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Model: Heirloom Salad Greens

INTRODUCTION

This instruction manual provides comprehensive guidance for the setup, operation, and maintenance of your AeroGarden 6-Pod Heirloom Salad Greens Seed Pod Kit. Designed for use with any AeroGarden indoor gardening system, this kit allows you to cultivate a variety of fresh, non-GMO salad greens directly in your home, year-round. Follow these instructions to ensure optimal growth and a bountiful harvest.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Your AeroGarden 6-Pod Heirloom Salad Greens Seed Pod Kit contains the following items:

- **6 Pre-Seeded Grow Pods:** A mix of six unique heirloom salad green varieties, including Black Seeded Simpson, Deer Tongue Amish Green, Red Sails, Marvel of 4 Seasons, Rouge D'Hiver, and Parris Island.
- **3 oz Liquid Plant Food:** A specially formulated nutrient solution essential for healthy plant growth.
- **Growing Guide:** Step-by-step instructions for successful cultivation (this manual serves as your detailed guide).



**Black Seeded
Simpson**



Deer Tongue



Parris Island



Marvel of 4 Seasons



Rouge d'Hiver



Red Sails

6-Pod Mix of Heirloom Salad Greens

Image: The six distinct varieties of heirloom salad greens included in your seed pod kit.



Image: An example of an AeroGarden Seed Pod Kit, illustrating the grow pods and liquid plant food bottle.

SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Prepare Your AeroGarden:** Ensure your AeroGarden unit (sold separately) is clean and ready for use. Refer to your AeroGarden system's specific manual for initial setup.
2. **Insert Grow Pods:** Carefully remove the grow pods from their packaging. Place one grow pod into each opening of your AeroGarden deck. Ensure the labels are facing outwards for easy identification.
3. **Add Water:** Fill the water reservoir of your AeroGarden unit with fresh tap water up to the "Fill To Here" line. Do not overfill.
4. **Add Liquid Plant Food:** Refer to your AeroGarden unit's instructions for the correct dosage and frequency of liquid plant food. Typically, you will add the recommended amount of the included 3 oz Liquid Plant Food to the water reservoir at the beginning of a new planting cycle and every two weeks thereafter.
5. **Power On:** Plug in your AeroGarden unit. The lights will turn on, and the system will begin its growth cycle.



OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Watering

Your AeroGarden unit will typically alert you when the water level is low. Refill the reservoir with fresh tap water as needed. Avoid using distilled or reverse osmosis water without adding specific mineral supplements, as these lack essential nutrients for plant growth.

Feeding

Add the included liquid plant food to the water reservoir every two weeks, or as prompted by your AeroGarden system. Follow the dosage instructions provided with your AeroGarden unit. Consistent feeding is crucial for robust plant development.

Light Cycle

The AeroGarden's grow lights operate on an automatic cycle, typically 15-17 hours on and 7-9 hours off, depending on your specific model. Do not interrupt this cycle. The lights provide the necessary spectrum for photosynthesis.

Harvesting

Begin harvesting your salad greens when the plants are large enough to eat, usually within 3-4 weeks. To promote continuous growth, harvest the outer leaves first, allowing the inner leaves to continue developing. You can harvest individual leaves as needed or trim entire plants, leaving about an inch of growth to encourage regrowth.



Image: A close-up view of healthy salad greens ready for harvest.



Image: A freshly prepared salad, showcasing the potential yield from your AeroGarden.

MAINTENANCE

- **Pruning:** Trim your plants regularly to prevent them from growing too tall and touching the grow lights. This also encourages bushier growth and higher yields.
- **Cleaning:** Between growing cycles, it is recommended to thoroughly clean your AeroGarden unit, including the reservoir and pump, to prevent algae buildup and ensure optimal performance for future plantings.
- **Replacing Pods:** After a full growing cycle (typically 2-3 months for salad greens), the plants will start to decline. Replace old grow pods with new ones to continue enjoying fresh produce.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No Germination	Old seeds, improper temperature, insufficient water/nutrients.	Ensure proper setup. If a pod fails to germinate after 3 weeks, refer to the warranty information for a replacement.
Slow Growth / Yellowing Leaves	Lack of nutrients, incorrect water level, insufficient light.	Check nutrient dosage and frequency. Ensure water level is maintained. Verify grow lights are functioning correctly and on the proper cycle.
Algae Growth in Reservoir	Excess light reaching water, high water temperature.	Ensure grow pod labels or covers are fully covering the openings. Clean the reservoir thoroughly between cycles.
Plants Wilting	Low water level, root rot (overwatering), nutrient imbalance.	Check water level. Ensure roots are not constantly submerged in stagnant water. Follow nutrient instructions precisely.

For issues related to your AeroGarden unit itself (e.g., pump not working, lights not turning on), please consult the specific instruction manual for your AeroGarden model or contact AeroGarden customer support.

SPECIFICATIONS

Brand: AeroGarden

Model: Heirloom Salad Greens (6-Pod Kit)

UPC: 810705133428

Indoor/Outdoor Usage: Indoor

Material Feature: GMO Free, Heirloom

Special Feature: Non-GMO

Expected Blooming Period: Year Round

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Sunlight Exposure: Full Shade (when used with AeroGarden grow lights)

Product Care Instructions: Water, Nutrient Feeding

Soil Type: Peat Soil (grow medium)

Moisture Needs: Moderate Watering

Number of Pieces (Pods): 6

Item Weight: 0.5 Ounces (approximate for kit)

Product Dimensions: 3.19 x 1.82 x 1.81 inches (packaging dimensions)

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Germination Guarantee: AeroGarden is confident in the quality of its seeded pods. If any seed pod from this kit fails to germinate after 3 weeks of proper setup and care in an AeroGarden system, a replacement seed pod will be provided. Please contact AeroGarden customer support for assistance with germination issues.

For further support, product registration, or to purchase additional seed pod kits and accessories, please visit the official AeroGarden website or contact their customer service department.