

STAR-K & Sabbath FAQ's

What is Star-K certification? Star-K is an organization that certifies our products, enabling the use of them on holy days and the Sabbath. These limitations, restrictions, and directions form the basis of the laws of *kashrus*. For detailed information, please visit the Star-K Web site at www.star-k.org. It also has a helpful page on frequently asked questions.

Which Dacor products are Star-K certified? All ovens, warming ovens, hoods, CER smooth electric cooktops, all gas cooktops, all ranges (RSD, RSE, PGR, ERD, and EGR), and all outdoor grills are certified. ETT electric smooth cooktops, microwaves and dishwashers are not.

What is the Sabbath and how do your ovens comply with observing the Sabbath? In Jewish religion, the Sabbath is a holy day in which one must not do work. Work is defined by an action that causes a reaction. Work in this sense would be a light turning on when you open an oven or a refrigerator door, for example.

Sabbath: Before sundown the night before the Sabbath, turn on your Dacor oven and leave it on until the following sundown so that food may be warmed. All foods must then be removed at the same time.

Holy days: Before sundown the night before the holy day, turn on your Dacor oven and leave it on until the end of the holiday. Food can be cooked on holy days.

In our ovens, the cooling and convection fans do not turn off when the oven door opens. The lights also do not turn on. There is no timed shutoff on our ovens, either, meaning that once they are turned on, they will stay on until you manually turn them off. Both of these would be considered violations. Our ovens do not have a special "Sabbath" button because our ovens already adhere to the laws. When the oven door is opened, there are no changes to the control panel, which would also be a violation. It is best to wait for the small "On" light with the circle around it to go on before opening the oven door, though. This light indicates that the element has gone on, as the oven cycles on and off to maintain the selected temperature. Opening the oven door without this light going on may trigger the element to go on, which can be a violation. For more information, please visit the Star-K Web site at www.star-k.org.