

Bunn VP17-3

BUNN VP17-3 Commercial Pourover Coffee Maker Instruction Manual

Model: VP17-3 (13300.0003)

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1. INTRODUCTION

The BUNN VP17-3 is a 12-cup low profile pourover commercial coffee maker designed for efficient and reliable coffee brewing. This model features three lower warmers to keep multiple decanters of coffee hot and ready for serving. Capable of brewing up to 3.8 gallons (14.4 liters) of coffee per hour, it is suitable for various commercial settings. Its stainless steel exterior ensures durability, and the SplashGard funnel enhances safety by deflecting hot liquids away from the user's hands. This instruction manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use of your BUNN VP17-3 coffee maker.



Figure 1: Front view of the BUNN VP17-3 Commercial Pourover Coffee Maker.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read all safety instructions carefully before operating the appliance. Failure to follow these instructions may result in injury or damage to the product.

- **Electrical Safety:** This product is built to North American Electrical Standards (120 Volts). Ensure the appliance is connected to a properly protected circuit capable of the rated load. Do not use with extension cords. Follow all national and local electrical codes.
- **Hot Surfaces:** The coffee maker and its warmers contain hot liquids and surfaces. Exercise extreme caution to prevent burns. The SplashGard funnel is designed to deflect hot liquids, but direct contact with hot surfaces should be avoided.
- **Hot Liquid Warning:** Always remove the funnel slowly after brewing to avoid splashing hot liquid.
- **Water Level:** Always fill the water tank before turning on the power to prevent damage to the heating element.
- **Maintenance:** Disconnect the appliance from the power source before cleaning or performing any maintenance. Do not immerse the appliance in water.

- **Children:** Keep children away from the appliance during operation and while it is hot.



Figure 2: Back view of the coffee maker showing electrical cord and warning labels.

3. SETUP

The BUNN VP17-3 is a pourover model, meaning it does not require plumbing connections, offering complete portability. Follow these steps for initial setup:

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove the coffee maker from its packaging. Inspect for any shipping damage.
2. **Placement:** Place the coffee maker on a stable, level surface. Ensure adequate clearance around the unit for ventilation and safe operation.
3. **Power Connection:** Plug the coffee maker into a grounded 120V AC outlet.
4. **Initial Fill:** Before turning on the warmers or brewing, fill the internal water tank. Open the lid on top of the unit and pour cold, fresh water into the reservoir until it reaches the fill line (refer to Figure 3).

5. **Pre-heating:** Turn on the main power switch. Allow approximately 15-20 minutes for the water in the internal tank to heat to the optimal brewing temperature. The unit is ready when the "Ready" indicator light illuminates (if applicable, or when the heating cycle completes).



Figure 3: Top view of the coffee maker, illustrating the water reservoir opening.

4. OPERATION

Operating the BUNN VP17-3 is straightforward. Ensure the unit is properly set up and pre-heated before brewing.

1. **Prepare the Funnel:** Place a BUNN coffee filter into the brew funnel. Add the desired amount of ground coffee into the filter.
2. **Insert Funnel:** Slide the brew funnel into the funnel rails beneath the spray head.
3. **Place Decanter:** Position an empty coffee decanter on the warmer plate directly below the brew funnel. The BUNN VP17-3 accommodates up to three decanters on its lower warmers (decanter sold separately).
4. **Pour Water:** Open the lid on top of the coffee maker and slowly pour a full decanter of cold, fresh water into the water tank. The brewing cycle will begin automatically as the cold water displaces the hot water in the tank, forcing it through the coffee grounds.
5. **Brewing Process:** Hot coffee will begin to flow into the decanter. The brewing process for a full decanter typically takes a few minutes.
6. **Serving:** Once brewing is complete, the coffee will remain hot on the warmer plate. You can brew additional decanters by repeating steps 1-4.
7. **Safety Note:** Always remove the brew funnel slowly after brewing to avoid hot liquid splashing.



Figure 4: Front view of the coffee maker with decanters in place, ready for brewing.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular cleaning and maintenance are crucial for the longevity and optimal performance of your BUNN VP17-3 coffee maker. Always unplug the unit before cleaning.

- **Daily Cleaning:**

- Wash the brew funnel and decanters with mild detergent and warm water after each use. Rinse thoroughly.
- Wipe down the exterior of the coffee maker with a damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads, as these can damage the stainless steel finish.
- Clean the warmer plates to remove any spilled coffee.

- **Decalcification (Regularly):**

Mineral deposits (calcification) can build up in the internal water tank, especially with hard water, affecting brewing performance and taste. Decalcify the unit regularly (e.g., monthly or as needed based on water

hardness and usage). Follow the manufacturer's recommended decalcification procedure, typically involving a descaling solution or a vinegar solution. Ensure the unit is thoroughly rinsed after decalcification.

- **Storage:** If the machine is not used daily, it is recommended to drain the water thoroughly from the reservoir and leave it unplugged to prevent calcification or contamination.



Figure 5: Side view of the coffee maker, illustrating its compact design for easy cleaning access.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your BUNN VP17-3 coffee maker. For problems not listed here, contact customer support.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Coffee is too weak or too strong.	Incorrect coffee-to-water ratio. Grind size is too coarse or too fine. Insufficient tamping of grounds (if applicable).	Adjust the amount of coffee grounds to water. Ensure coffee grind is appropriate for drip brewing. Reprogramming may be needed if grind size or amount is adjusted significantly.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Brewing is slow or water does not flow.	Mineral buildup (calcification) in the spray head or internal tubing. Spray head is clogged.	Perform a decalcification cycle as described in the Maintenance section. Clean the spray head by removing it and clearing any blockages.
Unit is overheating or smoking.	Empty water tank. Internal component malfunction.	Immediately unplug the unit. Ensure the water tank is always filled before turning on the power. If the issue persists, discontinue use and contact a qualified service technician.
Coffee is not hot enough.	Insufficient pre-heating time. Mineral buildup affecting heating element efficiency.	Allow the unit to pre-heat for the recommended 15-20 minutes. Perform a decalcification cycle.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Bunn
Model Name	VP17-3 (3 Lower Warmers)
Item Model Number	13300.0003
Color	Silver
Product Dimensions (D x W x H)	18.8" x 16.2" x 17.3"
Item Weight	24 pounds
Special Feature	Portable
Coffee Maker Type	Pour Over
Specific Uses For Product	Coffee
Recommended Uses For Product	Home, Office
Exterior Finish	Brushed Stainless
Included Components	Filter (Decanters not included)
Operation Mode	Manual
Voltage	120 Volts
Number of Items	1
Human Interface Input	Buttons
Coffee Input Type	Ground Coffee

Feature	Detail
Is Dishwasher Safe	No
Power Source	AC adapter
Capacity	14.4 Liters (3.8 gallons per hour)

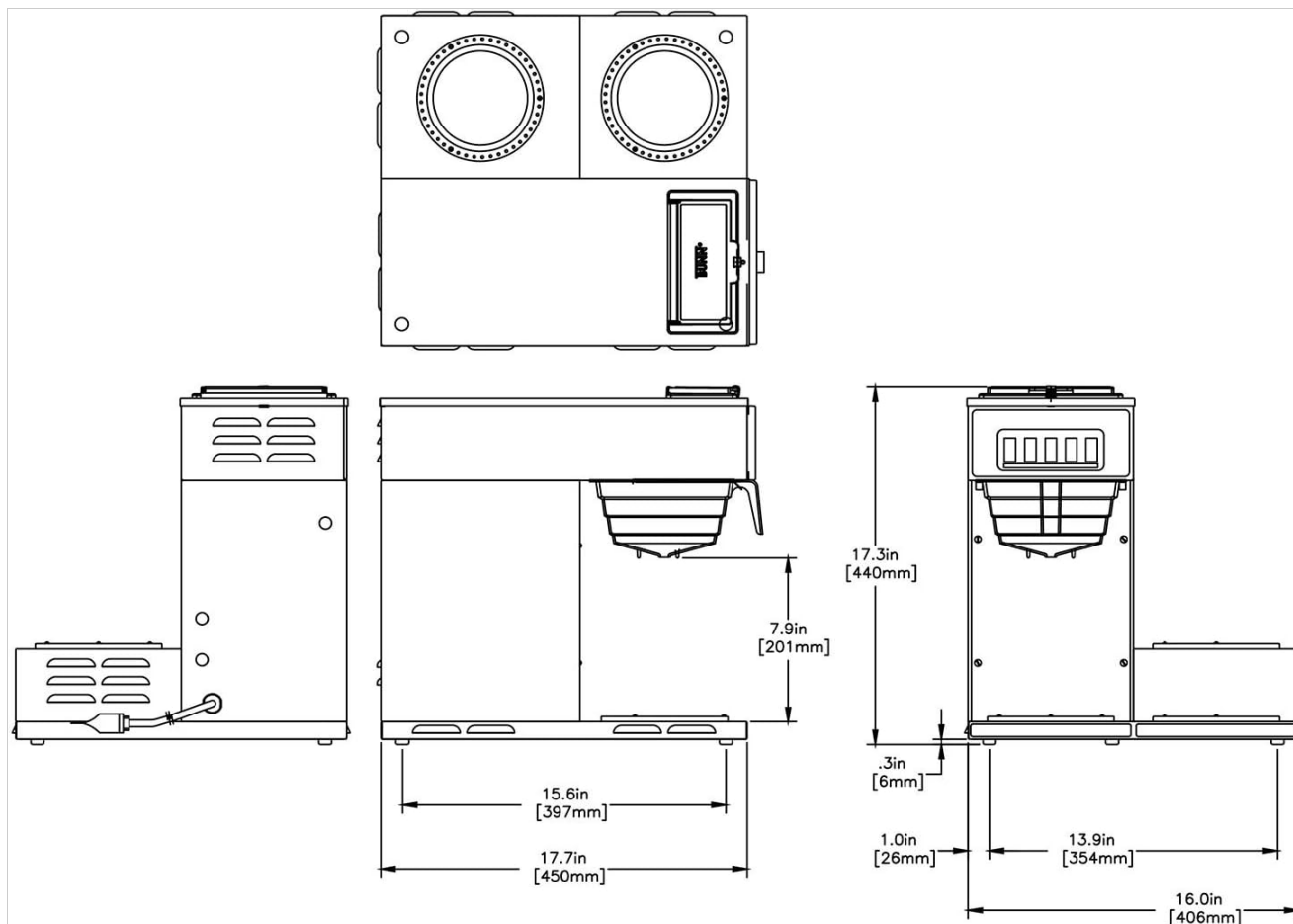


Figure 6: Technical diagram showing the dimensions of the BUNN VP17-3 coffee maker.

8. WARRANTY & SUPPORT

For specific warranty details and terms, please refer to the warranty card included with your product packaging or visit the official Bunn website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

For technical assistance, replacement parts, or service inquiries, please contact Bunn customer support. Contact information can typically be found on the Bunn website or in your product documentation.