

## Mainstays CKMERS14-BHD

# Mainstays 14-Quart Turkey Roaster with High-Dome Lid (Model CKMERS14-BHD) User Manual

Model: CKMERS14-BHD

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Mainstays 14-Quart Turkey Roaster with High-Dome Lid. This appliance is designed for roasting, baking, and slow-cooking various foods, including large turkeys up to 20 pounds. Its compact design and efficient operation make it a versatile addition to your kitchen. Please read this manual thoroughly before first use to ensure safe and optimal performance.



Image 1.1: The Mainstays 14-Quart Turkey Roaster with its high-dome lid and temperature control dial.

## 2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

**WARNING: To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury, always follow these basic safety precautions.**

- Read all instructions before operating the roaster.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs. Always use oven mitts or pot holders when handling hot materials.
- To protect against electrical shock, do not immerse the cord, plugs, or the roaster base in water or other liquid.

- Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
- Unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts.
- Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, or after the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner. Contact customer service for examination, repair, or adjustment.
- The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may cause injuries.
- Do not use outdoors.
- Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter, or touch hot surfaces.
- Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
- Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot oil or other hot liquids.
- Always attach plug to appliance first, then plug cord into the wall outlet. To disconnect, turn any control to "OFF", then remove plug from wall outlet.
- Do not use appliance for other than intended use.
- Ensure the roaster is placed on a stable, heat-resistant surface.

### 3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

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Before first use, ensure all components are present and undamaged:

- Mainstays 14-Quart Roaster Base
- High-Dome Lid
- Removable Steel Roasting Rack
- User Manual (this document)

### 4. SETUP AND FIRST USE

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1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all packaging materials from the roaster and its components.
2. **Clean:** Wash the high-dome lid and the steel roasting rack in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely. Wipe the interior and exterior of the roaster base with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the roaster base in water.
3. **Placement:** Place the roaster on a flat, stable, heat-resistant surface, away from walls and other appliances to allow for proper ventilation. Ensure the power cord can reach an electrical outlet without being stretched.
4. **Initial Burn-Off (Optional but Recommended):** Before cooking food, it is recommended to run the roaster empty for 15-30 minutes at 350°F (175°C) to burn off any manufacturing residues. This may produce a slight odor or smoke; ensure the area is well-ventilated. Allow to cool completely afterward.

### 5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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The Mainstays Roaster is designed for versatile cooking, including roasting, baking, and slow-cooking.

#### 5.1 General Operation

1. **Prepare Food:** Place your food item (e.g., turkey, roast, vegetables) on the steel roasting rack.
2. **Insert Rack:** Carefully place the roasting rack with food into the roaster base.

3. **Cover:** Place the high-dome lid securely on the roaster base.
4. **Plug In:** Plug the power cord into a standard electrical outlet.
5. **Set Temperature:** Turn the temperature control dial to your desired cooking temperature. The roaster will begin to heat.
6. **Monitor Cooking:** Cook for the recommended time, checking doneness as needed. The high-dome lid helps retain heat and moisture.
7. **Finish Cooking:** Once cooking is complete, turn the temperature dial to "OFF" and unplug the roaster from the outlet.
8. **Serve:** Using oven mitts, carefully remove the lid and then the roasting rack with food.



Image 5.1: The Mainstays Roaster in use, demonstrating its capacity for a large turkey.

## 5.2 Roasting a Turkey (14-20 lbs)

- Ensure the turkey is thawed and prepared according to your recipe.
- Place the turkey on the steel roasting rack. For optimal results, ensure the turkey fits comfortably under the high-dome lid without touching it.
- Preheat the roaster to the desired temperature (e.g., 325°F / 160°C).
- Carefully place the rack with the turkey into the preheated roaster.
- Cook for approximately 3-4 hours for a 14-20 lb turkey, or until an internal temperature of 165°F (74°C) is reached in the thickest part of the thigh. Cooking times may vary based on turkey size, stuffing (if any), and starting temperature.
- The roaster's efficient design can cook up to 30% faster than conventional ovens and uses 77% less energy.

## 6. CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Proper cleaning and maintenance will extend the life of your Mainstays Roaster.

1. **Unplug and Cool:** Always unplug the roaster from the electrical outlet and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.

2. **Remove Components:** Remove the high-dome lid and the steel roasting rack.
3. **Wash Removable Parts:** Wash the lid and roasting rack in warm, soapy water. These parts are generally dishwasher safe, but hand washing is recommended for longevity. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely.
4. **Clean Roaster Base:** Wipe the interior of the roaster base with a damp cloth and mild detergent. For stubborn food residues, a non-abrasive scrubber can be used. Wipe clean with a fresh damp cloth and dry thoroughly.
5. **Exterior:** Wipe the exterior of the roaster base with a damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads, as they may damage the finish.
6. **Storage:** Store the clean, dry roaster in a cool, dry place. The lid can be inverted and placed inside the roaster base for compact storage.
7. **Do NOT immerse the roaster base in water or any other liquid.**

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Roaster does not heat up.	Not plugged in; power outlet not working; temperature dial set to "OFF".	Ensure the roaster is securely plugged into a working outlet. Turn the temperature dial to a desired setting. Check your home's circuit breaker.
Food is cooking too slowly or unevenly.	Lid not sealed properly; incorrect temperature setting; roaster overloaded.	Ensure the lid is seated correctly. Verify the temperature setting. Avoid overfilling the roaster; ensure food fits without touching the lid.
Smoke or odor during first use.	Manufacturing residues burning off.	This is normal for initial use. Ensure adequate ventilation. The odor should dissipate after the first use.
Food sticks to the roasting rack.	Rack not greased; food cooked too long at high temperature.	Lightly grease the roasting rack before placing food on it. Adjust cooking time and temperature as needed.

## 8. PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Mainstays
Model Number	CKMERS14-BHD
Capacity	14 Quarts (accommodates 14-20 lb turkey)
Color	Black
Material	Aluminum
Dimensions (L x W x H)	61.72 x 43.69 x 19.05 cm (24.3 x 17.2 x 7.5 inches)
Weight	4.92 kg (10.85 lbs)

Feature	Detail
Included Components	Steel Roasting Rack

## 9. WARRANTY AND CUSTOMER SUPPORT

Specific warranty information for this Mainstays product is typically provided with the product packaging or can be obtained from the retailer at the time of purchase. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

For customer support, inquiries, or to report issues, please refer to the contact information provided by Mainstays or your product retailer.

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