

Gaggia RI8123/01

Gaggia MD15 Coffee Grinder User Manual

MODEL: RI8123/01

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1. Product Overview

The Gaggia MD15 Coffee Grinder is an automatic grinder designed for home use. It features durable stainless steel conical grinders with 15 adjustable settings, allowing for a wide range of grind sizes from fine espresso to coarse filter coffee. The grinder includes a large 300-gram coffee bean hopper and a 150-gram ground coffee container. Its user-friendly interface, equipped with LED icons, a rotary knob, and a digital timer, simplifies the grinding process.



Image 1.1: The Gaggia MD15 Coffee Grinder in a kitchen setting, showcasing its design and capacity.

2. Safety Information

Please read all safety instructions carefully before using the appliance. Keep this manual for future reference.

- Ensure the appliance is placed on a stable, flat, and dry surface.
- Do not immerse the appliance, power cord, or plug in water or any other liquid.
- Keep hands, hair, clothing, and utensils away from moving parts during operation to prevent injury.
- Unplug the grinder from the power outlet before cleaning, assembling, or disassembling parts.
- Do not operate the grinder with a damaged cord or plug, or if the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner.
- This appliance is for household use only. Do not use outdoors.
- Only use whole roasted coffee beans in the hopper. Do not use instant coffee, ground coffee, or other substances as they may damage the grinder.

3. Components

Familiarize yourself with the main parts of your Gaggia MD15 Coffee Grinder:

1. **Coffee Bean Hopper:** Transparent container for whole coffee beans (300g capacity).
2. **Hopper Lid:** Covers the coffee bean hopper.
3. **Grinding Adjustment Knob:** Located on the side, used to select grind fineness (1-15 settings).
4. **Control Panel:** Front-facing panel with LED icons, START/STOP button, and digital timer.
5. **Ground Coffee Container:** Removable container for collecting ground coffee (150g capacity).
6. **Dispenser Outlet:** Where ground coffee exits.
7. **Removable Conical Grinders:** Internal stainless steel burrs for grinding.



Image 3.1: The Gaggia MD15 Coffee Grinder showing the main unit and the detached ground coffee container.

4. Setup

Before first use, follow these steps to prepare your grinder:

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all packaging materials and ensure all components are present.

2. **Clean:** Wipe the exterior of the grinder with a damp cloth. Wash the coffee bean hopper lid and ground coffee container with warm, soapy water, then rinse and dry thoroughly.
3. **Assemble:** Place the ground coffee container securely into its position under the dispenser outlet. Ensure the coffee bean hopper is correctly seated on top of the grinder body.
4. **Fill Hopper:** Open the hopper lid and pour whole roasted coffee beans into the hopper. Do not overfill beyond the maximum fill line. Close the lid.
5. **Connect Power:** Plug the power cord into a suitable electrical outlet.



Image 4.1: The Gaggia MD15 Coffee Grinder fully assembled and ready for initial use.

5. Operating Instructions

5.1. Grinding Adjustment

The Gaggia MD15 offers 15 grind settings, from very fine (1) for espresso to coarse (15) for French press or filter coffee. Adjust the grind fineness using the rotary knob on the side of the grinder.

For Espresso: Select settings 1-5.

For Filter Coffee: Select settings 6-10.

For French Press: Select settings 11-15.

Note: It is recommended to adjust the grind setting only when the grinder is operating or completely empty to prevent damage to the burrs.



Image 5.1: Detail of the grinding adjustment knob, showing the 15 available settings.

5.2. Grinding Coffee

1. Ensure the coffee bean hopper is filled with whole beans and the ground coffee container is in place.
2. Select your desired grind fineness using the adjustment knob.
3. Press the **START/STOP** button on the control panel to begin grinding.
4. The grinder will operate until the preset time or quantity is reached, or until you press **START/STOP** again to manually stop it.
5. Remove the ground coffee container or place your portafilter directly under the dispenser to collect the freshly ground coffee.



Image 5.2: A user collecting ground coffee directly into a portafilter from the Gaggia MD15 grinder.

5.3. Using the Digital Timer

The digital display allows you to set a specific grinding time or quantity for consistent results. Use the rotary knob to navigate through the timer settings and the START/STOP button to confirm your selection. Refer to the LED icons on the control panel for visual guidance on quantity or time settings.



Image 5.3: The control panel of the Gaggia MD15, highlighting the LED icons and START/STOP button for timer functions.

6. Maintenance

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

6.1. Cleaning the Grinding Chamber and Burrs

1. **Unplug:** Always unplug the grinder before cleaning.
2. **Empty Hopper:** Remove any remaining coffee beans from the hopper.
3. **Remove Upper Burr:** Follow the instructions in your quick start guide to unlock and remove the upper conical burr.
4. **Brush Clean:** Use a small brush (often supplied with the grinder) to remove ground coffee particles from both the upper and lower burrs, and from the grinding chamber.
5. **Reassemble:** Carefully reinsert and lock the upper burr into place.

6.2. Cleaning Hopper and Container

- The coffee bean hopper lid and ground coffee container can be washed with warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry completely before reattaching.
- Wipe the exterior of the grinder with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or immerse the

main unit in water.

7. Troubleshooting

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

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Grinder does not start.	Not plugged in; Hopper not correctly seated; Power outage.	Check power connection; Ensure hopper is securely in place; Check household power.
Coffee is not grinding.	No beans in hopper; Grinding chamber clogged; Burrs are blocked.	Fill hopper with beans; Clean grinding chamber and burrs (refer to Maintenance section).
Grind is inconsistent.	Burrs are dirty or worn; Incorrect grind setting.	Clean burrs thoroughly; Adjust grind setting as needed.
Grinder makes unusual noise.	Foreign object in burrs; Burrs are loose or damaged.	Unplug and inspect burrs for foreign objects; Contact customer support if burrs are damaged.

8. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	Gaggia
Model Number	RI8123/01
Color	Black, Stainless Steel
Product Dimensions	23 x 15 x 35 cm
Item Weight	2.1 kg
Capacity (Coffee Beans)	300 grams
Capacity (Ground Coffee)	150 grams
Power/Wattage	1400 watts
Voltage	240 Volts
Material	Stainless Steel, ABS
Special Features	Integrated Coffee Grinder, Timer, 15 Grind Settings

9. Warranty & Support

Your Gaggia MD15 Coffee Grinder comes with a manufacturer's warranty. Please refer to the warranty card included in your product packaging for specific terms and conditions, including the warranty period and coverage details. For technical support, spare parts, or service inquiries, please contact Gaggia customer service through their official website or the contact information provided in your product documentation.

Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for warranty claims.

