

Electric solid plate hobs

Solid plate hobs are the cheapest type of electric hob, but they are largely being superseded by *ceramic* and *induction* hobs (see below) which are more sophisticated and easier to keep clean.

The element is sealed within the plate so that the heat is distributed evenly and is thermostatically controlled. A useful safety feature is an on/off warning light.

Electric ceramic hobs

Ceramic hobs have halogen heating zones set under black ceramic tops. They may also include one or more *dual ring* zones which can extend the area, if required, to accommodate larger pans or fish kettles.

The zones are operated either by *control knobs* or *touch controls*.

Other features available:

fast cooking zone

automatic cut-out

sensor

- cuts off the power if electricity
- controls are damaged, or if a hob is left 'on' inadvertently it will switch off the power after a period of time.

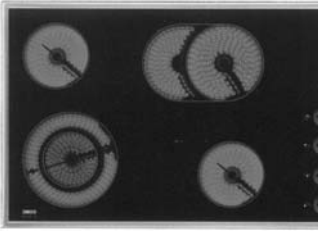
residual heat indicator

cooking timer

emergency stop

child lock

- switches off all zones at once
- prevents children altering the controls.



800 mm wide 6 zone ceramic hob with control knobs and residual heat indicators – by Zanussi



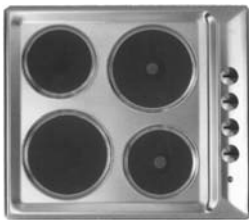
520 mm round frameless 3 zone ceramic hob with touch controls by Baumatic



914 mm wide 4 zone induction hob in bevel edged glass by Miele



320 mm wide hexagonal ceramic hobs with one hexagon as control panel which can be arranged in a variety of honeycomb patterns by Küppersbusch



600 mm wide 4 zone solid plate hob – by Zanussi

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