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Model: Bello | Brand: Diletta

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Diletta Bello Espresso Machine. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the machine and retain it for future reference. The Diletta Bello is a semi-automatic heat exchanger espresso machine designed for home use, featuring an E61 grouphead and manual controls for precise coffee preparation.



Figure 1: Front view of the Diletta Bello Espresso Machine.

SAFETY INFORMATION

- Always connect the machine to a grounded electrical outlet.
- Do not immerse the machine, cord, or plug in water or other liquids.
- Keep hands and cords away from hot surfaces, such as the steam wand and grouphead.
- Unplug the machine before cleaning or when not in use for extended periods.
- Use only potable water in the water reservoir.
- Ensure proper ventilation around the machine.

SETUP

1. Unpacking and Placement

Carefully remove the espresso machine from its packaging. Place the machine on a stable, level, and heat-resistant surface. Ensure there is adequate space around the machine for ventilation and access to the

water reservoir and drip tray.



Figure 2: Diletta Bello Espresso Machine placed on a kitchen counter.

2. Water Reservoir Filling

Remove the water reservoir from the back of the machine. Fill it with fresh, filtered water up to the maximum fill line. Reinsert the reservoir securely into its position.

3. Initial Startup and Priming

1. Plug the machine into a grounded 120V outlet.
2. Turn the main power switch to the 'ON' position. The machine will begin to heat up.
3. Once the machine reaches operating temperature (indicated by the pressure gauge), lift the brew lever on the E61 grouphead until water flows steadily from the group. This primes the pump and fills the boiler. Lower the lever once water flows consistently.
4. Open the steam wand valve briefly to release any air and allow steam to escape, then close it.

For a visual guide on unboxing and initial setup, please refer to the video below:

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Video 1: Gail Unboxes the Diletta Bello! - A detailed guide to unpacking and initial setup by Seattle Coffee

4. First Use Preparation

Before brewing, run a few ounces of hot water through the grouphead and steam wand to rinse any manufacturing residues. Allow the machine to heat for at least 20-30 minutes for optimal temperature stability.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Brewing Espresso

1. Ensure the machine is fully heated.
2. Grind fresh coffee beans to an espresso-fine consistency.
3. Dose the portafilter with the desired amount of ground coffee (typically 14-18g for a double shot).
4. Distribute the coffee evenly and tamp firmly.
5. Insert the portafilter into the E61 grouphead and lock it into place.
6. Place your espresso cup(s) under the portafilter spouts.
7. Lift the brew lever fully to start the extraction.
8. Monitor the shot for desired volume and extraction time (typically 25-30 seconds for 1.5-2 oz).
9. Lower the brew lever to stop the extraction.



Figure 3: Close-up view of the E61 brew group, showing the manual control lever.

2. Steaming Milk

The Diletta Bello's heat exchanger boiler allows for simultaneous brewing and steaming.

1. Purge the steam wand by opening the steam valve briefly to release any condensed water, then close it.
2. Immerse the tip of the steam wand just below the surface of cold milk in a stainless steel pitcher.
3. Open the steam valve fully.
4. Stretch the milk by keeping the wand tip near the surface to incorporate air, creating a hissing sound.
5. Once the milk has expanded to the desired volume, submerge the wand tip deeper to create a swirling vortex, heating the milk to approximately 140-150°F (60-65°C).
6. Close the steam valve and immediately wipe the steam wand with a damp cloth. Purge the wand again to clear any milk residue.

3. Hot Water Dispensing

The hot water wand can be used to dispense hot water for americanos or tea. Open the hot water valve to dispense, and close it to stop.

4. Eco Mode

The Diletta Bello features an optional 60-minute eco timer. This mode can be activated or deactivated via a switch located under the case of the machine. When active, the machine will enter a low-power state after 60 minutes of inactivity to conserve energy.

MAINTENANCE

1. Daily Cleaning

- **Grouphead:** After each use, remove the portafilter and rinse the grouphead by lifting the brew lever for a few seconds. Use a grouphead brush to clean any coffee grounds from the screen and gasket.
- **Portafilter:** Rinse the portafilter and basket thoroughly after each use.
- **Steam Wand:** Immediately after steaming milk, wipe the steam wand with a damp cloth and purge it briefly to prevent milk residue buildup.
- **Drip Tray:** Empty and rinse the drip tray daily or as needed.

2. Backflushing

Backflushing should be performed regularly (e.g., weekly for moderate use) to clean the grouphead and release old coffee oils. Use a blind filter basket and espresso machine cleaning detergent as directed by the detergent manufacturer.

1. Insert the blind filter into the portafilter.
2. Add a small amount of espresso machine cleaning detergent to the blind filter.
3. Lock the portafilter into the grouphead.
4. Lift the brew lever for 10 seconds, then lower it. Repeat this cycle 5-10 times.
5. Remove the portafilter, rinse it, and repeat the backflushing process with clean water (no detergent) to rinse thoroughly.

3. Descaling

Descaling frequency depends on water hardness. It is recommended every 2-3 months for average water hardness. Use a commercial descaling solution designed for espresso machines and follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.

4. Water Filter Replacement

If using an in-tank water filter, replace it according to the filter manufacturer's recommendations to maintain water quality and protect your machine from scale buildup.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
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No water from grouphead	Empty water reservoir; machine not primed; pump issue.	Refill reservoir; prime pump (see Setup); contact support if pump fails.
No steam from wand	Steam boiler not heated; wand clogged.	Allow machine to heat fully; clean steam wand tip.
Espresso extracts too fast	Coffee ground too coarse; under-dosed; insufficient tamping.	Grind finer; increase dose; tamp more firmly.
Espresso extracts too slow or not at all	Coffee ground too fine; over-dosed; excessive tamping.	Grind coarser; decrease dose; tamp lighter.
Machine leaks water	Loose connections; damaged gasket; overfilled drip tray.	Check reservoir and drip tray; inspect grouphead gasket; contact support for internal leaks.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Diletta
Model Name	Bello
Coffee Maker Type	Semi-Automatic Espresso Machine
Operation Mode	Semi-Automatic
Boiler Type	Heat Exchanger (HX)
Boiler Material	Stainless Steel
Boiler Capacity	1.8 Liters (internal boiler) / 3 Liters (water reservoir)
Grouphead	E61
Material	Stainless Steel (case, frame, boiler)
Color	Stainless Steel
Product Dimensions (D x W x H)	17.75"D x 11"W x 14.5"H
Item Weight	50 Pounds
Wattage	1500 watts
Voltage	120 Volts
Power Source	AC adapter
Coffee Input Type	Ground Coffee
Included Components	Filter

Feature	Detail
Special Features	Eco Mode, Cup Warmer, Italian Made

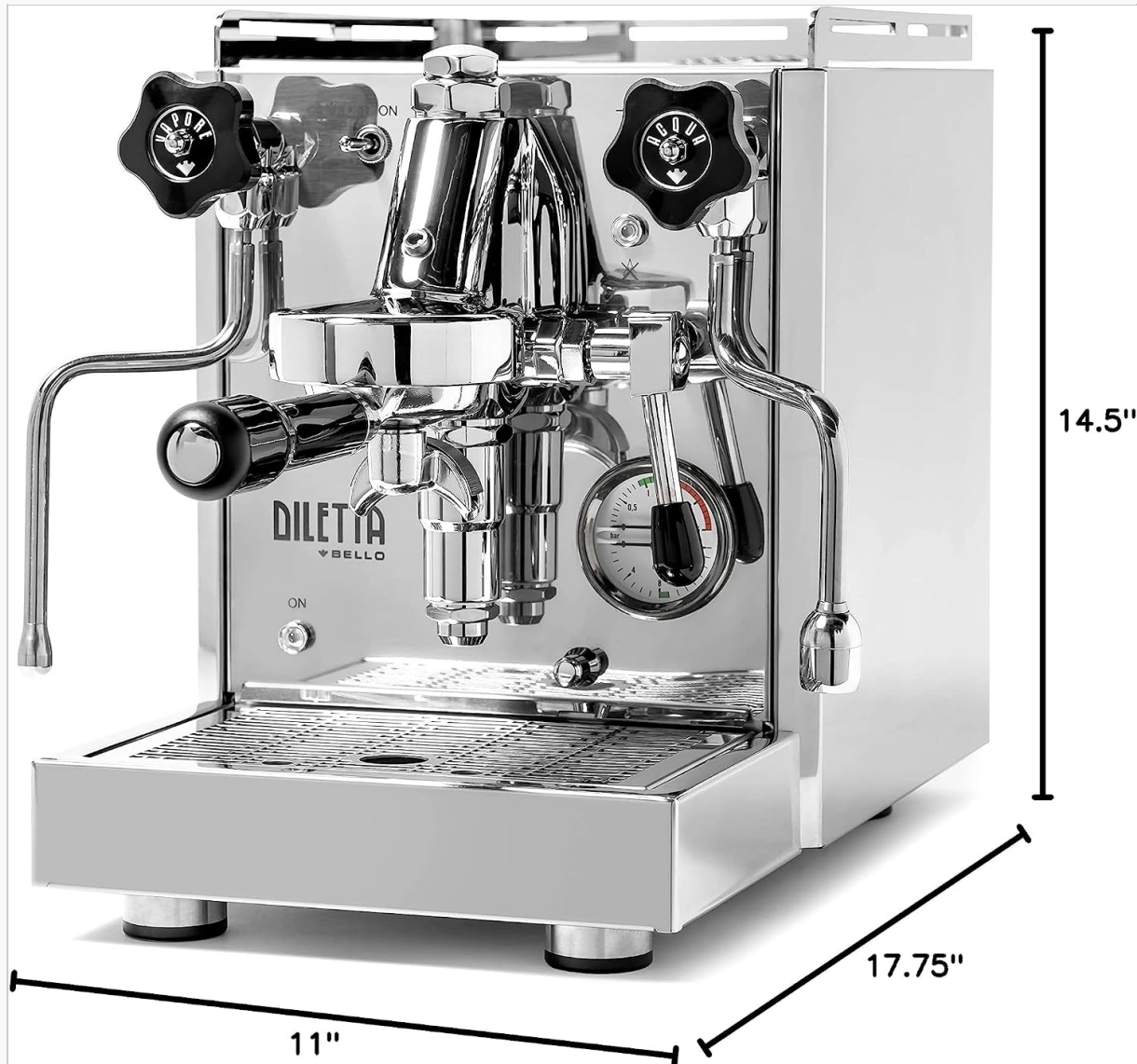


Figure 4: Dimensions of the Diletta Bello Espresso Machine.

WARRANTY INFORMATION

The Diletta Bello Espresso Machine is covered by a manufacturer's warranty. Please refer to the warranty card included with your product for specific terms, conditions, and duration. Retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For technical assistance, parts, or service inquiries, please contact your authorized Diletta dealer or the customer support team. Contact details can typically be found on the Diletta website or in the documentation provided with your machine.

For additional operational insights, consider watching the crew review video:

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Video 2: Diletta Bello SCG Crew Review! - A comprehensive review and operational overview by Seattle Coffee Gear.

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