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Ariete 1381

Ariete 1381 Espresso Coffee Machine

User Instruction Manual

Important Safety Instructions

Please read this instruction manual carefully before using the appliance and keep it for future reference. Incorrect use may lead to electric shock, fire, or serious injury.

- Always ensure the appliance is unplugged from the power outlet before cleaning or when not in use.
- Do not immerse the appliance, power cord, or plug in water or any other liquid.
- Keep the appliance out of reach of children.
- Do not operate the appliance if the power cord or plug is damaged, or if the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any way.
- Avoid contact with hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- Use only original accessories and spare parts.

1. Setup and First Use

1.1 Unpacking

Carefully remove the coffee machine from its packaging. Retain the packaging for future transport or storage. Ensure all components are present: main unit, portafilter, single shot filter, double shot filter, ESE pod filter, measuring spoon/tamper, and drip tray.

1.2 Filling the Water Tank

Remove the water tank from the back of the appliance. Fill it with fresh, cold water up to the 'MAX' level indicator. Do not exceed the maximum fill line. Replace the water tank securely.



Image: Side view of the Ariete 1381 espresso machine, showing the transparent water tank with MIN and MAX level indicators. Ensure the water level is between these marks.

1.3 Priming the Machine

Before first use, or if the machine has not been used for a long time, it must be primed to fill the internal circuits with water.

1. Ensure the water tank is filled.
2. Place a cup under the coffee dispenser.
3. Turn on the machine using the power button. The indicator lights will illuminate.
4. Once the machine reaches operating temperature (indicator light stops flashing), press the coffee dispensing button to run water through the system for approximately 30 seconds.
5. Repeat this process for the steam wand by opening the steam knob and letting water/steam flow for a few seconds. Close the steam knob.

2. Operating Instructions

2.1 Making Espresso (Ground Coffee or ESE Pods)

1. Fill the water tank with fresh water.
2. Insert the desired filter (single, double, or ESE pod) into the portafilter.
3. For ground coffee: Add finely ground espresso coffee to the filter using the measuring spoon. Tamp the coffee firmly

and evenly. For ESE pods: Place one ESE pod into the dedicated filter.

4. Attach the portafilter to the brewing head by aligning it and turning it to the right until it is firmly locked.
5. Place one or two cups on the drip tray under the portafilter spouts.
6. Turn on the machine and wait for the temperature indicator light to become steady.
7. Press the single or double coffee dispensing button. The machine will start brewing. Monitor the manometer for optimal extraction pressure.
8. Press the button again to stop dispensing once the desired amount of espresso is reached.
9. Carefully remove the portafilter, discard the used coffee grounds/pod, and clean the filter.


MAX
MIN
Ariete

Image: The Ariete 1381 espresso machine extracting espresso into a glass cup, with the pressure manometer visible, indicating optimal brewing pressure.



Image: The Ariete 1381 espresso machine dispensing espresso into a cup, with coffee beans and croissants in the background, illustrating a typical coffee preparation scene.

2.2 Using the Manometer

The integrated manometer provides real-time feedback on the brewing pressure. For optimal espresso extraction, the needle should ideally be in the 'OPTIMAL' range during brewing. If the pressure is too low, the coffee might be too coarse or not enough coffee was used. If too high, the coffee might be too fine or tamped too hard.



Image: Full view of the Ariete 1381 espresso machine, highlighting the setting buttons, steam knob, and its compatibility with both ground coffee and ESE pods. The manometer is clearly visible for pressure monitoring.

2.3 Making Cappuccino and Hot Beverages

The Maxi-Cappuccino device allows for frothing milk for cappuccinos or dispensing hot water for teas and infusions.

1. Fill the water tank.
2. Turn on the machine and wait for the steam indicator light to become steady.
3. For frothing milk: Fill a pitcher with cold milk (dairy or non-dairy). Submerge the steam wand tip just below the surface of the milk. Turn the steam knob counter-clockwise to release steam. Move the pitcher up and down to create foam. Once desired foam is achieved, close the steam knob.
4. For hot water: Place a cup under the steam wand. Turn the steam knob counter-clockwise to dispense hot water. Close the steam knob when done.
5. Always clean the steam wand immediately after use by wiping it with a damp cloth and briefly releasing steam into an empty cup to clear any milk residue.



Image: Close-up of the Ariete 1381 espresso machine's steam and hot water knob, indicating its function for creating steam for milk frothing or dispensing hot water for other beverages.




OPTIMAL
EXTRACTION
UNDER
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Image: The Ariete 1381 espresso machine preparing a cappuccino in a glass mug, showcasing its milk frothing capability for creamy beverages.

3. Cleaning and Maintenance

Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and extends the lifespan of your Ariete 1381 coffee machine.

3.1 Daily Cleaning

- **Portafilter and Filters:** After each use, remove the portafilter, discard coffee grounds/pod, and rinse the portafilter and filter basket under running water.
- **Steam Wand:** Immediately after frothing milk, wipe the steam wand with a damp cloth. Briefly open the steam knob to purge any milk residue from inside.
- **Drip Tray:** Empty and rinse the drip tray daily or when the indicator floats up.
- **Exterior:** Wipe the exterior of the machine with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.

3.2 Descaling

Descaling is essential to remove mineral deposits that can build up over time, affecting performance and taste. The frequency depends on water hardness and usage, but generally every 2-3 months.

1. Use a commercial descaling solution suitable for espresso machines, following the manufacturer's instructions.
2. Fill the water tank with the descaling solution mixed with water as per instructions.
3. Place a large container under the coffee dispenser and steam wand.
4. Run half of the solution through the coffee dispenser.
5. Run the remaining solution through the steam wand.
6. After descaling, rinse the water tank thoroughly and fill it with fresh water. Run several tanks of fresh water through both the coffee dispenser and steam wand to flush out any descaling residue.

4. Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No coffee dispenses or very slow flow.	Water tank empty; coffee too finely ground or tamped too hard; clogged filter; machine needs descaling.	Fill water tank; use coarser grind or less pressure when tamping; clean filter; descale machine.
Coffee is watery or weak.	Coffee too coarsely ground or not enough coffee; insufficient tamping; machine not hot enough.	Use finer grind or more coffee; tamp more firmly; wait for indicator light to stabilize before brewing.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Steam wand not producing steam or weak steam.	Steam wand clogged with milk residue; machine not at steam temperature; machine needs descaling.	Clean steam wand thoroughly; wait for steam indicator light; descale machine.
Water leaking from machine.	Water tank not seated correctly; drip tray full; portafilter not properly attached.	Re-seat water tank; empty drip tray; ensure portafilter is locked securely.
Manometer reading is consistently too high or too low.	Incorrect coffee grind size or tamping pressure.	Adjust coffee grind (finer for low pressure, coarser for high pressure) or tamping force.

5. Technical Specifications

Model: Ariete 1381

Model Number: 00M138113AR0

Power: 1300 Watts

Pressure: 15 Bar

Water Tank Capacity: 1.1 Litres

Dimensions (L x W x H): 14 x 34 x 29 cm

Weight: 3.22 Kilograms

Compatibility: Ground coffee and ESE pods

Special Features: Manometer, Maxi-Cappuccino device, Automatic shut-off after 25 minutes, Anti-drip system



Image: Diagram illustrating the compact dimensions of the Ariete 1381 espresso machine: 14 cm width, 34 cm depth, and 29 cm height.

6. Warranty Information

For detailed warranty information, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Ariete website. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

7. Customer Support

If you encounter any issues not covered in this manual or require further assistance, please contact Ariete customer support. Contact details can typically be found on the official Ariete website or in the product packaging.

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