De'Longhi EC260.BK

De'Longhi Stilosa EC260.BK Espresso Coffee Machine User Manual

Model: EC260.BK

Product Overview

The De'Longhi Stilosa EC260.BK is a traditional barista pump espresso coffee machine designed for home use. It allows you to create a variety of coffee shop favorites, from rich espresso to frothy cappuccinos and smooth lattes. This machine features a 15-bar pump for optimal coffee extraction and a durable stainless steel boiler.

Key Features:

- Unleash your inner barista and create all your coffee shop favourites at home.
- 15-bar pump espresso maker with a stainless steel boiler for perfect coffee extraction.
- Steam arm to create frothy cappuccinos and smooth lattes.
- Filter holder for ground coffee, 1 or 2 cups plus E.S.E pods.
- Removable 1-liter water tank and removable drip tray for glasses up to 110mm.
- Combination of matt and glossy black finish with a stainless steel control panel and stainless steel drip tray.
- Anti-drip system.



Figure 1: De'Longhi Stilosa EC260.BK Espresso Coffee Machine, showcasing its sleek black design and compact footprint.

Setup

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove the coffee machine and all accessories from the packaging. Ensure all components listed in the product manual are present.
2. **Placement:** Place the machine on a stable, flat surface away from water sources and heat. Ensure there is adequate space around the machine for ventilation and access to the water tank.
3. **Water Tank Installation:**
    - Remove the water tank from the back of the machine.
    - Fill the tank with fresh, cold drinking water up to the MAX level indicator.
    - Place the water tank back into its position, ensuring it is securely seated.
4. **Initial Rinse Cycle:** Before first use, perform an initial rinse cycle to clean the internal components.

- Place a container under the coffee spouts and the steam wand.
- Turn on the machine. Once the "OK" light is steady green, indicating it's ready, turn the selector dial to the coffee brewing position.
- Allow water to flow through until the tank is nearly empty. Repeat this process for the steam wand by turning the dial to the steam position.



Figure 2: The De'Longhi Stilosa EC260.BK positioned on a kitchen counter, ready for use.

Operating Instructions

Making Espresso:

1. **Prepare the Filter Holder:**
   - Insert the appropriate filter into the filter holder (1-cup for single espresso, 2-cup for double espresso, or E.S.E. pod filter).
   - For ground coffee, add one level scoop (approx. 7g) for a single espresso or two scoops (approx. 14g) for a double espresso. Tamp the coffee firmly with the tamper provided.
   - For E.S.E. pods, place one pod into the dedicated filter.



Figure 3: Included accessories: portafilter, single and double shot filters, and coffee scoop/tamper.

2. **Attach Filter Holder:** Insert the filter holder into the group head of the machine and turn it firmly to the right until it is locked into place.
3. **Place Cup(s):** Position one or two espresso cups under the coffee spouts. The drip tray is removable to accommodate taller glasses (up to 110mm).

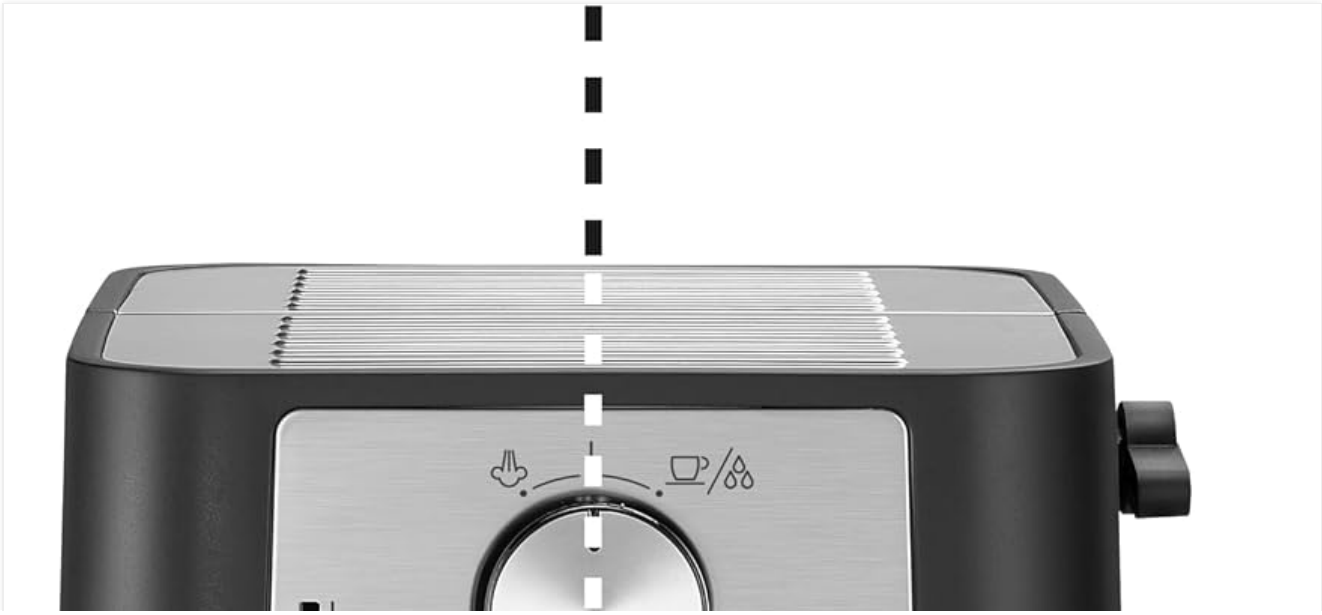




Figure 4: The removable drip tray allows for various cup sizes, including taller mugs.

4. **Brew Coffee:** Ensure the machine is heated and the "OK" light is steady green. Turn the central selector dial to the coffee cup symbol. Coffee will begin to dispense. Turn the dial back to the "O" (off) position when the desired amount of espresso has been brewed.

Frothing Milk:

1. **Prepare for Steam:** After brewing coffee, wait for the machine to reach steaming temperature (the steam light will illuminate).
2. **Position Milk Jug:** Fill a milk jug with cold milk (preferably semi-skimmed or whole milk) and position the steam wand just below the surface of the milk.

3. **Activate Steam:** Turn the central selector dial to the steam symbol. Steam will begin to dispense. Move the jug up and down to incorporate air and create foam.
4. **Finish Frothing:** Once the milk has reached the desired temperature and consistency, turn the dial back to the "O" (off) position.



Figure 5: Using the integrated steam wand to froth milk for lattes and cappuccinos.

5. **Clean Steam Wand:** Immediately after frothing, wipe the steam wand with a damp cloth to remove any milk residue. Briefly open the steam valve to clear any milk from inside the wand.

Maintenance

- **Daily Cleaning:**
  - Empty and rinse the drip tray and water tank daily.
  - Clean the filter holder and filters after each use.
  - Wipe down the exterior of the machine with a soft, damp cloth.

- **Steam Wand Cleaning:** After each use, wipe the steam wand with a damp cloth. If the holes become blocked, use a needle or pin to clear them.
- **Descaling:** The machine should be descaled regularly to maintain optimal performance and extend its lifespan. The frequency depends on water hardness and usage. Refer to the full product manual for detailed descaling instructions and recommended descaling solutions.

Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your De'Longhi Stilosa EC260.BK, please refer to the following general troubleshooting tips. For more specific problems, consult the comprehensive troubleshooting guide in the full product manual or contact customer support.

- **No Coffee Dispensing:** Check if the water tank is filled and correctly inserted. Ensure the filter holder is properly locked. The machine might need descaling if water flow is consistently slow.
- **Coffee is Too Cold:** Preheat your cups by running hot water through the machine without coffee, or by placing them on the cup warmer plate on top of the machine.
- **Poor Steam Production:** Ensure the steam wand is not clogged. Perform a thorough cleaning of the steam wand. The machine might need to reach full steaming temperature.
- **Leaking:** Check that all removable parts, such as the water tank and drip tray, are correctly seated. Inspect the filter holder gasket for wear or damage.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	De'Longhi
Model Name	Espresso Maker (EC260.BK)
Color	Black
Product Dimensions	3.18"D x 5.32"W x 4.42"H
Coffee Maker Type	Espresso Machine
Special Feature	Removable Tank, Milk Frother
Filter Type	Reusable
Operation Mode	Semi-Automatic
Voltage	220V
Item Weight	9.46 pounds
Manufacturer	De'longhi
Date First Available	April 30, 2020

Warranty and Support

For information regarding product warranty, please refer to the warranty card included with your De'Longhi Stilosa EC260.BK coffee machine or visit the official De'Longhi website. For technical support, spare parts, or service inquiries, please contact De'Longhi customer service through their official channels.
You can find more information and support resources by visiting the De'Longhi Store on Amazon.

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