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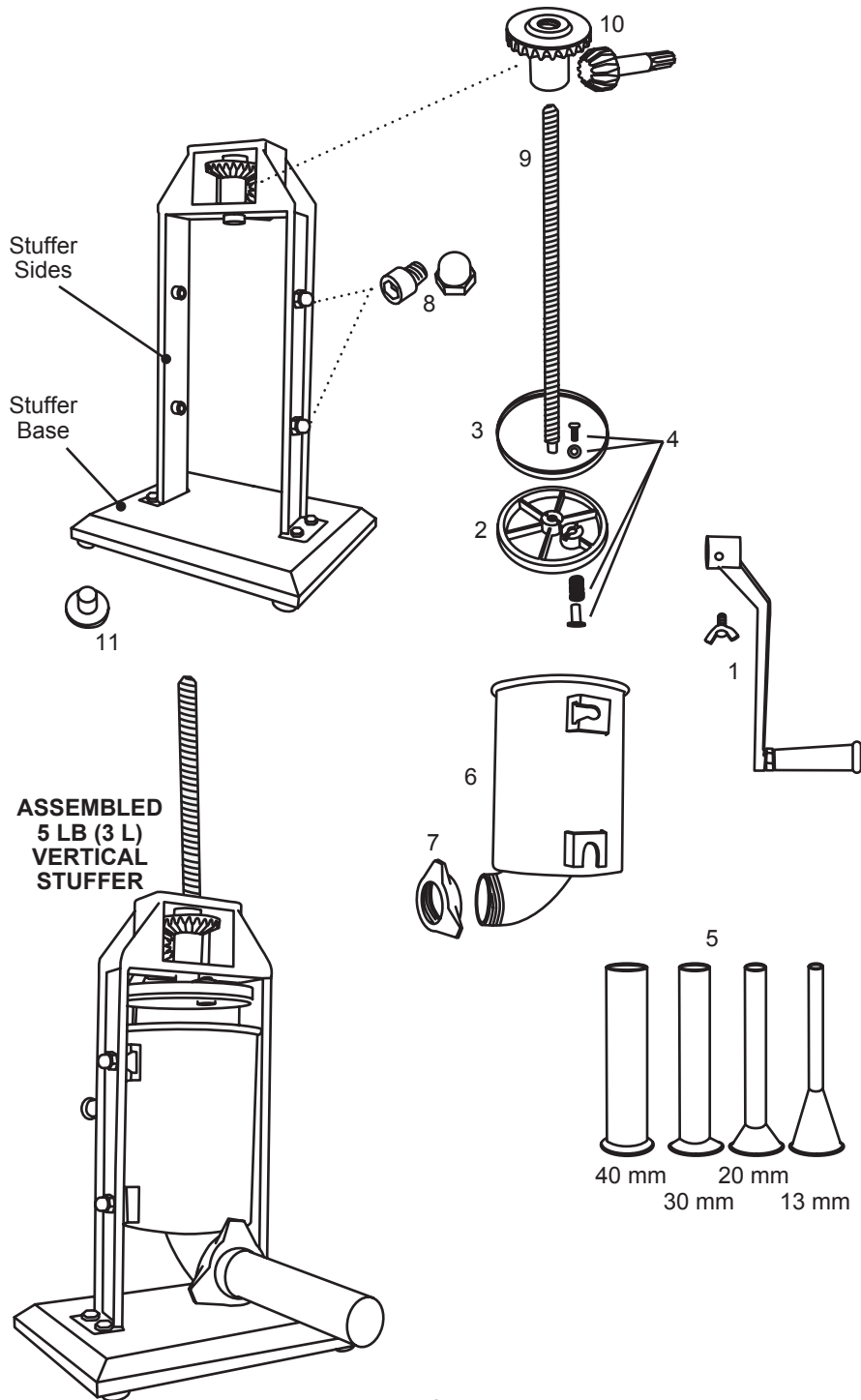


**5 LB (3 L)  
VERTICAL  
SAUSAGE  
STUFFER  
MODEL NO. 73-0501-W**



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## WESTON WARRANTY INFORMATION

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Weston Products LLC warrants to the ORIGINAL RETAIL PURCHASER of this product that if operated in accordance with the printed instruction accompanying it, then for a period of 1 year from the date of purchase, the product shall be free from defects in material and workmanship.

The Warranty Card, along with a copy of the original receipt, must be received by Weston Products LLC within 30 days from purchase date for the warranty to apply. Failure to send the completely filled out Warranty Card, along with a copy of the original receipt, will void the warranty.

The product must be delivered to or shipped freight prepaid to Weston Products LLC for warranty services, in either its original packaging or similar packaging affording an equal degree of protection. Damage due to shipping is not the responsibility of the company. Weston Products LLC charges a \$35.00 per hour bench charge. **NOTE:** No repairs will be started without the authorization of the customer. The return shipping cost to the customer will be added to the repair invoice.

Weston Products LLC will repair (or at its discretion, replace) the product free of charge, if in the judgment of the company, it has been proven to be defective as to seller's labor and material, within the warranty period.

New or rebuilt replacements for factory defective parts will be supplied for one (1) year from the date of purchase. Replacement parts are warranted for the remainder of the original warranty period.

For non-warranty repairs, contact Weston Products LLC's Customer Service at 1-800-814-4895 M-F 8am-5pm EST (outside of the United States 440-638-3131) to obtain a Return Merchandise Authorization Number (RMA Number). Weston Products LLC will refuse all returns that do not contain this number. **DO NOT RETURN THE UNIT WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORIZATION FROM WESTON PRODUCTS LLC.**

**LIMITATIONS:** The warranty is void if the product is used for any purpose other than that for which it is designed. The product must not have been previously altered, repaired, or serviced by anyone else other than Weston Products LLC. If applicable, the serial number must not have been altered or removed. The product must not have been subjected to accident in transit or while in the customer's possession, misused, abused, or operated contrary to the instructions contained in the instruction manual. This includes failure caused by neglect of reasonable and necessary maintenance, improper line voltage and acts of nature. This warranty is not transferable and applies only to U.S. and Canadian sales.

Except to the extent prohibited by applicable law, no other warranties whether expressed or implied, including warranty merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, shall apply to this product. Under no circumstances shall Weston Products LLC be liable for consequential damages sustained in connection with said product and Weston Products LLC neither assumes nor authorizes any representative or other person to assume for it any obligation or liability other than such as is expressly set forth herein. Any applicable implied warranties are also limited to the one (1) year period of the limited warranty.

This warranty covers only the product and its specific parts, not the food or other products processed in it.

CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINE AND SEND THE WARRANTY CARD ALONG WITH A COPY OF YOUR ORIGINAL PURCHASE RECEIPT TO:

**Weston Products LLC - WARRANTY DEPARTMENT**  
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 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Original Date of Purchase: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Product Model #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Serial # (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_



people think that a smoked sausage will last much longer without spoilage, but this is not true. Smoked sausages should be treated the same as fresh sausage in terms of storage.

Dried sausages require the longest processing time, as they are air dried over a long period of time. Some types of dry sausages are pepperoni, prosciutto and a variety of ham products, just to name a few. The conditions under which the meat is dried are very exacting; temperature, time and humidity must all be carefully monitored for a safe and delicious product.

### STORAGE

It is important to remember that sausage will lose its flavor the longer that it is stored. It is recommended that you only make as much sausage as you will need for 4-6 weeks. Even frozen sausage will begin to lose flavor noticeably after 6 weeks. Frozen sausage should be thawed slowly in the refrigerator before cooking or serving. Quick thawing of the product will degrade the taste as well.

## RECIPES

U.S. VOLUME CONVERSIONS		U.S. WEIGHT CONVERSIONS	
1 tsp	5 ml	1 oz	28 g
1 Tbsp	15 ml	1/4 lb or 4 oz	113 g
1/8 cup or 1 fl oz	30 ml	1/3 lb	150 g
1/4 cup or 2 fl oz	60 ml	1/2 lb or 8 oz	230 g
1/3 cup	80 ml	2/3 lb	300 g
1/2 cup or 4 fl oz	120 ml	3/4 lb or 12 oz	340 g
2/3 cup	160 ml	1 lb or 16 oz	450 g
3/4 cup or 6 fl oz	180 ml	2 lb	900 g
1 cup or 8 fl oz or 1/2 pint	240 ml		
1 1/2 cup or 12 fl oz	350 ml		
2 cups or 16 fl oz or 1 pint	475 ml		
3 cups or 1 1/2 pints	700 ml		
4 cups or 2 pints or 1 qt	950 ml		
4 quarts or 1 gal	3.8 L		

### VENISON SAUSAGE

6 lbs venison  
 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper  
 2 tsp pepper

6 lbs lean pork  
 2 tsp salt  
 Sausage casings

1/2 tsp sage  
 1/2 cup honey

- Grind the venison and pork through a coarse grinder plate.
- Add all the ingredients to the meat and mix well.
- Regrind the mixed meat through a fine grinding plate.
- Stuff the sausage into casings or shape into patties.

### FRESH ITALIAN SAUSAGE - MILD/HOT

5 tsp salt  
 3 tsp crushed hot peppers  
 2 tsp coarse ground black pepper  
 10 lbs boneless pork butts

1 tsp sugar  
 1 tsp cracked fennel seed (omit if making mild sausage)  
 1 tsp coriander  
 Sausage casings

2 tsp caraway seeds  
 1 pint cold water

- Grind the pork butts through a grinder plate.
- Add all the ingredients to the meat and mix well.
- Stuff the sausage into casings to make 4" (10 cm) links.

### BRATWURST

2 1/2 lbs lean veal  
 2 tsp dried sage  
 1 cup fine bread crumbs soaked in 1/2 cup milk

2 1/2 lbs lean pork  
 1 tsp ground white pepper

1 1/2 cup water  
 3 tsp salt

- Grind the veal and pork through a coarse grinder plate.
- Add the sage, pepper and salt to the meat and mix well.
- Regrind the mixed meat through a fine grinding plate.
- Using your hands, mix the meat with the bread crumbs.
- Add the water, then beat the mixture with a wooden spoon until it is light and fluffy.
- Stuff the sausage into casings to make 4" (10 cm) links.

## COMPONENT LIST

DIAGRAM NUMBER	PART DESCRIPTION	PART NUMBER
1	Handle with Wingnut (Wingnut only 73-0511)	73-0510
2	Plunger	73-0514
3	Plunger Seal	73-0516
4	Pressure Release Valve (4 Piece Set)	73-0515
5	Plastic Funnel Set (4 Funnels)	73-0520
6	Stainless Steel Canister	73-0519
7	Front Ring Nut	73-0521
8	Canister Mounting Hardware Kit (4 Sets)	73-0522
9	Plunger Shaft	73-0512
10	Gear Set (2)	73-0513
11	Rubber Foot (4 Piece Set)	73-0517

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## ADDITIONAL ACCESSORIES AVAILABLE

ACCESSORY DESCRIPTION	PART #
Food-Grade Silicone Spray	03-0101-W
Hog Ring Pliers	47-1401
500 Count Hog Rings	47-1452
19 mm Processed-Type Collagen Casing	19-0101-W
33 mm Processed-Type Collagen Casing	19-0102-W
38 mm Processed-Type Collagen Casing	19-0103-W
1 1/2" x 12" Mahogany Casings	19-0201-W
2 1/2" x 20" Mahogany Casings	19-0102-W

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## GENERAL SAFETY RULES



**READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND WARNINGS PRIOR TO USING THIS STUFFER. YOUR SAFETY IS MOST IMPORTANT: FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH PROCEDURES AND SAFE GUARDS MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE. REMEMBER: YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!**

1. Read this owners manual before attempting to assemble or operate the **Vertical Stuffer**.
2. NEVER use any accessories or parts from other manufacturers. Doing so will void your warranty.
3. NEVER store or leave the machine at a temperature lower than 32°F (0°C).
4. Thoroughly clean all parts that will come in contact with food before and after using the appliance. Wash all parts by hand and thoroughly dry.
5. Before using the **Stuffer**, always apply a food-grade lubricant to the inside of the **Canister** to decrease the friction.
6. KEEP CHILDREN AWAY! Never leave the stuffer unattended. The **Stuffer** is not a toy.
7. Be sure the **Stuffer** is on a stable work area. Be sure all of the **Stuffer Feet** are level.
8. WEAR EYE PROTECTION! Everyday eye glasses are not safety glasses. Safety glasses conform to ANSI Z87.1 requirements. Note: approved safety glasses have Z87 printed or stamped on them.
9. DO NOT use the **Stuffer** while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

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## SAUSAGE INFORMATION

### MEAT SELECTION FOR SAUSAGE MAKING

Sausage making has evolved over many years and generations, and as a result there are countless types of sausage you can make using the basic ingredients of meat, fat and a few carefully blended spices. Following are a few simple guidelines that will help you make the best tasting sausage possible.

Any type of meat can be used for making sausage: pork, beef, bison, moose and caribou, even antelope make great sausage. It is important when preparing venison or other red game meats to trim all the fat from the meat, as red game tallow will turn rancid in as few as five days. Replace the fat with either pork or beef fat, depending on the type of product you are making, at a ratio of 1 pound (0.5 kg) of fat for every 4 pounds (1.8 kg) of game meat.

The fat content of your sausage will affect the taste, texture, cooking characteristics and shelf life of your product. Most commercially made sausage has a fat content of about 20%. Using less than 12% fat will result in a very dry tasting sausage, while using more than 20% may result in a sticky flavorless sausage that will be difficult to cook.

### CURING

It is important to properly cure meats to preserve meat and poultry, and to destroy undesirable microorganisms on the meat surfaces that cause spoilage and food born illnesses. There are many steps that help in this process, including smoking, cooking, drying, chilling and the addition of cure ingredients. The oldest means of accomplishing this is by introducing salt into the meat. The resistance of bacteria to salt varies widely among different types of bacteria. The growth of some bacteria is inhibited by salt concentrations as low as 3%, e.g., Salmonella, whereas other types are able to survive in much higher salt concentrations, e.g., Staphylococcus. Fortunately, the growth of many undesirable organisms normally found in cured meat and poultry products is inhibited at low concentrations of salt.

Modern curing is based on Nitrates and is very scientific. The best way to ensure proper curing is to purchase one of the many commercially available curing agents from either a grocery store or your local butcher. A very common cure is Prague Powder, which is available in two types (#1 and #2).

### CASING

There are many different types of casings available, the right choice depends on personal preference as well as the type of sausage you wish to make. For most sausages, your choices are natural or collagen. Don't let the names fool you; collagen casings are not a synthetic product. They are made from beef skin and other tissues. Collagen casings are uniform in size and texture and require almost no preparation. "Natural" casings are the intestines of lamb, sheep, hogs or beef. They are less uniform in size and require substantial preparation. For those reasons, more than 75% of commercially made sausage in the U.S. is made with collagen casing. There are also fibrous non-edible casings that are used for some varieties of smoked sausages and bolognas.

### TYPES OF SAUSAGE

Most sausages fall into one of four categories: Fresh, Smoked, Cooked or Dried. All sausages, except dried, require refrigerated storage. There is also a sub-category of uncooked smoked sausages.

Among the fresh and uncooked smoked sausages, you will find such flavors as kielbasa or Polish sausage, Italian sausage, breakfast sausage and many others. Both fresh and uncooked smoked sausages require cooking before eating and also require refrigerated storage.

Smoked and cooked sausages include salami, bologna, the ever-popular hot dogs and many others. Proper smoking requires a smokehouse or smoker. These can be simple home-built structures made from metal drums or even old refrigerators or they can be elaborate manufactured units. Most smoked sausages are warmed before serving. Many

## FOOD SAFETY

There are basic rules to follow when handling food. They are **COOK, SEPARATE, CLEAN, and CHILL.**

### COOK

It's crucial to cook food to a safe internal temperature to destroy bacteria that is present. The safety of hamburgers and other foods made with ground meat has been receiving a lot of attention lately, and with good reason. When meat is ground, the bacteria present on the surface is mixed throughout the ground mixture. If this ground meat is not cooked to at least 160°F to 165°F (71°C to 74°C), bacteria will not be destroyed and there's a good chance you will get sick.

Solid pieces of meat like steaks and chops don't have dangerous bacteria like E. coli on the inside, so they can be served more rare. Still, any beef cut should be cooked to an internal temperature of at least 145°F (63°C) (medium rare). The safe temperature for poultry is 180°F (82°C) and solid cuts of pork should be cooked to 160°F (71°C). Eggs should be thoroughly cooked too. If you are making a meringue or other recipe that uses uncooked eggs, buy specially pasteurized eggs or use prepared meringue powder.

### SEPARATE

Foods that will be eaten uncooked and foods that will be cooked before eating **MUST ALWAYS** be separated. Cross-contamination occurs when raw meats or eggs come in contact with foods that will be eaten uncooked. This is a major source of food poisoning. Always double-wrap raw meats and place them on the lowest shelf in the refrigerator so there is no way juices can drip onto fresh produce. Then use the raw meats within 1-2 days of purchase, or freeze for longer storage. Defrost frozen meats in the refrigerator, not on the counter.

When grilling or cooking raw meats or fish, make sure to place the cooked meat on a clean platter. Don't use the same platter you used to carry the food out to the grill. Wash the utensils used in grilling after the food is turned for the last time on the grill, as well as spatulas and spoons used for stir-frying or turning meat as it cooks.

Make sure to wash your hands after handling raw meats or raw eggs. Washing hands with soap and water, or using a pre-moistened antibacterial towelette is absolutely necessary after you have touched raw meat or raw eggs. Not washing hands and surfaces while cooking is a major cause of cross-contamination.

### CLEAN

Wash your hands and work surfaces frequently when you are cooking. Washing with soap and warm water for at least 15 seconds, then dry with a paper towel.

### CHILL

Chilling food is very important. The danger zone where bacteria multiply is between 40°F and 140°F (4°C and 6°C). Your refrigerator should be set to 40°F (4°C) or below; your freezer should be 0°F (-17°C) or below. Simple rule: serve hot foods hot, cold foods cold. Use chafing dishes or hot plates to keep food hot while serving. Use ice water baths to keep cold foods cold. Never let any food sit at room temperature for more than 2 hours - 1 hour if the ambient temperature is 90°F (32°C) or above. When packing for a picnic, make sure the foods are already chilled when they go into the insulated hamper. The hamper won't chill food - it just keeps food cold when properly packed with ice. Hot cooked foods should be placed in shallow containers and immediately refrigerated so they cool rapidly. Make sure to cover foods after they are cool.

NOTE: Special considerations must be made when using venison or other wild game, since it can become heavily contaminated during field dressing. Venison is often held at temperatures that could potentially allow bacteria to grow, such as when it is being transported. Refer to the USDA Meat and Poultry Department for further questions or information on meat and food safety.

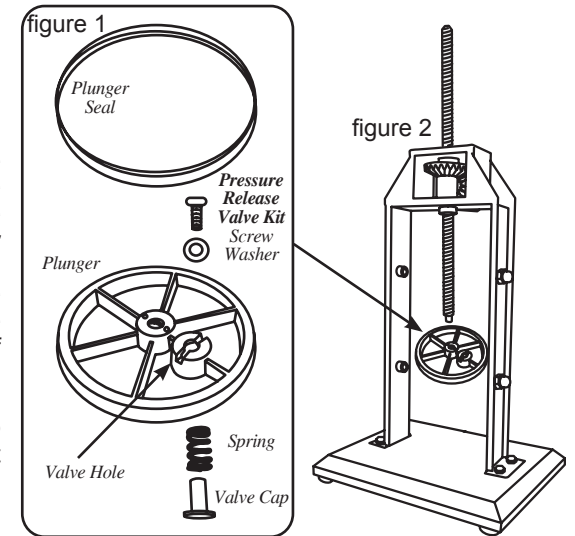
## ASSEMBLY

### PLUNGER ASSEMBLY

1. Slide the **Plunger Seal** onto the **Plunger** (figure 1).

2. Assemble the **Pressure Release Valve Kit** onto the **Plunger**. From the top of the **Plunger**, place the **Washer** onto the **Valve Hole**, then insert the **Screw** through the **Washer** and into the **Valve Hole**. From the underside of the **Plunger**, place the **Spring** onto the end of the **Screw**, then place the **Valve Cap** onto the end of the **Screw** and twist to secure.

3. Place the assembled **Plunger** onto the end of the **Plunger Shaft** (figure 2).

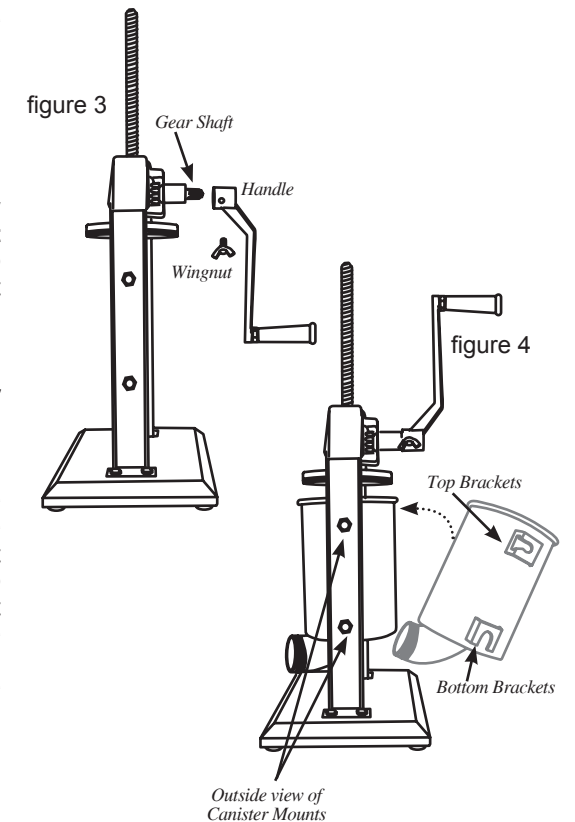


### STUFFER ASSEMBLY

4. Attach the **Handle** by sliding it onto the **Gear Shaft** and placing the **Wingnut** into the hole in the **Handle**. Twist to tighten (figure 3).

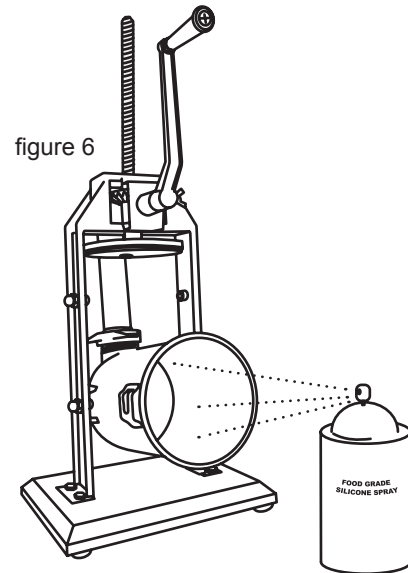
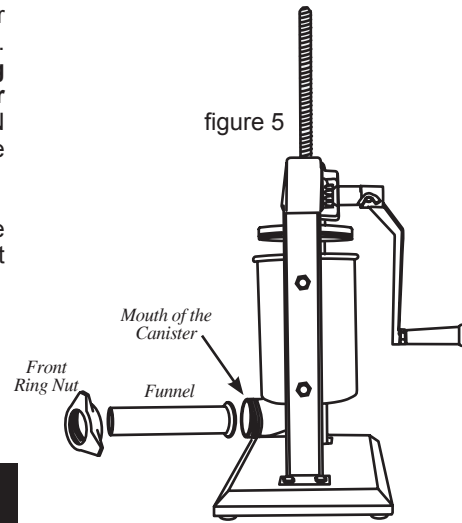
5. Crank the **Handle** counter-clockwise to bring the **Plunger** to the top of the **Stuffer**.

6. Rest the **Canister's Bottom Brackets** onto the **Canister Mounts** inside the **Housing** of the **Stuffer**. Pivot the bottom of the **Canister** into the **Stuffer Housing**. Pivot the **Canister** fully into the **Stuffer Housing**, snapping the **Top Brackets** into the **Canister Mounts** (figure 4).



7. Insert the **Stuffing Funnel** of your choice through the **Front Ring Nut**. Screw the **Front Ring Nut** and **Stuffing Funnel** onto the mouth of the **Canister** until snug. DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN the **Front Ring Nut**, as it may damage the **Funnel** (figure 5).

8. Thoroughly coat the inside of the **Canister** with a food-grade lubricant prior to use (figure 6).



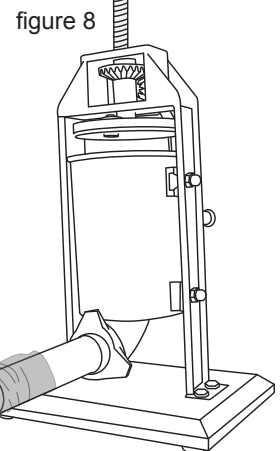
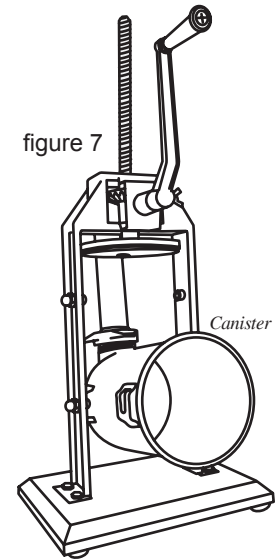
## STUFFING INSTRUCTIONS



**CAUTION!** Any time you complete stuffing or raise the Plunger out of the Canister, **RELEASE THE HANDLE SLOWLY!** Pressure or gravity could cause the Handle to spin back slightly causing injury!

**NOTE:** Apply a food-grade lubricant to the inside of the **Canister** before filling with the meat mixture.

1. Tilt out the **Canister**.
2. Fill the **Canister** with your meat and seasoning mixture (figure 7).
3. Press the mixture down into the **Canister** firmly to release any trapped air.
4. Pivot the **Canister** back into the upright position and snap the **Top Brackets** into the **Canister Mounts**.
5. Turn the **Handle** clockwise, until the Plunger comes in contact with the meat and the mixture is ready to extrude out the end of the **Stuffing Funnel**.
6. Slip the casing on the end of the **Stuffing Funnel** until the entire casing has slid onto the **Stuffing Funnel** (figure 8).
7. Tie, twist or hog ring the end of the casing to seal it.
8. Turn the **Handle** clockwise to extrude the mixture into the casing. For best results, apply pressure around the casing, close to the end of the **Stuffing Funnel**. This will hold the casing tight and will cause the mixture to pack firmly into the casing.
9. When the end of the casing has been reached, twist, tie or hog ring the casing to seal the contents inside.



**STUFFING TIPS:** The following are suggestions to help reduce resistance when stuffing with the **13 mm Stuffing Funnel**.

- A. Add water to your meat mixture – up to 1-1/2 cups (0.4 L) of water per every 5 lb (2.3 kg) of seasoned meat.
- B. Add 1/4 cup (60 ml) of vegetable or olive oil to the meat mixture for better flow.

## DISASSEMBLY & CLEANING

1. Remove the **Stuffing Funnel** by unscrewing the **Front Ring Nut**, and pulling the **Funnel** out.
2. Turn the **Handle** counter-clockwise until the **Plunger** comes out of the **Canister**.
3. Pivot the **Canister** outward and then pull the **Canister** up to remove the **Canister** from the **Stuffer Housing**.
4. Unscrew the **Plunger** from the **Plunger Shaft**. Disassemble the **Pressure-Release Valve** from the **Plunger**. Remove the **Plunger Seal** from the **Plunger**.
5. Wash all parts that have come in contact with meat in hot soapy water. BE SURE TO CLEAN THEM IMMEDIATELY AFTER USE. Rinse and thoroughly dry all parts IMMEDIATELY. Sterilize as needed.
6. Fully lubricate the **Shaft, Canister, Pressure Release Valve Components** and the **Front Ring Nut** with a food-grade lubricant before and after each use.