

Maintenance for Saeco Espresso machines

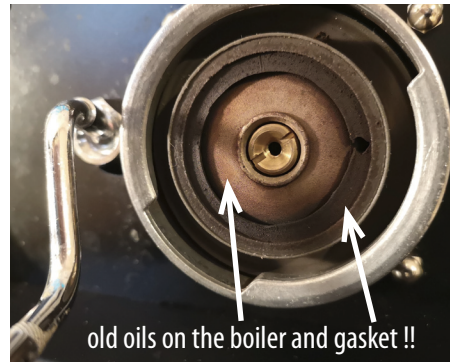


Clean your Portafilter, ShowerHead & Boiler

Every few months, or after about 100 espressos, soak these parts in **JoeGlo** for 10 min. and then carefully scrub 'um . A brass bristle brush and a safety pin will help clean and open clogged filter holes



Carefully scrub the rubber gasket and boiler head. Be sure to rinse them well, especially on the inside of the rubber gasket and the boiler.



I use an old toothbrush and Bon Ami for this.



Clean your Water Tank, Water Supply Hose and Water Filter



Over time, the water supply tank and hose parts tend to get slimy. This is gross, and inevitable, alas. So, periodically, I clean the tank and the filter with dish soap– followed by a careful rinse to purge all of the soap aromas and residue. The inside of the supply hose needs a little different care: a Q-tip soaked in hot water scrubs it pretty well. If you use soap on the Q-tip, then be sure to run a lot of water through the machine (prime thru the steam nozzle) to flush out any residual soap.

Occasionally, the tank will get really slimy. Yikes! When that happens, I soak all of the parts in a diluted bleach solution for 10 min. and then rinse thoroughly and prime well.

Occasionally, the bottom of the tank may show some clouding from mineral deposits. You can dissolve them easily with a 10 min. soak in a diluted vinegar solution. Rinse well afterwards.

good cleaning tools



A stiff brush with straight bristles will make cleaning inside the portafilter easy and efficient. It lets you get into all of the tight spaces.



JoeGlo

will help soften and release old coffee oils. Mix it with very hot water, and soak your disassembled parts for 10 minutes. It is caustic, and thus tough on your skin– so rinse your hands thoroughly and be careful not to breathe the dust.