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Brand: Bialetti | Model: Moka Express 3-Cup (06799)

1. INTRODUCTION

The Bialetti Moka Express is an iconic stovetop espresso maker, renowned for preparing authentic Italian coffee since 1933. Its distinctive octagonal shape and the 'Little Man with a Moustache' logo are recognized worldwide. This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use of your Moka Express.



Image: The classic Bialetti Moka Express, a symbol of Italian coffee culture.

The Moka Express 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, or propane cooktops. For induction cooktops, a Bialetti induction adapter plate (sold separately) is required.



Image: The Bialetti Moka Express in a home setting, ready for use.

2. PRODUCT COMPONENTS

The Bialetti Moka Express consists of several key parts that work together to brew your coffee. Understanding these components is crucial for proper assembly and operation.

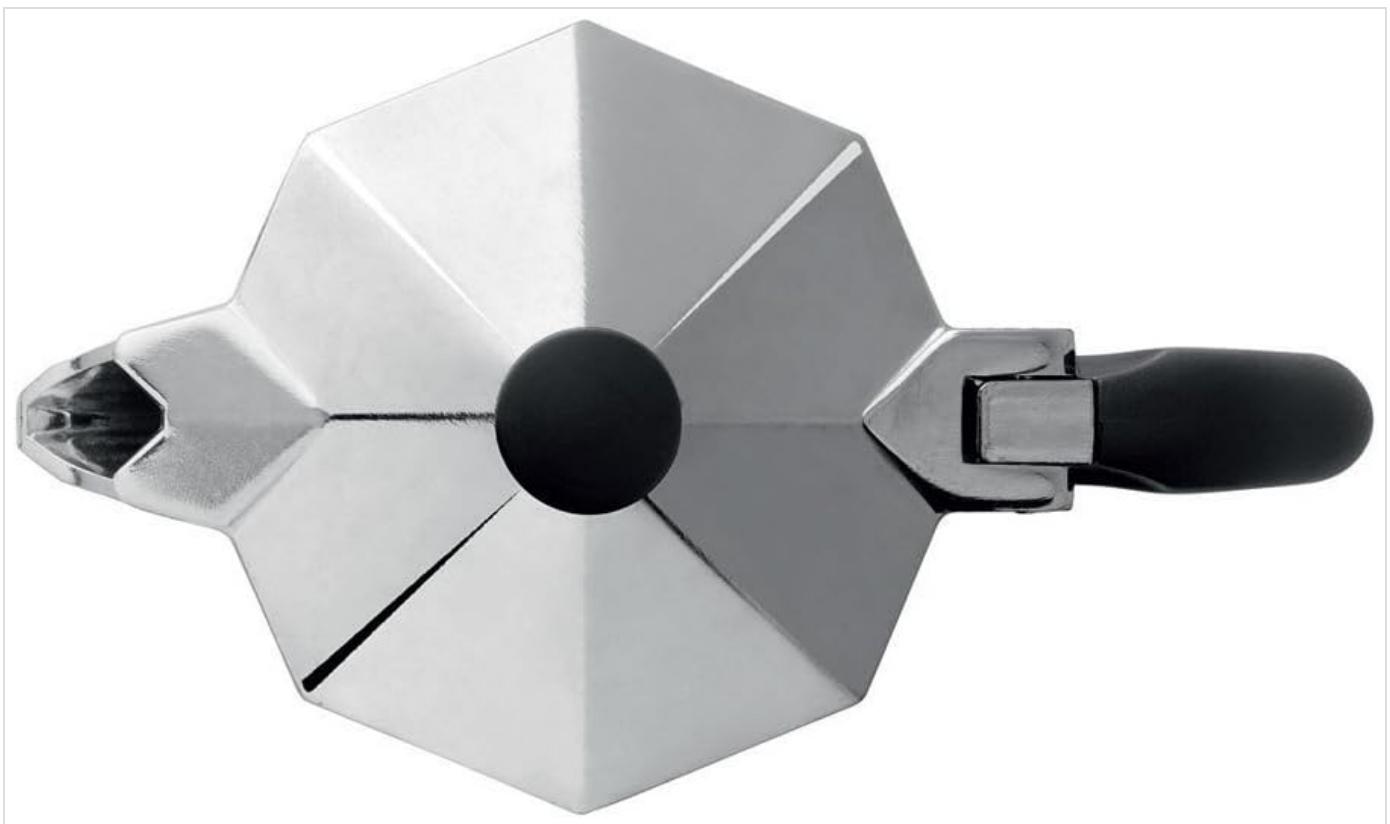


Image: An exploded view illustrating the individual components of the Moka Express.

- **Bottom Chamber (Boiler):** Holds the water.
- **Filter Funnel:** Holds the ground coffee.
- **Rubber Gasket and Filter Plate:** Creates a seal and filters the coffee.
- **Top Chamber (Collector):** Collects the brewed coffee.
- **Handle and Lid:** For pouring and covering.
- **Safety Valve:** Releases excess pressure.

3. INITIAL SETUP AND PREPARATION

Before first use, disassemble all parts and wash them thoroughly with warm water without detergent. Reassemble the pot and brew coffee (without consuming it) at least 2-3 times to season the pot and remove any metallic taste. This process helps to build a protective patina inside the aluminum, which enhances the coffee flavor over time.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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

1. **Fill the Boiler:** Unscrew the top chamber from the bottom chamber. Fill the bottom chamber with cold water up to the level of the safety valve. Do not exceed the valve.
2. **Add Coffee:** Insert the filter funnel into the bottom chamber. Fill the filter funnel with ground coffee. Do not press or tamp the coffee. Ensure no coffee grounds are on the rim.
3. **Assemble the Pot:** Screw the top chamber firmly onto the bottom chamber. Ensure a tight seal to prevent steam from escaping.
4. **Place on Stovetop:** Place the Moka Express on your stovetop over medium heat. Keep the lid open initially to monitor the brewing process.
5. **Brewing:** As the water heats, pressure builds, forcing hot water through the coffee grounds and up into the top chamber. You will hear a gurgling sound as the coffee begins to flow.
6. **Remove from Heat:** Once the top chamber is filled with coffee and you hear a distinct gurgling sound, indicating the

water has mostly passed through, remove the Moka Express from the heat immediately. Close the lid.

7. **Serve:** Your authentic Italian coffee is now ready to be served. Enjoy!



Image: Visual guide to the coffee preparation process.

The Moka Express is available in various sizes, measured in Espresso Cups. The 3-Cup model (4.3 Oz - 130 ML) is ideal for individual use or small servings.





Image: A visual comparison of different Moka Express sizes.

5. MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

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

- **Rinse with Clean Water:** After each use, allow the pot to cool completely. Disassemble all parts and rinse them thoroughly with clean, warm water.
- **Avoid Detergents:** Do not use detergents or abrasive materials, as they can damage the aluminum and alter the taste of your coffee.
- **No Dishwasher:** The Bialetti Moka Express is not dishwasher safe. Washing it in a dishwasher will irremediably damage the aluminum and negatively impact the coffee flavor.
- **Dry Thoroughly:** Dry all components completely before reassembling and storing to prevent oxidation and mineral buildup.
- **Inspect Gasket and Filter:** Periodically check the rubber gasket and filter plate for wear and tear. Replace them if they appear damaged or if you notice steam escaping during brewing.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are some common issues and their solutions:

- **Coffee Not Brewing:** Ensure the water level is below the safety valve and the coffee grounds are not tamped. Check that the pot is tightly screwed together.
- **Weak Coffee:** Use fresh, finely ground coffee suitable for Moka pots. Ensure the filter funnel is adequately filled.
- **Bitter Coffee:** Reduce heat to prevent over-extraction. Remove the pot from heat as soon as brewing is complete. Ensure the pot is clean and free of old coffee residue.

- **Steam Escaping from Sides:** Check that the top and bottom chambers are screwed together tightly. Inspect the rubber gasket for wear and replace if necessary.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

| Feature | Detail |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Brand | Bialetti |
| Model Name | Moka Express |
| Item Model Number | 06799 |
| Color | Aluminum Silver |
| Product Dimensions | 4"D x 5.6"W x 6.7"H |
| Item Weight | 1.05 pounds |
| Coffee Maker Type | Moka Pot |
| Filter Type | Reusable |
| Operation Mode | Manual |
| Coffee Input Type | Ground |
| Manufacture Year | 1933 |
| Made in | Italy |

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information or product support, please refer to the official Bialetti website or contact their customer service. Keep your purchase receipt for any warranty claims.

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