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INTRODUCTION

This instruction manual provides detailed guidance for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your Moen 1225 Single Handle Faucet Replacement Cartridge. This cartridge is designed to restore optimal function to compatible Moen single-handle faucets, addressing common issues such as leaks or difficulty in operating the handle. It is an authentic Moen replacement part, ensuring compatibility and reliable performance.

The Moen 1225 cartridge is compatible with most Moen single-handle faucets, with the exception of Posi-Temp and ExactTemp models. Please verify your faucet model before proceeding with installation.

SAFETY INFORMATION

- Always turn off the main water supply to the faucet before beginning any work. Failure to do so may result in water damage or injury.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, such as safety glasses, to prevent injury from debris or water.
- If you are unsure about any step of the installation process, consult a qualified plumbing professional.
- Keep small parts away from children to prevent choking hazards.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Moen 1225 Single Handle Faucet Replacement Cartridge is a crucial component for maintaining the functionality of your Moen faucet. Constructed from durable brass and plastic, it is engineered for longevity and smooth operation.





Figure 1: Moen 1225 Single Handle Faucet Replacement Cartridge. This image shows the cartridge, highlighting its brass stem and durable plastic body, designed for single-handle Moen faucets.

The cartridge is designed to be a direct replacement, ensuring a precise fit and restoring the original performance of your faucet. It comes pre-lubricated for ease of installation and includes a plastic removal tool to assist with the process.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps carefully to replace your Moen 1225 cartridge:

- 1. Turn Off Water Supply:** Locate the water shut-off valves for your faucet (typically under the sink) and turn them off completely. Turn on the faucet to drain any remaining water and relieve pressure.
- 2. Remove Faucet Handle and Trim:** Depending on your faucet model, you may need to remove a decorative cap or screw to access the handle. Carefully remove the handle and any decorative trim or escutcheon plates to expose the cartridge.
- 3. Remove Retainer Clip:** Identify the U-shaped retainer clip located on top of the cartridge. Use a small screwdriver or needle-nose pliers to carefully pull this clip straight up and out. Keep this clip in a safe place as it will be reused.
- 4. Remove Old Cartridge:** The old cartridge may be stuck due to mineral deposits. Use the included white plastic twisting cap tool by placing it over the cartridge stem and twisting it back and forth with pliers to loosen the cartridge. For stubborn cartridges, applying a calcium, lime, and rust (CLR) remover solution and allowing it to soak may help. If the cartridge still won't budge, a specialized Moen cartridge puller tool may be required (not included). Once loosened, grasp the cartridge stem with pliers and pull it straight out.
- 5. Clean Cartridge Housing:** Inspect the inside of the faucet body where the cartridge sits. Clean any debris, mineral deposits, or old lubricant to ensure a clean seating for the new cartridge.
- 6. Install New Cartridge:** Ensure the new Moen 1225 cartridge is properly oriented. The flat sides of the cartridge should align with the corresponding slots in the faucet body. The cartridge is typically pre-lubricated; if not, apply a thin layer of plumber's grease to the O-rings. Push the new cartridge firmly and straight into the faucet body until it is fully seated.
- 7. Replace Retainer Clip:** Reinsert the U-shaped retainer clip into its slot on top of the new cartridge, pushing it down until it is fully seated and secure.
- 8. Reassemble Faucet:** Reattach any trim, escutcheon plates, and the faucet handle. Ensure all components are securely fastened.
- 9. Restore Water Supply:** Slowly turn the water supply valves back on. Check for any leaks around the faucet base and connections. Test the faucet's operation to ensure smooth movement and proper water flow.





Figure 2: Moen 1225 Cartridge with plastic removal tool. This image illustrates the cartridge and the included plastic tool

used for loosening and removing the old cartridge from the faucet body.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once the Moen 1225 replacement cartridge is installed, your single-handle faucet should operate smoothly. Pull the handle out to activate water flow and rotate it left or right to adjust the water temperature. Push the handle back in to turn off the water.

MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and continued smooth operation of your Moen 1225 cartridge and faucet, consider the following maintenance tips:

- **Regular Cleaning:** Periodically clean the exterior of your faucet with a soft cloth and mild soap to prevent mineral buildup. Avoid abrasive cleaners that could damage the finish.
- **Check for Leaks:** Regularly inspect the faucet for any signs of dripping or leaks. Addressing minor leaks promptly can prevent larger issues and water waste.
- **Water Quality:** In areas with hard water, mineral deposits can accumulate over time. If you notice a decrease in performance or stiffness in the handle, consider cleaning the cartridge area with a mild descaling solution (after turning off the water supply).

TROUBLESHOOTING

The Moen 1225 cartridge is designed to resolve common faucet issues. If you encounter problems after installation, consider these points:

- **Faucet Still Leaks:**
 - Ensure the new cartridge is fully seated and the retainer clip is properly installed.
 - Check for any debris inside the faucet body that might prevent a proper seal.
 - Verify that the O-rings on the cartridge are intact and properly lubricated.
- **Handle is Stiff or Difficult to Turn:**
 - Ensure the cartridge was properly lubricated before installation.
 - Check for any remaining mineral deposits in the faucet body that could impede movement.
 - Confirm the handle is not overtightened, which can restrict movement.
- **No Water Flow or Low Flow:**
 - Verify that the main water supply and the faucet's shut-off valves are fully open.
 - Check the aerator at the end of the faucet spout for clogs.

If problems persist after following these steps, it is recommended to contact Moen customer support or a professional plumber.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Moen

Model Number	1225
Material	Brass, Plastic
Product Dimensions	12"L x 3"W
Item Weight	1.6 ounces
Country of Origin	USA
Special Features	Easy to Install, Durable

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Moen 1225 Single Handle Faucet Replacement Cartridge is backed by Moen's One Year Limited Warranty. This warranty covers defects in material and manufacturing under normal use and service.

For warranty claims, technical assistance, or further support, please refer to the official Moen website or contact Moen customer service directly. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for warranty purposes.

For additional resources, you may visit the [Moen Store on Amazon](#).