

MEATBALLS

HEATING & HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS



HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS:

Shelf Life: Frozen - 12-15 months from production date (see spec sheet).

Shelf Life: Refrigerated - 14 days from production date.

STORING

- Receive all product directly into the freezer using standard receiving procedures
- Mark all cases with date of receipt
- Store cases in the freezer at least 6 inches off of the floor and away from walls
- Remove product from freezer on an as needed basis

THAWING

- Thaw in a refrigerated case set at less than 40° F
- Mark all refrigerated cases with the date it is placed in the cooler
- Store product in cooler for no more than 14 days

HOLDING HEATED

- Hold for up to 4 hours maintaining internal temperature at or above 140°F

HEATING INSTRUCTIONS:

Meatballs are **FULLY COOKED** - Heat & serve. Equipment & heating times may vary.

RECOMMENDED: Best if prepared from a thawed state. Thaw only under refrigeration.

OVEN

- Preheat oven to 375°F
- Place **FROZEN** meatballs in a single layer on a baking tray making sure meatballs aren't touching
- Heat for 8-10 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 165°F

STOVE TOP

- Heat sauce or gravy in sauce pan
- Add **FROZEN** meatballs
- Cover and heat on **MEDIUM** for approximately 30 minutes or until meatballs reach an internal temperature of 165°F. Stir as needed.

STEAMER

- Place at least 1 inch of water in the bottom of the pan and do not let it run dry
- Set temperature to high-end of simmer, or low-end of boil
- Add **THAWED** product to pan with sauce & heat for 45-50 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 165°F
- Lower temperature to simmer and hold product for up to 3 hours

MICRO- WAVE (1,000 WATT)

- Place 3 **FROZEN** meatballs on a microwave safe dish and cover
- Heat on **HIGH** for 1 minute or until hot; remove and let stand for 1 minute
- For every 3 additional meatballs, add 45 seconds, rotating them every minute

