

VitaVerde™ Care and Use Instructions

How to use your VitaVerde™ cookware

Before First Use

- Remove all packaging materials and labels.
- Wash in warm soapy water; rinse and dry thoroughly with a soft cloth.

Recommendations for best cooking and frying results

- Do not preheat on a high setting and do not allow the pan to boil dry.
- Cook on a burner that is approximately similar in base diameter to that of the pan you have selected.
- When cooking on gas, adjust the flame so it does not flare up the sides of the pan.
- Remove food from the refrigerator 10 minutes before you intend to cook or fry.
- If food sticks to the cookware during cooking, add a small amount of water to the part of the pan that the food is stuck to. Adding moisture will create a burst of steam that should lift any food stuck to the pan.
- When cooking on induction (only if your cookware is suitable for induction) or gas, the cookware heats up very quickly; therefore be especially careful not to use high heat.

Cooking with oils and fats

- We recommend to use oil or butter. Remember, some oils and fats burn at lower temperatures. Use oils and fats that have a high smoke point, like refined olive oil, peanut oil, corn oil and (clarified) butter. Do not use extra virgin olive oil as it cannot withstand high heating and will leave a thin carbonized layer on your non-stick.
- Do not use oil sprays. These sprays cause residue build-up that is difficult to remove from all types of cookware.
- When applying oil, always give the oil a nice even rub onto the surface of the pan.

Care and Cleaning

- Allow the pan to cool and then clean it thoroughly after each use.
- Always start with a clean pan. Wash carefully with a soft cloth or sponge and be sure that you have removed all traces of cooking oil and food before you store your pan.
- Your VitaVerde™ product can be cleaned in dishwasher. If the exterior of your pans are made from hard-anodized or bare aluminium, they are NOT suitable for dishwasher use.
- Halogen and ceramic stovetops – Take care to ensure that your stovetop and your VitaVerde™ product is kept free from debris so as not to scratch the ceramic stovetop's surface.

Cookware with Thermolon™ non-stick technology:

How to maintain the non-stick layer

- Heat settings are very important. Lower heat settings are not only good for energy-saving but also avoids the pan becoming too hot. The nature of ceramics is to distribute the heat more effectively, helping some protein-rich foods cook more quickly.
- Do not drop the pan on the floor, and take care not to warp or bend the pan as this may deform the ceramic non-stick coating, resulting in loss of non-stick properties.

- Note: After a while it is normal that non-stick properties will reduce. This process can be accelerated by prolonged exposure of the non-stick surface to high heat during cooking owing to carbonisation of food and oil. The patented Thermolon™ non-stick technology can withstand accidental over-heating up to 450°C/850°F for short periods, which is a safety feature. This means that if you do accidentally overheat your pan, no toxic fumes will be released. Moreover, the coating itself will not blister or peel.
- When the non-stick starts to fade, the thick high density ceramic undercoat allows the pan to be used just like cast iron enameled pans.
- Because of the excellent heat conductivity of your pan and the Thermolon™ layer, food and oil carbonize very rapidly. So always cook on low to medium heat and only use high heat for searing or browning.
- If your cookware has a Thermolon™ coating, never use metal utensils on any non-stick surface. Plastic, rubber or wooden utensils are recommended to prolong the life of the pan.
- Do not cut food whilst it is in the pan.
- In the case of dishwasher use, the non-stick properties of ceramic non-stick coatings can be broken down by the hardness of the water and aggressive alkaline detergents that are commonly used in a dishwasher.
- Do NOT use steel wool or nylon scrubbing pads. For best results, clean with a soft cloth or sponge.
- Do NOT use oven cleaner or any cleaner that is abrasive or which contains chlorine bleach. Do not gouge the non-stick-coating.
- If brown deposits form on your non-stick coating this is likely to have resulted from prolonged exposure of the non-stick surface to high heat during cooking with fats and oils which can break down. This can create carbonized oil and fat films. These factors will accelerate the loss of non-stick performance. If this happens then empty any loose food, partly fill the pan with warm water and let it come to a quick boil. Then turn off the stove and leave it to cool. After cooling the burnt food should be easily wiped away.
- For tougher burns, soak the pan in soapy water for a few hours followed by patient rubbing with a soft cloth. Do not use any abrasive cleaners, harsh scouring pads or steel wool as this will damage the non-stick.
- Slight surface marks and discolorations are normal.

Important to know

- Do not allow children near the stove while you cook.
- To avoid injury always use caution when handling hot pots.
- For safety reasons never leave cookware unattended while in use and make sure the handles do not extend over the edge of the stove.
- Do not allow handles to extend over a hot burner, because the handles could get hot.
- The handles of your cookware are constructed to minimize heat transfer. Nevertheless, lids and handles may become hot during prolonged cooking. Use caution when removing lids or lifting with the handles. Touch lightly to be sure the handles have not become hot. Use oven mitts or potholders if necessary.
- Always use oven gloves when removing pans from a hot oven.
- Where bakelite handles or stainless steel handles with silicone are fitted, or glass lids are used, always check their temperature resistance before using in an oven. Bakelite handles are oven safe up to 350°F/180°C. Glass lids are oven safe up to 428°F/220°C.

We wish you a lot of cooking pleasure with this VitaVerde™ product.

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