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Starbucks Barista Aroma Solo Home Brewer Instruction Manual

Model: Aroma Solo

Introduction

Thank you for choosing the Starbucks Barista Aroma Solo Home Brewer. This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation of your coffee maker. Please read all instructions carefully before first use and retain for future reference.

Important Safeguards

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and/or injury to persons, including the following:

- Read all instructions.
- 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.

Product Components

Familiarize yourself with the parts of your Starbucks Barista Aroma Solo Home Brewer:



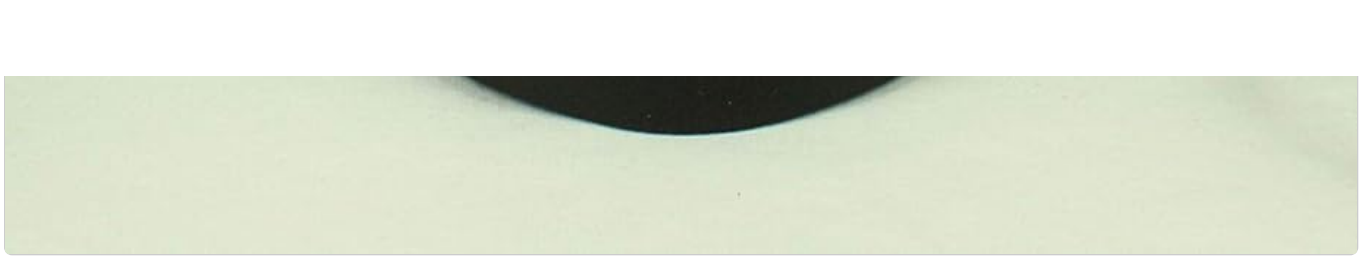


Image 1: Front view of the Starbucks Barista Aroma Solo Home Brewer. This image displays the main unit, including the water reservoir, brew basket area, control panel with display and buttons (H, M, Program, Auto On, On/Off), and a stainless steel travel mug positioned in the brewing area. The Starbucks Barista Aroma Solo logo is visible on the front panel.

- **Water Reservoir:** Located at the top, for filling with water.
- **Brew Basket:** Holds the coffee grounds.
- **Control Panel:** Features a digital display and buttons for H (Hour), M (Minute), PROGRAM, AUTO ON, and ON/OFF.
- **Drip Tray/Mug Rest:** Area where the travel mug or cup is placed for brewing.
- **Power Cord:** For connecting to an electrical outlet.
- **Milk Frother:** (Included Component, as per specifications) - *Note: The frother is not visible in the provided image, but is listed in product specifications.*

Setup and First Use

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove all packaging materials and inspect the brewer for any damage.
2. **Cleaning:** Before first use, clean all removable parts (brew basket, mug) in warm, soapy water. Wipe the exterior of the brewer with a damp cloth.
3. **Initial Rinse Cycle:**
    - Fill the water reservoir with clean water to the maximum fill line.
    - Place an empty mug or container on the drip tray.
    - Do not add coffee grounds.
    - Press the ON/OFF button to run a full brew cycle. Discard the water. This cleans the internal components.
4. **Placement:** Place the brewer on a flat, stable, heat-resistant surface, away from the edge of the counter.
5. **Power Connection:** Plug the power cord into a grounded electrical outlet.

Operating Instructions

Brewing Coffee

1. **Fill Water Reservoir:** Open the lid and fill the water reservoir with fresh, cold water to your desired level. Do not exceed the maximum fill line.
2. **Add Coffee Grounds:** Place a paper filter (if required by your brew basket design) or directly add your preferred amount of ground coffee into the brew basket. Close the brew basket lid securely.
3. **Position Mug:** Place your travel mug or coffee cup on the drip tray beneath the brew basket. Ensure it is properly aligned to catch the brewed coffee.
4. **Start Brewing:** Press the ON/OFF button. The indicator light will illuminate, and the brewing process will begin.
5. **Completion:** Once brewing is complete, the brewer will automatically shut off. Carefully remove your mug.

Setting the Clock

To set the current time on your brewer:

1. Ensure the brewer is plugged in. The display will show "12:00" or the last set time.

2. Press the **H** button to adjust the hour. Press and hold to advance quickly.
3. Press the **M** button to adjust the minute. Press and hold to advance quickly.
4. The clock is now set.

Using the Auto-On Feature (Programmable Brewing)

The Auto-On feature allows you to program the brewer to start brewing at a specific time.

1. **Set Current Time:** First, ensure the current time is set correctly (refer to "Setting the Clock").
2. **Prepare for Brewing:** Fill the water reservoir and add coffee grounds to the brew basket as you would for a regular brew. Place your mug.
3. **Set Program Time:** Press the **PROGRAM** button. The display will flash.
4. Use the **H** and **M** buttons to set the desired time for brewing to begin.
5. Press the **PROGRAM** button again to confirm the set time.
6. **Activate Auto-On:** Press the **AUTO ON** button. The indicator light for AUTO ON will illuminate, indicating that the programmable brewing is active.
7. The brewer will now automatically start brewing at the programmed time.

Cleaning and Maintenance

Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and extends the life of your brewer.

- **Daily Cleaning:**
  - Always unplug the brewer before cleaning.
  - Remove the brew basket and wash it in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly.
  - Wipe the exterior surfaces of the brewer with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads.
  - Empty and clean the drip tray.
- **Descaling (Monthly or as needed):** Mineral deposits from water can affect brewer performance.
  - Mix a solution of white vinegar and water (1:2 ratio) or use a commercial descaling agent according to its instructions.
  - Fill the water reservoir with the descaling solution.
  - Place an empty mug on the drip tray.
  - Run a brew cycle without coffee grounds.
  - After the cycle, let the brewer sit for 15-30 minutes.
  - Run two full cycles with fresh, clean water to rinse out any remaining descaling solution.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Brewer does not turn on.	Not plugged in; power outage; faulty outlet.	Ensure power cord is securely plugged into a working outlet. Check circuit breaker.
Coffee is not brewing.	No water in reservoir; brew basket clogged; brewer not turned on.	Fill water reservoir. Clean brew basket. Press ON/OFF button.
Coffee tastes weak.	Insufficient coffee grounds; too much water; coarse grind.	Increase coffee grounds. Use less water. Use a finer grind.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Coffee overflows from mug.	Mug too small; too much water.	Use a larger mug. Do not fill water reservoir beyond mug capacity.
Brewing is slow.	Mineral buildup (scaling).	Perform a descaling cycle as described in the "Cleaning and Maintenance" section.

Product Specifications

- **Brand:** Starbucks
- **Model Name:** Aroma Solo
- **ASIN:** B002RUFNO4
- **UPC:** 762111725073
- **Color:** Silver
- **Material:** Stainless Steel
- **Special Feature:** Programmable
- **Coffee Maker Type:** Espresso Machine (*Note: While listed as Espresso Machine, the functionality described suggests a single-serve drip brewer. Please refer to actual product for clarification.*)
- **Operation Mode:** Fully Automatic
- **Included Components:** Milk Frother (*Note: Not visible in product image.*)
- **Product Dimensions:** 8 x 8 x 12 inches
- **Item Weight:** 5 pounds
- **Date First Available:** October 7, 2009

Warranty and Support

For warranty information or technical support, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or contact Starbucks customer service. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.
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