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1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing the Hamilton Beach Belgian Waffle Maker. This appliance is designed to help you create thick, fluffy Belgian waffles with ease. Its innovative flip design, durable nonstick plates, and adjustable browning control ensure restaurant-quality results every time. The removable plates and drip tray simplify cleanup, making your waffle-making experience enjoyable from start to finish.



Image: The Hamilton Beach Belgian Waffle Maker with a golden-brown waffle ready for serving.

2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read all instructions before using this appliance. Failure to follow these instructions may result in electric shock, fire, or serious injury.

- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electrical shock, 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.
- The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may cause injuries.
- 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.
- Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot oil or other hot liquids.
- 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.

3. PARTS AND FEATURES

Familiarize yourself with the components of your Hamilton Beach Belgian Waffle Maker:

- **Durable Stainless Steel Housing:** Built to last with a classic, restaurant-style design.
- **Durathon Ceramic Nonstick Grids:** Four times more durable than traditional nonstick, won't crack or peel, and are PFAS-free.
- **Removable Grids:** Easily detach for thorough cleaning.
- **Easy Flip Design:** Allows for even cooking and thick, fluffy waffles.
- **Adjustable Browning Control:** Dial to select your preferred waffle crispness, from light to dark.
- **Power and Ready Indicator Lights:** Clearly indicate when the unit is powered on and when it has reached the optimal cooking temperature.
- **Removable Drip Tray:** Catches any overflow, making cleanup simple.
- **Cool-Touch Handle:** Stays cool during operation and folds for compact storage.

Durable stainless steel housing

Built-to-last, restaurant-style design



Image: The durable stainless steel housing of the waffle maker.

4. SETUP

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all packaging materials and any promotional labels from the waffle maker.
2. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, wash the removable grids and drip tray in warm, soapy water, then rinse and dry thoroughly. Wipe the exterior of the waffle maker with a damp cloth.
3. **Placement:** Place the waffle maker on a dry, flat, heat-resistant surface, ensuring there is adequate space around the appliance for ventilation.
4. **Insert Components:** Ensure the removable grids are securely locked into place and the drip tray is properly positioned beneath the waffle maker.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps to make delicious Belgian waffles:

1. **Preheat:** Plug the waffle maker into a 120V AC electrical outlet. The red 'POWER' indicator light will illuminate. Turn the browning control dial to your desired setting (1-4). The waffle maker will begin to preheat.
2. **Ready Indicator:** Once the waffle maker reaches the optimal cooking temperature, the green 'READY' indicator light will illuminate. This indicates it is ready for batter.
3. **Prepare Batter:** While the waffle maker preheats, prepare your favorite waffle batter.
4. **Add Batter:** Open the waffle maker. Carefully pour the batter onto the center of the bottom grid, ensuring it spreads evenly but does not overflow.



Flips easily for thick, fluffy waffles

Enjoy restaurant-quality waffles at home

Image: Pouring batter into the waffle maker.

5. **Close and Flip:** Close the waffle maker. Immediately grasp the cool-touch handle and rotate the waffle maker 180 degrees to flip it. This ensures even distribution of batter and uniform cooking.
6. **Cook:** Allow the waffle to cook. The green 'READY' light will turn off during cooking and re-illuminate when the waffle is done. Cooking time will vary based on your browning setting and batter consistency.



Perfectly browned waffles

With adjustable browning control

Image: Adjustable browning control and indicator lights.

7. **Remove Waffle:** Once the green 'READY' light illuminates, carefully open the waffle maker. Use a non-metallic utensil (e.g., plastic or silicone spatula) to gently remove the cooked waffle.
8. **Repeat:** Close the waffle maker and wait for the green 'READY' light to illuminate again before adding more batter for subsequent waffles.

[Official Product Video: Hamilton Beach Belgian Waffle Maker Overview](#)

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Video: This video provides a comprehensive overview of the Hamilton Beach Belgian Waffle Maker, demonstrating its key features, operation, and ease of use for preparing waffles.

6. CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Proper cleaning ensures the longevity and performance of your waffle maker.

1. **Unplug and Cool:** Always unplug the waffle maker from the electrical outlet and allow it to cool completely before

cleaning.

2. **Remove Grids and Drip Tray:** Press the release buttons to detach the removable Durathon ceramic nonstick grids. Slide out the drip tray.

Easy cleanup

Removable grids and drip tray
are dishwasher safe



Image: Removable grids and drip tray are dishwasher safe for easy cleaning.

3. **Dishwasher Safe:** The removable grids and drip tray are dishwasher safe. For best results, place them on the top rack. Alternatively, they can be washed by hand in warm, soapy water using a non-abrasive sponge.
4. **Clean Exterior:** Wipe the exterior of the waffle maker with a damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads, as these can damage the finish.
5. **Storage:** Once all parts are clean and dry, reassemble the waffle maker. The cool-touch handle folds for convenient vertical storage, saving counter space.

Official Product Video: Easy Belgian Waffles with Fast Clean-up

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Video: This video highlights the ease of cleaning the Hamilton Beach Belgian Waffle Maker, showcasing the removable, dishwasher-safe plates and drip tray.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Waffle maker does not heat up.	Not plugged in; power outlet malfunction.	Ensure the unit is securely plugged into a working outlet. Check the circuit breaker.
Waffles stick to grids.	Grids not properly seasoned; insufficient oil/butter; batter too thick.	Lightly brush grids with cooking oil or butter before each use. Adjust batter consistency. Ensure grids are clean.
Waffles are not evenly cooked.	Insufficient batter; uneven batter spread; not flipped correctly.	Ensure enough batter is used to cover the grids. Spread batter evenly. Make sure to flip the waffle maker 180 degrees after closing.
Waffles are too light/dark.	Browning control setting is incorrect.	Adjust the browning control dial to a higher setting for darker waffles or a lower setting for lighter waffles.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model Number:** 26031
- **Brand:** Hamilton Beach
- **Color:** Black
- **Special Features:** Non Stick Coating, Removable Surface, Temperature Control
- **Material:** Durathon Ceramic Nonstick Grids, Stainless Steel Housing
- **Product Dimensions:** 10.5"D x 16"W x 9.25"H
- **Wattage:** 800 watts
- **Item Weight:** 6.38 Pounds
- **Included Components:** Drip Tray, Waffle Baker
- **Voltage:** 120V
- **Number of Settings:** 4 (Browning Control)



Cool-touch handle

Handle is cool to the touch and folds out of the way for easy storage

Image: Product dimensions for the waffle maker.

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This Hamilton Beach Belgian Waffle Maker comes with a Limited Warranty. For specific warranty details, including coverage period and terms, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Hamilton Beach website.

For customer support, product registration, or to inquire about replacement parts, please contact Hamilton Beach customer service:

- **Website:** www.hamiltonbeach.com
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