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Model: KCM1209OB

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The KitchenAid KCM1209OB is a 12-cup drip coffee maker designed for daily use, featuring a programmable warming plate that maintains coffee temperature for up to 4 hours. Its unique 29-hole spiral showerhead ensures even saturation of coffee grounds, leading to optimal extraction and a flavorful brew. Users can select between regular and bold brew strengths. Additional conveniences include 24-hour programmability and a pause and pour feature for serving coffee mid-brew.



Figure 1: Front view of the KitchenAid 12-Cup Drip Coffee Maker in Onyx Black.

KEY FEATURES

- **Spiral Showerhead:** Unique 29-hole design for even saturation and optimal flavor extraction.
- **Programmable Warming Plate:** Keeps coffee warm for up to four hours with high and low settings.
- **Removable Water Tank:** Clear tank with a large opening and dosage chart for easy filling and minimal spills.

- **Brew Strength Selector:** Choose between regular and bold strengths.
- **24-Hour Programmability:** Set the coffee maker to brew at a desired time.
- **Pause and Pour Feature:** Allows for serving coffee before the brewing cycle is complete.
- **Drip-Free Pour Spout:** Designed to prevent drips and messes when pouring.
- **Included Accessories:** Comes with one charcoal filter and one gold-tone filter.

SETUP

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging.
2. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, wash the carafe, brew basket, and removable water tank in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly.
3. **Positioning:** Place the coffee maker on a flat, stable surface. The brew button is accessible from both the side and front, allowing flexible placement on your countertop.
4. **Water Filter Installation:** If using the charcoal filter, follow the instructions provided with the filter for proper installation in the water tank.
5. **Fill Water Tank:** Remove the clear water tank by lifting its sturdy handle. Fill it with fresh, cold water up to the desired number of cups indicated on the tank. The dosage chart on the tank helps ensure consistent results. Reattach the water tank securely.
6. **Filter Placement:** Place either the reusable gold-tone filter or a #4 cone paper filter into the brew basket. Do not use both simultaneously.
7. **Add Coffee Grounds:** Add the appropriate amount of coffee grounds to the filter. The reusable filter has numbered steps (4, 6, 8, 10, 12) to guide the coffee dosage, with each number corresponding to the number of tablespoons for the respective cup count. Ensure the grounds are level.
8. **Close Lid:** Close the top lid securely. The showerhead moves with the lid for a proper fit.
9. **Plug In:** Plug the coffee maker into a 110-volt power outlet.



Figure 2: Side view highlighting the removable water tank.



Figure 3: Demonstrating the ease of filling the removable water tank.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Brewing Coffee

1. Ensure the coffee maker is set up as described in the 'Setup' section.
2. **Set Time (Optional):** If the coffee maker was unplugged, the time may need to be reset. Use the 'Hour' and 'Minute' buttons on the control panel to set the current time. The display indicates AM/PM.
3. **Select Brew Strength (Optional):** Press the 'Bold' button on the control panel if you prefer a stronger brew. The corresponding light will illuminate.
4. **Start Brewing:** Press the 'Brew/Cancel' button located either on the side control panel or on the front base of the unit. The brew icon on the display will illuminate, indicating that brewing has started. The coffee maker will begin brewing immediately.
5. **Pause and Pour:** The coffee maker features a pause and pour function, allowing you to temporarily remove the carafe to pour a cup before the brewing cycle is complete. The drip will stop automatically. Return the carafe to the warming plate within 20 seconds to prevent overflow.
6. **Brew Completion:** Once brewing is complete, the coffee maker will emit three beeps. The brew icon will turn off, and the 'Remaining Keep Warm Time' icon will illuminate, indicating the warming plate is active.



Figure 4: Pouring freshly brewed coffee from the carafe.

Programmable Brewing

To have coffee ready at a specific time, use the auto-set feature:

1. Follow steps 1-3 from the 'Setup' section.
2. **Set Auto Brew Time:** Press the 'Auto Set' button. The display will show 'Auto' and the time will flash. Use the 'Hour' and 'Minute' buttons to set the desired brew time.
3. **Confirm Setting:** Once the desired time is set, allow the display to stop flashing. The 'Auto' icon will remain illuminated, confirming the programmed brew time.
4. **Cancel Auto Brew:** To cancel a programmed brew, press the 'Auto Set' button again. The 'Auto' icon will turn off.

Warming Plate

The programmable warming plate keeps your coffee at an optimal temperature for up to 4 hours after brewing. The display will show the remaining warm time. To turn off the warming plate early, simply press the 'Brew/Cancel' button.

MAINTENANCE

Regular cleaning and descaling are essential for maintaining the performance and longevity of your coffee maker.

Daily Cleaning

- **Carafe and Brew Basket:** After each use, remove the carafe and brew basket. Discard used coffee grounds and rinse the filter. Both components can be washed in warm, soapy water or placed on the top rack of a dishwasher.
- **Water Tank:** The removable water tank can be easily detached and rinsed or washed as needed.

- **Exterior:** Wipe the exterior of the coffee maker with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the unit in water.

Descaling (Clean Cycle)

The 'Clean' icon on the display will illuminate after approximately 100 brew cycles, indicating that it's time to descale the coffee maker. This process removes mineral buildup that can affect performance and coffee taste.

1. **Prepare Descaling Solution:** Fill the water tank with a solution of equal parts white vinegar and water. Do not exceed the 12-cup max fill line.
2. **Start Clean Cycle:** Place the empty carafe on the warming plate. Press the 'Clean' button on the control panel. The clean icon will flash, and the coffee maker will begin a descaling cycle, which typically takes 20-30 minutes.
3. **Rinse Cycle:** After the clean cycle is complete, discard the descaling solution. Fill the water tank with fresh, cold water and run two full brew cycles (without coffee grounds) to rinse the system thoroughly.
4. **Reset Clean Indicator:** The 'Clean' icon should turn off automatically after the descaling process. If it remains on, repeat the descaling process.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your KitchenAid coffee maker, refer to the following common troubleshooting tips:

- **Coffee Not Brewing:** Ensure the unit is properly plugged in, the water tank is filled, and the brew basket is correctly seated. Check if the 'Brew/Cancel' button was pressed.
- **Weak Coffee:** Verify that you are using the correct coffee-to-water ratio. Ensure the 'Bold' brew strength is selected if desired. Check if the filter is properly placed and not clogged.
- **Overflowing Filter Basket:** This can occur if too much coffee is used, the grind is too fine, or the filter is clogged. Ensure the correct amount of coffee is used and the filter is clean.
- **Coffee Not Hot Enough:** Ensure the warming plate is active after brewing. If the 'Remaining Keep Warm Time' icon is off, the warming plate has automatically shut off after 4 hours.
- **'Clean' Light Remains On:** This indicates the coffee maker needs descaling. Follow the descaling instructions in the 'Maintenance' section.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Brand:** KitchenAid
- **Model Name:** KCM1209OB
- **Color:** Onix Black
- **Product Dimensions:** 7.17"D x 13.4"W x 14.34"H
- **Coffee Maker Type:** Drip Coffee Machine
- **Filter Type:** Reusable
- **Voltage:** 110 Volts
- **Item Weight:** 11.1 pounds



Figure 5: Product dimensions for placement reference.

WARRANTY & SUPPORT

This KitchenAid coffee maker is covered by a **1-Year Manufacturer's Warranty**. For detailed warranty information, troubleshooting, or to access the full user guide, please refer to the official documentation provided with your product or visit the KitchenAid support website.

A digital version of the User Guide (PDF) can be found at:

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