

# READ AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

**WARNING:** A risk of fire and electrical shock exists in all electrical appliances and may cause personal injury or death. Please follow all safety instructions.

## Perfect Time™ 12-Cup Digital Coffee Maker



USE AND CARE GUIDE FOR  
MODELS MEPT1B, MEPT1W



# IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

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

- Read all instructions before using appliance.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handle.
- To protect against electric shock, do not immerse cord, plug or coffee maker unit in water or other liquid. See instructions for cleaning.
- This appliance is not for use by children.
- Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used near children.
- Unplug from outlet when not in use. Unplug and allow to cool before attaching or removing parts and before cleaning the appliance.
- To disconnect, press ON/OFF button to turn unit off, then remove plug from wall outlet.
- 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.
- Do not use coffee maker for other than intended use.
- Carafe must never be used on a range top. Use only the designated carafe for your coffee maker.
- 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.
- Do not clean carafe with abrasive cleansers, steel wool pads or other abrasive material.
- Scalding may occur if the lid is removed during the brewing cycles.
- Allow filter basket to cool before removing it from coffee maker.
- Do not pour liquid other than water and the cleaning solution specified in this manual into the water chamber. See instructions for cleaning.
- Do not move coffee maker when carafe contains hot liquid.
- Do not operate any damaged coffee maker. Do not operate with a damaged cord or plug, or after the coffee maker malfunctions or has been dropped or damaged in any manner. Contact Consumer Relations for return authorization, examination, repair or adjustment.

- The use of an accessory not evaluated for use with this coffee maker may cause injuries.
- Be certain lids are securely in place before operating coffee maker.
- Do not use outdoors or while standing in a damp area.
- Coffee maker must be left to cool down for approximately 10 minutes before adding more water.
- **WARNING:** To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not remove bottom cover. No user serviceable parts inside. Repair should be done by authorized service personnel only.

## **SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

**CAUTION:** A short power supply cord is provided to reduce the risk of personal injury resulting from becoming entangled in or tripping over a longer cord. Extension cords are available from local hardware stores and may be used if care is exercised in their use. If an extension cord is required, special care and caution is necessary. Also the cord must be: (1) marked with an electrical rating of 125 V, and at least 13 A., 1625 W., and (2) the cord must be arranged so that it will not drape over the countertop or tabletop where it can be pulled on by children or tripped over accidentally.

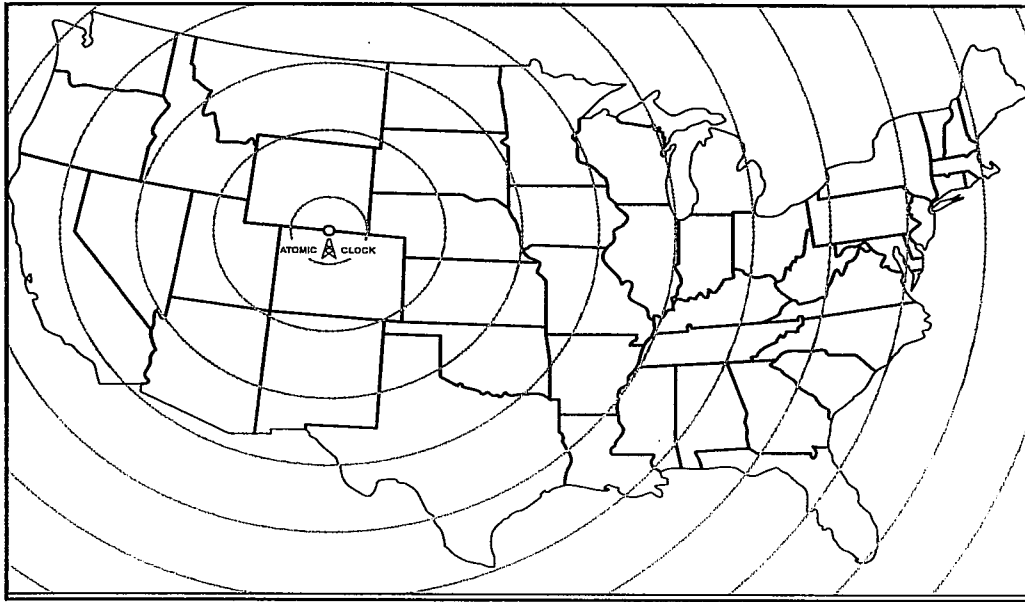
**POLARIZED PLUG:** This appliance has a polarized plug, (one blade is wider than the other). As a safety feature to reduce the risk of electrical shock, this plug is intended to fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Do not attempt to defeat this safety feature.

**ELECTRIC POWER:** If the electric circuit is overloaded with other appliances, your coffee maker may not operate properly. It should be operated on a separate electrical circuit from other appliances.

This product is for household use only.

# Melitta Perfect Time™ Coffee Maker

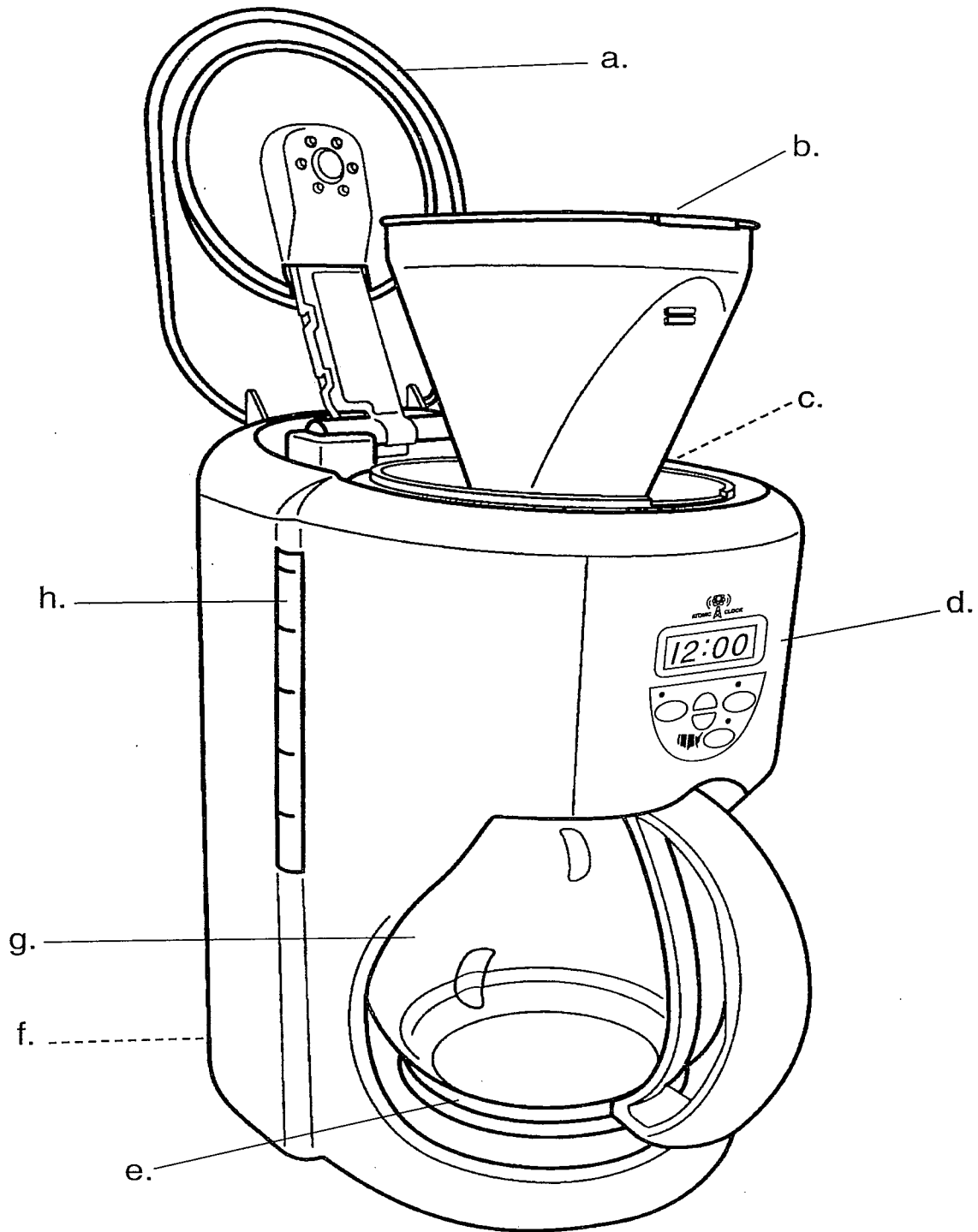
Your Melitta® Perfect Time™ Coffee Maker features a state-of-the-art internal timepiece and radio receiver used to synchronize with the U.S. Atomic Clock. Located near Ft. Collins, CO., the U.S. Atomic Clock radio tower is operated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology.



Remove your coffee maker from the box and plug the cord into an electrical outlet. Your coffee maker will automatically register its Perfect Time™ setting. It even adjusts for Daylight Saving Time.

After plugging in your Perfect Time™ Coffee Maker, you will know that reception from the U.S. Atomic Clock has been established when the ATOMIC CLOCK light above the control panel is illuminated and the time is displayed. When the time is visible on the display, continually depress the TIME ZONE button until the correct section of the TIME ZONE map is illuminated to coincide with your geographic location.

- *Depending on your location, this connection may take up to 24 hours. While waiting for reception from the U.S. Atomic Clock, do not press the HR or MIN buttons on the control panel. If you do so, you may alter the factory calibrated time setting. If after 48 hours the ATOMIC CLOCK light is still not lit, contact Consumer Relations at 800-233-9054 for further assistance.*



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|----|----------------|----|--------------------|
| a. | Lid            | e. | Warming Plate      |
| b. | Filter Basket* | f. | Cord Storage       |
| c. | Water Chamber  | g. | Carafe with Lid    |
| d. | Control Panel  | h. | Water Level Window |

Your product may vary slightly from illustration.

\*For best results, use a Melitta® #4 Cone Filter.

# Before Using Your Coffee Maker

**CAUTION: IF THE ON LIGHT IS GLOWING, PRESS THE ON/OFF BUTTON TO ENSURE THE COFFEE MAKER IS OFF. THE ON LIGHT WILL BE DARK. UNPLUG FROM OUTLET.**

Become familiar with parts of the unit.

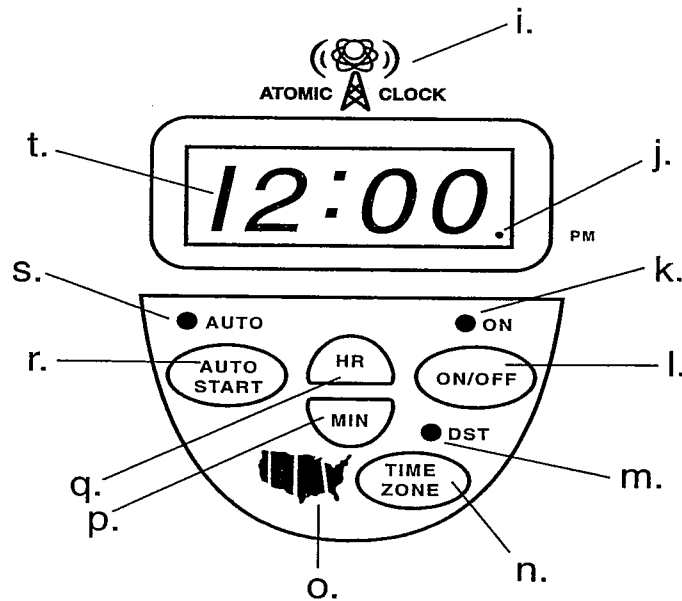
Clean the carafe, carafe lid and removable filter basket. Fill the coffee maker with the maximum amount of water and turn the unit on. Follow procedures for Brewing – Immediate Start (without coffee). Unplug coffee maker and discard the water. Wait 10 minutes to allow heating elements to cool. Repeat the process once.

**CAUTION: DO NOT IMMERSE CORD, PLUG OR COFFEE MAKER UNIT IN WATER OR OTHER LIQUID.**

## Coffee Yield

A 5-ounce cup is the American industry standard and is used by most coffee maker manufacturers. Your favorite mug will accommodate about 2 cups (or 10 oz.) of coffee. We do not recommend preparing less than 4 cups (or 20 oz.) of coffee.

# Control Panel Button Descriptions



- i. ATOMIC CLOCK light - Indicates when the Perfect Time™ Coffee Maker has established reception from the U.S. Atomic Clock.
- j. PM indicator - Used to denote time from 12:00 noon to 11:59 p.m.
- k. ON light - Indicates that the heating element is on.
- l. ON/OFF button - Press for Immediate Start Brewing. ON light will glow. Press again to turn coffee maker off.
- m. Daylight Saving Time (DST) light - Becomes illuminated when Daylight Saving Time is in affect.
- n. TIME ZONE button - Allows user to set the time zone to coincide with geographic location.
- o. Time Zone map - Used in conjunction with the Time Zone button to indicate current time zone setting.
- p. MIN button - Used to adjust time in minutes for Auto Brew Programming.
- q. HR button - Used to adjust time in hours for Auto Brew Programming.
- r. AUTO START button - Press button to change Auto Brew Time Settings or One Touch AUTO START.
- s. AUTO light - Indicates when Auto Brew function is set.
- t. Display - Window where Perfect Time™ is displayed and Auto Brew time is set.

# Brewing - Immediate Start

1. Plug coffee maker into 120V ~ 60Hz outlet. Display will show Perfect Time™ setting. Push excess cord into cord storage in base of unit.
2. Make sure the coffee maker is off; the ON light will be dark.
3. Markings on the water level window indicate the level of water required to brew the desired number of cups. Remove the snap-on lid of the carafe by gently pulling up. Fill the carafe with cold tap water. Snap the lid back into position.  
NOTE: Brewing less than 4 cups is not recommended.
4. Lift up the hinged lid on the top of the coffee maker and slowly pour water into the water chamber opening behind the filter basket.
5. Insert a Melitta® #4 Cone Filter into removable filter basket and add coffee grounds. Use approximately 1 measuring spoon of grounds for every cup of coffee. Close lid.
6. Make sure that the carafe with lid is properly seated on the warming plate. Press the ON/OFF button. The ON light will glow.
7. If you wish to serve a cup of coffee before the brew cycle is complete, simply remove carafe from warming plate. Dripping will automatically cease. Return carafe to position on warming plate within 30 seconds; dripping will resume. If the carafe is not returned to the warming plate, the coffee may overflow from the filter basket.  
NOTE: To keep coffee hot, return carafe to the warming plate after serving. The warming plate will automatically maintain the ideal serving temperature for two hours. After two hours, the coffee maker will turn off. Do not let empty carafe remain on heated warming plate.
8. Press the ON/OFF button again to turn the coffee maker off when not in use. The ON light will be dark.
9. Unplug and allow to cool for 10 minutes between cycles.



# Brewing - Programming Auto Brew Timer

1. Follow steps 1 – 5 in “Brewing – Immediate Start” (page 8).
2. Make sure that the carafe with lid is properly seated on the warming plate.
3. Press the AUTO START button once and release. The display will show the time of the last Auto Brew and the AUTO light will begin to flash.
4. Set the desired start time by using the HR and MIN buttons. Press the HR button once to advance the timer setting one hour or press and hold the HR button to advance rapidly in hour increments.
5. As the Auto Brew Timer is being set, the PM indicator on the display will change automatically.
6. To set minutes, press the MIN button following the same procedure used to set the hour in step #4.
7. After the desired timer setting is selected, press the AUTO START button again to engage the Auto Brew Timer. The AUTO light will remain on and the display will flash the desired Auto Brew Timer Setting. The display will then return to Perfect Time™ setting.
8. The coffee maker is now in the programmed Auto Brew Mode, indicated by the AUTO light remaining on.
9. If you wish to serve a cup of coffee during the brew cycle, simply remove the carafe from warming plate. Dripping will automatically cease. Return the carafe to its position on the warming plate within 30 seconds; dripping will resume. If the carafe is not returned to the warming plate, the coffee may overflow from the filter basket.  
NOTE: To keep coffee hot, return carafe to the warming plate after serving. The warming plate will automatically maintain the ideal serving temperature as long as the coffee maker is on. Do not let empty carafe remain on a heated warming plate.
10. Press the ON/OFF button to turn the coffee maker off when not in use. If the Auto Brew Timer was used and the brewing cycle is over, the coffee maker will automatically shut off after two hours. The ON light will then be dark.
11. Let the coffee maker remain off to cool for at least 10 minutes before preparing a second carafe of coffee or programming the next Auto Brew cycle.

# One Touch AUTO START

It is not necessary to re-program the coffee maker if desired Auto Brew Timer Setting is the same.

1. Follow steps 1 – 5 in “Brewing – Immediate Start” (page 8).
2. To activate the One Touch AUTO START, simply depress the AUTO START button once. The coffee maker will display the Auto Brew Time Setting. If that is the desired AUTO START setting, after 15 seconds, the Auto Brew Time Setting will flash and return to its Perfect Time™ setting. The Auto Brew Timer Mode is now engaged and the AUTO light will remain on.

## Helpful Hints for Brewing

- The markings on the water level window reflect the quantity of fresh water to be used. The quantity of brewed coffee will be slightly less because the coffee grounds absorb water.
- Never use hot or carbonated water. This will damage the coffee maker.
- Never pour any liquid except water into the water chamber.

## Care and Cleaning

1. Turn coffee maker off. The ON light will be dark.
2. Unplug and allow the Warming Plate to cool completely before cleaning.
3. Open hinged lid on top of the coffee maker and remove filter basket. Discard coffee grounds and paper filter. Wash and dry the filter basket, carafe and carafe lid. Replace filter basket by fitting notch in groove of unit.
4. Clean inside of hinged lid and the outside of the coffee maker with a damp cloth.

**CAUTION: DO NOT IMMERSE CORD, PLUG OR COFFEE MAKER UNIT IN WATER OR OTHER LIQUID.**

# Descaling

We recommend cleaning your coffee maker once monthly with a solution of vinegar and water. Mineral deposits from tap water can form a coating in the coffee maker, causing slower brewing time and possibly an adverse flavor in the coffee.

1. Pour  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup vinegar into the carafe and add cold water up to the 4 cup mark. Pour the contents of the carafe into the water chamber.
2. Place a clean Melitta® #4 Cone Filter in the filter basket and close hinged lid.
3. Follow Immediate Start Brewing instructions without adding coffee.
4. When brewing is complete, turn coffee maker off by pressing the ON/OFF button. The ON light will be dark. Carefully remove the carafe and place on a heat resistant surface. Wait 15 minutes and pour the solution back into the water chamber.
5. Turn coffee maker on again. Allow solution to empty into carafe; turn coffee maker off. After dripping stops, discard solution.
6. Allow coffee maker to cool 10 minutes. Rinse by brewing a carafe full of cold water without coffee. Repeat process and discard filter.
7. Wash and dry the filter basket, carafe and carafe lid.
8. When coffee maker has cooled, wipe exterior with a damp cloth.

**Any servicing requiring disassembly other than the above cleaning must be performed by an authorized service center.**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

*If any parts are missing or defective,  
**DO NOT** return this product.*

*Please call our Consumer Relations Department for assistance.*

**800-233-9054** Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm CST

*Thank You*

# ONE-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

This Salton, Inc. product warranty extends to the original consumer purchaser of the product.

**Warranty Duration:** This product is warranted to the original consumer purchaser for a period of one (1) year from the original purchase date.

**Warranty Coverage:** This product is warranted against defective materials or workmanship. This warranty is void if the product has been damaged by accident, in shipment, unreasonable use, misuse, neglect, improper service, commercial use, repairs by unauthorized personnel or other causes not arising out of defects in materials or workmanship. This warranty is effective only if the product is purchased and operated in the USA, and does not extend to any units which have been used in violation of written instructions furnished by Salton, Inc., or to units which have been altered or modified or to damage to products or parts thereof which have had the serial number removed, altered, defaced or rendered illegible.

**Warranty Disclaimers:** This warranty is in lieu of all warranties expressed or implied and no representative or person is authorized to assume for Salton, Inc. any other liability in connection with the sale of our products. There shall be no claims for defects or failure of performance or product failure under any theory of tort, contract or commercial law including, but not limited to, negligence, gross negligence, strict liability, breach of warranty and breach of contract.

**Warranty Performance:** During the above one-year warranty period, a product with a defect will be either repaired or replaced with a reconditioned comparable model (at Salton, Inc. option) when the product is returned to the Salton, Inc. facility within the warranty period and an additional one-month period. No charge will be made for such repair or replacement.

## Service and Repair

Should the appliance malfunction, you should first call toll-free 1-800-233-9054 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Central Standard Time and ask for CUSTOMER SERVICE stating that you are a consumer with a problem.

**In-Warranty Service (USA)** for an appliance covered under the warranty period, no charge is made for service or postage.

**In-Warranty Service (Canada)** for an appliance covered under the warranty period, no charge is made for service or postage. Please return the product insured, packaged with sufficient protection, and postage and insurance prepaid to the address listed below. Customs duty/brokerage fee, if any, must be paid by the consumer.

**Out-of-Warranty Service:** A flat rate charge by model is made for out-of-warranty service. Include \$15.00 (U.S.) for return shipping and handling.

Salton, Inc. cannot assume responsibility for loss or damage during incoming shipment. For your protection, carefully package the product for shipment and insure it with the carrier. Be sure to enclose the following items with your appliance: any accessories related to your problem; your full return address and daytime phone number; a note describing the problem you experienced; a copy of your sales receipt or other proof of purchase to determine warranty status. C.O.D. shipments cannot be accepted.

Return the appliance to:

ATTN: Repair Department, Salton, Inc.  
550 Business Center Drive  
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056  
Consumer Service: 1-800-233-9054  
Consumer Parts: 1-800-947-3744 OR 1-800-947-3745  
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CST

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