

## Koolatron TCFD-05 AZ

# Total Chef 5-Tier Food Dehydrator User Manual

Model: TCFD-05 AZ

## INTRODUCTION

The Total Chef 5-Tier Food Dehydrator is designed for easy at-home food preservation, allowing you to extend the shelf life of fruits, vegetables, meats, and herbs. This appliance uses a built-in heater and efficient fan to circulate heated air, ensuring even and thorough drying. Its simple one-touch operation and dishwasher-safe trays make it a convenient addition to any kitchen.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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

- Always unplug the dehydrator from the power outlet when not in use and before cleaning.
- Do not immerse the motor base in water or any other liquid.
- Ensure the appliance is placed on a stable, heat-resistant surface.
- Keep out of reach of children. This appliance is not intended for use by persons with reduced physical, sensory, or mental capabilities.
- Do not operate the dehydrator with a damaged cord or plug, or if the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner.
- Do not block the air vents during operation.
- Use only accessories recommended by the manufacturer.

## PARTS LIST

The Total Chef 5-Tier Food Dehydrator includes the following components:

- Motor Base with Heating Element and Fan
- 5 x Ventilated Drying Trays
- Transparent Vented Lid



Image: Components of the Total Chef Food Dehydrator, including the base, five drying trays, and the transparent lid, displayed with various foods.

## SETUP

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1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging.
2. **Clean:** Before first use, wash the drying trays and lid in warm, soapy water. The trays are dishwasher-safe. Wipe the motor base with a damp cloth. Ensure all parts are completely dry before assembly.
3. **Assemble:** Place the motor base on a clean, dry, and stable surface. Stack the desired number of drying trays onto the base. Place the transparent lid on top of the uppermost tray.



Image: A hand demonstrating the placement of the transparent lid onto the assembled dehydrator trays.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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### Food Preparation

- Wash and thoroughly dry all fruits, vegetables, or meats.
- Slice food into uniform thickness (approximately 1/4 inch for most items) to ensure even drying.
- For fruits, consider pre-treating with lemon juice or a commercial anti-darkening solution to prevent discoloration.

### Loading Trays

1. Arrange prepared food in a single layer on each drying tray. Do not overlap items.
2. Ensure there is adequate space between food pieces for proper air circulation.
3. Stack the loaded trays onto the motor base.
4. Place the transparent lid securely on the top tray.



## EXTENDS THE SHELF-LIFE OF YOUR HERBS AND PRODUCE

Image: A drying tray loaded with various sliced fruits, demonstrating proper food placement for dehydration.

### Starting Dehydration

1. Plug the power cord into a standard 120V AC electrical outlet.
2. Flip the ON/OFF switch to the "ON" position. The dehydrator will begin operating.
3. The transparent lid allows you to monitor the drying progress without opening the unit.
4. Drying times vary depending on the type of food, thickness, and humidity. Refer to general dehydration guides for estimated times.
5. Once food is dried to your desired consistency, flip the ON/OFF switch to the "OFF" position and unplug the unit.



## TRANSPARENT LID LETS YOU CHECK PROGRESS WITHOUT OPENING THE UNIT

Image: A close-up of jerky on a drying tray, illustrating the drying process. The transparent lid allows for easy monitoring.

### MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Regular cleaning will ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your dehydrator.

1. **Unplug:** Always unplug the dehydrator from the power outlet before cleaning.
2. **Cool Down:** Allow the unit to cool completely before handling.
3. **Clean Trays and Lid:** The drying trays and lid are dishwasher-safe. Alternatively, wash them in warm, soapy water and rinse thoroughly.
4. **Clean Motor Base:** Wipe the exterior of the motor base with a soft, damp cloth. Do not immerse the motor base in water or any other liquid.
5. **Storage:** Ensure all parts are completely dry before storing. Store the assembled dehydrator in a cool, dry place.

### TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Dehydrator does not turn on.	Not plugged in; Power switch is OFF; Power outlet malfunction.	Ensure unit is securely plugged in; Flip switch to ON; Test outlet with another appliance.
Food not drying evenly.	Food slices are uneven; Trays overloaded; Insufficient air circulation.	Slice food uniformly; Do not overlap food on trays; Ensure vents are clear.
Drying process is too slow.	High humidity; Food too thick; Overloaded trays.	Operate in a low-humidity environment; Slice food thinner; Reduce amount of food per tray.

## SPECIFICATIONS

**Brand:** Koolatron

**Model:** TCFD-05 AZ

**Power:** 250 Watts

**Voltage:** 120V

**Dimensions:** 13"D x 13"W x 7.5"H

**Number of Trays:** 5

**Material:** Plastic (Food Safe)

**Color:** White

**Dishwasher Safe Trays:** Yes

**Item Weight:** 3.82 Pounds



Image: Dimensional overview of the dehydrator, indicating its 13-inch diameter and 7.5-inch height.

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Total Chef 5-Tier Food Dehydrator comes with a **1-year warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use.

For warranty claims, technical support, or any questions regarding your product, please contact Koolatron customer service. Please have your model number (TCFD-05 AZ) and proof of purchase ready when contacting support.

You can find more information and contact details on the official Koolatron website: [www.koolatron.com](http://www.koolatron.com)

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