# Frying Chips for Frying Oil Studies (Food Science)

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#### **Abstract**

This method describes frying protocols for tortilla chips. Chips or other foods are often fried in different oils and oil blends to assess the oxidative stability of the oil, thereby determining whether that particular oil or oil blend is suitable for frying. With this method, one can remove aliquots of oil at any point during the process for storage and/or analysis; just be advised that the oil is hot!

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#### **Guidelines**

Be sure your analytical balance will tolerate 900 g of material. Ours didn't, so we had to weigh the oil in two 450 g batches.

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## **Before start**

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#### **Protocol**

# Step 1.

- 1. Fill Fry Daddy with 900 g liquid soybean (or other edible) oil.
  - **■** AMOUNT

900 g Additional info:

## Step 2.

2. Plug in Fry Daddy and heat to frying temperature (180 C). Use a temperature controller if necessary. Log temperature data using a computer if desired.

#### Step 3.

- 3. Weigh chips initially (approximately 40 g, or 20-25 chips).
  - **■** AMOUNT

40 g Additional info:

#### Step 4.

4. Fry chips in the basket provided for 2 minutes.

### Step 5.

5. Lift the basket, drain the chips well, and dump onto a paper towel to drain and cool.

#### Step 6

6. Spread chips out so that they all have contact with the paper towel. Wait for them to dry a bit. Turn chips on the paper towels if necessary to get rid of any pooled oil.

#### Step 7

7. Put chips back into weigh boats and record a final weight.

# Step 8.

8. Store chips covered in an airtight container.

# **Warnings**

Hot oil can cause burn injuries.