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Model: KHB1231OB

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The KitchenAid KHB1231OB 2-Speed Hand Blender is designed for blending, pureeing, and crushing various food items with ease. Its two-speed control provides versatility for different tasks, from preparing smoothies and soups to making baby food. The blending arm is detachable for convenient cleaning and storage.



Image: KitchenAid KHB1231OB 2-Speed Hand Blender, Onyx Black.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and/or injury to persons, including the following:

- Read all instructions before using the hand blender.
- Do not immerse the motor body in water or other liquids.
- Keep hands, hair, clothing, and utensils away from moving blades during operation to prevent injury and/or damage to the hand blender.
- Unplug from outlet when not in use, before putting on or taking off parts, and before cleaning.
- Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug, or after the appliance malfunctions or has been dropped or damaged in any manner.
- Avoid contact with moving parts.
- The use of attachments not recommended or sold by KitchenAid may cause fire, electric shock, or

injury.

- Do not use outdoors.
- Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter.
- Do not let cord contact hot surfaces, including the stove.
- This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory, or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.

PARTS AND FEATURES

Your KitchenAid KHB1231OB Hand Blender includes the following components:

- **Motor Body:** The main unit containing the motor and speed controls.
- **Blending Arm:** The detachable shaft with a stainless steel blade assembly.
- **3-Cup Blending Jar with Lid:** A convenient container for blending and storage.



Image: Disassembled KitchenAid Hand Blender showing the motor body, blending arm, and 3-cup blending jar.

SETUP

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all parts from the packaging.
2. **Clean Before First Use:** Wash the blending arm and the 3-cup blending jar in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry. Wipe the motor body with a damp cloth.
3. **Assemble Blending Arm:** Align the blending arm with the motor body. Twist the blending arm clockwise until it locks securely into place. Ensure it is firmly attached before use.
4. **Position:** Place the ingredients to be blended into the 3-cup blending jar or another suitable deep container.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps for effective blending:

1. **Immerse Blender:** Before plugging in, immerse the blending arm into the ingredients. Ensure the blade guard is fully submerged to prevent splashing.
2. **Plug In:** Connect the hand blender to a standard electrical outlet.
3. **Select Speed:** The hand blender features two speeds. Press the desired speed button (Speed 1 or Speed 2) on the motor body. Hold the button down during operation.
4. **Blend:** Move the blending arm up and down through the ingredients to ensure even blending. Continue until the desired consistency is achieved.
5. **Release Button:** Release the speed button to stop the blender.
6. **Unplug:** Always unplug the hand blender from the electrical outlet before removing it from the ingredients or disassembling for cleaning.

Tips for Best Results:

- For best results when blending soups or sauces, use a deep pot or bowl.
- When blending hot liquids, allow them to cool slightly before blending to prevent steam buildup and potential burns.
- Do not overfill containers; leave enough space for the liquid to move without overflowing.



Image: Hand blender in use, blending applesauce in a bowl.



Image: Hand blender in use, blending soup in a pot.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Proper cleaning ensures the longevity and hygiene of your hand blender.

1. **Unplug:** Always unplug the hand blender before cleaning.
2. **Detach Blending Arm:** Twist the blending arm counter-clockwise to detach it from the motor body.
3. **Wash Blending Arm:** The blending arm is dishwasher safe (top rack only) or can be hand washed in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry.

4. **Clean Motor Body:** Wipe the motor body with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the motor body in water or any other liquid.
5. **Clean Blending Jar:** The 3-cup blending jar and its lid are dishwasher safe (top rack only) or can be hand washed.
6. **Storage:** Store the hand blender and its accessories in a dry place.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your hand blender, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Hand blender does not turn on.	Not plugged in; blending arm not properly attached.	Ensure the unit is securely plugged into a working outlet. Check that the blending arm is twisted and locked into the motor body.
Food is not blending smoothly.	Insufficient liquid; ingredients too large; blender not moved adequately.	Add more liquid to the mixture. Cut larger ingredients into smaller pieces. Move the blending arm up and down and around the container.
Splashing occurs during blending.	Blender not fully immersed; container too shallow.	Ensure the blade guard is fully submerged in the ingredients before starting. Use a deeper container or the included 3-cup blending jar.
Motor seems to be struggling.	Overloaded with dense ingredients; continuous operation for too long.	Reduce the amount of ingredients. Allow the motor to rest for a few minutes if it feels warm. Avoid blending extremely hard or frozen items without sufficient liquid.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Brand:** KitchenAid
- **Model Number:** KHB1231OB
- **Color:** Onyx Black
- **Power Source:** Corded Electric
- **Wattage:** 200 Watts
- **Number of Speeds:** 2
- **Voltage:** 220 Volts
- **Product Dimensions:** 2.5"D x 2.5"W x 16"H
- **Item Weight:** 2 Pounds
- **Material:** Plastic (Motor Body), Stainless Steel (Blade, Blending Arm)
- **Material Type Free:** BPA Free
- **Dishwasher Safe Parts:** Blending Arm, 3-cup Jar, Lid

WARRANTY AND CUSTOMER SUPPORT

Your KitchenAid KHB1231OB 2-Speed Hand Blender is backed by a **9-year hassle-free replacement warranty**.

For warranty claims, product registration, or further assistance, please visit the official KitchenAid website or contact their customer service. You can also find more information and products at the [KitchenAid Store on Amazon](#).