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Vitamix FC-50 FoodCycler Instruction Manual

Model: FC-50-SP
Brand: Vitamix

Introduction

The Vitamix FC-50 FoodCycler is a compact and efficient appliance designed to reduce food waste and eliminate odors associated with food scraps. This innovative system converts food waste into a nutrient-rich soil amendment, making it an ideal solution for eco-conscious households. Its advanced carbon filter lid ensures a fresh kitchen environment by minimizing odors, and its quiet operation allows for multiple daily cycles without disruption.
This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Vitamix FC-50 FoodCycler.

Important Safety Information

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

- Always unplug the appliance from the power outlet before cleaning or performing any maintenance.
- Do not immerse the main unit in water or other liquids.
- Keep hands, hair, clothing, and utensils away from moving parts during operation.
- This appliance is for household use only. Do not use outdoors.
- Do not operate the appliance with a damaged cord or plug, or after the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner.
- Ensure the lid is properly secured before starting a cycle.
- Do not place non-food items into the FoodCycler. Refer to the "Operating Instructions" section for acceptable food waste types.
- Keep out of reach of children.

Package Contents

Verify that all components are present in the packaging:

- Vitamix FC-50 FoodCycler Main Unit
- Processing Bucket (with lid)
- Carbon Filters (2)
- Instruction Manual



Image: The Vitamix FC-50 FoodCycler main unit, alongside its removable processing bucket, two carbon filters, and the bucket lid, illustrating the complete set of components included with the product.

Setup

1. **Unpack the Unit:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Retain packaging for future transport or storage.
2. **Placement:** Place the FoodCycler on a flat, stable, and heat-resistant surface. Ensure there is adequate ventilation around the unit. The unit can be placed in the kitchen or a storage area.

3. **Install Carbon Filters:**
    - Locate the filter compartments on the back of the main unit.
    - Insert one carbon filter into each compartment. Ensure they are seated correctly.
    - Close the filter compartment covers securely.
4. **Insert Processing Bucket:** Place the processing bucket into the main unit. Ensure it is properly aligned and seated.
5. **Power Connection:** Plug the power cord into a grounded electrical outlet.



Image: The Vitamix FC-50 FoodCycler, showcasing its compact design and readiness for use after initial setup.

Operating Instructions

Acceptable Food Waste:

- Most fruit and vegetable scraps (peels, cores, rinds)
- Meat scraps (small bones, poultry bones)
- Fish scraps (small bones)
- Dairy products (small amounts)
- Grains, pasta, bread
- Coffee grounds and tea bags
- Eggshells

Unacceptable Food Waste:

- Large or dense bones (e.g., beef, pork)
- Hard pits (e.g., avocado, peach)
- Excessive oils, grease, or liquids
- Candy, gum, or other non-food items
- Plastic, metal, glass, or paper

Cycle Operation:

1. **Fill the Bucket:** Place acceptable food waste into the processing bucket. Do not overfill; ensure the lid can close securely without force.
2. **Close the Lid:** Place the bucket lid on the processing bucket, then close the main unit lid. Ensure it clicks into place.
3. **Start Cycle:** Press the "Start" button on the control panel. The unit will begin the drying and grinding process.
4. **Progress Indicators:** The 3-phase LED indicators on the control panel will illuminate to show the current stage of the cycle (Drying, Grinding, Cooling).
5. **Cycle Completion:** The unit will automatically shut off when the cycle is complete. The "Done" indicator will light up.
6. **Emptying:** Once the cycle is complete and the unit has cooled, open the lid and remove the processing bucket. The processed material can be mixed with soil or disposed of.

Maintenance

Cleaning the Processing Bucket:

The processing bucket is dishwasher safe. For manual cleaning, wash with warm, soapy water and a non-abrasive sponge. Rinse thoroughly and dry before reinserting into the unit.

Cleaning the Main Unit:

Wipe the exterior of the main unit with a damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or immerse the unit in water.

Carbon Filter Replacement:

The carbon filters should be replaced approximately every 3-4 months, or when the "Change Filter" indicator light illuminates, or if odors become noticeable. Replacement filters can be purchased from authorized Vitamix retailers or the official Vitamix website.

1. Unplug the unit from the power outlet.
2. Open the filter compartment covers on the back of the unit.
3. Remove the old carbon filters and dispose of them.
4. Insert new carbon filters, ensuring they are properly seated.
5. Close the filter compartment covers securely.
6. Plug the unit back in.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Unit does not start.	Not plugged in; Lid not closed properly; Power outage.	Ensure unit is plugged in; Close lid securely; Check power supply.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Unpleasant odor during operation.	Carbon filters need replacement; Unacceptable food waste.	Replace carbon filters; Refer to "Unacceptable Food Waste" list.
Cycle takes too long or doesn't complete.	Overfilled bucket; High moisture content in food waste.	Do not overfill; Reduce amount of high-moisture food waste.
Processed material is still wet or chunky.	Cycle interrupted; Too much liquid in food waste.	Run another cycle; Drain excess liquid from food waste before adding.

Specifications



Image: A visual representation of the Vitamix FC-50 FoodCycler with its key dimensions labeled: 14.2 inches in height, 11 inches in width, and 12.6 inches in depth.

Feature	Detail
Model Number	FC-50-SP
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	12.6" x 11" x 14.2"
Item Weight	21.5 pounds
Capacity	2 Liters (2.5 Liter size)
Color	Gray
Material	Plastic
Dishwasher Safe	Yes (Processing Bucket)
Special Feature	Blends, Odor Control (Carbon Filter)
First Available Date	June 23, 2020

Warranty and Support

For warranty information, product registration, or technical support, please visit the official Vitamix website or contact Vitamix customer service. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for warranty claims.
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