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Model: KKECMGBSS AZ | Brand: Koolatron

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the instruction manual for your Kenmore Elite Grind And Brew Coffee Maker, Model KKECMGBSS AZ. This appliance is designed to provide fresh, high-quality coffee by integrating a burr grinder with a programmable drip coffee machine. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating your coffee maker to ensure safe and efficient use.

## 2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and/or injury to persons.

- Read all instructions.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electric shock, do not place cord, plugs, or coffee maker 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 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 set 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.

### 3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW AND COMPONENTS

Familiarize yourself with the various parts of your Kenmore Elite Grind And Brew Coffee Maker.



Image 3.1: Front view of the Kenmore Elite Grind And Brew Coffee Maker, showing the bean hopper, control panel, and glass carafe.



Image 3.2: The coffee maker positioned on a kitchen counter, demonstrating its typical use environment.

### Key Components:

- **Bean Hopper:** Stores whole coffee beans, capacity up to 1/2 lb. Features an airtight seal for freshness.
- **Burr Grinder:** Integrated conical burr grinder for fresh grinding. Includes a grind size selector.
- **Control Panel:** Digital display and buttons for programming, strength selection, and grind control.
- **Water Reservoir:** Holds water for brewing, with visible level markings.
- **Charcoal Water Filter:** Removes impurities and odors from tap water.
- **Filter Basket:** Holds ground coffee (either freshly ground or pre-ground).
- **Glass Carafe:** 12-cup capacity for brewed coffee.
- **Warming Plate:** Keeps brewed coffee hot.

## 4. SETUP AND FIRST USE

## 4.1 Unpacking

1. Carefully remove all packaging materials from the coffee maker.
2. Place the unit on a flat, stable, heat-resistant surface.
3. Remove any stickers or labels from the appliance.

## 4.2 Initial Cleaning

Before first use, it is recommended to clean all removable parts and run a brewing cycle with water only.

1. Wash the glass carafe, lid, filter basket, and bean hopper in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry.
2. Insert the charcoal water filter into its designated holder in the water reservoir.
3. Fill the water reservoir with fresh, cold water up to the 12-cup mark.
4. Place the empty filter basket into its position. Do not add coffee.
5. Close the lid and place the empty carafe on the warming plate.
6. Plug the coffee maker into a standard electrical outlet.
7. Run a full brew cycle (refer to "Operating Instructions" for basic brewing steps, but without coffee).
8. Discard the water from the carafe and repeat the cleaning cycle once more.

## 5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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### 5.1 Brewing with Whole Coffee Beans (Grind & Brew)

This method utilizes the integrated burr grinder for the freshest coffee.

# BURR GRINDER FOR PROFESSIONAL RESULTS



**GRIND CONTROL**  
9 LEVELS FROM FINE  
TO COARSE



**STAINLESS STEEL BURR**  
GRINDS COFFEE  
BEANS EVENLY



**PERFECT BEAN  
CONTAINER**  
HOLDS 1/2LB OF BEANS  
SEALS FOR FRESHNESS



*Image 5.1: Visual representation of the burr grinder, grind control dial, and bean hopper.*

# GRIND BEANS JUST BEFORE BREWING FOR THE FRESHEST COFFEE AND RICHEST TASTE



Image 5.2: The coffee maker in operation, demonstrating the fresh brewing process.

1. **Fill Water Reservoir:** Open the lid and fill the water reservoir with fresh, cold water to the desired number of cups (2-12). Ensure the charcoal water filter is in place.
2. **Add Whole Beans:** Fill the bean hopper with whole coffee beans. The hopper has a 1/2 lb capacity.
3. **Select Grind Size:** Use the grind control dial to select your preferred grind size (Fine, Medium, Coarse). There are 9 levels available.
4. **Select Brew Strength:** Use the "Strength" button on the control panel to choose Mild, Medium, or Strong.
5. **Select Coffee Amount:** Use the "2-12 Cup" button to select the number of cups you wish to brew.
6. **Place Carafe:** Ensure the glass carafe with its lid is correctly positioned on the warming plate.
7. **Start Brewing:** Press the "ON/OFF" button to begin the grind and brew cycle. The machine will first grind the beans, then proceed with brewing.

## 5.2 Brewing with Pre-Ground Coffee

The coffee maker can also be used with pre-ground coffee.

# BREW WHOLE BEANS OR PRE-GROUND COFFEE



*Image 5.3: Demonstrating the addition of pre-ground coffee directly into the filter basket.*

1. **Fill Water Reservoir:** Open the lid and fill the water reservoir with fresh, cold water to the desired number of cups (2-12).
2. **Add Pre-Ground Coffee:** Add the appropriate amount of pre-ground coffee directly into the filter basket. Do not use the bean hopper for pre-ground coffee.
3. **Activate "Grind Off":** Press the "Grind Off" button on the control panel to bypass the grinder. The indicator light for "Grind Off" should illuminate.
4. **Select Brew Strength:** Use the "Strength" button to choose Mild, Medium, or Strong.
5. **Select Coffee Amount:** Use the "2-12 Cup" button to select the number of cups.
6. **Place Carafe:** Ensure the glass carafe with its lid is correctly positioned on the warming plate.
7. **Start Brewing:** Press the "ON/OFF" button to begin the brewing cycle.

## 5.3 Programmable Brewing

Set your coffee maker to automatically brew at a specific time.



## PROGRAM YOUR PERFECT POT

**SELECT: GRIND SIZE  
BREWING STRENGTH  
COFFEE AMOUNT (2,  
4, 6, 8, 10 OR 12 CUPS)  
START TIME**

**To automatically grind and  
brew exactly the right amount  
of coffee at just the right time.**



*Image 5.4: The control panel highlighting options for programming brew settings.*

1. Prepare the coffee maker for brewing as described in either Section 5.1 or 5.2 (water, beans/grounds, filter basket, carafe).
2. Press the "Program" button. The display will show "PROGRAM" and flash the time.
3. Use the "Hour" and "Min" buttons to set your desired brew start time.
4. Press the "Program" button again to confirm the setting. The display will return to the current time, and a small clock icon will appear, indicating the program is set.
5. At the set time, the coffee maker will automatically begin the brewing cycle.

### 5.4 Customizing Your Coffee



Image 5.5: Visual guide to selecting your preferred coffee strength.

- **Brew Strength:** Use the "Strength" button to cycle through Mild, Medium, and Strong options to match your taste preference.
- **Grind Size:** For whole beans, adjust the grind control dial. A finer grind generally results in a stronger, richer coffee, while a coarser grind yields a lighter brew. Experiment to find your ideal setting.
- **Water Quality:** The built-in charcoal water filter helps ensure optimal coffee flavor by removing impurities from tap water.

## 6. MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Regular cleaning and maintenance will ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your coffee maker. Always unplug the appliance before cleaning.

### 6.1 Daily Cleaning

- **Carafe and Lid:** Wash the glass carafe and its lid in warm, soapy water after each use. Rinse thoroughly.

- **Filter Basket:** Remove and discard used coffee grounds and filter. Wash the filter basket in warm, soapy water.
- **Warming Plate:** Wipe the warming plate with a damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners.
- **Exterior:** Wipe the exterior surfaces of the coffee maker with a soft, damp cloth.

## 6.2 Grinder Cleaning

The burr grinder should be cleaned regularly to prevent buildup and ensure consistent grinding.

1. Ensure the coffee maker is unplugged and cooled.
2. Remove the bean hopper.
3. Carefully remove the upper burr grinder component. Refer to the "OPEN" button or lever near the grinder for access.
4. Use a small brush (often included with coffee grinders) to remove any loose coffee grounds from the burrs and the grinding chamber.
5. Wipe the bean hopper with a dry cloth. Do not wash with water unless specified by the manufacturer, as moisture can damage beans or grinder components.
6. Reassemble the grinder components and bean hopper.

## 6.3 Descaling

Mineral deposits (scale) can build up in your coffee maker over time, affecting performance and coffee taste. Descale regularly, depending on water hardness and frequency of use (e.g., every 1-3 months).

1. Prepare a descaling solution: Mix white vinegar and water in equal parts, or use a commercial descaling solution according to its instructions.
2. Pour the solution into the water reservoir.
3. Place the empty carafe on the warming plate.
4. Run a full brew cycle. If using vinegar, you may notice a strong odor.
5. After the cycle, discard the solution.
6. Run 2-3 cycles with fresh, clean water to rinse out any remaining descaling solution and odor.

## 6.4 Charcoal Water Filter Replacement

The charcoal water filter should be replaced approximately every 60 brew cycles or every 2 months, whichever comes first, to maintain optimal water quality.

1. Remove the old filter from its holder.
2. Soak a new charcoal filter in cold tap water for 15 minutes.
3. Rinse the new filter under cold running water for 10 seconds.
4. Insert the new filter into the filter holder.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

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Refer to this section for solutions to common issues you might encounter.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Coffee does not brew.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit not plugged in.</li> <li>• No water in reservoir.</li> <li>• Programmed brew time not set correctly.</li> <li>• Power outage.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the power cord is securely plugged into a working outlet.</li> <li>• Fill the water reservoir to the desired level.</li> <li>• Verify the programmed time and ensure the program function is active.</li> <li>• Reset the clock and program if necessary.</li> </ul>
Grinder jams or does not grind beans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beans are too oily or moist.</li> <li>• Grinder chute is clogged with old grounds.</li> <li>• Foreign object in grinder.</li> <li>• Bean hopper empty.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean the grinder thoroughly as per Section 6.2.</li> <li>• Use fresh, dry, non-oily beans.</li> <li>• Ensure the bean hopper contains enough beans.</li> <li>• If a foreign object is suspected, contact customer support.</li> </ul>
Coffee is too weak or too strong.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorrect brew strength setting.</li> <li>• Incorrect grind size (for whole beans).</li> <li>• Insufficient coffee grounds/beans.</li> <li>• Water filter needs replacement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjust the brew strength setting (Mild, Medium, Strong).</li> <li>• Adjust the grind size (finer for stronger, coarser for weaker).</li> <li>• Ensure correct amount of coffee beans/grounds for desired cups.</li> <li>• Replace the charcoal water filter.</li> </ul>
Coffee maker leaks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carafe not properly seated.</li> <li>• Overfilling water reservoir.</li> <li>• Filter basket overflow.</li> <li>• Unit defect.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the carafe is correctly placed on the warming plate.</li> <li>• Do not exceed the maximum fill line in the water reservoir.</li> <li>• Ensure the filter basket is not overfilled with grounds.</li> <li>• If leaking persists, contact customer support.</li> </ul>

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

Technical details for the Kenmore Elite Grind And Brew Coffee Maker.



Image 8.1: Dimensions of the Kenmore Elite Grind And Brew Coffee Maker.

Feature	Detail
Model Name	KKECMGBSS AZ
Brand	Koolatron
Product Dimensions	10"D x 8"W x 16"H
Item Weight	11.5 pounds
Voltage	120V
Coffee Maker Type	Drip Coffee Machine
Capacity	12-cup carafe, 1/2 lb bean hopper
Special Features	Programmable, Built-in Burr Grinder, Charcoal Water Filter
Coffee Input Type	Whole Bean or Pre-Ground
Human Interface Input	Touchscreen (Digital Controls)

## 9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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### 9.1 Five-Year Limited Warranty

This Kenmore Elite Grind And Brew Coffee Maker is covered by a **Five-Year Limited Warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal household use. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

The warranty does not cover damage resulting from misuse, accident, abuse, neglect, commercial use, or unauthorized modification.

### 9.2 Customer Support

For technical assistance, troubleshooting beyond this manual, or warranty inquiries, please contact Koolatron Customer Support.

- **Manufacturer:** Koolatron
- *Please refer to the product packaging or the manufacturer's official website for the most current contact information (phone number, email, or support portal).*

