

Better Chef IM-153

Better Chef IM-153 10-30 Cup Coffeemaker

Instruction Manual

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1. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Please read all instructions carefully before using the Better Chef IM-153 Coffeemaker. Retain this manual for future reference.

- **Electrical Safety:** Do not immerse the coffeemaker, cord, or plug in water or other liquids. Ensure the power cord is not damaged and is placed away from hot surfaces. Always plug into a grounded outlet.
- **Hot Surfaces:** The coffeemaker's exterior, especially the stainless steel body and heating plate, will become hot during and after operation. Use oven mitts or handles when moving or touching hot parts.
- **Steam Hazard:** Avoid direct contact with steam escaping from the lid or brew basket during operation.
- **Children and Pets:** Keep the appliance out of reach of children and pets. Close supervision is necessary when the appliance is used near children.
- **Proper Use:** Use the appliance only for its intended purpose of brewing coffee, tea, or heating water. Do not operate with an empty water reservoir.
- **Unplug When Not in Use:** Always unplug the coffeemaker from the outlet before cleaning, servicing, or when not in use.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Better Chef IM-153 Coffeemaker is designed for brewing 10 to 30 cups of coffee, tea, or providing hot water for various beverages. Its stainless-steel construction ensures durability and ease of cleaning, while the non-drip spigot allows for mess-free serving.



Image 1: Better Chef IM-153 10-30 Cup Coffeemaker. This image displays the full coffeemaker unit, highlighting its stainless steel body, black base, lid, and the non-drip spigot on the front. The overall design is sleek and functional.

Key Components:

- **Stainless Steel Body:** Main housing for water and brewed beverage.
- **Twist-to-Lock Cover:** Secures the lid during brewing and keeps contents warm.
- **Brew Basket:** Holds coffee grounds or tea leaves during the brewing process.
- **Non-Drip Spigot:** Dispenses beverages without dripping.
- **Removable Power Cord:** For easy storage and portability.
- **Indicator Light:** Illuminates when the coffeemaker is operating.

3. SETUP

3.1 Unpacking and Initial Cleaning

1. Carefully remove all packaging materials from the coffeemaker.
2. Wash the brew basket, lid, and any removable parts in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry.
3. Wipe the exterior of the coffeemaker with a damp cloth. Do not immerse the main unit in water.
4. For the first use, it is recommended to run a cycle with only water to clean the internal components. Fill the coffeemaker with water to its maximum capacity, place the brew basket (empty) inside, and run a full brewing cycle. Discard this water.

3.2 Placement

- Place the coffeemaker on a stable, flat, and heat-resistant surface.
- Ensure there is adequate clearance around the unit for ventilation and to prevent steam from damaging overhead cabinets.
- Keep the coffeemaker away from the edge of the counter to prevent accidental tipping.

3.3 Assembly

- Insert the brew basket into its designated position inside the coffeemaker.
- Attach the removable power cord to the coffeemaker's power inlet.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Brewing Coffee

1. **Fill with Water:** Remove the lid and fill the coffeemaker with cold, fresh water to the desired level, observing the internal markings for cup capacity. Do not exceed the maximum fill line.
2. **Add Coffee Grounds:** Place a standard coffee filter (e.g., #6 cone filter) into the brew basket. Add the appropriate amount of ground coffee for your desired strength and number of cups. A general guideline is one tablespoon of coffee per cup.
3. **Secure Lid:** Place the lid back onto the coffeemaker and twist it to lock it securely in place. This ensures proper brewing and heat retention.
4. **Plug In and Brew:** Plug the power cord into a standard electrical outlet. The indicator light will illuminate, signaling that the brewing process has begun.
5. **Serving:** Once brewing is complete, the coffeemaker will automatically switch to a keep-warm function. To dispense, place a cup under the non-drip spigot and press the lever.

4.2 Making Tea or Hot Water

For tea or hot water, follow the same steps as brewing coffee, but either omit coffee grounds (for hot water) or place tea bags/loose leaf tea in the brew basket (for tea).

5. MAINTENANCE

5.1 Daily Cleaning

1. Always unplug the coffeemaker and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
2. Remove the brew basket and discard any used coffee grounds or filters.
3. Wash the brew basket and lid in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry.
4. Wipe the exterior of the coffeemaker with a damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads, as they may scratch the stainless steel finish.
5. Clean the spigot by wiping it with a damp cloth. For thorough cleaning, ensure no coffee residue is blocking the

internal mechanism.

5.2 Descaling (Monthly or as Needed)

Mineral deposits from water can build up over time, affecting performance. Descale your coffeemaker regularly.

1. Fill the coffeemaker with a solution of equal parts white vinegar and water.
2. Place the empty brew basket inside and secure the lid.
3. Plug in the coffeemaker and run a full brewing cycle.
4. After the cycle, unplug the unit and let the solution sit for 15-30 minutes.
5. Discard the vinegar solution and rinse the coffeemaker thoroughly by running 2-3 cycles with fresh water only.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Coffeemaker does not turn on.	Not plugged in; power outlet malfunction; cord not properly connected.	Ensure cord is securely plugged into both the unit and a working outlet. Check circuit breaker.
Coffee is not brewing or brewing slowly.	Insufficient water; brew basket clogged; mineral buildup.	Check water level. Ensure brew basket is clear. Perform descaling if necessary.
Spigot dispenses slowly or is blocked.	Coffee grounds or residue clogging the spigot mechanism.	Clean the spigot thoroughly. Ensure no particles are obstructing the flow.
Water leaking from the unit.	Lid not properly secured; overfilled water reservoir; damaged seal.	Ensure lid is twisted and locked. Do not overfill. If leaking persists, contact customer support.
Unusual rattling noise during operation.	Loose internal component.	Unplug the unit immediately. Do not attempt to repair. Contact customer support.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Brand: Better Chef

Model: IM-153

Capacity: 10-30 Cups (240 FL OZ)

Dimensions: 11.00" x 10.00" x 15.00" (L x W x H)

Item Weight: 3.2 pounds

Material: Stainless Steel construction

Special Features: Rapid Brew, Non-Drip Spigot, Removable Cord

Included Components: Coffeemaker unit, Brew Basket, Carafe (integrated), Filter (implied by brew basket)

Operation Mode: Fully Automatic

Coffee Input Type: Ground Coffee

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

This Better Chef IM-153 Coffeemaker is covered by a manufacturer's warranty. For specific details regarding warranty coverage, duration, and terms, please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase or visit the official Better Chef website.

If you encounter any issues not covered in the troubleshooting section or require further assistance, please contact Better Chef customer service. Have your model number (IM-153) and purchase information ready when contacting support.

Customer Service Contact: Please refer to the contact information provided on the product packaging or the official Better Chef website for the most up-to-date support channels.

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