

Bestron AES480

Bestron Viva Italia Electric Espresso Maker

Model: AES480

Brand: Bestron

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the Bestron Viva Italia Electric Espresso Maker. This appliance is designed to provide you with up to 6 cups of freshly brewed espresso, perfect for home or office use. Its classic Italian moka design, combined with modern electric functionality, ensures a quick and convenient coffee experience. This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your espresso maker.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Read all instructions before using the appliance.
- Do not immerse the base, cord, or plug in water or other liquids.
- Ensure the voltage rating on the appliance matches your local power supply.
- 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.
- 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.
- Exercise extreme caution when disposing of hot steam.
- The appliance is equipped with a concealed heating element.

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Bestron Viva Italia Electric Espresso Maker consists of several key components designed for easy assembly and operation.



Image: Fully assembled Bestron Viva Italia Electric Espresso Maker in red.







Image: Exploded view showing the main components: lid, upper chamber, filter funnel, filter plate, lower water chamber, and detachable 360° power base.

Key components include:

- **Upper Chamber:** Collects the brewed espresso. Features a plastic handle for safe pouring and a viewing window in the lid.
- **Filter Funnel:** Holds the ground coffee.
- **Lower Water Chamber:** Holds the water for brewing.
- **360° Power Base:** Provides power to the unit and allows for wireless connection, offering flexibility in placement. Includes an on/off switch with a pilot light.

SETUP AND FIRST USE

Before first use, wash all removable parts (upper chamber, filter funnel, filter plate, lower water chamber) with warm soapy water, rinse thoroughly, and dry. Do not immerse the power base in water.

1. **Separate the Unit:** Twist the upper chamber counter-clockwise to separate it from the lower water chamber. Ensure the unit is cool before handling.



Image: The espresso maker body detached from its 360° power base.

2. **Fill with Water:** Fill the lower water chamber with fresh, cold water up to the level of the safety valve. Do not overfill.



Image: A hand pouring water into the lower chamber of the espresso maker from a tap.

3. **Add Coffee Grounds:** Insert the filter funnel into the lower water chamber. Fill the filter funnel with finely ground espresso coffee. Do not tamp the coffee. Remove any excess grounds from the rim.



Image: A hand using a spoon to add ground coffee into the filter funnel.

4. **Assemble the Unit:** Screw the upper chamber firmly onto the lower water chamber, ensuring a tight seal. Do not overtighten.
5. **Place on Base:** Place the assembled espresso maker onto the 360° power base.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Ensure the espresso maker is properly assembled and filled with water and coffee grounds as per the Setup section.
2. Plug the power base into a suitable electrical outlet.
3. Press the ON/OFF switch on the power base. The pilot light will illuminate, indicating that the appliance is heating.
4. The water in the lower chamber will heat up and be forced through the coffee grounds into the upper chamber. This process typically takes a few minutes.
5. Once the upper chamber is full and the brewing sound subsides, the espresso is ready. The viewing window in the lid allows you to monitor the brewing process.
6. Press the ON/OFF switch to turn off the appliance. The pilot light will extinguish.
7. Carefully remove the espresso maker from the power base by lifting it. The 360° wireless connection allows for easy lifting from any angle.
8. Pour the freshly brewed espresso into cups. Use the plastic handle for safe pouring of hot contents.



Image: A hand pouring freshly brewed espresso from the maker into a white cup on a saucer.

9. Allow the appliance to cool completely before disassembling and cleaning.

MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and longevity of your espresso maker.

- Always unplug the appliance and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.
- Disassemble the upper chamber, filter funnel, and lower water chamber.
- Discard used coffee grounds from the filter funnel.
- Rinse all removable parts (upper chamber, filter funnel, filter plate, lower water chamber) under running water. A mild detergent can be used if necessary.
- Ensure all coffee residue is removed from the filter and internal components.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads, as these can damage the aluminium surface.
- Wipe the exterior of the power base with a damp cloth. Never immerse the power base in water.
- Dry all parts thoroughly before reassembling or storing.
- For descaling, use a descaling solution suitable for coffee makers as per the descaling product's instructions, or a mixture of water and white vinegar. Perform descaling periodically, depending on water hardness and frequency of use.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Bestron Viva Italia Electric Espresso Maker, refer to the following table for common problems and solutions.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Espresso does not brew or brews slowly.	Not enough water; coffee grounds too fine or tamped too hard; filter funnel clogged; appliance needs descaling.	Check water level; use coarser grind and do not tamp; clean filter funnel; descale the appliance.
Espresso tastes weak or watery.	Too much water; not enough coffee grounds; coffee grounds too coarse.	Ensure water is filled only to the safety valve; use correct amount of coffee; use finer grind.
Leaking from the middle joint.	Unit not screwed on tightly; gasket worn or dirty.	Ensure upper and lower chambers are screwed on firmly; clean or replace the gasket if necessary.
Pilot light not illuminating.	Appliance not plugged in; power switch not pressed; power outlet issue.	Check power connection; ensure switch is ON; test outlet with another appliance.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Bestron
Model Number	AES480
Colour	Red
Capacity	6 Cups (approx. 180 ml)
Power/Wattage	480 Watts
Voltage	240 Volts
Material	Aluminium, Plastic (handle)
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	17.5 x 19 x 26.5 cm
Item Weight	1 kg
Special Features	Concealed heating element, 360° wireless base, viewing window, removable filter insert

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Bestron Viva Italia Electric Espresso Maker comes with a **5-year guarantee**, ensuring quality and reliability. For warranty claims, technical support, or further inquiries, please contact Bestron customer service or visit their official website.

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