



# BLADE ASSEMBLY REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT

For all Vita-Mix® Containers –  
Do NOT remove blade assembly unless **ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY!**

## I. BLADE ASSEMBLY REMOVAL

- To remove the retainer nut, insert the Retainer Nut Wrench\* (sold separately) as shown in Figure A. Rotate the wrench carefully counter-clockwise.

Do not loosen the screw on the bottom of the blade assembly. (New assemblies will not have a screw.)



FIGURE B



FIGURE A

- Remove the retainer nut and set aside. Although the retainer nut has a powder coating with an anti-microbial additive that inhibits bacteria and mold growth, cleaning may be necessary. Follow the blade and nut cleaning instructions. Do not remove the gasket on the retainer nut.



FIGURE C

- Carefully remove the blades by placing a thick cloth over the blades and pulling straight out. **Hint:** Place container on its side on a flat surface to facilitate removal.

**Use caution when handling the blades. They are sharp.**

## II. BLADE ASSEMBLY REPLACEMENT

- Grip the blades with a cloth and insert into the container.

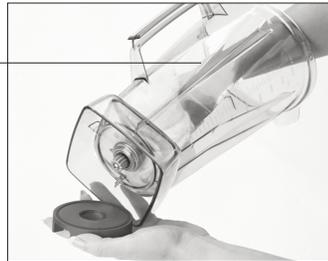


FIGURE D

- When inserting the blade assembly into the container bottom, align the flat sides of the blade assembly with the flat sides of the container opening.

- Wipe inside threads of nut with a light coating of food-grade cooking oil. Place retainer nut back on the inserted blade assembly. Hand tighten first (Figure F), then insert the Retainer Nut Wrench (Figure G) and turn clockwise until tight. **DO NOT FORCE.**



FIGURE E

**NOTE: If the retainer nut is not tight enough, you will notice increased container noise.**

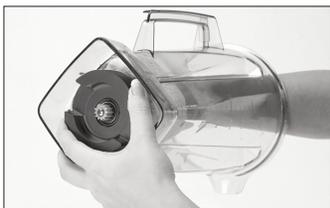


FIGURE F



FIGURE G



**PLEASE NOTE:** Recommendations for cleaning and sanitation can be found in your owner's manual. Remove blade assembly only to clean built up food products or lodged food particles.

## BLADE AND NUT CLEANING

1. Wash in soapy water. **DO NOT SOAK OR USE ABRASIVE CLEANERS.** If necessary, scrub lightly with a soft bristle brush to remove any residue left on the blades or nut.



2. Rinse the blade under running water. **Dry thoroughly with a clean cloth.**



**NOTE:** After cleaning a container with the blade assembled, dry thoroughly or place container on its side to drain. Sanitize before use following the instructions in your owner's manual.

## \*SOLD SEPARATELY:

### Retainer Nut Wrench

For retainer nut removal, please use the optional plastic Retainer Nut Wrench. Call your distributor or Customer Service and ask for item #15596.



Actual components may differ slightly in appearance from those shown.

Any questions or problems regarding these instructions?

Please call Vita-Mix **COMMERCIAL** Customer Service at 800-437-4654 or 440-235-0214, **RESIDENTIAL** Customer Service at 800-848-2649 or 440-235-4840 and for **INTERNATIONAL** Customer Service call +1-440-782-2450.

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