

## Kichler 9956BK

# Kichler Madison Outdoor Post Light Instruction Manual

Model: 9956BK

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Kichler Madison Outdoor Post Light, model 9956BK, is a 1-light exterior fixture designed to provide ambient lighting in outdoor environments. It features a black finish and clear beveled glass panels. This post light is suitable for various outdoor applications such as entryways, patios, and porches. Please note that the post is sold separately.

### Key Features:

- Features a black finish and clear beveled glass panels.
- Designed for outdoor use, suitable for traditional environments.
- Measures 21.75 inches in height and 9.5 inches wide.
- Accommodates one medium E26 bulb up to 150W equivalent.
- Provides effective ambient outdoor lighting.
- Water-resistant construction for durability.
- UL Listed for safety and quality assurance.



*Figure 1: Kichler Madison Outdoor Post Light (Model 9956BK) in Black. This image shows the complete fixture with its clear beveled glass panels and classic black finish.*

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

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**WARNING:** To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or personal injury, always follow these safety precautions:

- Always disconnect power at the main circuit breaker or fuse box before beginning installation or maintenance.
- Consult a qualified electrician if you are unsure about the installation process.
- Ensure all electrical connections are made in accordance with local codes, ordinances, and the National Electric Code (NEC).
- Use only the specified bulb type and wattage (E26, up to 150W equivalent).
- Do not install this fixture near flammable materials or in areas with excessive moisture.
- This product is designed for outdoor use and is water-resistant, but it should not be submerged in

water.

- Handle glass components with care to prevent breakage and injury.

### 3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

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Carefully unpack your new Kichler Madison Outdoor Post Light and ensure all components are present and undamaged. Retain all packaging materials until you are satisfied with the product.

The package should contain:

- 1 x Kichler Madison Outdoor Post Light Fixture (Model 9956BK)
- Mounting Hardware
- Shade (Clear Beveled Glass Panels)
- Instruction Manual

*Note: Light bulb and post are sold separately and are not included in this package.*

### 4. SETUP & INSTALLATION

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This fixture requires assembly and is designed for post-mount installation. Professional installation is recommended. Ensure power is OFF at the circuit breaker before proceeding.

#### Tools and Materials Required (Not Included):

- Screwdriver (Phillips and/or Flathead)
- Wire Strippers
- Electrical Tape
- Safety Glasses
- Ladder (if necessary)
- Outdoor Post (sold separately)
- E26 Base Light Bulb (up to 150W equivalent)

#### Installation Steps:

1. **Prepare the Installation Area:** Ensure the electrical supply to the post is turned off at the main circuit breaker. Clear the area around the post for safe working conditions.
2. **Mount the Fixture Base:** Attach the mounting hardware (provided) to the top of your outdoor post. Ensure it is securely fastened and level. The post light is designed for pole mount installation.
3. **Make Electrical Connections:** Carefully connect the fixture's wires to the electrical supply wires from the post. Typically, this involves connecting the black wire from the fixture to the black (hot) wire from the supply, the white wire from the fixture to the white (neutral) wire from the supply, and the ground wire from the fixture to the ground wire from the supply. Use wire nuts (not always included, check local codes) and secure connections with electrical tape.
4. **Secure the Fixture:** Once wiring is complete, carefully place the post light fixture onto the mounted base, aligning any screws or locking mechanisms. Secure the fixture firmly to the post according to the specific design of the mounting hardware.
5. **Install Glass Panels:** Insert the clear beveled glass panels into the designated slots or frame of the fixture. Ensure they are seated correctly and secured to prevent rattling or falling.
6. **Install Light Bulb:** Screw an E26 base light bulb (up to 150W equivalent) into the socket. Do not overtighten.

7. **Restore Power:** Once installation is complete and all components are secure, restore power at the main circuit breaker.
8. **Test Operation:** Turn on the light switch to verify the fixture is working correctly.

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*Video 1: Kichler Brand Story. This video provides an overview of the Kichler brand's commitment to lighting design and quality. While not a direct installation guide, it showcases the brand's philosophy and product range, which can be helpful for understanding the product's context.*

## 5. OPERATION

The Kichler Madison Outdoor Post Light operates via a standard wall switch (not included) connected to your home's electrical system. It is designed for simple on/off functionality.

- **Turning On/Off:** Use the connected wall switch to turn the light fixture on or off.
- **Bulb Replacement:** Ensure power is off before replacing the bulb. Allow the bulb to cool completely. Unscrew the old bulb and replace it with a new E26 base incandescent bulb (or LED equivalent) up to 150 watts.

*Note: This fixture is compatible with incandescent bulbs and compact fluorescent bulbs. If using an LED bulb, ensure it is compatible with the fixture's electrical specifications. The control method is typically a push button wall switch.*

## 6. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance will help preserve the appearance and functionality of your Kichler Madison Outdoor Post Light.

- **Cleaning:** To clean the fixture, ensure power is off. Wipe with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners, solvents, or polishes as they may damage the finish or glass.
- **Glass Care:** The clear beveled glass panels can be cleaned with a mild glass cleaner. Avoid spraying cleaner directly onto electrical components.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect the fixture for any signs of wear, loose connections, or damage. Address any issues promptly to ensure safe operation.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If your Kichler Madison Outdoor Post Light is not functioning as expected, refer to the following common issues and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Light does not turn on.	No power to the fixture. Loose wire connections. Defective light bulb. Faulty wall switch.	Check circuit breaker and wall switch. Ensure all wire connections are secure (power off first). Replace the light bulb. Test or replace the wall switch.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Light flickers.	Loose bulb. Incorrect bulb type/wattage. Loose wiring.	Tighten the bulb. Verify bulb compatibility and wattage. Check and secure all electrical connections (power off first).
Glass panels are loose.	Improperly seated glass. Missing or loose retaining clips/screws.	Re-seat glass panels firmly. Ensure all retaining clips or screws are in place and tightened.

If you encounter issues not listed here or if the problem persists after attempting these solutions, please contact Kichler customer support.

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Kichler
Model Name	1 Light Outdoor Post Mount Light
Part Number	9956BK
Product Dimensions	9.5"L x 9.5"W x 21.75"H
Item Weight	5 Pounds
Color	Black
Material	Glass
Style	Modern
Indoor/Outdoor Usage	Outdoor
Power Source	Corded Electric
Installation Type	Post Mount
Light Source Type	Incandescent
Wattage	150 watts (max)
Voltage	120 Volts (AC)
Bulb Base	E26
Included Components	Mounting Hardware, Shade
Water Resistance Level	Water Resistant
Assembly Required	Yes
Manufacturer	Kichler Lighting

Feature	Detail
Warranty Type	Limited
Specification Met	UL Listed

## 9. WARRANTY INFORMATION

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Kichler warrants that the products it provides will be free from defects in material and workmanship for 1 (one) year following the date of shipment from the seller. This warranty applies to normal use. Specific exceptions apply:

- Landscape products (with specific clarifications in landscape catalogs): Five years.
- Black and/or "textured architectural bronze" finish transformers: 10 years.
- Stainless steel transformers and exterior finish on LifeBrite outdoor lanterns: For as long as the original purchaser owns the product (under normal use).
- Design Pro Series LED cabinet light models (#12301BRZ, 12301NI, 12301WH, 12303BRZ, 12303NI, 12303WH, 12305BRZ, 12305NI, and 12305WH): For as long as the original purchaser owns the product (under normal use). Normal use means residential non-commercial use for no more than 6 hours per day in an environment not exceeding 25 degrees Celsius (approximately 77 degrees Fahrenheit).
- Ceiling fan motors: For as long as the original purchaser owns the product. A certain amount of "wobble" is normal in fans and should not be considered a problem.
- Energy Star products: Two years.
- No warranties on light bulbs or the finish on outdoor polished brass products.

If any warranted products are found to be defective, Kichler will, at its sole option and cost, replace, repair, or refund the product, less an amount directly attributable to the consumer's prior use. The buyer's sole and exclusive remedy against the seller shall be for the repair, replacement, or refund of defective products as provided herein. This warranty is not transferable. This warranty does not cover labor or other costs or expenses to remove or install any defective, repaired, or replaced product.

## 10. CUSTOMER SUPPORT

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For further assistance, technical support, or warranty claims, please contact Kichler customer service.

- **Website:** Visit the official Kichler website for FAQs, product registration, and additional resources.
- **Contact Information:** Refer to the Kichler website or product packaging for the most current contact details, including phone numbers and email addresses.