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Model: 03-4000-W | Brand: Weston

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Weston 18 Quart Roaster Oven is designed to expand your cooking capabilities, offering a convenient solution for roasting, baking, cooking, warming, and serving. Its generous 18-quart capacity can accommodate large items such as an 18 lb turkey, making it ideal for family meals and gatherings. The appliance features a removable pan and an easy lift-out rack for simplified use and cleaning.



Figure 1: The Weston 18 Quart Roaster Oven with a turkey and vegetables, ready for serving.

KEY FEATURES

- **18 Quart Capacity:** Comfortably fits turkeys up to 18 lbs.
- **Powerful Heating:** 1450 watts, heats up to 450 degrees Fahrenheit.
- **Removable Pan:** Facilitates easy cleanup and can transition into a serving dish.
- **Easy Lift-Out Rack:** Designed for convenient placement and removal of food.
- **Doubles Oven Space:** Provides additional cooking capacity, freeing up your main oven.

COMPONENTS

The Weston 18 Quart Roaster Oven consists of several key components:

- **Roaster Base:** The main unit containing the heating element and temperature control knob.
- **Removable Roasting Pan:** A large, non-stick pan that sits inside the base, where food is cooked.
- **Lid:** Covers the roasting pan to retain heat and moisture.
- **Lift-Out Rack:** A metal rack designed to hold food above the bottom of the roasting pan, allowing for even cooking and easy removal.



Figure 2: The roaster oven with its lid removed, revealing the removable roasting pan.



Figure 3: The interior of the roaster oven, highlighting the lift-out rack for cooking.

SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Retain packaging for future storage or transport.
2. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, wash the removable roasting pan and lift-out rack in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely. Wipe the exterior of the roaster base with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the roaster base in water.
3. **Placement:** Place the roaster base on a stable, heat-resistant surface, away from walls or other appliances to ensure proper ventilation. Ensure the power cord can reach an electrical outlet without being stretched.
4. **Assemble:** Place the clean roasting pan inside the roaster base. Insert the lift-out rack into the roasting pan.
5. **First Use Burn-Off:** It is recommended to operate the empty roaster oven for approximately 30 minutes at 350°F (175°C) before first use. This will burn off any manufacturing oils and odors. Ensure the area is well-ventilated during this process.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Prepare Food:** Place your food (e.g., turkey, roast, casserole) on the lift-out rack inside the roasting pan.
2. **Add Liquid (Optional):** For moist cooking, you may add a small amount of water, broth, or other liquid to the bottom of the roasting pan, beneath the rack. This helps prevent food from drying out and can prevent burning at the bottom.
3. **Secure Lid:** Place the lid securely on the roasting pan.
4. **Set Temperature:** Plug the roaster oven into a standard electrical outlet. Turn the temperature control knob to your desired cooking temperature (ranging from 150°F to 450°F).
5. **Monitor Cooking:** The roaster oven will heat up to the set temperature. There is no indicator light for reaching temperature, so monitor cooking time and use a food thermometer to ensure food is cooked to safe internal temperatures.
6. **Serving:** Once cooking is complete, carefully remove the lid using oven mitts. Use the lift-out rack handles to safely remove the food from the roasting pan. The removable pan can also be used for serving.
7. **Keep Warm Function:** To keep food warm after cooking, set the temperature control knob to the "Warm" setting (typically around 150°F).



Figure 4: The roaster oven's temperature control knob, allowing adjustment from 150°F to 450°F.

MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

1. **Unplug and Cool:** Always unplug the roaster oven from the electrical outlet and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
2. **Remove Components:** Carefully remove the lid, lift-out rack, and roasting pan from the base.
3. **Clean Roasting Pan and Rack:** Wash the removable roasting pan and lift-out rack in warm, soapy water. For stubborn food residue, allow them to soak before scrubbing. These components are generally dishwasher safe, but hand washing is recommended to prolong their lifespan.
4. **Clean Roaster Base:** Wipe the exterior and interior of the roaster base with a damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads. Never immerse the roaster base in water or any other liquid.
5. **Storage:** Ensure all parts are thoroughly dry before reassembling and storing the roaster oven. Store in a cool, dry place.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
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Roaster does not heat up.	Not plugged in; power outlet malfunction; temperature knob set to "Off".	Ensure the unit is securely plugged into a working outlet. Check the circuit breaker. Turn the temperature knob to a desired setting.
Food cooks unevenly.	Overcrowding the pan; improper liquid amount; lid not sealed properly.	Avoid overfilling the pan. Ensure adequate liquid is present if using for moist cooking. Check that the lid is seated correctly.
Smoke or odor during first use.	Manufacturing oils burning off.	This is normal for initial use. Ensure good ventilation. It should dissipate after the first few uses.

SPECIFICATIONS

Brand: Weston
Model Number: 03-4000-W
Color: Black
Capacity: 18 Quarts
Wattage: 1450 watts
Temperature Range: 150°F to 450°F
Control Type: Knob
Included Components: Roaster base, removable pan, lift-out rack, lid.
Product Dimensions: 16.02 x 23.29 x 11.14 inches
Item Weight: 14.6 pounds

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For specific warranty information and customer support, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Weston website. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

- Always use oven mitts when handling hot surfaces or components.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
- Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, or after the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner.
- Do not use outdoors.
- Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
- 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.