with foil strips. After defrost time, stand covered with foil. 	15 - 20

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POULTRY/ FISH To use the following menus, press POULTRY/FISH until the desired menu appears on the display.

Menu	Weight Range	Initial Temperature (approx.)	Procedure	Standing Time (minutes)
Whole Chicken	1 - 2kg	-18°C	 Remove from original packaging. Shield wing and leg tips with foil. Place breast side down on defrost rack. After 4 "beep sounds", open the door, flip the food over, and then shield warm portions with foil strips. After defrost time, stand covered with foil. 	15 - 20
Chicken Fillet	0.5 - 1kg	-18°C	 Place chicken fillets on a defrost rack. After 4 "beep sounds", open the door, flip the food over, and thenshield warm portions with foil strips. After defrost time, stand covered with foil. 	10 - 20
Fish Fillet	0.5kg	-18°C	 Place fish fillets on a defrost rack. After 4 "beep sounds", open the door, flip the food over, and then shield warm portions with foil strips. After defrost time, stand covered with foil. 	5

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The final cooking result will vary according to the food condition (e.g. initial temperature, shape, quality). Check the food after cooking and if necessary continue cooking manually.

RICE/	
QUINOA	

To use the following menus, press RICE/QUINOA until the desired menu appears on the display.

Menu	Weight Range	Initial Temperature (approx.)	Procedure	Standing Time (minutes)
White Rice	1 - 4 CupsRice1 Cup2 Cups4 CupsHot tap water2 Cups4 Cups6 Cups	+40°C Hot tap water	 Wash rice until water runs clear. Place into a microwave safe bowl and cover with hot tap water. Cook uncovered. After 4 "beep sounds", open the door and stir the ingredients before continuing cooking. After cooking, stand and stir. 	2
Brown Rice	1 - 4 CupsBrown Rice1 Cup2 Cups4 CupsHot tap water2 Cups4 Cups6 Cups	+40°C Hot tap water	 Wash brown rice until water runs clear. Place into a microwave safe bowl and cover with hot tap water. Cook uncovered. After 4 "beep sounds", open the door and stir the ingredients before continuing cooking. After cooking, stand and stir. 	2
Quinoa	1 - 2 CupsQuinoa1 Cup2 CupsHot tap water2 Cups4 Cups	+40°C Hot tap water	 Wash quinoa until water runs clear. Place into a microwave safe bowl and cover with hot tap water. Cook uncovered. After 4 "beep sounds", open the door and stir the ingredients before continuing cooking. After cooking stand and stir. 	3

PASTA

To use the following menus, press PASTA until the desired menu appears on the display.

Menu	We	ight Rang	le		Initial Temperature (approx.)	Procedure	Standing Time (minutes)
Pasta	1 Pasta Hot tap water	00 - 400g 100g 2 Cups	200g 4 Cups	400g 6 Cups	+40°C Hot tap water	 Place into a microwave safe glass bowl and cover with hot tap water. Cook uncovered. After 4 "beep sounds", open the door and stir the ingredients before continuing cooking. After cooking, stand and stir. 	2
Wholemeal Pasta	Wholemeal Pasta	00 - 400g 100g 2.5 Cups	200g 4.5 Cups	400g 6.5 Cups	+40°C Hot tap water	 Place into a microwave safe glass bowl and cover with hot tap water. Cook uncovered. After 4 "beep sounds", open the door and stir the ingredients before continuing cooking. After cooking, stand and stir. 	2

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POTATO To use the following menus, press POTATO until the desired menu appears on the display.

Menu	Weight Range	Initial Temperature (approx.)	Procedure	Standing Time (minutes)
Jacket Potato	1 - 4 Potatoes (approx. 200 - 250g)	+20°C Room Temperature	 Use cleaned and dried potatoes. Pierce the skin twice with a fork on each side. Place directly onto the flatbed. After 4 "beep sounds", open the door, turn over the ingredients and continue cooking 	5
Sweet Jacket Potato	1 - 2 Potatoes (approx. 500 - 600g)	+20 C° Room Temperature	 Use washed and dried sweet potatoes. Pierce the skin twice with a fork on each side. Place directly onto the flatbed. After 4 "beep sounds", open the door, turn over the ingredients and continue cooking. 	5
Boiled Potato	1 - 4 Potatoes (approx. 200 - 250g) Potato 1 2 4 Hot tap water 1/4 Cup 1/2 Cup 1 Cup	+40°C Hot tap water	 Cut potato into cubes. Place into a microwave safe glass bowl with hot tap water. Cook uncovered. 	5

VEGETABLES To use the following menus, press VEGETABLES until the desired menu appears on the display.

Menu	Weight Range	Initial Temperature (approx.)	Procedure	Standing Time (minutes)
Fresh Vegetables	150 - 500g	+3°C Refrigerated	 Wash the vegetables. Place into a microwave safe glass bowl with 1 tablespoon of water. Cook uncovered. 	2
Frozen Vegetables	150 - 500g	-18°C	- Place into a microwave safe glass bowl. - Cook uncovered.	2

SMART CONVENIENCE MENU GUIDE

REHEAT PLATE			
Menu	Weight Range	Initial Temperature (approx.)	Procedure
	1 serve (approx. 400g)		- Cover with plastic wrap.
Reheat Plate	Meat200gVegetables200g	+3°C Refrigerated	

REHEAT
BEVERAGE

Menu	Weight Range	Initial Temperature (approx.)	Procedure
Reheat Beverage	1 Cup (approx. 250ml)	+20°C Room Temperature	- Use a microwave safe mug.

MELT/	
SOFTEN	

To use the following menus, press MELT/SOFTEN until the desired menu appears on the display.

Menu	Weight Range	Initial Temperature (approx.)	Procedure
Chocolate	100 -250g	+20°C Room Temperature	 Break chocolate into cubes and place into a microwave safe glass bowl. Cook uncovered. After 4 "beep sounds", open the door and stir the ingredients before continuing cooking.
Butter	100 -250g	+3°C Refrigerated	 Chop butter into cubes and place into a microwave safe glass bowl. Cook uncovered. After 4 "beep sounds", open the door and stir the ingredients before continuing cooking.
Cream Cheese	100 -250g +3 C - Cook uncovered.		 Chop cream cheese into cubes and place into a microwave safe glass bowl. Cook uncovered. After 4 "beep sounds", open the door and stir the ingredients before continuing cooking.

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SCRAMBLED EGGS				
Menu	Weight Range	Initial Temperature (approx.)	Procedure	
Scrambled Eggs	1 Serve (approx. 100 - 150g) Egg 2 Milk 2 Tablespoons	+3°C Refrigerated	- Whisk eggs and milk in a microwave safe glass bowl.	

MUG CAKE

Menu	Weight Range	Initial Temperature (approx.)	Procedure
Mug Cake	1 Mug Cake		Recipe: Ingredients: 2 Tablespoons butter, melted 2 Tablespoons milk 3 Tablespoons flour 2 Tablespoons sugar 1 Tablespoon flavouring of your choice e.g. cocoa, vanilla Method: Combine all of the ingredients in a microwave safe mug.

COOKWARE AND UTENSIL GUIDE

Utensil	Use	Advice
GLASSWARE/CERAMIC (HEAT RESISTANT)	YES	 GLASSWARE Ordinary glass is not suitable for cooking but may be used for short periods for heating foods. CERAMIC Most ovenproof china, and ceramics, are suited. Avoid dishes that are decorated with gold or silver leaf. Avoid using antique pottery. If unsure, check with the manufacturer.
METAL COOKWARE	NO	 Metal cookware should be avoided when cooking in the microwave oven. Microwave energy is reflected by metal.
PLASTIC WRAP/ OVEN BAGS (MICROWAVE SAFE ONLY)	YES	 Plastic wrap can be used to cover food. Some shrinkage of the wrap may occur, over an extended cooking time. When removing wrap, lift it in such a way to avoid steam burns. Do not tie oven bags with metal twist ties, substitute with string. For cooking food with high fat content, do not bring the wrap in contact with the food as it may melt.
ALUMINIUM FOIL	FOR SHIELDING	 Small amounts may be used to shield certain parts of meat and fish when cooking or defrosting. Remove food in foil trays, if possible, and place in a microwave safe dish. If not possible, place the foil tray onto a heat proof plate allowing 2.5 cm between the walls of the oven.
STRAW AND WOOD	YES	• Excessive over heating of these materials may cause a fire in the microwave oven.
PAPER	YES	 Paper towels and waxed paper are suitable to use to prevent splatters. These are suitable for use when reheating foods or for short cooking times.
PLASTIC COOKWARE MICROWAVE SAFE	YES	 Ideal for cooking, reheating and defrosting. Some microwave safe plastic cookware are not suitable for cooking foods with high fat and sugar content.
BROWNING DISH	YES	 Ensure that the preheating time of the dish is not exceeded. Ensure that a microwave heat proof dinner plate or suitable insulator be placed between the flatbed and the browning dish.
THERMOMETERS • MICROWAVE SAFE • CONVENTIONAL	YES NO	

HELPFUL HINTS

1. ARRANGEMENT

Arrange foods carefully. Place thickest areas toward outside of dish.

2. TURNING

Foods such as poultry and joints of meat should be turned over after half the cooking time.

3. COVERING

Cover foods in the microwave if you would normally cover the food in your ordinary oven, or to retain moisture. Cover foods such as Vegetables, Casseroles, or when Reheating.

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4. PIERCING



Pierce potatoes, eggs, oysters, tomatoes or any foods with a skin or membrane to allow steam to escape. ρ

5. SHIELDING

Shield using small pieces of aluminium foil to shield thin areas of meat, fish and poultry or edges of cakes to prevent overcooking.



6. STANDING TIME

FISH

ΓΟΜΑΤΟ

Standing time is important. After cooking or defrosting ensure adequate standing time. This allows the food to continue cooking or heating. Refer to cooking guides for each menu or according to manufacturers instructions.

7. STIRRING

Stir foods from the outside to the centre of the dish, once or twice during cooking if possible.

E.g. Casseroles and Sauces



8. SIZE

Small pieces cook faster than large ones. To speed up cooking, cut pieces smaller than 5cm so microwaves can penetrate to the centre from all sides. For even cooking, make all the pieces the same size.

9. DENSITY

The depth to which microwaves penetrate food varies depending on the food's density. Porous foods like minced beef or mashed potatoes microwave faster than dense ones like steak or whole potatoes.

10.FAT AND BONE

Marbling within meat, or a thin, even layer of fat on a roast, speeds cooking. Large fatty areas or excess drippings in a dish attract energy away from meat, and slows cooking. Centre bones do not affect cooking, but bone on the side of meat conducts heat to the areas next to it.

11. STARTING TEMPERATURE

Frozen or refrigerated food takes longer to heat than food at room temperature. Cooking times in this manual are based on normal storage temperatures. Since rooms, refrigerators and freezers differ in temperature, check cooking result at the minimum time.

12.QUANTITY

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CHICKEN

Microwave cooking times are directly related to the amount of food in the oven. Because energy is absorbed by the food itself, one potato or a single piece of chicken cooks rapidly. When the energy is divided among several items, cooking takes more time.

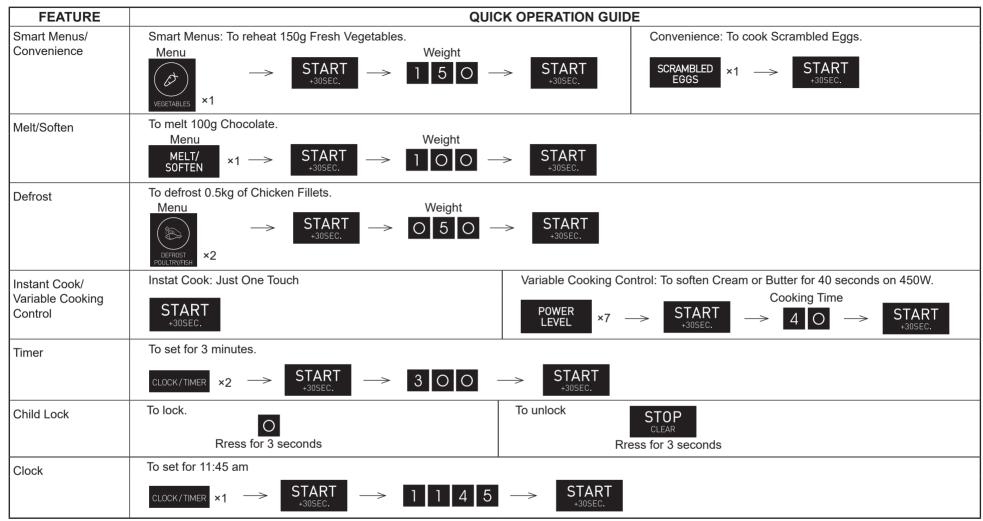
13.CONDENSATION

Condensation is a normal part of microwave cooking. The humidity and moisture in food will influence the amount of condensation in the oven. Generally, covered foods will not cause as much condensation as uncovered foods. Ensure that the ventilation openings are not blocked.

14.GENERAL

Your microwave oven is capable of heating food and beverages very quickly therefore, it is very important that you select the appropriate cooking time and power level for the type and quantity of food to be heated. If you are unsure of the cooking time and power level required, begin with low cooking times and power levels until the food is sufficiently heated evenly throughout.

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