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1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation of your Grainfather S40 Brewing System. Please read all instructions carefully before initial use to ensure proper setup, operation, and maintenance. The Grainfather S40 is designed for home brewing enthusiasts, offering a streamlined process for producing up to 40 liters of beer per batch.



Figure 1.1: The Grainfather S40 Brewing System, a stainless steel electric brewing unit with an integrated control panel, designed for efficient home beer production.

2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Always ensure the unit is connected to a 220V-240V power supply with a NEMA 6-15P plug.
- Do not operate the system with damaged cords or plugs.
- Keep hands and face away from hot surfaces and steam during operation.
- Ensure the unit is placed on a stable, heat-resistant surface.
- Do not immerse the electrical components in water.
- Always disconnect from the power supply before cleaning or maintenance.

3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Grainfather S40 is constructed from durable 304-grade stainless steel and features an intuitive digital controller.

Key components include:

- **46L Capacity Boiler:** Main vessel for mashing and boiling.
- **Grain Basket:** Holds the malt during the mashing process.
- **Lid:** Covers the boiler during heating and mashing.
- **Immersion Chiller & Hoses:** For rapid cooling of wort after boiling.
- **Recirculation Arm & Wort Sprayer:** Ensures even temperature distribution and efficient sugar extraction during mashing.
- **Digital Controller:** Manages temperature and timer settings.
- **Built-in Pump:** Facilitates wort recirculation and transfer.

4. SETUP

4.1 Unpacking and Initial Inspection

Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Inspect for any damage. Retain packaging for future transport or storage.

4.2 Assembly

1. Place the Grainfather S40 on a sturdy, level surface capable of supporting its weight when full.
2. Ensure adequate clearance around the unit for ventilation and safe operation.
3. Insert the grain basket into the boiler.
4. Attach the recirculation arm and wort sprayer as per the diagram in the quick start guide (not included in this document).
5. Connect the immersion chiller hoses.
6. Plug the NEMA 6-15P power cord into a dedicated 220V-240V outlet.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Mashing Process

1. Fill the boiler with the required volume of water. The S40 has a total volume of approximately 30-35 liters, allowing for 20-liter finished beer batches.
2. Add the malt to the grain basket. Ensure the malt is evenly distributed.
3. Use the digital controller to set the desired mash temperature.
4. Activate the pump to begin wort recirculation through the grain bed.

5.2 Digital Controller Usage

The digital controller allows precise management of your brewing process:

- **Temperature Setting:** Use the 'TEMP' button and arrow keys to adjust the target temperature. The current temperature is displayed on the screen.
- **Timer Setting:** Use the 'TIME' button and arrow keys to set the duration for each mash step or boil. The timer will automatically count down once the set temperature is reached.
- **Power Control:** The 'POWER' button allows adjustment of heating element output.
- **Manual/Pause:** The 'MANUAL/PAUSE' button provides manual control or pauses the current program.

5.3 Pump Operation

The built-in pump is controlled by a switch located on the unit. It is used for recirculating wort during mashing and for transferring wort. Ensure the recirculation arm is properly positioned before activating the pump.

6. MAINTENANCE

6.1 Cleaning the System

After each use, thoroughly clean all components of the Grainfather S40. Rinse with warm water and use a suitable brewing cleaner to remove any residue. Ensure all parts are dry before storage.

6.2 Filter Maintenance

The system includes internal filters to help clarify the wort. Regularly inspect and clean these filters to prevent blockages and ensure optimal performance. Remove any spent grain or hop material.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

7.1 Water Flow Issues During Mashing

If water takes too long to seep through the malt package, or if it flows directly into the overflow without extracting sugars from the malt, temporarily turn off the pump. This allows the grain bed to settle and re-establish proper flow. It is advisable to remain near the unit during the mashing process to monitor for such issues.

7.2 General Malfunctions

- If the unit does not power on, check the power connection and the circuit breaker.
- If temperature is not maintained, ensure the lid is properly seated and the heating element is functioning.
- For persistent issues, refer to the customer support section.

8. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Capacity	46L (12 US Gal)
Batch Volume (Max)	40L (11 US Gal)
Batch Volume (Min)	10L (3 US Gal)
Grain Bill (Max)	10kg (22 lb)
Grain Bill (Min)	5kg (11 lb)
Power	2300W, 240V
Plug Type	NEMA 6-15P
Material	304-grade Stainless Steel
Dimensions	27" x 19"
Weight	18kg (40 lb)

Feature	Specification
Connectivity	None

9. WARRANTY AND CUSTOMER SUPPORT

The Grainfather S40 comes with a **2-year warranty**, ensuring quality and reliability. For any brewing-related queries, technical assistance, or warranty claims, please contact our dedicated and knowledgeable customer support team. We are committed to helping you achieve professional, craft brewery-like results with your system.