

# FERMENT IN A KETTLE OPERATION, ASSEMBLY & MAINTENANCE MANUAL

### \*\*\*\* PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY PRIOR TO USE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION \*\*\*\* Check out the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHPuldEvqlY

For more information and a demonstration of use and assembly please check out the instructional video on anvilbrewing.com

### **OVERVIEW**

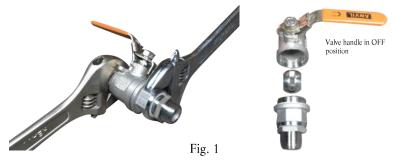
The Ferment in a Kettle (FIAK) system allows the brewer to convert their ANVIL kettle into a versatile fermentor at a very low price! All-grain brewers will be able to convert their ANVIL hot liquor tank or mash tun into a fermentor after mashing and be ready to fill right after the boil is completed. Are you an extract brewer and have only one ANVIL kettle? Not a problem – simply rack your chilled wort to a bottling bucket taking care to leave as much hops and trub as possible in the boil kettle. Fermenting on excessive amounts of hops and trub can adversely affect beer flavor. Then clean and sanitize your kettle, install the FIAK kit, and transfer your cooled wort back into the kettle! Included with the kit is a patent pending lid seal, a patent pending rotating racking arm for transferring sediment-free beer, a sanitary nut for your thermometer, a lid grommet, and an air lock.

# **ASSEMBLY & OPERATION**

Step One: Confirm that all parts, required hardware, and tools are ready and available for assembly. Refer to the table below, which includes a list of all parts and hardware that came with your ANVIL High Performance Burner.

### PARTS LIST

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
1	Large black silicone lid seal	1
2	White Teflon washer	1
3	Stainless sanitary nut for thermometer	1
4	Small thermometer stem seal	1
5	Sanitary nut sealing washer	1
6	Rubber grommet for lid	1
7	Airlock	1



<u>Step Two - Cleaning and sanitizing:</u> remove the dip tube and valve locking nut on the inside of the kettle using two adjustable wrenches. Using the same two wrenches, disassemble the valve and remove the ball and the sealing oring. Note that you may need to rotate the handle 90 degrees to remove the ball; it should fall right out. See Fig. 1 for details. If there is any soil on the parts soak them in a cleaning agent like Powdered Brewery Wash. Rinse and soak in your favorite non-chlorine sanitizer such as Five Star's StarSan. Reassemble the valve. Similarly, thoroughly clean your kettle to remove all soils and dry thoroughly. This

allows the protective passive layer to form on the surface of the stainless steel. Then insert the valve in the kettle and install the white Teflon washer over the threaded portion. Reinstall the nut firmly, but do not overtighten. Reinstall the dip tube. See Fig. 2 for details. Remove the hex nut from your thermometer and replace with the included sanitary nut assembly. It is not necessary to remove this for future uses, but we do recommend an annual disassembly for a thorough cleaning. See Fig. 3 for details.





TIP: install the dip tube horizontally facing in the same direction as the valve handle. That way you'll know the position of the tube as you rotate the valve when draining the fermentor.

TIP: if you have used your hot liquor tank as your FIAK you can simply drain out any excess water and you're immediately ready to ferment; the 170+ degree water has already sanitized your kettle!

Sanitize the large lid seal, lid and inside of your kettle using your favorite sanitizer. To sanitize the lid and kettle, we recommend StarSan as it is an effective surface sanitizer and can be applied using a spray bottle. Simply spray all inside surfaces with StarSan using a spray bottle. Let it sit for a few minutes and then repeat. Drain any remaining sanitizer from the kettle. This eliminates the need to fill the entire fermentor with sanitizer. Stretch the seal over the lip of the kettle as shown in Fig. 4.

<u>Step Three – Filling & Fermentation:</u> Place the sanitized grommet and airlock in the hole in the lid. Fill your fermentor with beer, aerate well, add your yeast, and place the lid on the kettle. Referring to Fig. 5 slip the lid

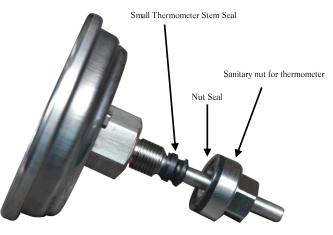


Fig. 3

seal up and over the lid and lip of the kettle using your thumbs to help slip the seal onto the lip. It is important to ensure that the lid is centered on the kettle and the seal is positioned onto the lip and lid. Having the seal wet with sanitizer helps to position it and get a proper seal. If the lid isn't quite centered simply slide it into position.

<u>Step Four - Racking:</u> After fermentation is complete, and the beer has had time to settle (usually 7-10 days for an ale), it is time to rack the beer into a bottling bucket or keg. Install a transparent drain hose (not included) to the valve of the kettle and remove the airlock so the fluid in your airlock isn't sucked into the beer. Place the bucket or keg below the height of the kettle and open the valve and begin to drain. Slowly rotate the valve counter-clockwise until you see just a little yeast in the clear hose, then rotate the valve slightly clockwise until the yeast pick-up stops. This ensures you'll get the maximum amount of beer without picking up a significant amount of yeast and trub.

IMPORTANT: The lid seal system is a fail-safe design and the

lid and seal will open if the airlock becomes clogged. If you regularly experience this, the use of a blow-off hose in lieu of an airlock is highly recommended. The use of Fermcap-S is also recommended. Simply remove the grommet and install a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " OD hose into the lid hole, and place the other end of the hose into a container with water or sanitizer. Make sure that the container is below the surface of the beer so it doesn't siphon into the beer.

<u>Step Five – After Use Cleaning</u>: Remove and disassembly the valve as shown in step two above. Scour the inside of the kettle using your favorite cleaner. Take care not to excessively scour the graduations in the kettle. Rinse and allow to dry thoroughly. Note that it is not necessary to remove the thermometer sanitary nut for proper cleaning. Reassemble and the kettle is ready for your next brew day!







Fig. 5

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#### A. LIMITED WARRANTY

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- 2. This product is for home use only. The limited warranty covers only those defects that arise as a result of normal use of the product and does not cover any other problems, including, but not limited to, those that arise as a result of:
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  - c. Operation outside of the product's specifications;
  - d. Carelessness or neglect to operate the product in accordance with instructions
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  - e. Damaging the tamper label on the product;
  - f. Damage by over-tightening the fasteners;
  - g. Failure to follow cleaning and / or maintenance procedures; or
  - h. Exceeding published operational temperatures.
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- 17. To the extent that this warranty is inconsistent with local law, it shall be deemed modified, only to the extent necessary to be consistent with such local law.