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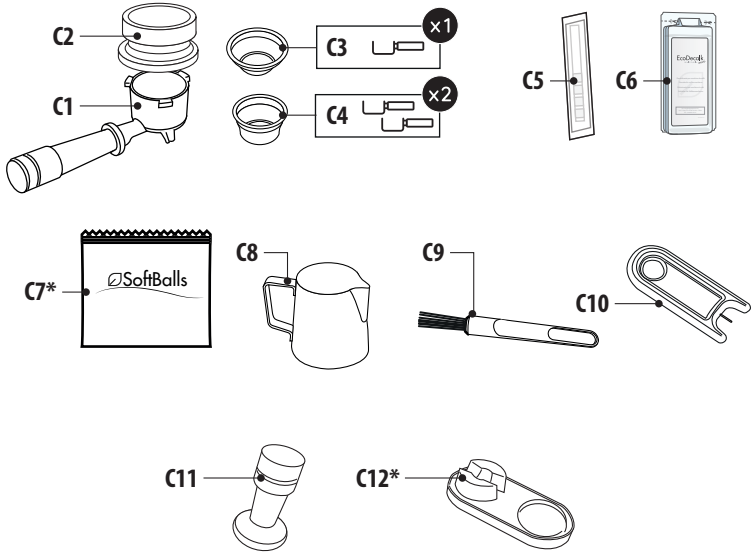
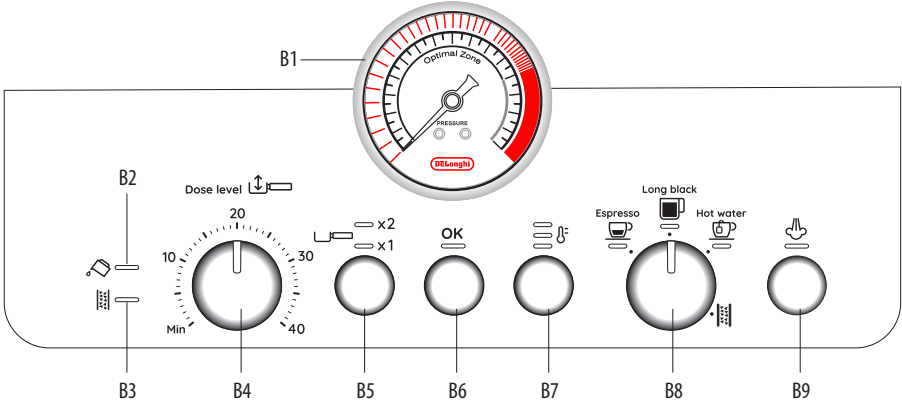
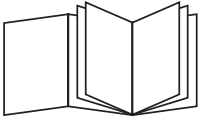
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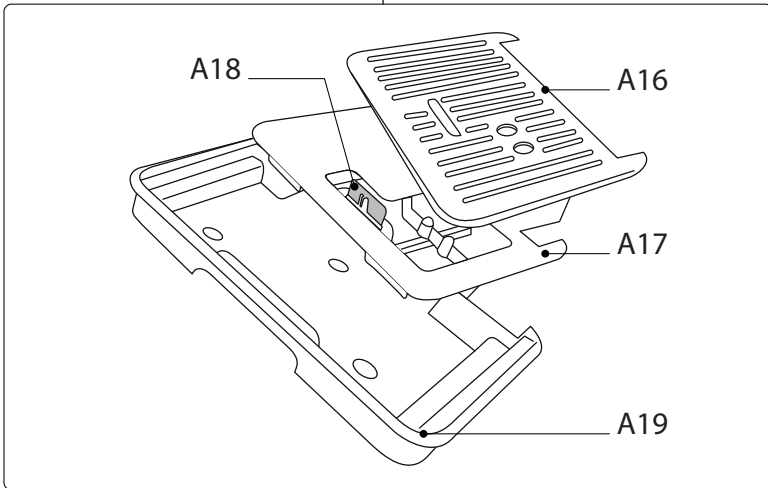
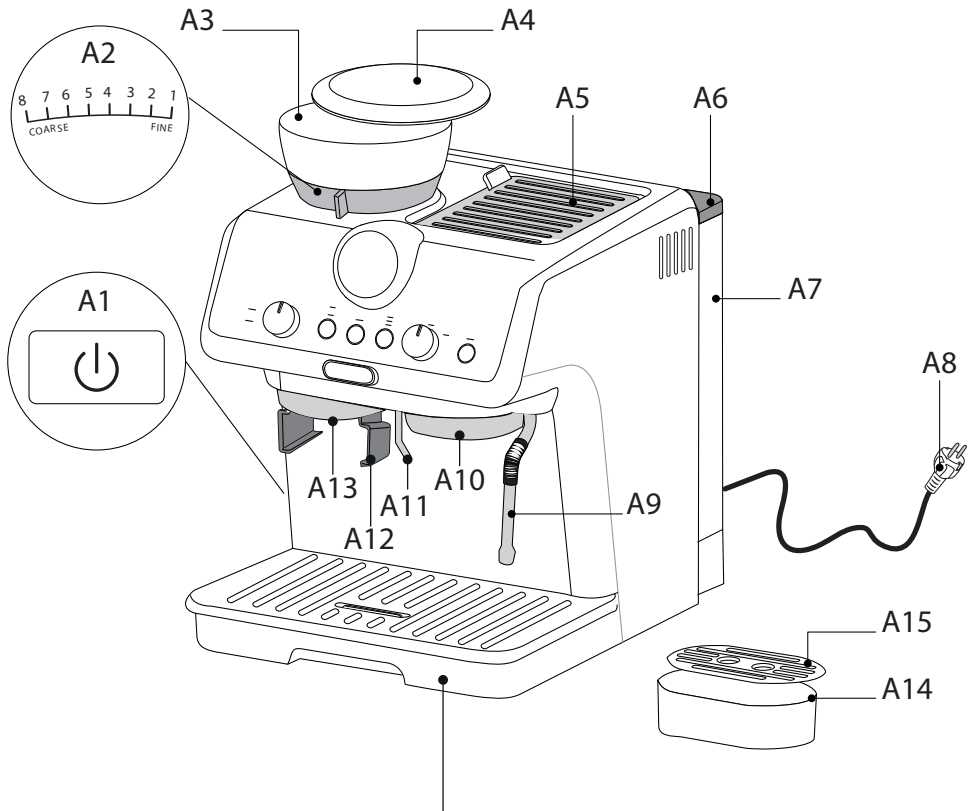
COFFEE MAKER  
Instructions for use



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Before using the appliance, always read the safety warnings.

This appliance shall not be used by children.  
Keep the appliance and its cord out of reach of children.

## 1. DESCRIPTION

### 1.1 Description of appliance - A

- A1. Main switch
- A2. Grinding level selector (fine to coarse)
- A3. Beans container
- A4. Beans container lid
- A5. Accessory holder lid
- A6. Water tank lid
- A7. Water tank
- A8. Power cord
- A9. Steam wand
- A10. Coffee outlet
- A11. Hot water spout
- A12. Portafilter holder
- A13. Coffee grinder outlet
- A14. Small cup grille support
- A15. Small cup grille
- A16. Mug or cup tray
- A17. Mug or cup tray support
- A18. Water level indicator
- A19. Drip tray

### 1.2 Description of control panel - B

- B1. Pressure gauge
- B2. No water light
- B3. Descale light
- B4. Coffee dose dial
- B5. 1 or 2-cups selection button
- B6. OK button: to deliver the beverage/confirm
- B7. Coffee Temperature button
- B8. Mode selector dial:
  - Espresso
  - Long Black
  - Hot water
  - Descaling
- B9. Steam button: to deliver steam

### 1.3 Description of accessories - C








- C1. Portafilter
- C2. Dosing&Tamping Guide
- C3. 1-cup coffee filter
- C4. 2-cups coffee filter
- C5. "Water hardness test" indicator paper
- C6. Descaler
- C7. Softballs (\* some models only)
- C8. Milk pitcher
- C9. Cleaning brush
- C10. Cleaning needle for steam nozzle
- C11. Tamper
- C12. Tamping Mat (\* some models only)



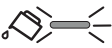

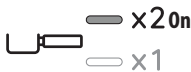






### 1.4 Recommended optional cleaning accessories

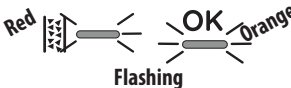

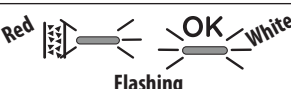
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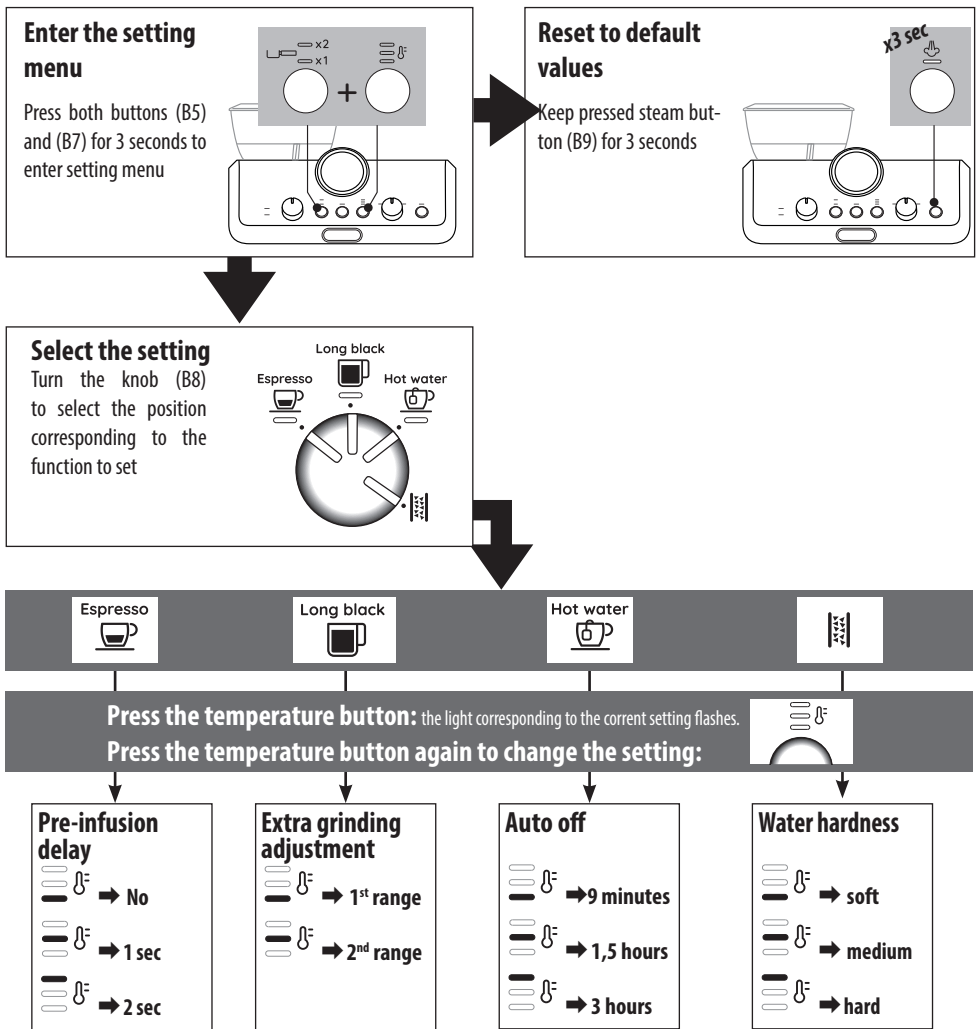
## 2. EXPLANATION OF LIGHTS

| LIGHTS   | EXPLANATION OF LIGHTS  | OPERATION   |
|--|--|---|
| All the lights flash briefly   | Turning the machine on   | Self-diagnosis  |
|  On   | The appliance is being turned on for the first time and the water circuit must be filled | Proceed as described in the Quick start guide.                                  |
|  +  +  + <br>On<br>(The indicators  and  show the respective selections) | The machine is ready to use  | Prepare the machine, select the desired beverage and press OK to start delivery |
| ...→   |  |   |

| LIGHTS   | EXPLANATION OF LIGHTS   | OPERATION   |
|--|---|---|
|  <b>Flashing</b>                                      | The machine is warming up   | Wait until the ideal delivery temperature has been reached  |
|  <b>On</b>  | Insufficient water in tank (A7) or water tank not inserted correctly                      | Fill the tank or extract the tank and put it back correctly   |
|  <b>Flashing</b>                                      | You are trying to deliver a beverage but water tank (A7) is empty                         | Fill the tank   |
|  | Because the beans are too finely ground, the coffee is delivered too slowly or not at all | Remove the portafilter (C1) and repeat the operations to make the coffee, bearing in mind the instruction given in the quick start guide relative to the grinding section |
|  | The filter (C3) or (C4) is blocked  | Clean as described in section "5. Cleaning and maintenance".  |
|  | The tank (A7) has been inserted incorrectly and the valves on the bottom are not open     | Press the tank down lightly to open the valves on the bottom  |
|  <b>On</b>  | Scale in the water circuit  | Descal as described in section "9. Descaling"   |
|  <b>x2</b><br><b>x1 On</b>                            | 1-dose beverage is selected   | All the process (from grinding to delivery) is setted for preparing 1 cup   |
|  <b>x2 On</b><br><b>x1</b>                            | 2-doses beverages are selected  | All the process (from grinding to delivery) is setted for preparing 2 cups  |
| <br><b>MIN</b> <b>MED</b> <b>MAX</b><br><b>On</b>      | Choose 1 of the 3 temperatures available  | See Quick Guide for tips.   |
|  <b>Flashing</b>                                     | General alarm   | Turn the machine off and wait 10 minutes before turning on again. If the problem continues, contact customer services.  |
|  <b>Flashing</b>                                    | Steam function is selected and running  | In a few seconds the appliance starts steam delivery  |
|  <b>On - red</b>                                    | Descaling must be performed   | Descal the appliance as described in section "9. Descaling"   |
|  <b>Red</b> <b>OK Orange</b><br><b>Flashing - On</b> | Descaling is selected   | Press OK (B6) to run descaling cycle or turn the selection knot to the beverage desired   |
| ...→   |   |   |

| LIGHTS  | EXPLANATION OF LIGHTS   | OPERATION   |
|---|---|---|
|  <p>Flashing</p>      | Descaling proceeds. The machine delivers descaling solution                               | Proceed by completing the descaling cycle (see "9. Descaling")  |
|  <p>Flashing - On</p> | The first phase of the descaling cycle is complete. You now need to proceed with rinsing. | Press OK to start rinsing.                                      |
|  <p>Flashing</p>      | The machine proceeds with the rinsing phase to complete the descaling cycle.              | Proceed by completing the descaling cycle (see "12. Descaling") |

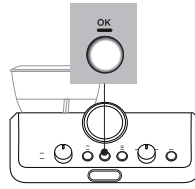
### 3. MENU SETTINGS





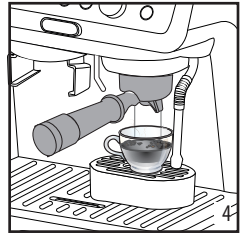
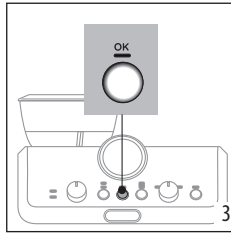
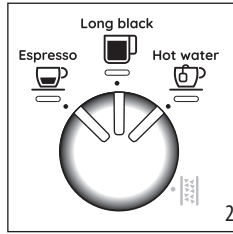
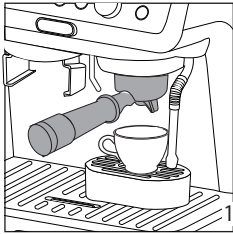
### Save new settings:

Press the **OK** (B6) button to confirm.



**Please note:**  
The appliance automatically exits the menu setting after 30 seconds of inactivity

## 4. CUSTOMISING THE QUANTITY OF BEVERAGES



1. Prepare the appliance to deliver the beverage you want to make. Prepare the coffee dose and attach the portafilter (C1) to the coffee outlet (A10).
2. Turn the dial (B8) to select the drink to be programmed.
3. Keep pressed the OK button (B6) until the desired quantity in cup is reached.
4. Once released the button, the quantity is programmed.

### Please note:

- You can programme beverages quantities, but not steam.
- Programming changes the quantity of the beverages, but not the amount of coffee ground.
- "X2" beverages can be programmed separately.

| Coffee Recipe        | Default quantity | Programmable quantity   |
|----------------------|------------------|---|
| Espresso<br>         | 35 ml            | from 25 to 90 ml  |
| Espresso<br><br>X2   | 70 ml            | from 50 to 180 ml   |
| Long black<br>       | 100 ml           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• water: from 25 to 120 ml</li> <li>• espresso: from 25 to 60 ml</li> </ul>  |
| Long black<br><br>X2 | 200 ml           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• water: from 50 to 240 ml</li> <li>• espresso: from 50 to 120 ml</li> </ul> |
| Hot water<br>        | 250 ml           | from 65 to 300ml  |


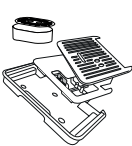
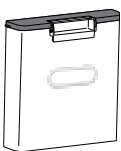
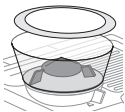
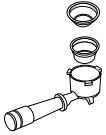





## 5. CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

### Important!

- Do not use solvents, abrasive detergents or alcohol to clean the coffee machine.
- Do not use metal objects to remove encrustations or coffee deposits as they could scratch metal or plastic surfaces.
- If the appliance is not used for more than a week, before using it again, we recommend you perform a rinse cycle.

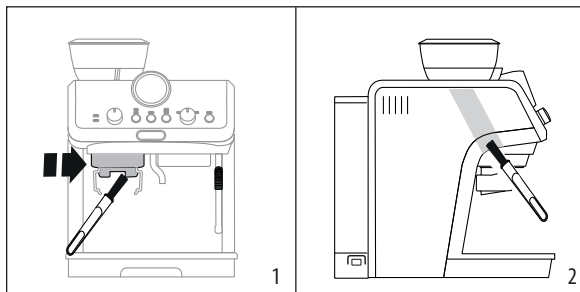
### Danger!

- While cleaning, never immerse the coffee maker in water. It is an electrical appliance.
- Before cleaning the outside of the appliance, turn it off, unplug from the mains socket and allow to cool.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  | ×   | ✓   | ×   | ×   | ×   |
|   | ✓   | ×   | ×   | ×   | ×   |
|   | ✓   | ×   | ×   | ✓   | ×   |
|  | ×   | ✓   | ✓   | ×   | ✓   |
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## 6. CLEANING THE GRINDER


1. Clean the attachment area with a brush;
2. Use the brush (C9) to clean the coffee funnel.

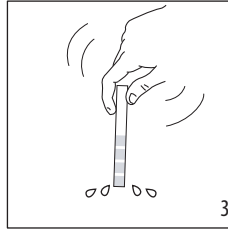
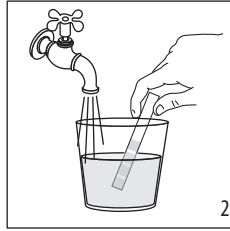
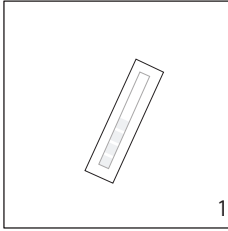




## 7. WATER HARDNESS

### 7.1 Water hardness








The  descale light (B3) comes on after a period of time established according to water hardness. The machine can also be programmed according to the actual hardness of the water supply in the various regions, in which case descaling may be required less frequently.



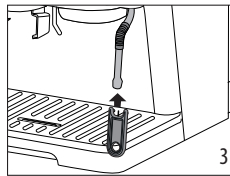
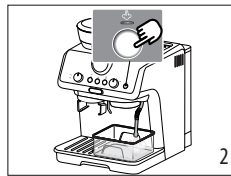
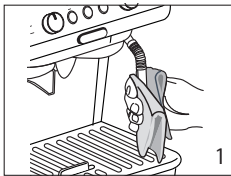
1. Remove the "TOTAL HARDNESS TEST" indicator paper (C5) from its pack.
2. Immerse the paper completely in a glass of water for one second.
3. Remove the paper from the water and shake lightly.

4. Set the appliance as indicated in section "3. Menu settings".

After about a minute, 1, 2, 3, or 4 red squares form, depending on the hardness of the water. Each square corresponds to one level.

| Total Hardness Test result  | Button  | Level                               |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
|  |  | <b>1</b><br>soft water              |
|  |  | <b>2</b><br>medium water            |
|  |  | <b>3</b><br>hard or very hard water |
|  |   |                                     |

## 8. CLEANING THE STEAM NOZZLE

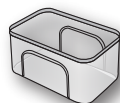


1. After every use, remove with a soft damp cloth any milk residues from the steam wand (A9) and the nozzle.
2. Use the steam for a deeper cleaning.
3. To maintain the better usability of the nozzle, when clogged, use the Cleaning Tool (C10) for opening the hole.

## 9. DESCALING



EcoDecalk  
100 ml e / 3,40 fl.oz. mini

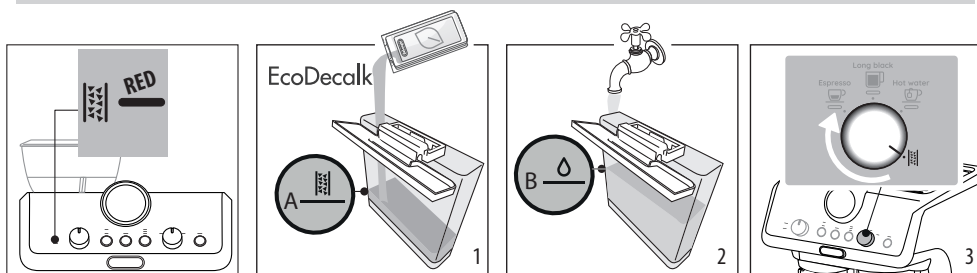



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

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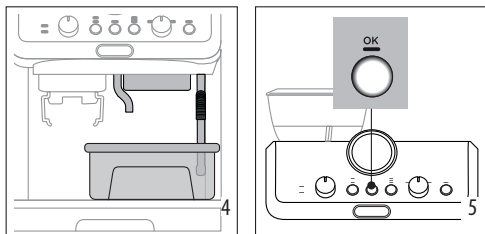
#### Please note

- Before use, read the instructions and the labelling on the descaler pack.
- It is important to use De'Longhi descaler only. Using unsuitable descaler and/or performing descaling incorrectly may result in faults not covered by the manufacturer's guarantee.
- Descaler could damage delicate surfaces. If the product is accidentally spilt, dry immediately.



When the  light (B3) comes on, it is time to proceed descaling the machine. The descaling cycle can be run in any moment.

1. (IF PRESENT, REMOVE THE WATER SOFTENER DEVICE). Pour the descaler into the tank (A7) up to the level  A marked inside the tank (equal to one 100ml packet).
2. Add water (1 liter) up to the level  B. Then put the water tank back in the appliance.
3. Turn the mode selector dial (B8) to ; the OK light (B6) turns to orange and the descaling light (B3) flashes.



4. Make sure the portafilter is not attached and position a recipient under the coffee outlet (A10), hot water spout (A11) and steam wand (A9).
5. Keep pressed for at least 3 seconds the OK button: the OK light begins to flash; descaling starts.

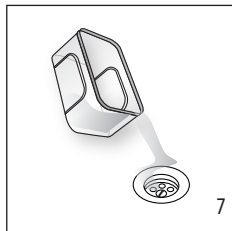
#### Please note

- In case you start the descaling cycle by mistake, you can press the OK button for 10 seconds; the rinsing cycle can not be stopped (from step 9).
6. The descale programme starts and the descaler liquid comes out of the steam wand and coffee outlet. The descale programme removes limescale deposits from inside the appliance by automatically performing a series of rinses and pauses until the tank is empty.

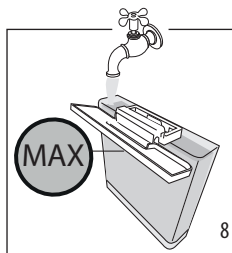
Delivery stops and the OK light turns to white. This indicates that it is necessary to proceed with rinsing; see next page.



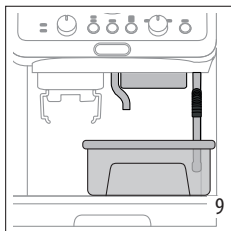
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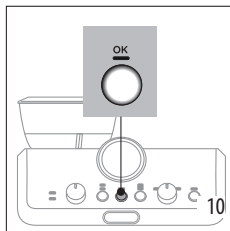
7. Empty the recipient used to collect the descaler solution and replace it empty.



8. Remove the water tank, empty any residues of descaler solution, rinse with running water and fill with fresh water up to the MAX level. Put the tank back in its housing.



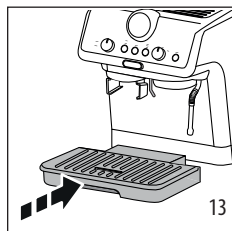
9. Position a recipient under the coffee outlet, hot water spout and steam wand.



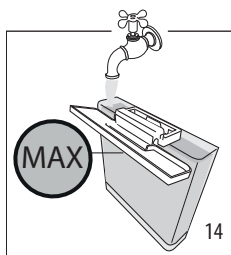
10. Press the OK button: rinsing starts.

11. When rinsing is complete, delivery stops and the appliance prepares to be used again:

12. Empty the recipients used to collect the rinse water.



13. Extract and empty the drip tray (A19), then put back in the appliance.

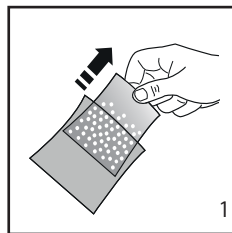


14. Empty, rinse, then fill the water tank with fresh water and replace it.

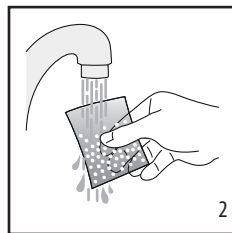
Now the appliance is ready to use.

## 11. USING THE SOFTBALLS (\*SOME MODELS ONLY)

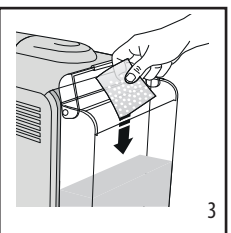
Softballs is an innovative system that extends the life of the machine, without altering the sensory properties of the water, guaranteeing consistently creamy and aromatic coffee.



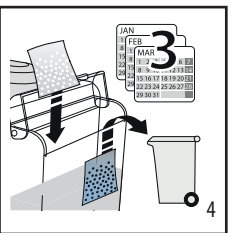
1. Extract the Softballs bag from the packaging.



2. Rinse with tap water the Softballs bag.



3. Deep the bag into the water tank (A7).



4. Change the Softballs every 3 months.

## 10. TROUBLESHOOTING

| PROBLEM  | CAUSE   | SOLUTION   |
|--|---|--|
| There is water in the drip tray (A19)  | It is normal: due to the internal water circuits operations                           | Regularly empty and clean the drip tray  |
| No espresso coffee is delivered  | No water in the tank (A7)   | Fill the tank  |
|  | Only the OK light (B6) is on to indicate that the coffee or steam circuit is empty    | Press the button corresponding to the <b>OK</b> light to fill the circuit  |
|  | The coffee filter (C3) or (C4) is blocked   | Rinse the filters under abundant running water.  |
|  | Coffee grind too fine or too much coffee  | Adjust coffee dose and grinding (refer to Quick Guide)   |
|  | The tank (A7) has been inserted incorrectly and the valves on the bottom are not open | Press the tank down lightly to open the valves on the bottom   |
|  | Scale in the water circuit  | Descale as described in section "9. Descaling"   |
| The portafilter (C1) cannot be attached to the appliance                               | The ground coffee has not been pressed or is too much                                 | Repeat grinding with new settings. Reduce the powder quantity: check if the filter (single or double filter) is the same size as the selector of grinding quantity (2x (B5) selected or not) |
| The espresso coffee drips from the edges of the portafilter (C1) rather than the holes | The portafilter is inserted incorrectly   | Attach the portafilter correctly and rotate firmly as far as it will go  |
|  | The espresso boiler gasket has lost elasticity or is dirty                            | Have the espresso boiler gasket replaced by Customer Services  |
|  | The coffee filter is clogged  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rinse the filters under abundant running water.</li> <li>• Reduce the grinding thickness</li> </ul>   |
| The coffee crema is too light (delivered from the spout too fast)                      | The appliance settings need reviewing   | Refer to Quick Guide for suggestions   |
| The coffee crema is too dark (delivered from the spout too slowly)                     | The appliance settings need reviewing   | Refer to Quick Guide for suggestions   |
| At the end of descaling, the appliance requests a further rinse                        | During the rinse cycle, the water tank (A7) has not been filled to the MAX level      | Complete the rinse cycle from point (8) of section "9. Descaling"  |
| The appliance does not grind the coffee  | There is foreign matter that cannot be ground in the coffee grinder                   | Turn the grinder selector (A2) to 8, vacuum all the beans and particles in the beans container (A3). If the problem persists, address to Customer Service Centre.                            |
|  |   | ...→   |

| <b>PROBLEM</b>   | <b>CAUSE</b>   | <b>SOLUTION</b>   |
|--|--|---|
| If you want to change the type of coffee   | You must remove all the beans present in the machine | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empty the beans container (A3) (if necessary, operate the coffee mill without beans or use a vacuum cleaner to remove any remaining beans)</li> <li>• Attach the portafilter (C1) and operate the coffee mill a number of times without beans to free the grinder. Attach the portafilter to the outlet of the grinder (A13). Push the portafilter to start grinding: it stops automatically. Repeat until the filter is empty</li> <li>• Place the new coffee in the beans container</li> <li>• If the amount of coffee ground is not enough to reach the perfect dose, proceed setting the appliance as for the first use</li> </ul> |
| After grinding, the coffee filter is empty   | The coffee grinder funnel is clogged                 | See section "6. Cleaning the grinder".  |
| After grinding, the ground coffee in the filter (C3) or (C4) does not reach the "perfect dose" | The quantity of ground coffee needs adjusting        | Adjust the quantity of coffee with the dial (B4). If the dial is already in the max. position, select the second range of grinding adjustment (see "3. Menu settings" - "Extra grinding adjustment").   |
|  | You are using the 2 cup filter (C4)                  | Make sure the 2X light is on  |
|  | Over time the burrs wear down                        | Address to a Customer Service Centre to change burrs.   |

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