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De'Longhi BAR12 Pump-Driven Espresso Maker User Manual

Model: BAR12

1. Introduction

Thank you for choosing the De'Longhi BAR12 Pump-Driven Espresso Maker. This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your new espresso machine. Please read all instructions carefully before using the appliance and keep this manual for future reference.

2. Important Safety Instructions

- Read all instructions before use.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against fire, electric shock, and injury to persons, do not immerse cord, plugs, or appliance in water or other liquid.
- Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.
- Unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts, and before cleaning the appliance.
- Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug or after the appliance malfunctions, or has been damaged in any manner. Return appliance to the nearest authorized service facility for examination, repair or adjustment.
- The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may result in fire, electric shock, or injury to persons.
- Do not use outdoors.
- 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.
- Always attach plug to appliance first, then plug cord into the wall outlet. To disconnect, turn any control to "off", then remove plug from wall outlet.
- Do not use appliance for other than intended use.

3. Parts and Components

Familiarize yourself with the components of your De'Longhi BAR12 espresso maker:

- Water Tank (removable)
- Boiler Cap
- Filter Holder (Portafilter)
- Filter Baskets (for 1 or 2 cups)
- Steam/Hot Water Nozzle (Milk Frother)
- Drip Tray and Grid
- Control Knob (Espresso/Steam/Off)
- Power Switch
- Measuring Spoon/Tamper



Image: The De'Longhi BAR12 Pump-Driven Espresso Maker, a compact black machine, is shown with two white espresso cups placed on its drip tray, ready to receive brewed coffee. The steam wand is visible on the right side of the machine.

4. Setup

Before first use, follow these steps:

1. **Unpacking:** Remove all packaging materials and ensure all parts are present.
2. **Cleaning:** Wash the water tank, filter holder, and filter baskets with warm water and mild detergent. Rinse thoroughly.
3. **Filling the Water Tank:** Fill the removable water tank with fresh, cold water up to the MAX level indicator. Do not exceed the MAX line.
4. **Priming the Pump (First Use):**
    a. Ensure the control knob is in the "Off" position.
    b. Plug the appliance into a grounded electrical outlet.
    c. Place a container under the steam nozzle.
    d. Turn the control knob to the "Steam" position.
    e. Turn on the power switch. The machine will begin to heat up.
    f. Once the machine reaches operating temperature (indicator light illuminates), turn the control knob to the "Espresso" position to allow water to flow through the steam nozzle until a steady stream is achieved. This purges air from the system.
    g. Turn the control knob back to "Off" and turn off the power switch.

5. Operating Instructions

Making Espresso

1. **Prepare the Filter Holder:** Insert the desired filter basket (1-cup or 2-cup) into the filter holder.
2. **Add Ground Coffee:** Using the measuring spoon, add finely ground espresso coffee to the filter basket. For a single

shot, use one level spoon; for a double, use two.

3. **Tamp the Coffee:** Use the tamper end of the measuring spoon to firmly press the coffee grounds. Ensure the surface is level.
4. **Attach Filter Holder:** Insert the filter holder into the group head and turn it firmly to the right until it is securely locked.
5. **Place Cups:** Place one or two espresso cups on the drip tray directly under the filter holder spouts.
6. **Brew Espresso:** Ensure the water tank is filled. Turn the control knob to the "Espresso" position. The machine will begin to brew.
7. **Stop Brewing:** Once the desired amount of espresso is brewed (typically 1-1.5 oz per shot), turn the control knob back to the "Off" position.
8. **Remove Filter Holder:** Carefully remove the filter holder by turning it to the left. Dispose of the used coffee grounds.

Frothing Milk (Milk Frother)

1. **Prepare Milk:** Fill a stainless steel frothing pitcher with cold milk (dairy or non-dairy) to about one-third full.
2. **Heat for Steam:** Turn the control knob to the "Steam" position. Wait for the machine to heat up and the steam indicator light to illuminate.
3. **Purge Steam Wand:** Briefly open the steam valve to release any condensed water from the nozzle. Close it immediately.
4. **Froth Milk:** Immerse the steam nozzle just below the surface of the milk. Slowly open the steam valve. Move the pitcher up and down to incorporate air and create foam.
5. **Stop Frothing:** Once the milk reaches the desired temperature and consistency, close the steam valve and turn the control knob to "Off".
6. **Clean Steam Wand:** Immediately wipe the steam nozzle with a damp cloth to prevent milk residue from drying. Briefly open the steam valve again to clear any internal milk residue.

6. Maintenance and Cleaning

Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and longevity of your espresso maker.

- **Daily Cleaning:**
  - Empty and rinse the drip tray and grid after each use.
  - Remove and clean the filter holder and filter basket with warm water.
  - Wipe down the exterior of the machine with a damp cloth.
  - Clean the steam nozzle immediately after frothing milk.
- **Weekly Cleaning:**
  - Remove the water tank and wash it with mild detergent. Rinse thoroughly.
  - Clean the group head screen with a brush to remove coffee grounds.
- **Descaling:** Descale the machine every 2-3 months, or more frequently if you have hard water. Use a commercial descaling solution specifically designed for espresso machines, following the product's instructions.

7. Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No coffee dispenses.	No water in tank; clogged filter; machine not primed.	Fill water tank; clean filter; prime the machine.
Coffee brews too slowly or not at all.	Coffee ground too fine; coffee tamped too hard; machine needs descaling.	Use coarser grind; tamp less firmly; descale the machine.
Coffee brews too quickly.	Coffee ground too coarse; not enough coffee; coffee not tamped enough.	Use finer grind; add more coffee; tamp more firmly.
Steam wand not producing steam.	No water in tank; steam nozzle clogged.	Fill water tank; clean steam nozzle.
Water leaking from machine.	Water tank not seated correctly; drip tray full.	Reseat water tank; empty drip tray.

8. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Name	BAR12
Type	Pump-Driven Espresso Maker
Material	Stainless Steel
Included Components	Milk Frother
Operation Mode	Manual
Filter Type	Reusable

9. Warranty and Support

De'Longhi products are manufactured with high-quality materials and are subject to rigorous testing. For information regarding your product's warranty, please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase or visit the official De'Longhi website. For technical support, spare parts, or service inquiries, please contact De'Longhi customer service through their official channels. Always provide your product model number (BAR12) and serial number when contacting support.

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