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InSinkErator Badger 5 Garbage Disposal User Manual

Model: **Badger 5 (1/2 HP)**

Brand: InSinkErator

Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient installation, operation, and maintenance of your InSinkErator Badger 5 1/2 HP Continuous Feed Food Waste Disposer. Please read all instructions carefully before installation and use. Retain this manual for future reference.



Image: The InSinkErator Badger 5 garbage disposal unit highlighting its key features: Lift & Latch Technology, Septic Safe compatibility, 3D Grind Zone, 1/2 HP Dura-Drive Motor, and Rugged Construction. It also notes that the product is invented, designed, and assembled in the USA.

Setup and Installation

The Badger 5 garbage disposal is designed for straightforward installation, especially when replacing an existing InSinkErator unit. It features Lift and Latch Technology to simplify the process.

What's Included:

- InSinkErator Badger 5 Garbage Disposal
- Power Cord (factory-installed)
- Installation Instructions
- Stopper
- Discharge Tube
- Flange
- Gasket

- Hardware
- Jam-Buster Wrench



Image: A visual representation of all components included in the InSinkErator Badger 5 package, such as the disposal unit, plastic stopper, wrenchette, instruction manual, and discharge tube assembly.

Key Installation Features:

- **Lift and Latch Technology:** This feature allows the disposal to be attached to the sink collar with two hands, simplifying the mounting process.
- **Pre-installed Power Cord:** The unit comes with a factory-installed power cord for convenience.
- **Compact Design:** The Badger 5 has a compact, space-saving design, making it suitable for various under-sink configurations.



Image: An exploded view diagram illustrating the 'Lift and Latch' technology, which simplifies the process of attaching the garbage disposal to the sink flange by allowing two-handed operation.

Important Considerations:

- **Dishwasher Connection:** If connecting a dishwasher, locate the knockout plug inside the side inlet of the disposal. This plug must be removed before connecting the dishwasher drain line. It is recommended to do this before mounting the unit to easily remove the plastic disc.
- **Sink Flange:** The included sink flange may be shorter than older models. For thicker sinks, such as porcelain, you may need to reuse your existing flange or acquire a longer one to ensure a proper seal with plumber's putty.

Installation Video Guide:

▶ **Watch video online**

Plumber's Choice - Step by Step Installation

Video: A step-by-step installation guide for garbage disposals, demonstrating the process from a plumber's perspective. This video covers various aspects of setting up the unit.

Operating Instructions

The InSinkErator Badger 5 is a continuous feed garbage disposal, designed to grind food waste efficiently.

1. Ensure the disposal is properly installed and connected to a power source.
2. Turn on the cold water faucet to a moderate flow.
3. Turn on the disposal switch.
4. Scrape food waste into the sink opening. The disposal will grind the food into tiny particles.
5. Allow the disposal and water to run for a few seconds after grinding is complete to flush the drain line.
6. Turn off the disposal, then turn off the water.

The 1/2 HP Dura-Drive Induction Motor provides reliable power for everyday food scraps.



Image: A person scraping food scraps from a plate into a kitchen sink equipped with a garbage disposal, demonstrating typical usage.

Maintenance

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and efficient operation of your garbage disposal.

General Care:

- **Regular Flushing:** Always run cold water for a few seconds after grinding to flush the grind chamber and drain

pipes.

- **Cleaning:** To clean the disposal, grind small bones or ice cubes to scour the grind chamber. Follow with citrus peels (lemon, orange) for a fresh scent.
- **Septic Systems:** The Badger 5 is septic-safe for properly maintained septic systems. For septic systems, it is recommended to use the disposal sparingly to avoid overloading the system.

Addressing Jams:

If the disposal jams, turn off the power immediately. Insert the Jam-Buster Wrench (included) into the center hole on the bottom of the disposal and turn it back and forth until the jam is cleared. Remove the wrench, then press the red reset button on the bottom of the unit before restoring power and attempting to operate again.

Troubleshooting

Here are common issues and their solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Disposal does not start or hums	Jam in the grind chamber, motor overload, no power.	Turn off power. Clear jam with Jam-Buster Wrench. Press reset button on bottom of unit. Check circuit breaker.
Leaking from unit	Loose connections, cracked housing, improper seal.	Check all plumbing connections for tightness. Inspect housing for damage. Ensure sink flange is properly sealed with plumber's putty.
Unpleasant odors	Food particles trapped in grind chamber or drain line.	Grind ice cubes and citrus peels. Flush thoroughly with cold water.
Water drains slowly	Partial clog in drain line or disposal.	Run disposal with cold water for longer. Clear any visible debris. If problem persists, a plumber may be needed.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Number	79883A-ISE
Horsepower	1/2 HP
Motor Type	Dura-Drive Induction Motor
Feed Type	Continuous Feed
Voltage	120 volts
Material	Galvanized Steel (grind components), Stainless Steel (general)
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	6.31 x 6.31 x 11.5 inches
Item Weight	5 pounds
Color	Black/Gray



Image: A diagram illustrating the dimensions (height 11-1/2", width 6-5/16") of the InSinkErator Badger 5, indicating its compact size and compatibility for upgrades.

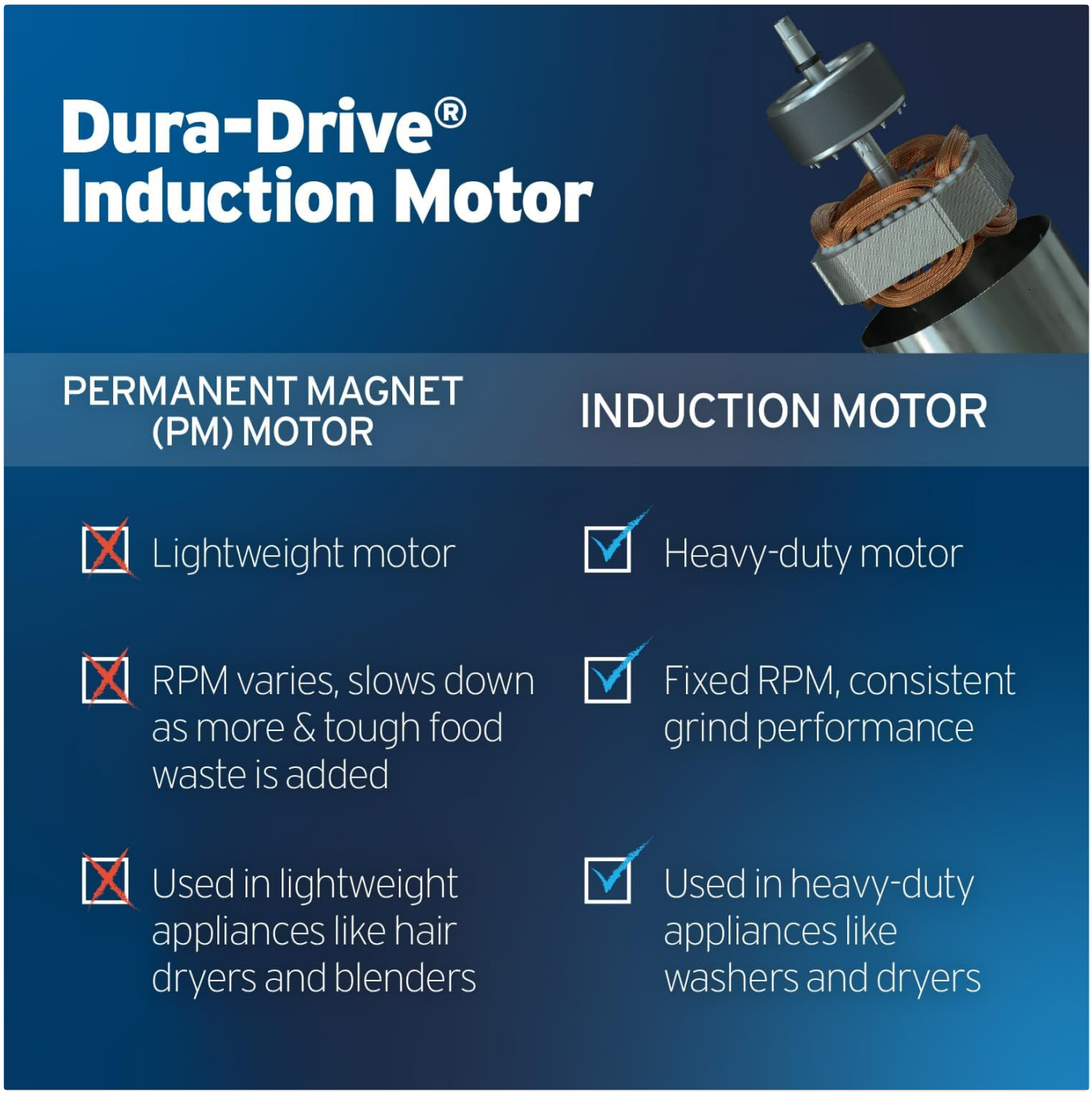

Image: A comparison chart detailing the benefits of a Dura-Drive Induction Motor (heavy-duty, fixed RPM, consistent grind) over a Permanent Magnet motor (lightweight, variable RPM).

Warranty

The InSinkErator Badger 5 comes with a **3-Year We Come to You In-Home Service Warranty**. For specific terms and conditions, please refer to the warranty documentation included with your product or contact InSinkErator customer support.

Support

For further assistance, technical support, or warranty claims, please contact InSinkErator customer service.
Customer Service Phone: 1-800-558-5700 (as indicated on product label in images)
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