

BLACK+DECKER DCM55

BLACK+DECKER DCM55 Coffee Maker Instruction Manual

Model: DCM55

1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the BLACK+DECKER DCM55 Drip Coffee Maker. This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your new appliance. Please read these instructions thoroughly before first use and retain them for future reference.

2. 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.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against fire, electric shock, and injury to persons, do not immerse cord, plugs, or appliance in water or other liquid.
- Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
- Unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts, and before cleaning the appliance.
- Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug or after the appliance malfunctions, or has been damaged in any manner. Return appliance to the nearest authorized service facility for examination, repair, or adjustment.
- The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may result in fire, electric shock, or injury to persons.
- Do not use outdoors.
- Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter, or touch hot surfaces.
- Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
- Always attach plug to appliance first, then plug cord into the wall outlet. To disconnect, turn any control to "off", then remove plug from wall outlet.

- Do not use appliance for other than intended use.
- The carafe is designed for use with this appliance. It must never be used on a range top.
- Do not place a hot carafe on a wet or cold surface.
- Do not use a cracked carafe or a carafe having a loose or weakened handle.
- Do not clean carafe with cleansers, steel wool pads, or other abrasive materials.
- 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.
- Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.

3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Familiarize yourself with the components of your BLACK+DECKER DCM55 Coffee Maker before operation.



Figure 1: BLACK+DECKER DCM55 Coffee Maker. This image shows the complete coffee maker unit, including the water reservoir, filter basket area, and glass carafe on the warming plate.

1. Lid
2. Water Reservoir
3. Water Level Indicator
4. Swing-out Filter Basket
5. Permanent Filter
6. Glass Carafe (Schott glass)
7. Keep Warm Plate
8. On/Off Switch with Indicator Light
9. Brew Strength Control (integrated)

4. SETUP

Before using your coffee maker for the first time, follow these steps:

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all packaging materials and dispose of them responsibly.
2. **Clean Components:** Wash the glass carafe, permanent filter, and swing-out filter basket in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry.
3. **Initial Cleaning Cycle:**
 - Fill the water reservoir with fresh, cold water up to the 4-cup mark.
 - Place the permanent filter into the swing-out filter basket, then close the basket.
 - Place the empty carafe on the keep warm plate.
 - Plug the coffee maker into a standard electrical outlet (220-240V).
 - Press the On/Off switch. The indicator light will illuminate.
 - Allow the full cycle to complete. The unit will automatically turn off.
 - Discard the water from the carafe. Repeat this process once more to ensure thorough cleaning.
4. Your coffee maker is now ready for use.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Making Coffee

1. **Fill Water Reservoir:** Open the lid and fill the water reservoir with fresh, cold water to the desired level using the water level indicator. Do not exceed the 4-cup maximum fill line.
2. **Add Coffee Grounds:** Swing out the filter basket. Place the permanent filter into the basket. Add the desired amount of ground coffee into the permanent filter. A general guideline is one level tablespoon of ground coffee per cup. Adjust to your taste.
3. **Close Filter Basket:** Swing the filter basket back into its closed position, ensuring it clicks securely.
4. **Position Carafe:** Place the empty glass carafe onto the keep warm plate. Ensure it is centered to activate the drip-stop mechanism.
5. **Start Brewing:** Plug the coffee maker into a standard electrical outlet. Press the On/Off switch. The indicator light will illuminate, and brewing will begin.
6. **Serving:** Once brewing is complete, the coffee maker will automatically switch to the "keep warm" function. You can remove the carafe to pour coffee. The drip-stop feature will temporarily prevent coffee from dripping onto the warming plate. Replace the carafe within 20 seconds to prevent overflow.
7. **Turn Off:** After serving, press the On/Off switch to turn off the coffee maker. The indicator light will extinguish. Unplug the appliance when not in use.

5.2 Brew Strength Control

The DCM55 coffee maker features an integrated brew strength control. This allows you to customize the intensity of your coffee. For a stronger brew, use slightly more coffee grounds or select a slower brew setting if available (refer to specific model features). For a milder brew, use less coffee grounds. Experiment to find your preferred strength.

5.3 Keep Warm Function

After the brewing cycle is complete, the coffee maker automatically enters the "keep warm" mode. The keep warm plate will maintain the coffee at an optimal serving temperature for a period of time. For best flavor, it is recommended to consume coffee shortly after brewing. Do not keep coffee on the warming

plate for extended periods as flavor can degrade.

6. CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and extends the life of your coffee maker.

6.1 Daily Cleaning

1. **Unplug:** Always unplug the coffee maker and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
2. **Wash Removable Parts:** Remove the permanent filter and glass carafe. Wash them in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry. These parts are generally top-rack dishwasher safe, but hand washing is recommended for longevity.
3. **Wipe Exterior:** Wipe the exterior surfaces of the coffee maker with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads.
4. **Do Not Immerse:** Never immerse the main unit of the coffee maker in water or any other liquid.

6.2 Descaling (Mineral Deposit Removal)

Mineral deposits (calcium) can build up in your coffee maker over time, affecting performance and coffee taste. Descale your coffee maker every 2-4 weeks, depending on water hardness and frequency of use.

1. **Prepare Solution:** Fill the carafe with one part white vinegar and two parts cold water.
2. **Add to Reservoir:** Pour the vinegar solution into the water reservoir.
3. **Brew Cycle:** Place the empty carafe on the keep warm plate. Press the On/Off switch to start a brewing cycle.
4. **Partial Brew:** After about half a carafe of solution has brewed, press the On/Off switch to turn off the coffee maker. Let it soak for at least 15 minutes.
5. **Complete Cycle:** Press the On/Off switch again to complete the brewing cycle.
6. **Rinse Cycles:** Discard the vinegar solution. Fill the reservoir with fresh, cold water and run several full brewing cycles with only water to rinse thoroughly. Repeat until no vinegar odor remains.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If your coffee maker is not functioning as expected, please check the following common issues before contacting customer service.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Coffee does not brew.	Not plugged in. Power switch not turned on. Water reservoir empty.	Ensure the appliance is securely plugged into a working outlet. Press the On/Off switch. Fill the water reservoir with water.
Coffee tastes weak or too strong.	Incorrect coffee-to-water ratio. Coffee grounds too coarse/fine.	Adjust the amount of coffee grounds. Use medium-ground coffee for drip machines.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Coffee overflows from filter basket.	Too much coffee grounds. Filter basket not properly seated. Carafe not properly placed on warming plate (drip-stop engaged). Coffee maker needs descaling.	Reduce the amount of coffee grounds. Ensure filter basket is securely closed. Center the carafe on the warming plate. Perform a descaling cycle.
Brewing is slow.	Mineral buildup.	Perform a descaling cycle.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model	DCM55
Brand	BLACK+DECKER
Power	1050 Watts
Operating Voltage	220-240 Volts
Capacity	4 Cups
Carafe Material	Schott Glass
Filter Type	Permanent Filter
Special Features	Brew Strength Control, Keep Warm Plate, Water Level Indicator, Swing Out Filter Basket, Indicator Light

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This BLACK+DECKER DCM55 Coffee Maker comes with a **2-year warranty** on the product from the date of purchase. This warranty covers manufacturing defects under normal household use.

For warranty claims, technical support, or service inquiries, please contact BLACK+DECKER customer service. Please have your model number (DCM55) and proof of purchase available when contacting support.

Note: Warranty terms and conditions may vary by region. Please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official BLACK+DECKER website for detailed information.