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Model: VKP250

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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The KITCHEN CROP Model 250 Food Strainer is a versatile kitchen appliance designed to simplify the process of making sauces, purees, juices, and jams from various fruits and vegetables. It efficiently separates unwanted skins, stems, and seeds from the pulp, providing a smooth and consistent output. This manual provides detailed instructions for the safe and effective use of your food strainer.



Figure 1: KITCHEN CROP Model 250 Food Strainer with included accessories.

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

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Please read all safety warnings and instructions carefully before operating the appliance. Failure to follow these instructions may result in electric shock, fire, or serious injury.

- Always ensure the unit is securely clamped to a stable countertop before use.
- Keep hands and utensils away from moving parts during operation.
- Do not immerse the motor unit (if using) in water or other liquids.
- Unplug the unit from the power outlet when not in use, before assembling or disassembling parts, and before cleaning.
- This appliance is not intended for use by persons with reduced physical, sensory, or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction.
- Keep children away from the appliance during operation and storage.
- Use only manufacturer-recommended attachments and accessories.

## 3. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

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Follow these steps to properly assemble your KITCHEN CROP Model 250 Food Strainer:

1. **Secure the Base:** Place the strainer's base on a sturdy countertop. The clamp mount can attach to surfaces from 3/4" to 2-1/8" thick. Tighten the clamp securely to ensure stability during operation.
2. **Attach the Body:** Slide the main body of the strainer onto the base.
3. **Insert the Spiral:** Choose the appropriate spiral (Standard or Grape) for your produce and insert it into the main body.
4. **Select and Install Screen:** Choose the desired screen (Berry, Apple/Tomato, Pumpkin, or Salsa) and slide it over the spiral. Ensure it fits snugly.
5. **Place Spring:** Insert the small spring into the end of the spiral.
6. **Attach Waste Spout and Squirting Guard:** Secure the clear waste spout to the end of the screen and attach the squirting guard over the pulp chute.
7. **Mount Hopper:** Place the large hopper onto the top of the main body.
8. **Attach Handle or Motor:** For manual operation, attach the hand crank to the shaft. For electric operation, attach the optional VKPMOTOR (sold separately) to the shaft.



*Figure 2: Exploded view showing all components for assembly.*

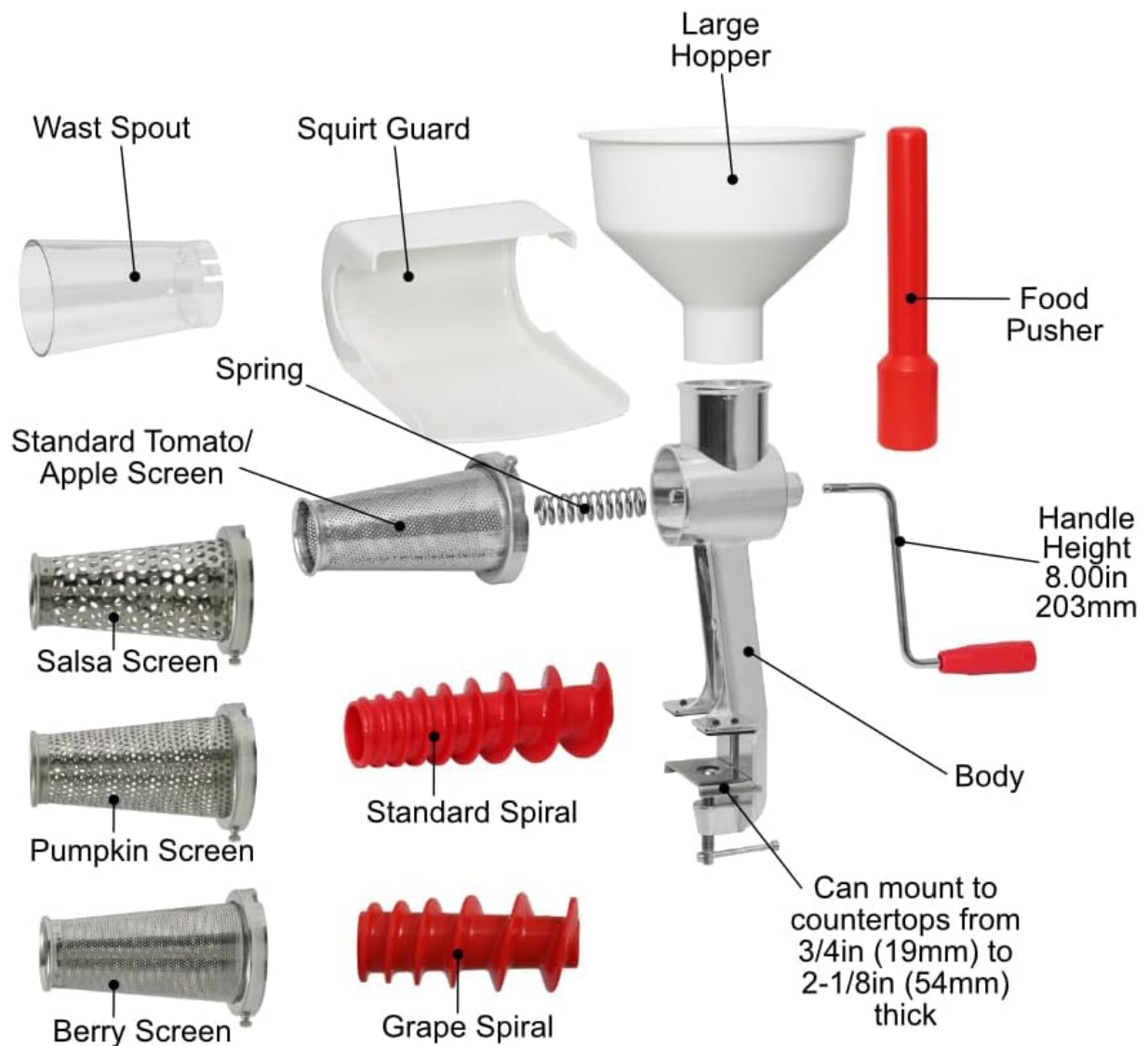


Figure 3: Product dimensions and clamp thickness range.

#### 4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The KITCHEN CROP Model 250 Food Strainer is designed for efficient processing of various fruits and vegetables. Prepare your produce by washing it thoroughly. For larger items, quartering or roughly chopping may be beneficial, though peeling and coring are generally not required.

- **Prepare Produce:** For best results, some fruits like apples can be softened by steaming or boiling before straining. This helps in extracting more pulp and reduces effort.
- **Load Hopper:** Place the prepared produce into the large hopper.
- **Process:** Use the food pusher to gently guide the produce into the spiral. Turn the hand crank steadily or activate the electric motor (if attached). The strainer will separate the pulp from skins and seeds.
- **Collect Output:** The smooth pulp will exit through the main chute into your collection bowl, while the discarded skins and seeds will exit through the waste spout.
- **Repeat:** Continue feeding produce until all desired material is processed. You may run the discarded pulp through a second time to extract any remaining juice or pulp.



**Berry Screen**  
Extra Fine Holes (0.04 in / 1 mm)



**Grape Spiral**  
Short (5.375 in / 13.65 cm)



**Salsa Screen**  
Extra Coarse Holes (0.23 in / 5.8 mm)



**Pumpkin Screen**  
Coarse Holes (0.12 in / 2.86 mm)

*Figure 4: Apples being processed in the strainer.*



*Figure 5: Fresh applesauce collected after straining.*

### **Official Product Video: Johnny Apple Sauce Maker - VKP250**

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*This video demonstrates the process of preparing apples and using the KITCHEN CROP Model 250 Food Strainer to make applesauce, including the use of the optional electric motor.*

## **5. MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING**

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Proper cleaning and maintenance will ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your food strainer.

- **Disassembly:** After each use, disassemble all parts of the strainer.
- **Hand Wash:** Hand wash all components with warm, soapy water. The stainless steel screens and plastic components are designed for easy cleaning.
- **Rinse Thoroughly:** Rinse all parts thoroughly to remove any soap residue.
- **Dry Completely:** Ensure all parts are completely dry before reassembling or storing to prevent rust on metal components. Pay special attention to the fine holes of the screens.
- **Storage:** Store the clean, dry components in a safe place.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

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If you encounter any issues with your food strainer, refer to the following common troubleshooting tips:

- **Clogging:** If the strainer clogs, stop operation, disassemble the screen and spiral, and clear any blockages. Ensure produce is adequately prepared (e.g., softened if necessary) and not overfilling the hopper.
- **Inefficient Straining:** Check that the correct screen and spiral are being used for the type of produce. Ensure the spring is correctly positioned and providing adequate pressure.
- **Unit Wobbles:** Re-tighten the clamp mount to the countertop. Ensure the countertop surface is clean and dry for maximum grip.
- **Motor Not Running (if applicable):** Check that the motor is securely attached and properly plugged into a working electrical outlet.

## 7. SPECIFICATIONS

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Feature	Detail
Brand	KITCHEN CROP
Model Number	VKP250
Material	Aluminum, Plastic (BPA free), Stainless Steel
Item Weight	5.1 Pounds (approx.)
Product Dimensions	14.25"L x 9"W x 7.6"H
Clamp Thickness Range	3/4" to 2-1/8"
Included Screens	Berry (1mm), Apple/Tomato (1.3mm), Pumpkin (2.86mm), Salsa (5.8mm)
Included Spirals	Standard (6-3/4" long), Grape (5-3/8" long)

## 8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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The KITCHEN CROP Model 250 Food Strainer comes with an incredible 5-Year Warranty, ensuring peace of mind and product reliability.

For technical support, warranty claims, or any inquiries regarding your product, please contact KITCHEN CROP customer service through the retailer's platform or visit the official KITCHEN CROP website for contact information.