

Descaling the Gaggia Brera

Newer models of the Gaggia Brera now have an automatic descaling cycle. This applies to models made after 2015. You can tell this by looking at the Serial Number of your machine. Any number with 9015, 9016, 9017 (follow this pattern for future years) will have to follow this set of descaling instructions. Keep in mind that the descaling process DOES take about an hour, in which you will need to be with the machine. The new process is as follows:

IMPORTANT NOTES:

-The screen has three beans on the bottom, left-hand side that can light up. These indicate the phases of descaling. One bean = Phase 1 / two beans = Phase 2 / three beans = DONE descaling (phase 3).

-SELECTOR KNOB: This is the rounded rectangle in the center of the machine's front panel. It is normally horizontal (Looks like this: |_|), and can be turned to the right (/ / - towards the black, printed coffee mug) or the left (\ \ - towards the black, printed picture of the steam wand).

-PRIMING: ALL you need to do to prime your Brera is turn the selector knob (the rounded rectangle in the center of the front panel) to the right (towards the coffee mug symbol). That will prime your machine. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A BASIN TO CATCH WATER FROM THE BREW HEAD AND STEAM WAND DURING PRIMING!!!

DESCALING:

1. Empty the drip tray and dreg drawer, and then put a large BASIN under both the brew spout and the steam spout. MAKE SURE THE BASIN HOLDS MORE WATER THAN THE BRERA'S WATER RESERVOIR!!!

2. From Stand-By mode (with the red light flashing): press and hold the small and large coffee sizes at the same time (The two round buttons to the left of the black screen). This will flash the triangle symbol, and then the one bean light will be solid on while the descaling light will flash, indicating phase 1.

3. A small amount of water will dispense from the group head. It will sit for a full minute, and then dispense more. THIS TAKE FOREVER!!! IT IS LITERALLY A FULL MINUTE BETWEEN BURSTS OF WATER!!! BE PATIENT!!! It does drip during the process. It will repeat until the tank is approximately half empty.

4. Once the signals on the screen change to the hot water symbol (GREEN Coffee mug on the left of screen) and the flashing triangle (RED, top-right), turn the selector knob to the hot water function (the black, printed coffee mug on the right - knob looks like this: / _ /). The water dispensing process will continue.

5. The screen will change to having the two bean symbol display solidly on the screen (indicating phase 2), two cups (small and large) and the descaling symbol flashing-close the selector knob (TO CLOSE SELECTOR KNOB, RETURN IT TO THE CENTER POSITION - Like this: | _ |). The water tank symbol (RED Water drop in a circle on the top-left of the black digital screen) will display-refill the water tank with clean, fresh water. Empty the vessels under the steam arm and brew spouts, and then replace them.

**-YOU MAY HAVE TO REPEAT STEP 5 A FEW TIMES... THIS IS FINE...
YOUR MACHINE IS NOT BROKEN... IT IS STILL CLEANING!**

6. The priming symbol (triangle and small cup symbol) will appear-PRIME the machine (i.e. TURN SELECTOR KNOB TO THE RIGHT, Like this: / _ /), then CLOSE IT (i.e. RETURN KNOB TO CENTER POSITION, Like this: | _ |) for the priming process once the symbols change to a triangle and two cups. Water will then dispense rapidly from the group head.

**-YOU MAY HAVE TO REPEAT STEP 6 A FEW TIMES... THIS IS FINE...
YOUR MACHINE IS NOT BROKEN... IT IS STILL CLEANING!**

7. Halfway through the rinse phase, the machine will display the hot water symbol (Coffee Mug on the right) on the screen-turn the selector knob to the hot water function (i.e. TO THE RIGHT, Like this: /_ /). It may ask you to refill during this phase-just close the knob (TURN TO CENTER, Like this: |_ |), refill the tank, and then proceed.

-YOU MAY HAVE TO REPEAT STEP 7 A FEW TIMES... THIS IS FINE... YOUR MACHINE IS NOT BROKEN... IT IS STILL RINSING!

-Water will keep flowing from the steam wand. When the water stops running, the machine will display flashing symbols... THIS IS FINE!!! KEEP REPEATING THE FOLLOWING:

- A) TURN Selector Knob to CENTER (Like this: |_ |)
- B) REMOVE water reservoir AND basin of dirty water. Dump dirty water and refill reservoir with clean water. Return reservoir to machine and basin under the steam wand and brew head.
- C) TURN Selector Knob to RIGHT (like this: /_ /)

8. Once the rinse phase is completed, the descaling symbol will disappear, and the machine will return to stand-by mode (The round, power button will flash with a red ring around it).

Here's a video to walk you through the descaling:

Whole Latte Love Video on this process:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8WS3pm74uBc>