

# Impressa F7/F8 Quick Reference Guide

This Guide does not replace the Operating Instructions.  
For details and cautions you must read all instructions.

## Traces of Coffee Grounds in New Machine?

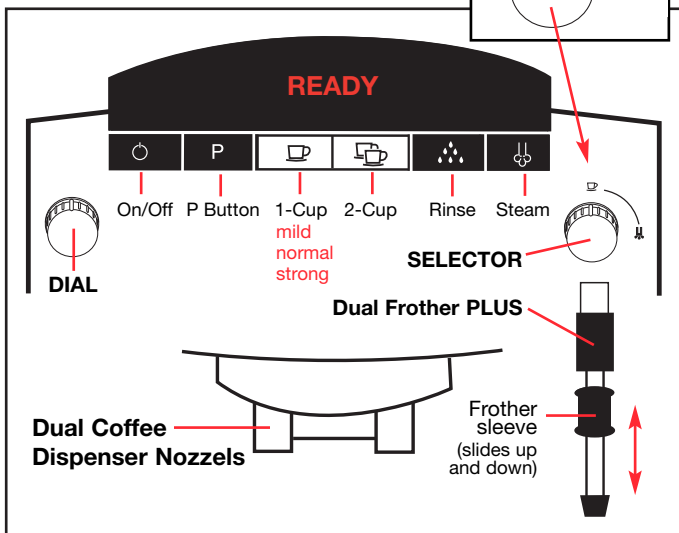
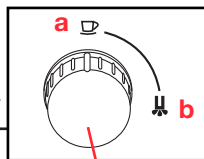
This is normal! Grinder was tested during assembly with beans.  
Despite cleaning, traces of ground coffee may be found.

## Impressa F7/F8 Control Panel

### SELECTOR

(enlarged view)

- a. Coffee
- b. Steam / Hot Water



**RED TEXT** represents information in the display.

### A) First Time Ever Preparation

Place machine on a flat, hard surface.

1. Fill water in tank and beans in bean container.
2. **DO NOT** install the Water Filter Cartridge now!
3. Push **ON/OFF** button. **OPEN TAP**. Place a cup underneath the frother and turn the **SELECTOR** to the water symbol. **SYSTEM FILLING**. Water pumps through the frother into the cup and stops automatically. **CLOSE TAP**. Turn the **SELECTOR** to the Cup Symbol. **SYSTEM FILLING**. **HEATING**. After two minutes **PRESS RINSE**.
4. Place a cup underneath the coffee spout and push the **RINSE** button. **READY**. Place a large cup underneath the coffee spout and press the **1-CUP** button. The F7/F8 starts grinding and brews coffee. Discard the first two cups. **READY**. You can only brew coffee when the display shows **READY**.

### B) Daily Preparation

- Fill fresh water in tank and check bean container.
- Push **ON/OFF** button: **HEATING**. **RINSE**.
- Place a cup under the coffee spouts and press the **RINSE** button. **READY**.

## C) Factory Settings / Programming Functions

Filter: –	Unit On: Not Set
Hardness: Level 2	Off Aft Hrs: 2 HRS
Aroma: ROBUST	Cups Made:
Temperature: HIGH	Language: English
Time: Not Set	Display: OZ. and AM/PM

## D) Grinding and Brewing

- Push the **DIAL**. Display shows the cup size, e.g. **4.0 OZ.**
- Turn the **DIAL** to change the cup size from **1.0 to 8.0 OZ.**
- Push the **1-CUP** button once: **MILD**, twice **NORMAL**, three times **STRONG**.
- When pushing the **2-CUP** button, the machine will brew twice as much coffee as set with the **1-CUP** button.

**HOTTER COFFEE?** Pre-warm cup with hot water through frother. See chapter F "Using Hot Water". Empty cup and brew coffee.

## E) Changing the Grinder Fineness

**Important:** You can only adjust the fineness during the actual grinding process.

- Open the bean container lid and turn the dial while grinding: thicker bars: coarser grind; thinner bars: finer grind.
- For darker, oily beans – grind somewhat coarser. For lighter beans – grind somewhat finer.

## F) Using Hot Water

- Place a cup underneath the frother. Turn the **SELECTOR** to the water symbol, e.g. **5 OZ.**
- Turn the **DIAL** to select the desired amount of water from 1 to 16 oz.. **WATER. CLOSE TAP**. Turn the **SELECTOR** to the Coffee Symbol. You can always stop the hot water flow before the display shows **CLOSE TAP**.

## G) Using Steam (Frothing and Steaming)

**Important:** frother parts must be tightly connected and clean.

- **Cappuccino:** One shot espresso plus ~ 4 oz. of steamed and frothed milk. Metal frother sleeve DOWN
- **Latte:** One shot espresso plus ~ 4 to 5 oz. of steamed milk. Metal frother sleeve UP: steaming only (no frothing)

1. Push the **STEAM** button. **HEATING**. After ~ 20 sec.: **STEAM READY**.
2. Immerse the frother into a pitcher with milk and turn the **SELECTOR** to the water symbol, e.g. **40 SEC**. Turn the **DIAL** to select to desired steaming time (3 to 120 sec). **STEAM**. Steam pushes into the milk.
3. **CLOSE TAP**. Turn the **SELECTOR** to the Cup Symbol. You can always stop the steam output with the **SELECTOR**.
4. For additional steam repeat steps 1 through 3.
5. After steaming you can immediately brew coffee.

**Knocking Noise during Frothing:** The pumps dispenses water droplets into the heating system.

**Please note:** Skim and 1% milk will produce more froth than 2% and regular milk.

**HOTTER MILK?** After frothing the milk, use the steaming position (Frother sleeve UP) to increase the milk temperature.

## H) Cleaning the Frother

Within 10 min. after last use, place a cup under the frother. Turn the **SELECTOR** for 5 sec. to the Hot Water symbol. For thorough cleaning see page 15 of the Operating Instructions.

## J) Programming

Push and hold the **P** button until the display shows **FILTER -**. Turn the **DIAL** to access the other functions: **HARDNESS, AROMA, TEMP., TIME, UNIT ON, AUTO OFF, CUPS MADE, LANGUAGE, DISPLAY.**

Select the function, push the **DIAL**, turn **DIAL** to see or select option. Push **DIAL** to confirm. Push **P** button to get back to **READY**. For details see Operating Instructions.

## K) Installing and Activating the Clearyl Water Filter

1. Rinse cartridge under running water. Insert cartridge into water tank reception and close the cartridge holder.
2. Fill tank with cold water. Push and hold the **P** button: **FILTER -**. Push the **DIAL: NO -**. Turn **DIAL: YES ✓**.
3. Push **DIAL. INSERT / OPEN TAP**. Place a container (20 oz.) under the frother. Turn the **SELECTOR** to the water symbol. **FILTER RINSING**.
4. After 90 sec.: **CLOSE TAP**. Turn the **SELECTOR** to the cup symbol. **HEATING. READY**.  
The display will remind you when it's time to replace the cartridge. **Please note:** When the filter program is activated, the decalcifying program (HARDNESS) is turned off.  
**Important:** Do not let the filter dry out. Filter needs to be submersed in water. See page 16, Operating Instructions.

## L) Replacing and Activating the Clearyl Water Filter

When display shows **CHANGE FILTER / READY**

- Remove old filter, rinse new filter under running water and insert (see above).
- Turn machine off. Push and hold the Rinse button until the display shows **CHG FILTER / OPEN TAP**.
- Place a large container (20 oz.) under the frother and turn the **SELECTOR** to the water symbol. **FILTER RINSING**.
- See Chapter K,4 above.

**Important:** If message **CHANGE FILTER / READY** does not show up after 3 months, you must replace the filter.

## M) Cleaning with Special Tablet

This cleaning cycle removes coffee oils inside the machine. This message will appear after 200 cups of coffee: **CLEAN / READY**. Takes less than 15 minutes!

**Important:** Only use the special white round cleaning tablet!

**Important:** Once started, do not interrupt the program!

1. Fill water tank. Push the **RINSE** button. **EMPTY TRAY**.  
**Please note:** You must remove the drawer for 20 seconds even if it is empty. Replace complete drawer.

2. **PRESS RINSE**. Push the **RINSE** button. **CLEANING**. After a moment the display shows **ADD TABLET**.
3. Open the ground coffee lid and drop one tablet into the coffee funnel. Close lid. **PRESS RINSE**. Push the **RINSE** button. **CLEANING**. After a few minutes: **EMPTY TRAY**. Carefully lift, remove and empty drawer and replace. **READY**. The machine resets itself and reminds you to clean again after the next 200 cups.

#### **N) Decalcifying DESCALE / READY**

For different water hardness levels see Operating Instructions. If a water hardness level is selected, the decalcifying monitor is active. **Decalcify when above message appears.**

**Important:** If you use the Clearyl Filter and the above message appears, then the Clearyl Installation procedure was not performed properly.

**Important:** The decalcifying program must not be interrupted.

- Use only the special decalcifying tablets (not the cleaning tablets!). For decalc tablet supply see next page.

1. Push the **RINSE** button; the display shows **EMPTY TRAY**.
2. Remove and empty drawer. You must remove the drawer for 20 seconds, even if it is empty. Replace complete drawer.

#### **Decalcifying Session:**

3. **SOLVENT IN TANK / OPEN TAP**. Dissolve three large square tablets in 16 oz. of water, remove tank and pour mixture into empty water tank and replace.
4. Place a container (at least 16 oz.) underneath frother. Turn the **SELECTOR** to the water symbol. **DECALC.ON**. After a few minutes: **CLOSE TAP**. Turn the **SELECTOR** to the cup symbol. **DECALC.ON**. After a few minutes **EMPTY TRAY**.
5. Carefully remove container and drawer, empty and replace.

#### **Cleaning Session:**

6. **FILL WATER**. Rinse water tank and fill with cold water (16 oz.) and replace. Place a container under the frother.
7. **OPEN TAP**. Turn the **SELECTOR** to the water symbol. **DECALC.ON**. After a few minutes: **CLOSE TAP**. Turn the **SELECTOR** to the cup symbol. **DECALC.ON**. After a few minutes **EMPTY TRAY**. Carefully remove container and drawer, empty and replace.
8. **HEATING**. Then **PRESS RINSE**. Push the **RINSE** button. The machine returns to **READY** and resets itself.

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#### **O) Supplies** can be ordered through:

Customer Service or Mail Order Form or [www.capresso.com](http://www.capresso.com):

- Clearyl Water Filter Cartridge: #64553
- Special Cleaning Tablets: #62205
- Decalcifying Tablets: #61848
- Cappuccino Cleaner: #63801, removes milk fat from frother
- Grand Aroma Coffee Beans: #921, regular, decaf, espresso

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