

News From The Microwave Front

Do you ever find yourself staring at the range hood above your kitchen burner, thinking: "What a waste of space! If only American Marketing Ingenuity could think of something useful to put where only a fan once was."

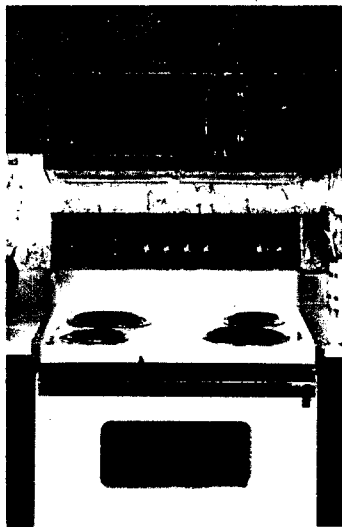
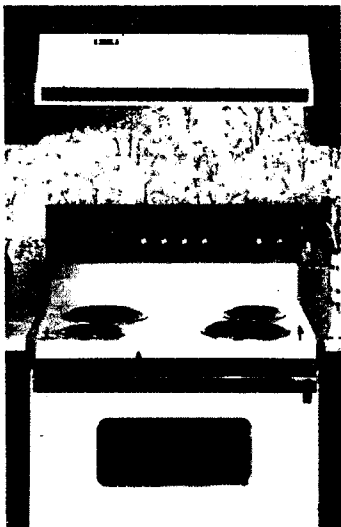
Your dreams have been answered by the General Electric Company, which will soon allow you to place a microwave oven and exhaust fan, as one compact component, in that space.

GE will officially introduce the Spacemaker (TM) microwave oven at the National Association of Home Builders Convention/Exposition this month. The new product "combines the venting and lighting functions of a vent hood with the convenience of a microwave oven," as the company explains it.

Why would anybody possibly want to combine those functions? Well, apparently a sizeable segment of the cooking public

said the main reason they wouldn't buy a microwave oven is because the darn things take up too much counter space. R & D countered that with the Spacemaker: a microwave oven that seems to take up no space at all, since it fits in a place where the most exciting thing that ever happened was that hot air passed from the pots and pans to the exhaust vent. And with this new unit, you still get a vent and light to boot.

The new oven will be sold mainly to the new-home market — builders, through contract sales and remodelers; do-it-yourselfers will eventually be able to get it, too. It's smaller than the average microwave oven (only 0.8 cubic feet internally, with a 16-inch wide oven cavity) but it is full-featured: three cooking power levels, time or temperature cooking, and, of course, light and vent switches.





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