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Model: TM-131CM | Brand: Toastmaster

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Toastmaster 12-Cup Digital Touchscreen Drip Coffee Maker. Please read all instructions carefully before first use and retain for future reference.

The Toastmaster 12-Cup Digital Touchscreen Drip Coffee Maker is designed to brew delicious coffee with ease. It features a 1-4 cup option for smaller batches, a Keep Warm setting that maintains coffee temperature for up to two hours, and automatic shut-off for convenience and safety.

KEY FEATURES

- **One-Touch Programming:** Easy selection for immediate brewing or auto-brew at a pre-programmed time.
- **1-4 Cup Option:** Brews smaller amounts of coffee without compromising flavor.
- **Pause & Serve:** Allows temporary removal of the carafe during brewing to pour a cup.
- **Keep Warm Setting:** Maintains coffee temperature for up to 2 hours after brewing.
- **Auto-Off Function:** Automatically shuts off the warming plate after 2 hours for safety.
- **60 Ounce (1800 mL) Capacity:** Large water tank and carafe suitable for up to 12 standard 5-ounce cups.
- **Removable Filter Basket:** For easy cleaning and maintenance.
- **Digital Touchscreen Display:** Intuitive interface for setting time and programming.

COMPONENT IDENTIFICATION

Familiarize yourself with the parts of your coffee maker before operation.



Figure 1: Front view of the Toastmaster 12-Cup Digital Touchscreen Drip Coffee Maker, showing the digital display and carafe.



Figure 2: Top view of the coffee maker with the lid open, revealing the removable filter basket and water reservoir opening.



Figure 3: Detailed view of the digital touchscreen display, showing "BREW", "1-4", "HR", "MIN", "PROG", and "AUTO" buttons.



Figure 4: Close-up of the clear water level indicator on the side of the coffee maker, marked up to 12 cups.

SETUP GUIDE

Initial Setup and First Use

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all packaging materials and promotional labels from your coffee maker.
2. **Clean Components:** Wash the carafe, carafe lid, and removable filter basket in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry. Wipe the exterior of the coffee maker with a soft, damp cloth.
3. **First Brew Cycle (Cleaning):**
 - Fill the water reservoir with fresh, cold water up to the 12-cup mark.
 - Place an empty paper filter (or the reusable filter, if using) into the filter basket.
 - Close the top lid securely.
 - Place the empty carafe on the warming plate.
 - Plug the coffee maker into a 120V AC electrical outlet.
 - Press the "BREW" button to start a full brewing cycle without coffee grounds.
 - Once the cycle is complete, discard the water from the carafe and turn off the coffee maker.
 - Allow the appliance to cool completely before proceeding.

4. Your coffee maker is now ready for use.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Brewing Coffee

1. **Fill Water Reservoir:** Open the top lid and fill the water reservoir with fresh, cold water to your desired level using the water level indicator on the side. Do not exceed the "MAX" 12-cup line.
2. **Add Coffee Grounds:** Place a paper filter (cone-shaped) or the reusable filter into the filter basket. Add the desired amount of ground coffee. A general guideline is one level tablespoon of coffee per 5 ounces of water, but adjust to your taste.
3. **Close Lid:** Close the top lid firmly.
4. **Place Carafe:** Ensure the carafe is properly placed on the warming plate.
5. **Plug In:** Plug the coffee maker into a 120V AC electrical outlet. The digital display will illuminate.
6. **Set Time (if needed):** To set the current time, press the "HR" button to set the hour and the "MIN" button to set the minutes. The time will automatically set after a few seconds of inactivity.
7. **Start Brewing:**
 - For a full pot (5-12 cups), simply press the "BREW" button. The coffee maker will begin brewing immediately.
 - For 1-4 cups, press the "1-4" button first, then press the "BREW" button. This option optimizes brewing for smaller quantities.
8. **Pause & Serve:** The coffee maker features a pause and serve function. You can remove the carafe during the brewing cycle to pour a cup. Replace the carafe within 20 seconds to prevent overflow from the filter basket.
9. **Keep Warm:** After brewing, the warming plate will keep the coffee warm for up to 2 hours. The digital display will show the elapsed time since brewing completed.
10. **Auto-Off:** The coffee maker will automatically shut off after 2 hours of keeping warm.

Programming Auto-Brew

You can program the coffee maker to start brewing automatically at a specific time.

1. Follow steps 1-5 from the "Brewing Coffee" section (fill water, add grounds, close lid, place carafe, plug in).
2. Press the "PROG" button. The display will show "AM" and a flashing time.
3. Use the "HR" and "MIN" buttons to set your desired auto-brew time.
4. Once the desired time is set, press the "AUTO" button. The "AUTO" indicator will illuminate on the display, confirming the program is set.
5. The coffee maker will now automatically brew at the programmed time. To cancel auto-brew, press the "AUTO" button again.

MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and extends the life of your coffee maker.

Daily Cleaning

- Always unplug the coffee maker before cleaning and allow it to cool completely.
- Discard used coffee grounds and paper filter.
- Wash the carafe, carafe lid, and removable filter basket in warm, soapy water. These parts are top-rack dishwasher safe.

- Wipe the exterior of the coffee maker, including the warming plate, with a soft, damp cloth. Do not immerse the coffee maker in water or any other liquid.
- Ensure all parts are thoroughly dry before reassembling and storing.

Descaling (Mineral Deposit Removal)

Mineral deposits (calcium) can build up in your coffee maker over time, affecting performance. Descale every 80 brews or monthly, depending on water hardness.

1. Prepare a descaling solution: Mix 4 cups of white vinegar with 8 cups of cold water.
2. Pour the solution into the water reservoir.
3. Place an empty paper filter in the filter basket and close the lid.
4. Place the empty carafe on the warming plate.
5. Press the "BREW" button to start a brewing cycle.
6. After approximately 30 seconds, press the power button to turn off the coffee maker. Let the solution soak for 30 minutes.
7. Press the "BREW" button again to complete the brewing cycle.
8. Discard the solution from the carafe.
9. Run 2-3 full cycles with fresh, cold water to rinse the coffee maker thoroughly and remove any residual vinegar taste.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Coffee does not brew.	Not plugged in; power button not pressed; auto-brew not set correctly.	Ensure unit is plugged in. Press "BREW" or check "AUTO" program settings.
Coffee basket overflows.	Too much coffee grounds; filter not seated correctly; carafe removed too long during brewing.	Use correct amount of grounds. Ensure filter is properly seated. Replace carafe quickly if using pause & serve. Clean filter basket and spray head.
Coffee is not hot enough.	Mineral deposits buildup; warming plate not functioning.	Perform descaling procedure. Ensure warming plate is clean and functioning.
Coffee tastes weak or bitter.	Incorrect coffee-to-water ratio; poor water quality; mineral deposits.	Adjust coffee amount. Use filtered water. Descale the coffee maker.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Toastmaster
Model Name	12-Cup Touchscreen Coffee Maker

Feature	Detail
Model Number	TM-131CM
Color	Black
Capacity	12 Cups (60 ounces / 1800 mL)
Product Dimensions	11"D x 6.5"W x 12.44"H
Power	1000 Watts
Voltage	120 Volts
Filter Type	Reusable (or paper cone filters)
Operation Mode	Fully Automatic
Human Interface Input	Touchscreen
Item Weight	3.75 pounds

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3.75 POUNDS



1000 WATTS



120 VOLTS

Figure 5: Visual representation of the coffee maker's dimensions (12.44"H x 11"D x 6.5"W) and key specifications (60 oz, 3.75 lbs, 1000 watts, 120 volts).

WARRANTY INFORMATION

This Toastmaster product is covered by a limited warranty. Please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase for specific terms, conditions, and registration details. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For further assistance, troubleshooting not covered in this manual, or warranty inquiries, please contact Toastmaster Customer Service. Contact information can typically be found on the product packaging or the official Toastmaster website.

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