

RANGE OPERATING TIPS: GAS

COOKTOP

Cooktop burners consist of three components:

- Cooktop grate for holding the pot/pan
- Burners – engineered ceramic or metal component with vented holes to direct gas into a designed ring dispersed for cooking
- Igniter

Peak operation of the cooktop requires an environment that is free of grease or debris. Build-up around the burner locations can result in dangerous situations.

SAFETY TIPS

- Never leave food cooking unattended.
- Keep it clean. Food particles and grease residue can ignite and cause a fire.
- Check for body safety.
 - Tie back long hair.
 - Remove loose jewelry.
 - Roll up long sleeves.
 - Be sure footwear is non-slip.
- Use burners on the back as much as possible.
- Never use a pot that is too small or big for the burner.
- Do not leave an empty pan on a hot burner.
- Turn all pot and pan handles inwards. They can be pulled and knocked over when they are turned out.
- Make sure that there are no food particles or grease residue.
- Do not let loose items lay on or near your cooktop.
- **Never** throw water on a grease fire.

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OVEN

Three primary functions that all ovens share are:

- Cook – standard operation that heats from both the upper and lower elements
- Broil – operation in which only upper elements are active
- Clean – a locking function which super heats the interior of the oven with the intent of burning off spilled food items.

Heating elements are controlled by a thermostat probe located within the oven. Cook times are affected by elevation above sea level, and this should be taken into consideration when using a stove in a new home. Heat from the oven is typically vented through a rear burner on the cooktop.

Cleanliness is key to peak operation. Food items built up in the oven continue to bake during each operation and have the potential to deteriorate the lining of the oven. Frequent and routine cleaning reduces the potential for oven damage.

SAFETY TIPS

- Never leave food cooking unattended.
- Close the oven door immediately after removing or testing food.
- Do not use foil to line oven racks to catch grease.
- Before each use, do an oven safety check.
 - Make sure there is nothing in the oven. An oven and broiler compartment should never be used for storage.
 - Position your oven racks before pre-heating to prevent scalding.
 - Be sure you do not smell gas leaking from a gas stove. If you do, open a window, leave the room, and contact maintenance immediately.