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Model: KCO253Q2BM

INTRODUCTION

This instruction manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your KitchenAid 12-Inch Compact Convection Countertop Oven. Please read this manual thoroughly before first use and retain it for future reference.

The KitchenAid Compact Oven features convection cooking and pre-set functions, designed to deliver excellent results for a variety of dishes, from roasted meats and vegetables to baked goods.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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

- Read all instructions.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electrical shock, do not immerse cord, plugs, or appliance 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.
- 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.
- Oversize foods or metal utensils must not be inserted in a toaster oven as they may create a fire or risk of electric shock.
- A fire may occur if the oven is covered or touching flammable material, including curtains, draperies, walls, and the like, when in operation.
- Do not place any of the following materials in the oven: paper, cardboard, plastic, or anything that could burn or melt.
- Do not store any materials, other than manufacturer's recommended accessories, in this oven when not in use.
- Do not cover crumb tray or any part of the oven with metal foil. This will cause overheating of the oven.
- Extreme caution should be exercised when removing tray or disposing of hot grease.
- Do not clean with metal scouring pads. Pieces can break off the pad and touch electrical parts, creating a risk of electric shock.
- Do not attempt to dislodge food when oven is plugged into electrical outlet.
- Do not operate without the crumb tray in place.
- This appliance is for household use only.

PARTS AND FEATURES

Familiarize yourself with the components of your KitchenAid Compact Convection Countertop Oven.



Image: Front view of the KitchenAid 12-Inch Compact Convection Countertop Oven. It features a black matte finish, a large glass door with a stainless steel handle, and four control knobs on the right side. The interior shows two rack positions.



Image: The KitchenAid 12-Inch Compact Convection Countertop Oven shown with its dimensions: 17.7 inches wide, 16.7 inches deep, and 11.3 inches high. This image helps visualize the compact size of the appliance.

- **Control Knobs:** For selecting function, temperature, and time.
- **Glass Door:** Allows for easy viewing of cooking progress.
- **Handle:** For opening and closing the oven door.
- **Reversible Racks:** Two racks offering 6 height options for versatile cooking.
- **Crumb Tray:** Removable for easy cleaning.
- **Non-stick Interior:** For easy cleaning.

SETUP AND FIRST USE

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove the oven and all accessories from the packaging. Remove any packing materials, stickers, or tape from the oven.
2. **Placement:** Place the oven on a flat, stable, heat-resistant surface. Ensure there is adequate clearance (at least 4 inches) on all sides and above the oven for proper ventilation. Do not place near flammable materials.
3. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, wipe the exterior with a damp cloth. Wash the reversible racks and crumb tray in warm, soapy water, rinse thoroughly, and dry completely. The non-stick interior can be wiped with a damp cloth.
4. **Power Connection:** Plug the power cord into a grounded electrical outlet.
5. **Initial Burn-off:** It is recommended to run the oven empty for approximately 15 minutes at 400°F (200°C) on the "Bake" setting to burn off any manufacturing oils. A slight odor or smoke may be present during this process; this is normal. Ensure the area is well-ventilated.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Control Panel Overview

The oven features intuitive knob controls for various functions:

- **Function Knob:** Selects cooking mode (e.g., Bake, Convection Bake, Broil, Toast, Warm).
- **Temperature Knob:** Adjusts cooking temperature.
- **Timer Knob:** Sets cooking time. Includes a "Stay On" option for warming or slow roasting, which automatically shuts off after 4 hours.
- **Toast Shade Knob:** For toast function, adjusts desired shade.

Using the Oven

1. **Prepare Food:** Place food on the appropriate rack or baking pan.
2. **Select Rack Position:** Insert the reversible racks into the desired height option. The oven offers 6 height options for flexibility.
3. **Select Function:** Turn the Function Knob to the desired cooking mode (e.g., **Bake, Convection Bake, Broil, Toast, Warm**).
4. **Set Temperature:** Turn the Temperature Knob to the desired temperature.
5. **Set Time:** Turn the Timer Knob to the desired cooking time. For continuous operation (up to 4 hours), select the "Stay On" option. The oven will begin heating.
6. **Monitoring:** The glass door allows you to monitor cooking progress.
7. **Completion:** The oven will signal when the set time has elapsed and automatically turn off (unless "Stay On" is selected, which turns off after 4 hours). Carefully remove food using oven mitts.

Convection Cooking

The convection feature circulates hot air within the oven, promoting faster and more even cooking. This is ideal for roasting meats, fish, and vegetables, as well as baking items like quiches, pizzas, and brownies. When using convection, you may need to reduce cooking time or temperature slightly compared to conventional recipes.

Rack Positions

The two reversible racks provide flexibility for various cooking needs. Experiment with different positions to optimize results for different food types and sizes. For example, a whole chicken might require a lower rack position, while multiple sheets of brownies could utilize both racks at different heights.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Regular cleaning and proper care will ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your KitchenAid Compact Convection Countertop Oven.

1. **Always Unplug:** Before cleaning, always unplug the oven from the electrical outlet and allow it to cool completely.
2. **Crumb Tray:** The crumb tray should be emptied and cleaned regularly to prevent grease buildup and potential fire hazards. Slide out the tray, discard crumbs, and wash in warm, soapy water. Rinse and dry thoroughly.
3. **Interior:** The non-stick interior is designed for easy cleaning. Wipe down the interior with a damp cloth and mild detergent. For stubborn stains, a non-abrasive sponge can be used. Do not use metal scouring pads or abrasive cleaners, as they can damage the non-stick coating.
4. **Exterior:** Wipe the exterior surfaces with a damp cloth. For a polished look, dry with a soft, dry cloth.
5. **Racks and Pans:** Wash reversible racks and any included baking pans in warm, soapy water. They are generally

dishwasher safe, but hand washing is recommended to prolong their life.

6. **Storage:** When not in use, ensure the oven is clean and dry. Store in a cool, dry place.

TROUBLESHOOTING

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

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Oven does not turn on.	Not plugged in; power outage; circuit breaker tripped.	Ensure the oven is securely plugged into a working outlet. Check your household circuit breaker.
Food not cooking evenly.	Incorrect rack position; overcrowding; uneven food placement.	Adjust rack position. Avoid overcrowding the oven. Ensure food is spread evenly. Consider using the convection function for more even results.
Smoke or odor during operation.	Initial burn-off; food spills; grease buildup.	A slight odor is normal during first use. For subsequent uses, clean the interior and crumb tray thoroughly to remove food particles or grease.
Control knob not functioning correctly.	Internal component issue.	If a control knob feels loose or does not select functions properly, discontinue use and contact KitchenAid customer service. Do not attempt to repair yourself.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	KitchenAid
Model Number	KCO253Q2BM (also known as KCO253Q2SS)
Product Dimensions (D x W x H)	16.7" x 17.7" x 11.3"
Control Type	Knob
Door Style	Dropdown Door
Finish Type	Non-stick, Matte
Included Components	Grill (referring to the rack)
UPC	883049493619

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KitchenAid Official Website: www.kitchenaid.com
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