



Standard Specification for Food Cutters, (Electric)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers commercial electric food cutters with a rotating shallow bowl to carry food products through a set of rotating vertical knives that are on an axis perpendicular to the radii of the bowl. The food cutter can be for counter or table mounting, furnished with or without a table.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 10, of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 3951 Practice for Commercial Packaging²
- F 760 Specification for Food Service Equipment Manuals³
- F 1166 Practice for Human Engineering Design for Marine Systems, Equipment, and Facilities⁴

2.2 NSF Standards:

- NSF Standard No. 8 Commercial Powered Food Preparation Equipment⁵
- NSF Standard No. 2 Food Equipment⁵
- NSF Food Service Equipment Listing (current year)⁵

2.3 Underwriters Laboratories Standards:

- UL 763 Motor-Operated Commercial Food Preparing Machines⁶
- UL 969 Marking and Labeling Systems⁶

2.4 ANSI Standard:

ANSI Z1.4 Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes⁷

2.5 Military Standards:

- MIL-STD-1399/300 Interface Standard for Shipboard Systems, Section 300A, Electric Power, Alternating Current⁸
- MIL-STD-167/1 Mechanical Vibration of Shipboard Equipment (Type I-Environmental and Type II-Internally Excited)⁸
- MIL-STD-461 Electromagnetic Interference and Susceptibility Requirements for the Control of Electromagnetic Interference⁸
- MIL-STD-462 Electromagnetic Interference Characteristics, Measurement of⁸
- MIL-V-173 Varnish, Moisture and Fungus-Resistant⁸

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *electric food cutter, n*—machine that uniformly reduces food products to a small particle size for salads, spreads, bread crumbs, and other food service recipes.

3.1.1.1 *Discussion*—Reduction of food product is accomplished by combining the rotation of the product bowl with the perpendicular high-speed rotation of a set of stainless steel cutlery knives. The food cutter shall consist of the following principal parts: base, legs (optional), product bowl, knives, bowl cover with interlock, motor, controls, and attachment power take-off hub (optional) for attachments listed in 7.5.1.

4. Classification

4.1 *General*—Food cutters shall be of the following types, sizes, and classes:

4.1.1 Types:

4.1.1.1 *Type I*—This machine shall have a rotating product bowl with rotating knives and power take-off hub to drive attachments.

4.1.1.2 *Type II*—This machine shall have a rotating product bowl with rotating knives without a power take-off hub.

4.1.2 Sizes:

4.1.2.1 *Size I*—14-in. (355.6-mm) inside diameter, 2¾-in. (70-mm) deep bowl with a minimum capacity equal to 5 lb (2.27 kg) of fresh meat.

⁷ Available from American National Standards Institute, 11 W. 42nd St., 13th Floor, New York, NY 10036.

⁸ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, Attn: NPODS.

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 15.09.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 15.07.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 01.07.

⁵ Available from NSF International, 3475 Plymouth Road, P.O. Box 130140, Ann Arbor, MI 48113-0140.

⁶ Available from Underwriters Laboratories Inc., 333 Pfingsten Road, Northbrook, IL 60062-2096.

4.1.2.2 *Size 2*—18-in. (457.2-mm) inside diameter, 3⁵/₈-in. (92.1-mm) deep bowl with a minimum capacity equal to 14 lb (6.36 kg) of fresh meat.

4.1.3 *Classes*:

4.1.3.1 *Class A*—Mounted on legs.

4.1.3.2 *Class B*—Without legs.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 Purchasers should select the desired options permitted in this specification and include the following information in the purchasing document:

5.1.1 Title, number, and date of this specification,

5.1.2 Type, size, and class of machine required (see 4.1),

5.1.3 Electrical power supply characteristics (current, voltage, phase, frequency) (see 8.1),

5.1.4 Quantity of food cutters to be furnished,

5.1.5 Stand (with or without casters), if required (see section 7.8),

5.1.6 Attachments required (see 6.5.1),

5.1.7 Labeling requirements (if different from 6.1.1, 6.1.2, 13.1, and 13.2),

5.1.8 Accessory equipment, spare, and maintenance parts required.

6. Physical Requirements

6.1 *Design and Manufacture*—The food cutter shall be complete so that when connected to the specified source of power the unit can be used for its intended function. Food cutters shall be rigid, and parts subject to wear shall be accessible for adjustment and replacement. The food cutter shall meet the then current applicable requirements of NSF Standard 8 and UL Standard 763.

6.1.1 *Compliance with NSF Standard 8*—Acceptable evidence of meeting the requirements of NSF Standard Number 8 shall be the NSF certification mark on the food cutter and listing in the current edition of the NSF listing book for food equipment and related products, components and materials, a certified test report from a recognized independent testing laboratory acceptable to the user, or a certificate issued by NSF under its special one-time contract evaluation/certification service.

6.1.2 *Compliance with UL 763*—Acceptable evidence of meeting the requirements of UL 763 shall be a UL Listing Mark on the food cutter, or a certified test report from a recognized independent testing laboratory acceptable to the user.

6.1.3 *Materials*—Materials used in the construction of food cutters shall comply with the applicable requirements of NSF Standard 8. Materials used shall be free from defects that would adversely affect the performance or maintainability of individual components of the overall assembly.

6.1.3.1 *Corrosion-Resistant Steel*—Corrosion-resistant steel shall conform to the requirements of any 300 series stainless steel, except knives, which shall conform to 6.3.

6.1.3.2 *Corrosion-Resisting Material*—Corrosion-resisting material is material other than corrosion-resistant steel that is equivalent in the food cutter application.

6.1.4 *Human Factors Criteria*—Human factors engineering criteria, principles and practices, as defined in Practice F 1166,

shall be used in the design of all food cutters.

6.2 *Bowl*—The bowl shall be made of a single piece of corrosion-resisting steel and be readily removable for easy cleaning.

6.3 *Knives*—The knives shall be cutlery grade stainless steel with a hardness between 50 and 56 on the Rockwell C scale. Each food cutter shall have a minimum of two cutting knives and have a knife speed of 1725 ± 100 rpm.

6.4 *Bowl Cover*—The bowl cover shall be made of a corrosion-resisting material and be of one-piece construction.

6.5 *Attachment Hub*—The powered attachment hub provided on the Type I food cutter shall be of corrosion-resisting material and shall be permanently lubricated. The power hub drive unit shall have a speed of 209 ± 25 rpm for Size 1 and 256 ± 25 rpm for Size 2.

6.5.1 *Attachments*—Type I food cutters shall be provided, when ordered, with any of the following attachments as specified (see 5.1.6):

6.5.1.1 Nine-inch vegetable slicer,

6.5.1.2 Meat chopper,

6.5.1.3 Dicer,

6.5.1.4 French-fry attachment, or

6.5.1.5 Speed drive attachment, or combination thereof.

6.6 *Base*—The supporting base for both Class A and Class B food cutters shall be of one-piece construction and of a corrosion-resisting material. The base shall be of rigid and sturdy design and the entire bottom shall be enclosed completely with a one-piece, corrosion-resisting material.

6.7 *Legs*—Class A food cutters shall be provided with four legs made of corrosion-resisting material. The legs shall each have a rubber foot to ensure stability and shall be of a height to meet NSF Standard No. 8 requirements.

6.8 *Accessory Stand*—When specified (see 5.1.5), a stand of rigid and stable design shall be provided. The stand shall be constructed of corrosion-resistant steel and the top shall be adjustable to a nominal 38 in. (965.2 mm) from the floor. The stand shall meet the requirements of NSF Standard No. 2 and, when specified, casters shall be equipped with brakes.

6.9 *Electrical Devices*:

6.9.1 *Power Supply*—The food cutter shall be furnished with a 6-ft (1.83-m) minimum length cord and plug with ground or be double-insulated. The cord and plug shall be sized and shall be the appropriate configuration for the specified electrical characteristics.

6.9.2 *Motor(s)*—Motor shall meet the requirements of UL 763. The horsepower rating of the Size 1 food cutter shall be a minimum of ½ hp and for a Size 2, a minimum of 1 hp. The food cutter motor(s) shall be of the continuous duty type.

6.9.3 *Power Switch*—The food cutter shall be furnished with a switch, which shall open all motor leads (see 7.3).

6.9.4 *Electrical Specifications*—Nominal electrical specifications are: 120/60/1, 208/60/1, 240/60/1, 208/60/3, 240/60/3, 480/60/3.

7. Hazard Protection

7.1 The food cutter shall meet the requirements of UL Standard 763.

7.2 *Switch Guard*—The ON/OFF switch shall be guarded,