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# UPPER MICROWAVE OVEN

Eye-Level Model RM996PXV RM988PXV

Built-In Model RM288PXV RM286PXV (White)

NOTE: Use and care instructions for the lower oven are provided in a separate manual.



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# Before you use your microwave oven

For important information, carefully read the Installation Instructions packed with your microwave oven, this Use & Care Guide, the Range or Lower Oven Use & Care Guide and the Cooking Guide. Store these together for future use.

# **AWARNING**

# Personal Injury Hazard

This appliance must be connected to a grounded, metallic, permanent wiring system, or an equipment grounding conductor should be run with the circuit conductors and connected to the equipment grounding the terminal or lead on the appliance. Failure to do so could lead to product malfunction or personal injury.

It is your responsibility to be sure your microwave oven:

- Has been installed where it is protected from the weather. The microwave oven should be at a temperature above 50°F (10°C) for proper operation.
- Has been installed and levelled on a floor strong enough to support its weight. (Eye-level model only.)
- Has been properly connected to electrical supply and grounded. (See "Installation Instructions.")
- Is not used by children or anyone unable to operate it properly.
- Is properly maintained.
- Is used only for jobs expected of a home microwave oven.

# **PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID POSSIBLE EXPOSURE TO EXCESSIVE MICROWAVE ENERGY...**

**DO NOT** attempt to operate this oven with the door open since open-door operation can result in harmful exposure to microwave energy. It is important not to defeat or tamper with the safety interlocks.

**DO NOT** place any object between the oven front face and the door or allow soil or cleaner residue to accumulate on sealing surfaces. **DO NOT** operate the oven if it is damaged. It is particularly important that the oven door close properly and that there is no damage to the: (1) Door (bent),

- (2) Hinges and
  - latches (broken or loosened),
- (3) Door seals and sealing surfaces.

**DO NOT** operate the microwave oven if the door window is broken. The microwave oven should be checked for microwave leakage by qualified service personnel after a repair is made.

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

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

# For Use of Microwave Upper Oven

Microwave ovens have been thoroughly tested for safe and efficient operation. However, as with any appliance, there are special installation and safety precautions which must be followed to ensure safe and satisfactory operation and prevent damage to the unit.

# AWARNING

To reduce the risk of fire, electrical shock, injury to persons or damage when using the microwave oven, follow basic precautions, including the following:

**1.** Read all instructions before using appliance.

2. Read and follow the specific "PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID POSSI-BLE EXPOSURE TO EXCESSIVE MICROWAVE ENERGY" found on page 4.

**3.** This appliance must be installed and properly grounded in accordance with the separately provided Installation Instructions.

4. Some products such as whole eggs and sealed containers – for example, closed glass jars – may explode and should not be heated in this oven.

5. Use this appliance only for its intended use as described in this manual.

**6.** As with any appliance, close supervision is necessary when used by children.

7. Do not operate this appliance if it has a damaged cord or plug, if it is not working properly, or if it has been damaged or dropped. Electrical shock, fire or other hazards may result.

8. This appliance should be serviced only by qualified service personnel. Call an authorized Whirlpool<sup>sm</sup> service company for examination, repair or adjustment.

**9.** Do not cover or block any opening on the appliance. Fire may result.

**10.** Do not use outdoors. Damage to the oven or electrical shock may result.

**11.** Follow door surface and interior cleaning instructions on page 37.

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**12.** To reduce the risk of fire in the oven cavity:

a. Do not overcook food. Carefully attend appliance if paper, plastic, or other combustible materials are placed inside the oven to facilitate cooking. Paper can char or burn, and some plastics can melt if used when heating foods.

b. Do not deep fry in oven.

c. <u>Test dinnerware or cookware</u> <u>before using</u>. See page 40. Some dishes (melamine, Centura,<sup>®</sup> etc.) absorb microwave energy, becoming too hot to handle and slowing cooking times. Remove wire twist-ties from paper or plastic bags before placing bag in oven. Cooking in metal containers can damage the oven. So can containers with hidden metal (twistties, foil lining, staples, metallic glaze or trim.)

d. If materials inside the oven should ignite, keep oven door closed, turn oven off, and disconnect the power cord, or shut off power at the fuse or circuit breaker panel.

**13.** Do not heat, store or use flammable, inflammable or corrosive materials in or near the oven. Fumes can create a fire hazard or explosion.

**14.** Read and follow "OPERAT-ING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS" starting on page 39.

# SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

# Using your microwave oven

# **Microwave Oven Controls**

There are three parts to the microwave oven control section:

- The Digital Display/Clock and Indicator Lights
- Command Pads
- Number Pads

Instructions for each are covered on the following pages. Read them carefully.

When you first connect power to the oven, a tone will sound and the Display will show 88:88. If after you set the Clock (page 9), the Display again shows all 8's, it means your electricity was off for a while. Reset the Clock.





# Digital Display/Clock and Indicator Lights

When you are not using the microwave oven, this is an accurate Digital Clock.

When you are using the microwave oven, it displays time settings, temperature settings and Indicator Lights.

While the oven is running, an Indicator Light (or lights) will be on to show what the oven is doing.



# **Command Pads**

Touch Command Pads to tell the microwave oven what do do and in what order. A few examples:

- CLOCK SET tells the oven you are going to set the Clock.
- START tells the oven to start.

Each Command Pad (except START, CANCEL and CLOCK SET) lights an Indicator Light on the Digital Display. The Indicator Light comes on when you touch the Command Pad.

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# **Number Pads**

Once you've touched a Command Pad to tell the oven what you want to do, you'll touch Number Pads to tell it...

- a time,
- a Cook Power,
- a food temperature,
- a food setting.

# **Audible Signals**

Audible signals are available to guide you when setting and using your oven. A programming tone will sound each time you touch a pad. Two beeps will sound between cycles. A reminder tone will sound every 60 seconds after cooking is done to remind you that something has been left in the oven. A 3 second tone signals the end of the Minute Timer function. If you don't hear a tone, it is because of incorrectly entered instructions or because the tones have been removed. For example, a tone will not sound if you touch a Number Pad before you touch a Command Pad.

# To remove the programming tone:

- 1. Open the door.
- 2. Touch CANCEL twice, then touch START.
- 3. The programming tone will be cancelled.

# To replace the programming tone:

• Repeat the steps above.

# To remove all tones, except the Minute Timer signal:

- 1. Open the door.
- 2. Touch CANCEL twice, touch 0, then touch START.
- 3. All audible tones (except Minute Timer signal) will be cancelled.

# To replace the tones:

Repeat the steps
 above.

NOTE: If your electricity goes off, the audible signals will come back on. Repeat steps above if you want to remove them again.

# **Setting the Clock**

When the oven is first plugged in, a tone sounds and the display shows 88:88. If the electric power ever goes off, the Display will again show all 8's when the power comes back on.

You can cook or use the Minute Timer without setting the Clock, but the Display will be blank after cookina.

# DO THIS...

CLOCK SET

# THIS HAPPENS...

QUICK PROBE KEEP 1. Touch CLOCK SET.

The Display will show a "0" and the colon will start to flash. The first Number Pad must be touched within 5 seconds or the Display will ao blank. Touch CLOCK SET again and continue.



2. Touch Number Pads for the right time of day.



The Display will show what numbers you touched in the order you touched them. This example shows 3:25.

The colon will stop flashing.

The Clock is set.

START

3. Touch START.



If you have touched in an incorrect time, such as 12:65, "Err" will show on the

Display. Touch CLOCK SET

and start over.

NOTE: To reset the Clock, touch CLOCK SET. The current time will show on the Display and the colon will flash. Continue to set the Clock as shown above.

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# Using the Minute Timer

The Minute Timer does not start or stop cooking. It can be used alone or while the oven is operating. It works like a kitchen timer.

# DO THIS... THIS HAPPENS...



# Changing the Minute Timer

- Touch MINUTE TIMER.
- Touch numbers to set new time.
- Touch START.

New instructions cancel the old ones.

- Touch MINUTE TIMER.
- Touch CANCEL. **NOTE**: Touch MINUTE TIMER before touching CANCEL to cancel just the Minute Timer. **If CANCEL** is touched first, **all cooking instructions will be cancelled and the Minute Timer will continue to operate.**

The Minute Timer can be set to time other activities while the oven is operating in any other cycle. The Display will countdown the time of the cycle in operation. The Minute Timer will continue to countdown, but will not show on the Display. When the time is up, a 3 second signal will sound.

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Opening the oven door does not stop the Minute Timer countdown; however, it does stop any cooking or defrosting. Close the door and touch START to continue cooking or defrosting.

# **Cooking in Your Microwave Oven**

Be sure to read the MICRO MENUS® Cookbook packed with the microwave oven. It contains information about:

- What microwave energy is.
- How food is cooked by microwave energy.
- What affects cooking speed and cooking evenness.
- Safety tips.
- Utensils to use when cooking in a microwave oven.
- Cooking times for different foods.

# Important things to remember to get the best cooking results.

- ALWAYS cook food for the minimum recommended cooking time. If necessary, add time in one or two minute periods, then check for doneness to avoid overcooking the food.
- Stir, turn or rearrange the food being cooked about halfway through the cooking time for most even doneness with all recipes.
- If a glass cover is not available, use wax paper, paper towels or microwave approved plastic wrap. Turn back a corner to vent steam during cooking.

# **Using AUTO SENSOR**

The Auto Sensor Control allows you to cook food in the oven without computing time or power level. All foods give off moisture, groma and other vapors as they cook. When the oven senses the right amount of vapor from the food, it will automatically determine the remaining time and power needed to finish cooking the food. You only need to touch COOK/REHEAT or COOK FROZEN and a number pad (for a food setting), then START. If you like your food less done than average you may decrease the cooking time by touching the LESS (Number 1) Pad after selecting the category (before touching START). If you like your food more done than average, touch the MORE (Number 9) Pad after selecting the category (before touching START) to extend the time. You may add ingredients, stir, turn or rotate during the **timed** portion of the Auto Sensor cycles. However, "Err" will show on the Display if the door is opened during the first (automatic) part of either cycle. If this happens, open the door and touch CANCEL. To finish cooking, estimate the remaining time and reset the oven using Cook 1 cycle. Do not reset the Auto Sensor. See the Auto Sensor Chart included with your oven and the Auto Sensor Guide on the inner door panel for examples of food to cook at each setting.

# COOK/REHEAT

Use COOK/REHEAT to automatically cook **fresh** food items or **reheat** previously cooked foods. There are 9 cooking categories in COOK/REHEAT.

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1. Put food in the oven and close the door.



The AUTO SENSOR Indicator Light will come on and the Display will show "AS-"

# 2

COOK

REHEAT

3. Touch a Number Pad (1-9) for the cooking category you want. (See auide on inner door panel and separate Auto Sensor Chart.)



The Display will show the AUTO SENSOR setting you touched. This example shows you selected category 2.



4. Touch LESS (1) or MORE (9) if desired. (Skip to Step 5 if vou do not wish to shorten or lengthen cooking time.)



The display will not change.

# START

5. Touch START.



The oven automatically cooks at a preset Cook Power for that setting. The AUTO SENSOR Indicator Light will stay on to show that the oven is cooking the food. Do not open the oven door during this part of the cycle.



When you hear 2 beeps, the Display will show and count down the remaining cooking time (except at setting Number 1). The oven door can now be opened to stir, turn or rearrange food.



BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

When the cooking time ends, "End" will show on the Display and 4 beeps will sound. (You can stop the beeping by opening the door or by touching CANCEL.) "End" will remain on the Display and a reminder tone will sound every 60 seconds (to remind you that food is left in the oven) until the door is opened or CANCEL is touched. The Display will then show the time of day.

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# **COOK FROZEN**

Use COOK FROZEN to automatically cook **frozen** food items. There are five cooking categories in COOK FROZEN.

# DO THIS... THIS HAPPENS...

1. Put frozen food in the oven and close the door.

The AUTO SENSOR Indica-DEFROST COOK 2 PROBE KEEP TEMP WARM COOK FROZEN tor Light will come on and the Display will show "AS-." 2. Touch COOK FROZEN. The Display will show the QUICK COOK COOK PROBE KEEP DEFROST 1 2 TEMP WARM 3 Auto Sensor category you touched. This example shows you selected 3. Touch a Number setting 3. Pad (1-5) for the frozen food cook-COOK MEAL MINUT POWER TIMER TIMER ing category you want. (See guide on inner door panel and separate Auto Sensor Chart.)



4. Touch LESS (1) or MORE (9) if desired. (Skip to Step 5 if you do not wish to shorten or lengthen cooking time.)



The display will not change.

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# START

5. Touch START.



The oven automatically thaws and cooks at a preset Cook Power for that setting. "AS-3" will show on the Display and the AUTO SEN-SOR Indicator Light will stay on to show that the oven is cooking the food. **Do not open the oven door during this part of the cycle.** 



When you hear 2 beeps, the Display will show and count down the remaining cooking time (except at setting Number 1). The oven door can now be opened to stir, turn or rearrange food.



BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

When the cooking time ends, "End" will show on the Display and 4 beeps will sound. (You can stop the beeping by opening the door or by touching CANCEL.) "End" will remain on the Display and a reminder tone will sound every 60 seconds (to remind you that food is left in the oven) until the door is opened or CANCEL is touched. The Display will then show the time of day.

# **SLOW COOK/SIMMER**

Use SLOW COOK/SIMMER as you would a slow cooker to enhance flavor and tenderize less expensive cuts of meat. If you find that food needs a longer cooking time than the setting allows, you may extend future cooking times. To extend cooking time, touch SLOW COOK/SIMMER followed by MORE (Number 9) Pad and START. The LESS (Number 1) Pad cannot be used in this cycle.

KEEP WARM will automatically follow the cooking time in SLOW COOK/SIMMER. (See "Using KEEP WARM" on page 35.) Combined cooking time and KEEP WARM will equal 11 hours, 59 minutes unless cancelled any time after cooking is done.

# DO THIS... THIS HAPPENS...

1. Put food in the oven and close the door.





BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

When SLOW COOK/SIMMER ends, "End" will show on the Display and 4 beeps will sound. (You can stop the beeping by opening the door or by touching CANCEL.) "End" will remain on the Display and a reminder tone will sound every 60 seconds (to remind you that food is left in the oven) until the door is opened or CANCEL is touched. The Display will then show the time of day.

NOTE: If food is removed from oven during KEEP WARM, touch KEEP WARM then CANCEL to cancel remainder of the time.

# **AUTO SENSOR** operating hints

- All Auto Sensor cooking categories have preset Cook Powers.
- The COOK POWER Indicator Light does not come on during Auto Sensor cycles.
- No Cook or Temperature cycles can be used with Auto Sensor cycles.
- QUICK DEFROST and KEEP WARM may be selected with COOK/REHEAT or COOK FROZEN only. KEEP WARM is automatic at the end of the SLOW COOK/ SIMMER cycle.
- PAUSE may be used with COOK/REHEAT or COOK FROZEN **only.** It will stop the oven between the first and second part of the cycle. See "Using PAUSE," page 30.
- In COOK/REHEAT and COOK FROZEN "AS-(#)" will show on the Display until the oven calculates and begins counting down the remaining cooking time, except "AS-1" which stops after the first part of the cooking cycle.
- The AUTO SENSOR Indicator Light goes off at the end of the first part of the Slow Cook/Simmer cycle.
- "Err" will show on the Display if the door is opened during the first part of any Auto Sensor cycle. "Err" will also show on the Display if Auto Sensor malfunctions. Open the door and touch CANCEL to clear the Display. **Do not reset Auto Sensor.** The food may over or under cook. To finish cooking food, estimate the remaining cook time. Reset the oven using the Cook 1 cycle and approximate Cook Power setting.

# **Cooking at High Cook Power**

# DO THIS... THIS HAPPENS...

1. Put food in the oven and close the door.

2. Touch COOK 1.

The COOK 1 Indicator Light will come on and the Display will show four 0's.

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3. Touch Number Pads for the cooking time you want.

The Display will show the COOK PROBE KEEP TEMP WARM numbers you touched in the order you touched  $\begin{array}{c} \cdot & \neg & \neg \\ \cdot & \neg & \neg \\ \cdot & \neg & \neg \end{array}$ them. The example shows 1 minute, 30 seconds. COOK MEAL MINUTE POWER TIMER TIMER

START

4. Touch START.



BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

AUTO SENSOR

AUTO

The oven will automatically cook at HIGH Cook

The COOK 1 Indicator Light will stay on to show that the oven is cooking.

The Display counts down the time to show how much time is left in the first cycle.

When the cooking time ends, "End" will show on the Display and 4 beeps will sound. (You can stop the beeping by opening the door or by touching CANCEL.) "End" will remain on the Display and a reminder tone will sound every 60 seconds (to remind you that food is left in the oven) until the door is opened or CANCEL is touched. The Display will then show the time of day.

# **Changing the Cooking Time**

Cooking time can be changed any time before or after touching START:

- 1. Touch COOK 1.
- 2. Touch Number Pads for the new time.
- 3. Touch START.

Cook 1 cycle will continue cooking for the new time.

# **Cooking at Lower Cook Powers**

For best results, some recipes call for lower Cook Powers. The lower the Cook Power, the slower the cooking. Each Number Pad also stands for a different percentage of Cook Power. Many recipes in your MICRO MENUS® Cookbook tell you, by number, which Cook Power to use. Recipes in other books and magazines may tell you by name (HI, MED, LO, etc.) or percentage (10%, 50%. 80%, etc.).

The following chart gives the percentage of Cook Power each Number Pad stands for, and Cook Power name usually used:

automatic 100% of full power HIGH

- 9 = 90% of full power
- 8 = 80% of full power
- 7 = 70% of full power MED-HIGH
- 6 = 60% of full power
- 5 = 50% of full power MED

- 4 = 40% of full power
- 3 = 30% of full power MED-LOW
- 2 = 20% of full power
- 1 = 10% of full power LOW
- 0 = no power (fan and light will be off)
- DO THIS... TH

# THIS HAPPENS...

1. Put food in the oven and close the door.







BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

The Display counts down **COUNC** the time to show how much cooking time is left in the first cycle.

> When the cooking time ends, "End" will show on the Display and 4 beeps will sound. (You can stop the beeping by opening the door or by touching CANCEL.) "End" will remain on the Display and a reminder tone will sound every 60 seconds (to remind you that food is left in the oven) until the door is opened or CANCEL is touched. The Display will then show the time of day.

# **Changing the Cook Power**

The **Cook Power** can be changed any time before or after touching START:

- Touch COOK POWER.
- Touch a Number Pad for the new Cook Power.
- Touch START. The cycle will cook at the new Cook Power for the original time. OR....
- Touch COOK POWER twice if you want to change a lower Cook Power to HIGH.
- Touch START.

# **Cooking in More Than One Cook Cycle**

For best results, some recipes call for one Cook Power for a certain length of time, and another Cook Power for another length of time. Your oven can be set to change from one to another automatically.

# DO THIS... THIS HAPPENS...

 Put food in the oven and close the door.



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3. Touch Number Pads for the cooking time you want in the first cycle.



The Display will show the numbers you touched in the order you touched them. This example shows 3 minutes, 25 seconds.



4. Touch COOK POWER. (If you want the HIGH Cook Power, skip to Step 6.) QUICK COOK COOK PROBE KEEP DEFROST 1 2 TEMP WARM The COOK POWER Indicator Light will come on and the Display will show "P-HI." This shows the oven is preprogrammed to cook at full (HIGH) power.



5. Touch a Number Pad for the Cook Power you want in the first cycle.



The Display will show what you touched. This example shows you touched Number Pad 6 for 60% of full power.





7. Touch Number Pads for the cooking time you want in the second cycle.



The Display will show the numbers you touched in the order you touched them. This example shows 4 minutes, 30 seconds.

# COOK POWER

8. Touch COOK POWER. (If you want the HIGH Cook Power, skip to Step 10.)



The COOK POWER Indicator Light will come on and the Display will show "P-HI." This shows the oven is preprogrammed to cook at full (HIGH) power.

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9. Touch a Number Pad for the Cook Power you want in the second cycle.



The Display will show what you touched. This example shows you touched Number Pad 4 for 40% of full power.



10. Touch START.



When you touch START, the COOK 1 Indicator Light will stay on while the oven is cooking in the first cycle. The COOK POWER Indicator Light will be on if you are using a Cook Power other than HIGH. All other Indicator Lights will go off.

Jount Jown The Display counts down the cooking time to show how much time is left in the first cycle.

BEEP BEEP You will hear 2 beeps at the end of Cook 1. You can either open the door to check, stir or turn the food, etc., or you can let the oven start the next cycle. If you do open the door, touch START after closing the door to restart the oven.



The COOK 2 Indicator Light will be on during the second cycle. The COOK POWER Indicator Light will also be on if you are using a Cook Power other than HIGH.



The Display counts down the time to show how much time is left in the second cycle.

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BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

When Cook 2 ends, "End" will show on the Display and 4 beeps will sound. (You can stop the beeping by opening the door or by touching CANCEL.) "End" will remain on the Display and a reminder tone will sound every 60 seconds (to remind you that food is left in the oven) until the door is opened or CANCEL is touched. The Display will then show the time of day.

# Hints for Cooking With More Than One Cycle.

You can program the cooking cycles in any order. However, when the microwave oven is started, it will automatically go through the cycles in the order of the examples described in this book. For example, if you program COOK 1, KEEP WARM and QUICK DEFROST, the microwave oven will automatically follow this sequence: QUICK DEFROST  $\rightarrow$  (STANDING TIME)  $\rightarrow$  COOK 1  $\rightarrow$  KEEP WARM.

# NOTE: The microwave oven will automatically provide standing time between QUICK DEFROST and COOK 1. (See page 23.)

# **Changing or Adding Instructions**

You can change times, Cook Powers, or add cycles any time before or after touching START:

- Touch the Cook cycle you wish to change or add (COOK 1 or 2).
- Touch Number Pads for a new time, if desired.
- Touch COOK POWER, if change is desired.
- Touch a Number Pad for new Cook Power, or touch COOK POWER again if HIGH is desired.
- Touch in new cycle and time, if desired.
- Touch START.

# Defrosting

Use QUICK DEFROST to thaw frozen food before cooking. For suggested defrost times, see the guide behind the oven door or in your MICRO MENUS® Cookbook. Do not use defrosting times developed for other types of defrost systems, as food may be partially cooked.

DO THIS... THIS HAPPENS...

1. Put frozen food in the oven and close the door.



# **Standing Time After Defrosting**

START

For best results, allow the food to stand for a while after defrosting. This helps equalize the temperature of the food to provide more even defrosting.

When COOK 1 follows QUICK DEFROST, the oven automatically provides a standing time equal to the time touched in for the QUICK DEFROST. See "Cooking Automatically After Defrosting," page 24.

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mind you that food is left in the oven) until the door is opened or CANCEL is touched. The Display will then show the time of day.

# About the Quick Defrost Cycle

The microwave oven automatically divides the time set for the Quick Defrost cycle into three equal parts:

| First part  | 80% of full Cook Power |
|-------------|------------------------|
| Second part | 50% of full Cook Power |
| Third part  | 20% of full Cook Power |

This automatic step-down in Cook Power helps defrost food quickly and completely.

# **Changing or Adding Defrost Time**

You can change the defrosting time any time before or after touching START:

- Touch QUICK DEFROST.
- Touch Number Pads for the new time.
- Touch START.

Any new time setting made while Quick Defrost is operating will continue the defrosting at only 20% of full power.

The best time to change the setting is near the end of the Quick Defrost cycle.

- Open the door.
- Check the food with long-tined fork; if center is still frozen, set additional time. Remember that standing time is necessary to complete defrosting.
- Close the door and touch START to continue the cycle if no additional time is needed.

OR...

• Touch in new instructions for additional defrosting time.

NOTE: **PAUSE** can be set to automatically stop the oven halfway through QUICK DEFROST to allow you to turn over or rearrange food for more even defrosting. See page 30 for setting directions.

# **Cooking Automatically After Defrosting**

The controls can be set so the microwave oven goes automatically from defrosting to the Cook cycle you have touched in.

# DO THIS... THIS HAPPENS...

1. Put food in the oven and close the door.



2. Touch QUICK DEFROST.



The QUICK DEFROST Indicator Light will come on and the Display will show four 0's.





When the defrost time ends, the microwave oven automatically lets the food stand for the **same amount of time used for defrosting.** The QUICK DE-FROST Indicator Light stays on and the Display counts down the standing time. **During the countdown the oven will be dark, and the fan will be off.** 

BEEP BEEP

When the standing time is over, you will hear 2 beeps and the Cook cycle will start.



The COOK 1 Indicator Light will be on during the Cook cycle. The COOK POWER Indicator Light will also be on **if you are using a Cook Power other than HIGH.** 

Jount Jount The Display counts down the time to show how much time is left in the second cycle.



BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

When the Cook cycle ends, "End" will show on the Display and 4 beeps will sound. (You can stop the beeping by opening the door or by touching CANCEL.) "End" will remain on the Display and a reminder tone will sound every 60 seconds (to remind you that food is left in the oven) until the door is opened or CANCEL is touched. The Display will then show the time of day.

# **Cooking with the Temperature Probe**

The Temperature Probe helps take guesswork out of cooking roasts and larger casseroles. The probe is designed to turn off the oven when it senses the temperature you choose. See your MICRO MENUS® Cookbook for helpful information in cooking different types of food.

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# DO THIS...



# Socket Plug

- 2. Place food in the oven and plug the probe into the socket on the oven wall.
- 3. Make sure the probe does not touch any part of the oven interior. Close the door.

# DO THIS... THIS HAPPENS...





5. Touch Number Pads for the desired final temperature between 90°F and 200°F.



The Display will show the numbers you touched in the order you touched them. This example shows a final cooked temperature of about 140°F.



6. Touch COOK POWER. (Option: Skip to Step 8 if you want to cook at HIGH power.)



The COOK POWER Indicator Light will come on and the Display will show "P-HI." This shows the oven is preprogrammed to cook at full (HIGH) power.

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7. Touch the Number Pad for the Cook Power you want.



The Display will show what you touched. This example shows you touched Number Pad 6 for 60% of full power.

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START

8. Touch START.



The PROBE TEMP and COOK POWER Indicator Lights will stay on.

The Display will show "COOL" to show the food is less than 90°F. As the food cooks, the Display will show the internal temperature of the food for every 5°F increase.



BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

When the probe senses the temperature you selected, the oven shuts off. "End" will show on the Display and 4 beeps will sound. (You can stop the beeping by opening the door or by touching CANCEL.) "End" will remain on the Display and a reminder tone will sound every 60 seconds (to remind you that food is left in the oven) until the door is opened or CANCEL is touched. The Display will then show the time of day.

NOTE: "Err" will be displayed after START is touched if an incorrect temperature has been set (less than 90°F or more than 200°F).

NOTE: Some foods are started using a timed (CCOK) cycle and finished by using the temperature (PROBE TEMP) cycle. Yau can set PROBE TEMP to follow COOK 1 or COOK 2 to avoid the need to reset the oven halfway through the cycle. PROBE TEMP can be programmed with the Temperature Probe out. The oven will pause between COOK 1 or COOK 2 and PROBE TEMP. "PROB" will show on the Display to remind you to plug in the probe.

# **Changing the Temperature Setting**

- When using the Temperature Probe, PROBE TEMP s: things can be changed before or during oven operation:
- Touch PROBE TEMP.
- Touch Number Pads for the new temperature.
- Touch START. The oven will continue cooking to the new temperature. If the new temperature is lower than the temperature of the food, the oven will shut off.

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# Hints for Using the Temperature Probe DO...

- stir foods during cooking when recommended.
- stir soups, casseroles and drinks before serving.
- cover roasts with foil and let stand a few minutes after cooking. Remove foil if you decide to cook it longer.
- remove the probe from the oven when not cooking by temperature.

# DON'T...

- let probe or probe cable touch any part of the oven interior.
- let probe touch foil (if used). Foil can be kept away from probe with wooden toothpicks. Remove foil if arcing occurs.
- use paper, plastic wrap or plastic containers. They will be in the oven too long and might distort.
- use probe in regular oven.
- force probe into frozen food.
- use probe for foods that need to simmer.
- plug the pointed end of the Temperature Probe into the socket.



# **Removing and cleaning the Temperature Probe**

- 1. After the oven has shut off, unplug the Temperature Probe using an oven mitt or hot pad.
- 2. Wipe probe with a hot sudsy cloth and dry thoroughly. Use a plastic scouring pad to remove cooked-on foods.
- 3. Probe may be placed in the silverware basket of the dishwasher.

# **Using PAUSE**

Your microwave oven can be set to pause halfwc y through QUICK DEFROST, after the automatic part of AUTO SENSOR, between COOK 1 and COOK 2, or between COOK 1 or COOK 2 and PROBE TEMP to c low you to stir or turn the food or to add ingredients and to plug in the prot e.

# Using PAUSE with QUICK DEFROST

# DO THIS... THIS HAPPENS...

1. Put frozen food in the oven and close the door.



 Turn over or rearrange food being defrosted. Close door. NOTE: Oven will remain off until you touch START.

# START

7. Touch START.



End

BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

When the defrost time ends, "End" will show on the Display and 4 beeps will sound. (You can stop the beeping by opening the door or by touching CANCEL.) "End" will remain on the Display and a reminder tone will sound every 60 seconds (to remind you that food is left in the oven) until the door is opened or CANCEL is touched. The Display will then show the time of day.

The QUICK DEFROST Indi-

cator stays on and the Display counts down the

remainina time.

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# Adding PAUSE to the Cycle in Operation

Pause can be added to any cycle in operation as long as there is another cycle programmed to follow. It can also be added to QUICK DEFROST or AUTO SENSOR after START has been touched.

- 1. Touch PAUSE.
- 2. Touch START.

The oven will automatically stop after the cycle in operation to allow you to stir, turn, or rotate food or add additional ingredients. It will stop halfway through QUICK DEFROST to allow you to turn over or rearrange the food being defrosted. It will stop after the first (AS) part of the AUTO SENSOR cycle to allow you to stir, rotate or rearrange food or to add ingredients. **NOTE: The oven will remain off until you touch START.** 

# PAUSE between (COOK) cycle and PROBE TEMP

PAUSE is automatic between COOK 1 or COOK 2 and PROBE TEMP. "PROB" will show on the Display to remind you to plug in the probe. Touch START to continue cooking.

# Using PAUSE with AUTO SENSOR

PAUSE may be used in AUTO SENSOR with the Cook/Reheat or Cook Frozen cycles **only**.

- 1. Put food in the oven and close the door.
- 2. Touch COOK/REHEAT or COOK FROZEN.
- 3. Touch a Number Pad for the cooking category ou want.
- 4. Touch PAUSE.
- 5. Touch START.

When the first part of the AUTO SENSOR cycle is do: e, you will hear 2 beeps and the oven will shut off.

6. Open the door. Stir or turn the food or add ingrecients. Close the door.
7. Touch START to continue.

# Using START TIME to Delay Start of Cooking

The microwave oven can be set to start automatic only at a later time. Use **START TIME** to delay the start of cooking up to 11 hc urs, 59 minutes.



5. Touch COOK POWER. (Option: Skip to Step 7 if you want to use HIGH power.) 32



" he COOK POWER Indicator Light will come on and the Display will show "P-HI." This shows the oven is preprogrammed to cook at full (HIGH) power.





BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP

When the cooking time ends, "End" will show on the Display and 4 beeps will sound. (You can stop the beeping by opening the door or by touching CANCEL.) "End" will remain on the Display and a reminder tone will sound every 60 seconds (to remind you that food is left in the oven) until the door is opened or CANCEL is touched. The Display will then show the time of day.

NOTE: If the oven light and fan come on when you touch START, the Start Time feature has not been set correctly. Touch CANCEL, reprogram the cooking sequence and START TIME, then touch START.

# **Additional Information**

- Additional cycles can be set when using START TIME to start cooking at a later time. Follow instructions under the proper heading (Using AUTO SENSOR, Cooking with the Temperature Probe, Defrosting, Using KEEP WARM) before you program START TIME.
- You can **change time**, or **add cycles** at any time during the Start Time cycle:
  - 1. Touch the cycle you wish to change or add.
  - 2. Touch Number Pads for the new time.
  - 3. Touch COOK POWER, if desired.
  - 4. Touch Number Pad for new Cook Power, or touch COOK POWER again if HIGH is desired.
  - 5. Touch START. The oven will cook at the new time and Cook Power.
- Opening the door does not stop the START TIME operation.

# AWARNING

To avoid sickness and food waste when using delay start:

- Do not use foods that will spoil while waiting for cooking to start, such as dishes with milk or eggs, cream soups, and cooked meats or fish. Any food that has to wait for cooking to start should be very cold or frozen before it is put in the oven. MOST UNFROZEN FOODS SHOULD NEVER STAND MORE THAN TWO HOURS BEFORE COOKING STARTS.
- Do not use foods containing baking powder or yeast when using delay start. They will not rise properly.
- Do not allow food to remain in oven for more than two hours after end of cooking cycle.

# Using KEEP WARM

Hot, cooked foods can be safely kept warm in your microwave oven for up to 99 minutes, 99 seconds (about 1 hour, 40 minutes). KEEP WARM can be used by itself, or it can automatically follow a Cook cycle or Probe Temp cycle.

# DO THIS... THIS HAPPENS...

1. Put cooked, hot food in oven and close door.



- KEEP WARM operates for up to 99 minutes, 99 seconds.
- Opening the oven door cancels KEEP WARM. Close the door and touch KEEP WARM, then START if additional KEEP WARM time is desired.
- Foods cooked covered should be covered during KEEP WARM.
- Pastry items (pies, turnovers, etc.) should be uncovered during KEEP WARM.
- Complete meals kept warm on a dinner plate should be covered during KEEP WARM.
- The use of more than one complete KEEP WARM (about 1 hour, 40 minutes) is not recommended. The quality of some foods will suffer with extended time.

# To Automatically Follow Another Cycle

• While you are touching in cooking instructions, touch KEEP WARM before touching START.

OR...

- After the oven starts operating, touch KEEP WARM and then START.
- When the last cooking cycle is over you will hear 4 beeps. The KEEP WARM Indicator Light will come on and the time of day will be displayed while the oven continues to run.
- KEEP WARM will follow AUTO SENSOR, QUICK DEFROST, COOK 1, COOK 2 or PROBE TEMP.

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# **Other Operating Hints**

There are a number of things you can do with your microwave oven. Some will be reminders. Others will be mentioned for the first time.

- 1. To double check settings while the oven is running:
  - Touch the Command Pad for the setting you want to check. The instruction programmed for that pad will show on the Display for 5 seconds. Then the Display returns to showing what the oven is doing.

# 2. To stop the oven while it is running:

- Open the door. The oven will stop. To restart the oven, close the door and touch START.
- Touch CANCEL. All instructions will be erased. You must touch in new instructions.
- 3. If you touch two instructions into the same cycle, the second set of instructions will cancel the first.

# **Bi-Level Cooking Rack**

Use the Bi-Level Cooking Rack for extra space when cooking in more than one container at the same time. The metal rack can be turned upside-down to help fit taller containers on the bottom of the oven. See the MICRO MENUS® Cookbook provided with your oven for examples of menus that can be cooked using the Bi-Level Cooking Rack.





# **Inserting the Rack**

- Insert the rack securely into the rack supports on the side walls of the oven (first position).
- Turn rack upside-down when using a taller container on the bottom of the oven (second position).

# **Cleaning the Rack**

- Wash by hand with a mild detergent and a soft or nylon scrub brush. Dry completely.
- Do not use abrasive scrubbers or cleansers.

# **A**WARNING

Personal Injury and Product Damage Hazard

- Use hot pads when removing rack from oven after cooking to prevent burns. Rack may be hot.
- Do not store the metal rack in the oven. Arcing and damage to the oven can result if someone accidentally starts the oven.
- Do not operate the oven with the metal rack stored on the floor of the oven. Damage to the Interior finish will result.
- Use rack only in the microwave oven.
- Do not use rack with browning dish.
- Do not let food container on rack touch the top or sides of the oven.
- Do not cook foods directly on rack without putting them in containers first.
- Do not place a metal cooking container directly on rack.
   Place a microwave-safe plate under container.

# **Caring for your microwave oven** Cleaning the Microwave Oven



Wipe often with warm sudsy water and a soft cloth or sponge.



For stubborn soil, boil a cup of water in the oven for 2 or 3 minutes. Steam will soften the soil.



Abrasive cleansers, steel wool pads, gritty wash cloths, etc., can damage the control panel, and the interior and exterior oven surfaces. Use a soft cloth or a sponge with a mild detergent or spray glass cleaner.

Be sure to keep the areas clean where the door and oven frame touch when closed. Use only mild, nonabrasive soaps or detergents applied with a sponge or soft cloth when cleaning surfaces. Rinse well.

# **Replacing the Light Bulb**

The microwave oven light should come on whenever the door is opened or the oven is operating.

# To replace the light bulb:

**A**WARNING

Electrical Shock Hazard Turn off power at main power supply before replacing the light bulb. Failure to do so could result in electrical shock.

- 1. Turn off power at the main power supply.
- 2. Open the oven door.
- **3.** Remove the 3 screws from the front of the cover.
- **4.** Pull down the front portion of the cover. (It is creased across its width to form a hinge.)
- 5. Remove and replace the 25-watt candelabra-base bulb (Part No. 313969). Obtain bulb from your authorized Whirlpool dealer.





- 6. Close the cover and replace the screws.
- 7. Turn the power back on at the main power supply.

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# How your microwave oven works

Microwave ovens are safe. Microwave energy is not hot. It causes food to make its own heat, and it's this heat that cooks the food.



Microwaves are like TV waves or light waves. You can't see them, but you can see what they do.



A magnetron in the microwave oven produces microwaves. The microwaves move into the oven where they are scattered or stirred by a mode mixer (like a fan). Microwaves bounce off metal oven walls and are absorbed by food.



Metal Floor The ceramic bottom of your microwave oven lets microwaves through. Then they bounce off a metal floor, back through the ceramic bottom and are absorbed by the food.



Microwaves pass through glass, paper and most plastics without heating them so food absorbs the energy. Microwaves bounce off metal pans so food does not absorb the energy.



Microwaves may not reach the center of a roast. The heat around the outside is what cooks the roast all the way through. This is one of the reasons for letting some foods (roasts, baked potatoes) stand for a while after cooking, or for stirring some foods during the cooking time.



The microwaves disturb water molecules in the food. As the molecules bounce around bumping into each other, heat is made, like rubbing your hands together. This is the heat that does the cooking.

# **Operating safety precautions**

# AWARNING

To reduce the risk of fire, electrical shock, injury to persons, or damage when using the microwave oven, follow the precautions on pages 39-40.



NEVER COOK OR REHEAT A WHOLE EGG. Steam build-up in

whole eggs may cause them to burst and burn you, and possibly damage the oven. Slice hard boiled eggs before heating. In rare instances, poached eggs have been known to explode. Cover poached eggs and allow a standing time of one minute before cutting into them.



Liquids heated in certain containers (especially cylindrical-shaped containers) may become overheated. The liquid may splash out with a loud noise during or after heating or when addina inaredients (coffee, etc.) resulting in harm to the oven and possible personal injury. For best results stir any liquid several times before heating or reheatina.



**NEVER** lean on the door or allow a child to swing on it when the door is open. Injury could result.



**USE HOT PADS.** Microwave energy does not heat containers, but the hot food does.



**DO NOT** do canning of foods in the oven. Closed glass jars may explode resulting in damage to the oven or possible personal injury.

**DO NOT** use the oven to sterilize objects (baby bottles, etc.). It is difficult to maintain the high temperature required for safe sterilization.

**DO NOT** deep fry in the oven. Microwavable utensils are not suitable and it is difficult to maintain appropriate deep frying temperatures.





**DO NOT** use the oven for storage. Do not leave paper products, books or cooking utensils in the oven when not in use. Fire may result if someone accidentally starts the oven. Don't let food or containers touch the top or sides of the oven.



**DO NOT OVERCOOK** POTATOES. Fire could result. At the end of the recommended cooking time they should be slightly firm.

Wrap in foil and set aside for 5 minutes. They will finish cooking while standina.



If a fire should start in the oven cavity:

- keep door closed
- turn oven off

 unplug the oven or turn off the power at the main power supply.



DO NOT pop popcorn. except in a microwaveapproved popcorn popper or commercial package designed especially for microwave ovens.

NEVER try to pop popcorn in a paper bag. Overcooking may result in smoke and fire.



Startina a microwave oven when it's empty is not recommended.

If you experiment, put a container of water in the oven.

It is normal for the inside of the oven door to look wavy after the oven has been running for a while.



**DO NOT** use newspaper or other printed paper in the oven. Fire could result. **DO NOT** dry flowers. fruit, herbs, wood, paper, gourds or clothes in the oven. Fire could result.



DO NOT try to melt paraffin wax in the oven. You could be burned.





If your electric power line To test a dish for safe or outlet voltage is less than the normal 240 volts, with a cup of water cooking times may be longer.



use, put it into the oven beside it. Cook on HIGH Cook Power for one minute. If the dish gets hot and water stays cool, do not use it.

# If you need service or assistance, we suggest you follow these steps:

# **1.** Before calling for assistance...

Performance problems often result from little things you can find and fix yourself without tools of any kind.

# If nothing operates:

- Is the power supply cord plugged into a live circuit with the proper voltage? (See Installation Instructions.)
- Have you checked your home's main fuse or circuit breaker box?
- Have you checked the electric company for a power failure?

# If the microwave oven will not run:

- Is the oven being used as a timer?
- If the Temperature Probe is being used, is it plugged tightly into its socket?
- Is the door firmly closed and latched?
- Did you touch START?
- Did you follow the directions exactly?

# If the microwave cooking times seem too long:

- Is the electric supply to your home or wall outlets low or lower than normal? Your electric company can tell you if the line voltage is low. Your electrician or service technician can tell you if the outlet voltage is low.
- Is the Cook Power at the recommended setting?
- Are you allowing for more time when cooking more food at one time?

# If the Display shows a time counting down but the oven is not cooking:

- Is the Minute Timer in use?
- Is the oven door closed completely?

• Is the oven in standing time between QUICK DEFROST and COOK CYCLE 1? (See page 23.)

# If you do not hear a programming tone:

- Is the command correct?
- Has the tone been cancelled? (See page 8.)

# If the fan seems to be running slower than usual:

• Has the oven been stored in a cold area? The fan will run slower until the oven warms up to normal room temperature.

# If there has been a power interruption, the Display will show 88:88. Reset the Clock (see page 9).

# If the microwave oven turns off too soon or not soon enough when using the Temperature Probe:

- Is at least 1/3 of the probe in the food?
- Is the probe tip in the center of the food?
- Is the probe touching bone or fat?
- Have you allowed roasts to stand for a few minutes after cooking?
- Is the probe plugged tightly into its socket?
- Is Cook Power set correctly?
- Is the probe temperature set correctly?

# **OPERATING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS • IF YOU NEED SERVICE OR ASSISTANCE**

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# 2. If you need assistance\*...

Call Whirlpool COOL-LINE® service assistance telephone number. Dial free from anywhere in the U.S.: 1-800-253-1301

and talk with one of our trained consultants. The consultant can instruct you in how to obtain satisfactory operation from your appliance, or if service is necessary, recommend a qualified service company in your area.

If you prefer, write to:

Mr. Donald Skinner Director of Consumer Relations Whirlpool Corporation 2000 M-63

Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Please include a daytime phone number in your correspondence.

# **3.** If you need service\*...

Whirlpool SERVICE

Whirlpool has a nationwide network of authorized Whirlpool<sup>sm</sup>

service companies. Whirlpool service technicians are trained to fulfill the product warranty and provide after-warranty service, anywhere in the United States. To locate the authorized Whirlpool service company in your area, call our COOL-LINE<sup>®</sup> service assistance telephone number (see Step 2) or look in your telephone directory Yellow Pages under:

APPLIANCES - HOUSEHOLD -MAJOR - SERVICE & REPAIR WASHING MACHINES, DRYCRS & IRONERS - SERVICING WHIRLPOOL APPLIANCES AUTHORIZED WHIRLPOOL SERVICE SERVICE CO 123 MAPLE 999-9999

# 4. If you are not satisfied with how the problem was solved\*...

- Contact the Major Appliance Consumer Action Panel (MACAP). MACAP is a group of independent consumer experts that voices consumer views at the highest levels of the major appliance industry.
- Contact MACAP only when the dealer, authorized servicer or Whirlpool have failed to resolve your problem.

Major Appliance Consumer Action Panel 20 North Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606

- MACAP will in turn inform us of your action.
- \*When requesting assistance, please provide: model number, serial number, date of purchase, and a complete description of the problem. This information is needed in order to better respond to your request.

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# WHIRLPOOL MICROWAVE OVEN/ RANGE PRODUCT WARRANTY

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| LENGTH OF WARRANTY   | WHIRLPOOL WILL PAY FOR  |
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| FULL ONE-YEAR WARRANTY<br>From Date of Purchase  | FSP® replacement parts and repair labor to cor-<br>rect defects in materials or workmanship. Service<br>must be provided by an authorized Whirlpool <sup>sM</sup><br>service company. |
| LIMITED FOUR-YEAR<br>WARRANTY<br>Second Through Fifth Year<br>From Date of Purchase  | FSP® replacement magnetron tube on microwave ovens if defective in materials or workmanship.  |
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| A. Service calls to:<br>1. Correct the installation<br>2. Instruct you how to use<br>3. Replace house fuses of<br>4. Replace owner acces<br>B. Depairs when range pro- | the range product.<br>or correct house wiring   |

- **B.** Repairs when range product is used in other than normal, single-family household use.
- C. Pick up and delivery. This product is designed to be repaired in the home.
- **D.** Damage to range product caused by accident, misuse, fire, flood, acts of God or use of products not approved by Whirlpool.
- E. Any labor costs during the limited warranty.

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages so this limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

Outside the United States, a different warranty may apply. For details, please contact your franchised Whirlpool distributor or military exchange.

If you need service, first see the "Service and Assistance" section of this book. After checking "Service and Assistance," additional help can be found by calling our COOL-LINE® service assistance telephone number, **1-800-253-1301**, from anywhere in the U.S.



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