



# **Manual coffee maker**

# **Flair NeoFlex**

Instructions for use

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## QR Code for Video Tutorials

Scan the code below to watch video tutorials for your NEO Flex. Seeing is believing and it's the best way to learn how to make beautiful espresso with the Flex.

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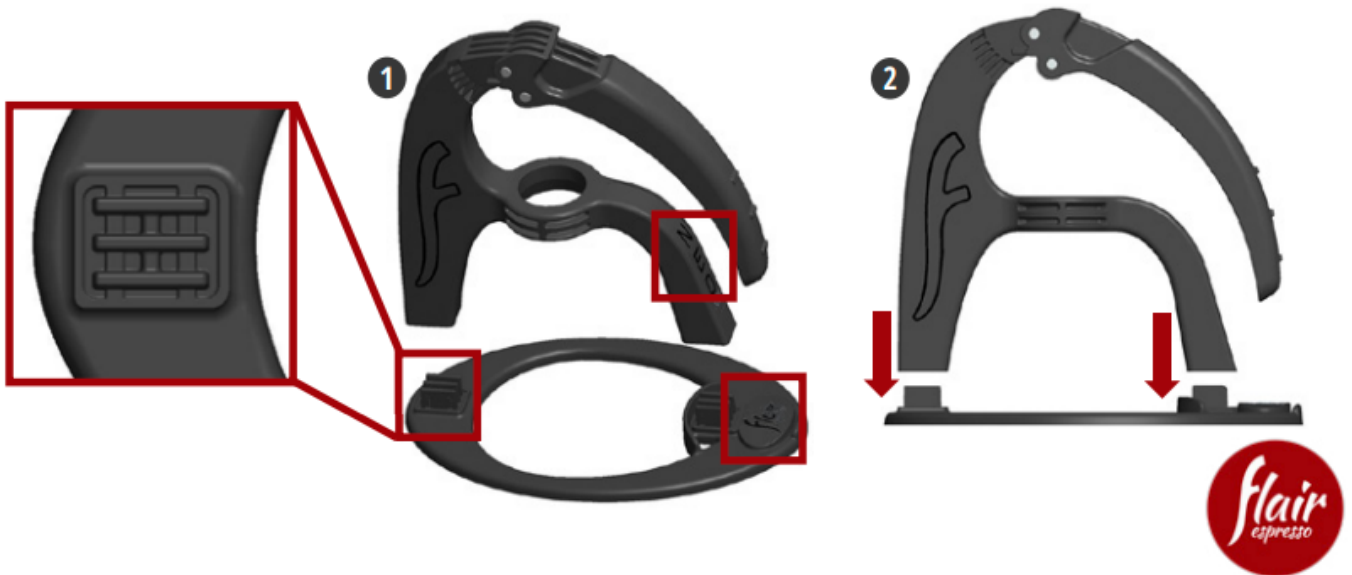
## What's in the box

1. Main column and lever
2. Base
3. Plunger with training disc (found in the brew cylinder)
4. Brew cylinder
5. Stainless steel dispersion screen (found in the brew cylinder)
6. Flow control portafilter (red)
7. Silicone pre-heat cap
8. Extra flow control spout
9. Dosing container/tamper
10. Funnel
11. 2-in-1 bottomless portafilter (black)
12. Replacement training disc (1)
13. Grading disc (1)



## Assembling your NEO Flex

1. Align the fins on the front and back of the base with the openings in the bottom of the post. Push down to seat.
2. The Flair logo on the base and the NEO logo on the post must be on the same side.



## Flow-Control vs. 2-in-1 Bottomless Portafilter



Portafilter and Flow Control (Red), Includes Pressure Portafilter

Everyone should start here!

The Flow-Control Portafilter has a restricted outlet port that creates pressure to brew espresso in the chamber. This portafilter can be used with almost any grinder or coarse pre-ground coffee without having to "dial" your shot. Use for convenience.



2-in-1 Bottomless Portafilter (Black) with Removable Spout

Requires a quality coffee grinder!

You will need to "tune in" or try different grind sizes until you get the right pressure. Grind too fine and you won't be able to lower the lever. Grind too coarse and the lever will lower without resistance and won't make espresso.

## Preparing your NEO Flex for Brewing

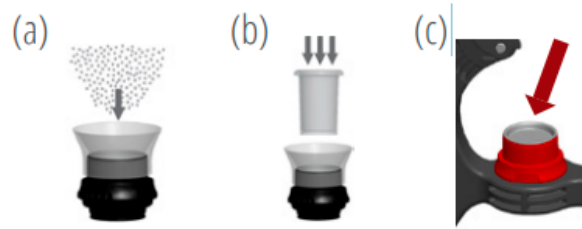
1. **Separate Your Brew Head** - Separate the brew head into four parts: 1) Piston, 2) Brew Cylinder, 3) Screen, 4) Portafilter. Tip: Use dosing cup to remove piston.
2. **Preheat the Brew Cylinder** - Boil water. Add preheat cap to bottom of brew cylinder. Fill with boiled water. Leave for at least 30 seconds. Repeat as needed.
3. **Prepare your Freshly Roasted Beans** - Start with 15 grams of beans or grounds (roughly 3 tablespoons). If grinding, do so right before brewing for the best results.
4. **Start with the Flow-Control Portafilter** - When ready to brew with the Bottomless portafilter (black), an espresso capable burr grinder, and dialing-in, is required.



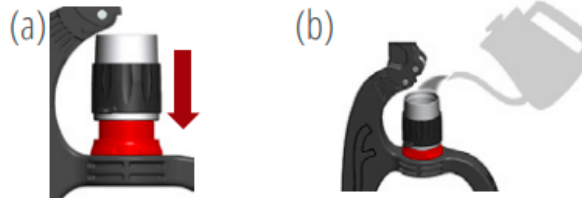
## Brewing with Your NEO Flex



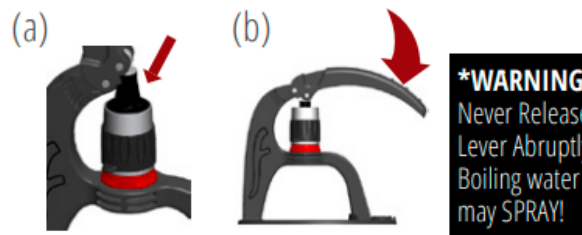
(a) Affix funnel to selected portafilter and fill with grounds. Tap filled portafilter on level surface to settle grounds. (b) Tamp lightly. (c) Remove funnel and place portafilter on post and add screen.



(a) Empty preheat water, remove preheat cap and add cylinder to portafilter. (b) Add brew water (198-208°F, 92-97°C) to cylinder. Fill to line.



(a) Add piston to top of cylinder. (b) Slowly press the lever down until you see a steady stream. Maintain this amount of force until the lever is lowered. If you cannot lower the lever, you have ground too fine.



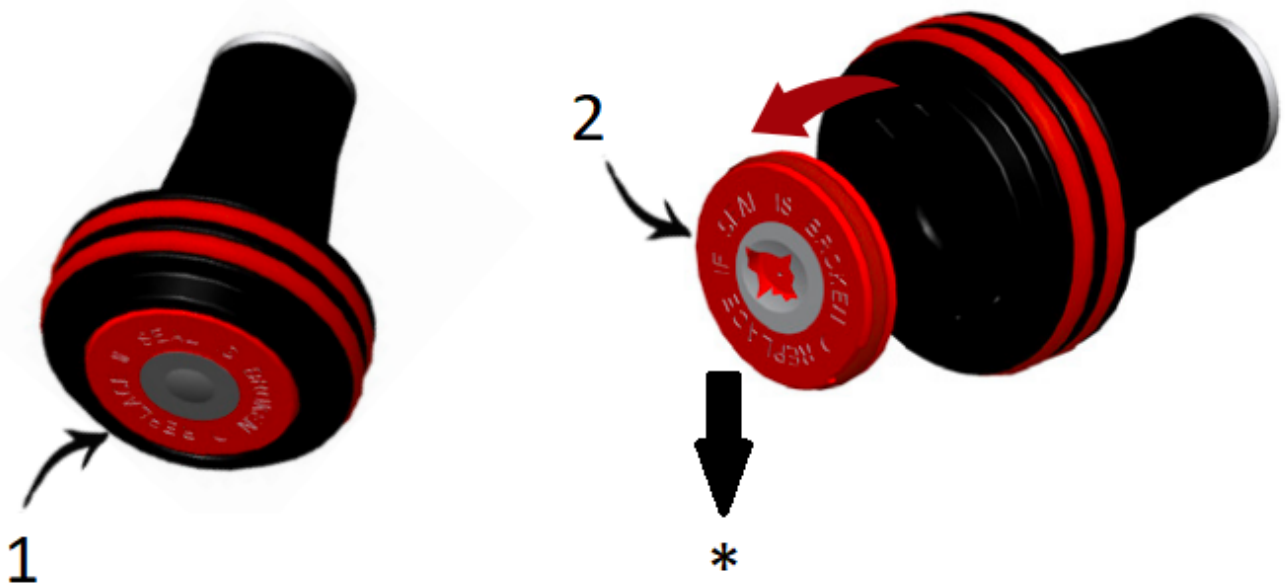
**\*WARNING!** - Never Release Lever Abruptly! Boiling water may SPRAY!

## Pressure Release Valve

Your Flex comes with two “training discs” (red); one of which is installed in the plunger. Use this red disc when you have determined how much lever force is appropriate. The foil seal of the training disc (red) will break if excessive force is applied to the lever, indicating that your ground coffee is too fine. If the foil breaks, water will flow into the brew head. Repeat the test with a coarser grind (try the consistency of fine sea salt if using a Flow-Control Portafilter) and repeat the test with the second red disc. Install the “grading disc” (black) when you are confident that the force applied is never excessive. If you are testing a new coffee with the measuring disc and feel that you are applying excessive force to the lever, carefully STOP brewing and start over with a coarser grind.

1. Pressure Release Valve (Never Remove Foil)
2. Broken Seal

\*Remove the broken valve by pulling it out by the small recess at the edge of the valve. Replace by pushing new valve into the recess on underside of piston, with the foil facing out.



## Cleaning your NEO Flex

Follow the steps below. Cleaning your NEO Flex should be done with water only. No soap is needed, as it can affect your espresso's taste. Never put your Flex parts in the dishwasher.

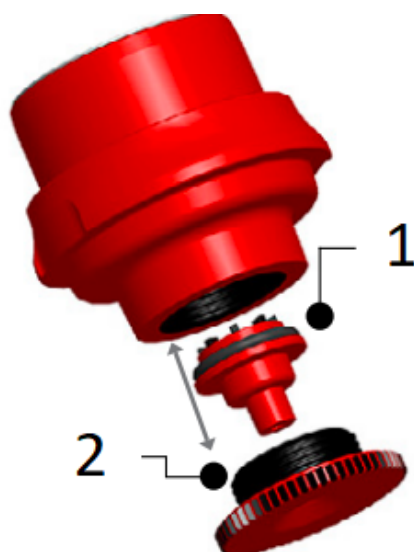
1. Grip Here
2. Lift lever and remove assembled Brew Head from NEO Flex frame, gripping the silicone where indicated above.
3. Detach portafilter over sink by gripping portafilter in one hand and silicone on brew cylinder in other hand and pulling apart.
4. Remove dispersion screen and eject grounds by knocking them out against the side of a trash can, or dig the grounds out with a utensil.
5. Remove the piston using the dosing cup. Place cylinder over dosing cup and press down on a hard surface.
6. Rinse all brewing parts with water from the tap. Reminder, don't use soap as it will impact your espresso's taste.



## Troubleshooting your NEO Flex

We recommend periodically flushing your Flow-Control portafilter and brew head with fresh water. This will prevent the build-up of any coffee residue and ensure optimum flow. Simply follow the brewing steps, without coffee, to flush. For more thorough cleaning, remove the flow-control spout and rinse all pieces with water, as shown below.

1. Removable, replaceable spout to enable cleaning and declogging. Each Flex comes with an additional spout. Replace as necessary and if clogged.
2. **For cleaning:** Unscrew the spout cap and rinse spout and bottom of portafilter in cool water. No soap is needed and may alter your espresso's taste.



## Warranty and how to use the product

Products are covered by the standard statutory warranty period. This warranty is non-transferable and financial compensation in cash is not possible. The warranty does not apply to products that have been used in a manner other than that specified in these instructions for use.

The warranty also does not cover:

- Damage resulting from improper use, neglect of care, or any other use for purposes not listed in this manual.
- Damage to appearance, damage caused by corrosion or gradual wear and tear.

Any intervention or repair by unauthorized persons results in the voiding of the product warranty.

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