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**3-Tier  
Steamer**

**Instruction Manual**

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Please read all of the instructions carefully and retain for future reference.

## **Safety Instructions**

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed.

Check that the voltage indicated on the rating plate corresponds with that of the local network before connecting the appliance to the mains power supply.

Children aged from 8 years and people with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge can use this appliance, only if they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance in a safe way and understand the hazards involved.

Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.

Unless they are older than 8 and supervised, children should not perform cleaning or user maintenance.

This appliance is not a toy.

This appliance contains no user serviceable parts. If the power supply cord, plug or any part of the appliance is malfunctioning or if it has been dropped or damaged, only a qualified electrician should carry out repairs. Improper repairs may place the user at risk of harm.

Keep the appliance and its power supply cord out of the reach of children.

Keep the appliance out of the reach of children when it is switched on or cooling down.

Keep the appliance and its power supply cord away from heat or sharp edges that could cause damage.

Keep the power supply cord away from any parts of the appliance that may become hot during use.

Keep the appliance away from other heat emitting appliances.

Do not immerse the appliance in water or any other liquid.

Do not operate the appliance with wet hands.

Do not leave the appliance unattended whilst connected to the mains

power supply.

Do not remove the appliance from the mains power supply by pulling the cord; switch it off and remove the plug by hand.

Do not pull or carry the appliance by its power supply cord.

Do not use the appliance if it has been dropped, if there are visible signs of damage or if it is leaking.

Do not use the appliance for anything other than its intended use.

Do not use any accessories other than those supplied.

Do not use this appliance outdoors.

Do not store the appliance in direct sunlight or in high humidity conditions.

Do not move the appliance whilst it is in use.

Do not use the appliance if the water level exceeds the max. fill mark.

Do not use the appliance if the water level is less than the minimum fill mark.

Do not put any liquid other than water into this appliance.

Do not touch any sections of the appliance that may become hot or the heating components of the appliance, as this could cause injury.

Do not use sharp or abrasive items with this appliance; use only heat-resistant plastic or wooden spatulas to avoid damaging the non-stick surface.

Switch off the appliance and disconnect it from the mains power supply before changing or fitting accessories.

Always unplug the appliance after use and before any cleaning or user maintenance.

Always ensure that the appliance has cooled fully after use before performing any cleaning or maintenance or storing away.

Always use the appliance on a stable, heat-resistant surface, at a height that is comfortable for the user.

Use of an extension cord with the appliance is not recommended.

This appliance should not be operated by means of an external timer or separate remote control system, other than that supplied with this appliance.

This appliance is intended for domestic use only. It should not be used

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for commercial purposes.

The heating element retains heat after use.

The outer surface of the appliance may get hot during operation.



**Caution:** Hot surface – do not touch the hot section or heating components of the appliance.

Take care not to pour water on the heating element.

Exercise caution if removing the lid during normal use as it will get very hot and steam may be emitted. Use heat-resistant oven gloves to avoid injury.

**Warning:** Keep the appliance away from flammable materials.

## Boil-dry Switch-off

The steamer is fitted with an automatic switch-off, built in to prevent it from boiling dry. Should there not be enough water in the reservoir, the boil-dry switch-off will automatically operate and the heating element will switch off. If this happens:

**STEP 1:** Switch off and unplug the steamer from the mains power supply.

**STEP 2:** Allow the steamer to cool for approx. 15 minutes.

**STEP 3:** Using heat-resistant oven gloves, carefully disassemble the steamer.

**STEP 4:** Refill the reservoir with boiling water; do not exceed the max. fill mark.

**STEP 5:** Reassemble the steamer and reset the timer. The boil-dry switch-off should reset and steaming can commence.

## Care and Maintenance

Always check that the steamer is unplugged from the mains power supply and has fully cooled before performing any cleaning or maintenance.

**STEP 1:** Wipe the steamer base unit with a soft, damp cloth and dry thoroughly.

**STEP 2:** Clean the accessories in warm, soapy water, then rinse and dry thoroughly.

Do not immerse the steamer base unit in water or any other liquid.

Never use harsh or abrasive cleaning detergents or scourers to clean

the steamer or its accessories, as this could cause damage.

**Note:** The steamer should be cleaned after each use.

## **Removing Limescale**

Limescale can develop over time and may affect the performance and lifespan of the steamer. It is recommended to use a commercial descaling agent to remove limescale regularly, at least once a month.

**STEP 1:** Add the descaling solution to the reservoir, following the manufacturer's instructions.

**STEP 2:** Plug in and switch on the steamer at the mains power supply and set the timer to 20 minutes or for the length of time specified on the descaling product.

**STEP 3:** Once the 20 minutes are up, allow the solution to fully cool before emptying the reservoir and rinsing several times. Dry thoroughly.

**Warning:** Do not leave the steamer unattended whilst removing limescale.

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## Description of Parts



1. 3-Tier Steamer Base Unit
2. Lid
3. Vents
4. Handle(s)
5. Steam basket(s)

6. Rice bowl
7. Mount(s)
8. Reservoir
9. Power indicator light
10. Timer control dial

## Instructions for Use

### Before First Use

**STEP 1:** Before connecting to the mains power supply, wipe the steamer base unit with a soft, damp cloth and dry thoroughly.

**STEP 2:** Clean the accessories in warm, soapy water, then rinse and dry thoroughly. Do not immerse the steamer base unit in water or any other liquid.

Never use harsh or abrasive cleaning detergents or scourers to clean the steamer or its accessories, as this could cause damage.

**STEP 3:** Place the steamer base unit onto a stable, heat-resistant surface, at a height that is comfortable for the user.

**Note:** When using the steamer for the first time, a slight smoke or odour may be emitted. This is normal and will soon subside. Allow for sufficient ventilation around the steamer.

## Using the 3-Tier Steamer

**STEP 1:** Fill the reservoir with approx. 400 ml of boiling water; do not exceed the max. fill mark. This will be enough water to provide approx. 60 minutes of steaming, which is sufficient for most foods. Different types of food require different cooking times; consult the recipe or food packaging and make sure that the food is cooked thoroughly before serving.

**STEP 2:** Position one of the steam baskets onto the steamer base unit.

**STEP 3:** Place the ingredients to be steamed into the first steam basket.

**STEP 4:** If more than one tier is required, place a mount over the first steam basket and then fit the second steam basket on top.

**STEP 5:** Repeat steps 3–4 for the third tier, if required.

**STEP 6:** Fit the lid and secure into place.

**STEP 7:** Plug in and switch on the steamer at the mains power supply.

**STEP 8:** Select the required cooking time by rotating the timer control dial in a clockwise direction. The power indicator light will illuminate to signal that the steamer is heating up.

**STEP 9:** Once cooking is complete and the set time has elapsed, the steamer will automatically turn off. It is important to check immediately that the food has been cooked thoroughly, if it has not, reset the timer and cook as required. If the food is cooked before the timer has fully counted down, rotate the timer control dial in anticlockwise direction to '0'.

**STEP 10:** Switch off and unplug the steamer from the mains power supply.

**STEP 11:** Carefully remove the lid using heat-resistant oven gloves.

**STEP 12:** Empty the contents into a bowl or onto a plate, using a pair of heat-resistant tongs (not included). If more than one tier has been used, use heat-resistant oven gloves to carefully remove the steam basket and mount to gain access to the next layer of food.

**Note:** Filling the reservoir to the max. fill mark will help to prevent it from boiling dry.

Always add boiling water to the reservoir before starting to cook; water can be boiled in the reservoir if required but this is not recommended.

The timer may occasionally whir, even after it has counted down. This is normal; the steamer and its heating element will have turned off.

**Caution:** Exercise caution when removing the lid, steam baskets and mounts, as they will get very hot during use and steam may be emitted. Use heat-resistant oven gloves to avoid injury.

**Warning:** Do not add anything to the water. Any seasonings or marinades should be added directly to the food, otherwise they will collect in the reservoir and could cause damage.

Nominal voltage is still present even when the thermostat is turned

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to the off position, to permanently switch off the steamer, disconnect it from the mains power supply.

## Steaming for Longer than 60 Minutes

When steaming for longer than 60 minutes, it is important to keep an eye on the water level in the reservoir. If the water level falls below halfway:

**STEP 1:** Rotate the timer control dial to '0', noting down the cooking time that has already elapsed.

**STEP 2:** Using heat-resistant oven gloves, remove the lid, steam baskets and mounts, until the reservoir can be accessed.

**STEP 3:** Top-up the reservoir with boiling water to the max. fill mark.

**STEP 4:** Carefully reassemble the steamer.

**STEP 5:** Reset the timer to the remaining cooking time.

## Cooking Guide

The distance between food and the reservoir at the base of the steamer will affect the length of cooking time required. It is recommended to use the bottom tier for foods that cook for longer, such as meat and poultry. The middle tier is best suited to vegetables and seafood. The top tier is for foods that can cook sufficiently with less steam like rice or peas. We recommend experimenting with cooking times and positioning to find the right balance.

The following is a guideline for cooking certain types of ingredients in a single layer in the bottom steam basket of the steamer.

This is a guideline only and cooking should always be monitored.

Extend the cooking times if:

- a) 2–3 steam baskets are used, as the steam will have more ingredients to cook
- b) Ingredients are layered within the same steam basket



<b>Food</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Approx. Cooking Time</b>
<b>Meat and Poultry</b>		
Chicken breasts (boneless)	400 g	20–30 mins
Frankfurter sausages	400 g	15 mins
<b>Fish and Seafood</b>		
Fish fillets (fresh)	200 g	10 mins
Fish steaks (fresh)	200 g	12–17 mins
Prawns (fresh)	400 g	6–8 mins
Lobster tail (frozen)	2 pieces	20–22 mins
Mussels (fresh)	400 g	10–15 mins
<b>Vegetables</b>		
Artichokes (fresh)	2–3 medium	40–45 mins
Asparagus	400 g	15 mins
Broccoli	400 g	15 mins
Brussel sprouts	400 g	15–18 mins
Cabbage	1 head, cut up	20 mins
Carrots	400 g, sliced	15 mins
Cauliflower	1 head, cored	15 mins
Corn on the cob (fresh)	1	15 mins
Courgettes	400 g, sliced	10 mins
Green beans	400 g	18–20 mins
Green peas	400 g, shelled	12–15 mins
Mushrooms (fresh)	200 g	10–13 mins
New potatoes	10–12, whole	20–25 mins
Peppers	1, deseeded and sliced	10 mins
Potatoes	900 g, peeled and chopped	20 mins
Spinach (fresh)	200 g	10 mins

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**Note:** Always check that food is piping hot and cooked thoroughly before serving.

Frozen vegetables will take longer to steam; consult the food packaging instructions for best results.

Do not overfill the steamer tiers as this will affect the distribution of steam and result in undercooked foods.

## Cooking Rice

**STEP 1:** When cooking rice, fill the rice bowl no more than half full with uncooked rice.

**STEP 2:** Add water to the rice bowl; use slightly more water than rice, as the rice will absorb the water.

**STEP 3:** Place the rice bowl on the top tier of the steamer; do not use the bottom tier for rice as the juices from other foods may alter the flavour.

**STEP 4:** The rice should take approx. 25–30 minutes to cook, depending upon the type of rice and the amount of rice used. Check the rice after 20 minutes and continue to cook until ready to eat.

## Hints and Tips

1. Chop ingredients so that they are roughly the same size.
2. If steaming larger ingredients, place them into the lower steam basket, closest to the reservoir.
3. To allow room for steam to circulate, pack ingredients loosely in the steam baskets, using single layers where possible and leaving space between the ingredients.
4. It is advised to have a plate or tray to hand when disassembling the steamer after use, as the steam baskets and lid will drip.

## Storage

The steamer must be cool, clean and dry before storing in a cool, dry place.

Never wrap the cord tightly around the steamer; wrap it loosely to avoid causing damage.

## Specifications

Product code: EK2726ZP

Input: 220–240 V ~ 50–60 Hz

Output: 500 W

## Connection to the Mains

Please check that the voltage indicated on the product corresponds with your supply voltage.

### Important

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

The wires in the mains lead are coloured in accordance with the following code:

**Blue Neutral (N)**

**Brown Live (L)**

**Green/Yellow Earth ( $\perp$ )**

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The wire coloured **BLUE** is the **NEUTRAL** and must be connected to the terminal marked N or coloured **BLACK**.

The wire coloured **BROWN** is the **LIVE** wire and must be connected to the terminal marked L or coloured **RED**.

The wire coloured **GREEN/YELLOW** must be connected to the terminal marked with the letter E or marked  $\perp$ .

On no account must either the **BROWN** or the **BLUE** wire be connected to the **EARTH** terminal ( $\perp$ ).

Always ensure that the cord grip is fastened correctly.

The plug must be fitted with a fuse of the same rating already fitted and conforming to BS 1362 and be ASTA approved.

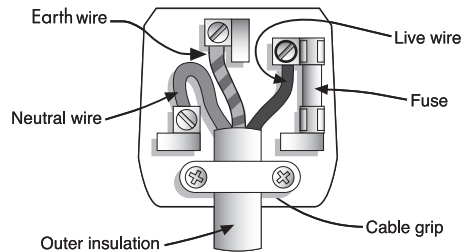
If in doubt, consult a qualified electrician who will be pleased to do this for you.

### Non-Rewireable Mains Plug

If your appliance is supplied with a non-rewireable plug fitted to the mains lead and should the fuse need replacing, you must use one that is ASTA approved (conforming to BS 1362 of the same rating).

If in doubt, consult a qualified electrician who will be pleased to do this for you.

If you need to remove the plug, **DISCONNECT IT FROM THE MAINS**, then cut it off the mains lead and immediately dispose of it safely. Never attempt to reuse the plug or insert it into a socket outlet as there is a danger of an electric shock.



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