

Bialetti 06853

Bialetti Moka Express 12-Cup Stovetop Espresso Maker Instruction Manual

Brand: Bialetti

Model: 06853

INTRODUCTION

The Bialetti Moka Express is the original stovetop espresso maker, designed to provide an authentic Italian coffee experience. First invented in 1933 by Alfonso Bialetti, its iconic octagonal shape and patented safety valve ensure quality and ease of use. This 12-cup aluminum Moka pot is suitable for gas, electric, and propane cooktops, and can be used with an induction adapter plate (sold separately) for induction surfaces.

The Moka Express is a durable and timeless coffee maker, perfect for enjoying rich, flavorful coffee at home or on the go. This manual provides detailed instructions for proper setup, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting to ensure optimal performance and longevity of your Bialetti Moka Express.



Image: The assembled Bialetti Moka Express 12-Cup Stovetop Espresso Maker.

COMPONENTS

The Bialetti Moka Express consists of three main parts:

1. **Bottom Chamber (Boiler):** Holds the water. Features a patented safety valve.
2. **Filter Funnel:** A metal filter basket where ground coffee is placed.
3. **Top Chamber (Collector):** Collects the brewed coffee.



Moka Express

Follow these simple steps to enjoy Italian-style coffee in minutes...



Fill lower tank with cold water.



Place the filter inside lower tank and fill the filter with ground coffee.



Tightly screw the top of the coffeepot to the tank and place the coffeepot on your stovetop burner* and bring to a boil.



When the top of the coffeepot is full of coffee, take the pot off the burner and enjoy your delicious Italian-style coffee!



*MOKA Express can be used on electric, gas, glass, or inductive burners.

Image: A visual guide to the Moka Express components and basic brewing steps.

SETUP

Follow these steps to prepare your Moka Express for brewing:

1. **Fill the Boiler:** Unscrew the top chamber from the bottom chamber. Fill the bottom chamber (boiler) with cold water up to the level of the safety valve. Do not exceed the valve.
2. **Insert Filter Funnel:** Place the filter funnel into the bottom chamber.
3. **Add Ground Coffee:** Fill the filter funnel with finely ground coffee. Do not press or tamp the coffee. Ensure no coffee grounds are on the rim of the filter or the bottom chamber to ensure a proper seal.
4. **Assemble the Moka Pot:** Tightly screw the top chamber onto the bottom chamber. Ensure it is securely fastened to prevent leaks during brewing.

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Video: A demonstration of preparing the Bialetti Moka pot, including filling water, adding coffee, and assembling the unit.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Brewing coffee with your Moka Express is simple:

1. **Place on Stovetop:** Place the assembled Moka pot on your stovetop burner. Use a medium heat setting. For gas stoves, ensure the flame does not extend beyond the base of the pot to protect the handle.
2. **Brewing Process:** As the water in the bottom chamber heats, pressure will build, forcing hot water through the coffee grounds and into the top chamber. You will hear a gurgling sound as the coffee begins to fill the top.
3. **Remove from Heat:** Once the top chamber is filled with coffee and you hear a distinct gurgling sound, immediately remove the Moka pot from the heat source. This prevents the coffee from overheating and developing a bitter taste.
4. **Serve:** Pour the freshly brewed coffee into your cups and enjoy.

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Video: A demonstration of using the Bialetti Moka pot on a stovetop to brew coffee.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Proper cleaning and maintenance will extend the life of your Moka Express and ensure consistently great-tasting coffee:

- **Rinse with Water:** After each use, rinse all parts of the Moka pot with clean water.
- **Avoid Detergents:** Do not use detergents or abrasive materials, as these can damage the aluminum and affect the coffee's flavor over time.
- **Hand Wash Only:** The Bialetti Moka Express is not dishwasher safe. Washing it in a dishwasher will irretrievably damage the pot and alter the taste of the coffee.
- **Dry Thoroughly:** Ensure all components are completely dry before reassembling and storing to prevent oxidation.
- **Inspect Gasket and Filter:** Periodically check the rubber gasket and filter plate for wear. If you notice water leaking from the midsection during brewing, it may be time to replace the gasket. Replacement parts are available.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are some common issues and their solutions:

- **Water Leaking from Midsection:** This usually indicates that the rubber gasket between the top and bottom chambers is worn or improperly seated. Ensure the gasket is clean and correctly positioned, and replace it if it appears damaged or old.
- **Coffee Tastes Burnt or Bitter:** This can happen if the coffee brews too slowly or is left on the heat for too long after brewing is complete. Use a medium heat setting and remove the pot immediately once the top chamber is full. Ensure coffee grounds are not tamped too tightly.
- **Coffee is Weak:** Ensure you are using enough finely ground coffee and that the water level is correct (up to the safety valve). The grind size should be suitable for Moka pots, not too coarse.
- **No Coffee Brews:** Check that the water chamber is filled, the filter funnel is correctly placed, and the top and bottom chambers are tightly screwed together. Ensure the heat source is adequate.

SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	Bialetti
Model Name	Moka Express
Model Number	06853
Capacity	12 Cups (22 Oz - 670 MI)
Material	Aluminum
Color	Silver
Product Dimensions	5"D x 7"W x 11"H
Item Weight	2.75 Pounds

Coffee Maker Type	Moka Pot
Operation Mode	Manual
Compatible Cooktops	Gas, Electric, Propane (Induction with adapter plate)
Dishwasher Safe	No



Image: Dimensions of the Bialetti Moka Express.

MOKA EXPRESS
ESPRESSO VS COFFEE CUPS
know what size to buy



Image: Guide to Moka Express cup sizes and corresponding coffee measurements.

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Bialetti Moka Express comes with a **LIFETIME WARRANTY AGAINST ORIGINAL DEFECTS IN WORKMANSHIP AND MATERIALS**. This warranty excludes replacement parts, damage caused by misuse, abuse, or failure to adhere to instructions.

For further assistance, troubleshooting, or to inquire about replacement parts, please visit the official Bialetti website or contact their customer support.