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INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Introduction

This manual provides essential instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your Franke 900 Colorline 3-1/2" Basket Strainer. Designed to complement Franke granite sinks, this basket strainer offers a coordinated aesthetic and reliable performance for your kitchen.

Please read these instructions carefully before installation and use to ensure proper function and longevity of your product.

Product Overview

The Franke 900 Colorline Basket Strainer is crafted from durable metal with a full-color finish, ensuring resistance to fading, scratches, and stains. It is designed for use with kitchen sinks featuring a 3-1/2 inch drain connection.



Image: Franke 900 Colorline 3-1/2 inch Basket Strainer in Champagne, shown installed in a sink. This image illustrates the product's appearance and fit within a sink drain opening.



Image: A modern kitchen sink featuring a Franke Colorline basket strainer (black variant shown for contextual demonstration). This image demonstrates the product's integration into a contemporary kitchen environment.

Installation Instructions

This basket strainer is designed for standard kitchen sinks with a 3-1/2 inch drain opening. Professional installation is recommended. Ensure all local plumbing codes are followed.

1. **Prepare the Sink Opening:** Ensure the sink drain opening is clean and free of debris.
2. **Apply Plumber's Putty:** Roll a thin rope of plumber's putty and apply it around the underside of the strainer flange.
3. **Insert Strainer:** Place the strainer assembly into the sink drain opening from above, pressing firmly to create a seal with the putty.
4. **Secure from Below:** From underneath the sink, attach the rubber washer, friction washer, and locknut onto the strainer body.
5. **Tighten Connections:** Hand-tighten the locknut, then use a wrench to tighten it further, ensuring a secure and

watertight seal. Do not overtighten.

- 6. Connect Plumbing:** Attach the tailpiece and P-trap assembly to the bottom of the strainer body according to standard plumbing practices.
- 7. Test for Leaks:** Fill the sink with water and check for any leaks around the strainer and plumbing connections.

Note: Specific installation steps may vary slightly depending on your sink type and existing plumbing. Consult a qualified plumber if you are unsure about any step.

Operating Instructions

The Franke 900 Colorline Basket Strainer serves two primary functions:

- Filtering Debris:** The basket component is designed to catch food particles and other debris, preventing them from entering and clogging your drain.
- Sealing the Drain:** When the basket is pressed down firmly into the strainer body, it creates a seal, allowing you to fill the sink with water. To drain the sink, simply lift the basket.

Regularly empty the basket to maintain optimal drainage and prevent odors.

Care and Maintenance

To ensure the longevity and appearance of your Franke 900 Colorline Basket Strainer, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- Daily Cleaning:** Remove the basket and rinse it under running water to clear any trapped food particles. Wipe the strainer body with a soft cloth.
- Deep Cleaning:** For more thorough cleaning, use a mild dish soap and warm water. Avoid abrasive cleaners, scouring pads, or harsh chemicals, as these can damage the finish.
- Stain Resistance:** The Colorline finish is designed to be stain-resistant. For stubborn stains, a non-abrasive cleaner specifically designed for kitchen fixtures can be used, followed by a thorough rinse.
- Temperature Resistance:** The material is designed to withstand high temperatures. However, avoid prolonged exposure to extremely hot items directly on the strainer surface.

Regular cleaning will prevent mineral buildup and maintain the product's aesthetic appeal.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Slow Drainage	Basket is full of debris.	Empty the basket regularly.
	Partial clog in the drainpipe below the strainer.	Remove the basket and use a drain cleaner or snake if necessary. Consult a plumber for persistent clogs.
Water Leaks Around Strainer	Loose locknut or improper seal during installation.	Check the tightness of the locknut underneath the sink. If leaks persist, the strainer may need to be reinstalled with fresh plumber's putty.

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	Damaged rubber washer.	Replace the rubber washer.
Basket Does Not Seal Properly	Debris caught under the basket's sealing rim.	Remove the basket and clean the sealing area thoroughly.
	Worn or damaged rubber seal on the basket.	Contact Franke customer support for a replacement basket or seal.

Specifications

- **Model:** Franke 900 Colorline Basket Strainer
- **Color:** Champagne
- **Material:** Metal
- **Drain Connection Size:** 3-1/2 inches
- **Overall Height:** 2-9/16 inches (top to bottom)
- **Overall Diameter:** 4-15/16 inches (left to right across)
- **Features:** Full color throughout, UV additive for fade resistance, scratch-resistant, stain-resistant, easy to clean, food contact safe.

Warranty and Support

For specific warranty information regarding your Franke 900 Colorline Basket Strainer, please refer to the documentation provided with your purchase or visit the official Franke website. Warranty terms and conditions may vary.

If you require technical assistance, replacement parts, or have questions not covered in this manual, please contact Franke customer service directly. Contact details can typically be found on the Franke official website or product packaging.