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Model: 7211002168

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

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Welcome to the T-Fal OptiGrill XL Electric Grill. This appliance is designed to provide perfectly grilled food with ease, featuring intelligent automatic cooking modes and a large cooking surface. Please read this manual thoroughly before first use to ensure safe and optimal operation.

## 2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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

- Read all instructions before use.
- 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.

## 3. PRODUCT COMPONENTS

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The T-Fal OptiGrill XL includes the following components:

- Grill Unit

- Removable Nonstick Grill Plates
- Drip Tray
- Recipe Book
- Quick Start Guide

## 4. SETUP

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1. **Unpack the Grill:** Carefully remove all packaging materials and promotional labels from the grill.
2. **Clean Components:** Wash the grill plates and drip tray with warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely. The plates and drip tray are dishwasher safe.
3. **Assemble:** Ensure the grill plates are correctly inserted and locked into place. Slide the drip tray into its designated slot at the front of the grill.
4. **Placement:** Place the grill on a stable, flat, heat-resistant surface, away from walls or other appliances to allow for proper ventilation.
5. **Power Connection:** Plug the power cord into a grounded 120V electrical outlet. The grill will emit a beep and the power button will illuminate.

## 5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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The T-Fal OptiGrill XL features intelligent technology to automatically adjust cooking time and temperature based on food thickness and type, ensuring perfect results from rare to well-done.

### 5.1 Automatic Cooking Modes

The grill offers 9 automatic programs for various food types. The cooking indicator light changes color and beeps to signal the cooking progress.



**Image:** The control panel of the T-Fal OptiGrill XL, highlighting its automatic load calculator, automatic temperature adjustment, and automatic sensor cooking features. The image also shows three steaks cooked to rare, medium, and well-done, with corresponding color indicators (yellow, orange, red).



**Image:** A visual representation of the 9 automatic cooking programs available on the T-Fal OptiGrill XL, including Beef, Burger, Sausage, Pork, Chicken, Fish, Seafood, Sandwich, and Vegetables.

1. **Power On:** Press the power button.
2. **Select Program:** Use the program selection buttons to choose the desired food type (e.g., Burger, Chicken, Steak). The selected program button will illuminate.
3. **Confirm:** Press the 'OK' button to confirm your selection. The cooking indicator will start flashing purple, indicating pre-heating.
4. **Pre-heating:** Wait for the grill to complete pre-heating. The indicator will turn green and emit a beep when ready.
5. **Place Food:** Open the grill and place your food on the lower grill plate. Close the lid.
6. **Monitor Cooking:** The indicator light will progress through colors (yellow for rare, orange for medium, red for well-done) and beep at each stage. Remove food when your desired doneness is reached.

## 5.2 Manual Mode

For foods not covered by automatic programs or for specific preferences, use the manual mode with adjustable temperature settings.

1. **Activate Manual Mode:** After powering on, press the 'M' (Manual) button.
2. **Adjust Temperature:** Use the temperature control button (thermometer icon) to cycle through different temperature levels.
3. **Confirm:** Press 'OK' to confirm the temperature. The grill will pre-heat.
4. **Cook:** Place food on the grill and monitor manually.

## 5.3 Frozen Food Mode

The grill includes a dedicated mode for cooking frozen food, ensuring it regains its flavor in minutes.

1. **Select Frozen Mode:** After powering on, press the snowflake icon button.
2. **Confirm:** Press 'OK'. The grill will pre-heat and then proceed with cooking.

## 5.4 Key Features in Action



**Image:** The T-Fal OptiGrill XL open, showing its large non-stick cast aluminium plates capable of fitting up to 6-8 servings, with grilled chicken breasts visible.



**Image:** The T-Fal OptiGrill XL cooking burgers, demonstrating its 2x less smoke feature compared to traditional grills, with a 'Smokeless' icon.



**Image:** The T-Fal OptiGrill XL cooking bacon, illustrating how its inclined plates and juice tray facilitate the removal of up to 44% less fat.



**Image:** A diagram showing the dimensions of the T-Fal OptiGrill XL: 18.9"D x 9"W x 14.8"H.

## 5.5 Product Overview Video

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**Video:** An official product overview of the T-Fal Stainless Steel XL Electric Grill, demonstrating its features and benefits.

## 6. MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and performance of your OptiGrill XL.

1. **Unplug and Cool:** Always unplug the grill from the power outlet and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
2. **Remove Plates and Drip Tray:** Press the release buttons to detach the grill plates and slide out the drip tray.
3. **Clean Plates and Drip Tray:** The nonstick grill plates and drip tray are dishwasher safe. Alternatively, wash them by hand with warm, soapy water and a non-abrasive sponge. Do not use metal scouring pads or abrasive cleaners, as these can damage the nonstick coating.
4. **Clean Grill Body:** Wipe the exterior of the grill unit with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the main unit in water or any other liquid.
5. **Storage:** Once all parts are clean and dry, reassemble the grill and store it in a dry place.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

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If you encounter issues with your T-Fal OptiGrill XL, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Grill does not turn on.	Not plugged in correctly; power outlet issue.	Ensure the power cord is securely plugged into a working, grounded outlet. Check the circuit breaker.
Food is not cooking evenly.	Grill plates not properly installed; food thickness variation.	Ensure grill plates are securely locked. Try to cut food to a more uniform thickness.
Indicator light not changing color.	Incorrect program selected; sensor obstruction.	Verify the correct automatic program is selected. Ensure food is placed centrally and not obstructing sensors.
Excessive smoke.	Excess fat buildup; very fatty food.	Ensure the drip tray is empty and clean. For very fatty foods, some smoke is normal.

If the problem persists, please contact T-Fal customer support.

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

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- **Model Number:** 7211002168
- **Power:** 1800 Watts
- **Voltage:** 120 Volts
- **Material:** Stainless Steel
- **Color:** Silver
- **Product Dimensions:** 18.9"D x 9"W x 14.8"H
- **Item Weight:** 11.5 Pounds
- **Special Feature:** Dishwasher Safe (plates & drip tray), Programmable
- **Number of Settings:** 9 Automatic Programs

## 9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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T-Fal products are manufactured to the highest quality standards. This product is covered by a limited warranty against defects in materials and workmanship. For specific warranty details, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official T-Fal website.

For customer support, troubleshooting assistance, or to purchase replacement parts, please visit the [T-Fal Brand Store](#) or contact their customer service line.