De'Longhi EC201CD.B

De'Longhi EC201CD.B Espresso Machine Instruction Manual

Model: EC201CD.B

1. Introduction and Safety Information

Thank you for choosing the De'Longhi EC201CD.B Espresso Machine. This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient use of your appliance. Please read it carefully before operating the machine and keep it for future reference.

Important Safety Warnings:

- Always ensure the machine is placed on a stable, level surface.
- Do not immerse the appliance, power cord, or plug in water or other liquids.
- Keep the appliance out of reach of children.
- Unplug the machine from the power outlet when not in use and before cleaning.
- Do not operate the machine if the power cord or plug is damaged.
- Use only cold, fresh water in the water tank.
- Exercise caution when handling hot surfaces and steam.

2. Product Overview

Familiarize yourself with the main components of your De'Longhi EC201CD.B Espresso Machine.



Image: The De'Longhi EC201CD.B Espresso Machine, showcasing its compact design, control panel, portafilter, steam wand, and drip tray, accompanied by two cups of espresso and a cappuccino.

Key Components:

- **Water Tank:** Removable tank for filling with water (1-liter capacity).
- **Control Panel:** Features power button, coffee/steam selector, and indicator lights.
- **Portafilter:** Holds ground coffee or ESE pods.
- **Steam Wand (Cappuccino System):** For frothing milk.
- **Drip Tray:** Collects excess liquid and is removable for easy cleaning.
- **Cup Warmer:** Top surface to pre-heat cups.

3. Initial Setup and First Use

3.1 Unpacking and Initial Cleaning

1. Remove all packaging materials from the machine.
2. Wipe the exterior of the machine with a damp cloth.
3. Wash the water tank, portafilter, and drip tray with warm water and mild detergent. Rinse thoroughly.

3.2 Filling the Water Tank



Image: A hand lifting the lid of the water tank on the De'Longhi EC201CD.B Espresso Machine to fill it with water.

1. Remove the water tank from the back of the machine.
2. Fill the tank with fresh, cold water up to the MAX level indicator.
3. Replace the water tank securely in its position.

3.3 Priming the System

Before making coffee, the machine needs to be primed to ensure proper water flow.

1. Plug the machine into a power outlet.
2. Place a container under the coffee spouts and the steam wand.
3. Turn the machine ON. The indicator lights will flash.
4. Once the lights are steady, turn the steam knob to release water through the steam wand for a few seconds until a steady stream appears. Close the steam knob.
5. Press the coffee button to dispense water through the coffee spouts for a few seconds.
6. The machine is now primed and ready for use.

4. Operating the Espresso Machine

4.1 Making Espresso with Ground Coffee



Image: A portafilter with a filter basket filled with ground coffee, alongside an empty filter basket and an ESE coffee pod, demonstrating the machine's versatility.

1. Ensure the machine is ON and the indicator lights are steady.
2. Insert the appropriate filter basket (for 1 or 2 cups) into the portafilter.
3. Add finely ground espresso coffee to the filter basket. Use the measuring spoon provided (approximately 7g for a single espresso, 14g for a double).
4. Tamp the coffee firmly with a tamper.
5. Attach the portafilter to the brewing head by aligning it and turning it to the right until it is securely locked.
6. Place one or two pre-warmed cups under the portafilter spouts.
7. Press the coffee button. The machine will start dispensing espresso.

8. Press the coffee button again to stop the flow once the desired amount of espresso is reached. The machine features an automatic shut-off.



Image: Freshly brewed espresso pouring into two clear glass cups from the De'Longhi EC201CD.B Espresso Machine, highlighting the crema.

4.2 Making Espresso with ESE Pods

The machine is compatible with Easy Serving Espresso (ESE) pods.

1. Insert the specific ESE pod filter basket into the portafilter.
2. Place an ESE pod into the filter basket.

3. Attach the portafilter to the brewing head.
4. Place a pre-warmed cup under the spouts.
5. Press the coffee button to start and stop the flow.

4.3 Frothing Milk for Cappuccino and Latte



Image: A hand holding a metal frothing pitcher under the steam wand of the De'Longhi EC201CD.B Espresso Machine, actively frothing milk.

1. Prepare your espresso first.
2. Fill a pitcher with cold milk (dairy or non-dairy) up to one-third full.
3. Turn the selector knob to the steam icon. The steam indicator light will illuminate when the machine reaches the correct temperature.

4. Position the steam wand into the milk, just below the surface.
5. Slowly open the steam knob to release steam. Move the pitcher up and down to create foam.
6. Once the milk is frothed to your desired consistency and temperature, close the steam knob.
7. Pour the frothed milk over your espresso to create a cappuccino or latte.
8. **Important:** After frothing, always clean the steam wand immediately with a damp cloth to prevent milk residue from drying.

5. Cleaning and Maintenance

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

5.1 Daily Cleaning

1. **Drip Tray:** Empty and clean the drip tray after each use or when the indicator floats up. The drip tray features anti-drip protection for easy cleaning.



Image: The removable drip tray and its grate separated from the De'Longhi EC201CD.B Espresso Machine, ready for cleaning.

2. **Portafilter and Filter Baskets:** Remove spent coffee grounds and rinse the portafilter and filter baskets under running water.
3. **Steam Wand:** Wipe the steam wand immediately after each use with a damp cloth. Purge a small amount of steam to clear any internal milk residue.

4. **Water Tank:** Rinse the water tank daily and refill with fresh water.
5. **Exterior:** Wipe the exterior of the machine with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners.

5.2 Descaling

Descaling is crucial to remove mineral deposits that can affect machine performance and coffee taste. The frequency depends on water hardness and usage.

1. Use a suitable descaling solution recommended for espresso machines. Follow the instructions on the descaler packaging.
2. Empty the water tank and fill it with the descaling solution mixed with water according to the descaler's instructions.
3. Place a large container under the coffee spouts and the steam wand.
4. Run half of the solution through the coffee spouts and half through the steam wand.
5. Rinse the water tank thoroughly and fill it with fresh water.
6. Run several full tanks of fresh water through both the coffee spouts and steam wand to rinse the machine completely.

6. Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your espresso machine.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No coffee dispenses.	Water tank empty; machine not primed; coffee too finely ground or tamped too hard; clogged filter.	Fill water tank; prime the machine; use coarser grind or less pressure; clean filter basket.
Coffee flows too slowly.	Coffee too finely ground or tamped too hard; machine needs descaling.	Use coarser grind or less pressure; descale the machine.
Coffee flows too quickly / watery coffee.	Coffee too coarsely ground or not enough coffee; not tamped enough.	Use finer grind; use more coffee; tamp more firmly.
No steam from the steam wand.	Steam wand clogged; machine not at steam temperature.	Clean steam wand; wait for steam indicator light to be steady.
Machine leaks water.	Water tank not seated correctly; seals are worn.	Ensure water tank is properly inserted; contact customer support if seals are damaged.

7. Technical Specifications

Brand: De'Longhi

Model Number: EC201CD.B (Product ID: 8004399328723)

Color: Black

Capacity (Water Tank): 1 Litre

Power: 1100 Watts

Voltage: 230 Volts

Material: Plastic

Automatic Shut-off: Yes

Noise Level: 1 Decibel (Note: This value may represent a specific measurement condition)

Dimensions (L x W x H): 22 x 27 x 32 cm

Weight: 3 Kilograms

Manufacturer: De'Longhi

Country of Origin: China

Special Feature: 1-liter water tank capacity

Coffee Maker Type: Espresso Machine

Specific Uses: Cappuccino, Espresso

8. Warranty and Support

Specific warranty details and customer support contact information are not provided within this manual. Please refer to the warranty card included with your product packaging or visit the official De'Longhi website for the most up-to-date information regarding warranty coverage and customer service in your region.
For further assistance or to purchase accessories and spare parts, please contact De'Longhi customer support.

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