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Enjoy  
perfectly  
browned bagels,  
waffles and  
English  
muffins

4-Slice Toaster



## Instruction Manual

MODEL: VE-94  
120V~, 60Hz, 1500W

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Thank you for purchasing your Chef Tested 4-Slice Toaster by Montgomery Ward. Put through the paces by the experts, we guarantee that it will perform to the highest standard, time after time, with all the convenience, easy clean-up and durability you rely on from Wards.

Your new toaster gives you more options than ever for browning and toasting. It expertly handles everything from bread to bagels, waffles and pastries with extra wide slots—and with reheat, defrost, bagel, six levels of brown and cancel settings on either side, you can please every member of your family for years to come!

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### PLEASE SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

THIS APPLIANCE IS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY

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## Important Safeguards

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

1. Read all instructions.
2. Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
3. To protect against risk of electrical shock, do not immerse cord, plug or toaster in water or other liquid.
4. Close supervision is necessary when toaster is used by or near children.
5. Unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts, or moving toaster.
6. Do not operate toaster with a damaged cord, or plug, or after toaster malfunctions, or has been dropped or damaged in any manner. Call our toll-free customer assistance number for information regarding replacement or returning the product.
7. The use of accessory attachments is not recommended by the toaster manufacturer as it may cause injuries.
8. Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter, or touch hot surfaces.
9. Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
10. Do not use outdoors.
11. Do not use toaster for other than intended use.
12. Do not insert oversized foods, metal foil packages, utensils, or the plug and power cord in the toaster bread wells, as these items may involve a risk of fire or electric shock.
13. A fire may occur if toaster is covered or touching flammable material, including curtains, draperies, walls, etc., when in operation.
14. Place on a dry, heat resistant surface.

## Important Safeguards (cont'd)

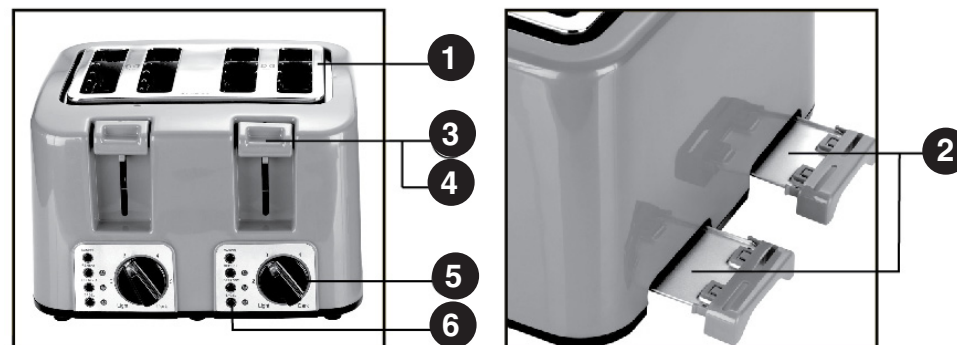
14. Do not attempt to dislodge food when toaster is plugged in.
15. This product is for household use only.
16. Failure to clean crumb tray may result in a fire hazard.
17. Do not operate toaster while unattended.
18. Before unplugging toaster, make sure bread lifter is in "up" position.
19. Do not cook, warm, or toast rice cakes, fried foods, or non-bread items.
20. Safeguard toaster from access to pets.
21. Do not clean with metal scouring pads. Pieces can break off pad and touch electrical parts resulting in risk of electrical shock.

## Consumer Safety Information

- NEVER LEAVE TOASTER UNATTENDED!
- This toaster becomes hot during use. To avoid risk of burns, DO NOT TOUCH HOT SURFACES. Allow toaster to cool before touching, lifting, cleaning or storing.
- The length of the cord used on this appliance was selected to reduce the hazards of becoming tangled in, or tripping over a longer cord.
- If a longer cord is necessary an approved extension cord may be used. The electrical rating of the extension cord must be equal to or greater than the rating of the toaster. Care must be taken to arrange the extension cord so that it will not drape over the countertop or tabletop where it can be pulled on by children or accidentally tripped over.

## Parts & Features

1. **Extra-Wide Slots** with Bread Guides
2. **Slide-Out Crumb Tray**
3. **Bread Lifter:** Push down bread lifter to start toaster. At the same time, the indicator light on Shade Selector will turn on. The bread lifter may be lifted up to stop toasting during a cycle; the indicator light on the Shade Selector will turn off. To lift, place index finger under lifter and lift upward firmly.
4. **Toast Boost:** After toast lever has popped up, use your finger to lift Bread Lifter lever up another ½-inch higher to pop small items up from slot. Do not put fingers into slots.
5. **Shade Selector:** (with indicator light): The shade selector has six settings ranging from Light to Dark. Adjust to desired setting before using.
6. **Programming Buttons:** see p. 6



Bagel Placement

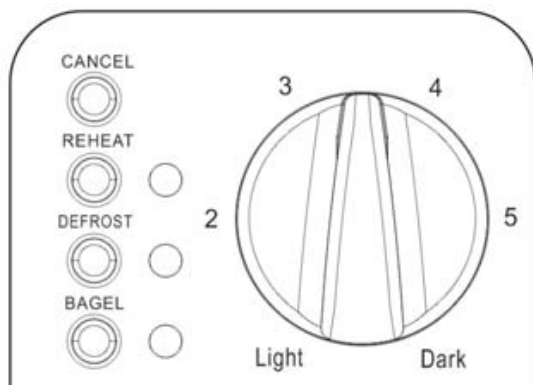
6. Programming Buttons:

**Cancel** To end toast cycle at any time in any cycle, press the CANCEL button. The cycle will stop.

**Bagel** Load the toaster with the cut sides of the bagel facing out. **AFTER** the toasting cycle has started press the BAGEL button. The BAGEL light will come on and only the outer heating element will turn on. The DEFROST **OR** REHEAT buttons can be used in conjunction with the BAGEL button, but DEFROST **AND** REHEAT can **NEVER** be used at the same time.

**Defrost** **AFTER** the toasting cycle has started, press the DEFROST button. The DEFROST light will come on and some additional time will be added to the cycle to thaw and then toast item.

**Reheat** **AFTER** the toasting cycle has started, press the REHEAT button. The REHEAT light will come on and the original toasting cycle will be canceled and replaced with a 30–50 second REHEAT cycle.



**CAUTION:** Never try to reheat any food product that has been spread with margarine, butter, or any other spread.

1. Plug toaster into electrical outlet.
2. Place bread in slots. Select toast shade and press down bread lifter.
3. At the end of the toasting cycle, the bread will pop up automatically. Lift up on bread lifter to reach small bread. **NOTE:** The bread lifter will not latch down unless toaster is plugged in.
4. To stop the toasting cycle sooner, push the cancel button.

**WARNING**

- Do not operate while unattended.
- Do not cook, warm or toast rice cakes, fried foods or non-bread items.
- Do not cover toaster or use near curtains, drapes, walls or under cabinets.
- Heat pastry-filled or frosted items on lightest setting.
- Close supervision is necessary when used by or near children.
- Never cover toaster or toast slots during operation.
- Always unplug toaster when not in use.
- Failure to follow these instructions can result in injury or fire.

## Tips & Troubleshooting

- Toasting is affected by the temperature of the bread. Room temperature bread may toast to a medium color on setting 3. The same type of bread that has been refrigerated may require setting 4, and if frozen, setting 5.
- The moisture content will also affect toasting. Fresh bagels, made locally, will have a higher moisture content than bagels purchased in the bread section of the supermarket. The bagel setting only energizes the outside wall heating elements. A second, shorter toasting cycle may be needed to reach desired brownness. Fresh bagels made locally may require two toasting cycles.
- Because of the irregular surface of English muffins, they may require more than one toasting cycle. After toasting for one cycle on setting 5 (Dark), if a darker shade is desired, adjust shade selector to setting 2 or 3 and toast for a second cycle. Watch closely to avoid over browning. English muffins cut with a knife will toast more evenly.
- Many toasters have thermostats that must reset after one toasting cycle. The electronic controls of this toaster allow toasting batch after batch, with no waiting for the thermostat to reset.
- Thick foods may become wedged in the toaster slot. If food becomes jammed, the toaster will automatically shut off at the end of the toasting cycle. Unplug the toaster and let cool. Use a wooden utensil to remove food.
- When toasting only one slice, the bread may be placed in either slot of the toaster. When toasting a single slice, you may notice variations in bread color from side to side.
- Setting Dark is the darkest shade of toast color. If a darker shade is desired, reset at setting 2 and watch closely as you toast for a second cycle.
- The toaster is designed for even brownness on both sides of the toast. The inner heating elements of the toaster will not be as radiant as the outer heating elements during toasting—this is normal and not a defect.

## Cleaning & Maintenance

**NOTE:** If the toaster is used daily, the crumb tray should be cleaned weekly.

1. Unplug toaster and let cool.
2. Slide open crumb tray, discard crumbs and wipe tray with clean cloth. Replace crumb tray.
3. Wipe the outside of toaster with a damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleansers that may scratch the surface of the toaster.

TOASTING CHART	
FOOD	SUGGESTED SETTING
Regular Bread	3-4
English Muffins	Dark + Bagel
Frozen Bread/Buns	5
Frozen Waffles	Light + Defrost
Toaster Pastries	Light

**NOTE:** The appliance manufacturer does not recommend heating toaster pastries in your toaster. Toaster pastries should be heated in a toaster oven broiler. However, if an alternative is not available, and you must use the toaster, be sure to set the toaster to the lowest possible setting, and never leave the toaster unattended during use.

## Polarized Plug

This appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). As a safety feature to reduce the risk of electrical shock, this plug is intended to fit a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Do not modify the plug in any way.

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**Montgomery Ward, Inc.  
Attn: Customer Returns  
2000 Harrison Suite 100  
Clinton, IA 52732-6676**

**When returning an item:**

- Use the original packaging and pack it securely.
- Please adequately insure your item in case you need to make a claim with the carrier you choose for returning your item.
- Include your order number and reason for return.
- We recommend keeping the receipt for 4 weeks.



### 1 Year Limited Warranty

Montgomery Ward, Inc. warrants this Chef Tested product to be free from defects in material and workmanship for one year from provable date of purchase.

Within this warranty period, Montgomery Ward will repair or replace, at its option, defective parts of this Chef Tested product at no charge, provided the product is returned, freight prepaid with proof of purchase to Montgomery Ward. Allow 2-4 weeks for return shipping.

This warranty does not cover improper installation, misuse, abuse or neglect on part of the owner. Warranty is also invalid in any case that the product is taken apart or serviced by an unauthorized service station.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and they may vary from state to state.

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