Bialetti 06799

Bialetti Moka Express Stovetop Espresso Maker User Manual

Model: 06799

Product Overview

The Bialetti Moka Express is the original stovetop espresso maker, designed to provide an authentic Italian coffee experience. Its distinctive octagonal shape and the iconic "little man with a moustache" logo have been hallmarks since its invention in 1933 by Alfonso Bialetti. This Moka pot is crafted in Italy, featuring a patented safety valve for easy cleaning and an ergonomic handle for comfortable use. It is suitable for gas, electric, and propane cooktops, and can be used with induction cooktops when paired with a Bialetti induction adapter plate (sold separately).



Figure 1: Bialetti Moka Express 3-cup model with its original packaging.

Setup and First Use

Before first use, it is recommended to brew coffee 2-3 times and discard the coffee to season the Moka pot. This helps to remove any manufacturing residues and build up a layer of coffee oils that enhance flavor over time.

Components:

- Bottom Chamber (Boiler): Holds the water.
- Filter Funnel: Holds the coffee grounds.
- Upper Chamber: Collects the brewed coffee.



Figure 2: Visual guide for preparing coffee with the Moka Express.

Operating Instructions

Follow these steps to brew coffee with your Bialetti Moka Express:

1. **Fill the Boiler:** Unscrew the upper chamber from the bottom chamber. Fill the bottom chamber with cold water up to the level of the safety valve. Do not exceed this level.



Figure 3: Filling the boiler with water.

2. **Add Coffee Grounds:** Insert the filter funnel into the bottom chamber. Fill the filter funnel with ground coffee. Do not tamp the coffee grounds; simply level them gently.



Figure 4: Adding coffee grounds to the filter.

3. **Assemble and Heat:** Screw the upper chamber firmly onto the bottom chamber, ensuring a tight seal. Place the Moka pot on a stovetop over medium heat.



Figure 5: Moka pot on a gas stovetop.

4. **Brewing:** As the water heats, it will rise through the coffee grounds and into the upper chamber. A gurgling sound indicates that the coffee is brewing. Once the upper chamber is full and the gurgling stops, remove the Moka pot from the heat.



Figure 6: Moka Express actively brewing on a stovetop.

5. **Serve:** Pour the freshly brewed coffee into your cup. Enjoy your authentic Italian coffee.



Figure 7: Freshly brewed coffee ready to be served.

Maintenance and Cleaning

Proper cleaning and maintenance will ensure the longevity of your Moka Express and preserve the quality of your coffee.

- **Rinsing:** After each use, simply rinse your Moka pot with hot water.
- **No Detergents:** Do not use detergents or dish soap, as this can damage the aluminum and affect the taste of the coffee.
- **No Dishwasher:** The product should not be washed in the dishwasher. Dishwashing can cause damage to the product and negatively impact coffee flavor.
- **Drying:** Thoroughly dry all components after washing to prevent water spots and tarnishing of the aluminum.

Figure 8: Bialetti Moka Express is designed for cleaning with water only, avoiding detergents.

Troubleshooting

Here are some common issues and their solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Coffee tastes weak or watery	• Too coarse coffee grind. • Not enough coffee grounds. • Heat too low.	• Use a finer grind suitable for Moka pots. • Fill the filter funnel completely. • Increase heat slightly, but avoid high heat.
Coffee tastes burnt or bitter	• Heat too high. • Coffee brewed for too long. • Too fine coffee grind.	• Reduce heat. • Remove from heat as soon as gurgling stops. • Use a slightly coarser grind.
Water leaks from the middle joint	• Loose assembly. • Worn gasket or filter plate.	• Ensure both chambers are screwed on tightly. • Check the rubber gasket and filter plate for wear and replace if necessary.

Specifications

- **Brand:** Bialetti
- **Model Name:** Moka Express
- **Item Model Number:** 06799
- **Color:** Aluminium
- **Product Dimensions:** 5"D x 5"W x 5"H
- **Item Weight:** 7.7 ounces
- **Coffee Maker Type:** Moka Pot
- **Filter Type:** Reusable
- **Operation Mode:** Manual
- **Suitable Cooktops:** Gas, Electric, Propane (Induction with adapter plate)
- **Capacity:** 3 Cups (4.4 Oz - 130 Ml)
- **Made in:** Italy

Support and Additional Resources

For further assistance or detailed information, please refer to the official user manual or contact Bialetti customer support.

- **Official User Manual (PDF):** Download PDF
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