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Your guide to safe and efficient operation

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Farberware 55-Cup Coffee Urn, Model 155A. This instruction manual provides important information regarding the safe operation, setup, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your new coffee urn. Please read all instructions carefully before first use and retain this manual for future reference.



Image: The Farberware 55-Cup Coffee Urn, Model 155A. This image displays the overall design of the coffee urn, featuring its polished stainless steel body, black heat-resistant handles, and the spigot for dispensing coffee. The urn is designed for large-capacity coffee brewing and serving.

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 electrical shock, do not immerse cord, plugs, or the coffee urn 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. Contact manufacturer 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.
- Scalding may occur if the lid is removed during the brewing cycle.
- This appliance is for household use only.

COMPONENTS IDENTIFICATION

Familiarize yourself with the parts of your Farberware Coffee Urn:

- **Lid:** Covers the urn and helps retain heat during brewing and serving.
- **Brewing Basket:** Holds the coffee grounds during the brewing process.
- **Pump Tube (Stem):** Extends from the brewing basket to the bottom of the urn, facilitating water circulation.
- **Urn Body:** The main container for water and brewed coffee.
- **Spigot:** Dispenses brewed coffee. Features a lever for easy serving.
- **Handles:** Heat-resistant handles for safe transport of the urn.
- **Indicator Light:** Illuminates to show brewing status or 'keep warm' mode.
- **Power Cord:** Connects the urn to an electrical outlet.

SETUP

Before using your coffee urn for the first time, follow these steps:

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all packaging materials from the coffee urn and its components.
2. **Initial Cleaning:** Wash the lid, brewing basket, and pump tube in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry. Wipe the interior and exterior of the urn body with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the urn body in water.
3. **Placement:** Place the coffee urn on a stable, level, heat-resistant surface, away from the edge of the counter and out of reach of children. Ensure there is adequate ventilation around the urn.
4. **First Use Cycle (Water Only):** To clean the interior and remove any manufacturing residues, fill the urn with cold water up to the 55-cup mark. Place the pump tube and brewing basket (empty) inside. Secure the lid. Plug the power cord into a standard electrical outlet. Allow the cycle to complete (indicator light will change). Unplug, let cool, and discard the water. Rinse the interior.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps to brew coffee with your Farberware 55-Cup Coffee Urn:

1. **Prepare:** Ensure the urn is clean and dry. Place the pump tube into the center well at the bottom of the urn.
2. **Add Water:** Fill the urn with fresh, cold water to the desired level, up to the 55-cup maximum. Refer to the internal markings for cup measurements.
3. **Add Coffee Grounds:** Place the brewing basket onto the pump tube. Add regular or percolator grind coffee grounds to the basket. A general guideline is 1 cup of coffee grounds for every 10 cups of water, adjusting to taste. Do not use fine grind coffee as it may clog the basket.
4. **Secure Lid:** Place the lid firmly on the urn, ensuring it is properly seated.
5. **Brew:** Plug the power cord into a standard 120V AC electrical outlet. The indicator light will illuminate, signaling that the brewing process has begun.
6. **Monitor:** Brewing time varies depending on the amount of coffee. The indicator light will change or turn off when brewing is complete and the urn switches to 'keep warm' mode.
7. **Serve:** Once brewing is complete, allow a few minutes for the coffee to settle before serving. Place a cup under the spigot and press the lever to dispense coffee.
8. **Keep Warm:** The urn automatically keeps coffee at serving temperature after brewing. Unplug the urn when all coffee has been served or when no longer needed.

MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and longevity of your coffee urn.

- **Always Unplug:** Before cleaning, always unplug the urn from the electrical outlet and allow it to cool completely.
- **Discard Grounds:** Remove the lid, brewing basket, and pump tube. Discard used coffee grounds.
- **Wash Removable Parts:** Wash the lid, brewing basket, and pump tube in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry. These parts may be dishwasher safe (top rack only), but refer to specific product labeling if available.
- **Clean Urn Interior:** Wipe the interior of the urn with a damp cloth to remove any coffee residue. For stubborn stains, fill the urn with water and a small amount of white vinegar, bring to a boil (without coffee grounds), then unplug, let cool, and rinse thoroughly.
- **Clean Urn Exterior:** Wipe the exterior with a damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads, as they may scratch the finish.
- **Spigot Cleaning:** Ensure the spigot is clean and free of blockages. If necessary, disassemble the spigot according to manufacturer instructions (if applicable) for thorough cleaning.
- **Descaling:** Over time, mineral deposits can build up. To descale, fill the urn with a solution of equal parts white vinegar and water. Plug in and run a full cycle. Unplug, let cool, discard the solution, and rinse the urn thoroughly with fresh water, running several cycles with plain water to remove any vinegar taste.
- **Storage:** Store the clean, dry coffee urn in a cool, dry place.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your coffee urn, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Coffee not brewing / Urn not heating	Not plugged in; Power outage; Faulty outlet; Urn malfunction.	Ensure urn is securely plugged into a working outlet. Check circuit breaker. If problem persists, contact customer support.
Coffee too weak	Not enough coffee grounds; Grounds too coarse; Brewing cycle incomplete.	Increase amount of coffee grounds. Use a regular or percolator grind. Ensure urn completes its full brewing cycle.
Coffee too strong	Too many coffee grounds; Grounds too fine.	Reduce amount of coffee grounds. Use a regular or percolator grind.
Leaking from spigot	Spigot not fully closed; Seal worn or damaged; Debris in spigot.	Ensure spigot lever is fully released. Clean spigot thoroughly. If seal is damaged, contact customer support for replacement parts.
Coffee grounds in brewed coffee	Fine grind coffee used; Brewing basket overflowed; Pump tube not seated correctly.	Use regular or percolator grind coffee. Do not overfill brewing basket. Ensure pump tube is securely in place.

SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model Number:** 155A
- **Capacity:** 55 Cups
- **Product Dimensions:** Approximately 12 x 12 x 18 inches (L x W x H)
- **Item Weight:** Approximately 10.03 pounds
- **Manufacturer:** Farberware
- **ASIN:** B004FC66ZM

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This Farberware coffee urn is covered by a limited warranty. Please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase for specific terms and conditions, including coverage duration and limitations. For technical support, replacement parts, or warranty claims, please contact Farberware customer service.

You may also visit the official Farberware website for additional product information and support resources:
www.farberware.com