



# Food Dehydrator Instruction Manual

**Product Code: K507** 

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For correct usage, please read these instructions carefully before use and keep in a safe place for future reference.

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#### INTRODUCTION

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#### PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Product Code: K507 Power – 400w

Trays: 6 Stainless Steel Dimensions: 33 x 35.5 x 27cm

Weight: 4.5KG

Remove all components and packaging.

Clean all removable parts with warm, soapy water and dry thoroughly with a soft cloth.

DO NOT USE ABRASIVE CLEANERS AS THEY CAN DAMAGE PARTS. DO NOT IMMERSE THE UNIT OR POWER CABLE IN WATER OR RUN WATER DIRECTLY ONTO THE UNIT OR POWER CABLE.

#### **OPERATION**

#### **Precautions**

- Check that the power supply voltage specified by the product matches the power supply voltage and use the original accessories of the product.
- Must use a grounded socket, plug should pay attention to plug, otherwise it will cause poor contact with the possibility of fire. Never use a universal socket with other appliances.
- Do not place the product on an unstable, wet, or heat-resistant surface to avoid damage or malfunction.
- This product is a wind circulation heating product. When the product is working, it is
  forbidden to have any foreign matter that can block the air inlet of the product. Otherwise,
  the product will be directly damaged or dangerous.
- Do not place the product directly on the fire or any place near the heat source or the fire source. Otherwise, the product may be damaged or malfunctioned, or even cause fire or other dangers.
- It is forbidden to put the product into water for cleaning. Only use a wet towel to scrub. The product must be allowed to cool to room temperature before cleaning.
- When the product is not in use, do not plug the product plug in the socket for a long time.
   The plug must be unplugged under the following conditions: failure after use, prior to each cleaning, inspection.
- If the power cord is damaged, to avoid the danger, it must be replaced by a full-time
  personnel like the manufacturer or its designated maintenance department, or be directly
  discarded
- Each continuous use time is not to exceed 48 hours. If the machine is allowed to cool
  properly and continue to work, it will effectively improve the service life of the whole
  machine.
- After each use, please adjust the temperature knob to the lowest position, turn off the power switch, and unplug the plug.

WARNING: It is recommended that meat and poultry is dehydrated at the 70°C/158°F setting on your dehydrator. Fish should be steamed or baked to at least 93°C/200°F until flaky before dehydrating at the 70°C/158°F setting on your dehydrator.

#### TIPS FOR PRE-TREATMENT OF FOODS

With most types of cooking, preparation is important for the best results. Foods that are prepared correctly prior to dehydration will taste better and have a better appearance.

Cut, shred or dice the food uniformly. Slices should be between 6mm and 20mm thick. Meats should not be thicker than 5mm.

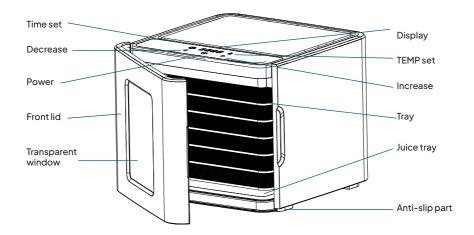
To avoid browning of fruits soak, cut fruit in lemon or pineapple juice for 2–3 minutes, then place in the dehydrator. Alternatively soak in an ascorbic acid solution (made as per manufacturer's instruction) for 2–3 minutes, then place in the dehydrator.

Waxy fruits, (such as peaches, grapes, blueberries, etc.) should be dipped in boiling water to remove the wax. This allows moisture to escape easily during dehydration.

#### USAGE

- Before first use and after every use clean all trays and lid by washing in hot water, rinse thoroughly with cold clean water and dry thoroughly. Wipe inner base with a damp cloth using warm clean water then use a dry cloth to complete, do not allow water to run into the openings.
- 2. Prepare choice of food to treat following the guidelines below.
- 3. Open door by gently pulling towards you from the right hand side.
- 4. Place the food onto the 6 trays in sequence one by one filling the surface area but not overlapping. As one tray is full place in the unit making sure they sit into place.
- 5. It is possible to leave trays removed to provide a higher gap for taller foods
- 6. Close the door and plug the unit into the power supply and turn on the unit and you will hear a beep sound.
- 7. Press the power button on the unit and you will see the default time of 8 hours appear to increase press the 'Time' button followed by LEFT or RIGHT arrow buttons to increase or decrease the dehydrating times. Max time is 48 Hours
- 8. Press the 'Temp' button on the unit and you will see the default temperature of 35 °C set the desired temperature by pressing the LEFT or RIGHT arrow buttons to increase or decrease the dehydrating temperature. The maximum temperature is 70°C
- 9. When the time has elapsed the unit will turn off automatically.
- 10. Turn off the power and remove the plug.
- 11. Check each tray and remove any foods that have reached the desired condition.
- 12. Any foods that have not dried sufficiently can be re-treated for a second time but be aware that it won't require the full time; it is worth periodically checking its condition.
- 13. Food that has been dried to the desired level can be stored in airtight jars or sealable plastic bags

Note: Drying times and temperatures will depend on conditions and thickness of foods sometimes it is advised to lay foods with excessive liquid on paper towel for a few minutes prior to treatment. Once you are experienced with the dehydrator make notes of temperature and times used for future reference.



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- Non-Stick Surface: The silicone mats provide a non-stick surface, making it easy to remove dried foods without any sticking or residue. This feature is perfect for delicate items like fruit leathers, herbs, and thinly sliced fruits and vegetables.
- 2. Even Drying: Engineered to promote even air circulation, these mats ensure consistent drying across all trays. This means no more unevenly dried patches or the need for constant tray rotation.
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- 4. Durable and Reusable: Made from high-quality, food-grade silicone, these mats are built to last. They are heat-resistant and durable, ensuring they can be used repeatedly without wear and tear

| Name             | Preparation   | Condition after drying | Duration of drying hours<br>(depending on temperature) |
|------------------|---|------------------------|--|
| Apricot          | Slice it and take out the pit   | Soft                   | 13-28  |
| Orange peel      | Cut it to long stripes  | Fragile                | 8–16   |
| Pineapple fresh  | Peel it and slice into pieces or square parts   | Hard                   | 6-36   |
| Pineapple tinned | Pour out the juice and dry it   | Soft                   | 6-36   |
| Banana           | Peel it and slice to round pieces 3-4mm thick   | Crispy                 | 8-38   |
| Grapes           | No need to cut it   | Soft                   | 8-38   |
| Cherry           | It is not necessary to take out the stone you can take it out when cherry is half-dried | Hard                   | 8-26   |
| Pear             | Peel it and slice   | Soft                   | 8-30   |
| Fig              | Slice it with skin on   | Hard                   | 6-26   |
| Cranberry        | No need to cut  | Soft                   | 6-26   |
| Peach            | Cut into 2 pieces and take out the pit when the fruit is half-dried                     | Soft                   | 10-34  |
| Dates            | Take out the stone and slice  | Hard                   | 6-26   |
| Apple            | Peel and core slice it into round pieces or segments                                    | Soft                   | 5-7  |
| Artichoke        | Cut it to stripes 3-4mm thick   | Fragile                | 5-13   |
| Aubergine        | Peel it and slice it into pieces 6-12mm thick   | Fragile                | 6-18   |
| Broccoli         | Peel it and cut into pieces then steam it for about 3-5 mins and allow to drain         | Fragile                | 6-20   |
| Mushroom         | Slice it or dry it whole using small mushrooms  | Hard                   | 6-14   |
| Green beans      | Cut it and boil until transparent then allow to drain                                   | Fragile                | 8-26   |
| Marrow           | Slice it into pieces 6mm thick  | Fragile                | 6-18   |
| Cabbage          | Peel it and cut into stripes 3mm thick and remove the heart                             | Hard                   | 6–14   |
| Brussels sprouts | Cut into 2 pieces   | Crispy                 | 8-30   |
| Cauliflower      | Boil until soft then allow to drain   | Hard                   | 6-16   |
| Potato           | Slice and boil for about 8–10 mins and allow to drain                                   | Crispy                 | 8-30   |
| Onion            | Slie it into thin round pieces  | Crispy                 | 8-14   |
| Carrot           | Boil until soft. Shred or slice into round pieces                                       | Crispy                 | 8-14   |
| Cucumber         | Peel and slice into round pieces 12mm thick   | Hard                   | 6-18   |
| Sweet pepper     | Cut into strips or round pieces 6mm thick and remove pith and seeds                     | Crispy                 | 4–14   |
| Piquant pepper   | No need to cut it   | Hard                   | 8-14   |
| Parsley          | Pull the leaves into sections   | Crispy                 | 2-10   |
| Tomato           | Peel and slice into pieces  | Hard                   | 8-24   |
| Rhubarb          | Peel and slice into pieces 3mm thick  | Soft                   | 8-38   |
| Beetroot         | Boil and allow to cool. Cut off the roots and tops. Slice into round pieces.            | Crispy                 | 8–26   |
| Celery           | Slice into pieces 6mm thick   | Crispy                 |  |
| Spring Onion     | Shred   | Crispy                 | 6-10   |
| Asparagus        | Slice inot pieces 2.5mm thick   | Crispy                 | 6-14   |
| Garlic           | Peel and slice into round pieces or whole   | Crispy                 | 6–16   |
| Spinach          | Boil until it becomes lighter and allow to drain  | Crispy                 | 6-16   |

The dehydrator can also be used to dry other foods such as meat fish poultry and game, but note that these foods require additional preparation. It is also recommended to set the dehydrator to the highest temperature 70°C which is the best way to dry and preserve meat fish poultry and game products for later use. There are many guides on line around uses of dehydrating and use of foods.

#### Meat and Game

Preliminary preparation of the meat is necessary to ensure safety and to dry effectively. It is recommended to pickle the meat before drying to retain its natural taste and to make it tender. It is necessary to add salt to a pickle; it aids removal of water. Slice meat thinly or cut into small chunks for best results.

#### Standard Pickle Mix

1/2 glass of soybean sauce 1 glass of garlic, cut to into small pieces 2 tablespoons of sugar 2 tablespoon of ketchup 1 tablespoon of salt 1/2 dessert spoon of onion powder 1/2 dessert spoon of dried pepper

Mix all ingredients thoroughly and marinade the meat overnight and remove from the marinade and pat dry. Then cook the meat as you would normally in a conventional oven or frying. Allow to cool then slice the meat and lay in the trays of the unit and follow the drying instructions above.

### **Poultry**

Before drying poultry, it is better to roast boil or fry it as you would normally, then slice thinly or cut into small chunks for better results.

Dry at 70°C for about 2-8 hours or until all moisture is gone and store in a freezer until required.

#### Fish

It is recommended to boil or fry as you would normally in a conventional oven.

 $Alternatively \ baking \ for about \ 20 \ minutes \ with a temperature \ 200 \ degrees \ or \ till \ the \ fish \ become \ friable.$ 

Dry at 70°C for about 2-8 hours or until all moisture is gone and store in a freezer until required.

#### CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Always clean the dehydrator thoroughly after each use as described above in operation section. When not in use store the dehydrator carefully in a cool dry place in its original packaging away from children.

#### **PLUG WIRING**

# THESE SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE READ CAREFULLY AND KEPT IN SAFE PLACE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

This appliance is fitted with a plug that complies with BS 1363. Only high quality 13A (square pin) plugs that comply with this standard should be fitted.

Wires are coloured as follows:

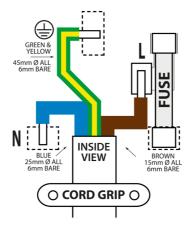
Brown - Live

Blue - Neutral

#### Yellow & Green - Earth

If the appliance is fitted with a 2-core cable it is double insulated and will not have the yellow and green earth wire.

# IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WIRES ARE ATTACHED ONLY TO THEIR DESIGNATED POSITIONS IN THE PLUG



Fuses must be replaced with the same rating as the original; please refer to the fuse rating stated on the plug for this information. Only genuine fuses compliant with BS 1362 should be used.

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