De'Longhi EC235

De'Longhi EC235 Coffee Maker User Manual

Model: EC235

Introduction

This user manual provides comprehensive instructions for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your De'Longhi EC235 Coffee Maker. Please read all instructions carefully before using the appliance and retain this manual for future reference.
The De'Longhi EC235 is designed to prepare espresso, cappuccino, and other coffee beverages using ground coffee or ESE (Easy Serving Espresso) pods. It features a 15-bar pump pressure system and a milk frothing nozzle for creating creamy milk foam.

Important Safety Instructions

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and/or injury to persons, including the following:

- Read all instructions.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against fire, electric shock, and personal injury, do not immerse cord, plugs, or appliance in water or other liquid.
- 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. Return appliance to the nearest authorized service facility for examination, repair, or adjustment.
- The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may result in fire, electric shock, or personal injury.
- 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.
- Use extreme caution when disposing of hot steam.
- The appliance is equipped with a removable water tank. Ensure it is correctly positioned before operation.

Product Components

Familiarize yourself with the main parts of your De'Longhi EC235 Coffee Maker:



Image: Top-down angled view of the De'Longhi EC235 Coffee Maker, showing the control knob, water tank, and drip tray.
This image provides a comprehensive view of the coffee maker's top and front, highlighting the main operational controls and removable components like the water tank and drip tray.

- **Water Tank:** Removable tank for filling with fresh water (1 Liter capacity).
- **Control Knob:** Used to select functions (On/Off, Espresso, Steam).
- **Portafilter:** Holds ground coffee or ESE pods.
- **Filter Baskets:** Two sizes for single or double espresso, plus one for ESE pods.
- **Steam Wand** / **Milk Frother:** For frothing milk and dispensing hot water.
- **Drip Tray:** Collects excess liquid and supports cups. Removable for cleaning.

- **Cup Warmer:** Top surface to pre-heat cups.
- **Power Button:** Located on the side or back of the unit.

Setup

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove all packaging materials and ensure all components are present.
2. **Initial Cleaning:** Wash the water tank, portafilter, filter baskets, and drip tray with warm water and mild detergent. Rinse thoroughly and dry. Wipe the exterior of the machine with a damp cloth.
3. **Positioning:** Place the coffee maker on a stable, flat surface, away from water splashes and heat sources. Ensure adequate space around the unit for ventilation.
4. **Fill Water Tank:** Remove the water tank, fill it with fresh, cold drinking water up to the MAX level indicator. Replace the tank securely.
5. **First Use (Priming the Circuit):**
    - Plug the appliance into a suitable power outlet (220-240V).
    - Press the power button to turn on the machine. The indicator lights will flash.
    - Place a container under the steam wand.
    - Turn the control knob to the steam position (**steam icon**) and open the steam valve. Let water flow out until a steady stream is achieved.
    - Close the steam valve and turn the control knob back to the standby position. The machine is now primed.



Image: The De'Longhi EC235 Coffee Maker in black, showcasing its compact design. Two glass espresso cups are filled with coffee, and a separate glass contains a frothed milk beverage, demonstrating the machine's capabilities.
This image illustrates the machine's appearance and its ability to produce both espresso and frothed milk for various coffee drinks.

Operating

Making Espresso with Ground Coffee

1. **Pre-heat:** Turn on the machine. Wait for the indicator lights to stop flashing, indicating the machine has reached the correct temperature. Place your cup(s) on the cup warmer or rinse them with hot water.
2. **Prepare Portafilter:** Insert the desired filter basket (single or double) into the portafilter. Fill with finely ground espresso coffee.
3. **Tamp Coffee:** Lightly tamp the coffee grounds with a tamper (not included) to create an even, compact surface. Remove any excess coffee from the rim.
4. **Attach Portafilter:** Insert the portafilter into the brewing head and turn it firmly to the right until it is locked in place.

5. **Brew Espresso:** Place one or two cups under the spouts. Turn the control knob to the coffee brewing position (**coffee cup icon**). Coffee will begin to dispense.
6. **Stop Brewing:** Once the desired amount of espresso is brewed, turn the control knob back to the standby position.
7. **Remove Grounds:** Carefully remove the portafilter, empty the used coffee grounds, and rinse the portafilter and filter basket.

Making Espresso with ESE Pods

1. Follow steps 1 and 2 from "Making Espresso with Ground Coffee", but use the ESE pod filter basket and insert one ESE pod.
2. Do not tamp the ESE pod.
3. Follow steps 4, 5, and 6 from "Making Espresso with Ground Coffee".
4. Remove the used ESE pod and rinse the portafilter and filter basket.

Frothing Milk for Cappuccino/Latte



Image: A hand holding a stainless steel milk frothing pitcher under the steam wand of the De'Longhi EC235 Coffee Maker, demonstrating the milk frothing process.
This image shows the practical application of the milk frothing nozzle, essential for preparing cappuccinos and lattes.

1. **Prepare Steam:** After brewing espresso, wait for the machine to reach steam temperature (indicator light will illuminate steadily).
2. **Purge Steam Wand:** Place an empty container under the steam wand. Turn the control knob to the steam position and open the steam valve briefly to release any condensed water. Close the valve.
3. **Froth Milk:** Fill a pitcher with cold milk (dairy or non-dairy) to about one-third full. Immerse the steam wand tip just below the surface of the milk. Turn the control knob to the steam position and open the steam valve.
4. **Create Foam:** Move the pitcher slowly up and down, keeping the tip just below the surface to create foam. Once the desired volume and temperature are reached, close the steam valve and turn the control knob back to standby.
5. **Clean Steam Wand:** Immediately wipe the steam wand with a damp cloth to prevent milk residue from drying. Purge the wand again briefly to clear any internal milk.





Image: The De'Longhi EC235 Coffee Maker illustrating its adjustable cup height feature. A dashed line indicates the removable drip tray, allowing for taller cups to be placed directly under the portafilter.
This image highlights the versatility of the machine, accommodating various cup sizes by removing the drip tray for increased clearance.

Maintenance

Regular cleaning and maintenance ensure optimal performance and longevity of your De'Longhi EC235 Coffee Maker.

- **Daily Cleaning:**
  - Empty and rinse the drip tray and grid after each use.
  - Remove and rinse the portafilter and filter basket after each use.
  - Wipe the steam wand immediately after frothing milk.
  - Wipe the exterior of the machine with a soft, damp cloth.
- **Water Tank Cleaning:** Clean the water tank periodically with warm water and a mild detergent. Rinse thoroughly.
- **Descaling:** Over time, mineral deposits (limescale) can build up in the machine, affecting performance. Descale your machine regularly (e.g., every 2-3 months, or more frequently in hard water areas) using a suitable descaling solution designed for coffee machines. Follow the descaling product's instructions carefully.
- **Filter Basket Cleaning:** If the holes in the filter basket become blocked, use a fine brush or needle to clear them.

Troubleshooting

Refer to the table below for common issues and their potential solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution

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No coffee dispensed.	No water in tank; tank not inserted correctly; machine not primed; filter blocked.	Fill water tank; ensure tank is seated properly; prime the circuit (see Setup); clean filter basket.
Coffee is too weak/watery.	Coffee ground too coarse; not enough coffee; coffee not tamped sufficiently.	Use finer ground coffee; increase coffee quantity; tamp coffee more firmly.
No steam from steam wand.	Machine not at steam temperature; steam wand blocked; machine needs descaling.	Wait for steam indicator light; clean steam wand; descale the machine.
Water leaking from machine.	Water tank not correctly positioned; drip tray full.	Re-position water tank; empty and clean drip tray.
Machine not turning on.	Not plugged in; power outlet issue; power button not pressed.	Check power cord connection; test outlet; ensure power button is pressed.

Specifications

- **Brand:** De'Longhi
- **Model Number:** EC235.BK
- **Color:** Black
- **Product Dimensions (D x W x H):** 28.5 x 20.5 x 34.3 cm
- **Item Weight:** 2 kg
- **Capacity:** 2 Cups
- **Volume Capacity:** 1 Liter (Water Tank)
- **Power / Wattage:** 1100 Watts
- **Voltage:** 220-240 Volts
- **Pump Pressure:** 15 Bar
- **Material:** Edelstahl Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene
- **Noise Level:** 44 dB
- **Special Features:** Milk Frother, Removable Water Tank, Removable Drip Tray, ESE Pod Compatible
- **Coffee Maker Type:** Espresso Machine
- **Specific Uses:** Cappuccino, Espresso

Warranty and Support

For warranty information, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or contact De'Longhi customer support directly. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.
If you encounter issues not covered in the troubleshooting section, or require further assistance, please contact De'Longhi customer service or an authorized service center. Do not attempt to repair the appliance yourself.

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