



# Russell Hobbs



## 4L SLOW COOKER

2 YEAR WARRANTY

**RHSC4**

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Part no. T22-5003675

INSTRUCTIONS & WARRANTY

## IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

When using this appliance, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following:

Read all instructions before, and follow whilst using this appliance.



1. To protect against electrical hazards, do not immerse the slow cooker cooking base in water or any liquid.
2. Do not use it in a bathroom or near any source of water.
3. Do not use outdoors.
4. This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
5. This appliance is NOT a toy. Children should be supervised to ensure they do NOT play with this appliance.
6. Always follow the instructions when using this appliance.
7. The temperature of accessible surfaces/parts may become very hot when the appliance is operating and may remain hot for some time after the appliance has been switched off.
8. To avoid the possibility of scalding, keep clear of steam escaping around the lid area.
9. Do not touch any internal surfaces until the slow cooker has fully cooled.
10. Do not use the slow cooker to re-heat food that has already been cooked.
11. Dried beans (e.g. red kidney beans) must be boiled for at least 10 minutes before being added to the slow cooker. They are poisonous if eaten raw or undercooked.
12. CAUTION: Do not operate on an inclined plane. Place the slow cooker on a stable, level, heat-resistant surface and out of reach of children.
13. Route the power cord so it does not overhang, and cannot be caught accidentally.
14. Unplug the slow cooker when not in use, before moving and before cleaning. Let it cool down fully before cleaning and storing away.
15. There are no user serviceable parts. If the power cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer or similarly qualified person in order to avoid hazard.
16. Do not operate this appliance with a damaged cord/plug or after the appliance has malfunctioned, or been dropped or damaged in any manner. Contact Customer Service for examination, adjustment, repair or replacement.
17. To disconnect turn dial to OFF, turn off the wall power outlet then grasp the plug and remove from wall power socket. Never pull by the cord.
18. Do not try to cook in the slow cooker without using the ceramic bowl.
19. Leave a clear space of at least 75mm (3 inches) around the slow cooker when in use.
20. Do not cover the slow cooker or put anything on top of it while in use.
21. Do not use the slow cooker near or below curtains or other combustible materials.
22. Keep the power cord, the slow cooker, and the ceramic bowl away from hotplates, cook-tops and burners.
23. Do not put a hot ceramic bowl on a cold surface or in cold water as it may crack the bowl or damage the surface.

24. Do not put cold water into a hot ceramic bowl or hot water into a cold ceramic bowl as it may crack the bowl.
25. Do not use the ceramic bowl with any appliance (cook-top, stove, oven, microwave oven, etc) other than the slow cooker.
26. Do not shock/bump the glass. The lid supplied with this is slow cooker is made from tempered glass. However, this does not make it indestructible! Care needs to be taken not to shock the glass as it may cause it to weaken and unexpectedly shatter into small fragments for seemingly no reason.
27. Do not use accessories or attachments other than those supplied as specifically for use with the slow cooker.
28. Do not use the slow cooker for any purpose other than that described in these instructions.
29. Do not connect this slow cooker to an external timer or remote control system.
30. For added safety, electrical appliances should be connected to a power outlet that is protected by a residual current device (RCD), also often referred to as a 'Safety Switch'. Your switchboard may already incorporate an RCD. If unsure, call an electrician for verification and fitting if necessary.

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

**THIS APPLIANCE IS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY**

Congratulations on the purchase of your new Russell Hobbs 4L Slow Cooker. Each unit is manufactured to ensure safety and reliability. Before using the Slow Cooker for the first time, please read this instruction booklet carefully and keep it for future reference. Pass it on if you pass on the Slow Cooker.

When using this appliance, basic safety precautions should always be followed.



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| 1. Lid knob                    | 4. Cool touch handles             |
| 2. Tempered glass lid assembly | 5. Cooking base                   |
| 3. Ceramic bowl                | 6. OFF/LOW/HIGH/WARM Control Dial |

## THE CONTROL DIAL

The slow cooker is controlled by a 4-position Control Dial:

- OFF** The slow cooker is off.
- LOW** Cooks at low power.
- HIGH** Cooks at maximum power. Take care that the food does not dry out. If additional liquid is required during the cooking process, it should be preheated before adding to avoid possible cracking of the ceramic bowl. Cool liquids can be safely added in small amounts to the middle of the food, away from the sides of the ceramic bowl.
- WARM** Rotate the control dial to WARM once the cooking time is over to keep the food warm. Do not keep foods on the WARM setting for more than 4 hours.

**NOTE: Do not use WARM setting to cook or to reheat food.**

## THE BENEFITS OF SLOW COOKING

- Health - The gentle cooking action reduces damage to vitamins and retains more of the nutrients and flavours. Also, cooking in a slow cooker does not require any added oil or fats.
- Economy - Long slow cooking can tenderise the cheaper, tougher cuts of meat and uses significantly less power than an oven or the small hob on the average cook top.
- Convenience - Prepare the ingredients the night before, put them in the slow cooker in the morning and have a delicious meal waiting for you when you get home.

## BEFORE FIRST USE

- Remove all packing materials.
- All parts of the Slow Cooker need to be thoroughly cleaned before being used for the first time (see 'Care and Maintenance').

## PREPARATION

- Some of the recipes call for meat to be browned and/or vegetables to be sautéed. Do this in a pan – not in the ceramic bowl. Do not use the ceramic bowl for cooking anywhere other than inside the slow cooker.
- Thaw frozen food completely before adding to the ceramic bowl.
- Soak dried peas and beans for 8 hours (or overnight) before cooking, to soften them.

**WARNING: Dried beans (e.g. red kidney beans) must be boiled for at least 10 minutes before being added to the slow cooker. They are poisonous if eaten raw or undercooked.**

- Lentils do not need soaking overnight.
- Store ingredients prepared beforehand (e.g. the night before) in a refrigerator. Do not put the slow cooker or the ceramic bowl in the refrigerator as it may cause the bowl to crack when heated.
- Root vegetables (potatoes, carrots, onions, etc.) take much longer to cook than meat. Cut them into 5mm slices, sticks or dice. If possible, sauté gently for 2-3 minutes before adding to the ceramic bowl.
- Dried vegetables must be immersed in the cooking liquid.
- When cooking with rice, use at least 150ml of cooking liquid for each 100g of rice.
- Pasta is not suitable for slow cooking – it will become too soft. If your recipe requires pasta, it should be stirred in 30-40 minutes before the end of the cooking time.

Most recipes can be cooked on either HIGH or LOW. Many recipes will give the time for both.

**LOW:** Often used for longer cooking times, 8–10 hours, or less tender cuts of meat.

**HIGH:** Cooking on high setting is similar to a covered pot on the stovetop. Foods will cook on high in about half the time required for low cooking. Additional liquid may be required as foods can boil on high.

**WARM:** Only use to keep cooked foods at a food-safe serving temperature and should not be used to cook foods. It is not recommended to use WARM for more than 4 hours.

## GENERAL USE

- Decide when you want to eat and when you want to start cooking.
- Find a recipe that suits your timings. If you want to eat at 6pm and you need to start cooking at 8am, find a recipe that takes about 10 hours.
- Prepare the food as described in the recipe.

**TIP: Cut food into similar sized pieces to ensure food is evenly cooked.**

- Sit the slow cooker on a stable, level, heat-resistant surface and out of reach of children.
- Connect to the wall power outlet and switch the outlet on.
- Remove the lid and place the food in the ceramic bowl.
- Replace the lid.
- Turn the dial to the desired heat setting.

**NOTE: Do not use the WARM setting to cook.**

**NOTE: A recipe that takes 10 hours would only ever be cooked using LOW setting.**

- When cooking time is done, either turn the control knob to WARM or switch the appliance OFF. Do not keep foods on the WARM setting for more than 4 hours.
- Using oven gloves remove the lid from the slow cooker and set it on a heat proof surface.
- Serve the food.
- Unplug the appliance when not in use and always allow the slow cooker to completely cool before cleaning.

**TIP: Cleaning can be made much easier if you remove all the cooked food from the ceramic bowl, then fill it with warm water (see 'Care and Maintenance').**

## RECIPES

There are a few recipes in this book to get you started.

Use them initially to familiarise yourself with the capabilities of your slow cooker. Then using them as a guide, vary the ingredients, vary the quantities and taste the results. Keep notes, write down what changes you make, and you will quickly build up a range of recipes which suit your taste.

To adapt your own recipes for the slow cooker, we suggest you find a recipe which uses similar ingredients and use that as a guide for timing and liquid quantity, along with the food preparation guidelines given earlier.

**NOTE: Be careful with quantities – once all the initial ingredients are put in the ceramic bowl, it shouldn't be more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  full, to allow for expansion.**

## SOUP

If homemade soup appeals to you, then try some in your slow cooker. Tasty, homemade soups can be left simmering all day or overnight. Soup benefits from long cooking, so there is no need to worry if it is left for a few hours longer than intended. Flavours develop and infuse slowly and gently.

Tips for making soup in your slow cooker:

- Trim and cut up the meat and/or vegetables to similar sized portions to ensure even cooking.
- Sear food lightly in a large pan with a little cooking oil for a richer flavour.
- For a thicker soup, stir in flour or cornflour, and then gradually add stock.
- Do not add milk until the final half hour of cooking.
- Cream or egg yolk may be added just before serving.

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

- Before doing anything else, unplug the slow cooker from the wall socket.
- Using oven gloves, remove the lid and ceramic bowl and place them on a heatproof surface.
- Even if you do not intend to wash up right away, fill the ceramic bowl with warm water, otherwise the residual heat may bake any food debris on the ceramic bowl, making its eventual removal more difficult.

***WARNING: Do Not add cold water to a hot ceramic bowl.***

- Do not soak the exterior of the ceramic bowl in water. The base is porous and will soak up water which may cause it to crack when heated. Wash the lid and ceramic bowl in hot soapy water using a cloth or sponge, then rinse and dry thoroughly. Do not use a scouring pad. The ceramic bowl and lid may be washed in the dishwasher.
- All other surfaces, internal and external, should be wiped with a damp cloth. You may use a little mild household detergent (washing up liquid) if necessary. These surfaces should be dry before re-using the slow cooker or storing it away.
- After some time in use, the glaze on the ceramic bowl may develop 'crazing', a network of small cracks. This marking is superficial and should not be a cause for concern.
- Do not immerse the body of the slow cooker in water or any other liquid.
- Do not use harsh or abrasive cleaners.

## STORING

Make sure that the appliance is thoroughly dry. Never wrap the cord tightly around the appliance; keep it loosely coiled. Placing the lid on upside-down for storage can help save space.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
Food is undercooked while slow cooking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May have used the wrong setting.</li><li>• The power may have been interrupted.</li><li>• The lid may have been improperly placed on the ceramic bowl.</li><li>• Lid has been removed too many times during operation.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make sure you use the correct setting for the recipe.</li><li>• If the power was interrupted and you don't know for how long; discard the food.</li><li>• Make sure the lid is placed evenly on top of the ceramic bowl.</li><li>• Keep the lid closed. Every time the lid is removed it adds 15–20 minutes to the cooking time.</li></ul>
Food is overcooked while slow cooking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There may be a difference between your favorite recipe and the operation of the slow cooker.</li><li>• Not all slow cookers cook exactly the same; the settings could be cooking slightly different than slow cookers that have been used previously.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As you use the slow cooker settings, make note of any changes in time on your favorite recipes.</li></ul>
The meat was done but the vegetables were under-cooked while slow cooking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The foods may have been improperly placed in the slow cooker.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Place the vegetables on the bottom and sides of the ceramic bowl.</li><li>• Place the meat on top of the vegetables and in the center of the ceramic bowl.</li></ul>



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## **Spectrum Brands Australia Pty Ltd and Spectrum Brands New Zealand Ltd Warranty Against Defects**

In this warranty:

**Australian Consumer Law** means the Australian consumer law set out in Schedule 2 to the Competition and Consumer Act 2010;

**CGA** means the New Zealand Consumer Guarantees Act 1993;

**Goods** means the product or equipment which was accompanied by this warranty and purchased in Australia or New Zealand, as the case may be;

**Manufacturer, We or us** means:

1. for Goods purchased in Australia, Spectrum Brands Australia Pty Ltd ABN, 78 007 070 573;  
or
2. for Goods purchased in New Zealand, Spectrum Brands New Zealand Ltd, as the case may be, contact details as set out at the end of this warranty;

**Supplier** means the authorised distributor or retailer of the Goods that sold you the Goods in Australia or in New Zealand; and

**You** means you, the original end-user purchaser of the Goods.

1. Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law, or the CGA. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure.
2. The benefits provided by this Warranty are in addition to all other rights and remedies in respect of the Goods which the consumer has under either the Australian Consumer Law or the CGA. The original purchaser of the Goods is provided with the following Warranty subject to the Warranty Conditions:
3. We warrant the Goods for all parts defective in workmanship or materials for a **(Warranty Period)** period of 2 years from the date of purchase.

If the Goods prove defective within the Warranty Period by reason of improper workmanship or material, we may, at our own discretion, repair or replace the Goods without charge.

## **Warranty Conditions**

4. The Goods must be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. This Warranty does not apply should the defect in or failure of the Goods be attributable to misuse, abuse, accident or non-observance of manufacturer's instructions on the part of the user. As far as the law permits, the manufacturer does not accept liability for any direct or consequential loss, damage or other expense caused by or arising out of any failure to use the Goods in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
5. Exhaustible components (such as batteries, filters and brushes) of the Goods are included under this Warranty only where there is a defect in workmanship or materials used.
6. The warranty granted under clause 3 is limited to repair or replacement only.
7. Any parts of the Goods replaced during repairs or any product replaced remain the property of the manufacturer. In the event of the Goods being replaced during the Warranty Period, the warranty on the replacement Goods will expire on the same date as for the Warranty Period on the original Goods which are replaced.
8. In order to claim under the warranty granted under clause 3 you must:
  - (a) Retain this warranty with your receipt/proof of purchase; and
  - (b) Return the Goods to us at the relevant address or to the Supplier by prepaid freight within the Warranty Period accompanied with (i) the legible and unmodified original proof of purchase, which clearly indicates the name and address of the Supplier, the date and place of purchase, the product name or other product serial number and (ii) this warranty.
9. This warranty is immediately void if:
  - (a) Any serial number or appliance plate is removed or defaced;
  - (b) The Goods have been serviced or otherwise repaired by a person not authorised to do so by us or where non approved replaced parts are used.
10. The Goods are designed for domestic use only. The Goods must be connected to the electrical voltage requirements as specified in the ratings label located on the Goods.
11. This warranty does not cover the cost of claiming under the warranty or transport of the Goods to and from the Supplier or us.
12. This warranty is only valid and enforceable in Australia against Spectrum Brands Australia Pty Ltd and in New Zealand against Spectrum Brands New Zealand Ltd.

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**Any questions?** Please contact Customer Service for advice.





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## RECIPE BOOK

4L SLOW COOKER

**RHSC4**

# **APRICOT CHICKEN**

**Serves 4**

## **Ingredients:**

600g chicken breasts

400mL apricot nectar

1 sachet French onion soup

1 tbsp curry powder

400g canned apricots, drained

## **Method:**

1. Cut the chicken into small pieces. Place all ingredients into the slow cooker and stir until well mixed.
2. Cover and cook on LOW for around 8 hours.
3. Serve with steamed rice and vegetables or pasta.

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## ROSEMARY AND GARLIC ROASTED LEG OF LAMB

Serves 6

### Ingredients:

4 large all-purpose potatoes, peeled, cut into ¼-inch thick slices

2kg trimmed, boneless leg of lamb, tied

1 tsp salt

½ tsp coarsely ground black pepper

6 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed

4 sprigs fresh rosemary, chopped

2 tbsp olive oil

½ cup vegetable stock

### Method:

1. Preheat the slow cooker for 20 minutes on HIGH.
2. Layer potatoes in the bottom of the slow cooker ceramic bowl.
3. In a small bowl, mash the salt, pepper, garlic, and rosemary together with a fork to form a paste. Rub all over the lamb.
4. Heat the olive oil in a large frypan over a high heat and brown lamb on all sides. Put browned roast in the ceramic bowl on top of the potatoes.
5. Pour the stock in the frypan and bring to boil. Pour over the meat.
6. Place the lid on the slow cooker and cook for 4-5 hours on HIGH or 9-10 hours on LOW.

# CHICKEN CACCIATORE

Serves 4

## Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1kg chicken thigh fillets
- 1kg chicken drumsticks
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, sliced very thin
- 400g white mushrooms, sliced thin
- ½ cup dry white wine or chicken stock
- 2 cups canned crushed tomatoes
- 1 tsp salt
- ¼ tsp ground black pepper
- 1 Tbsp minced parsley
- 2 carrots peeled and chopped
- 1 cup pitted kalamata olives
- 2 celery sticks, chopped

## Method:

1. In a large frypan over medium-high heat, brown the chicken, onion, and garlic in the olive oil.
2. Combine the sautéed chicken, onion and garlic with all the remaining ingredients, except the parsley, in the slow cooker ceramic bowl.
3. Place the lid on the bowl and cook for 3-4 hours on high or 7-8 hours on LOW.
4. Season with salt and black pepper to taste and stir in the parsley before serving.

## SELF SAUCING CHOCOLATE PUDDING

Serves 6

### Ingredients:

1 cup caster sugar  
1 ½ self raising flour, sifted  
1 egg, lightly beaten  
1 cup, light brown sugar  
¾ cup milk  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
2 tbsp cocoa powder  
2 tbsp cocoa powder, extra  
2 ½ cups boiling water  
Icing sugar, to serve  
Ice-cream / cream, to serve  
90g butter, melted and cooled

### Method:

1. Preheat slow cooker for 20 minutes on HIGH.
2. Grease the slow cooker bowl.
3. In a separate bowl, combine butter, vanilla extract, caster sugar, flour, cocoa powder and egg. Pour evenly across base of slow cooker bowl.
4. Sift brown sugar and extra cocoa powder over mixture.
5. Using a spoon, gently and evenly pour the boiling water over the mixture.
6. Cook on HIGH for 2 ½ hours, or until centre is firm.
7. Serve with sifted icing sugar, and cream