

Keurig K-Cafe Essentials

Keurig K-Cafe Essentials Single Serve K-Cup Pod Coffee, Latte and Cappuccino Maker

Model: K-Cafe Essentials

INTRODUCTION

The Keurig K-Cafe Essentials Coffee Maker is designed to provide a versatile brewing experience, allowing you to enjoy delicious coffee, lattes, and cappuccinos with ease. This single-serve system simplifies your daily coffee routine, offering both standard coffee brewing and specialty beverage creation with a built-in milk frother.

Key features include a built-in milk frother optimized for various milk types, a dedicated coffee shot option for specialty drinks, and three brew sizes (8, 10, or 12 oz) to suit your preference. The machine also features a 42 oz removable water reservoir for convenient refilling.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read all instructions before using this appliance. When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and/or injury to persons.

- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electric shock, do not immerse cord, plugs, or the 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 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.

SETUP

Before first use, it is recommended to clean the appliance. Follow these steps for initial setup:

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all packaging materials and place the coffee maker on a stable, flat surface.
2. **Clean Water Reservoir:** Remove the 42 oz water reservoir and wash it with warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly.
3. **Fill Water Reservoir:** Fill the reservoir with fresh water up to the MAX fill line. Place it back onto the coffee maker.
4. **Initial Rinse Brew:** Place a large mug on the drip tray. Do not insert a K-Cup pod. Press the 12 oz brew button to perform a cleansing brew. Discard the hot water. This prepares the machine for use.
5. **Frother Setup:** Ensure the milk frother is clean and properly assembled.



Image: The Keurig K-Cafe Essentials Coffee Maker, showcasing its main components including the coffee brewer, removable water reservoir, and integrated milk frother, alongside two prepared coffee beverages.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Brewing Standard Coffee

The K-Cafe Essentials can brew a regular cup of coffee just like any other Keurig machine, without using the frother.

1. **Power On:** Ensure the coffee maker is plugged in and the power light is on.
2. **Fill Water Reservoir:** Check that the water reservoir has sufficient water.
3. **Place Mug:** Place a mug on the drip tray.
4. **Insert K-Cup Pod:** Lift the handle, insert your desired K-Cup pod into the K-Cup pod holder, and firmly close the

handle.

5. **Select Brew Size:** Choose your desired brew size (8 oz, 10 oz, or 12 oz) by pressing the corresponding button. For a stronger brew, press the "STRONG" button before selecting your size.
6. **Brew:** The machine will begin brewing. Once complete, the brew button will stop flashing.
7. **Remove Pod:** Carefully lift the handle and remove the used K-Cup pod.

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BUILT-IN MILK FROTHER
use any fresh milk or dairy alternative



**COFFEE SHOT FOR
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use any K-Cup® pod



STRONG BREW
for a stronger more intense coffee



3 CUP SIZES
8, 10, and 12 oz.



Image: A close-up view of the Keurig K-Café Essentials control panel, highlighting the 8 oz, 10 oz, and 12 oz brew size selection buttons, along with the "SHOT" and "STRONG" options.

Making Lattes and Cappuccinos

Create coffeehouse-style beverages with the integrated milk frother and coffee shot feature.

1. Brew Coffee Shot:

- Place a mug on the drip tray.
- Insert your desired K-Cup pod.
- Press the "SHOT" button for a concentrated 2 oz coffee shot.

2. Froth Milk:

- Pour your preferred milk or dairy alternative (e.g., oat, almond, soy) into the milk frother. Do not exceed the MAX fill line.
- Place the lid on the frother and place the frother onto its base.
- Press the frother button. The frother will automatically stop when the milk is frothed to the desired consistency.

3. Combine and Enjoy:

- Pour the frothed milk into your mug with the coffee shot.
- Stir gently and enjoy your specialty beverage.



Image: A visual guide illustrating the three easy steps to make a latte or cappuccino: brew a K-Cup pod, froth milk using the built-in frother, and then combine to enjoy.

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Image: A detailed view of the built-in milk frother, emphasizing its design and functionality for frothing various types of milk or dairy alternatives.

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Image: A close-up of the control panel, specifically highlighting the "SHOT" button, which is used to brew a concentrated coffee shot for specialty beverages.

MAINTENANCE

Regular cleaning and maintenance will ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Keurig K-Cafe Essentials.

Cleaning the Milk Frother

- After each use, rinse the frother pitcher and lid with warm water.
- For a more thorough clean, the frother pitcher and lid are top-rack dishwasher safe.
- Wipe the frother base with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the base in water.

Cleaning the Drip Tray

- The drip tray can accumulate spills and should be cleaned regularly.
- Remove the drip tray and wash it with warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry.

Descaling

Over time, calcium deposits (scale) can build up in your coffee maker. The "DESCALE" indicator light will illuminate when descaling is recommended. Refer to the full descaling instructions in the comprehensive user manual or on the Keurig website for detailed steps using a descaling solution.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Coffee maker not brewing / Water not pumping	Low water in reservoir, air in system, or clogged needle.	Ensure reservoir is filled. Perform a cleansing brew without a K-Cup pod. If problem persists, refer to the manufacturer's website for detailed troubleshooting steps for airlocks or needle clogs.
Frother not working or producing enough foam	Frother not properly seated, insufficient milk, or frother needs cleaning.	Ensure the frother pitcher is correctly placed on its base. Check milk level (do not overfill or underfill). Clean the frother thoroughly, especially the whisk. Some milk types may froth better than others.
Coffee tastes weak or watery	Incorrect brew size selected, K-Cup pod issue, or machine needs descaling.	Select a smaller brew size for a stronger cup. Ensure the K-Cup pod is properly inserted. Consider using the "STRONG" brew option. Descale the machine if the DESCALE light is on.
"ADD WATER" light is on after filling reservoir	Water level sensor issue or reservoir not seated correctly.	Remove and re-seat the water reservoir firmly. Ensure it is filled above the minimum line.

SPECIFICATIONS

Brand: Keurig

Model Number: K-Cafe Essentials

Color: Black

Special Feature: Milk Frother

Filter Type: Reusable (Note: K-Cup pods are disposable, but reusable filters can be purchased separately for ground coffee)

Included Components: Coffee Maker, Milk Frother

Operation Mode: Manual

Product Dimensions: 10.3 x 9.4 x 12.7 inches (L x W x H)

Item Weight: 8.28 pounds

Water Reservoir Capacity: 42 oz

Brew Sizes: 8 oz, 10 oz, 12 oz, 2 oz (Shot)

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WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information and customer support, please refer to the official Keurig website or the warranty card included with your product. You can also contact Keurig customer service directly for assistance with product registration, troubleshooting, or parts replacement.

Keurig Official Website: www.keurig.com

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