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Model: TFW-461R

INTRODUCTION

The Hatco TFW-461R Thermo-Finisher is a high-performance commercial appliance designed to quickly finish, melt cheese, or caramelize toppings on various food items. This unit ensures food is served at optimal temperature and with an appealing appearance. This instruction manual provides essential information for the safe installation, operation, and maintenance of your Thermo-Finisher.



Image: The Hatco TFW-461R Thermo-Finisher, showcasing its black exterior, wide mouth opening, and four visible top heating elements. This unit is designed for commercial food finishing applications.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Read all instructions thoroughly before operating this appliance. Failure to follow these instructions may result in property damage, injury, or death. Keep this manual for future reference.

- **Electrical Hazard:** Ensure the unit is properly grounded. Do not operate with a damaged power cord or plug. Disconnect power before cleaning or servicing.
- **Hot Surfaces:** The exterior and interior surfaces, especially heating elements, become extremely hot during operation. Use caution and wear protective gloves when handling.
- **Burn Hazard:** Never touch heating elements directly. Allow the unit to cool completely before cleaning or maintenance.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure adequate clearance around the unit for proper ventilation to prevent overheating.
- **Authorized Personnel:** Only trained and authorized personnel should operate and service this equipment.
- **Flammable Materials:** Do not store or use flammable liquids or materials near the Thermo-Finisher.

SETUP AND INSTALLATION

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove the unit from its packaging. Inspect for any shipping damage. Report any damage immediately to the carrier and your dealer. Retain all packaging materials for inspection.
2. **Placement:** Place the Thermo-Finisher on a stable, level, non-combustible surface. Ensure there is sufficient clearance (at least 6 inches) from walls and other equipment for proper air circulation. Do not block ventilation openings.
3. **Electrical Connection:**
 - Verify that the voltage and amperage requirements listed on the product's data plate match your electrical supply.
 - Connect the unit to a dedicated, properly grounded electrical circuit.
 - Do not use extension cords or multi-outlet adapters.
4. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, wipe down all interior and exterior surfaces with a damp cloth and mild detergent. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Power On:** Locate the main power switch, typically on the front or side of the unit. Flip the switch to the "ON" position.
2. **Element Control:** The TFW-461R features four top heating elements. Each element may have an individual control knob or switch. Adjust these controls to the desired heat intensity. For initial use, a medium setting is often recommended.
3. **Preheating:** Allow the unit to preheat for approximately 10-15 minutes to reach optimal operating temperature. The elements will glow red when active.
4. **Loading Food:** Place the food item to be finished (e.g., nachos, gratins, casseroles) on a heat-resistant plate or pan. Carefully slide the plate into the wide mouth opening beneath the heating elements.
5. **Finishing Process:** Monitor the food closely. The finishing process is typically very quick, often taking only seconds to a few minutes, depending on the food item and desired result.
6. **Removing Food:** Use heat-resistant gloves or appropriate utensils to carefully remove the finished food item from the unit.
7. **Power Off:** When finished using the unit, turn all element controls to the "OFF" position, then flip the main power switch to "OFF".

Note: The exact duration for finishing will vary based on the food type, thickness, and desired browning level. Experiment with settings to achieve optimal results.

MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Regular cleaning and maintenance will extend the life of your Thermo-Finisher and ensure optimal performance.

- **Daily Cleaning:**
 - **ALWAYS DISCONNECT POWER** and allow the unit to cool completely before cleaning.
 - Wipe down exterior surfaces with a damp cloth and mild, non-abrasive detergent.
 - Clean the interior surfaces, including the area beneath the elements, to remove food debris and grease buildup.
 - Rinse with a clean, damp cloth and dry thoroughly.
- **Avoid Abrasives:** Do not use abrasive cleaners, scouring pads, or steel wool, as these can scratch or damage the unit's surfaces.
- **Element Care:** Do not spray water directly onto the heating elements. If elements become soiled, wipe gently with a dry cloth after the unit has cooled.
- **Grease Tray (if applicable):** If your model includes a removable grease tray, empty and clean it regularly.
- **Regular Inspection:** Periodically inspect the power cord for any signs of damage. If damage is found, discontinue use and contact a qualified service technician.
- **Professional Servicing:** For any internal repairs or complex maintenance, contact an authorized Hatco service agent.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Before contacting service, review the following common issues and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Unit does not power on.	No power to outlet; power cord unplugged; circuit breaker tripped; main power switch off.	Check power outlet; ensure cord is securely plugged in; reset circuit breaker; turn main power switch to ON.
Elements not heating.	Element control knob/switch off; faulty element.	Ensure element controls are set to desired heat level. If problem persists, contact service.
Uneven heating.	Food placed incorrectly; one or more elements faulty.	Ensure food is centered. If elements are not glowing evenly, contact service.
Smoke or unusual odor.	Food debris on elements; new unit burn-off; electrical issue.	Immediately disconnect power. Clean unit thoroughly. If odor persists or is electrical, contact service.

If troubleshooting steps do not resolve the issue, contact an authorized service technician.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model:** TFW-461R
- **Brand:** Hatco
- **Type:** Thermo-Finisher, Wide Mouth
- **Heating Elements:** Four Top Elements
- **Electrical:** Refer to the product data plate located on the unit for specific voltage, amperage, and wattage requirements.
- **Dimensions:** Refer to the official product documentation or Hatco website for detailed dimensions.
- **ASIN:** B00JKB85Z2

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Hatco products are manufactured with quality and care. For detailed information regarding the warranty coverage for your TFW-461R Thermo-Finisher, please refer to the official warranty documentation included with your purchase. You may also visit the official Hatco website or contact Hatco customer support for the most current warranty terms and conditions.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

Should you require technical assistance, replacement parts, or service for your Hatco TFW-461R Thermo-Finisher, please contact Hatco customer support or an authorized Hatco service agent. Ensure you have your model number (TFW-461R) and serial number (found on the product data plate) available when contacting support. For more information, visit the official Hatco website: www.hatcocorp.com

