

MICROWAVE OVEN

OWNER'S MANUAL & COOKING GUIDE

MODEL: MS-262MCE

PLEASE READ THIS OWNER'S MANUAL THOROUGHLY BEFORE OPERATING.

Precautions to avoid possible exposure to excessive microwave energy.

You cannot operate your oven with the door open due to the safety interlocks built into the door mechanism. These safety interlocks automatically switch off any cooking activity when the door is opened; which in the case of a microwave oven could result in harmful exposure to microwave energy. It is important not to tamper with the safety interlocks.

Do not place any object between the oven front face and the door or allow food or cleaner residue to accumulate on sealing surfaces.

Do not operate your oven if it is damaged. It is particularly important that the oven door closes properly and that there is no damage to the: (1) door(bent), (2) hinges and latches (broken or loosened), (3) door seals and sealing surfaces.

Your oven should not be adjusted or repaired by anyone except qualified service personnel.

The appliance is not intended for use by young children and infirm persons without supervision; Young children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.

Warning

Please ensure cooking times are correctly set as over cooking may result in the FOOD catching fire and subsequent damage to your oven.

When heating liquids, e.g. soups, 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:

- 1. Avoid using straight sided containers with narrow necks.
- 2. Do not overheat.
- 3. Stir the liquid before placing the container in the oven and again halfway through the heating time.
- 4. After heating, allow to stand in the oven for a short time, stir or shake them again carefully and check the temperature of them before consumption to avoid burns (especially, contents of feeding bottles and baby food jars).

Warning

Always allow food to stand after being cooked by microwaves and check the temperature of them before consumption. Especially contents of feeding bottles and baby food jars.

How the Microwave Oven Works

Microwaves are a form of energy similar to radio and television waves and ordinary daylight. Normally, microwaves spread outwards as they travel through the atmosphere and disappear without effect. Microwave ovens, however, have a magnetron which is designed to make use of the energy in microwaves. Electricity, supplied to the magnetron tube, is used to created microwave energy.

These microwaves enter the cooking area through openings inside the oven. A turntable or tray is located at the bottom of the oven. Microwaves cannot pass through metal walls of the oven, but they can penetrate such materials as glass, porcelain and paper, the materials out of which microwave-safe cooking dishes are constructed.

Microwaves do not heat cookware, though cooking vessels will eventually get hot from the heat generated by the food.

A very safe appliance

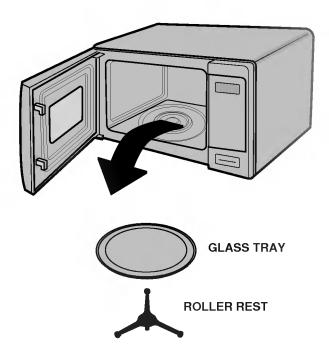
Your microwave oven is one of the safest of all home appliances. When the door is opened, the oven automatically stops producing microwaves. Microwave energy is converted completely to heat when it enters food, leaving no "left over" energy to harm you when you eat your food.

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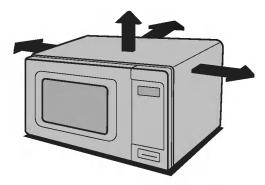
By following the basic steps on these two pages you will be able to quickly check that your oven is operating correctly. Please pay particular attention to the guidance on where to install your oven. When unpacking your oven make sure you remove all accessories and packing. Check to make sure that your oven has not been damaged during delivery.



Unpack your oven and place it on a flat level surface.



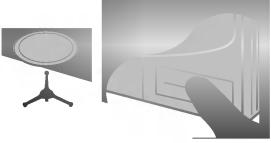
Place your oven on a flat, level surface but make sure there is at least 10 cm of space on the top, rear and sides so there is air flow for ventilation. Exhaust outlets are located in the back and side of your oven. Blocking the outlets can damage your oven. THIS OVEN IS DESIGNED FOR BUILDING IN. (Not over a heat source)



THIS OVEN SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR COMMERCIAL CATERING PURPOSES

Plug your oven into a standard household socket. Make sure your oven is the only appliance connected to the socket. If your oven does not operate properly, unplug it from the electrical socket and then plug it back in.

Open your oven door by pressing the DOOR OPEN button. Place the ROLLER REST inside the oven and place the GLASS TRAY on top.



Fill a microwave safe container with 300 ml (1/2 pint) of water. Place on the GLASS TRAY and close the oven door. If you have any doubts about what type of container to use please refer to page 17.



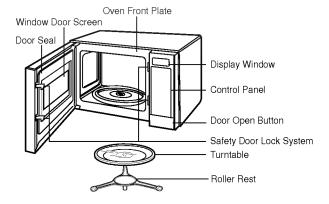
Press the QUICK START button six times to set 3 minutes of cooking time. You will hear a BEEP each time you press the button. Your oven will start before you have finished the sixth press; don't worry this is normal.



The **DISPLAY** will count down from 3 minutes. When it reaches 0 it will sound three BEEPS. Open the oven door and test the temperature of the water. If your oven is operating the water should be HOT. Be careful when removing the container it may be hot.



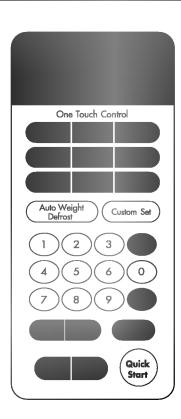
YOUR OVEN IS NOW INSTALLED



Your oven will be packed with the following materials:

Glass Turntable	1	each
Owner's Manual &		
Cooking Guide	1	each
Roller Rest	1	each

This microwave oven is designed for household use only. It is not recommended for commercial purposes.

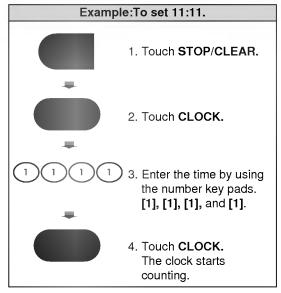


NOTE: A beep sounds when a pad on the control panel is touched to indicate setting has been entered.

SETTING CLOCK

This is a 12 hour clock.

When your oven is plugged in for the first time or when power resumes after a power interruption, the numbers in the display reset to 0.

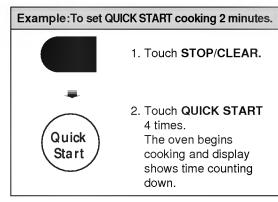


NOTE:

To erase ERROR, touch STOP/CLEAR pad.

QUICK START

A time-saving pad, this simplified control lets you quickly set and start microwave cooking without the need to touch START.

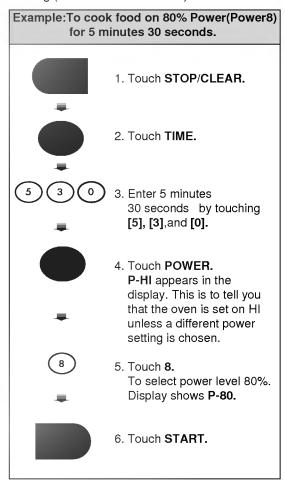


NOTE:

If you touch **QUICK START**, it will add 30 seconds up to 3 minutes; after 3 minutes, every touch will add 1 minute up to 99 min 59 seconds.

TIMED COOKING

This function allows you to cook food for a desired time. And in order to give you the best results, there are 10 power level settings in addition to HI-POWER because many food need slower cooking (at less than HI-POWER).



When the cooking time is over, two short and one long tone sounds. The word **END** shows in the display window. Then the oven shuts itself off.

NOTE:

If you do not select the power level, the oven will operate at power HIGH. To set HI-POWER cooking, skip steps 4 & 5 above.

2 STAGE OR 3 STAGE TIMED COOKING

For Two Stage or Three Stage cooking, repeat timed cooking steps 2 through 5 on the previous page before touching the START pad for additional Time and Power program you want to add. Auto Weight Defrost can be programmed before the first stage to defrost first and then cook.

MICROWAVE POWER LEVELS

Your microwave oven is equipped with eleven power levels to give you maximum flexibility and control over cooking. The table below will give you some idea of which foods are prepared at each of the various power levels.

* The chart below shows the power level settings for your oven.

MICROWAVE POWER LEVEL CHART

Power Level	Use
High	* Boiling water. * Browning ground beef. * Making candy. * Cooking poultry pieces, fish, & vegetables. * Cooking tender cuts of meat.
9	* Reheating rice, pasta, & vegetables.
8	* Reheating prepared foods quickly. * Reheating sandwiches.
7	 Cooking egg, milk and cheese dishes. Cooking cakes, breads. Melting chocolate.
6	* Cooking veal.* Cooking whole fish.* Cooking puddings and custard.
5	* Cooking ham, whole poultry, lamb. * Cooking rib roast, sirloin tip.
4	* Thawing meat, poultry and seafood.
3	* Cooking less tender cuts of meat. * Cooking pork chops, roast.
2	* Taking chill out of fruit. * Softening butter.
1	* Keeping casseroles and main dishes warm. * Softening butter and cream cheese.
0	* Standing time. * Independent timer.

CHILD LOCK

This is a unique safety feature that prevents unwanted oven operation such as used by children. Once the child lock is set, no cooking can take place.

To set the child lock



 Touch STOP/CLEAR for 3 seconds.

Touch and hold STOP/CLEAR until LOCK appears in the display and two beeps are heard. LOCK remains in the display.

When child lock was already set, if you touch START or one touch cook pad refer to page 9, display shows **LOCK**. Then you can cancel the child lock according to below procedure.

To cancel the child lock



 Touch and hold STOP/CLEAR until LOCK disappears in the display. The time of day returns to the display window.

ONE TOUCH COOKING

One Touch Cooking made easy! Your oven's menu has been preprogrammed to cook food automatically. Tell the oven what you want. Then let your microwave oven cook your selections.

Example: To cook casserole, simply follow the step below.



1. Touch STOP/CLEAR.

* Place casserole in the oven and close the door.



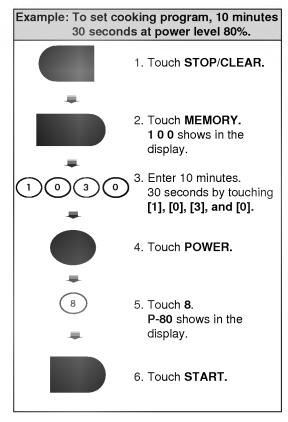
2. Touch CASSEROLE.
The oven begins the cooking you selected without the need to touch START. Be sure to close the door before selecting categories.

ONE TOUCH COOKING CHART

Key	Touch keypad	Serving size	Directions	Cover
CASSEROLE	1 Time 2 Times 3 Times 4 Times	1 cup 2 cups 3 cups 4 cups	Place in center of the oven. When oven beeps, stir if necessary.	Plastic wrap
PIZZA	1 Time 2 Times 3 Times	1 slice (140g) 2 slices (280g) 3 slices (420g)	Place the leftover pizza on the plate in the center of the microwave oven.	None
BEVERAGE	1 Time 2 Times	1 cup 2 cups	Use mug or microwave-safe cup. Stir after reheating.	None
FROZEN FOOD	1 Time	280g	Follow the package instructions. Example of one frozen entree is Lasagna with meat sauce, Chicken with Rice, and Sliced Turkey Breast with Rice and Vegetable.	Follow the package instructions
FOOD PLATE	1 Time 2 Times	1 serving 2 servings	Arrange food on microwave plate. Place meaty portions and bulky vegetables to outside of plate. Vent corner. After cooking, let stand for 2 minutes.	Plastic wrap
BAKED POTATO	1 Time 2 Times 3 Times 4 Times	1 (230g) 2 (450g) 3 (680g) 4 (900g)	Place in center of the oven on paper towel. Pierce potato several times with fork. After cooking, let stand for 5 minutes. No cover.	None
(FRESH) VEGETABLE	1 Time 2 Times 3 Times 4 Times	1 cup 2 cups 3 cups 4 cups	Prepare vegetable (wash, cut-up vegetable into 1.2 cm slices or pieces). Most vegetables need 2 minutes or 3 minutes standing time after cooking. 1 cup - Add 2 tablespoon water 2 cup - Add 1/4 cup water 3 cup - Add 1/3 cup water 4 cup - Add 1/2 cup water	Plastic wrap
BAKED FOOD	1 Time 2 Times 3 Times 4 Times	1 (60g) 2 (120g) 3 (180g) 4 (240g)	Place in the center of the oven on paper towel.	None

MEMORY

This feature allows you to set and execute a frequently used single stage program. Once the cooking program is set, you can use it by pressing the **MEMORY.**

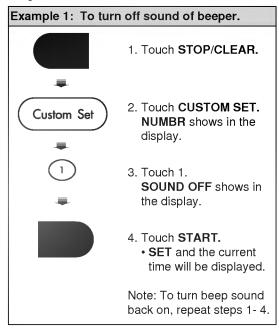


NOTE:

 If you do not select the power level, the oven will operate at power HIGH. To set HI-POWER cooking, skip steps 4 & 5.

CUSTOM SET

You can select on/off of beeper, automatic start or manual start of one touch cook (refer to page 9), and food weight measurement unit, pounds or kilograms.



Example 2: To turn off automatic start of one touch cook.



1. Touch STOP/CLEAR.



2. Touch **CUSTOM SET. NUMBR** shows in the display.



Touch 2.AUTO OFF shows in the display.



- 4. Touch START.
 - **SET** and the current time will be displayed.
 - It will now be necessary to press START to activate the One Touch Cook.

NOTE: To turn automatic start back on, repeat steps 1 - 4.

Example 3: To change weight measurement to kilograms.



1. Touch STOP/CLEAR.



2. Touch **CUSTOM SET. NUMBR** shows in the display.



Touch 3.kg shows in the display.

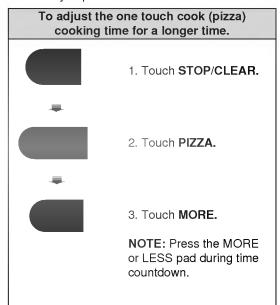


- 4. Touch START.
 - SET and the current time will be displayed.

NOTE: To change weight measurement back to pounds, repeat steps 1 - 4.

MORE/LESS

By using the MORE or LESS keys, all of the ONE TOUCH COOK and TIMED COOK program can be adjusted to cook food for a longer or shorter time. Pressing MORE will add 10 seconds to the cooking time each time you press it. Pressing LESS will subtract 10 seconds of cooking time each time you press it.



AUTO WEIGHT DEFROST

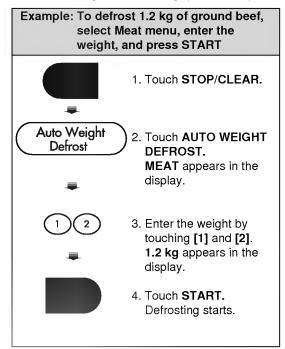
Three defrost sequences are preset in the oven. The defrost feature provides you with the best defrosting method for frozen foods. The cooking guide will show you which defrost sequence is recommended for the food you are defrosting. With the Auto Weight Defrost feature, the oven automatically sets the defrosting time and power levels for you.

The oven automatically determines required defrosting times for each food item according to the weight you enter.

For added convenience, the Auto Weight Defrost Feature contains a built-in beep mechanism that lets you check, turn over, separate or rearrange as recommended in the Auto Defrosting AUTO WEIGHT DEFROST GUIDE.

Three different defrosting levels are provided.

- 1 MEAT
- 2 POULTRY
- 3 FISH
- * You can select the category by touching the key once (MEAT), twice (POULTRY), or three times (FISH).
- * Available weight is 0.1~4.0 kgs(0.1~6.0 lbs).



NOTE:

When you touch the START pad, the display changes to defrost time count down. The oven will beep twice during the DEFROST cycle. At each beep, open the door and turn over, separate or rearrange the food.

Remove any portions that have thawed.
Return frozen portions to the oven and touch
START to resume the defrost cycle. The oven
will not STOP during the BEEP unless the
door is opened.

- * For best results, remove fish, shellfish, meat, and poultry from its original closed paper or plastic package (wrapper). Otherwise, the wrap will hold steam and juice close to the foods, which can cause the outer surface of the foods to cook.
- * Place foods in a shallow glass baking dish or on a microwave roasting rack to catch drippings.
- * Food should still be somewhat icy in the center when removed from the oven.

AUTO WEIGHT DEFROST SEQUENCE LIST

Sequence	Food		
1 MEAT	BEEF Ground beef, Round steak, Cubes for stew, Tenderloin steak, Pot roast, Rib roast, Rump roast, Chuck roast, Hamburger patty. LAMB Chop(2.5 cm thick), Rolled roast PORK Chop(1.5 cm thick), Hot dogs, Spareribs, Country-style ribs. Rolled roast, Sausage. VEAL Cutlets(450g,1.5 cm thick)		
2 POULTRY	POULTRY Whole(under 2 kg), Cut up Breasts (boneless) CORNISH HENS Whole TURKEY Breast(under 4 kg)		
3 FISH	FISH Fillets, Whole Steaks SHELLFISH Crab meat, Lobster tails, Shrimp, Scallops		

WARNING: Do not use aluminum foil during cooking cycle.

MEAT

- No special techniques are required. The roast should be prepared and seasoned (if desired) as for any other conventional method. Meat should be thoroughly defrosted before cooking.
- 2. Place the meat on a microwave roasting rack or ovenproof plate and place on the turntable.
- Cook according to the cooking chart (below), using the longer time for large meats and the shorter time for smaller meats. For thicker chops, use the longer time.
- Turn the meat once halfway through the cooking time.
- 5. STAND for 5-10 minutes wrapped in foil after cooking. The standing time is very important as it completes the cooking process.
- 6. Ensure meat, especially pork, is thoroughly cooked before eating.

MEAT COOKING CHART

Cut	Microwave power	Cooking time per 0.5 kg
BEEF Standing/Rolled Rib -Rare -Medium -Well-done Ground Beef (to brown for casserole) Hamburgers, Fresh or defrosted (120g each) -2 patties -4 patties	8 8 8 HIGH HIGH(100%) HIGH(100%)	9~10 ¹ / ₂ minutes 9~11 minutes 12~13 ¹ / ₂ minutes 7~9 minutes 2~4 minutes 3~5 minutes
PORK Loin, Leg Bacon -4 slices -6 slices	8 HIGH HIGH	13~16 minutes 2~3 minutes 3~4 minutes

NOTE:

The above times should be regarded only as a guide. Allow for difference in individual tastes and preferences. The times may vary due to the shape, cut, and composition of the meat.

POULTRY

- 1. No special techniques are required. The poultry should be prepared as for any other conventional method. Season if desired.
- Poultry should be thoroughly defrosted, ensuring giblets and any metal clamps are removed.
- 3. Prick the skin and brush lightly with vegetable oil unless self-basting.
- 4. All poultry should be placed on a microwave roasting rack or a microwave-proof plate and placed on the turntable.
- 5. Cook according to the instructions in the cooking chart (below), turning the bird over halfway through the cooking time. Poultry, because of its shape, has a tendency to cook unevenly, especially in very bony parts. Turning the bird during roasting helps to cook these areas evenly.
- STAND for 5-10 minutes wrapped in foil after cooking before carving. The standing time is very important, as it completes the cooking process.
- 7. Ensure poultry is thoroughly cooked before eating. Whole poultry is completely cooked when the juices run clear from the inside thigh when it is pierced with a sharp knife. Poultry portions should be pierced with a sharp knife through the thickest part to ensure that the juices are clear and the flesh is firm.

POULTRY COOKING CHART

Poultry	Microwave power	Cooking time per 0.5 kg	
CHICKEN Whole Breast(boned) Portions	8 8 8	12~14 minutes 11~13 minutes 13~16 minutes	
TURKEY Whole	8	12~14 minutes	

NOTE:

- * The above times should be regarded only as a guide. Allow for difference in individual tastes and preferences. The times may vary due to the shape, cut, and composition of the food.
- * If whole birds are stuffed, the weight of the stuffed bird should be used when calculating the cooking time.

FISH

- 1. Arrange fish in a large shallow non-metallic dish or casserole.
- 2. Cover with pierced microwave plastic film or casserole lid.
- 3. Place the dish on the turntable.
- 4. Cook according to the instructions in the cooking chart (below). Flakes of butter can be added to the fish if desired.
- 5. Let STAND as directed in the cooking chart before serving.
- 6. After standing time, check to see that the fish is thoroughly cooked. The fish should be opaque and flake easily.

FRESH FISH COOKING CHART

Fish	Microwave power	Cooking Time per pound	Method	Standing Time
Fish Fillets	HIGH	5~7 minutes	Add 15~30 ml (1~2 tbsp.) lemon juice.	2~3 minutes
Whole Mackerel, Cleaned and Prepared	HIGH	5~7 minutes	_	3~4 minutes
Whole Trout, Cleaned and Prepared	HIGH	6~8 minutes	_	3~4 minutes
Salmon Steaks	HIGH	6~7 minutes	Add 15~30 ml (1~2 tbsp.) lemon juice.	3~4 minutes

To heat or reheat successfully in the microwave, it is important to follow several guidelines. Measure the amount of food in order to determine the time needed to reheat. Arrange the food in a circular pattern for best results. Room temperature food will heat faster than refrigerated food. Canned foods should be taken out of the can and placed in a microwavable container. The food will be heated more evenly if covered with a microwavable lid or plastic wrap, vented. Remove cover carefully to prevent steam burns. Use the following chart as a guide for reheating cooked food.

Items	Cook time (at HIGH)	Special Instructions
Sliced meat 3 slices (0.5 cm thick) 11/2~2 minutes		Place sliced meat on microwavable plate. Cover with plastic wrap and vent. * Note: Gravy or sauce helps to keep meat juicy.
Chicken pieces 1 breast 1 leg and thigh	2 ¹ /2~3 ¹ /2 minutes 2~3 minutes	Place chicken pieces on microwavable plate. Cover with plastic wrap and vent.
Fish fillet (170~230g)	2~4 minutes	Place fish on microwavable plate. Cover with plastic wrap and vent.
Lasagna 1 serving (300g)	4¹/2∼6 minutes	Place lasagna on microwavable plate. Cover with plastic wrap and vent.
Casserole 1 cup 4 cups	2~4 minutes 12~14 minutes	COOK covered in microwavable casserole. Stir once halfway through cooking.
Casserole cream or cheese 1 cup 4 cups	2~3 minutes 4~5 minutes	COOK covered in microwavable casserole. Stir once halfway through cooking.
Sloppy Joe or Barbecued beef 1 sandwich (1/2 cup meat filling) without bun	1 ¹ /2 ~2 ¹ /2 minutes	Reheat filling and bun separately. Cook filling covered in microwavable casserole. Stir once. Heat bun as directed in chart below.
Mashed potatoes 1 cup 4 cups	2~3 minutes 6~8 minutes	COOK covered in microwavable casserole. Stir once halfway through cooking.
Baked beans 1 cup	2~3 minutes	COOK covered in microwavable casserole. Stir once halfway through cooking.
Ravioli or pasta in sauce 1 cup 4 cups	3~4 minutes 8~11 minutes	COOK covered in microwavable casserole. Stir once halfway through cooking.
Rice 1 cup 4 cups	2~3 ¹ /2 minutes 4~6 ¹ /2 minutes	COOK covered in microwavable casserole. Stir once halfway through cooking.
Sandwich roll or bun 1 roll	15~30 seconds	Wrap in paper towel and place on glass microwavable rack.
Vegetables 1 cup 4 cups	2~4 minutes 6~8 minutes	COOK covered in microwavable casserole. Stir once halfway through cooking.
Soup 1 serving(230g)	1 ¹ /2~2 ¹ /2 minutes	COOK covered in microwavable casserole. Stir once halfway through cooking.

Vegetable	Amount	Cook time at HIGH	Instructions	Standing Time
Artichokes (230g. each)	2 medium 4 medium	6~8 11~13	Trim. Add 2 tsp water and 2 tsp juice. Cover.	2-3 minutes
Asparagus, Fresh, Spears	450g	4~7	Add ¹ /2 cup water. Cover.	2-3 minutes
Beans, Green & Wax	450g	9~12	Add ¹ /2 cup water in 1- ¹ /2 qt. casserole. Stir halfway through cooking.	2-3 minutes
Beets, Fresh	450g	15~18	Add ¹ /2 cup water in 1- ¹ /2 qt. covered casserole. Rearrange halfway through cooking.	2-3 minutes
Broccoli, Fresh, Spears	450g	6~9	Place broccoli in baking dish. Add ¹ / ₂ cup water. Cover.	2-3 minutes
Cabbage, Fresh, Chopped	450g	7~8	Add ¹ / ₂ cup water in 1- ¹ / ₂ qt. covered casserole. Stir halfway through cooking.	2-3 minutes
Carrots, Fresh, Sliced	2 cups	4~6	Add ¹ /4 cup water in 1 qt. covered casserole. Stir halfway through cooking.	2-3 minutes
Cauliflower, Fresh, Whole	450g	8~10	Trim. Add ¹ /4 cup water in 1 qt. covered casserole. Stir halfway through cooking.	2-3 minutes
Fresh, Flowerettes Celery, Fresh, Sliced	2 cups 4 cups	4~5 8~9	Slice. Add ¹ / ₂ cup water in 1- ¹ / ₂ qt. covered casserole. Stir halfway through cooking	2-3 minutes
Corn, Fresh	2 ears	6~9	Husk. Add 2 tbsp water in 1-1/2 qt. baking dish. Cover.	2-3 minutes
Mushrooms, Fresh, Sliced	220g	2~3	Place mushrooms in 1-1/2 qt. covered casserole. Stir halfway through cooking.	2-3 minutes
Parsnips, Fresh, Sliced	450g	5~8	Add ¹ / ₂ cup water in 1- ¹ / ₂ qt. covered casserole. Stir halfway through cooking.	2-3 minutes
Peas, Green, Fresh	4 cups	8~10	Add ¹ / ₂ cup water in 1- ¹ / ₂ qt. covered casserole. Stir halfway through cooking.	2-3minutes
Sweet Potatoes Whole Baking (170~230g each)	2 medium 4 medium	6~10 8~13	Pierce potatoes several times with fork. Place on 2 paper towels. Turn over halfway through cooking.	2-3 minutes 2-3 minutes
White potatoes, Whole Baking (170~230g each)	2 potatoes 4 potatoes	5~7 12~15	Pierce potatoes several times with fork. Place on 2 paper towels. Turn over halfway through cooking	2-3 minutes 2-3 minutes
Spinach, Fresh, Leaf	450g	6~8	Add ¹ /2 cup water in 2 qt. covered casserole.	2-3 minutes
Squash, Acorn or Butternut, Fresh	1 medium	8~9	Cut squash in half. Remove seeds. Place in 8X8-inch baking dish. Cover.	2-3 minutes
Zucchini, Fresh, Sliced	450g	6~8	Add ¹ / ₂ cup water in 1- ¹ / ₂ qt. covered casserole. Stir halfway through cooking.	2-3 minutes
Zucchini, Fresh, Whole	450g	8~10	Pierce. Place on 2 paper towels. Turn zucchini over and rearrange halfway through cooking.	2-3 minutes

Never use metal or metal trimmed utensils in vour microwave oven

Microwaves cannot penetrate metal. They will bounce off any metal object in the oven and cause arcing, an alarming phenomenon that resembles lightning.

Most heat resistant non metallic cooking utensils are safe for use in your microwave oven.

However, some may contain materials that render them unsuitable as microwave cookware. If you have any doubts about a particular utensil, there's a simple way to find out if it can be used in your microwave oven.

Place the utensil in question next to a glass bowl filled with water in the microwave oven.

Microwave at power HIGH for 1 minute. If the water heats up but the utensil remains cool to the touch, the utensil is microwave-safe. However, if the water does not change temperature but the utensil becomes warm, microwaves are being absorbed by the utensil and it is not safe for use in the microwave oven. You probably have many items on hand in your kitchen right now that can be used as cooking equipment in your microwave oven. Just read through the following checklist.

Dinner plates

Many kinds of dinner-ware are microwave-safe. If in doubt consult the manufacturer's literature or perform the microwave test.

Glassware

Glassware that is heat-resistant is microwavesafe. This would include all brands of oven tempered glass cookware. However, do not use delicate glassware, such as tumblers or wine glasses, as these might shatter as the food warms.

Plastic storage containers

These can be used to hold foods that are to be quickly reheated. However, they should not be used to hold foods that will need considerable time in the oven as hot foods will eventually warp or melt plastic containers.

Paper

Paper plates and containers are convenient and safe to use in your microwave oven, provided that the cooking time is short and foods to be cooked are low in fat and moisture. Paper towels are also very useful for wrapping foods and for lining baking trays in which greasy foods such as bacon are cooked. In general, avoid colored paper products as the colour may run. Some recycled paper products may contain impurities which could cause arcing or fires when used in the microwave oven.

Plastic cooking bags

Provided they are made specially for cooking, cooking bags are microwave safe. However, be sure to make a slit in the bag so that steam can escape. Never use ordinary plastic bags for cooking in your microwave oven, as they will melt and rupture.

Plastic microwave cookware

A variety of shapes and sizes of microwave cookware are available. For the most part, you can probably use items you already have on hand rather than investing in new kitchen equipment.

Pottery, stoneware and ceramic

Containers made of these materials are usually fine for use in your microwave oven, but they should be tested to be sure.

CAUTION

Some items with high lead or iron content are not suitable for cooking utensils.

Keeping an eye on things

The recipes in this book have been formulated with great care, but your success in preparing them depends on how much attention you pay to the food as it cooks. Always watch your food while it cooks. Your microwave oven is equipped with a light that turns on automatically when the oven is in operation so that you can see inside and check the progress of your food. Directions given in recipes to elevate, stir, and the like should be thought of as the minimum steps recommended. If the food seems to be cooking unevenly, simply make the necessary adjustments you think appropriate to correct the problem.

Factors affecting microwave cooking times

Many factors affect cooking times. The temperature of ingredients used in a recipe makes a big difference in cooking times. For example, a cake made with ice-cold butter, milk, and eggs will take considerably longer to bake than one made with ingredients that are at room temperature. All of the recipes in this book give a range of cooking times. In general, you will find that the food remains under-cooked at the lower end of the time range, and you may sometimes want to cook your food beyond the maximum time given, according to personal preference. The governing philosophy of this book is that it is best for a recipe to be conservative in giving cooking times. While overcooked food is ruined for good. Some of the recipes, particularly those for bread, cake, and custards, recommend that food be removed from the oven when they are slightly undercooked. This is not a mistake. When allowed to stand, usually covered, these foods will continue to cook outside of the oven as the heat trapped within the outer portions of the food gradually travels inward. If the food is left in the oven until it is cooked all the way through, the outer portions will become overcooked or even burnt. You will become increasingly skilful in estimating both cooking and standing times for various foods.

Density of food

Light, porous food such as cakes and bread cook more quickly than heavy, dense foods such as roasts and casseroles. You must take care when microwaving porous food that the outer edges do not become dry and brittle.

Height of food

The upper portion of tall food, particularly roasts, will cook more quickly than the lower portion. Therefore, it is wise to turn tall food during cooking, sometimes several times.

Moisture content of food

Since the heat generated from microwaves tends to evaporate moisture, relatively dry food such as roasts and some vegetables should either be sprinkled with water prior to cooking or covered to retain moisture.

Bone and fat content of food

Bones conduct heat and fat cooks more quickly than meat. Care must be taken when cooking bony or fatty cuts of meat that they do not cook unevenly and do not become overcooked.

Quantity of food

The number of microwaves in your oven remains constant regardless of how much food is being cooked. Therefore, the more food you place in the oven, the longer the cooking time. Remember to decrease cooking times by at least one third when halving a recipe.

Shape of food

Microwaves penetrate only about 2.5 cm into food, the interior portion of thick foods are cooked as the heat generated on the outside travels inward. Only the outer edge of food is cooked by microwave energy; the rest is cooked by conduction. The worst possible shape for a food that is to be microwaved is a thick square. The corners will burn long before the centre is even warm . Round thin foods and ring shaped foods cook successfully in the microwave.

Covering

A cover traps heat and steam which causes food to cook more quickly. Use a lid or microwave cling film with a corner folded back to prevent splitting.

Browning

Meats and poultry that are cooked fifteen minutes or longer will brown lightly in their own fat. Food that is cooked for a shorter period of time may be brushed with a browning sauce such as Worcestershire sauce, soy sauce or barbecue sauce to achieve an appetizing colour. Since relatively small amounts of browning sauce is added to food, the original flavour of the recipe is not altered.

Covering with greaseproof paper

Greaseproofing effectively prevents spattering and helps food retain some heat. But because it makes a looser cover than a lid or clingfilm, it allows the food to dry out slightly.

Arranging and spacing

Individual foods such as baked potatoes, small cakes and hors d'oeuvres will heat more evenly if placed in the oven an equal distance apart, preferably in a circular pattern. Never stack foods on top of one another.

Stirring

Stirring is one of the most important of all microwaving techniques. In conventional cooking, food is stirred for the purpose of blending. Microwaved food, however, is stirred in order to spread and redistribute heat. Always stir from the outside towards the centre as the outside of the food heats first.

Turning over

Large, tall foods such as roasts and whole chickens should be turned so that the top and bottom will cook evenly. It is also a good idea to turn cut up chicken and chops.

Placing thicker portions facing outwards

Since microwaves are attracted to the outside portion of food, it makes sense to place thicker portions of meat, poultry and fish to the outer edge of the baking dish. This way, thicker portions will receive the most microwave energy and the food will cook evenly.

Shielding

Strips of aluminium foil (which block microwaves) can be placed over the corners or edges of square and rectangular food to prevent those portions from overcooking. Never use too much foil and make sure the foil is secured to the dish or it may cause 'arcing' in the oven.

Elevating

Thick or dense foods can be elevated so that microwaves can be absorbed by the underside and centre of the foods.

Piercing

Foods enclosed in a shell, skin or membrane are likely to burst in the oven unless they are pierced prior to cooking. Such foods include yolks and whites of eggs, clams and oysters and whole vegetables and fruits.

Testing if cooked

Food cooks so quickly in a microwave oven, it is necessary to test it frequently. Some foods are left in the microwave until completely cooked, but most foods, including meats and poultry, are removed from the oven while still slightly undercooked and allowed to finish cooking during standing time. The internal temperature of foods will rise between 3;© and 8;© during standing time.

Standing time

Foods are often allowed to stand for 3 to 10 minutes after being removed from the microwave oven. Usually the foods are covered during standing time to retain heat unless they are supposed to be dry in texture (some cakes and biscuits, for example). Standing allows foods to finish cooking and also helps flavour blend and develop.

To Clean Your Oven

1 Keep the inside of the oven clean

Food spatters or spilled liquids stick to oven walls and between seal and door surface. It is best to wipe up spillovers with a damp cloth right away. Crumbs and spillovers will absorb microwave energy and lengthen cooking times. Use a damp cloth to wipe out crumbs that fall between the door and the frame. It is important to keep this area clean to assure a tight seal. Remove greasy spatters with a soapy cloth then rinse and dry. Do not use harsh detergent or abrasive cleaners. The glass tray can be washed by hand or in the dishwasher.

2 Keep the outside of the oven clean

Clean the outside of your oven with soap and water then with clean water and dry with a soft cloth or paper towel. To prevent damage to the operating parts inside the oven, the water should not be allowed to seep into the ventilation openings. To clean control panel, open the door to prevent oven from accidentally starting, and wipe a damp cloth followed immediately by a dry cloth. Press STOP after cleaning.

- 3 If steam accumulates inside or around the outside of the oven door, wipe the panels 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.
- 4 The door and door seals should be kept clean. Use only warm, soapy water, rinse then dry thoroughly.

DO NOT USE ABRASIVE MATERIALS, SUCH AS CLEANING POWDERS OR STEEL AND PLASTIC PADS.

Metal parts will be easier to maintain if wiped frequently with a damp cloth.

WARNING

Please ensure cooking times are correctly set as over cooking may result in FIRE and subsequent DAMAGE to the OVEN.

- 1 Do not attempt to tamper with, or make any adjustments or repairs to the door, control panel, safety interlock switches or any other part of the oven. Repairs should only be undertaken by a qualified service technician.
- 2 Do not operate the oven when empty. It is best to leave a glass of water in the oven when not in use. The water will safety absorb all microwave energy, if the oven is accidentally started.
- 3 Do not dry clothes in the microwave oven, which may become carbonized or burned if heated too long.
- 4 Do not cook food wrapped in paper towels, unless your cook book contains instructions, for the food you are cooking.
- 5 Do not use newspaper in place of paper towels for cooking.
- 6 Do not use wooden containers. They may heatup and char. Do not use ceramic containers which have metallic (e.g. gold or silver) inlays. Always remove metal twist ties. Metal objects in the oven may arc, which can cause serious damage.
- 7 Do not operate the oven with a kitchen towel, a napkin or any other obstruction between the door and the front edges of the oven, which may cause microwave energy leakage.
- 8 Do not use recycled paper products since they may contain impurities which may cause sparks and/or fires when used in cooking.
- 9 Do not rinse the turntable by placing it in water just after cooking. This may cause breakage or damage.

- 10 Small amounts of food require shorter cooking or heating time. If normal times are allowed they may overheat and burn.
- 11 Be certain to place the oven so the front of the door is 8 cm or more behind the edge of the surface on which it is placed, to avoid accidental tipping of the appliance.
- 12 Before cooking, pierce the skin of potatoes, apples or any such fruit or vegetable.
- 13 Do not cook eggs in their shell. Pressure will build up inside the egg which will burst.
- 14 Do not attempt deep fat frying in your oven.
- 15 Remove the plastic wrapping from food before cooking or defrosting. Note though that in some cases food should be covered with plastic film, for heating or cooking.
- 16 If the oven door is damaged, the oven must not be operated until it has been repaired by a qualified service technician.
- 17 If smoke is observed, keep the oven door closed and switch off or disconnect the oven from the power supply.
- 18 When food is heated or cooked in disposable containers of plastic, paper or other combustible materials look at the oven frequently to check if the food container is deteriorating.

Q What's wrong when the oven light will not glow?

A There may be several reasons why the oven light will not glow.

Light bulb has blown.

Door is not closed.

Q Does microwave energy pass through the viewing screen in the door?

A No. The holes, or ports, are made to allow light to pass; they do not let microwave energy through.

Q Why does the beep tone sound when a pad on the Control Panel is touched?

A The beep tone sounds to assure that the setting is being properly entered.

Q Will the microwave oven be damaged if it operates empty?

A Yes. Never run it empty or without the glass tray.

Q Why do eggs sometimes pop?

A When baking, frying, or poaching eggs, the yolk may pop due to steam build up inside the yolk membrane. To prevent this, simply pierce the yolk before cooking. Never microwave eggs in the shell.

Q Why is standing time recommended after microwave cooking is over?

A After microwave cooking is finished, food keeps on cooking during standing time. This standing time finishes cooking evenly throughout the food. The amount of standing time depends on the density of the food.

Q Is it possible to popcorn in a microwave oven?

- A Yes, if using one of the two methods described below:
 - 1 Popcorn-popping utensils designed specifically for microwave cooking.
 - 2 Prepackaged commercial microwave popcorn that contains specific times and power outputs needed for an acceptable final product.

FOLLOW EXACT DIRECTIONS GIVEN BY EACH MANUFACTURER FOR THEIR POPCORN PRODUCT. DO NOT LEAVE THE OVEN UNATTENDED WHILE THE CORN IS BEING POPPED. IF CORN FAILS TO POP AFTER THE SUGGESTED TIMES, DISCONTINUE COOKING. OVERCOOKING COULD RESULT IN THE CORN CATCHING FIRE.

CAUTION

NEVER USE A BROWN PAPER BAG FOR POPPING CORN. NEVER ATTEMPT TO POP LEFTOVER KERNELS.

Q Why doesn't my oven always cook as fast as the cooking guide says?

A Check your cooking guide again to make sure you've followed directions correctly, and to see what might cause variations in cooking time. Cooking guide times and heat settings are suggestions, chosen to help prevent overcooking, the most common problem in getting used to a microwave oven. Variations in the size, shape, weight and dimensions of the food require longer cooking time. Use your own judgement along with the cooking guide suggestions to test food condition, just as you would do with a conventional cooker.

Warning

The wires in this mains lead are colored in accordance with the following codes BLUE ~ Neutral BROWN ~ Live GREEN & YELLOW ~ Earth

As the colours of the wires 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 colored BLUE must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter N or Colored BLACK.

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

The wire which is colored GREEN & YELLOW or GREEN must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter E or \bot .

If the supplied flexible main cord of this appliance is damaged, it be replaced using the special main cord part number : 2B72234N

MODEL	MS-262MCE
Power Supply	230 / 240 V~ 50 Hz
Rated Power Consumption	1,300 W
Microwave Output	900 W
Frequency	2,450 MHz

^{*}IEC 705 RATING STANDARD

Specifications subject to change without prior notice.

WARRANTY

Complete the details on this form and retain in the event of warranty service being required (purchase receipt attached).

PURCHASER'S NAME		
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TERMS OF WARRANTY

Should a defect in this due to either FAULTY MATERIAL or WORKMANSHIP become apparent within the period of 2 years (extra 3 years on magnetron part) from the date of original purchase of the product, then provide LG or their above mentioned 2 years period (extra 3 years on magnetron part), such defect will be rectified, without cost to you for either labour or material, at the premises of LG or Their Authorised Service Center Subject to:

- Particulars of the model and serial number, the date of original purchase and invoice/sales docket number being given to the authorised service centre when a claim under warranty is made. Purchase receipt must be produced.
- All (a) damage resulted from incorrect installation or misuse other than in accordance with the operating instructions issued by the Company (b) consequential damage being excluded from this Warranty.
- The Warranty being rendered invalid if the product is misused or if any unauthorized alteration, modification, or substitution of the product is defaced or altered.
- 4. Costs of transportation both ways to and from the authorized service centre being are paid by the owner if it is necessary to return the product or any part to an authorized service centre.
- 5. A charge being accepted by the owner for travelling expenses incurred in connection with warranty service at the user's home.
- The warranty not applying except to the serving within Australia of products purchased in Australia.

7.The authorised serviced agent will provide service during normal business hours, Monday to Friday. If any legislation whether Federal or State to applies to this transaction, certain non-excludable conditions may be implied and certain nonexcludable rights may arise but except for such conditions, warranties and rights, all conditions and warranties which might otherwise be implied in this transaction are hereby excluded and negated.

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- 3. If the product or any parts returned to an authorised service centre for any cause not covered by this warranty, all costs involved, including a charge for inspection and handing must be paid to the authorised service centre.
- 4. Changes not covered by the terms of this Warranty must be borne by the owner. Such charges may arise through the cost of any service all where (a) the product is found to be in good installation, or (b) maladjustment of user controls, or failure to follow operating instructions, mains supply defects or external interference has occurred.
- 5. No retailer has authority to vary the terms of the above warranty.

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