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Hell's Kitchen HKMC-730

Hell's Kitchen Pre-seasoned Cast Iron Enameled Rectangle Grill Pan User Manual

Model: HKMC-730

Introduction

Thank you for choosing the Hell's Kitchen Pre-seasoned Cast Iron Enameled Rectangle Grill Pan. This durable and versatile grill pan is designed to provide even heating and excellent searing results for a variety of foods. Its pre-seasoned surface helps reduce sticking, and the enamel coating offers added protection and ease of cleaning. Please read this manual thoroughly before first use to ensure proper care and optimal performance of your grill pan.



Image: The Hell's Kitchen Pre-seasoned Cast Iron Enameled Rectangle Grill Pan, showcasing its red exterior and black ridged cooking surface.

Safety Instructions

Always follow these safety guidelines when using your cast iron grill pan:

- **High Heat:** Cast iron retains heat exceptionally well. Handles will become hot during use. Always use oven mitts or heat-resistant gloves when handling the pan.
- **Surface Compatibility:** Ensure your stovetop surface is compatible with cast iron cookware. Avoid dragging the

pan across glass or ceramic cooktops to prevent scratching.

- **Oven Use:** The pan is oven safe up to 500°F (260°C).
- **Oil and Grease:** Be cautious when cooking with oils and fats, as they can ignite if overheated. Never leave the pan unattended on a hot burner.
- **Children and Pets:** Keep the hot pan out of reach of children and pets.
- **Thermal Shock:** Avoid sudden temperature changes, such as placing a hot pan under cold water, as this can cause the cast iron to crack or warp.

Setup and First Use

Although your Hell's Kitchen grill pan comes pre-seasoned, a quick preparation before first use is recommended:

1. **Wash:** Hand wash the pan with warm water and a mild dish soap. Use a soft sponge or brush. Avoid abrasive cleaners or steel wool.
2. **Rinse and Dry:** Rinse thoroughly with clean water. Immediately dry the pan completely with a lint-free cloth or paper towel to prevent rust.
3. **Light Seasoning (Optional but Recommended):** For added protection and non-stick properties, apply a very thin, even layer of cooking oil (e.g., vegetable oil, grapeseed oil) to the entire cooking surface. Wipe off any excess oil.
4. **Heat (Optional):** Place the pan on a stovetop over low heat for a few minutes until it begins to smoke slightly, then remove from heat and let it cool. This helps bond the oil to the pan.



Image: The grill pan positioned on a wooden cutting board, surrounded by fresh bell peppers, tomatoes, and herbs, illustrating its readiness for cooking.

Operating Instructions

Preheating

Proper preheating is key to achieving excellent grilling results and preventing food from sticking.

- Place the grill pan on your stovetop burner over medium-low heat.
- Allow the pan to preheat for 5-10 minutes. Cast iron heats slowly and evenly. Do not rush this process.
- To test if the pan is hot enough, sprinkle a few drops of water on the surface. If they sizzle and evaporate quickly, the pan is ready.
- Add a small amount of high smoke point oil (e.g., grapeseed, canola, avocado oil) to the cooking surface before adding food.

Cooking

The raised ridges of the grill pan are designed to create distinct grill marks and allow excess fat to drain away.

- Place food directly onto the hot, oiled ridges.
- Avoid overcrowding the pan, as this can lower the temperature and steam the food instead of searing it. Cook in batches if necessary.
- For best grill marks, do not move the food immediately after placing it on the pan. Allow it to sear for a few minutes before checking or flipping.
- Adjust heat as needed. Cast iron retains heat well, so you may need less heat than with other types of cookware.



Image: A piece of steak cooking on the ridged surface of the grill pan, demonstrating the pan's ability to create distinct grill marks.



Image: A detailed view of the grill pan's ridged cooking surface, highlighting its design for searing and fat drainage.

Video Demonstration

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Video: An official Hell's Kitchen Cookware video showcasing various products, including the grill pan, in use. It demonstrates cooking techniques and highlights the brand's quality.

Maintenance and Care

Proper care will extend the life and performance of your cast iron grill pan.

- **Cleaning:**
  - Allow the pan to cool slightly before cleaning, but clean while still warm.
  - Hand wash only. **Do not put in dishwasher.** Dishwashers can strip the seasoning and lead to rust.
  - Use warm water and a stiff nylon brush or pan scraper to remove food residue. A small amount of mild soap

can be used if necessary, but avoid harsh detergents.
    - For stubborn food, simmer a small amount of water in the pan for a few minutes, then scrape.
    - Rinse thoroughly and immediately dry the pan completely with a towel or by placing it on low heat on the stovetop for a few minutes until all moisture evaporates.
- **Re-seasoning:**
    - After cleaning and drying, apply a very thin, even layer of cooking oil (e.g., vegetable, grapeseed, flaxseed oil) to the entire cooking surface, including the exterior enamel if desired.
    - Wipe off any excess oil with a paper towel until the pan looks dry. Too much oil will result in a sticky surface.
    - Place the pan upside down in a preheated oven at 375°F (190°C) for one hour. Place aluminum foil on the rack below to catch any drips.
    - Turn off the oven and let the pan cool completely inside the oven. This process creates a durable, non-stick layer. Repeat as needed.
- **Storage:** Store the pan in a dry place. If stacking with other cookware, place a paper towel or cloth between items to prevent scratches and absorb any residual moisture.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Food sticking to the pan	Not enough oil, pan not hot enough, seasoning stripped, pan not properly cleaned.	Ensure pan is fully preheated. Use sufficient cooking oil. Re-season the pan if necessary. Clean thoroughly after each use.
Rust spots appearing	Pan not dried completely after washing, stored in a humid environment, seasoning stripped.	Scrub rust with steel wool or a stiff brush, then wash, dry, and immediately re-season the pan. Always dry completely after washing.
Pan feels sticky or gummy	Too much oil applied during seasoning, oil not properly baked on.	Scrub the sticky areas with hot water and a stiff brush. Re-season with a very thin layer of oil, ensuring all excess is wiped off before baking.

Specifications

Brand: Hell's Kitchen

Model Name: Hell's Kitchen Cast Iron Grill

Item Model Number: HKMC-730

Material: Cast Iron

Product Dimensions: 16 x 8.7 x 1 inches (with handles)

Cooking Surface: Approximately 13 inches

Item Weight: 7.33 pounds

Maximum Temperature: 500°F (260°C) Oven Safe

Compatible Devices: Gas, Electric Coil stovetops

Care Instructions: Hand wash recommended. Not dishwasher safe.

Special Feature: Pre-seasoned, Enameled Exterior

UPC: 850006344772



Image: The underside of the grill pan, featuring the Hell's Kitchen logo and the textured base designed for even heat distribution.

Warranty and Support

For specific warranty information regarding your Hell's Kitchen Pre-seasoned Cast Iron Enameled Rectangle Grill Pan, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Hell's Kitchen website. For product support, inquiries, or to report any issues, please contact the manufacturer directly through their customer service channels.

You can often find contact information on the product packaging or the brand's official website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

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