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PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Winco Food Chopper, Model FCS-3, is a versatile kitchen tool designed for efficient dicing of various food items. It features a durable stainless steel construction with a sturdy plastic base, ensuring longevity and ease of use. The unique zigzag-shaped blade rotates to effectively dice ingredients, making food preparation quicker and simpler.



Image: The Winco Food Chopper, featuring its stainless steel body and black handle and base. This image illustrates the overall design and appearance of the product.

This food chopper is designed for convenience, being dishwasher-safe for easy cleaning. Its robust build ensures it is durable and long-lasting, making it a reliable addition to any kitchen.

SETUP AND FIRST USE

1. **Unboxing:** Carefully remove the Winco Food Chopper from its packaging. Inspect all components to ensure they are present and undamaged.
2. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, wash all parts of the food chopper that will come into contact with food. The chopper

- is dishwasher-safe; alternatively, wash by hand with warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely.
3. **Assembly:** Ensure the blade assembly is securely seated within the main body and the plastic base is attached correctly. The chopper is designed for straightforward use without complex assembly.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Winco Food Chopper is designed for simple and effective dicing. Follow these steps for optimal performance:

1. **Prepare Ingredients:** Cut larger food items, such as onions or peppers, into smaller, manageable pieces that can fit within the chopper's base. This prevents jamming and ensures efficient chopping.
2. **Place Food:** Place the prepared food item directly onto a cutting board or into a suitable container. Position the chopper over the food.
3. **Chop:** Hold the chopper firmly by the top handle. Press down repeatedly and firmly on the handle. The zigzag blade will rotate with each press, dicing the food beneath it. Continue pressing until the desired consistency is achieved.
4. **Recommended Use:** This chopper is highly effective for soft to medium-hard vegetables and herbs, including garlic, onions, parsley, cilantro, and tomatoes. It can also be used for nuts.
5. **Important Note:** Avoid using the chopper on extremely hard items, as this may damage the blades. If the chopper jams, gently lift and reposition the food before continuing.

MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and hygiene of your Winco Food Chopper:

- **Dishwasher Safe:** The Winco Food Chopper is designed to be dishwasher-safe. Place it on the top rack for best results.
- **Hand Washing:** For hand washing, disassemble the chopper as much as possible. Use warm, soapy water and a small brush to clean inside the components, especially around the blade area, to remove any trapped food particles. Rinse thoroughly under running water.
- **Drying:** Ensure all parts are completely dry before reassembling and storing to prevent water spots or corrosion.
- **Storage:** Store the chopper in a dry place, away from direct heat or moisture.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Winco Food Chopper, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Chopper jams or doesn't dice effectively.	Food pieces are too large or too hard; return spring may be weak.	Cut ingredients into smaller pieces before chopping. Avoid extremely hard items. If jammed, lift the chopper and clear the obstruction.
Blades appear bent or damaged.	Attempting to chop overly hard items; excessive force.	Only use the chopper for recommended food types. Avoid applying excessive force. If blades are significantly bent, replacement may be necessary.
Food bits stuck inside after cleaning.	Incomplete disassembly or insufficient rinsing.	Ensure all removable parts are separated for cleaning. Use a small brush to reach deep inside and thoroughly rinse all components.

SPECIFICATIONS

Product Dimensions: 3 x 3 x 9 inches

Item Weight: 14.1 ounces

Manufacturer: Winco USA

Model Number: FCS-3

ASIN: B009Z26FQ2

Date First Available: August 31, 2010

Construction: Stainless steel with plastic base

Blade Type: Zigzag shaped, rotating

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Specific warranty details for the Winco Food Chopper (Model FCS-3) are not provided in this manual. For information regarding product warranty, returns, or technical support, please contact Winco USA directly or refer to their official website.

For further assistance, you may visit the [product page on Amazon](#) or search for "Winco USA" online to find their official contact information.

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