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Your guide to safe and efficient operation

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing the Mainstays 2-Slice Toaster, Model TSK-P201. This manual provides important information regarding the safe operation, maintenance, and care of your new appliance. Please read these instructions thoroughly before first use and retain them for future reference.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following:

- Read all instructions before operating the toaster.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electrical shock, do not immerse cord, plugs, or toaster 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. Return appliance to the nearest authorized service facility 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.
- To disconnect, turn any control to "off," then remove plug from wall outlet.
- Do not use appliance for other than intended use.
- Oversize foods, metal foil packages, or utensils must not be inserted in a toaster as they may create a fire or risk of electric shock.
- A fire may occur if toasters are covered or touching flammable material, including curtains, draperies, walls, and the like, when in operation.
- Do not attempt to dislodge food when toaster is plugged in.
- Do not operate unattended.

- Do not use with foods containing frosting or glazes, as these may drip and cause a fire.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Familiarize yourself with the components of your Mainstays 2-Slice Toaster:

- **Toasting Slots:** Two slots for bread, bagels, or English muffins.
- **Toasting Lever:** Lowers and raises food into the toasting slots. Also functions as a high-lift lever.
- **Browning Control Dial:** Adjusts the toasting level from 1 (lightest) to 6 (darkest).
- **Cancel Button:** Stops the toasting cycle at any time.
- **Removable Crumb Tray:** Collects crumbs for easy cleaning.
- **Cord Storage:** Located at the base for neat storage.





Figure 1: Front view of the Mainstays 2-Slice Toaster. This image shows the black toaster with two slices of bread inserted into the top slots, the toasting lever on the front, and the browning control dial at the bottom left, set to a medium level.

SETUP

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove the toaster and all packaging materials.
2. **Placement:** Place the toaster on a stable, heat-resistant, non-flammable surface, away from curtains or other flammable materials. Ensure adequate ventilation around the toaster.
3. **First Use (Burn-off):** Before toasting food for the first time, operate the toaster without bread for a few minutes on the highest setting (6) to burn off any manufacturing residues. A slight odor or smoke may be present; this is normal and will dissipate. Allow the toaster to cool completely.
4. **Power Connection:** Plug the power cord into a standard 240V AC electrical outlet.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Insert Food:** Place one or two slices of bread, bagels, or English muffins into the toasting slots. The toaster features an auto-centering mechanism to ensure even toasting.
2. **Select Browning Level:** Turn the browning control dial to your desired setting. Setting 1 is the lightest, and setting 6 is the darkest. For first-time use, start with a medium setting (e.g., 3 or 4) and adjust as needed for future use.
3. **Start Toasting:** Press the toasting lever down until it locks into place. The toasting cycle will begin, and the indicator light (if present) may illuminate.
4. **Cancel Toasting:** To stop the toasting cycle at any time, press the "Cancel" button. The food will automatically pop up.
5. **Retrieve Food:** Once the toasting cycle is complete, the food will automatically pop up. If smaller items are difficult to retrieve, use the high-lift lever feature by gently lifting the toasting lever further upwards to raise the food higher.

Note: Do not force the toasting lever down if the toaster is not plugged in or if the crumb tray is not properly inserted.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and extends the life of your toaster.

1. **Unplug and Cool:** Always unplug the toaster from the power outlet and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
2. **Empty Crumb Tray:** Pull out the removable crumb tray located at the bottom of the toaster. Discard crumbs and wipe the tray clean with a damp cloth. Ensure the tray is completely dry before reinserting it.

3. **Clean Exterior:** Wipe the exterior of the toaster with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or metal scouring pads, as these can scratch the surface.
4. **Do Not Immerse:** Never immerse the toaster in water or any other liquid.
5. **Storage:** When not in use, store the toaster in a clean, dry place. Use the cord storage feature at the base to keep the power cord tidy.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your toaster, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Toaster does not turn on.	Not plugged in; power outlet not working; circuit breaker tripped.	Ensure the toaster is securely plugged into a working outlet. Check your household circuit breaker.
Toasting lever does not stay down.	Toaster not plugged in; crumb tray not fully inserted.	Ensure the toaster is plugged in. Verify the crumb tray is pushed in completely.
Uneven toasting.	Food item too large or irregularly shaped; browning setting too low/high.	Ensure food fits properly in slots. Adjust browning control dial.
Smoke coming from toaster.	Crumbs accumulated in toaster; food stuck in slots; first use burn-off.	Unplug immediately. Allow to cool, then clean crumb tray. If food is stuck, unplug and carefully remove with non-metallic utensil. Initial smoke is normal for first use.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model:** TSK-P201
- **Brand:** Mainstays
- **Color:** Black
- **Material:** Plastic
- **Product Dimensions (L x W x H):** 11" x 6.75" x 7.55"
- **Number of Slices:** 2
- **Browning Settings:** 6
- **Wattage:** 750 watts
- **Voltage:** 240 Volts
- **Special Feature:** High Lift Carriage
- **Item Weight:** 2.1 pounds
- **UPC:** 631907712309

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This Mainstays 2-Slice Toaster (Model TSK-P201) is covered by a **1-year warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal household use.

For warranty claims, technical support, or questions regarding your product, please refer to the contact information provided on

your purchase receipt or visit the official Mainstays website for customer service details.

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