

# Keurig K- Classic Coffee Maker



(Image from Keurig)

## Owner's Manual

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# Warnings/Hazards:

- Do not allow children to operate machine unless under adult supervision
- Do not allow cords or machine to get wet - this may result in fire
- Do not exceed the max fill line in the water reservoir
- Do not leave the Keurig unattended while brewing
- Do not lift Keurig handle while brewing
- Read all instructions before using

# Introduction:

The Keurig coffee maker has made life easier for many coffee lovers by simplifying the coffee brewing process. Because of its long-term cost-effectiveness, simplicity, and quickness to use in the comfort of your own home, the Keurig machine has become a very popular household item.

The objective of this manual is to cover that brewing process in-depth to make it as easy and quick as possible to get that morning cup of Joe in your hands. Don't worry if you're a coffee novice. Included in this manual are key terminology, technical descriptions, step-by-step instructions, and solutions to commonly asked troubleshooting questions. We'll walk you through everything; you'll be a barista in no time!

While a lot of what is being mentioned will also apply to other Keurig models, this manual is specifically intended for the Keurig K-Classic machine. Everything covered in the manual is included within the Keurig packaging besides the K-Cup pods, which you will have to purchase yourself.

# Key Terms:

- A. **Keurig:** Keurig machines brew a variety of hot beverages including coffee, tea, hot chocolate, etc. (from Den Garden)
- B. **K-Cup pods:** ground coffee contained inside a plastic cup
- C. **Brewing:** extracting the roasted and ground coffee (using the Keurig machine is one of many ways to do this) (from Perfect Daily Grind)
- D. **Water reservoir:** the Keurig plastic water tank where the water is stored
- E. **Caffeinated:** containing caffeine
- F. **Decaffeinated:** not containing caffeine

# Technical Description:

According to Keurig, the Keurig K-Classic Coffee Maker dimensions are 13.0" H x 9.8" W x 13.3" D. It is offered in two colors, black or rhubarb. The coffee maker is made out of plastic and weighs 9 pounds total. The main components of the Keurig K-Classic are its water reservoir, drip tray, status features, and k-cup pod sizes.

## **Water reservoir**



(Image from Keurig)

The water reservoir is 48 ounces and is on the left side of the machine. The large size of the water reservoir is ideal for the end-user as they can brew 6+ cups of coffee before having to refill it (keurig.com). The reservoir is clear so you can easily see the water level and get an idea of how long you have before having to refill. If it does need to be refilled, you can easily remove the lid, refill the water, and place the lid back on.

## Drip tray



(Image from Keurig)

There is a drip tray that you place your coffee mug on top of in order to catch the spills to prevent making a mess. However, the drip tray can also be removed if you need to fit a larger mug in there.

## Status features



(Image from Kroger)

On the right side of the Keurig are features to update you on the status of your keurig machine. If it lights up, that means that respective feature is currently active or action needs to be taken. The features included are:

- Add water: water reservoir levels are too low and water needs to be added
- Descale: brewer needs to be cleaned
- Heating: water is being heated to optimal temperature of 192 degrees (keurig.com)
- Auto off: Conserves energy by automatically turning off if Keurig has been idle for 2 hours
- Power: Indicates whether Keurig is turned on/off

## K-cup pod sizes



(Image from Kroger)

The Keurig machine can brew cup sizes of 6, 8, or 10oz. The same amount of beans are used for each size, meaning a 6oz coffee would brew the strongest cup.



# Instructions/Procedure:

1. Plug in the power chord to get started.



2. Once plugged in, turn on the machine with the power button. If extra water is needed, the 'add water' label on the top will light up blue.



3. This is the water reservoir where water will be added. Simply remove the lid.



- 4a. Don't pass the max fill line in the water reservoir when adding water.



4b. The water reservoir is clear so you can easily monitor the water level.



5. Once enough water is added, the machine will automatically start heating.



6. Grab your favorite coffee mug to place underneath!



7. After the Keurig has optimal water levels and is heated up, lift up the top handle.



8a. Grab a K-Cup to place inside the Keurig. You will have to buy these separately.



8b. Place the K-Cup inside the Keurig and close the handle.



9. The coffee mug sizes on the right side will begin blinking blue. Select your desired size you'd like to brew (the amount of beans are the same regardless of the size selected, meaning the small cup size will brew the strongest).



10. After selecting your size, the coffee will begin dispensing.



11. Dispose of the k-cup pod for the next person and enjoy!



# Troubleshooting:

## **The coffee mug sizes aren't blinking blue.**

- If the coffee mugs aren't blinking, simply lift up the Keurig handle and put it down again.

## **The water level light is on and the machine won't brew.**

- Check the water reservoir and add water to the tank. Make sure to not exceed the max fill line.

## **My Keurig isn't properly functioning.**

- If you followed all the procedures and your machine still isn't working, you can reset it by unplugging the machine, waiting a few moments, and plugging it back in. If this doesn't work, you can contact customer support at 866-901-2739.

## **How should I clean my Keurig?**

- According to Keurig, the best way to effectively clean the machine is to disassemble each part and clean them individually with liquid dish soap. Be sure to consistently clean your water reservoir to prevent mold from accumulating.



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