Practical Hints

7) CERAMIC TRAY / COOKING UTENSILS / FOIL

- Cooking utensils get hot during cooking. Use potholders when removing utensils and Glass Tray from the oven or when removing lids or plastic wrap covers from cooking utensils to avoid burns.
- Ceramic Tray will get hot during cooking. It should be allowed to cool before handling or before paper products, such as paper plates, napkins or microwave popcorn bags, are placed in the oven for microwave cooking.
- During cooking, heat is transferred from the hot food to the cooking utensil and from the utensil to Ceramic Tray. Ceramic Tray can be very hot after removing cooking utensils from oven.
- When using foil, skewers, warming rack or utensils made of metal in the oven, allow at least 1-inch (2.5 cm) of space between metal material and interior oven walls. If arcing occurs (sparking) remove metal material (skewers etc.) and/or transfer to a non-metallic container.
- Dishes with metallic trim should not be used during Microwave or *Combination* cooking, arcing may occur.

8) PAPER TOWELS / CLOTHS

- Do not use paper towels or cloths which contain a synthetic fiber woven into them.
 The synthetic fiber may cause the towel to ignite.
- Do not use paper bags or recycled paper products in the microwave oven.



9) BROWNING DISHES / OVEN COOKING BAGS

- Microwave browning dishes or grills are designed for microwave cooking only. Preheating times vary depending on the size of the browning dish and food being cooked. Always follow instructions provided by the browning dish or grill manufacturer. Do not preheat browning dish more than 8 minutes.
- If an oven cooking bag is used for microwave cooking, prepare according to package directions. Do not use wire twist-tie to close bag. Instead use nylon tie, a piece of cotton string or a strip cut from the open end of the bag. Make six 1/2-inch slits by closure. Place oven cooking bag in a dish slightly larger than the food being cooked.

10) THERMOMETERS

 Do not use a conventional meat thermometer for Microwave or Combination cooking. Arcing may occur. Do not use a microwave meat thermometer for Combination cooking or Bake. It may melt.

11) BABY FORMULA / FOOD

 Do not heat baby formula or food in the microwave oven. The glass jar or surface of the food may appear warm while the interior can burn the infant's mouth and esophagus.

12) REHEATING PASTRY PRODUCTS

 When reheating pastry products, check temperatures of any fillings before eating. Some foods have fillings which heat faster and can be extremely hot while the surface remains warm to the touch (ex. Jelly Donuts).

13) GENERAL OVEN USAGE GUIDELINES / OVEN DOOR

- Do not use the oven for any reason other than the preparation of food.
- Do not leave oven unattended while in use.
- The oven door and the interior walls will get hot during Combination, Bake and Broil cooking.