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Model: Walnut 58mm

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Normcore Tamping Station is a meticulously designed accessory for espresso enthusiasts, crafted from genuine American Walnut Wood. It provides a stable and organized workspace for your coffee preparation tools, ensuring a comfortable and efficient tamping process.



Figure 1: Normcore Tamping Station (Walnut 58mm)

Key features include:

- **Comfortable Tamping:** Designed to securely hold your portafilter, facilitating an optimal tamping angle for maximum efficiency and safety.
- **Stable Anti-Slip Workspace:** Constructed with anti-slip silicone rubber, preventing movement during use and protecting your work surface.
- **Built-in Tamp Stand:** Features a dedicated slot for your tamper, keeping it stable and readily accessible.
- **Dishwasher Safe Components:** The silicone inserts are food-safe and dishwasher-safe for easy cleaning. The wooden base requires specific care.
- **Versatile Use:** Its compact and functional design is suitable for both personal home coffee setups and commercial barista workstations.

## 2. COMPONENTS

The Normcore Tamping Station consists of the following primary components:

- **Walnut Wood Base:** The main body of the station, providing structural integrity and aesthetic appeal.
- **Silicone Portafilter Mat:** A removable, anti-slip silicone insert designed to cradle the portafilter during tamping.
- **Silicone Tamper/Distributor Rests:** Two circular silicone inserts for holding your tamper, distributor, or puck screen.
- **WDT Tool Slot:** A small circular opening for storing a WDT (Weiss Distribution Technique) tool.
- **Brush Slots:** Two narrow slots for holding a cleaning brush or other slim accessories.



Figure 2: Tamping Station with tools in place



Figure 3: Layered Walnut Wood Construction

### 3. SETUP AND INITIAL USE

The Normcore Tamping Station requires minimal setup. Follow these steps to prepare your station for use:

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove the tamping station and all its components from the packaging.
2. **Placement:** Choose a stable, flat, and dry surface for your tamping station, such as a coffee bar or kitchen countertop. Ensure the surface is clean to prevent debris from scratching the base.
3. **Insert Silicone Mats:** Place the silicone portafilter mat and the circular silicone rests into their designated slots in the walnut wood base. They are designed to fit snugly.
4. **Organize Tools:** Position your 58mm portafilter in the main silicone mat. Place your tamper, distributor, puck screen, and WDT tool in their respective slots for easy access.



Figure 4: Tamping Station integrated into a coffee setup

#### 4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The tamping station is designed to streamline your espresso preparation workflow. Here's how to use it effectively:

1. **Dosing:** After grinding your coffee beans, place your 58mm portafilter into the designated slot on the tamping station. Dose your ground coffee into the portafilter basket.
2. **Distribution (Optional):** If using a WDT tool or coffee distributor, utilize the circular rests to hold these tools. Use

them to evenly distribute the coffee grounds in the portafilter.

3. **Tamping:** With the portafilter securely seated in the silicone mat, use your tamper to apply even pressure to the coffee grounds. The station's design helps maintain a level tamp, crucial for consistent espresso extraction.
4. **Tool Storage:** After use, return your tamper, distributor, and WDT tool to their respective slots on the station to keep your workspace tidy and your tools protected.

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Video 1: Demonstrating the use of the Normcore Tamping Station as part of a barista essentials kit, showing portafilter placement, WDT tool use, tamping, and tool organization.

## 5. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Proper care will ensure the longevity and appearance of your Normcore Tamping Station.

### 5.1. Cleaning the Wood Base

- The walnut wood base is **not dishwasher safe**.
- Wipe the wood base with a soft, damp cloth to remove coffee grounds or spills.
- Immediately dry the wood thoroughly with a clean, dry cloth.
- Avoid prolonged exposure to moisture, as this can damage the wood.
- Periodically, you may apply a food-safe wood conditioner or mineral oil to maintain the wood's luster and prevent drying.

### 5.2. Cleaning the Silicone Inserts

- The silicone inserts are **dishwasher safe**.
- Alternatively, wash them by hand with warm, soapy water and rinse thoroughly.
- Ensure they are completely dry before placing them back into the wood base.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter any issues with your tamping station, consider the following common solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Station slides on countertop.	Countertop is wet or oily; anti-slip feet are dirty.	Ensure countertop is clean and dry. Clean the anti-slip feet on the bottom of the station.
Silicone inserts do not fit properly.	Incorrect orientation or debris in the slot.	Ensure inserts are oriented correctly. Check for and remove any coffee grounds or debris from the slots.
Wood appears dull or dry.	Lack of regular conditioning.	Apply a food-safe wood conditioner or mineral oil as per maintenance instructions.

For issues not listed here, please refer to the "Warranty and Support" section.

## 7. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Product Dimensions	9.5 x 7.5 x 0.4 inches (24.1 x 19.1 x 1.0 cm)
Item Weight	2.1 pounds (0.95 kg)

Attribute	Detail
Material	Genuine American Walnut Wood, Food-Safe Silicone Rubber
Compatible Portafilter Size	58mm
Manufacturer	Normcore
Model Number	Walnut
Date First Available	July 12, 2023

## 8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Normcore stands behind the quality of its products. For warranty information, product support, or to inquire about replacement parts, please visit the official Normcore website or contact their customer service directly.

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