



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.

- 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.

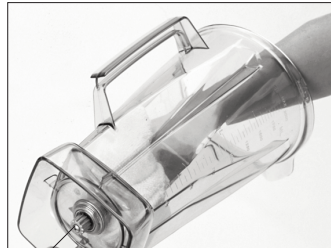


FIGURE C

Use caution when handling the blades. They are sharp.

II. BLADE ASSEMBLY REPLACEMENT

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

- 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.**

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



FIGURE D



FIGURE E

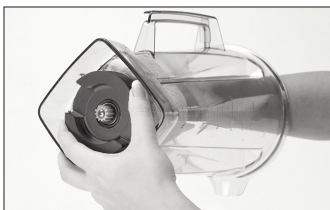


FIGURE F



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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