ESSENTIALS INSTRUCTION MANUAL 17 LITRE MICROWAVE

C17MW14





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IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS READ CAREFULLY AND KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

General Safety

- Switch off and unplug before fitting or removing parts/attachments, after use and before cleaning.
- Keep your fingers away from moving parts and fitted attachments.
- Never use a damaged appliance.
- Never operate the appliance when it is empty.
- Keep the mains cord out of reach from children.
- Keep the unit, mains cord and plug away from water.
- Never exceed the maximum capacities.
- When using an attachment, read the accompanying safety instructions.
- Take care when lifting this appliance as it is heavy.
- You should always have your appliance checked by a qualified service agent if it has been dropped or damaged to ensure it is safe to use.
- This appliance can be used by children aged from 8 years and above and persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge if they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance in a safe way and understand the hazards involved. Children shall not play with the appliance.
- Keep the appliance and its cord out of reach of children less than 8 years.
- Only use the appliance for its intended indoor, household, domestic use.

Maintenance of Your Microwave

Warning: It is hazardous for anyone other than a qualified service agent to carry out any service or repair operation which involves the removal of a cover that gives protection against exposure to microwave energy.

Warning: If the door or door seals are damaged, the microwave must not be operated until it has been repaired by a qualified service agent.

- If smoke is emitted, switch off and unplug the microwave and keep the door closed in order to stifle any flames.
- If the mains cord is damaged, it must be replaced by a qualified service agent.
- If you have a pacemaker, please contact your doctor before using a microwave.

Microwave Use

- This microwave is not intended for commercial use.
- It should never be used for drying clothes or for other non-food purposes, including any type of storage, which may lead to risk of injury, ignition or fire.
- This microwave can only be used indoors in a dry, well-ventilated, domestic, indoor area.
- Do not place the microwave in a cabinet.
- Install or locate this oven only in accordance with the installation instructions provided.
- The appliance is not intended to be operated by means of an external timer or separate remote-control system.
- The microwave should not be left unattended when in use.
- The temperature of accessible surfaces may be high when the microwave is operating.
- To prevent high moisture content gathering inside the microwave cavity, open the door immediately after the cooking function has stopped to allow steam to escape.
- Only use utensils that are suitable for microwave use.
- Care should be taken when using paper, plastic, wooden or other combustible materials in the microwave as they can catch fire.
- Oil & fat for deep frying should not be heated in the microwave.
- Only use cling film designed for microwave use and take extra care when removing the film to avoid steam burns.
- Only heat popcorn that has been designed for microwave use.
- Do not operate the microwave empty as this could damage the product.
- Do not attempt to operate this unit with the door open since this can result in harmful exposure to microwave energy. It is important not to break or tamper with the safety interlocks.
- Do not obstruct the unit's front or door, or allow soiling or cleaner residue to accumulate on sealing surfaces.

Cooking Use

- As the power of different microwaves can vary considerably, care must be taken when first using this microwave as it may cook faster than expected.
- Do not leave the microwave unattended during use.
- Take care when cooking food with a high sugar or fat content, such as Christmas pudding or fruitcake. The sugar or fat can overheat and in some cases catch fire.

- Do not overcook food.
- Remove wire twist-ties and metal handles from paper or plastic containers/bags before placing them in the oven.

Warning: Only allow children to use the microwave without supervision when adequate instructions have been given so that the child is able to use the microwave in a safe way and understands the hazards of improper use; DO NOT assume that because a child has mastered one cooking skill he/she can cook everything without close supervision.

fire!

In the event of fire:

- Keep the microwave door closed.
- Turn off the power.
- Unplug the microwave from the mains power.

first aid

Treat scalding by:

- Quickly placing the scald under cold running water for at least 10 minutes.
- Cover with a clean dry dressing. Do not use creams, oils or lotions.

cleaning your microwave

- The microwave should be cleaned regularly and food deposits removed. Failure to maintain the microwave in a clean condition can affect the life of the microwave and possibly result in a hazardous situation. (See cleaning your microwave.)
- Do not use a steam cleaner to clean the unit.

do not use these in your microwave

- Metal objects are not to be used in the microwave. These include:
 - Metal cooking utensils
 - Metal plates or trays
 - Wire twist ties
 - Crockery with metal trims
 - Meat thermometer
- Never use equipment made of metal, except aluminium foil in your microwave. The microwave energy cannot pass through metal so it bounces off and sparks against the inside of the microwave.
- Stop the microwave straight away if any equipment is causing sparks.
- Remember that some crockery has a metal trim around the edge. Even this trim can cause sparks.

Containers

WARNING: Pressure will build up in sealed containers and can cause them to explode. Therefore, do not use the following in your microwave:

- Sealed containers
- Capped bottles
- Vacuum containers
- Sealed jars
- Hard-boiled eggs
- Eggs in their shells
- Always pierce the skin of fruit and vegetables, such as potatoes.
- Never use scratched, cracked or damaged glass in a microwave. Damaged glass can explode.
- Caution should be used when using combustible containers, never leave the microwave unattended when in use.

Delayed Boiling

Liquids heated in a microwave continue to cook after the cooking time has elapsed. Caution is to be used when removing hot liquids from the microwave.

Take the following precautions:

- Always stir liquids, before and after cooking.
- Allow them to stand.
- Use containers that are wider at the top than at the bottom.

Preparing Food for Babies

Extra care must be taken when preparing food or drink for babies and small children.

- Always test the food or liquid temperature before feeding it to the baby.
- When using a baby bottle, ensure the teat is removed before heating.
- When warming baby food or milk ensure the food is thoroughly stirred and at a safe consumable temperature.

Caution!



Hot Surface

During cooking, accessible surfaces will become hot. Do not touch these surfaces or the outer casing of the microwave. Care should be taken not to store any items on top of your microwave.



Earthing Instructions

WARNING: THIS APPLIANCE MUST BE EARTHED.

This appliance is equipped with a mains cable having an earthed plug.

The plug must be plugged into an appropriate mains socket that is installed an earthed in accordance with all local standards and requirements.

WARNING!

- Improper connection of the appliance-earthing conductor can result in a risk of an electric shock.
- Check with a qualified service agent if you doubt the appliance is properly earthed.
- Never modify the plug provided with the appliance.
- If the plug does not fit properly in the mains socket, contact a qualified service agent to install a proper mains socket.
- This appliance is not intended to be operated by means of an external timer or separate remote-control system.





The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol, within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the unit's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the manual accompanying the unit. Thank you for purchasing your new Currys Microwave.

These operating instructions will help you use it properly and safely.

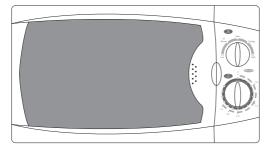
We recommend that you spend some time reading this instruction manual in order that you fully understand all the operational features it offers.

Read all the safety instructions carefully before use and keep this instruction manual for future reference.

Unpacking

Remove all items from the packaging. Retain the packaging. If you dispose of it please do so according to local regulations.

The following items are included:



The Main Unit



Turntable Plate x 1



Turntable Support x 1

Instruction Manual

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If items are missing, or damaged please contact Partmaster (UK only). Tel: 0844 800 3456 for assistance.

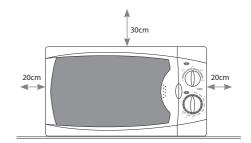
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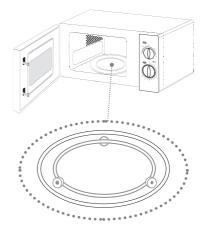
Getting Ready

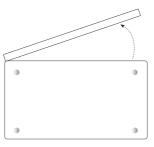
This microwave is designed for home use. It should not be used for commercial catering.

- After unpacking your microwave, check that it has not been damaged whilst in the box. Make sure there are no dents, and the door closes properly. A damaged microwave could allow microwave energy to escape. Make sure that you have taken out all of the packaging from the inside of the microwave. Please dispose of the plastic wrappings/ bags safely and keep out of the reach of babies and young children.
- Choose a flat, stable work surface for your microwave away from heat sources such as radiators or fires and away from cold areas. The surface should be at least 85cm above the floor. You should allow a 20 cm space all around the microwave and 30 cm above so that warm air can escape from the vents during cooking. This microwave is not designed to be built in. Do not block any intake or outlet openings as this can damage the unit.
- Plug your microwave into a standard household electrical socket (AC 240 volt, 13 amp rated). Avoid using a socket that also has an adapter and other equipment plugged in. Do not use a multi-adapter.
- 4. Put the turntable support inside the microwave and place the glass turntable plate on top of the support. The turntable support is shaped to sit securely on the spindle. You must always use the turntable plate and support whenever you use the microwave.
- 5. To protect your work surface, we recommend that you fix some non-slip cushion buttons (not included) to the underside of the microwave.

Remove the turntable plate and turntable support before turning the microwave upside down.







Underside View

Always remember the basic safeguards you would follow when using any cooking equipment or handling hot food.

This page gives some of the basic guidelines for microwave cooking. If you are unfamiliar with using a microwave, there is more information at the back of this instruction booklet.

Cooking with a Microwave

- Cooking with a microwave is much faster than conventional cooking and, whilst you should make sure that food is fully cooked, you should be careful not to overcook it.
- Microwave energy can heat unevenly so stirring to distribute heat is very important. Always stir from the outside, inwards.
- If you are cooking a number of individual foods at the same time, such as baked potatoes or small cakes, arrange them evenly on the turntable plate so that they cook evenly. Never stack food in your microwave.
- Turn larger foods such as meat roasts and poultry during cooking so that the top and bottom cook evenly. It is also recommended to turn pieces of meat or poultry, especially if they have not been deboned.
- Meat and poultry which is cooked for 15 minutes or more will brown lightly in its own fat. Anything cooked for a shorter time can be brushed with a browning sauce to give an appetising colour.
- Strips of aluminium foil can be used to cover the thinner pieces of food to stop them from overcooking before the thicker parts of the food have had the chance to cook. Use the aluminium foil sparingly and wrap around the food or container carefully to stop it from touching the inside of the microwave which could cause sparks.
- Microwaves cook food using microwave energy that is similar to naturally occurring radio waves. Normally, these "waves" would fade as they disappeared into the atmosphere but in a microwave they are concentrated onto food causing it to heat up.
- Microwave energy cannot pass through metal so it cannot escape from the inside of your microwave – but it can pass through materials like glass, porcelain, plastic, and paper. These are the things used to make microwavesafe cooking equipment.



- Microwave safe cooking equipment will still get hot as the food it contains heats up.
- The microwave energy focuses on the moisture in the food causing lots of tiny vibrations. The vibrations get so great that the moisture – and the food – heat up.

Checking Your Cooking Utensils

Most heat-resistant, non-metallic cooking utensils are safe to use in your microwave. If you are not sure you can use a utensil in your microwave, follow this simple test:

- 1. Put the utensil into the microwave next to a cup of water use a cup that you know is microwave safe. Close the door.
- 2. Turn the microwave on for 30 seconds only.
- 3. After 30 seconds, carefully check to see if the water has warmed up. If the water has not warmed up but the utensil has, the utensil is not microwave safe and should not be used in the microwave.
- 4. Do not use your hands to touch the utensil as it may already be hot.
 - Never use equipment made of metal, except aluminium foil in your microwave.
 - The microwave energy cannot pass through the metal so it bounces off and sparks against the inside of the microwave.
 - Stop the microwave immediately if any equipment or utensils causes sparks.
 - Remember that some crockery has a metal trim around the edge. Even this trim can cause sparks.
 - · Never use scratched, cracked or damaged glass in a microwave. Damaged glass can explode.

Using Aluminium Foil in Your Microwave

It is safe to use aluminium foil in your microwave as long as you follow these safety guidelines. As with all metals, microwave energy cannot pass through aluminium foil, but provided you keep the aluminium foil away from the side of the microwave it will not cause sparks and there will not be any damage to your microwave.

Using aluminium foil is a good way of shielding parts of the food that you do not want to cook as quickly as others – perhaps where the food is narrower and would otherwise overcook. Place the aluminium foil over the area you want to shield, taking care that the aluminium foil will not touch the sides of the microwave when the turntable plate rotates. Only use one piece of aluminium foil at a time so that you do not get sparks between the separate pieces. Follow these guidelines when using aluminium foil in your microwave:

- Remove aluminium foil lids from containers before using in the microwave. Some lids are made of card with an aluminium foil covering these should be removed too. Use a microwave-safe transparent lid if possible.
- Stir food during cooking if the container has a lid or film cover.
- Always use the glass turntable plate.
- Use shallow containers with a large surface area. Do not use containers that are more than 1.25in (3.5cm) deep.
- Use gloves when handling any aluminium foil.
- Do not completely cover food with aluminium foil. The microwave energy cannot pass through the aluminium foil so the food will not cook.
- Do not let aluminium foil touch the inside of the microwave.
- Do not use more than one piece of aluminium foil in the microwave at the same time.

Microwave Heating Categories

Your microwave has been tested and labelled to meet the government's voluntary agreement on the reheating of pre-cooked food.

The heating characteristics and output power levels of microwaves are usually calculated using a relatively large portion of food (1000 gram load, IEC 705) but many packs of pre-cooked food are sold in smaller packs, often about 350 grams.

The government, in partnership with food companies and microwave manufacturers, have set up a system of heating categories to help you choose the reheating time for pre-cooked food.



700W is the output power of the microwave.

D is the heating category for your microwave. Check the cooking times for category D on the food's packaging to see how long it should be cooked. Please see the below example for reference.

To Microwave:

- 1. Remove outer packaging.
- 2. Pierce film lid SEVERAL TIMES.
- 3. Place on a microwave-safe plate.
- 4. Heat on full power.
- 5. Turn halfway through heating.

	Heating Category		Wattage (IEC705)	
M	С	E	650W	750W
Full power (in minutes)	2	2	2	2
Turn	Turn		Turn	
Full power (in minutes)	2	1.5	2	1.5
Standing time (in minutes)	1	1	1	1

To Microwave from frozen:

- 1. Remove outer packaging.
- 2. Pierce film lid SEVERAL TIMES.
- 3. Place on a microwave-safe plate.
- 4. Heat on full power.
- 5. Turn halfway through heating.

	Heating Category		Wattage (IEC705)	
M	С	E	650W	750W
Full power (in minutes)	3	2.5	3	2.5
Turn	Turn		Turn	
Full power (in minutes)	4	3.5	4	3.5
Standing time (in minutes)	1	1	1	1

Steam

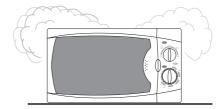
When you microwave food, steam is created as water in the food heats up and evaporates.

The steam formed during microwave cooking is entirely safe. It has to escape from the microwave to prevent pressure from building up inside the microwave. It does this through the vents on the back of the microwave and from around the door.

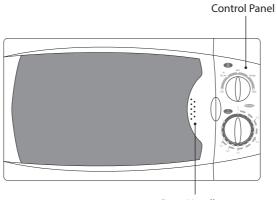
Condensation

As the steam cools, you may find that condensation gathers in small pools inside your microwave and on the work surface beneath the door and vents. Always dry the microwave after cooking foods with a high moisture content.

Your microwave is designed to let steam escape from the vents and around the door without microwave energy escaping. There is no danger of microwave energy escaping with the steam.

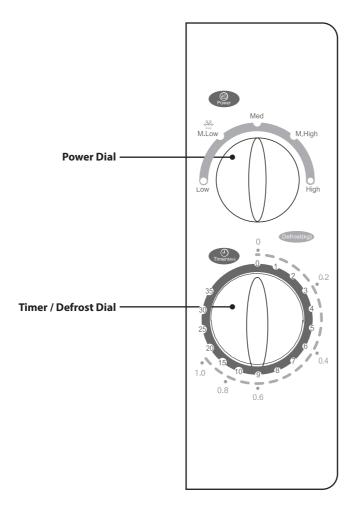


The Main Unit



Door Handle

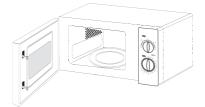
The Control Panel



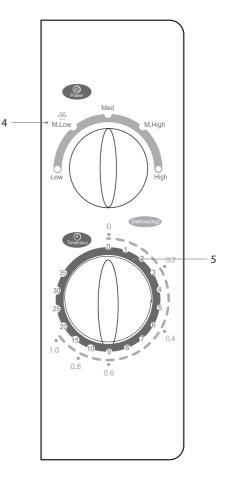
Checking Your Microwave

Check your microwave after unpacking.

For your safety, the microwave stops if the door is opened during cooking. Close the door to continue cooking.



- 1. Pull the door handle to open the door.
- 2. Place a cup of water on the glass turntable plate. Make sure the cup is microwave safe (it should not have any decorative metal trim).
- 3. Close the door.
- 4. Turn the **POWER** dial to "M.Low" cooking power.
- 5. Turn the **TIMER/DEFROST** dial to "1" to start a simple 1-minute microwave cooking cycle which allows you to check the microwave's operation.
- 6. When the cooking cycle has finished, the water should be hot (be careful when you remove the cup from the microwave).



Microwave Cooking

For simple microwave cooking, follow the steps below.

For instance, if you want to use 77% microwave power to cook for 20 minutes.

- 1. Open the door and place your food inside.
- 2. Close the door firmly; it will click.
- 3. Turn the **POWER** dial to M.High (Medium High / 77%).
- 4. Turn the **TIMER/DEFROST** dial to 20 (20 minutes).
- 5. The microwave will automatically begin cooking.
- 6. When the cooking time has passed, the unit will sound.
- 7. Switch off the microwave by ensuring the **TIMER/DEFROST** dial is set to "0" (zero).

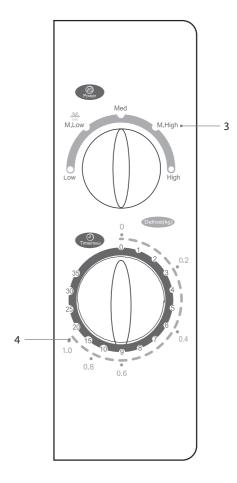
- If the door is opened during cooking, the unit will automatically stop. Close the door to continue cooking.
- If you want to stop cooking or cancel the setting mid-way, turn the TIMER/DEFROST dial to "0" (zero).

If the unit is not in use, always set the **TIMER**/ **DEFROST** dial to "0" (zero). Operating the unit without food in it can result in overheating and damage the magnetron.

Cooking Table

The information below is a guide only; adjust to your preferred tastes or as necessary to ensure food is thoroughly cooked.

Cooking Heat	Power	Suitable For
Low	17%	Soften Ice-cream
M.Low (Medium Low)	33%	Defrost pieces of meat and poultry, soup, stew, softening butter
Med (Medium)	55%	Stew, fish
M. High (Medium High)	77%	Rice, fish, chicken, minced meat
High	100%	Reheating food/beverages, heating milk, boiling water, vegetables



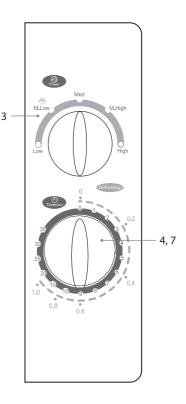
Defrosting

To defrost, follow the steps below:

- 1. Open the door and place your food inside.
- 2. Close the door firmly; it will click.
- 3. Turn the **POWER** dial to the **M.Low** setting.
- 4. Turn the **TIMER/DEFROST** dial to the weight of the food to be defrosted, e.g., 0.2 kg. (The equivalent defrost time is "3 minutes".)
- 5. The microwave will automatically begin defrosting the food.
- 6. When the defrosting time has passed, the unit will sound.
- 7. Switch off the microwave by ensuring the **TIMER**/ **DEFROST** dial is set to "0" (zero).

If the door is opened during defrosting, the unit will automatically stop. Close the door to continue defrosting.

If the unit is not in use, always set the **TIMER/DEFROST** dial to "0" (zero). Operating the unit without food in it can result in overheating and damaging the magnetron.



Defrosting Table

The information below is a guide only; adjust as necessary to ensure your food is thoroughly thawed.

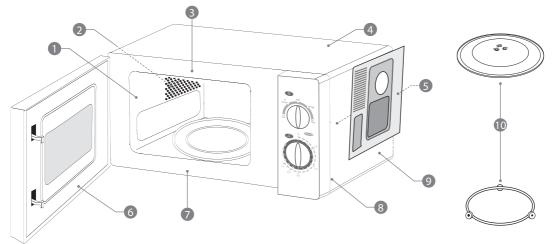
Defrost Weight (kg)	Approx. Defrost Time (mins)
0.2	3
0.4	6
0.6	9
0.8	12
1.0	15

- - You may wish to place the frozen food on a microwave safe plate or dish before placing it on the rack (not supplied). This is to ensure that any liquids during defrosting will not spill and dirty the interior of the microwave.
 - Large items may be frozen in the centre. To ensure even thawing, turn them over from time to time and break them into smaller pieces during defrosting. Place roasts fat-side down or whole poultry breasts side down. Drain liquids during defrosting as the juices from food can get hot and cook the food.
 - The density and thickness of food can affect its cooking time. Ensure all food is piping hot and cook thoroughly before serving. It is essential that food is checked during and after cooking.
 - When removing from the microwave, please ensure that the microwave has stopped.
 - Operating the microwave without food in it can result in overheating and damaging the magnetron.

Cleaning your microwave each time you use it will help to prevent a build up of stubborn marks that can be difficult to clean.

Unplug your microwave from the mains and wait for it to completely cool down before cleaning.

On the right hand side wall of the cavity is the wave guide cover. Microwaves are passed through this to enable your food to cook. It is important that this wave guide cover is kept clean at all times. Wipe it with mild detergent and water and leave to dry.



- The microwave walls have a special enamel coating which makes cleaning very easy. Use a soft damp cloth to wipe off any splashes or a paper towel to mop up any spills. Wipe off grease with a damp cloth and a little detergent. Dry thoroughly. If grease is left to accumulate, it can smoke and even catch fire.
- 2 Make sure you keep the outlet grids clean.
- Keep the front of the microwave clean so that the door can close properly.
- 4 Be careful not to spill water into the vents.
- Do not remove the wave guide cover: It is important to keep the cover clean in the same manner as the inside of the microwave. If grease is left to accumulate, it can smoke and even catch fire.
- 6 Keep the inside of the door clean with a damp cloth. Use warm soapy water for stubborn marks and dry thoroughly. The inside of the door has a special coating and must not be cleaned with abrasive pads or cleaning powders.
- ⑦ Clean behind the door ledge.

- Use warm soapy water to clean the outside of the microwave. Do not use abrasive cleaners, pads or powders that could scratch the surface.
- Unplug the microwave before cleaning the power cord and the microwave. Wipe with a damp cloth and leave to dry before plugging it back in.
- Treat the glass turntable plate as you would any glass plate. After you have used it for more than 15 minutes, allow it to cool down before you use it again. Do not wash the glass turntable plate in very hot water, doing so could crack it. Wash the turntable support in warm water. Make sure the glass turntable plate and turntable support are dry before you put them back in the microwave.

Do not remove any fixed parts from the inside of your microwave during cleaning or at any other time.

Frequently Asked Questions

If a problem does occur, it may often be due to something very minor. The following Q&A may be able to resolve the issue.

Questions	Answers
Unit is not responding.	 Check that: The mains plug is not securely plugged into the mains socket. If not, unplug the unit, wait 10 seconds, then firmly plug it in again. The mains socket is not overloaded causing the fuse to blow.
Unit is not heating up.	Check that: • The door is properly closed. It should click when closed firmly.
Why doesn't the food seem to cook?	 Check that: The cooking time has been set. The door is closed. The mains socket is not overloaded thus causing the fuse to blow.
Why does the food seem undercooked or overcooked?	Check that:The correct cooking time has been set.The correct power setting has been used.
How can I stop eggs from popping?	When you bake or poach eggs in the microwave, the yolk can sometimes pop as steam builds up inside it. You can stop the egg from popping by piercing the yolk with a toothpick before cooking. Never cook eggs that are still in their shells
Why is it so important that I allow standing time after cooking?	With microwave cooking, many foods build up enough heat inside them to continue cooking even after they've even taken out of the microwave. Leaving the food to stand will allow for even cooking and heat distribution.
Why does my microwave sometimes take longer to cook than it says in the recipe?	First check that the microwave was set jus as the recipe said. Cooking times and heat settings are suggestions to help prevent overcooking but differences in weight, size, shape and starting temperature of the food will all affect how long it takes to cook – just as it does with a conventional oven. Use your judgement along with the recipe to check whether he food has been cooked properly.
Why do I get condensation on the inside of the door?	Condensation is perfectly normal, especially when you are cooking food with a high moisture content such as potatoes.
Does the microwave energy escape through the window on the door?	No. The door has a special metal screen with holes that lets you see inside but stops microwave energy from getting out.
Steam comes out of the side of the door and vents. Can microwave energy get out too?	No. The door and vents are carefully designed to left steam out during cooking but keep microwave energy in.
Light is showing through the vents and door. Does this mean microwave energy can escape?	No. It is normal for light to be visible and is nothing to be concerned about.
What happens if the microwave is switched on while it is empty?	The microwave will be damaged. Do not switch on the unit when there is nothing inside it. It is a good idea to keep a cup of water in the microwave in case the unit is accidentally switched on.

Questions	Answers
There are sparks inside the microwave when I use it. Will this cause any damage?	Yes. Make sure you are not using any metal utensils and that your containers do not have a metal trim. You must not use any metal in the microwave when cooking (except aluminium foil as instructed in the recipe).
Why doesn't the microwave's light illuminate?	Open the door. If the light does not come on, the blub has probably blow. Call a qualified service agent – do not try to change the bulb yourself.
Why do I get interference on my TV and radio when I use the microwave?	Microwaves use radio waves similar to those received by TVs and radios. You can lessen the interference by moving your microwave further away from the TV or radio.

Specifications

Model	C17MW14	
Input	230-240V~ 50Hz	
Microwave Output	650-700 Watts	
Microwave Frequency	2450 MHz	
Outside Dimensions (width x deep x height)	439.5mm x 355mm x 257.6mm	
Power consumption		
Microwave Input	1100-1150 Watts	

Complies with EC directives 2004/108/EC and 2006/95/EC.

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