

Owner 's Guide for Mr. Coffee FTX41

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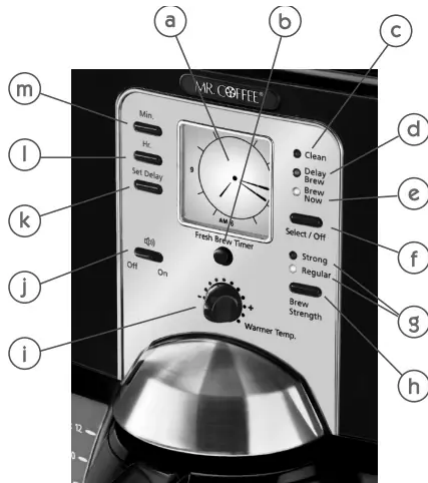
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Mr. Coffee® Brand Permanent Filter



Mr. Coffee® Brand 10-12 Cup Basket-Style Paper Filters

COFFEEMAKER FEATURES AND BENEFITS

Your new MR. COFFEE® coffeemaker has the following features:

- **Brewing Capacity**

– 12 Cups – glass decanter series

– 10 Cups – thermal carafe series

- **Removable Filter Basket** – The filter basket lifts out for fast and easy cleaning and filling.
- **Pause 'n Serve** – Can't wait for the coffee to finish brewing? The Pause 'n Serve feature allows you up to 30 seconds to pour a cup of coffee while the coffeemaker is still brewing. Carefully remove the decanter and the Pause 'n Serve feature will be automatically activated, temporarily stopping the flow of coffee into the decanter.
- **Dual Water Windows** – Show amount of water in the reservoir for accurate filling.
- **Non-Stick Warmer Plate** – (not on thermal models) This feature allows you to keep your coffee hot after brewing. The non-stick attribute prevents the decanter from sticking to the surface of the warming plate.
- **Brew Strength Selector** – Adjusts the brewing time to create a more full-flavored coffee.
- **Water Filtration System** – Great tasting coffee begins with great water! Improves the taste of your coffee by removing 97% of the chlorine from the water you use for brewing.
- **Cord Storage** – Safely stores excess cord to keep your countertop neat.
- **Two-Hour Auto Shut-Off** – Keeps your coffee hot for two hours, then automatically shuts off. (Thermal models shut off immediately after brewing cycle is completed.)
- **Programmable Controls:**
 - Clock – The clock serves as a handy kitchen clock and allows you to set the Delay Brew feature and functions as the FRESH BREW™ TIMER feature.
 - Fresh Brew™ Timer feature – Lets you know how long your coffee has been waiting for you.
 - On / Off Audible Signal – Choose to be alerted at the end of brew or clean cycle.
 - Delay Brew – Would you like to wake up to a fresh pot of coffee? The timer allows you to preset when you would like the coffeemaker to automatically begin brewing your coffee, up to 24 hours in advance.
 - Adjustable Warmer Plate – (not on thermal models) This feature allows you to keep your coffee hot after brewing and adjust the temperature to fit your taste.
 - Special Cleaning Cycle – Enables you to easily maintain and clean mineral deposits from your coffeemaker.

NOTE: If you have selected any of the operating functions, the coffeemaker will act upon the last operation selected if the power is restored within 10 seconds after a power outage.

CLEAN YOUR COFFEEMAKER BEFORE USING THE FIRST TIME

Make sure your first cup of coffee is as good as can be by cleaning your MR. COFFEE® Coffeemaker before its first use. Just follow these simple steps:

1. Wash the decanter, decanter lid and the filter basket in a mixture of mild detergent and water. Rinse each thoroughly (please refer to the Parts Diagram).
2. Replace all the parts and close the lid. Then, run a brew cycle with water only, without adding coffee and coffee filter.
3. When brewing is complete, turn your coffeemaker off, discard the water in the decanter and rinse the decanter, decanter lid, and filter basket.

Your coffeemaker is now ready to use. Enjoy it!

SETTING THE CLOCK AND DELAY BREW TIME

To Set the Clock:

1. Plug the power cord into a standard electrical outlet. The clock will flash on the control panel to indicate that the time has not been set yet.
2. Press and hold the HOUR and MINUTE buttons until you reach the current time. The AM or PM indicator will light at the bottom of the display (Figures 1 and 2).



FIGURE 1



FIGURE 2

The clock is now set!

NOTE: Pressing any button before setting the clock will cause the clock to start keeping time from 12:00 a.m. You must set the clock if you want to use the Delay Brew feature.

To Set the Delay Brew Time:

While the display is in the clock mode, simply press the SET DELAY button (Figure 3) and, while the DELAY BREW yellow light is flashing, set the brew time by pressing the HOUR and MINUTE buttons (Figure 4). The AM or PM indicator will light at the bottom of the clock display. Within a few seconds the display will change to the current time.



FIGURE 3



FIGURE 4

The Delay Brew Time is now set!

NOTE: To activate the DELAY BREW cycle, see the Brewing Coffee Later section.

To check the programmed time, push the SET DELAY button. The display will show the time you have programmed the coffee to brew. If you press the SET DELAY button again or wait a few seconds, the display will switch back.

PREPARING FOR USE


Selecting and Measuring Ground Coffee

For best results, use a level tablespoon for ground coffee measurement. Make sure you use medium grind coffee for a perfect brew.

A. Suggested Coffee Measurement Chart

To Brew	Ground Coffee
12 Cups	9 tbsp.
10 Cups	7.5 tbsp.
8 Cups	6.5 tbsp.
6 Cups	4.5 tbsp.
4 Cups	3 tbsp.
1 level tablespoon (tbsp) = 5 gr./0.17 oz.	
1 cup = 5 fl. oz. of brewed coffee	
Use more or less coffee to suit your taste.	

B. Water Filtration System

Congratulations! You are the owner of a MR. COFFEE® water filtration system. This carbon-based water filter improves the taste of your coffee by removing up to 97% of the chlorine from the water you may use to brew your coffee. First, look for the MR. COFFEE® Filtration Friendly  symbol on the bottom of your filter basket. If you do not see this symbol, please call 1-800-672-6333. To use the water filtration system in your MR. COFFEE® Coffeemaker, please follow these steps:

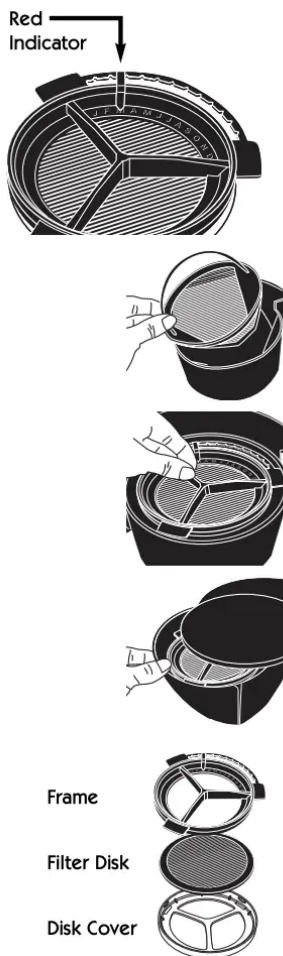
1. Align the red indicator on the frame to the letter that corresponds with the month that you are using the disk for the first time. This serves to remind you to change the disk every month (approx. 30 brewing cycles).

NOTE: For optimum results, use the water filtration system with a permanent filter.

2. Rinse the water filter in fresh water before first use.

3. Follow Adding Water and Coffee instructions.

4. When you are done brewing your coffee, rinse the water filter with fresh water. Do not put your water filter in the dishwasher. To replace the water filter disks, twist the gray disk cover from your water filtration system. Remove the used disk. Insert the new disk into the frame and twist the cover back into place.



C. Adding Water and Ground Coffee

1. Open the brew basket lid. For your convenience, you can lift out the removable filter basket.

2. Place a MR. COFFEE® brand 10-12 cup paper basket-style filter or a MR. COFFEE® permanent filter into the removable filter basket (Figure 5).



FIGURE 5

NOTE: If using paper filters, it is important that the sides of the filter fit flush against the side of the filter basket. If filter collapse occurs, dampen the filter before placing in the filter basket and adding ground coffee and water.

3. Add the desired amount of coffee and gently shake to level the coffee. See the Suggested Coffee Measurement Chart.
4. After following instructions in the Water Filtration System, place the MR. COFFEE® water filter in the basket, making sure that the side marked “this side up” faces you and that the water filter is level.
5. Be sure the removable filter basket is properly centered and all the way down in the brew basket and close the lid.
6. Fill the decanter with cold, fresh water to the desired capacity (1 cup equals 5 ounces) For easy and accurate filling, the water markings on the glass decanter and on the dual water windows show the amount of water needed to make the corresponding desired number of cups. Do not fill past the “12 cup MAX line” or water will flow out of the overflow hole in the back of the coffeemaker. The amount of coffee brewed will always be slightly less than the amount of water poured in the water reservoir. This is due to the minimum absorption of water by the coffee grounds.
7. Lift the pour through reservoir lid and pour the water into the water reservoir. Close the lid and place the empty decanter onto the warmer plate.

NOTE: Make sure the decanter is fully placed on the warming plate or the water and the grounds will overflow from the filter basket. An overflow may cause personal injury or damage to property.



CAUTION! To reduce the risk of damaging the decanter and/or the risk of personal injury, do not add cold water to the decanter if the decanter is already hot. Allow the decanter to cool before using.

BREWING COFFEE NOW

1. After completing the steps in the Adding Water and Coffee section and with the glass decanter and the filter basket securely in place, turn the coffeemaker on by pressing the SELECT button

once. The BREW NOW green light will turn on to signal that the coffeemaker is on and brewing (Figure 6).



FIGURE 6

2. To enjoy a more full flavored cup of coffee, press the Brew Strength button once. The STRONG Brew Strength red light will turn on. The coffeemaker will remain in the Brew Strength you have selected until you change it back to regular strength by pressing the Brew Strength button or until you unplug the machine (Figure 7).



FIGURE 7

3. After the used coffee grounds have cooled, carefully remove the filter basket and discard them.

NOTE: The shower head cover is hot after brewing. Always allow the coffeemaker to cool down before cleaning.

4. Prior to making a second pot of coffee, turn the coffeemaker off. This will reset the FRESH BREW™ TIMER feature. To turn the coffeemaker off, press the SELECT button until all lights turn off.

5. Make sure the decanter is empty before starting to brew coffee.

6. Be sure to turn your coffeemaker off when no longer using it.

The Fresh Brew™ Timer Feature

The FRESH BREW™ TIMER feature lets you know how long your coffee has been waiting for you. At the start of the brew cycle, the FRESH BREW™ TIMER feature will automatically be activated and the clock display will change to show the time since brewing began. Incremental segments of the FRESH BREW™ TIMER feature will start to darken as an indication of how long the coffee has been waiting for you.

Press the FRESH BREW™ TIMER button once (Figure 8) to go back to the clock function (while on the clock mode, the FRESH BREW™ TIMER feature will keep counting). The display will automatically change back to the clock after 2 hours or when the unit is turned off.



FIGURE 8

NOTE: The BREW NOW green light must be on for the FRESH BREW™ TIMER feature to operate. The time and delay brew time cannot be set when the fresh brew time is displayed.

On/Off Audible Ready Signal

The coffeemaker will beep three times at the end of the brew or clean cycle. You may choose not to be alerted by turning the audible ready signal off (Figure 9).



FIGURE 9

BREWING COFFEE LATER

1. You must first set the time for when you would like the coffeemaker to begin brewing your coffee as described in Setting the Clock and the Delay Brew Timer section.
2. Prepare your coffeemaker as described in Adding Water and Ground Coffee section.
3. To activate DELAY BREW and program your coffeemaker to brew coffee at a later time, press the SELECT button twice (Figure 10). The yellow DELAY BREW light will turn on. The coffeemaker is now set to automatically brew coffee at the pre-set later time. At this time the brew strength light will turn on. You can select the strength that you desire by pressing the BREW STRENGTH button.
4. At the pre-set time, the green BREW NOW light will turn on and the DELAY BREW yellow light will turn off, indicating the brewing has started in the selected brew strength. The FRESH BREW™ TIMER feature will start.
5. The coffeemaker warmer plate will keep your coffee hot for 2 hours and then automatically turn off. Thermal models will turn off at the end of the brew cycle. As a safety feature, your coffeemaker will NOT start again automatically the next day. If you want your coffee to brew at the same time the following day, simply add a new filter, coffee and water and set DELAY BREW, by repeating Steps 2 and 3 above.

To cancel DELAY BREW:

Press the SELECT button until all lights turn off (Figure 10).



FIGURE 10

CLEANING AND MAINTAINING YOUR COFFEEMAKER

Daily Cleaning

Always unplug the coffeemaker and allow to cool before cleaning. Remove the filter basket, permanent filter (not included on all models), decanter and decanter lid and wash them in a solution of hot water and mild liquid soap. Never use abrasive cleansers, steel wool pads or other abrasive materials. Dishwasher top rack safe parts: glass decanter and lid, filter basket and permanent filter. The water filter disk is not dishwasher safe.



CAUTION! Never immerse the coffeemaker itself in water, in any other liquid or place in the dishwasher.

Regular Cleaning and Maintenance

Decalcifying your MR. COFFEE® Coffeemaker

Minerals (calcium/limestone) found in water will leave deposits in your coffeemaker and affect its performance. It's recommended that you regularly remove these deposits using MR. COFFEE® Cleaner or vinegar. MR. COFFEE® Cleaner is available at many retail stores or by calling the MR. COFFEE® Consumer Service Department at 1-800-MR COFFEE (1-800-672-6333).

1. Follow package instructions to prepare one batch of MR. COFFEE® Cleaner. Pour the mixture into the water reservoir. Before decalcifying, remove the water filtration disk from the machine.

NOTE: 4 cups or 20 fl. oz. of undiluted, white household vinegar may be used as a substitute for the cleaner.

2. Place an empty MR. COFFEE® 10-12 cup basket-style paper filter or MR. COFFEE® permanent filter into the filter basket and close the brew basket lid.

3. Place the empty decanter back in the unit, centered on the warmer plate.

4. Press the SELECT button until the red CLEAN indicator light turns on (Figure 11).



FIGURE 11

For your convenience the cleaning cycle is automatic. The entire cycle will take 45-60 minutes to complete. During the cleaning your coffeemaker will:

- a. Slow brew approx. 3 cups of cleaning solution.
 - b. Pause for 30 minutes (the CLEAN light will remain on to alert you that the process is active).
 - c. After 30 minutes, your coffeemaker will brew the remainder of the cleaning solution.
 - d. When complete, the CLEAN light will turn off and your coffeemaker will turn off.
5. Discard the cleaning solution and rinse the decanter thoroughly with clean water.
 6. Fill the water reservoir with clean, fresh water.
 7. Place the empty decanter back on the coffeemaker, centered on the warming plate.
 8. Remove and discard the the paper filter used during the cleaning cycle. If a Mr. Coffee® permanent filter was used during cleaning, remove it and rinse it thoroughly before replacing it in the filter basket.
 9. Begin brewing and allow the full brew cycle to complete.
 10. Repeat steps 5 through 9 one more time. Your coffeemaker is now clean and ready to brew the next pot of delicious, hot coffee!

Suggested Decalcifying Interval	
Type of Water	Cleaning Frequency
Soft Water	Every 80 Brew Cycles
Hard Water	Every 40 Brew Cycles

or when red light is flashing (programmable models).

Water Filtration Disk Replacement

Your water filtration disk will need to be replaced once a month (approx. 30 brew cycles). If the machine will not be in use for an extended period of time, rinse the water filter with running water and clean the coffeemaker before use.

Cleaning the Decanter

Hard water can leave a whitish stain on the decanter, and coffee may then turn this stain brown. To remove decanter stains:

1. Fill the decanter with a solution of equal parts water and vinegar and let the solution stand in the decanter for approximately 20 minutes.
2. Discard the solution, then wash and rinse the decanter. Do not use harsh abrasive cleaners that may scratch the decanter, scratches may FIGURE 11 cause the decanter to break.

TROUBLESHOOTING YOUR MR. COFFEE® COFFEEMAKER

Your MR. COFFEE® Coffeemaker has been carefully designed to give you many years of trouble-free service. In the unlikely event that your new coffeemaker does not operate satisfactorily, please review the following potential problems and try the steps recommended BEFORE you call an Authorized Sunbeam Service Center.

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
THE "BREW NOW"/ON LIGHT DOES NOT LIGHT UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The appliance is unplugged. • There's a power outage. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLUG UNIT IN. • WAIT FOR POWER TO BE RESTORED.
THE COFFEE IS NOT BREWING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The appliance is unplugged. • There's a power outage. • The water reservoir is empty. • The filter basket is not properly inserted. • The decanter is not placed all the way on the warmer plate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLUG UNIT IN. • WAIT FOR POWER TO BE RESTORED. • CHECK THE WATER WINDOWS. • INSERT FILTER BASKET CORRECTLY. • PLACE DECANTER CORRECTLY ON WARMER PLATE.
THE COFFEEMAKER ONLY BREWS WATER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no coffee grounds in the filter basket. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADD THE DESIRED AMOUNT OF COFFEE TO THE FILTER.
THE COFFEEMAKER BREWS SLOWLY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The coffeemaker needs cleaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CLEAN COFFEEMAKER AS DESCRIBED IN "CLEANING AND MAINTAINING" SECTION.
THE FILTER BASKET OVERFLOWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The filter basket is not properly inserted. • The decanter is not placed all the way on the warmer plate. • The decanter lid is not on decanter. • Too many coffee grounds were placed in the filter. • The decanter was removed from the warmer plate for more than 30 seconds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSERT FILTER BASKET CORRECTLY. • PLACE DECANTER CORRECTLY ON WARMER PLATE. • PLACE LID ON THE DECANTER. • REMOVE FILTER DISCARD GROUNDS. IF PAPER FILTER, REPLACE. IF PERMANENT FILTER, RINSE. BEGIN BREWING PROCESS AGAIN. • TURN OFF AND UNPLUG THE UNIT. ALLOW TO COOL. WIPE UP THE SPILL. DO NOT SET HOT DECANTER BACK ON THE WET WARMER PLATE OR IT MIGHT CRACK.

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
THE COFFEE IS NOT HOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There's a power outage. • Auto SHUT-OFF has been activated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WAIT FOR POWER TO BE RESTORED. • FOR BEST RESULTS, BREW A FRESH POT OF COFFEE.
THE COFFEE TASTES BAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee grounds other than for an automatic drip coffeemaker were used. • The ground coffee-to-water ratio was unbalanced. • The coffeemaker needs cleaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USE COFFEE GROUNDS RECOMMENDED FOR AUTOMATIC DRIP COFFEEMAKERS. • USE CORRECT GROUND COFFEE-TO-WATER RATIO. • CLEAN COFFEEMAKER AS DESCRIBED IN "MAINTAINING YOUR COFFEEMAKER" SECTION.
THE GROUNDS ARE IN THE COFFEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The filter is not properly seated in the basket. • The filter collapsed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEAT FILTER PROPERLY WITHIN THE FILTER BASKET. • REMOVE FILTER AND REPLACE.

Do you still have questions? You can call us toll-free at the MR. COFFEE® Consumer Service Department, **1-800-MR COFFEE (1-800-672-6333)** or you can visit us at www.mrcoffee.com.

SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE

Replacement Parts

- Coffee Filters – For better tasting coffee, we recommend that you use a MR. COFFEE® brand 10-12 cup basket-style paper filter or a MR. COFFEE® brand permanent filter. These filters are available at most grocery stores.
- Water Filtration - Replacement water filtration disks can be purchased through your local retailer, or by calling 1-800-MR-COFFEE (1-800-672-6333) in the U.S. or 1-800-667-8623 in Canada.
- Decanters – You can usually purchase a replacement decanter from the store where you purchased your coffeemaker. If you are unable to find a replacement, please visit us online at www.mrcoffee.com, or call 1-800-MR COFFEE (1-800-672-6333) in the U.S. or 1-800-667-8623 in Canada for information on where you can find a store that carries replacement decanters.

Repairs

If your coffeemaker requires service, do not return it to the store where you purchased it. All repairs and replacements must be made by Sunbeam or an authorized Sunbeam Service Center. If you live in the U.S. or Canada, please call us at the following toll-free telephone numbers to find the location of the nearest authorized service center:

U.S. 1-800-MR COFFEE (1-800-672-6333)

Canada 1-800-667-8623

To assist us in serving you, please have the coffeemaker model number and date of purchase available when you call. The model number is stamped on the bottom metal plate of the coffeemaker.

We welcome your questions, comments or suggestions. In all your communications, please include your complete name, address and telephone number and a description of the problem.

Warning

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