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Model: 88531 | Brand: Danco

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

This manual provides instructions for the Danco 88531 Trim-To-Fit Tank Lever. This product is designed for plumbing repair and replacement in toilet systems, offering a solution for various toilet tank lever replacements.



*Image: The Danco 88531 Trim-To-Fit Tank Lever, featuring a chrome-plated handle and a long plastic arm designed for trimming to fit various tank sizes.*

## KEY FEATURES

- **High-Impact Plastic Construction:** Ensures durability and longevity.
- **Trim-To-Fit Design:** 10-inch length easily trimmed to 8-inch, 6-inch, or 4-inch to accommodate various toilet tank sizes.
- **Broad Compatibility:** Replaces tank levers such as American Standard Number 4 and Number 5, Eljer Touch-Flush, and Mansfield Number 208 and Number 209.
- **Chrome Finish:** Provides a clean and modern aesthetic.

## SPECIFICATIONS

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Attribute	Detail
Brand	Danco
Model Number	88531
Material	Plastic
Color/Finish	Chrome Plated
Arm Length	10 inches (trimmable to 8, 6, or 4 inches)
Item Weight	1.48 ounces
Product Dimensions	14 x 5 x 7.75 inches (packaging)
UPC	037155885312

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS (SETUP)

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Follow these steps for proper installation of your Danco Trim-To-Fit Tank Lever:

1. **Prepare the Toilet Tank:** Turn off the water supply to the toilet and flush the toilet to empty the tank. Remove the toilet tank lid.
2. **Remove Old Lever (if applicable):** Disconnect the chain or strap from the old lever arm. Unscrew the nut holding the old lever in place from inside the tank and remove the old lever.
3. **Measure and Trim the New Lever Arm:**

The Danco 88531 lever arm is 10 inches long. Measure the distance from the lever hole in your toilet tank to the flapper chain connection point. If the 10-inch arm is too long, carefully trim it to the appropriate length (8-inch, 6-inch, or 4-inch) using a hacksaw or strong utility cutters. Ensure the arm is long enough to reach the flapper chain without obstruction but not so long that it hits the back of the tank.



*Image: Illustrates the Danco tank lever with its long plastic arm, indicating where it can be trimmed to fit different tank depths. The arm is designed with markings for 4, 6, 8, and 10-inch lengths.*

4. **Install the New Lever:** Insert the new Danco lever through the hole in the toilet tank. From inside the tank, secure it with the provided nut, tightening it by hand until snug. Do not overtighten.
5. **Connect the Flapper Chain:** Attach the toilet flapper chain or strap to the hole at the end of the new lever arm. Adjust the chain length so there is a slight amount of slack when the flapper is closed, but enough tension to fully lift the flapper when the handle is pressed.
6. **Test and Adjust:** Turn the water supply back on and allow the tank to fill. Press the lever handle to test the flush. If the flapper does not open fully or does not close properly, adjust the chain length as needed.
7. **Replace Tank Lid:** Once satisfied with the operation, replace the toilet tank lid.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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To operate the Danco Trim-To-Fit Tank Lever, simply press down on the handle located on the exterior of your toilet tank. This action lifts the flapper inside the tank, allowing water to flow from the tank into the toilet bowl, initiating a flush cycle. Release the handle once the flush begins to allow the flapper to reseal and the tank to refill.

## MAINTENANCE

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The Danco 88531 Trim-To-Fit Tank Lever requires minimal maintenance. Periodically check the connection of the flapper chain to the lever arm to ensure it is secure and not corroded. If the lever action becomes stiff or noisy, a small amount of silicone-based lubricant can be applied to the pivot points, ensuring it does not come into contact with the water inside the tank. Avoid using harsh chemical cleaners on the chrome finish, as this may cause damage. Clean with a soft cloth and mild soap and water if necessary.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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- **Toilet Not Flushing Properly (Weak Flush):**

Check the flapper chain length. If it's too long, the flapper may not lift sufficiently. Shorten the chain by one or two links until the flapper lifts fully when the handle is pressed.

- **Toilet Runs Continuously (Flapper Not Sealing):**

The flapper chain might be too short, preventing the flapper from fully closing. Lengthen the chain slightly to allow the flapper to seat properly. Also, ensure the lever arm is not pressing down on the flapper when the handle is in its resting position.

- **Lever Feels Loose or Wobbly:**

The nut inside the tank securing the lever may have loosened. Tighten it by hand until snug. Do not overtighten, as this can damage the plastic components.

- **Lever Arm Hits Tank Wall:**

The lever arm may be too long for your specific tank. Re-evaluate the required length and trim the arm further if necessary, following the instructions in the "Installation" section.

## **WARRANTY AND SUPPORT**

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This product comes with a manufacturer's warranty. For specific warranty details or technical support, please refer to the information provided on the product packaging or visit the official Danco website. You can also contact Danco customer service directly for assistance.

For more information, visit the [Danco Store on Amazon](#).

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