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Model: APPLIFEVOL2-BLACK

1. Product Overview

The Nuova Simonelli Appia Life Auto Volumetric 2 Group Espresso Machine is a commercial-grade espresso machine designed for cafes, restaurants, hotels, and offices. It features volumetric (automatic) operation, allowing baristas to program and consistently dispense up to four espresso shot volumes per group. This machine is built with a durable stainless steel and ABS body on a solid steel frame, ensuring reliability and longevity in demanding environments.
Key features include:

- **Volumetric (Automatic) Operation:** Program up to four espresso shot volumes per group for consistent, one-touch operation.
- **Push-Pull Steam System:** Designed for ease of use and reduced barista strain, allowing for upward press for purging or locking down for continuous steaming.
- **Cool Touch Steam Wand:** Enhances safety and simplifies cleaning.
- **Raised Group:** Accommodates larger cups, with portable risers included for smaller cups.
- **Reverse Mirror Back-plate:** Enables baristas to monitor extraction without bending.
- **Ergonomic Portafilters:** Solid chrome-plated brass with molded handle and rubber grip for comfort.
- **Automated Backflushing:** Facilitates quick and easy group cleaning.
- **Pressure Gauges:** Display pump and steam pressure for monitoring performance.



Figure 1: Nuova Simonelli Appia Life Auto Volumetric 2 Group Espresso Machine. This image displays the front view of the stainless steel espresso machine with two group heads, control panels, and steam wands.

2. Setup Instructions

Proper installation is crucial for the optimal performance and longevity of your espresso machine. It is recommended that installation be performed by a qualified technician.

1. **Power Requirements:** Ensure a dedicated 220 Volt electrical connection is available.
2. **Water Connection:** A cold water connection is required. The machine must be connected to a potable water supply.
3. **Drainage:** A suitable drain is required for wastewater.
4. **Water Softener:** A water softener system is mandatory to maintain the product warranty and prevent scale buildup. Install the water softener according to its manufacturer's instructions and ensure it is properly connected to the water supply line before the espresso machine.
5. **Placement:** Place the machine on a stable, level surface capable of supporting its weight (approximately 220 pounds). Ensure adequate ventilation around the machine.
6. **Initial Cleaning:** Before first use, wipe down all external surfaces with a damp cloth. Follow the initial cleaning procedures outlined in the detailed manual provided with the machine to flush the system.

3. Operating Instructions

The Appia Life features intuitive controls for efficient espresso preparation.

3.1. Powering On/Off

- To power on, locate the main power switch, typically on the front or side panel, and switch it to the 'ON' position.
- Allow the machine to heat up until the pressure gauges indicate optimal operating pressure (refer to the gauge on the front panel).
- To power off, switch the main power switch to the 'OFF' position.

3.2. Preparing Espresso (Volumetric Dosing)

The volumetric system allows for pre-programmed shot volumes.

1. **Grind Coffee:** Ensure your coffee grinder is set to the appropriate fineness for espresso.
2. **Dose and Tamp:** Fill the portafilter basket with the desired amount of ground coffee and tamp evenly.
3. **Insert Portafilter:** Securely insert the portafilter into the group head.
4. **Select Shot Volume:** Press one of the pre-programmed volumetric buttons (e.g., single espresso, double espresso) on the control panel. The machine will automatically dispense the programmed volume of espresso and stop.
5. **Manual Stop:** If manual control is desired or to stop a programmed shot early, press the 'STOP' button.

3.3. Steaming Milk (Push-Pull Steam System)

The Push-Pull Steam System offers precise control for milk frothing.

1. **Position Steam Wand:** Submerge the tip of the cool-touch steam wand into the milk pitcher.
2. **Activate Steam:**
    - For momentary steam, push the steam lever upwards.
    - For continuous steam, pull the steam lever downwards until it locks into place.
3. **Texture Milk:** Steam the milk to the desired temperature and texture.
4. **Deactivate Steam:**
    - If locked, push the lever upwards to release.
    - If held upwards, release the lever.
5. **Purge and Clean:** Immediately after steaming, purge the steam wand briefly to clear any milk residue, then wipe it clean with a damp cloth.

4. Maintenance

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and performance of your Nuova Simonelli Appia Life espresso machine.

4.1. Daily Cleaning

- **Group Head Cleaning (Backflushing):** Perform automated backflushing at the end of each day.
    a. Insert a blind filter basket into a portafilter.
    b. Add a small amount of espresso machine cleaning detergent (follow detergent instructions).
    c. Lock the portafilter into the group head.
    d. Activate the backflushing cycle (refer to the machine's specific button for this function, often indicated by a showerhead icon).
    e. Run the cycle for 5-10 seconds, then pause for 5 seconds. Repeat 5 times.
    f. Remove the portafilter, rinse it, and repeat the backflushing cycle without detergent to rinse thoroughly.
- **Steam Wand Cleaning:** After each use, purge the steam wand and wipe it with a clean, damp cloth.
- **Drip Tray and Grate:** Remove and clean the drip tray and grate daily.
- **Exterior Surfaces:** Wipe down all stainless steel and ABS surfaces with a soft, damp cloth. Avoid abrasive cleaners.

4.2. Weekly Cleaning

- **Portafilter and Baskets:** Soak portafilters and filter baskets in a solution of hot water and espresso machine cleaning detergent. Scrub thoroughly and rinse.

- **Shower Screens and Gaskets:** Inspect and clean the shower screens and group head gaskets. Replace if worn or damaged.

4.3. Water Softener Maintenance

- Regularly check and regenerate or replace the water softener as per its manufacturer's guidelines. This is critical for preventing scale buildup and maintaining warranty validity.

5. Troubleshooting

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

- **No Power:**
    - Check if the machine is properly plugged into a 220V outlet.
    - Verify the main power switch is in the 'ON' position.
    - Check the circuit breaker.
- **No Water Flow:**
    - Ensure the water supply valve is open.
    - Check if the water softener is functioning correctly and not depleted.
    - Inspect for kinks in the water inlet hose.
- **Low Espresso Pressure:**
    - Check the pump pressure gauge.
    - Ensure coffee is not ground too fine or tamped too hard.
    - Clean the group head and shower screen.
- **No Steam:**
    - Check the steam pressure gauge.
    - Ensure the machine has reached full operating temperature.
    - Clear any blockages in the steam wand by purging.
- **Leaking:**
    - Check portafilter gasket for wear; replace if necessary.
    - Ensure portafilter is securely locked into the group head.
    - Inspect water connections for tightness.

For persistent issues, contact qualified service personnel.

6. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Nuova Simonelli
Model Number	APPLIFEVOL2-BLACK
Product Dimensions	22"D x 31"W x 21"H

Coffee Maker Type	Espresso Machine
Operation Mode	Fully Automatic (Volumetric)
Human Interface Input	Buttons
Item Weight	220 pounds
Material	Stainless Steel, ABS, Brass, Steel
Voltage	220 Volt (requires dedicated circuit)
Water Connection	Cold water connection and drain required. Water softener mandatory for warranty.

7. Warranty and Support

The Nuova Simonelli Appia Life Auto Volumetric 2 Group Espresso Machine comes with a**2-year warranty**. To maintain warranty validity, the use of a water softener is required.
For technical support, service, or warranty claims, please refer to the contact information provided with your purchase documentation or visit the official Nuova Simonelli website.

7.1. Protection Plans

Extended protection plans are available for purchase to provide additional coverage beyond the standard manufacturer's warranty:

- **3-Year Protection Plan:** Extends coverage for an additional 36 months.
- **4-Year Protection Plan:** Extends coverage for an additional 48 months.

These plans offer peace of mind and protection against unexpected repairs. Details regarding coverage and terms can be found with the respective plan providers.

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