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Model: Vac 550 (FPSTMC1250)

Instruction Manual

INTRODUCTION

The FoodSaver Vac 550 vacuum sealing system is designed to preserve food by removing air and moisture, which are primary causes of spoilage and freezer burn. This system helps extend the freshness of various foods, including meats, fish, cheeses, and produce, whether stored in the freezer, refrigerator, or pantry. It utilizes specialized bags and canisters to create an airtight seal, maintaining food quality for longer periods.

This manual provides instructions for the safe and effective operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your FoodSaver Vac 550.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all components are present in your FoodSaver Vac 550 kit:

- FoodSaver Vac 550 Vacuum Sealing Unit
- One 3/4-quart canister with accessory hose
- Five 1-quart VacLoc bags
- Five 1-gallon VacLoc bags
- One 22-foot x 8-inch VacLoc roll for custom bags
- One 18-foot x 11-inch VacLoc roll for custom bags

SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read all safety instructions before operating the appliance to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and injury.

- **Electrical Safety:** Do not immerse the appliance, cord, or plug in water or other liquids. Ensure the power cord is not damaged.
- **Supervision:** Close supervision is necessary when the appliance is used by or near children.
- **Intended Use:** Use the appliance only for its intended purpose as described in this manual.
- **Maintenance:** Do not attempt to repair the appliance yourself. Refer to the "Maintenance" section for

cleaning instructions.

- **Placement:** Place the appliance on a stable, flat, heat-resistant surface.

SETUP

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove the FoodSaver Vac 550 and all accessories from the packaging.
2. **Placement:** Position the unit on a clean, dry, and flat countertop or table. Ensure there is enough space around the unit for operation.
3. **Power Connection:** Plug the power cord into a standard electrical outlet. The unit is corded electric.
4. **Cord Storage:** The unit features a cord storage compartment on the underside for neat storage when not in use.



Image: Underside of a similar FoodSaver unit (Vac 540 shown) with cord storage compartment. This illustrates the typical cord management for the Vac 550 model.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The FoodSaver Vac 550 operates with a simple one-touch mechanism for vacuuming and sealing.

Using VacLoc Bags and Rolls



Image: Top view of a similar FoodSaver unit (Vac 540 shown) displaying visual instructions for creating a bag from a roll and for vacuum packaging food. The operational steps are similar for the Vac 550 model.

1. **Prepare the Bag:** If using a roll, cut a bag to the desired length. Seal one end of the bag using the sealing strip.
2. **Fill the Bag:** Place food inside the bag, ensuring at least 3 inches of space between the food and the top of the bag.
3. **Position the Bag:** Open the lid of the FoodSaver unit. Place the open end of the bag down into the vacuum channel, ensuring it lies flat across the sealing strip.
4. **Close and Lock:** Close the lid firmly until it locks into place. The unit will automatically begin the vacuuming process.
5. **Seal:** Once the air is removed, the unit will automatically seal the bag. Wait for the machine to turn off before opening the lid.
6. **Remove Bag:** Open the lid and remove the sealed bag.

Note: VacLoc bags are reusable, resealable, and dishwasher-safe. They can also be used directly in a microwave oven or boiling water for cooking.

Using Canisters and Accessories

1. **Prepare Canister:** Place food into the FoodSaver canister and secure the lid.
2. **Connect Hose:** Attach one end of the accessory hose to the accessory port on the FoodSaver unit and the other end to the port on the canister lid.
3. **Activate Vacuum:** Press the appropriate button (refer to your unit's specific controls for "Canister" or "Accessory" function). The unit will remove air from the canister.
4. **Disconnect:** Once the vacuum process is complete, the unit will stop. Disconnect the accessory hose from both the unit and the canister.

MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your FoodSaver Vac 550.

- **Cleaning the Unit:** The exterior of the FoodSaver Vac 550 can be cleaned easily with a damp, soapy cloth. Ensure the unit is unplugged before cleaning. Do not immerse the unit in water.
- **Cleaning Bags and Canisters:** VacLoc bags are dishwasher-safe and can be washed and reused. Canisters should be washed according to their specific instructions, typically with warm, soapy water.
- **Seal Strip:** Periodically inspect the sealing strip for any debris or damage. Clean gently if necessary.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If your FoodSaver Vac 550 is not operating as expected, refer to the following common issues and solutions:

- **Unit Does Not Turn On:**
 - Ensure the power cord is securely plugged into a working electrical outlet.
 - Check if the outlet is receiving power.
- **Unit Vacuums but Does Not Seal:**
 - Verify that the bag is positioned correctly across the sealing strip and that the lid is fully locked.
 - Check the sealing strip for any debris or moisture that might prevent a proper seal.
 - Ensure the bag material is compatible with the FoodSaver system.
- **Unit Does Not Vacuum Properly:**
 - Ensure the bag opening is flat and smooth within the vacuum channel.
 - Check for any punctures or tears in the bag.
 - For canisters, ensure the accessory hose is securely connected and the canister lid is properly sealed.

If issues persist after attempting these solutions, please contact FoodSaver customer support.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model Number:** FPSTMC1250 (also known as Vac 550)
- **Brand:** FoodSaver (Tilia)
- **Material:** Plastic
- **Color:** Tilia (White/Grey)
- **Item Weight:** Approximately 8.1 pounds
- **Product Dimensions:** 15.5 x 6 x 3.75 inches
- **Power Source:** Corded Electric
- **Operation Mode:** Automatic
- **Voltage:** 120 Volts
- **UPC:** 053891012157, 059586625503
- **Manufacturer:** Tilia

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The FoodSaver Vac 550 comes with a **one-year warranty against defects** from the date of purchase.
This warranty covers manufacturing defects under normal use.

For warranty claims, technical support, or further assistance, please contact FoodSaver customer service.
Refer to the product packaging or the official FoodSaver website for current contact information.