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1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Hotpoint MD 344 IX HA is a 31-liter built-in microwave oven designed for modern kitchens. It features a stainless steel finish and offers a maximum microwave power of 1000W, along with an 800W quartz grill. This appliance is equipped with Multiwaves Technology / Double Emission Technology for efficient and even cooking. Key features include an electronic control panel, four power levels, a clock, Eco mode, and a turntable lock function. It comes with a Crisp Plate and Grill for versatile cooking options.



Figure 1: Front view of the Hotpoint MD 344 IX HA built-in microwave oven, showcasing its stainless steel finish, digital display, and control

2. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Always read and follow all safety instructions before using the appliance to prevent personal injury or property damage. Keep this manual for future reference.

- Do not operate the microwave oven if the door is damaged or if the seals are not intact.
- Ensure proper ventilation around the appliance as specified in the installation guide.
- Do not heat liquids or other foods in sealed containers as they are liable to explode.
- Regularly clean the oven cavity, door, and seals.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners or sharp metal scrapers to clean the oven door glass.
- This appliance is intended for household use only.
- Keep children away from the appliance during operation.

3. INSTALLATION AND SETUP

The Hotpoint MD 344 IX HA is a built-in appliance. Professional installation is recommended. Refer to the dimensional drawing for precise cabinet requirements.

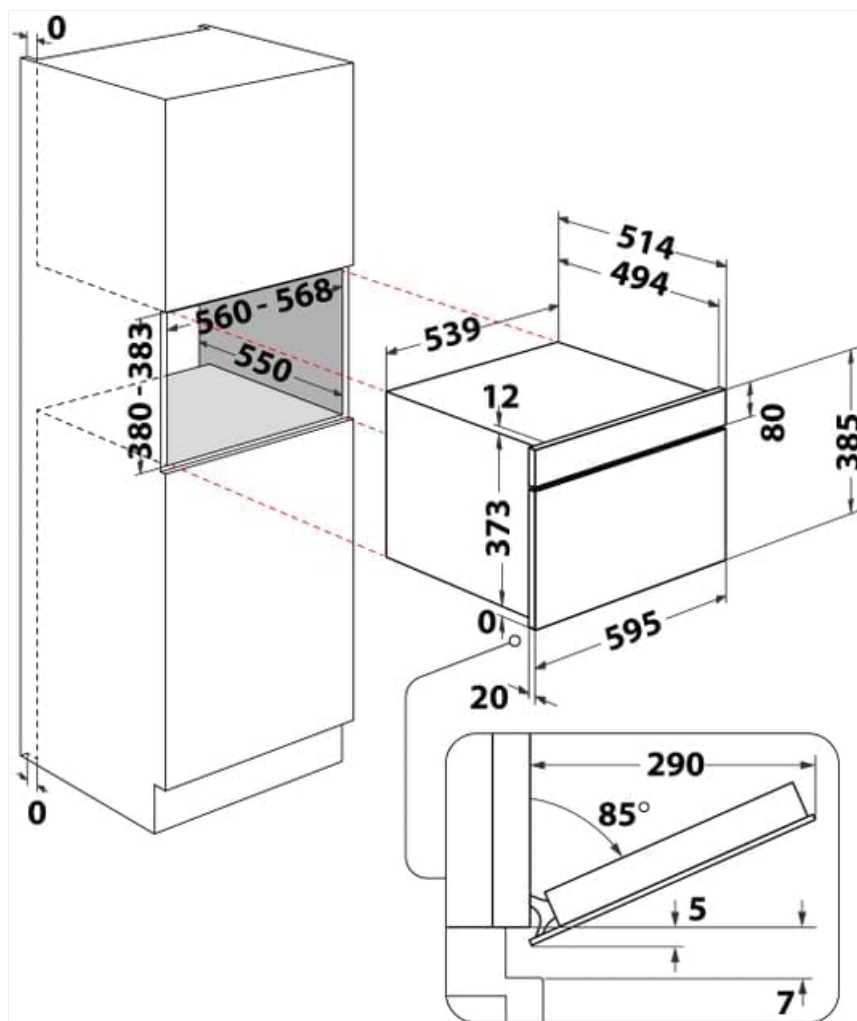


Figure 2: Dimensional drawing illustrating the required cabinet dimensions and clearances for installing the Hotpoint MD 344 IX HA microwave oven. Dimensions are in millimeters.

3.1 Unpacking

- Carefully remove the appliance from its packaging.

- Check for any transport damage. If damaged, do not install and contact your retailer.
- Remove all packaging materials, including any protective films or tapes from the appliance.
- Ensure all accessories (Crisp Plate, Grill) are present.

3.2 Electrical Connection

The appliance operates on 230V, 50Hz and uses a Schuko plug. Ensure the electrical outlet is properly grounded and rated for the appliance's power consumption (1000W microwave, 800W grill).

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Hotpoint MD 344 IX HA features an electronic control panel for easy operation.



Figure 3: Close-up view of the electronic control panel with digital display and rotary knobs.

4.1 Control Panel Overview

- **Digital Display:** Shows time, power level, and program indicators.
- **Left Rotary Knob:** Used to select cooking functions and power levels.
- **Right Rotary Knob:** Used to set cooking time or adjust settings.
- **Function Buttons:** For specific programs and settings (e.g., clock, Eco mode, turntable lock).

4.2 Setting the Clock

1. Press the clock button (refer to manual for exact icon).
2. Use the right rotary knob to set the hour.
3. Press the clock button again to confirm the hour.
4. Use the right rotary knob to set the minutes.
5. Press the clock button one last time to confirm the minutes and start the clock.

4.3 Microwave Cooking

1. Place food in a microwave-safe container on the turntable.
2. Close the oven door securely.
3. Turn the left rotary knob to select the desired microwave power level (4 levels available, up to 1000W).
4. Use the right rotary knob to set the cooking time.
5. Press the Start button (usually indicated by an arrow or OK) to begin cooking.

4.4 Grill Cooking

The 800W quartz grill is ideal for browning and crisping food.

1. Place food on the grill rack (if provided) or a heat-resistant dish.
2. Turn the left rotary knob to select the Grill function.
3. Use the right rotary knob to set the grilling time.
4. Press the Start button to begin.

4.5 Special Programs

The oven includes special programs for enhanced cooking convenience:

- **Dynamic Defrost:** For efficient and even defrosting of various food types.
- **Reheat:** Optimized for reheating pre-cooked meals.
- **Dynamic Crisp:** Utilizes the Crisp Plate for perfectly crispy results, ideal for pizzas, quiches, and fried foods.
- **Auto Cook:** Pre-set programs for common dishes.
- **Scongelamento (Defrost):** General defrosting function.

Consult the full recipe book or the appliance's internal menu for detailed instructions on using these programs.

4.6 Turntable Lock

The turntable lock function allows you to stop the turntable rotation, which can be useful for cooking with larger, non-rotating dishes or for specific grilling tasks. Activate this function via the dedicated button on the control panel.

5. MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Regular cleaning and maintenance will ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your microwave oven.

5.1 General Cleaning

- Always unplug the appliance before cleaning.
- Clean the interior cavity after each use with a damp cloth and mild detergent.
- For stubborn stains, place a bowl of water with lemon slices inside and microwave for a few minutes to loosen food particles.
- Wipe the exterior surfaces with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- Clean the turntable and turntable support ring regularly with warm, soapy water.

5.2 Door and Seals

Keep the door and door seals clean to ensure proper closure and efficient operation. Wipe them regularly with a damp cloth. Do not use harsh chemicals or sharp objects that could damage the seals.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Before contacting customer service, please check the following common issues and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Oven does not start.	Power cord not plugged in; door not closed properly; fuse blown.	Ensure plug is firmly in outlet; close door completely; check household fuse/circuit breaker.
Food not cooking evenly.	Incorrect power level or cooking time; food not stirred/rotated.	Adjust power/time; stir or rotate food halfway through cooking.
Light not working.	Bulb needs replacement.	Contact qualified service personnel for bulb replacement.
Excessive condensation inside oven.	High moisture content in food; normal during cooking.	Wipe dry after use. Ensure proper ventilation.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model	MD 344 IX HA
Brand	Hotpoint
Type	Built-in Microwave Oven with Grill
Capacity	31 Liters
Microwave Power	1000 W (Max)
Grill Power	800 W (Quartz Grill)
Power Levels	4
Voltage	230 V
Frequency	50 Hz
Dimensions (H x W x D)	38.5 cm x 59.5 cm x 46.8 cm
Cavity Dimensions (H x W x D)	20.0 cm x 40.5 cm x 38.0 cm
Turntable Diameter	250 mm
Weight	39 kg
Material	Metal (Stainless Steel Finish)
Special Features	Multiwave Technology / Double Emission Technology, Dynamic Defrost, Reheat, Dynamic Crisp, Auto Cook, Turntable Lock, Eco Mode
Included Accessories	Crisp Plate, Grill

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This Hotpoint appliance comes with a standard manufacturer's warranty. For detailed warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Hotpoint website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

8.1 Customer Service

For technical assistance, spare parts, or service requests, please contact Hotpoint Customer Service. You can find contact information on the Hotpoint website or in the documentation provided with your appliance.

Online Support: www.hotpoint.eu/service

When contacting support, please have your appliance model number (MD 344 IX HA) and serial number ready.

