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Model: A3500 (VM0185)

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and care of your Vitamix A3500 Ascent Series Countertop Blender. Please read all instructions thoroughly before using the appliance for the first time and retain this manual for future reference.

The Vitamix A3500 is designed for high-performance blending, offering automated programs, variable speed control, and a pulse feature to achieve a wide range of textures and preparations.

2. PRODUCT COMPONENTS

Your Vitamix A3500 blender consists of the following main components:

- **Motor Base:** Houses the motor, controls, and power cord.
- **Container:** A clear, BPA-free blending container with measurement markings.
- **Lid:** Securely fits onto the container to prevent spills during blending.
- **Lid Plug:** A removable plug in the lid, allowing for the addition of ingredients or use of the tamper during operation.
- **Tamper:** Used to push ingredients towards the blades for thick or frozen mixtures.



Image: The Vitamix A3500 Ascent Series Countertop Blender, showcasing its red motor base, clear blending container, and control panel.

3. INITIAL SETUP

- Unpack:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Retain packaging for potential future transport or storage.
- Clean:** Before first use, wash the container, lid, and lid plug with warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry. Wipe the motor base with a damp cloth.
- Placement:** Place the motor base on a dry, level, and stable surface. Ensure adequate ventilation around the unit.
- Power Connection:** Plug the power cord into a grounded electrical outlet.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Control Panel Overview

The Vitamix A3500 features a touch interface with a variable speed control dial and pre-programmed settings:

- Start/Stop Button:** Initiates and halts blending.
- Pulse Button:** Provides short bursts of power for chopping or quick mixing.
- Variable Speed Dial:** Allows precise control over blending speed from 1 to 10.
- Pre-Programmed Settings:** Five settings for Smoothies, Hot Soups, Dips & Spreads, Frozen Desserts, and Self-Cleaning. These programs automatically adjust speed and duration for optimal results.
- Programmable Timer:** Allows you to set a custom blend time.
- Wireless Connectivity:** Enables connection to the Vitamix Perfect Blend App for additional programs and features.

4.2 Blending Process

1. **Add Ingredients:** Place ingredients into the container in the recommended order (liquids first, then soft ingredients, leafy greens, fruits/vegetables, and finally ice or frozen ingredients). Do not overfill past the maximum fill line.
2. **Secure Lid:** Place the lid firmly onto the container and insert the lid plug.
3. **Place Container:** Set the container onto the motor base, ensuring it is properly seated.
4. **Select Setting:**
 - For manual blending, turn the Variable Speed Dial to your desired speed (1-10).
 - For automated blending, select one of the five pre-programmed settings on the touch interface.
5. **Start Blending:** Press the Start/Stop button. If using a pre-programmed setting, the blender will run through the cycle and stop automatically. For manual blending, press Start/Stop again to stop.
6. **Using the Tamper:** If ingredients are not circulating, remove the lid plug and insert the tamper through the opening. Use the tamper to push ingredients towards the blades. **Never use utensils or your hands.**

5. CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

5.1 Self-Cleaning the Container

For quick and easy cleaning of the container:

1. Fill the container halfway with warm water and add a few drops of dish soap.
2. Secure the lid and lid plug.
3. Place the container on the motor base.
4. Select the 'Self-Cleaning' program or run on high speed for 30-60 seconds.
5. Rinse the container thoroughly with clean water.

5.2 Cleaning the Motor Base

Wipe the motor base with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the motor base in water or other liquids. Ensure the base is unplugged before cleaning.

5.3 General Care

- The container, lid, and lid plug are **not dishwasher safe**. Hand washing is recommended.
- Store the blender in a clean, dry place.
- Regularly inspect the power cord for any damage.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Vitamix A3500, refer to the following common solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Blender does not start.	Not plugged in; container not seated correctly; power outage.	Ensure power cord is securely plugged in. Verify container is properly seated on the motor base. Check household circuit breaker.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Ingredients not blending smoothly.	Too little liquid; ingredients too large; air pocket around blades.	Add more liquid. Cut ingredients into smaller pieces. Use the tamper to push ingredients towards the blades. Increase speed.
Motor smells or overheats.	Overloading; prolonged blending of thick mixtures.	Reduce load. Allow motor to cool down for 20-30 minutes. Ensure proper ventilation.
Lid leaks during blending.	Lid not properly secured; container overfilled.	Ensure lid is firmly pressed onto the container. Do not fill past the maximum fill line.

If the problem persists after attempting these solutions, please contact Vitamix customer support.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

- Brand:** Vitamix
- Model:** A3500 (VM0185)
- Material:** Stainless Steel (blades), BPA-Free (container)
- Item Weight:** Approximately 8.02 kg
- Power Source:** Corded Electric
- Special Features:** Automated blending, Touch Interface, Variable Speed Control, Pulse, Built-in Wireless Connectivity, Programmable Timer
- Blade Material:** Stainless Steel
- Dishwasher Safe:** No (Hand wash recommended for container, lid, and lid plug)
- Recommended Uses:** Blending, Coffee, Crushing, Emulsifying, Grinding, Ice Crush, Mixing, Pulse, Pureeing, Whipping

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Vitamix website. If you require technical assistance, replacement parts, or have questions not covered in this manual, please contact Vitamix customer support directly.

Vitamix Customer Support: Refer to your product registration materials or the official Vitamix website for contact details specific to your region.

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