

Maintaining your espresso machine

The following tips will help ensure that your machine operates to optimum efficiency and is highly reliable:

Good day to day technique involves ensuring that your machine is kept clean at all times. It is good practice to make a habit of rinsing the group head both before and after you prepare coffee. In addition, ensure that you purge the steam wand before and after you texture milk and then wipe the wand clean with a soft, wet cloth.

Backflushing:

We advise that you should backflush with 3x5 sec pulse of fresh water with locked portafilter and your blind filter each day.

On a weekly basis, backwash with 3x5 sec fresh water, followed by 10 x 3 sec backwash detergent e.g. <http://www.coffeeparts.com/accessories/cleaner.html>, followed by 3x5 sec fresh water. Rinse the group head to ensure that there is no sign of residual cleaning solution.

Water and water quality:

We recommend that you use softened and filtered or bottled water- (e.g brita jug). NEVER use reverse osmosis or distilled water as these waters will cause boiler corrosion.

Descaling:

You should descale each 6-12 months. You can purchase some citric acid from the spice section of the supermarket or some **Restore descaler** from Coffeeparts.... Dissolve 25g in 4 cups of very hot water and add to empty water reservoir and run the whole lot into the tank and through the boiler until you are sure that you have filled the boiler with the descaler. Turn machine off and leave for 25 mins. Flush with lots of fresh water- at least 1 litre.... This should keep everything in great condition and your machine away from the service department!



Boiler Priming:

Silvia and Botticelli owners are reminded to "prime" the boiler of your machine by running the group control switch to add water to the boiler after texturing milk.. Do not leave the steam switch on for prolonged periods. This practice protects your element from failure. Manufacturers will not provide warranty on element failure due to overheating and repairs can be expensive.