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Model: Appia II | Brand: Nuova Simonelli

1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Nuova Simonelli Appia II Semi-Automatic 1 Group Espresso Machine. This robust and reliable machine is designed for commercial environments, offering consistent performance and high-quality espresso production. Its semi-automatic operation provides baristas with precise control over the brewing process, making it suitable for demanding settings such as mobile coffee trailers or busy cafes. This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and care of your espresso machine.

2. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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

- **Electrical Safety:** Ensure the machine is connected to a grounded power outlet with the correct voltage (800 watts). Do not use extension cords or adapters. Disconnect power before cleaning or servicing.
- **Hot Surfaces and Steam:** The machine produces hot water and steam. Exercise extreme caution to avoid burns. Keep hands and face away from the steam wand and group head during operation.
- **Water Connection:** Ensure all water connections are secure to prevent leaks. If using an external pump, verify proper installation and function.
- **Placement:** Place the machine on a stable, level, heat-resistant surface, away from flammable materials.
- **Children and Pets:** Keep children and pets away from the machine during operation.
- **Authorized Personnel:** Only trained personnel should operate and maintain this commercial espresso machine.

3. SETUP

3.1 Unpacking

The Nuova Simonelli Appia II is a substantial piece of equipment, weighing approximately 130 pounds. Exercise caution

and use appropriate lifting techniques or assistance when unpacking and moving the machine. Remove all packaging materials and inspect the machine for any signs of damage during transit. Retain packaging for future transport or service needs.

3.2 Placement

Position the espresso machine on a sturdy, level counter or stand capable of supporting its weight. Ensure there is adequate ventilation around the machine and that it is not placed directly against a wall or in an enclosed space. Keep it away from direct sunlight, heat sources, and areas where it might be exposed to splashes.

3.3 Water Connection

This machine requires a direct water line connection. Connect the machine to a potable water supply using the provided hoses and fittings. It is recommended to install a water filter system to protect the machine from scale buildup and improve coffee quality. If using an external pump (as indicated by features like 'Trailer switchable with external pump' and 'Truck switchable with external pump'), ensure it is correctly installed and connected according to its own manual and local plumbing codes.

3.4 Power Connection

Connect the power cord to a dedicated, grounded electrical outlet that matches the machine's power requirements (800 watts). Do not overload the circuit. Avoid using extension cords.

3.5 Initial Cleaning and Priming

Before first use, wipe down the exterior with a damp cloth. Flush the group head and steam wand by running hot water through them for a few seconds to remove any manufacturing residues. Consult the detailed priming instructions in the full manual to ensure the boiler is properly filled before heating.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Powering On and Heating

Turn on the main power switch. The machine will begin to heat up, indicated by a light. Allow sufficient time (typically 15-30 minutes) for the machine to reach optimal operating temperature and pressure. The pressure gauge should indicate stable pressure.

4.2 Grinding Coffee

Use fresh, high-quality coffee beans and a dedicated espresso grinder. Grind the coffee to a fine consistency suitable for espresso. The fineness of the grind will affect extraction time and flavor.

4.3 Preparing the Portafilter

Dose the ground coffee into the portafilter basket. Distribute the coffee evenly and then tamp it firmly and level. Wipe any excess coffee from the rim of the portafilter.



Image 1: The Nuova Simonelli Appia II Semi-Automatic 1 Group Espresso Machine. This image shows the red-colored machine with its portafilter inserted, ready for brewing.

4.4 Brewing Espresso

Insert the prepared portafilter into the group head and lock it securely. Place your espresso cups beneath the spouts. Press the desired brew button to start the extraction. As a semi-automatic machine, you will need to press the button again to stop the flow once the desired volume or extraction time is achieved (typically 25-30 seconds for a double shot).

4.5 Steaming Milk

Purge the steam wand briefly to remove any condensed water. Immerse the tip of the steam wand into a pitcher of cold milk. Open the steam valve fully to begin steaming. Texture the milk to your desired consistency, then close the steam valve. Immediately wipe the steam wand with a damp cloth and purge it again to prevent milk buildup.

4.6 Hot Water Dispensing

Use the hot water tap to dispense hot water for americanos, tea, or pre-heating cups. Exercise caution as the water is very hot.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance is crucial for the longevity and optimal performance of your espresso machine.

- **Daily Cleaning:**
 - *Group Head:* Backflush the group head with a blind filter and espresso machine cleaner. Brush the group gasket to remove coffee grounds.
 - *Portafilters:* Remove baskets and clean portafilters thoroughly with hot water and a brush.
 - *Steam Wand:* Wipe immediately after each use. Purge regularly.
 - *Drip Tray and Grate:* Empty and clean daily.
 - *Exterior:* Wipe down with a damp cloth.
- **Weekly Cleaning:** Perform a more thorough backflush with chemical cleaner. Soak portafilter baskets and steam wand tips in cleaner solution.
- **Descaling:** The frequency of descaling depends on your water hardness and filter system. Refer to the full manufacturer's manual for detailed descaling procedures. Use only approved descaling solutions.
- **Gasket and Shower Screen Replacement:** Inspect group head gaskets and shower screens regularly for wear and tear. Replace as needed to ensure proper sealing and water distribution.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter. For more complex problems, contact a qualified service technician.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Machine not turning on	No power, tripped breaker, faulty switch	Check power cord, outlet, and circuit breaker. Ensure main power switch is ON.
No water flow from group head	Water supply off, clogged filter, pump issue	Check water supply valve. Inspect and clean water filter. Consult external pump manual if applicable.
Espresso extracts too fast/slow	Grind size incorrect, tamping pressure wrong, old coffee	Adjust grind finer (too fast) or coarser (too slow). Adjust tamping pressure. Use fresh coffee.
No steam from wand	Wand clogged, boiler not at temperature	Clean steam wand tip. Allow machine to fully heat up.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Brand:** Nuova Simonelli
- **Model:** Appia II
- **Coffee Maker Type:** Espresso Machine
- **Operation Mode:** Semi-Automatic
- **Wattage:** 800 watts
- **Item Weight:** 130 pounds
- **Package Dimensions:** 27 x 20 x 20 inches
- **Material:** Copper

- **Coffee Input Type:** Ground Coffee
- **Color:** Black (Note: Product image shows red, but specifications list black. Please verify your specific model's color.)

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information, technical support, or service inquiries, please refer to the documentation provided with your purchase or contact Nuova Simonelli directly. You may also reach out to your authorized dealer, Java Exotic Imports, at 800-533-7214 for assistance.