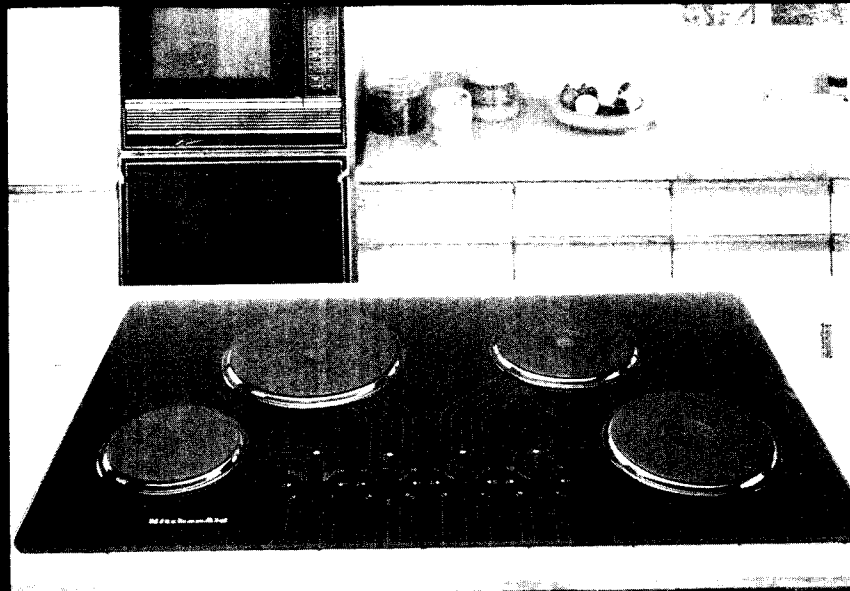




# **KitchenAid®** **36" ELECTRIC** **GLASS SURFACE COOKTOP**

**WITH CAST-IRON ELEMENTS**  
**MODEL KECT-3645**

## **USE & CARE GUIDE**





## **IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Be sure your cooktop is properly installed and grounded by a qualified technician.
2. Never use your cooktop for warming or heating the room.
3. Do not leave children alone. Children should not be left alone in area where cooktop is in use. They should never be allowed to sit or stand on any part of the cooktop.
4. Wear proper apparel. Loose-fitting or hanging garments should never be worn while using the cooktop.
5. User servicing. Do not repair or replace any part of the cooktop unless specifically recommended in this manual. All other servicing should be referred to a qualified technician.
6. Flammable materials should not be stored near cooktop.
7. Do not use water on grease fires. Never pick up a flaming pan. Smother flaming pan on cooktop by covering with well fitting lid, cookie sheet or flat tray. Flaming grease outside pan can be extinguished with baking soda or, if available, a multipurpose dry chemical or foam-type extinguisher.
8. Use only dry potholders. Moist or damp potholders on hot surfaces may result in burns from steam. Do not let potholder touch hot heating elements. Do not use a towel or other bulky cloth.
9. Use proper pan size. This cooktop is equipped with elements of different size. Select utensils with flat bottoms large enough to cover the element. The use of undersized utensils will expose a portion of the element to direct contact with the user which could result in burns. Proper relationship of utensil to element will also save energy.

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10. Only certain types of glass, glass/ceramic, ceramic, earthenware or other glazed utensils are suitable for cooktop use without breaking due to the sudden change in temperature. Check manufacturers' recommendation before using.
  11. Utensil handles should be turned inward and not extend over adjacent elements. To reduce risk of burns, ignition of flammable materials, and spillage due to unintentional contact with the utensil, the handle of the utensil should be positioned so that it is turned inward, and not extend over adjacent elements.
  12. Never leave elements unattended at high heat settings. Boil overs cause smoking and greasy spillovers that may ignite.
  13. Do not use decorative covers or trivets over the elements.
  14. Do not touch surface elements or areas near elements. Surface elements may be hot even though they are dark in color. Areas near surface elements may become hot enough to cause burns. During and after use, do not touch or let clothing or other flammable materials contact surface elements or areas near elements until they have had sufficient time to cool.
  15. **CAUTION:** Do not store items attractive to children in cabinets above a cooktop or on the backguard of a cooktop—children climbing on the cooktop to reach items could be seriously injured.
  16. Do not cook on broken cooktop. If cooktop should break, cleaning solutions or spillovers may penetrate the broken cooktop and create a risk of electric shock. Contact a qualified technician immediately.
  17. Clean cooktop with caution. If a wet sponge or cloth is used to wipe spills on a hot cooking area, be careful to avoid steam burn. Some cleansers can produce noxious fumes if applied to a hot surface.

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**



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## OWNERSHIP REGISTRATION CARD

### Take a minute...

Before you use your cooktop, please fill out and mail your ownership registration card packed with the Use and Care Guide. This card will enable us to contact you in the unlikely event of a product safety notification and assist us in complying with the provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Act. THIS CARD DOES NOT VERIFY YOUR WARRANTY.

Keep a copy of the sales receipt showing the date of purchase and/or date of installation. PROOF OF PURCHASE WILL INSURE YOU OF IN-WARRANTY SERVICE.

Write down the following information for your personal records. You will need it if your cooktop ever requires service.

Model Number\* \_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number\* \_\_\_\_\_

Date Purchased \_\_\_\_\_

Date Installed \_\_\_\_\_

Dealer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\*Model and serial numbers can be found on a nameplate attached to the underside of the cooktop.

## IMPORTANT — BEFORE USING YOUR COOKTOP

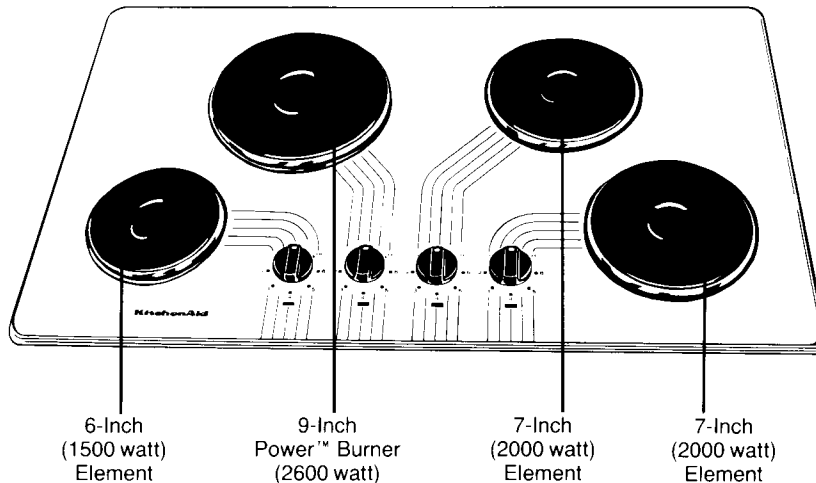
The elements on your KitchenAid cooktop have a protective coating which must be heat hardened before use. To cure this coating, heat the elements on HIGH for three to five minutes **without a pan**. There will be some smoking and odor as the elements are heating; this is normal and nontoxic. The stainless steel rings around each element will also permanently change to a gold color as the elements heat.

If the coating is not hardened before use it can adhere to the pan and remove some of the element finish.

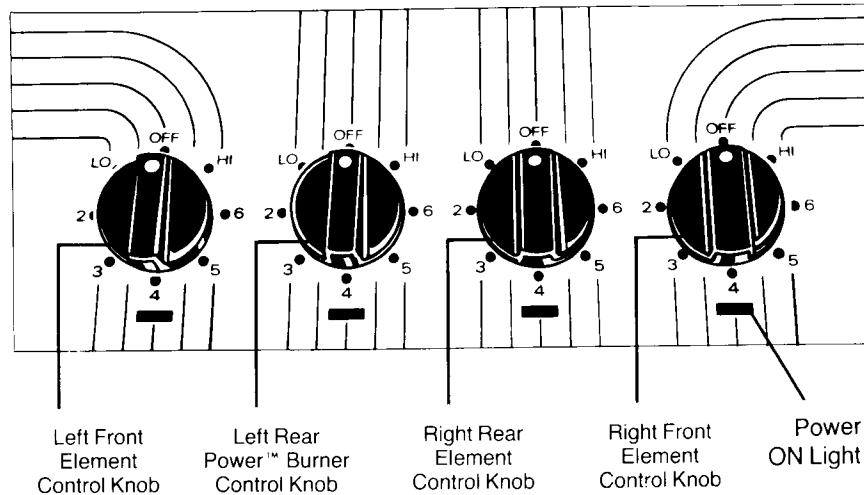
## COOKTOP FEATURES

Your new KitchenAid cooktop is equipped with four cast-iron elements which have been specifically designed to provide an infinite number of heat settings to meet a wide variety of cooking needs. The elements provide you with uniform, even heat distribution and uniform cooking. The elements heat up gradually and retain heat longer than open coil elements. Due to the retained heat in the element, cooking may be completed by turning the unit off and leaving the pan on the unit.

The elements are equipped with a built-in safety feature to protect them from overheating. The power to the element is automatically reduced if a pan boils dry or if an element is turned on without a pan.



# HOW TO USE



## CONTROL KNOB SETTINGS

The control knobs for each element have infinite positions ranging from "HI" for the highest level of heat to "LO" for simmer.

The following settings are merely a guide and may vary according to the material and thickness of the pan used.

- HI** To bring foods to boiling.
- 6-5** For fast frying or rapid boiling.
- 4** To continue frying or for foods cooked in a double boiler.
- 3-2** To continue boiling or cooking medium to large amounts of food.
- LO** To keep smaller amounts of food at the boiling point or for gently simmering foods.

## TO OPERATE

Grasp the control knob, push down and turn in either direction to any of the settings indicated, or to any position in between. The Power ON Light will glow when the element is turned on and then flash on and off to indicate that power to the element is cycling on and off to maintain the temperature for the selected control setting.



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## COOKING UTENSILS/TIPS

- Use cooking utensils with flat bottoms, straight sides and tight fitting lids. To determine if a pan bottom is flat, turn the pan upside down on a counter and place a ruler across the bottom. There should be no space between the pan and the ruler.
- Do not use large pressure canners, round bottom woks or griddles.
- Use only the correct size cooking utensils. Pans should be the same size or up to 1-inch larger in diameter than the element. Pans smaller than the element waste energy and cause spillovers to contact the element.
- Use a lid to shorten the cooking time.
- Turn the unit off before the end of cooking time and leave pan on unit. Food will finish cooking due to the retained heat in the cast-iron element.
- Aluminum pans heat up quickly and evenly.
- Stainless steel pans with copper or aluminum cores heat up evenly.
- Cast iron heats up slowly but cooks evenly.
- Check manufacturer's recommendation before using porcelain enamel-on-steel or porcelain enamel-on-cast iron.
- Only certain types of glass, glass/ceramic, ceramic, earthenware or other glazed utensils are suitable for cooktop use without breaking due to the sudden change in temperature. Check manufacturer's recommendation before using.



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## CARE AND CLEANING

**NOTE: BE SURE ALL COOKTOP PARTS ARE COOL BEFORE CLEANING.**

**CONTROL KNOBS**— Turn control knobs to the OFF position. To remove, pull up firmly from the switch stem. Wash in warm, soapy water. Dry and replace knobs, making sure OFF is at the 12 o'clock position.

**TEMPERED GLASS SURFACE**— Remove control knobs. Clean surface with mild glass cleaner or with clear warm water only. Soaps and detergents will leave a filmy residue. When cleaning cooktop with knobs removed, DO NOT allow water to run down inside unit.

**CAST-IRON ELEMENTS**— Wipe elements with a damp cloth. Remove heavy soils with a soap-filled scouring pad; rinse thoroughly. After cleaning, always turn elements on Setting 4 for a few minutes to dry.

After the elements are cleaned and cooled, use a paper towel or soft cloth to wipe elements with vegetable oil. Remove any excess oil with a clean paper towel or soft cloth. When elements are turned on after oiling, some smoking may occur; this is normal.

**STAINLESS STEEL ELEMENT RINGS**— The rings which surround the elements will turn a permanent golden color with use. Stains and spills can be removed with a nonabrasive stainless steel cleaner such as BON AMI.





## WHEN YOU NEED SERVICE

### Follow these steps

1. If your cooktop should fail to operate, check to be sure that a fuse has not blown or the circuit breaker is not open.
2. If the problem is not due to the above item, see "How to Arrange for Service" listed in the Warranty Statement.
3. If you are not satisfied with the action taken, contact the Major Appliance Consumer Action Panel (MACAP). MACAP is a group of independent consumer experts that voices consumer views at the highest levels of the major appliance industry. Contact them only when the dealer, authorized servicing outlet, wholesale distributor, and KitchenAid have failed to resolve your problem.

Major Appliance Consumer Action Panel  
20 North Wacker Drive  
Chicago, IL 60606

MACAP will in turn inform us of your action.

In all correspondence about your cooktop, please include:

- Date
- Your Name, Address and Telephone Number
- Type of Appliance
- Brand
- Model Number
- Serial Number
- Date Purchased
- Dealer from Which Purchased (include address)
- Servicing Agent (include name and address if different from dealer's)
- Location of Appliance
- A Clear Description of the Problem and the Service Required



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Bellows-Evans, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1537  
(205) 791-0890

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# KitchenAid<sup>®</sup> COOKING EQUIPMENT WARRANTY

LENGTH OF WARRANTY:	KITCHENAID WILL PAY FOR:	KITCHENAID WILL NOT PAY FOR:
<b>ONE YEAR FULL WARRANTY</b> FROM DATE OF INSTALLATION	Replacement parts and repair labor to correct defects in materials or workmanship. Service must be provided by a KitchenAid wholesale distributor or by one of their authorized KitchenAid servicing outlets.	A. Service calls to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Correct the installation of the cooking equipment.</li> <li>2. Instruct you how to use the cooking equipment.</li> <li>3. Replace house fuses or correct house wiring.</li> </ol>
<b>FIVE YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY</b> ONE YEAR FULL PLUS SECOND THROUGH FIFTH YEAR LIMITED FROM DATE OF INSTALLATION	Replacement parts (labor costs not included) for any electric element if defective in materials or workmanship.	B. Repairs when cooking equipment is used in other than normal home use. C. Damage resulting from accident, alteration, misuse, abuse, improper installation or installation not in accordance with local electrical codes. D. Any labor costs during limited warranty. E. Replacement parts or repair labor costs for units operated outside the United States.

**KITCHENAID, INC. DOES NOT ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.**

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so this exclusion or limitation may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

**HOW TO ARRANGE FOR SERVICE**

- First call your dealer or repair service he recommends.
- If you are unable to obtain satisfactory service, contact the KitchenAid wholesale distributor in your area. A complete distributor listing is printed in the Use and Care Guide furnished with the product.
- All service should be handled locally by the dealer from whom you purchased the unit or an authorized KitchenAid servicing outlet or wholesale distributor. If your local service is not satisfactory, contact Consumer Affairs, KitchenAid, Inc., 3800 Space Drive, Dayton, OH 45414.