

# Breville®

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## **Bijou Espresso Machine** with steam wand VCF149

## IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and/or injury to persons including the following:

1. Read all instructions.
2. This appliance generates heat during use. Adequate precautions must be taken to prevent the risk of burns, scalds, fires or other damage to persons or property caused by touching the exterior whilst in use or during cooling.
3. To protect against electric shock, do not place or immerse cord, plugs, or main body of the appliance in water or other liquids.
4. This appliance can be used by children aged from 8 years and above and by persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge if they have

been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance in a safe way and understand the hazards involved. Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be made by children unless they are older than 8 and supervised. Keep the appliance and cord out of reach of children aged less than 8 years.

5. Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used near children. Children shall not play with the appliance.
6. Unplug appliance from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts, and before cleaning the appliance. See Cleaning section for full details.
7. Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug or after the appliance malfunctions, or has been damaged in any manner. If the supply cord is damaged it

must be replaced by the manufacturer, its service agent or similarly qualified persons in order to avoid a hazard.

8. The use of an accessory not recommended by the appliance manufacturer for use with this appliance may result in fire, electric shock or injury to persons.
9. Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter, or touch hot surfaces.
10. Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
11. Always attach plug to appliance first, then plug cord into the wall outlet (for appliances with detachable cords). To disconnect, turn any control to the off position, then remove plug from wall outlet.
12. This appliance is for household use only. Do not use the appliance for anything other than its intended use. Do not use this appliance outdoors.

13. All lids should be closed during use.
14. Misuse of this appliance may result in electric shock and/or injury to persons.
15. The coffee-maker shall not be placed in a cabinet when in use.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

### HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY PRODUCT NOTICES

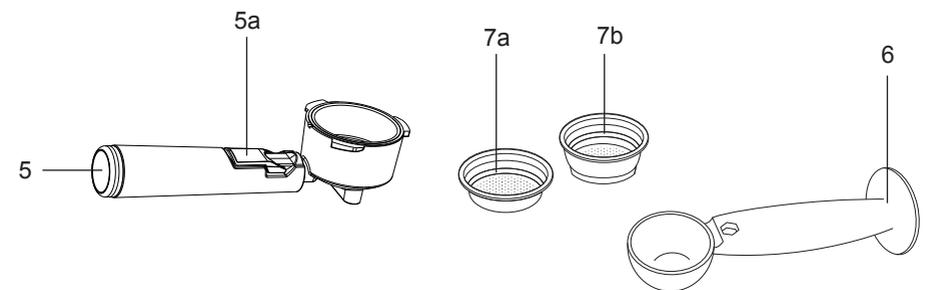
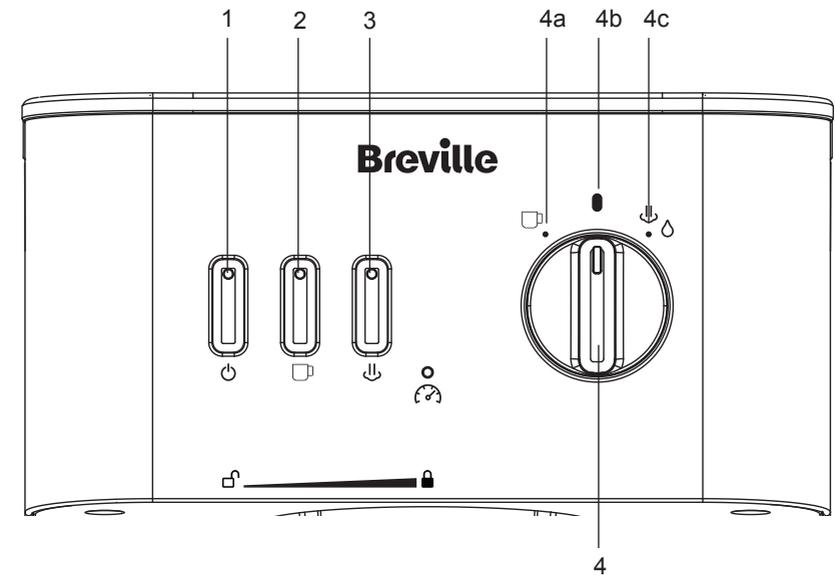
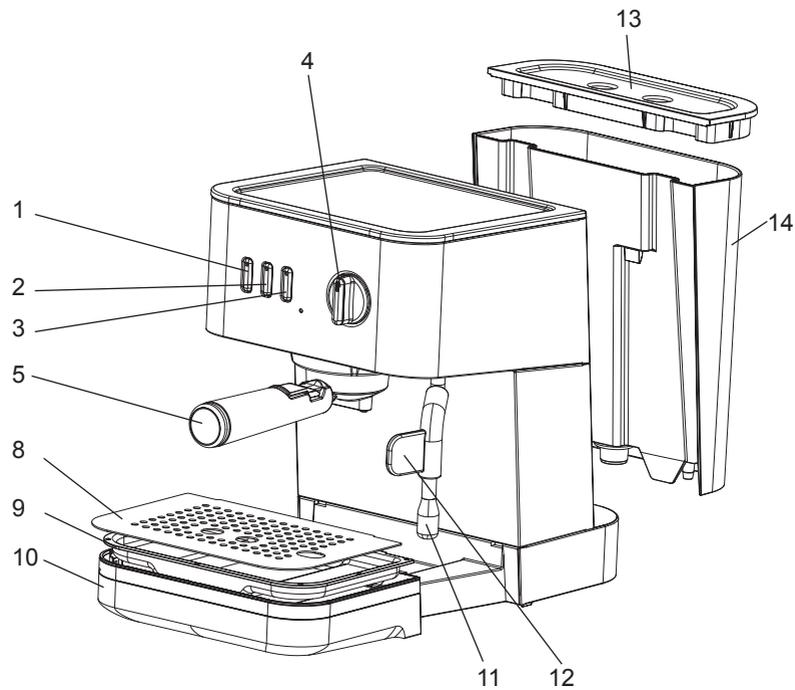
1. Place the appliance on a hard, flat, level surface to avoid interruption of airflow underneath the Breville Bijou Espresso machine.
2. Do not operate the appliance with an empty water tank.
3. Keep the area above the appliance clear during use, as hot steam will escape the appliance.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR BREVILLE BIJOU ESPRESSO MACHINE

### Breville Bijou Espresso:

1. On/Off Button
2. Brew Button
3. Steam Button
4. Control dial
  - a. Brew Indicator
  - b. Standby Indicator
  - c. Steam or Hot Water Indicator
5. Portafilter
  - a. Filter retainer clip
6. Measure Scoop / Tamper

7. Filters
  - a. Single Espresso
  - b. Double Espresso
8. Drip Tray Cover
9. Drip Tray water holder
10. Removable Drip Tray
11. Steam Wand
12. Steam Wand Cover
13. Water Tank Lid
14. Water Tank



## QUICK START GUIDE

**WARNING:** This Quick Start Guide is not intended to be a substitute for the rest of the user manual, and you should read and understand the warnings and instructions in the user manual before using this appliance.

### Brief Guide to Brewing on the Breville Bijou Espresso Machine:

1. Clean & prime the espresso machine before brewing coffee for the first time.
2. Fill the water tank to the "MAX" marking with clean, filtered water.
3. Turn the Breville Bijou Espresso ON by pressing the power button (1) on the front of the unit, the brew button (2) will automatically illuminate.  
**NOTE:** The brew button indicator light will pulse while the unit heats up and turn solid when the Bijou Espresso machine is ready to use.
4. Place desired coffee grounds into the Portafilter and insert into the Bijou Espresso machine.
5. Place a suitable cup on the drip tray.
6. Turn the Control dial (4) to the "Brew" position and espresso will begin to dispense.
7. When the desired amount of espresso has been dispensed turn the Control dial back to the 'Standby' position.
8. Enjoy!

## USER MANUAL

### GETTING STARTED

1. Unpack your Breville Bijou Espresso machine and remove plastic bags, cartons and any tape on the unit.
2. Position the Breville Bijou Espresso machine on a dry, stable, horizontal counter top.  
**IMPORTANT:** KEEP PLASTIC BAGS AWAY FROM CHILDREN.

## CLEAN & PRIME BEFORE USE

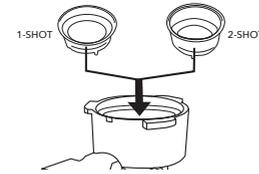
Just follow these simple steps:

Do not immerse main body of the appliance, power cord and plug in water or any other liquid.

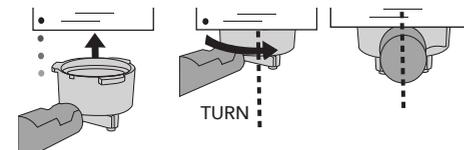
1. Wash all of the removable parts in warm water with a mild liquid soap.
2. Fill the water tank to the "MAX" marking with clean, filtered water.
3. Turn the Breville Bijou Espresso ON by pressing the power button (1) on the front of the unit, the brew button (2) will automatically illuminate.  
**NOTE:** The brew button indicator light will pulse while the unit heats up and turn solid when the Bijou Espresso machine is ready to use.
4. Place a filter into the Portafilter and insert the portafilter into position, and place a large jug or bowl to capture 400ml approx or bowl into position on the drip tray - you can remove the drip tray to gain more height if necessary.
5. Turn the Control dial to the "Brew" position.
6. Leave the unit to run, passing water through the portafilter. The machine will turn off automatically after 60 seconds.  
**NOTE:** Be careful to ensure that the jug or bowl will not overflow with water, if this looks likely turn off the dial manually.
8. When the unit has finished dispensing, turn the control dial to the 'Standby' position.
9. Discard the water. Your Breville® Bijou Espresso machine is ready to use!

## HOW TO MAKE YOUR FIRST SHOT(S) OF ESPRESSO

1. Fill the water tank to the "MAX" marking with clean, filtered water.
2. Turn the Bijou Espresso machine ON by pressing the power button on the front of the unit.
3. **NOTE:** The brew button indicator light will pulse while the unit heats up and turn solid when the Bijou Espresso machine is ready to use.
4. Select filter size: 1-shot filter or 2-shot filter. Make sure the bump on the filter is aligned with the notch on the espresso portafilter and place filter into the espresso portafilter.



5. Add espresso grounds into the filter.
  - a. Using the tamper, evenly tamp (press) espresso grounds. Then, wipe the edges to clear any excess grinds.
6. Insert the espresso portafilter into the unit:
  - a. Keep the espresso portafilter handle flat.
  - b. Insert the espresso portafilter head at a 45° angle (left).
  - c. Turn the espresso portafilter handle to a 90° angle. The espresso portafilter should be in a centered position.



7. Place cup underneath the espresso portafilter.
8. Turn the Control dial to the "brew" position the unit will begin to dispense automatically. The brew status indicator will illuminate for the duration of the dispense cycle.

9. When the desired amount of coffee has been dispensed turn the Control dial to the 'Standby' position.  
**NOTE:** coffee will continue to flow for a short time after the Control dial has been moved to the 'Standby' position, as coffee drains from the portafilter.
10. Enjoy!

## HOW TO STEAM MILK

1. Fill the water tank to the "MAX" marking with clean, filtered water.
2. Fill a milk pitcher or cup about 1/3 to 1/2 full with cold milk.  
**NOTE:** Any type of milk can be used – soy, rice, almond, coconut, etc. – but full fat dairy milk creates the best froth.
3. Press the steam button.  
**NOTE:** The ready indicator light will pulse while the water is heating up. Once the unit reaches the correct temperature, the ready indicator light will turn solid.
4. Insert the milk frothing wand tip just below the surface of the milk.
5. Turn the Control dial to steam, and steam will be emitted from the steam wand. Steam your milk until it reaches the desired texture and temperature.  
**NOTE:** Steaming milk makes a hissing noise. Take care near hot steam to avoid burns and scalds.
6. When finished, turn the Control dial to the 'Standby' position. Then, remove the milk frothing wand from the milk pitcher or cup.  
**NOTE:** After steaming milk, the unit must be allowed to cool for a few minutes, or the cool down cycle operation performed as it will be too hot to make coffee.

It is recommended when making multiple drinks with steamed milk, you should make the espresso shots first, before steaming the milk.

7. Remember to clean the milk frothing wand after every use. For instructions on how to do so, please refer to the cleaning section.
8. Enjoy!

### Helpful Tips for Steaming Milk:

1. Insert the milk frothing wand tip just below the surface of the milk.

- Position the milk frothing wand and milk pitcher or cup at an angle that allows the milk to move in a whirlpool pattern.
- As the milk level rises, lower the milk pitcher or cup to keep the milk frothing wand tip just below the surface.
- When the desired texture is achieved, immerse the milk frothing wand half way.



### Cool Down Cycle

After steaming, the unit will be too hot to immediately make coffee again. The brew button indicator light will flash rapidly when pressed, and the unit will not dispense if the Control dial is moved to the brew position. The unit can be left to cool naturally for a few minutes, or the following procedure performed.

- Ensure Control dial is in the off position
- Place an empty milk pitcher or mug on the worktop, ensuring the end of the steam wand is well inside.
- Press the brew button, the indicator light will be flashing to indicate the unit is over temperature
- Move the Control dial clockwise to the steam position, Steam will begin to dispense.
- The unit automatically starts its cool down cycle, the pump will operate in pulses passing shots of steam then water through the steam wand. the full cycle will last approximately 40 seconds
- Once the unit has cooled sufficiently the brew button indicator light will illuminate solidly, and water will stop being dispensed from the steam wand.
- Turn the Control dial to the 'Standby' position.
- The machine is now ready to make your next espresso.

### Hot Water Dispenser

Your Breville Bijou Espresso machine can dispense hot water from the steam wand for use when making long coffee drinks.

- Place your cup with your espresso shot in on the worktop and place the end of the steam wand inside.
- Press the Brew button, and ensure the indicator light is solid and the unit is ready to use.
- Turn the Control dial clockwise to the steam/hot water position. Hot water will be dispensed from the steam wand.
- When the desired amount of hot water has been dispensed turn the dial to the 'Standby' position.

### ROUTINE CLEANING

Make sure your Breville Bijou Espresso machine is unplugged and has cooled completely before cleaning. We recommend hand washing all parts to help preserve their appearance. Do not immerse the main body of the appliance, power cord and plug in water or any other liquid.

#### Espresso

- When you have completed your espresso, remove the portafilter ready to discard the espresso grounds. Flip the 'filter retainer clip' located in the handle to hook over the edge of the filter, holding it in place as you discard espresso grounds. This helps keep the filter secured and in place whilst knocking out the 'cake' of espresso grounds.
- Remove the filter from the espresso portafilter by twisting the filter until the bump is aligned with the notch. Wash the filter and the espresso portafilter with water and mild liquid soap.
- Place the filter back into the espresso portafilter and insert the espresso portafilter back into the Breville Bijou Espresso machine. Follow the same steps for brewing espresso, but with no espresso in the filter. Discard the water in the cup.
- Remove the espresso portafilter from the unit and dry thoroughly.

**NOTE:** The espresso portafilter is NOT dishwasher safe.

### Milk Frothing Wand

- With a damp cloth, wipe down the metal on the milk frothing wand. The end of the steam wand can be unscrewed for cleaning if required.
- Fill water tank and place a jug under the milk frothing wand.
- Press the steam button, wait for the indicator light to illuminate solidly then perform the 'cool down cycle' as described elsewhere in the manual. The rubber steam wand cover can be removed for cleaning if required. Simply unscrew the end of the steam wand, and slide the rubber cover off the wand. It may be advantageous to use water as a lubricant to help the rubber cover slide along the length of the shaft.

### Emptying the Drip Tray

- When the drip tray becomes full, carefully slide the drip tray out from the Breville Bijou Espresso machine, remove the drip tray cover, and discard the water.
- Place the drip tray cover back on the drip tray and slide it into the unit.

### DESCALING

After continued use, your Breville Bijou Espresso machine may develop a build-up of mineral deposits, and therefore require descaling.

We recommend descaling your unit every 4-6 months, although this period will depend on the hardness of water and frequency of use.

**IMPORTANT:** If the descaling process is not completed or stopped part way through any of the descaling steps, then you will need to start the descaling process again from the beginning.

### Descaling:

- In an empty water tank, add 2.5 tablespoons of white vinegar. Add 1.5L of water to the water tank. Allow the solution to mix thoroughly.
- Place the water tank into position.
- Insert either filter into the espresso portafilter and insert into the Breville Bijou Espresso machine, without coffee in it.
- Place a large jug or bowl on the drip tray cover.
- Turn ON the unit and press the brew button. Wait for the button indicator light to illuminate solidly.
- Turn the control dial to the "brew" position.
- Water will be dispensed continuously for 60 seconds, the unit will then automatically stop dispensing.
- Turn the control dial back to the 'Standby' position, discard the water.
- Place a large jug or bowl on the drip tray and insert steam wand.
- Ensure the brew button has been pressed and is illuminating solidly.
- Move the control dial clockwise to the steam position.
- Water will dispense continuously for 60 seconds, the unit will then stop dispensing.
- Turn the control dial back to the 'standby' position, discard the water.
- Rinse the water tank, and espresso portafilter assembly with warm water and mild liquid soap.
- Refill water tank to Max with clean water and repeat from step 2.

## TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

Problem	Possible Causes	Solutions
No steam is generated.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Water tank is empty.</li> <li>2. Appliance is not turned on.</li> <li>3. Frothing wand is blocked.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Add water to water tank.</li> <li>2. Turn on the Breville Bijou Espresso machine and follow the operating instructions.</li> <li>3a. Perform the milk frothing wand clean cycle.</li> <li>3b. Turn off the unit, ensuring the wand is cool, unscrew the steam wand tip and use a needle or toothpick to unclog the nozzle opening.</li> </ol>
Milk is not foamy after frothing.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Milk is not cold enough.</li> <li>2. Milk frothing wand is too deep in milk.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chill milk prior to steaming.</li> <li>2. Submerge the milk frothing wand just below the milk surface.</li> </ol>
<b>Espresso:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coffee does not come out when brewing espresso.</li> <li>2. Coffee comes out too quickly and/or is too weak.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. No water in water tank.</li> <li>1b. Espresso grind is too fine.</li> <li>1c. Espresso grinds were tamped with too much pressure.</li> <li>1d. Too much espresso in the filter.</li> <li>1e. Filter is clogged and needs to be cleaned.</li> <li>1f. Appliance is not turned ON.</li> <li>2a. Ground coffee is too coarse.</li> <li>2b. Not enough coffee in filter.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1a. Add water to water tank.</li> <li>1b. Grind coffee to espresso ground level of fineness.</li> <li>1c. Tamp (press) the espresso grinds with less pressure.</li> <li>1d. Fill the filter with less coffee.</li> <li>1e. Clean the filter.</li> <li>1f. Plug the Breville Bijou Espresso machine into electrical outlet.</li> <li>2a. Use a finer ground coffee.</li> <li>2b. Use more coffee.</li> </ol>
Cannot brew coffee immediately after steaming, and brew button indicator light flashes rapidly.	Unit is over temperature.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure you brew your espresso drinks before steaming milk when making multiple drinks.</li> <li>2. Perform cool down cycle as detailed</li> </ol>
The unit has automatically switched off.	There is a 25 minute Auto off function on the machine.	Press the steam or brew buttons to reactivate the unit.

## REPLACEMENT PARTS

For additional or replacement parts, please visit [www.breville.co.uk](http://www.breville.co.uk) or call us on **0800 028 7154**.

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## ELECTRICAL SAFETY

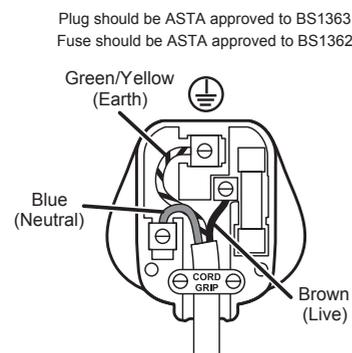
**⚠ This appliance must be earthed.**

If the plug is not suitable for the socket outlets in your home, it can be removed and replaced by a plug of the correct type.

If the fuse in a moulded plug needs to be changed, the fuse cover must be refitted. The appliance must not be used without the fuse cover fitted.

If the plug is unsuitable, it should be dismantled and removed from the supply cord and an appropriate plug fitted as detailed. If you remove the plug it must not be connected to a 13 amp socket and the plug must be disposed of immediately.

If the terminals in the plug are not marked or if you are unsure about the installation of the plug please contact a qualified electrician.



Ensure that the outer sheath of the cable is firmly held by the cord grip

## After sales service & replacement parts

In the case the appliance does not operate but is under warranty, return the product to the place it was purchased for a replacement. Please be aware that a valid form of proof of purchase will be required. For additional support, please contact our Consumer Service Department at **0800 028 7154** or email: [BrevilleEurope@newellco.com](mailto:BrevilleEurope@newellco.com).

## Waste Disposal

Waste electrical products should not be disposed of with household waste. Please recycle where facilities exist. E-mail us at [BrevilleEurope@newellco.com](mailto:BrevilleEurope@newellco.com) for further recycling and WEEE information.



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