De'Longhi EC260BK

De'Longhi Stilosa Manual Espresso Machine - Instruction Manual

Model: EC260BK

Brand: De'Longhi

1. Introduction

The De'Longhi Stilosa Manual Espresso Machine is designed for crafting authentic espressos, lattes, and cappuccinos in your home. Its compact design and user-friendly features make it suitable for both beginners and experienced coffee enthusiasts. This manual provides comprehensive instructions for setup, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting to ensure optimal performance and longevity of your machine.

What's Included:

- Espresso Machine
- Portafilter
- Tamper
- Filter for Single Espresso
- Filter for Double Espresso
- Measuring Spoon
- Instruction Manual & Quick Start Guide

2. Product Components



Overall View: The De'Longhi Stilosa Manual Espresso Machine, showcasing its sleek black and stainless steel design, ready to brew. Two espresso shots are visible in glass cups, alongside a latte.



Compact Design: The espresso machine fits perfectly on a modern kitchen countertop, highlighting its space-saving and elegant design.



Milk Frother and Portafilter: A hand frothing milk with the steam wand, demonstrating the ease of use. The portafilter and its single and double shot filters are also displayed.



Durable Construction: The machine positioned in a kitchen, emphasizing its robust stainless steel boiler designed for consistent performance and longevity.

3. Setup

1. **Unpack the Machine:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Ensure all included accessories (portafilter, tamper, filters, measuring spoon) are present.
2. **Place the Machine:** Position the espresso machine on a stable, flat surface near a power outlet. Ensure there is enough space around the machine for operation and maintenance.
3. **Fill the Water Tank:** Open the lid at the back of the machine. Remove the water tank and fill it with fresh, cold water up to the MAX level indicator. Replace the tank securely.
4. **Initial Rinse Cycle:** Before first use, perform a rinse cycle. Place a large cup under the portafilter spout. Turn the machine ON. Once the "Ready" light illuminates, turn the selector dial to the coffee cup symbol to dispense hot water. Let it run until

the tank is nearly empty. This primes the system and cleans internal components.

5. **Prepare the Portafilter:** Insert the desired filter (single or double shot) into the portafilter.

4. Operating Instructions

4.1 Brewing Espresso

1. **Grind Coffee Beans:** Use freshly ground espresso coffee. The grind should be fine, similar to table salt.
2. **Fill Portafilter:** Add the appropriate amount of ground coffee to the filter in the portafilter (e.g., one scoop for a single shot, two for a double).
3. **Tamp the Coffee:** Use the included tamper to press the coffee grounds firmly and evenly. This creates a compact "puck" for optimal extraction.
4. **Attach Portafilter:** Insert the portafilter into the group head on the machine. Turn it firmly to the right until it is securely locked in place.
5. **Place Cup:** Position your espresso cup(s) under the portafilter spouts. The two-level cup holder accommodates various cup sizes.
6. **Brew Espresso:** Ensure the machine is ON and the "Ready" light is illuminated. Turn the selector dial to the coffee cup symbol. Espresso will begin to flow. Turn the dial back to the "OFF" position once the desired volume is reached.

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Video: DeLonghi Stilosa Manual Espresso in Action - This video demonstrates the espresso brewing process, showing coffee being dispensed into cups from the machine.



15 Bar Pump Pressure: The machine extracting espresso, illustrating the optimal pressure for a rich and flavorful shot.

4.2 Manual Milk Frothing

1. **Prepare Milk:** Fill a stainless steel frothing pitcher with cold milk (dairy or non-dairy) up to about one-third full.
2. **Activate Steam Function:** Turn the selector dial to the steam symbol (left of OFF). The "Ready" light will illuminate when the machine reaches the correct temperature for steaming.
3. **Purge Steam Wand:** Briefly open the steam knob to release any condensed water. Close the knob once steam appears.
4. **Froth Milk:** Immerse the steam wand tip just below the surface of the milk. Slowly open the steam knob. Move the pitcher up and down to incorporate air and create foam. Once desired foam and temperature are achieved, close the steam knob and remove the pitcher.
5. **Clean Steam Wand:** Immediately wipe the steam wand with a damp cloth to prevent milk residue from drying. Briefly open the steam knob again to clear any internal milk.

5. Maintenance and Cleaning

- **Daily Cleaning:**
  - Empty and rinse the drip tray and grid after each use.
  - Remove and clean the portafilter and filter basket with warm water.
  - Wipe down the exterior of the machine with a damp cloth.
  - Clean the steam wand immediately after frothing.
- **Weekly Cleaning:**
  - Wash the water tank with mild detergent and rinse thoroughly.
  - Clean the group head screen with a brush to remove coffee grounds.
- **Descaling:**

  Regular descaling is crucial to prevent mineral buildup and maintain machine performance. The frequency depends on water hardness and usage. Use a De'Longhi descaler solution and follow the instructions provided with the descaler or in the full instruction manual.

6. Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No coffee dispenses.	No water in tank; clogged filter; machine not heated.	Fill water tank; clean filter; wait for "Ready" light.
Coffee too weak/watery.	Coffee too coarse; insufficient coffee; poor tamping.	Use finer grind; add more coffee; tamp more firmly.
Coffee too strong/bitter.	Coffee too fine; too much coffee; over-extraction.	Use coarser grind; use less coffee; stop brewing earlier.
Steam wand not producing steam.	Not heated to steam temperature; clogged wand.	Wait for "Ready" light in steam mode; clean wand thoroughly.

7. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	De'Longhi
Model Name	Stilosa
Item Model Number	EC260BK
Color	Black and Stainless
Product Dimensions	8.07"D x 13.5"W x 11.22"H

Feature	Detail
Item Weight	9.48 pounds
Pump Pressure	15 Bar
Water Tank Capacity	33.8 fl.oz
Special Feature	Manual Milk Frother
Voltage	110 Volts
Country of Origin	China

8. Warranty and Support

The De'Longhi Stilosa Manual Espresso Machine comes with a **1 Year Warranty** from the date of purchase.

For warranty claims, technical support, or additional assistance, please refer to the contact information provided in your Quick Start Guide or visit the official De'Longhi website.

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