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Model: KCM1209

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the safe and efficient operation of your KitchenAid KCM1209 12-Cup Drip Coffee Maker. Please read all instructions carefully before first use and retain for future reference. This coffee maker is designed to brew delicious drip coffee with features that enhance flavor extraction and convenience.

## 2. PRODUCT FEATURES

- **Spiral Showerhead:** Unique 29-hole design for even saturation of coffee grounds, ensuring optimal extraction and rich flavor.
- **Programmable Warming Plate:** Keeps coffee at the perfect temperature for up to 4 hours with adjustable settings.
- **Dosage Chart & Gold Tone Filter:** Integrated water tank dosage chart and filter measuring marks for consistent results.
- **Removable Water Tank:** Clear tank with a large opening for easy filling and minimal spills.
- **Dual Brew Buttons:** Brew buttons on both the side and front for flexible countertop placement and easy access.
- **Unique Pour Spout:** Designed to prevent drips and messes, allowing for hassle-free pouring into various cup sizes.
- **Included Components:** (1) Drip coffee maker, (1) Charcoal filter, (1) Gold-tone filter.

## 3. SETUP

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all packaging materials and ensure all components are present.
2. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, wash the carafe, lid, and reusable gold-tone filter in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly. Wipe the exterior of the coffee maker with a damp cloth.
3. **Install Charcoal Filter:** If using the charcoal filter, place it into the designated holder within the water tank.
4. **Position Coffee Maker:** Place the coffee maker on a flat, stable surface. Ensure it is near an electrical outlet and away from heat sources or water. The dual brew buttons allow for flexible placement.
5. **Power On:** Plug the power cord into a grounded electrical outlet. The display will illuminate.



Image: Side view of the KitchenAid KCM1209 Drip Coffee Maker, showing the removable water tank and control panel.

## 4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

### 4.1. Filling the Water Tank

1. Lift the removable water tank using its handle.
2. Fill the tank with fresh, cold water up to the desired cup marking (2-12 cups) indicated on the side of the tank. The dosage chart helps ensure correct water-to-coffee ratio.
3. Place the filled water tank back onto the coffee maker, ensuring it is securely seated.



Image: A hand lifting the clear, removable water tank from the coffee maker.

## 4.2. Adding Coffee Grounds

1. Open the lid of the brew basket.
2. Place the reusable gold-tone filter (or a #4 cone paper filter) into the brew basket.
3. Add the desired amount of ground coffee into the filter. Refer to the dosage marks on the gold-tone filter for guidance (e.g., 8 cups, 10 cups, 12 cups).
4. Close the brew basket lid securely.



Image: Close-up of the coffee filter basket, showing the internal dosage marks for coffee grounds.

## 4.3. Brewing Coffee

1. **Immediate Brew:** Press the **Brew/Cancel** button located on the control panel or at the base of the unit. The indicator light will illuminate, and brewing will begin.
2. **Programmable Brew (Auto Set):**
  - o Press the **Auto Set** button.
  - o Use the **Hour** and **Minute** buttons to set your desired brew time.
  - o Press **Auto Set** again to confirm. The coffee maker will automatically start brewing at the set time.
3. **Brew Strength:** For a bolder coffee, press the **Bold** button before starting the brew cycle.
4. **Pause & Pour:** The coffee maker features a pause and pour function, allowing you to temporarily remove the carafe during brewing to pour a cup. Replace the carafe within 20 seconds to prevent overflow.

## 4.4. Warming Plate Settings

The programmable warming plate keeps your coffee warm for up to 4 hours. You can adjust the temperature and duration:

- Press **Plate Temp** to cycle through high and low warming temperatures.
- Press **Plate Timer** to adjust the duration the warming plate remains active.



Image: The KitchenAid KCM1209 Drip Coffee Maker on a kitchen counter, with a full carafe of freshly brewed coffee.

## 5. MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and taste.

- 1. Daily Cleaning:** After each use, discard used coffee grounds and rinse the gold-tone filter (or paper filter) and brew basket. Wash the carafe and its lid in warm, soapy water. All removable parts are top-rack dishwasher safe.
- 2. Exterior Cleaning:** Wipe the exterior of the coffee maker with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads.
- 3. Descaling (Clean Cycle):** The coffee maker features a **Clean** button. When the indicator light for **Clean** illuminates, it's time to descale the unit. Follow these steps:
  - Fill the water tank with a mixture of 1 part white vinegar and 2 parts water.
  - Place an empty carafe on the warming plate.
  - Press the **Clean** button. The cleaning cycle will run automatically.
  - Once the cycle is complete, discard the vinegar solution and run 2-3 cycles with fresh water to rinse thoroughly.
- 4. Charcoal Filter Replacement:** Replace the charcoal water filter every 2 months or after 60 uses for best results.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter any issues with your coffee maker, please refer to the following common solutions:

- **Coffee not brewing:** Ensure the power cord is securely plugged in, the water tank is filled, and the carafe is correctly placed on the warming plate.
- **Weak coffee:** Check that you are using the correct amount of coffee grounds for the water volume. Consider using the **Bold** setting.
- **Overflowing brew basket:** Ensure the carafe is fully seated on the warming plate. If using a paper filter, ensure it is properly unfolded and not collapsing.
- **Coffee not hot enough:** Verify the **Plate Temp** setting is on high and the **Plate Timer** is set for the desired duration.

For further assistance, please contact KitchenAid customer support.

## 7. SPECIFICATIONS

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- **Model Name:** Drip Coffee Maker with Spiral Showerhead and Programmable Warming Plate
- **Model Number:** KCM1209DG (Note: KCM1209 is the base model)
- **Brand:** KitchenAid
- **Capacity:** 12 Cups (3 Liters)
- **Color:** Matte Grey
- **Special Feature:** Programmable
- **Coffee Maker Type:** Drip Coffee Machine
- **Operation Mode:** Fully Automatic
- **Voltage:** 120 Volts
- **Item Weight:** 7.26 pounds
- **Product Dimensions:** 13.4 x 7.17 x 14.34 inches
- **Human Interface Input:** Buttons
- **Coffee Filter Size:** #6 Cone (or included Gold-tone filter)

## 8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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This KitchenAid KCM1209 Drip Coffee Maker comes with a **1 Year Manufacturer's Warranty**. For warranty claims, technical support, or any product-related inquiries, please refer to the contact information provided in your product packaging or visit the official KitchenAid website.