

ELECTRIC COOKTOP

Use & Care Guide

For questions about features, operation/performance, parts accessories or service, call: **1-800-422-1230** or visit our website at... www.kitchenaid.com.



Models KECS161 KECS100 4456575

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COOKTOP SAFETY

Your safety and the safety of others are very important.

We have provided many important safety messages in this manual and on your appliance. Always read and obey all safety messages.



This is the safety alert symbol.

This symbol alerts you to potential hazards that can kill or hurt you and others.

All safety messages will follow the safety alert symbol and either the word "DANGER" or "WARNING." These words mean:

A DANGER

AWARNING

You can be killed or seriously injured if you don't <u>immediately</u> follow instructions.

You can be killed or seriously injured if you don't follow instructions.

All safety messages will tell you what the potential hazard is, tell you how to reduce the chance of injury, and tell you what can happen if the instructions are not followed.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING: To reduce the risk of fire, electrical shock, injury to persons, or damage when using the cooktop, follow basic precautions, including the following:

- CAUTION: Do not store items of interest to children in cabinets above a cooktop – Children climbing on the cooktop to reach items could be seriously injured.
- Proper Installation Be sure your cooktop is properly installed and grounded by a qualified technician.
- Never Use Your Cooktop for Warming or Heating the Room.
- Do Not Leave Children Alone Children should not be left alone or unattended in area where cooktop is in use. They should never be allowed to sit or stand on any part of the cooktop.
- Wear Proper Apparel Loose-fitting or hanging garments should never be worn while using the cooktop.
- User Servicing Do not repair or replace any part of the cooktop unless specifically recommended in the manual. All other servicing should be referred to a qualified technician.
- Storage on Cooktop Flammable materials should not be stored near surface units.
- Do Not Use Water on Grease Fires Smother fire or flame or use dry chemical or foam-type extinguisher.
- 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.
- DO NOT TOUCH SURFACE UNITS OR AREAS NEAR UNITS – Surface units may be hot even though they are dark in color. Areas near surface units may become hot enough to cause burns. During and after use, do not touch, or let clothing or other flammable materials contact surface units or areas near units until they have had sufficient time to cool. Among those areas are the cooktop and surfaces facing the cooktop.
- Use Proper Pan Size This cooktop is equipped with one or more surface units of different size. Select utensils having flat bottoms large enough to cover the surface unit heating element. The use of undersized utensils will expose a portion of the heating element to direct contact and may result in ignition of clothing. Proper relationship of utensil to burner will also improve efficiency.

- Never Leave Surface Units Unattended at High Heat Settings – Boilover causes smoking and greasy spillovers that may ignite.
- Glazed Cooking Utensils Only certain types of glass, glass/ceramic, ceramic, earthenware, or other glazed utensils are suitable for cooktop service without breaking due to the sudden change in temperature.
- Utensil Handles Should Be Turned Inward and Not Extend Over Adjacent Surface Units – To reduce the risk of burns, ignition of flammable materials, and spillage due to unintentional contact with the utensil, the handle of a utensil should be positioned so that it is turned inward, and does not extend over adjacent surface units.
- Do Not Cook on Broken Cooktop If cooktop should break, cleaning solutions and spillovers may penetrate the broken cooktop and create a risk of electric shock. Contact a qualified technician immediately.
- 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 cleaners can produce noxious fumes if applied to a hot surface.

For units with ventilating hood -

- Clean Ventilating Hoods Frequently Grease should not be allowed to accumulate on hood or filter.
- When flaming foods under the hood, turn the fan on.

For units with coil elements -

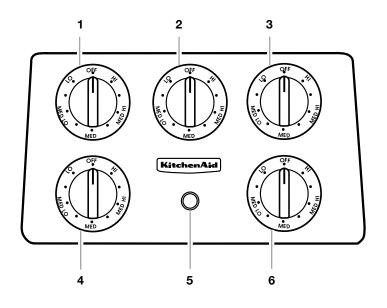
- Make Sure Reflector Pans or Drip Bowls Are in Place – Absence of these pans or bowls during cooking may subject wiring or components underneath to damage.
- Protective Liners Do not use aluminum foil to line surface unit drip bowls, except as suggested in the manual. Improper installation of these liners may result in a risk of electric shock, or fire.
- Do Not Soak Removable Heating Elements -Heating elements should never be immersed in water.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

PARTS AND FEATURES

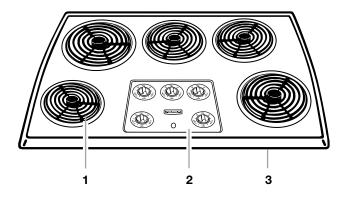
This manual covers different models. The cooktop you have purchased may have some or all of the items listed. The locations and appearances of the features shown here may not match your model.

Control Panel



- 1. Left Rear Control Knob
- 2. Center Rear Control Knob
- 3. Right Rear Control Knob
- 4. Left Front Control Knob
- 5. Power On Indicator Light
- 6. Right Front Control Knob





- 1. Plug-in coil element with one-piece reflector bowl
- 2. Control panel

3. Model and serial number plate located inside burner box

COOKTOP USE

Cooktop Controls

AWARNING



Fire Hazard Turn off all controls when done cooking.

Failure to do so can result in death or fire.

The control knobs can be set anywhere between HI and LO. Push in and turn to setting. The surface cooking area locator shows which element is turned on. Use the following chart as a guide when setting heat levels.

SETTING	RECOMMENDED USE
н	Start food cooking.
	Bring liquid to a boil.
6-8 [MED- HI]	 Hold a rapid boil.
	 Quickly brown or sear food.
5 [MED]	Maintain a slow boil.
	 Fry or sauté foods.
	 Cook soups, sauces and gravies.
2-4 [MED- LO]	■ Stew or steam food.
	■ Simmer.
LO	Keep food warm.
	 Melt chocolate or butter.

REMEMBER: When cooktop is in use, the entire cooktop area may become hot.

Power On Light

The Power On light will glow when any of the coil element(s) is turned on.

Coil Elements and Burner Bowls

(on some models)

Coil elements should be level for optimal cooking results. Burner bowls, when clean, reflect heat back to the cookware. They also help catch spills. Cookware should not extend more than 1 in. (2.5 cm) over the coil element. If cookware is uneven or too large, it can produce excess heat causing the burner bowl to change color. For more information, see the "General Cleaning" section.

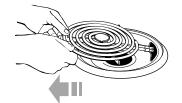
Before removing or replacing coil elements and burner bowls, make sure they are cool and the control knobs are in the off position.

To Remove:

1. Push in the edge of coil element toward the receptacle. Then lift it just enough to clear the burner bowl.



2. Pull the coil element straight away from the receptacle.



3. Lift out the burner bowl.

To Replace:

1. Line up openings in the burner bowl with the coil element receptacle.



- **2.** Holding the coil element as level as possible, carefully push coil element terminal into the receptacle.
- **3.** When the terminal is pushed into the receptacle as far as it will go, push down the edge of the coil element opposite the receptacle.

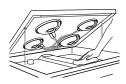
Lift-up Cooktop

(on some models)

The lift-up cooktop provides easy access for cleaning beneath. Do not drop the cooktop. Damage could occur to the finish and the cooktop frame. For more information, see the "General Cleaning" section.

To Lift:

Lift the cooktop by both front corners until the supports lock into place.



To Replace:

- **1.** Lift the cooktop from both sides while pressing the support rods back to unlock them.
- 2. Slowly lower the cooktop into place.

Home Canning

When canning for long periods, alternate the use of surface cooking areas, elements or surface burners between batches. This allows time for the most recently used areas to cool.

- Center the canner on the grate or largest surface cooking area or element. Canners should not extend more than 1 in. (2.5 cm) outside the cooking area.
- Do not place canner on two surface cooking areas, elements or surface burners at the same time.
- On ceramic glass models, only use flat-bottomed canners.
- On coil element models, the installation of a Canning Unit Kit is recommended. If not installed, the life of the coil element will be shortened.
- For more information, contact your local agricultural department. Companies that manufacture home canning products can also offer assistance.

Cookware

IMPORTANT: Never leave empty cookware on a hot surface cooking area, element or surface burner.

Ideal cookware should have a flat bottom, straight sides, a wellfitting lid and the material should be of medium-to-heavy thickness.

Rough finishes may scratch the cooktop. Aluminum and copper may be used as a core or base in cookware. However, when used as a base it can leave permanent marks on the cooktop or grates.

Cookware material is a factor in how quickly and evenly heat is transferred, which affects cooking results. A non-stick finish has the same characteristics as its base material. For example, aluminum cookware with a non-stick finish will take on the properties of aluminum.

Use the following chart as a guide for cookware material characteristics.

COOKWARE	CHARACTERISTICS
Aluminum	 Heats quickly and evenly.
	 Suitable for all types of cooking.
	 Medium or heavy thickness is best for most cooking tasks.
Cast iron	Heats slowly and evenly.
	 Good for browning and frying.
	 Maintains heat for slow cooking.
Ceramic or Ceramic glass	 Follow manufacturer's instructions.
	 Heats slowly, but unevenly.
	 Ideal results on low to medium heat settings.
Copper	 Heats very quickly and evenly.
Earthenware	 Follow manufacturer's instructions.
	 Use on low heat settings.

COOKWARE

CHARACTERISTICS

Porcelain enamel-on-steel or cast iron

- Stainless steel
 Heats quickly, but unevenly.
 - A core or base of aluminum or copper on stainless steel provides even heating.

See stainless steel or cast iron.

COOKTOP CARE

General Cleaning

IMPORTANT: Before cleaning, make sure all controls are off and the cooktop is cool. Always follow label instructions on cleaning products.

Soap, water and a soft cloth or sponge are suggested first unless otherwise noted.

COOKTOP CONTROLS

Do not use steel wool, abrasive cleansers or oven cleaner. Do not soak knobs.

When replacing knobs, make sure knobs are in the OFF position. On some models, do not remove seals under knobs.

Soap and water or dishwasher:

Pull knobs straight away from control panel to remove.

CONTROL PANEL

Do not use abrasive cleaners, steel-wool pads, gritty washcloths or some paper towels. Damage may occur.

■ Glass cleaner and soft cloth or sponge:

Apply glass cleaner to soft cloth or sponge, not directly on panel.

EXTERIOR PORCELAIN ENAMEL SURFACES (on some models)

Food spills containing acids, such as vinegar and tomato, should be cleaned as soon as the entire appliance is cool. These spills may affect the finish.

Glass cleaner, mild liquid cleaner or nonabrasive scrubbing pad:

Gently clean around the model and serial number plate because scrubbing may remove numbers.

STAINLESS STEEL (on some models)

Do not use soap-filled scouring pads, abrasive cleaners, Cooktop Polishing Creme, steel-wool pads, gritty washcloths or some paper towels. Damage may occur.

Rub in direction of grain to avoid damaging.

- Stainless Steel Cleaner & Polish (not included): See "Assistance or Service" section to order.
- Liquid detergent or all-purpose cleaner: Rinse with clean water and dry with soft, lint-free cloth.
- Vinegar for hard water spots

COIL ELEMENTS (on some models)

Do not clean or immerse in water. Soil will burn off when hot. For more information, see "Coil Elements and Burner Bowls."

Damp cloth:

Make sure control knobs are off and elements are cool.

BURNER BOWLS (on some models)

Do not clean in the Self-Cleaning cycle.

- Solution of ½ cup (125 mL) ammonia to 1 gal. (3.75 L) water: Soak for 20 minutes, then scrub with stainless steel wool pad.
- Oven cleaner: Follow product label instructions.
- Mildly abrasive cleanser: Scrub with wet scouring pad.

Porcelain enamel only, not chrome

Dishwasher.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Try the solutions suggested here first in order to avoid the cost of an unnecessary service call.

Nothing will operate

- Has a household fuse been blown or has the circuit breaker been tripped? Replace the fuse or reset the circuit.
- Is the appliance wired properly? See Installation Instructions.

Cooktop will not operate

- Is the control knob set correctly?
 Push in knob before turning to a setting.
- On coil element models, is the element inserted properly? See "Coil Elements and Burner Bowls" section.

Excessive heat around cookware on cooktop

Is the cookware the proper size? Use cookware about the same size as the surface cooking area, element or surface burner. Cookware should not extend more than 1 in. (2.5 cm) outside the cooking area.

Cooktop cooking results not what expected

- Is the proper cookware being used? See "Cookware" section.
- Is the control knob set to the proper heat level? See "Cooktop Controls" section.
- Is the appliance level? Level the appliance. See the Installation Instructions.
- On coil element models, is the element inserted properly? See "Coil Elements and Burner Bowls" section.

ASSISTANCE OR SERVICE

Before calling for assistance or service, please check "Troubleshooting." It may save you the cost of a service call. If you still need help, follow the instructions below.

When calling, please know the purchase date and the complete model and serial number of your appliance. This information will help us to better respond to your request.

If you need replacement parts

If you need to order replacement parts, we recommend that you only use factory specified parts. These factory specified parts will fit right and work right because they are made with the same precision used to build every new KITCHENAID[®] appliance.

To locate factory specified parts in your area, call our Customer Interaction Center telephone number or your nearest KitchenAid designated service center.

In the U.S.A.

Call the KitchenAid Customer Interaction Center toll free: **1-800-422-1230.**

Our consultants provide assistance with:

- Features and specifications on our full line of appliances.
- Installation information.
- Accessory and repair parts sales.
- Specialized customer assistance (Spanish speaking, hearing impaired, limited vision, etc.).
- Referrals to local dealers, repair parts distributors, and service companies. KitchenAid designated service technicians are trained to fulfill the product warranty and provide after-warranty service, anywhere in the United States.

To locate the KitchenAid designated service company in your area, you can also look in your telephone directory Yellow Pages.

For further assistance

If you need further assistance, you can write to KitchenAid with any questions or concerns at:

KitchenAid Brand Home Appliances Customer Interaction Center 553 Benson Road Benton Harbor, MI 49022-2692

Please include a daytime phone number in your correspondence.

Accessories U.S.A.

To order accessories, call the KitchenAid Customer Interaction Center toll free at **1-800-442-9991** and follow the menu prompts. Or visit our website at **www.kitchenaid.com** and click on "Shop-Online," then "Accessories."

Canning Unit Kit (coil element models) Order Part #242905

Cooktop Scraper

(ceramic glass models) Order Part #3183488 Cooktop Polishing Creme (ceramic glass models) Order Part #4392916

Stainless Steel Cleaner & Polish (stainless steel models) Order Part #4396095

KITCHENAID[®] COOKTOP, BUILT-IN OVEN AND RANGE WARRANTY

ONE-YEAR FULL WARRANTY

For one year from the date of purchase, when this appliance is operated and maintained according to instructions attached to or furnished with the product, KitchenAid will pay for factory specified parts and repair labor costs to correct defects in materials or workmanship. Service must be provided by a KitchenAid designated service company.

SECOND THROUGH FIFTH YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY ON ELECTRIC ELEMENTS, CERAMIC GLASS COOKTOP, GAS BURNERS, AND SOLID STATE TOUCH CONTROL SYSTEM

On electric ranges and electric cooktops, in the second through fifth years from the date of purchase, when this appliance is operated and maintained according to instructions attached to or furnished with the product, KitchenAid will pay for factory specified parts for any electric element to correct defects in materials or workmanship.

On ceramic glass ranges and ceramic glass cooktops, in the second through fifth years from the date of purchase, when this appliance is operated and maintained according to instructions attached to or furnished with the product, KitchenAid will pay for factory specified parts for the ceramic glass cooktop. KitchenAid warrants that the ceramic glass cooktop will not discolor, the cooktop pattern will not wear off, the rubber seal between the ceramic glass cooktop and porcelain edge will not crack, the ceramic glass cooktop will not crack due to thermal shock and the surface unit elements will not burn out.

On gas ranges and gas cooktops, in the second through fifth years from the date of purchase, when this appliance is operated and maintained according to instructions attached to or furnished with the product, KitchenAid will pay for factory specified parts for any gas burner to correct defects in materials or workmanship.

On ranges and built-in ovens, in the second through fifth years from the date of purchase, when this appliance is operated and maintained according to instructions attached to or furnished with the product, KitchenAid will pay for factory specified parts for the porcelain oven cavity/inner door if the part rusts through due to defects in materials or workmanship. KitchenAid will pay for factory specified parts for solid state touch control system and magnetron tube in combination ovens to correct defects in materials or workmanship.

SIXTH THROUGH TENTH YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY ON PRO LINE™ RANGES AND BUILT-IN OVENS PORCELAIN OVEN CAVITY/INNER DOOR

On PRO LINE[™] ranges and built-in ovens only, in the sixth through tenth years from date of purchase, when this appliance is operated and maintained according to instructions attached to or furnished with the product, KitchenAid will pay for factory specified parts for the oven cavity/inner door if the part rusts through due to defects in materials or workmanship.

KitchenAid will not pay for:

- 1. Service calls to correct the installation of your appliance, to instruct you how to use your appliance, to replace house fuses or correct house wiring, or to replace owner-accessible light bulbs.
- 2. Repairs when your appliance is used in other than normal, single-family household use.
- 3. Pickup and delivery. Your appliance is designed to be repaired in the home.
- 4. Damage resulting from accident, alteration, misuse, abuse, fire, flood, improper installation, acts of God or use of products not approved by KitchenAid.
- 5. Repairs to parts or systems resulting from unauthorized modifications made to the appliance.
- 6. Replacement parts or repair labor costs for units operated outside the United States.
- 7. Any labor costs during the limited warranty periods.

KITCHENAID SHALL NOT BE LIABLE 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.

Outside the 50 United States, this warranty does not apply. Contact your authorized KitchenAid dealer to determine if another warranty applies.

If you need service, first see the "Troubleshooting" section of this book. After checking "Troubleshooting," additional help can be found by checking the "Assistance or Service" section or by calling the KitchenAid Customer Interaction Center, **1-800-422-1230** (toll-free), from anywhere in the U.S.A. 4/01

Keep this book and your sales slip together for future reference. You must provide proof of purchase or installation date for in-warranty service.

Write down the following information about your appliance to better help you obtain assistance or service if you ever need it. You will need to know your complete model number and serial number. You can find this information on the model and serial number label/plate, located on your appliance as shown in the "Parts and Features" section.

Dealer name
Address
Phone number
Model number
Serial number
Purchase date