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## KitchenAid KFC3516AQ

# KitchenAid 3.5 Cup Food Chopper

MODEL: KFC3516AQ

## Introduction

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The KitchenAid 3.5 Cup Food Chopper (Model KFC3516AQ) is a compact and lightweight appliance designed for everyday food preparation tasks. It efficiently chops, mixes, and purees ingredients, making it ideal for preparing fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, sauces, and baby food. Its intuitive design and dual speed settings provide versatility for various culinary needs.



*Image: KitchenAid 3.5 Cup Food Chopper, Aqua Sky.*

## Important Safety Information

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Before operating the food chopper, please read all instructions carefully. Failure to follow these instructions may result in electric shock, fire, or injury.

- Always unplug the appliance from the outlet before assembling, disassembling, or cleaning.
- Avoid contact with moving parts. The blades are sharp. Handle with care.
- Do not immerse the motor base in water or other liquids.
- Keep hands and utensils away from the moving blade while processing food to prevent injury.
- Ensure the lid is securely locked in place before operating.
- This appliance is not intended for use by children. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used near children.

## Parts and Features

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Familiarize yourself with the components of your KitchenAid Food Chopper:

1. **Motor Base:** Contains the motor and control switch.

2. **3.5 Cup Work Bowl:** Transparent bowl for processing ingredients, featuring a handle and pour spout.
3. **Multi-Purpose Blade:** Stainless steel blade for chopping and pureeing.
4. **Lid with Drizzle Basin:** Covers the work bowl and includes a small opening for adding liquids during processing.
5. **Control Switch:** Located on the motor base, allows selection between 'CHOP' and 'PUREE' settings.
6. **Pulse Button:** Integrated into the lid handle, activates the motor when pressed.



*Image: Top view of the food chopper with the blade visible.*

## Setup

Follow these steps to assemble your food chopper before first use:

1. Place the motor base on a clean, dry, and level surface.
2. Align the work bowl with the motor base and twist clockwise until it locks securely into place.
3. Carefully place the multi-purpose blade onto the center post inside the work bowl. Ensure it sits firmly.

4. Add your ingredients to the work bowl. Do not overfill.
5. Place the lid onto the work bowl, aligning the handle with the work bowl handle, and twist clockwise until it locks. The chopper will not operate unless the lid is properly secured.

## Operating Instructions

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The KitchenAid Food Chopper offers two speed settings: Chop and Puree.

- **Chop Setting:** Ideal for coarse chopping, mincing, and mixing. Use for ingredients like onions, nuts, herbs, or cooked meats.
- **Puree Setting:** Provides a finer, smoother consistency. Use for pureeing cooked fruits and vegetables, making sauces, dressings, or baby food.

To operate:

1. Ensure the chopper is assembled correctly and plugged into a grounded electrical outlet.
2. Select your desired setting ('CHOP' or 'PUREE') using the control switch on the motor base.
3. Press and hold the Pulse button located on the lid handle to activate the motor. Release to stop. Use short pulses for better control over consistency.
4. For adding liquids during processing (e.g., oil for mayonnaise), use the drizzle basin on the lid.



Image: Food chopper in use with ingredients.

## Maintenance and Cleaning

Proper cleaning ensures the longevity and hygiene of your food chopper.

- Always unplug the appliance before cleaning.
- The work bowl, lid, and multi-purpose blade are dishwasher-safe (top rack recommended).
- The motor base should be wiped clean with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the motor base in water.
- Ensure all parts are completely dry before reassembling or storing.

## Troubleshooting

If your food chopper is not operating as expected, refer to the following common issues:

- **Appliance does not turn on:**
  - Ensure the power cord is securely plugged into a working electrical outlet.
  - Verify that the work bowl and lid are correctly assembled and locked into place. The safety interlock system prevents operation if not properly secured.
  - Check the control switch is set to either 'CHOP' or 'PUREE' and the Pulse button is being pressed.
- **Food is not chopping evenly:**
  - Do not overfill the work bowl. Process smaller batches if necessary.
  - Cut larger ingredients into smaller, uniform pieces before adding to the bowl.
  - Use short, intermittent pulses to allow ingredients to fall around the blade for more even processing.

## Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	KitchenAid
Model Name	KitchenAid Food Chopper
Model Number	KFC3516AQ
Bowl Capacity	3.5 Cups
Color	Aqua Sky
Product Dimensions	5.95"D x 7"W x 8.74"H
Item Weight	2.7 pounds
Number of Speeds	2 (Chop, Puree)
Blade Material	Stainless Steel
Power Source	AC

Wattage	240 watts
Special Feature	Cord Storage
Dishwasher Safe Parts	Yes (Work Bowl, Lid, Chopping Blade)



Image: Product dimensions for the food chopper.

## Warranty and Support

For warranty information, product registration, or customer support, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official KitchenAid website. Keep your purchase receipt for warranty claims.

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