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INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation of your Hamilton Beach 1 Liter Stainless Steel Electric Hot Water Kettle. Please read all instructions carefully before first use and retain for future reference. This electric kettle is designed for heating water quickly and safely for beverages and instant meals.



Figure 1: Hamilton Beach Electric Tea Kettle (Model 40998)

This image displays the Hamilton Beach Electric Tea Kettle, featuring its stainless steel body and black handle and base. The Hamilton Beach logo is visible on the front.

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 personal injury, do not immerse cord, plugs, or electric kettle 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.
- The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may result in fire, electric shock, or personal injury.
- 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.
- Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot water.
- Ensure lid is securely closed before operating.
- Do not operate the kettle without water to prevent boil-dry damage.

PARTS AND FEATURES

- **Lid:** Securely covers the kettle opening.
- **Handle:** Ergonomically designed for safe pouring.
- **Power Switch:** Activates the heating element. Features an indicator light.
- **Water Level Window:** Transparent window with markings for accurate water measurement (0.6L MIN to 1.0L MAX).
- **Spout with Removable Mesh Filter:** Designed for easy pouring and to prevent scale deposits from leaving the kettle.
- **Concealed Heating Element:** Located within the base of the kettle for safety and easy cleaning.
- **Power Base:** Cordless base that plugs into a standard 120V outlet, allowing the kettle to be lifted for serving.
- **Automatic Shutoff:** Automatically turns off the kettle once water reaches a boil.
- **Boil-Dry Protection:** Safety feature that turns off the kettle if it is accidentally turned on without water.



Water Level Window

Easy to view for accurate measuring

Figure 2: Water Level Window

This image shows a close-up of the water level window on the side of the kettle, indicating minimum (0.6L) and maximum (1.0L) fill lines for accurate measuring.



Figure 3: Easy-Pour Spout and Removable Mesh Filter

This image highlights the kettle's easy-pour spout and shows a removable mesh filter, designed to prevent scale deposits from entering your cup.

SETUP

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove the kettle and its power base from the packaging. Retain packaging for storage or transport.
2. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, fill the kettle with water to the MAX fill line. Bring to a boil, then discard the water. Repeat this process 2-3 times to remove any manufacturing residues.
3. **Placement:** Place the power base on a dry, flat, stable, and heat-resistant surface, away from the edge of the counter. Ensure the power cord is not dangling where it can be pulled or tripped over.
4. **Power Connection:** Plug the power base into a standard 120V electrical outlet.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Fill Kettle:** Open the lid by pressing the button on the handle. Fill the kettle with fresh, cold water. Do not fill below

the MIN (0.6L) mark or above the MAX (1.0L) mark indicated on the water level window.

2. **Close Lid:** Close the lid securely until it clicks into place.
3. **Place on Base:** Place the kettle firmly onto its power base.
4. **Start Boiling:** Push the power switch down to the "I" (On) position. The indicator light will illuminate, signaling that the kettle is heating.
5. **Automatic Shutoff:** The kettle will automatically turn off and the indicator light will extinguish once the water has reached a rolling boil.
6. **Serve:** Carefully lift the kettle from its power base for cord-free serving. Pour hot water slowly and steadily.
7. **Re-boil:** If you need to re-boil water, place the kettle back on the base and push the power switch down again. Note that the switch may not engage immediately if the kettle is still very hot from the previous boil; allow a few moments for it to cool slightly.



Figure 4: Rapid-Boil System in action

This image illustrates the kettle's rapid-boil system, showing the kettle on its base next to a steaming cup of tea, emphasizing its speed and convenience.



Cord-Free Serving

For safe, easy
pouring

Figure 5: Cord-Free Serving

This image demonstrates the kettle being lifted from its power base, highlighting the convenience of cord-free serving for easy pouring.



Auto Shutoff

Keeps kettle from boiling dry

Figure 6: Auto Shutoff Switch

A close-up of the power switch, which includes the auto-shutoff mechanism, ensuring the kettle turns off automatically when water boils or if it boils dry.

MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Regular cleaning and maintenance will ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your electric kettle.

Daily Cleaning:

- **Exterior:** Wipe the exterior of the kettle with a damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads as they may scratch the stainless steel finish.
- **Interior:** Rinse the interior of the kettle with fresh water after each use.
- **Filter:** The mesh filter in the spout can be removed for cleaning. Rinse it under running water. If necessary, use a soft brush to remove any deposits. Reinsert the filter securely after cleaning.

Descaling (Mineral Deposit Removal):

Over time, mineral deposits (limescale) may build up inside the kettle, especially in areas with hard water. This can affect performance and taste. Descale your kettle regularly (e.g., monthly or as needed).

- Vinegar Method:** Fill the kettle with 2 cups (500ml) of white vinegar. Let it stand for 15-20 minutes without heating. For heavier deposits, you can bring the vinegar to a boil and let it stand for 30 minutes.
- Rinse:** Empty the vinegar and rinse the kettle thoroughly with fresh water several times.
- Boil Fresh Water:** Fill the kettle with fresh water to the MAX line, bring to a boil, and discard. Repeat this step 2-3 times to remove any residual vinegar smell or taste.
- Lemon Juice Method (Alternative):** As an alternative to vinegar, you can use lemon juice. Mix 2 tablespoons of lemon juice with 2 cups (500ml) of water. Bring to a boil, let stand for 15-20 minutes, then rinse thoroughly.

Caution: Never use harsh chemicals, abrasive pads, or metal objects to clean the interior of the kettle, as this can damage the stainless steel surface or heating element.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Kettle does not heat.	Not plugged in; power switch not engaged; kettle not properly seated on base; power outage.	Ensure power base is plugged into a working outlet. Push power switch down firmly. Ensure kettle is correctly placed on the base. Check household circuit breaker.
Kettle turns off before boiling.	Mineral buildup (limescale) inside kettle.	Descale the kettle as per the "Maintenance and Cleaning" section.
Water has an unusual taste or odor.	New appliance odor; mineral deposits.	Perform initial cleaning steps (boil and discard water several times). Descale the kettle if mineral buildup is present.
Kettle leaks.	Overfilled; lid not properly closed; damage to kettle.	Do not fill above the MAX line. Ensure lid is securely closed. If damage is suspected, discontinue use and contact customer support.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Hamilton Beach
Model Name	Electric Tea Kettle, Water (Model 40998)
Color	Stainless Steel
Capacity	1 Liter
Product Dimensions	8"L x 5.5"W x 7.8"H
Item Weight	2 Pounds
Material Feature	Durable and resistant to corrosion and staining

Feature	Detail
Special Feature	Electric Stovetop Compatible (Note: This refers to the kettle's function, not that it can be placed on a stovetop. It's an electric appliance.)
Included Components	Kettle, cord
Country/Region Of Origin	China
UPC	040094409983, 667562988551, 689407073246

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Electric Kettle

Figure 7: Product Dimensions

This image provides a visual representation of the kettle's dimensions: 8 inches in length, 5.5 inches in width, and 7.8 inches in height.

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information, product registration, or customer support, please refer to the official Hamilton Beach website or the warranty card included with your purchase.

An official User Manual (PDF) is also available for download: [Download User Manual \(PDF\)](#)

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