# Cuisinart® INSTRUCTION BOOKLET



Coffee Center® GRIND & BREW PLUS

SS-GB1 Series

For your safety and continued enjoyment of this product, always read the instruction book carefully before using.

#### IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be taken to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock and/or injury to persons, including the following:

- 1. READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS.
- 2. Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles and knobs.
- 3. To protect against electric shock, do not place cord, plug, or base unit in water or other liquids.
- 4. This appliance should not be used by or near children or individuals with certain disabilities.
- Always 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 dropped or damaged in any manner. Return appliance to the nearest Cuisinart Repair Center for examination, repair, and electrical or mechanical adjustment.
- 7. The use of accessory attachments not recommended by Cuisinart may cause injuries.
- 8. 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 fill water reservoir first, then plug cord into the wall outlet. To disconnect, push the OFF button, then remove plug from wall outlet.
- 12. Do not use appliance for other than its intended use.
- Snap lid securely onto carafe before serving any beverages
- Scalding may occur if the lid is removed during the brewing cycle.
- 15. The glass carafe is designed for use with this appliance only. It must never be used on the range top.
- 16. Do not set a hot carafe on a wet or cold surface.
- Do not use a cracked carafe or a carafe having a loose or weakened handle.
- 18. Do not lift handle to open the lid of the coffeemaker while brewing is in progress.
- Do not overfill the water reservoir with water.
   Use ONLY WATER in this appliance! Do not put any other liquids or foods in the water reservoir except as instructed in the cleaning instructions in this guide.

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- Do not clean carafe, heating plate or single-serve drip tray with harsh cleansers, steel wool pads, or other abrasive materials.
- 21. WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE THE BASE PANEL. NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS ARE INSIDE. REPAIR SHOULD BE DONE ONLY BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL.
- 22. Do not place cloth or otherwise restrict airflow beneath coffeemaker.
- 23. Use only the Cuisinart<sup>®</sup> Gold-Tone Commercial-Style Filter or standard basket paper filter with this unit. OTHER GOLD-TONE PERMANENT FILTERS MAY CAUSE THE COFFEEMAKER TO OVERFLOW.
- 24. Do not operate your appliance in an appliance garage or under a wall cabinet. When storing in an appliance garage, always unplug the unit from the electrical outlet. Not doing so could create a risk of fire, especially if the appliance touches the walls of the garage or the door touches the unit as it closes.
- 25. Only use capsules intended for this appliance. If the capsule does not fit, do not force the capsule into the appliance.
- 26. WARNING: To avoid the risk of injury, do not open the brew chamber during the brew process.

### SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY

### WARNING: RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK



The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated dangerous voltage within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of fire or electric shock to persons.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

### SPECIAL CORD SET INSTRUCTIONS

A short power-supply cord is provided to reduce the risks resulting from becoming entangled in or tripping over a longer cord.

Longer extension cords may be used if care is exercised.

If a long extension cord is used, the marked electrical rating of the extension cord must be at least as great as the electrical rating of the appliance, and the longer cord should be arranged so that it will not drape over the countertop or tabletop, where it can be pulled on by children or tripped over.

#### NOTICE

This appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). To reduce the risk of electric shock, this plug will fit into a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully into the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Do not modify the plug in any way.

#### **OPERATING NOTICE**

Clogging and backing up of water and/or coffee in the filter basket can occur under any or a combination of any of the following conditions: the use of too finely ground coffee; using two or more paper filters; using the gold-tone filter in conjunction with a paper filter; not properly cleaning coffee grounds from the gold-tone filter, or allowing coffee grounds to spill over the filter.

Caution: Never open the filter basket during the brewing cycle, even if no water is draining from the filter basket, since extremely hot water/coffee can spill out from the filter basket and cause injury. If water/coffee is not draining from the filter basket during the brewing cycle, unplug the unit and wait 10 minutes before opening and checking the filter basket.



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#### **UNPACKING INSTRUCTIONS**

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- 1. Place the box on a large, sturdy, flat surface.
- Remove the instruction book and any other literature.
- Turn the box so that the back side of the coffeemaker is down and slide the coffeemaker from the box.
- 4. After the coffeemaker has been removed, place the box out of the way and lift off the packing material.
- 5. Grasp the carafe by its handle, remove it from the heating plate, and remove the polybag.
- 6. Remove the polybag covering the coffeemaker.

Save all packing materials in case you have to ship the machine in the future.

KEEP ALL PLASTIC BAGS AWAY FROM CHILDREN.

#### THE QUEST FOR THE PERFECT CUP OF COFFEE

#### **ELEMENT 1: WATER**

Coffee is 98% water. The quality of that water is as important as the quality of your coffee. If water doesn't taste good from the tap, it won't taste good in your coffee. Cuisinart includes a charcoal water filter to remove chlorine, bad tastes and odors, for the purest coffee flavor, every time you brew.

#### **ELEMENT 2: COFFEE**

While coffee is 98% water, all of the flavor comes from the beans. To achieve the same great taste you enjoy at a coffee bar, buy only a two-week supply of fresh coffee beans at a time. Once the bean is broken, its flavor degrades quickly. That's why Cuisinart grinds your beans just prior to brewing.

#### **ELEMENT 3: GRIND**

The grind is critical for proper flavor extraction. If the grind is too fine, overextraction and bitterness will result. Too fine a grind may also clog the filter. If grind is too coarse, the water will pass through too quickly and the maximum flavor will not be extracted. Your coffeemaker is preset for medium, the optimal grind for this type of brewing process.

#### **ELEMENT 4: PROPORTION**

Coffee that is too strong or too weak is always a disappointment. Follow the recommended portions of ground coffee in the instructions under Brewing Coffee, and later adjust the amount to suit your taste.

NOTE: DO NOT OVERFILL OR THE GRINDER COULD MALFUNCTION AND/OR OVERFLOW.

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#### 12-CUP COFFEEMAKER FEATURES AND BENEFITS

#### 1. Coffeemaker Reservoir Cover

Flips back for easy filling and to access to the grinder compartment.

#### 2. Coffeemaker Water Reservoir

With water level indicator window.

#### 3. Showerhead (not shown)

Distributes water evenly over coffee, reducing temperature loss as water passes through grounds.

#### 4. Grinder Assembly

Removable for easy filling and cleaning.

a. Grinder Basket with Stainless Steel Blade

#### b. Grinder Lid

Use the recess on each side of the lid to remove lid for easy addition of beans. **NOTE:** Lid must be in place for unit to operate.

#### 5. Control Panel

See detailed illustration, page 7.

#### 6. Filter Basket Door with Release Button

Open to access coffee filter.

#### 7. Filter Basket

Remove lid to access. Holds paper filter or Cuisinart permanent gold-tone filter. **NOTE:** Lid must be in place for unit to operate. **NOTE:** Cover becomes hot after coffee is brewed. Use caution when removing cover.

#### 8. Gold-Tone Cuisinart Commercial-Style Filter

A note about filters: When using our permanent filter, position handle toward front of the unit so it does not interfere with the flow of coffee into the filter basket. Also **NOTE:** Using our permanent gold-tone





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filter may allow some fine coffee grounds to fall into, and appear as sediment in the carafe.

#### 9. Brew Pause™

Stops flow of coffee from basket when carafe is removed from the heater plate, so a cup can be poured mid-brew.

#### 10. Carafe

The easy-pour, no-drip, 12-cup carafe has an ergonomic handle and brewed coffee markings.

#### 11. Heater Plate

Keeps coffee warm after brewing. Scratch resistant with nonstick coating.

#### 12. Charcoal Water Filter

Eliminates chlorine, bad tastes and odors from tap water. Holder keeps filter firmly in place.

NOTE: Follow directions for preparing and inserting filter on page 8.

#### 13. Ready Tone (not shown)

Signals the end of the brew cycle with five beeps.

#### 14. Power Loss Backup System (not shown)

One-minute protection if a breaker trips, unit is unplugged, or power fails. Holds all programmed information, including time of day, Auto On time and Auto Off time.

#### 15. Measuring Scoop with Brush

16. Basket Paper Filters included (not shown)



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### SINGLE-SERVE COFFEEMAKER FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- 17. 40-Ounce Water Reservoir
- 18. Brew Handle
- 19. Brew Head

#### 20. Brewing Chamber

Holds Removable Capsule Holder or reusable filter cup.

#### 21. Flip-Down Shelf

To accommodate smaller brews.

- 22. Removable Drip Tray Plate
- 23. Removable Capsule Holder

#### 24. Charcoal Water Filter

Eliminates chlorine, bad tastes and odors from tap water. Holder keeps filter firmly in place. **NOTE:** Follow directions for preparing and inserting filter on page 8.



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### GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CONTROL PANEL 12-CUP COFFEEMAKER CONTROLS

Detailed programming and use instructions are on pages 8-11.

#### 1. Clock/LCD Display

Displays time of day, Auto On, and Auto Off times.

#### 2. Hour and Minute Buttons

Use to set hours and minutes for time of day, Auto On, and Auto Off times.

#### 3. Carafe

Press to activate Carafe Brew Mode.

#### 4. Grind Off Button

Select when using pre-ground coffee to turn off the grinder.

#### 5. BOLD Setting

Use to select bolder coffee flavor strength.

#### 6. AUTO ON

Select to program Auto On time. Press to activate Auto On feature and start brewing coffee at the programmed time.

#### 7. Brew/Off/Auto Off Button

Used to begin the brew cycle. When in carafe brew mode: Programs coffeemaker to automatically shut off 0 to 4 hours after brew cycle is complete.

#### 8. Clean Button

Indicator light appears when it is time to decalcify your coffeemaker. See page 11 for detailed descaling instructions.



#### SINGLE-SERVE COFFEEMAKER CONTROLS

Detailed use instructions are on pages 11-12.

#### 9. Pod Button

Press once to activate single-serve side. Use to select desired size of single-serve brew (8, 10, 12 oz.).

#### 10. Brew/Off/Auto Off Button

Press to begin single-serve brew cycle.

#### 11. Clock/LCD display

When in Pod Brew mode:

- a. Will display the last brew size selected. To change the brew size, press and hold the POD button to scroll through size options.
- **b.** The Add Water icon indicates the need to add water to brew.

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### CHARCOAL WATER FILTER

#### **INSERTING THE WATER FILTER**

- 1. Remove the filter from the polybag and soak, fully immersed, in cold tap water for 15 minutes.
- 2. Lift the water filter holder out of the water reservoir of the 12-cup coffeemaker side.
- 3. Press down on the filter compartment and pull toward you to open.
- Place filter into the holder and snap closed.
   Be careful improper placement can tear the filter skin.



- Flush filter by running cold tap water through holes in bottom of compartment for 10 seconds.
- 6. Allow the filter to drain completely.
- Slide the water filter holder back into the channel in the water reservoir, pushing down to the base of the unit.



NOTE: Repeat steps 1–7 above on the singleserve side

**NOTE:** We recommend changing the water filter every 60 days or after 60 uses, and more often if you have hard water.

Replacement filters can be purchased in stores, by calling Cuisinart Consumer Service, or at www.cuisinart.com

### SETTING UP YOUR 12-CUP COFFEEMAKER

#### **INITIAL CLEANING**

Perform an initial cleaning before making your first beverage. Follow these instructions, without adding coffee.

- Insert charcoal water filter. Follow directions for the preparation and insertion of the charcoal water filter on the left.
- 2. Fill water reservoir.



- 3. Make sure carafe is in place.
- If you haven't already, plug the power cord into an independent outlet. When the coffeemaker is plugged in, the unit will automatically turn on.
- Press the Carafe button once to enter Carafe Brew Mode. Press the Grind Off button to deactivate the grinder.
- 6. Press the Brew/Off/Auto Off button once and allow the brew cycle to run until it is complete.
- 7. The one-time cleaning process is complete. Discard hot water. Your coffeemaker is ready to use.

### PROGRAMMING YOUR 12-CUP COFFEEMAKER

#### SETTING THE CLOCK

When the coffeemaker is plugged in, 12:00 will flash in the display for 10 seconds, indicating the unit is in Time Set mode. If 12:00 stops flashing, simply press and hold Hour or Minute button to return to flashing Time Set mode. Hold buttons down to scroll through the digits, or press and release to advance one digit at a time. When scrolling, the numbers will advance slowly and then speed up. When the number displayed approaches the desired time, press and release to advance one digit at a time. Be sure the PM indicator is on if a PM time is desired.

#### SETTING THE AUTO ON TIME

When you enter the AUTO ON time set mode, the previously selected AUTO ON time, or the default time (12:00) will flash.

- Press and hold the AUTO ON button until the display begins to flash. Use the Hour and Minute buttons as above to program your start-brew time.
- Press the AUTO ON button once to confirm the set time and activate the program. The white light will illuminate, indicating the AUTO ON function has been activated. LCD will display the current time.

**NOTE:** Be sure to set any additional preference before the AUTO ON cycle begins.

3. AUTO ON brew cycle begins and the LED will turn off. The Carafe and Brew white indicator lights will illuminate when the brew cycle begins at the time you have selected. When the brew cycle is complete, Brew indicator light will turn blue, indicating the unit is in Keep Warm mode. Lights will turn off when the Keep Warm cycle ends.

**NOTE:** To start brew time at the same time the next day, simply press and release AUTO ON button once more. The white AUTO ON light will turn on.

#### SETTING THE AUTO OFF TIME

Press and hold the AUTO OFF button until the display is flashing. Use the Hour and Minute buttons as above to program your coffeemaker to shut off from 0 to 4 hours after brew cycle is finished.

### MAKING COFFEE WITH WHOLE BEANS

Follow instructions in Setting Up Your 12-Cup Coffeemaker on page 8.

1. Insert charcoal water filter

Follow directions for the preparation and insertion of the filter on page 8.

#### 2. Fill the water reservoir

Open the reservoir cover and pour in water, using the water level window indicator to measure the number of cups desired.

NOTE: Do not exceed the 12-cup line. Doing so could cause carafe to overflow.



#### 3. Add Beans

Lift the grinder basket lid, using the recess on either side. Fill the basket with the desired quantity of beans and replace lid.



NOTE: Use 1 level scoop (1 tablespoon) of whole beans per cup. For 1 to 4 cups, use 1½ level scoops per cup. Do not add more than 14 scoops. This could cause the grinder to malfunction and/or the coffeemaker to overflow.

#### 4. Insert Coffee Filter

Press the filter basket door release button to open door and place either a paper filter OR permanent filter in the basket.



- Paper Filter Place a basket paper filter in the basket, making sure the filter is completely open and touching the side walls and bottom of basket.
- Cuisinart's Commercial-Style Permanent Filter
- Be sure the filter handle is facing away from the grinder basket, so it does not interfere with the flow of ground coffee into the filter basket.

**NOTE:** Some ground coffee may flow into the carafe.

5. Put Filter Basket in Place and Close Filter Door

#### 6. Before brewing

Make sure the glass carafe is in position on the heater plate and the top cover is closed. Plug the cord into an electrical outlet.

**NOTE**: This coffeemaker is equipped with a safety interlock system, which prevents the unit from operating if the cover is open or the grinder cover is left out. If you try to turn the unit on with the cover open, the carafe indicator will flash continuously until the missing parts are installed and you close the lid. If you open the cover during the grinding process,

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the carafe indicator will flash, the grinder will stop grinding and, if brewing, the brewing will stop. Once the missing parts are in place and the cover is closed, the carafe indicator will turn off. The brewing process can be restarted by pressing the BREW/ OFF/AUTO OFF Button. Restarting the process will not affect coffee results. If you do not want the grinder to come on again, press the Grind Off button before pressing the Brew button.

#### 7. Brewing coffee

Press the Carafe button to enter the carafe brew mode. Press the BREW/OFF/AUTO OFF Button to begin brewing. The white indicator light will illuminate and flash slowly. Or, set the Auto On function (see page 9) and the Auto On indicator will light.

#### 8. After brewing

When the brewing cycle is complete, coffee will continue to stream from the filter for several seconds. When streaming completely stops, five beeps will sound and you can now enjoy your coffee.

**NOTE:** Reservoir cover may be hot during and directly after brewing. Wait at least 10 minutes before opening.

### MAKING COFFEE WITH PRE-GROUND BEANS

Fill the Reservoir and Insert Filter
 See steps #1 and #2 in "Making Coffee with Whole
 Beans," page 9.

#### 2. Add Pre-Ground Coffee

Press the filter basket door release button to open door and place either a paper filter OR the permanent filter in the basket. Add ground coffee the close filter door. Our recipe suggestion: Use 1 level scoop (1 tablespoon) of ground coffee per cup. Adjust the recipe according to taste.

**NOTE**: The maximum capacity for ground coffee is 16 level scoops (16 tablespoons), using either a paper or permanent filter. Exceeding that amount may cause overflow if the coffee is too finely ground.

- 3. Press the Grind Off Button
  When this function is activated, the white LED will come on
- 4. Follow Steps 5-8 in "Making Coffee with Whole Beans," on pages 9-10

#### BREW PAUSE™ FEATURE

This feature interrupts the flow of coffee from the basket to let you pour that first cup mid-brew. Because the flavor profile of coffee brewed at the start of a cycle differs from that brewed toward the end, be aware that using this feature will weaken the flavor strength of the finished pot.

**NOTE:** Removing carafe for more than 20 seconds may cause filter basket to overflow.

#### TIPS AND HINTS

- If you buy large portions of beans, separate them into one- or two-week portions and store them in airtight containers in the freezer. Preserve freshness by minimizing exposure to air, light, and moisture. Once beans are removed from the freezer, keep them in a sealed container at room temperature, since damaging condensation can occur when beans move from cold to warmer temperatures.
- Some experts feel freezing dark-roast beans can cause oils to coagulate; others disagree. You'll have to decide that one for yourself!

## 12-CUP COFFEEMAKER CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

COMPLETELY CLEAN AND DRY ALL PARTS AFTER EVERY USE. Always turn unit off and remove the plug from the electrical outlet before cleaning.

Open the reservoir lid and remove the grinder basket lid by using the recessed area on each side of the lid. Then remove grinder basket. Open filter basket door, remove filter basket cover, filter basket and filter basket holder. The grinder basket, grinder basket lid, filter basket and filter basket cover can be washed in warm, soapy water and rinsed thoroughly, or cleaned in the upper rack of the dishwasher. Dry all parts after every use.

Do not put any water in the unit once the grinder basket has been removed. Wipe the area under the grinder basket with a damp cloth. If water gets into the grinder motor, the motor may become damaged and may malfunction. Once clean, reverse the above steps.

Remove the carafe from the heating plate. Discard any remaining coffee. The carafe and lid can be washed in warm, soapy water and rinsed thoroughly, or placed in a dishwasher. The carafe and carafe lid should be placed on the upper rack only.

Do not use any scouring agents or harsh cleansers on any part of the coffeemaker.

Never immerse base unit in water or other liquids. To clean base, simply wipe with a clean, damp cloth and dry before storing. Fingerprints and other blemishes on the housing can be washed off with soap and water or a nonabrasive cleaning solution. Wipe heater plate with a clean, damp cloth. Never use rough, abrasive materials or cleansers to clean the heater plate. Do not dry the inside of the water reservoir with a cloth, as lint may remain.

**Maintenance:** Any other servicing should be performed by an authorized service representative.

#### **DESCALING**

Descaling refers to the removal of calcium deposits that form over time on the metal parts of the coffeemaker.

#### To Descale Your Coffeemaker:

Depending on the mineral content of water in your area, calcium deposits (scale) may build up in your coffeemaker. Though scale is not toxic, it can affect performance. Descaling the coffeemaker when the CLEAN indicator signals it is time to do so will help protect the heating element and other parts that come into contact with water. For optimal performance, descale coffeemaker every 3 to 6 months. If calcium deposits build up faster, the CLEAN light will illuminate, indicating 12-cup coffeemaker should be descaled.

**NOTE:** Before decalcifying your unit, remove the charcoal water filter from the water reservoir.

#### To clean:

- Fill the water reservoir to capacity with a mixture of one-third white vinegar and two-thirds water.
- Press and hold the CLEAN button for 2 seconds. When the CLEAN LED indicator flashes, the coffeemaker is in Clean mode.

**NOTE:** The grinder assembly must be in the correct position to activate the carafe side. If the assembly is not in place, the carafe LED will flash, indicating the carafe side cannot be activated.

- 3. When the cycle is completed, 5 beeps will sound and the coffeemaker will shut off.
- If the CLEAN indicator illuminates once more, repeat the cleaning procedure with a fresh solution of vinegar and water.

NOTE: One cleaning cycle is usually sufficient.

- When the CLEAN indicator remains off, run one cycle with a full reservoir of fresh, cold water to rinse the unit
- Return the charcoal water filter to the holder inside the water reservoir and your coffeemaker is ready to brew!

**NOTE:** If the CLEAN indicator light turns on and you do not wish to descale now, simply press the CLEAN button once and the LED indicator will turn off. However, the CLEAN indicator will turn on again during subsequent brewing cycles until the descaling procedure is complete.

#### SETTING UP YOUR SINGLE-SERVE COFFEEMAKER

#### **INITIAL CLEANING**

Perform an initial cleaning before making your first beverage. Follow these instructions, without inserting a capsule.

- Insert charcoal water filter if you haven't already.
   Instructions on page 8.
- Fill the water reservoir dedicated to the single-serve side of the unit



- If you haven't already, plug the power cord into an independent outlet. When the coffeemaker is plugged in, the unit will automatically turn on.
- 4. Open and close the brew head. Do not add a capsule.



- 5. Place mug on the drip tray.
- Press the POD button once to enter single-serve mode. The POD indicator light will turn on and the LCD display will show the default brew size 10 oz.
- Press the BREW/OFF/AUTO OFF button once.
   The indicator light will flash and the hot water will start to dispense momentarily.
- 8. The one-time cleaning process is complete. Discard hot water. Your brewer is ready to use.

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### USING THE SINGLE-SERVE COFFEEMAKER

Follow instructions in Setting Up Your Single-Serve Coffeemaker above.

#### **BREWING**

1. Add water into the 40-ounce water reservoir.



- Plug the power cord into an independent outlet. When the coffeemaker is plugged in, the unit will automatically turn on.
- 3. Place mug on the drip tray.

**NOTE:** Adjust positioning of the mug depending on size and the selected brew amount. Shelf flips down to accommodate shorter mugs and the drip tray can be removed to accommodate travel mugs.

4. Select a capsule.

**NOTE:** Do not remove the foil lid or puncture the capsule.

5. Open the brew head and place a capsule in the brewing chamber. Close brew head.

Caution: There are two sharp needles in the brewing chamber that puncture the capsule, one above and one below. To avoid risk of injury, do not put your fingers in the capsule brewing chamber.



 Press the POD button once to enter single-serve mode. The POD indicator light will turn on and the LCD display will show the default brew size 10 oz. or the previously used setting.

**NOTE:** The Add Water indicator will appear on the LCD when water level is below 13.5 ounces and no brewing can be done. To activate the single-serve

mode, simply fill the water reservoir and press the POD button to continue to brew as usual.

- To change the brew size, press the POD button continuously to scroll through size options until the desired cup size setting is displayed on the LCD display (8, 10, or 12 oz).
- To begin brewing, press the Brew/Off/Auto Off button once. The indicator light will begin to flash slowly and the beverage will start to dispense momentarily.

**NOTE:** To cancel brewing, simply press the Brew/ Off/Auto Off button once again and the brewing process will be stopped.

Caution: There is very hot water in the capsule chamber during the brewing process. To avoid risk of injury, do not lift the handle or open the capsule chamber during the brewing process.

- 9. Once fully dispensed, all of the lights will go off and the LCD will display the current time.
- 10. Enjoy your cup of coffee!
- 11. Lift the handle, then remove and dispose of the used capsule. Close the brew head and your brewer is ready to use again!

Caution: Capsule will be hot.



# BREWING WITH THE HOMEBARISTA™ REUSABLE FILTER CUP

The Single-Serve Coffeemaker can be used with a reusable coffee capsule (not included), which allows you to use your own ground coffee.

Try the Cuisinart HomeBarista™ Reusable Filter Cup for your favorite coffee or tea. Available in stores.

 Fill the filter basket within the reusable capsule with ground coffee, making sure not to fill past the max indicator. Adjust the amount to your personal preference. Do not tamp the grounds. Make sure there are no grounds remaining on the upper rim of the filter basket. Close lid.

NOTE: Max fill: 2.5 scoops or 15 grams.

- 2. Remove the capsule holder from the brewing chamber by pulling toward you.
  - 2a. Drop the reusable coffee capsule into the brewing chamber. There is no need to snap it into place.
  - 2b. Follow brewing instructions on page 12.

Caution: There are two sharp needles in the brewing chamber that puncture the capsule, one above and one below. To avoid risk of injury, do not put your fingers in the brewing chamber.

- After brewing, raise the handle and remove the reusable coffee capsule. Use caution, as the reusable coffee capsule will be hot.
- Replace the capsule holder, ensuring that the arrow on capsule rim aligns with the arrow on the brewing chamber. Gently push the capsule holder to snap into place.

**NOTE:** This coffeemaker is compatible with most reusable coffee capsules.

#### SINGLE-SERVE COFFEEMAKER CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

#### **CLEANING EXTERNAL PARTS**

We recommend regular cleaning of the coffeemaker's external components.

- Never immerse the coffeemaker in water or other liquids. The housing and other external components may be cleaned with a soapy, damp, nonabrasive cloth.
- 2. To remove the drip tray, simply pull it up, keeping it level at all times in order to prevent spills. The drip tray and drip tray plate are dishwasher safe. Do not clean drip tray with cleansers, steel wool pads or other abrasive materials

#### CLEANING THE CAPSULE HOLDER

Caution: There are sharp needles that puncture the capsule above and below. To avoid risk of injury, do not put your fingers in the capsule brewing chamber.

- The capsule holder is top-shelf dishwasher safe (use low temperature cycle). To remove, lift the handle to open the brewing chamber. Grasp the top of the capsule holder and pull up.
- Cleaning the Funnel To remove funnel from capsule holder, hold funnel in left hand, twist bottom away from you slightly and pull away from capsule holder. The funnel is top-rack dishwasher safe.

**NOTE:** The funnel may be tight the first few times you try to remove it; this is normal and will loosen with continued use.



3. Cleaning the Exit Needle – The exit needle is located on the inside bottom of the capsule holder assembly. Should a clog arise because of coffee grounds, it can be cleaned using a paper clip or similar tool. Remove capsule holder from unit, then remove funnel from capsule holder and insert the paper clip into exit needle to loosen the clog and push it out.





Replace funnel onto capsule holder by lining up tabs in funnel with notches on capsule holder, twist toward you until it locks into place. After cleaning, replace capsule holder, being sure to align the arrow on the capsule holder rim with arrow on the brewing chamber.

4. Cleaning the Piercing Needle – The piercing needle is located on the inside of the brewing chamber. Should a clog arise because of coffee grounds, it can be cleaned using a paper clip or similar tool. Insert paper clip to loosen the clog and push it out.



#### **DESCALING**

Mineral content in water varies from place to place. Depending on the mineral content of the water in your area, calcium deposits or scale tend to build up in most coffeemakers. Though scale is nontoxic, it can hinder

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performance from time to time.

Your SS-GB1 is designed to keep the internal heating element on the Single-Serve side free from excess water which will limit any calcium buildup. However, if you feel more comfortable descaling your coffeemaker, please follow the following steps.

**NOTE:** Before descaling your coffeemaker, remember to remove the charcoal water filter from the water filter holder located in the water reservoir.

To begin, you will need the following:

13 oz. of distilled white vinegar

26 oz. of water

16 oz. ceramic mug or container (do not use paper cup)

Access to a sink

#### Step 1: First Vinegar Rinse

- Fill water reservoir with 13 oz. of white vinegar and 26 oz. of water.
- Place the ceramic mug or container on the drip tray.
- Press the POD button to enter single-serve mode and select the 12 oz. brew size setting. Press the BREW/OFF/AUTO OFF button once to start.
- 4. Discard contents of mug into the sink.
- 5. Repeat until ADD WATER light comes on.
- When descaling is complete, all LED lights will turn off
- 7. Discard any remaining diluted vinegar into sink.

#### Step 2: Fresh Water Rinse

- Repeat Step 1 three times, using fresh water in place of vinegar.
- 2. This will clean the coffeemaker plumbing and remove any residual vinegar taste.

#### MAINTENANCE

Any other servicing should be performed by an authorized service representative.

#### **WARRANTY**

#### **Limited Three-Year Warranty**

This warranty is available to U.S. consumers only. You are a consumer if you own a Cuisinart® Coffee Center® Grind & Brew Plus that was purchased at retail for personal, family or household use. Except as otherwise required under applicable law, this warranty is not available to retailers or other commercial purchasers or owners. We warrant that your Cuisinart® Coffee Center® Grind & Brew Plus will be free of defects in materials and workmanship under normal home use for 3 years from the date of original purchase.

We recommend that you visit our website, www.cuisinart.com for a fast, efficient way to complete your product registration. However, product registration does not eliminate the need for the consumer to maintain the original proof of purchase in order to obtain the warranty benefits. In the event that you do not have proof of purchase date, the purchase date for purposes of this warranty will be the date of manufacture.

#### CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY

California law provides that for In-Warranty Service, California residents have the option of returning a nonconforming product (A) to the store where it was purchased or (B) to another retail store that sells Cuisinart products of the same type. The retail store shall then, according to its preference, either repair the product, refer the consumer to an independent repair facility, replace the product, or refund the purchase price less the amount directly attributable to the consumer's prior usage of the product. If neither of the above two options results in the appropriate relief to the consumer, the consumer may then take the product to an independent repair facility, if service or repair can be economically accomplished. Cuisinart and not the consumer will be responsible for the reasonable cost of such service, repair, replacement, or refund for nonconforming products under warranty. California residents may also, according to their preference, return nonconforming products directly to Cuisinart for repair or, if necessary, replacement by calling our Consumer Service Center toll-free at 800-726-0190. Cuisinart will be responsible for the cost of the repair, replacement, and shipping and handling for such nonconforming products under warranty.

#### HASSLE-FREE REPLACEMENT WARRANTY

Your ultimate satisfaction in Cuisinart products is our goal, so if your Cuisinart® Coffee Center® Grind & Brew Plus should fail within the generous warranty period, we will repair it or, if necessary, replace it at no cost to you. To obtain a return shipping label, email us at https://www.cuisinart.com/customer-care/product-return.

Or call our toll-free customer service department at 1-800-726-0190 to speak with a representative.

Your Cuisinart® Coffee Center® Grind & Brew Plus has been manufactured to the strictest specifications and has been designed for use only in 120-volt outlets and only with authorized accessories and replacement parts. This warranty expressly excludes any defects or damages caused by attempted use of this unit with a converter, as well as use with accessories, replacement parts or repair service other than those authorized by Cuisinart. This warranty does not cover any damage caused by accident, misuse, shipment or other than ordinary household use. This warranty excludes all incidental or consequential damages. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of these damages, so these exclusions may not apply to you. You may also have other rights, which vary from state to state.

Important: If the nonconforming product is to be serviced by someone other than Cuisinart's Authorized Service Center, please remind the servicer to call our Consumer Service Center at 1-800-726-0190 to ensure that the problem is properly diagnosed, the product is serviced with the correct parts, and to ensure that the product is still under warranty.

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