

Danco 88861

Danco 88861 Chrome Diverter Handle Instruction Manual

Model: 88861

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your Danco 88861 Chrome Diverter Handle. This product is designed to replace or upgrade existing diverter handles on compatible faucet stems, ensuring proper water flow control within your plumbing system.

SAFETY INFORMATION

- Always turn off the main water supply to the fixture before beginning any plumbing work.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, such as gloves and eye protection, to prevent injury.
- If you are unsure about any step of the installation process, consult a qualified plumber to avoid damage or improper function.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all components are present and undamaged before starting installation.

- 1 x Danco 88861 Chrome Diverter Handle
- 1 x Stem Adapter (typically included for compatibility with various stem lengths)
- 1 x Mounting Screw (short)
- 1 x Mounting Screw (long)



Image: The Danco 88861 Chrome Diverter Handle, shown with its accompanying stem adapter. The handle features a chrome-plated, faceted design, and the adapter is a cylindrical metal piece with splines on one end for faucet stem engagement.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Prepare the Faucet:** Turn off the water supply to the fixture. Remove the old handle and any existing adapter or screw. Thoroughly clean the faucet stem area to ensure a clear attachment point.
2. **Assess Stem Compatibility:** Examine your faucet stem. If the new handle fits directly onto the stem and the screw aligns without issue, you may not need the adapter.
3. **Install with Adapter (if needed):** If your faucet stem is too short or the splines (teeth) on the stem do not align directly with the handle, place the provided stem adapter onto the faucet stem. Ensure it is seated firmly. If the fit is snug or the splines do not align perfectly, you may need to gently tap the adapter into place with a hammer.
4. **Attach the Handle:** Place the Danco 88861 Diverter Handle onto the faucet stem (or onto the adapter, if used). Ensure the handle is oriented correctly for its intended operation (e.g., off position, shower position).
5. **Secure the Handle:** Insert the appropriate mounting screw into the center of the handle. Use the short screw for direct attachment to the stem, or the long screw if the adapter was used. Tighten the screw securely, but do not overtighten, as this can damage the handle or stem.
6. **Test Operation:** Turn the water supply back on. Test the handle's operation to ensure it rotates smoothly, diverts water correctly, and that there are no leaks around the stem.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Danco 88861 Diverter Handle is designed for straightforward operation. Rotate the handle to control

the flow of water and to divert it between different outlets, such as switching water flow from a bathtub spout to a shower head.

MAINTENANCE

- Clean the handle regularly with a soft cloth and mild, non-abrasive soap to maintain its chrome finish. Avoid using harsh chemicals, abrasive cleaners, or scouring pads, as these can damage the surface.
- Periodically check the handle for any looseness. If the handle feels wobbly or loose, gently tighten the mounting screw in the center of the handle.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Handle is Loose or Wobbly:

- Ensure the mounting screw is fully tightened.
- Verify that the handle or adapter is properly seated on the faucet stem's splines (teeth). If not, remove and re-seat it carefully.

Handle Does Not Fit or Align:

- Confirm that the Danco 88861 is the correct replacement handle for your specific faucet model.
- If the stem adapter is included, ensure it is used if your faucet stem is shorter or has a different spline count than the handle.
- If the adapter's splines do not align perfectly with the faucet stem, a gentle tap with a hammer on the adapter may help it seat correctly.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	88861
Brand	Danco
Color	Chrome
Material	Zinc
Item Weight	3.34 ounces
Product Dimensions	4 x 2 x 5 inches
Country of Origin	China

WARRANTY INFORMATION

This Danco product is covered by a manufacturer's warranty. For complete details regarding warranty coverage, terms, and conditions, please refer to the official Danco website or contact Danco customer support directly. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.

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