# Coffee Roaster One Pound Model (CR1S)

# User's Manual Model 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400



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This Manual Must Be Retained For Future Reference

#### WARNING

IF YOU SMELL GAS, TURN OFF THE MANUAL SHUT-OFF VALVE FROM THE PROPANE (LP) OR NATURAL GAS (NG) SUPPLY. DISCONNECT THE ELECTRICAL POWER TO THE APPLIANCE. CALL YOUR LOCAL GAS SERVICE COMPANY TO CHECK THE GAS CONNECTION TO YOUR APPLIANCE.

This WARNING is to be posted in a prominent location close to the appliance.

#### FOR YOUR SAFETY

DO NOT STORE OR USE GASOLINE OR OTHER FLAMMABLE VAPORS OR LIQUIDS IN THE VICINITY OF THIS OR ANY OTHER APPLIANCE.

#### WARNING

#### ELECTRICAL GROUNDING INSTRUCTIONS

THIS APPLIANCE IS EQUIPPED WITH A THREE-PRONG (GROUNDING) PLUG FOR YOUR PROTECTION AGAINST SHOCK HAZARD AND SHOULD BE PLUGGED DIRECTLY INTO A PROPERLY GROUNDED THREE-PRONG RECEPTACLE. DO NOT CUT OR REMOVE THE GROUNDING PRONG FROM THIS PLUG. ELECTRICAL GROUNDING MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL CODES OR IN THE ABSENCE OF LOCAL CODES WITH THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, ANSI/NFPA 70 OR THE CANADIAN ELECRICAL CODE, CSA C22.2 AS APPLICABLE.

#### WARNING

KEEP THE AREA AROUND THE APPLIANCE FREE AND CLEAR FROM COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS. MINIMUM CLEARANCE TO ADJACENT COMBUSTIBLES SHALL BE 3 INCHES FROM THE SIDE AND BACK OF THE APPLIANCE.

## WARNING

THIS APPLIANCE REQUIRES SUFFICENT AIR FOR COMBUSTION, ROASTING AND VENTILATION. DO NOT OBSTRUCT THE FLOW OF AIR TO THE BACK VENTILATION PANEL.

## **AVERTISSEMENT**

UNE INSTALLATION, UN AJUSTEMENT, UNE ALTERATION, UN SERVICE OU UN ENTRETIEN NON CONFORME AUX NORMES PEUT CAUSER DES DOMMAGES A LA PROPRIETE DES BLESSURES OU LA MORT. LIREZ ATTENTIVEMENT LES DIRECTIVES D'INSTALLATION OU L'ENTRETIEN DE CET EQUIPEMENT.

## **AVERTISSEMENT**

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#### **INSTALLATION**

INSTALLATION OF THIS APPLIANCE MUST CONFORM TO LOCAL CODES. IN THE ABSENCE OF LOCAL APPLICABLE CODES IT MUST COMPLY WITH THE NATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE, ANSI Z223.1, NATIONAL GAS INSTALLATION CODE, CAN/CGA-B149.1, OR THE PROPANE INSTALLATION CODE, CA/CGA-B149.2, AS APPLICABLE, INCLUDING:

- THE APPLIANCE MUST BE ISOLATED FROM THE GAS SUPPLY SYSTEM WITH AN INDIVIDUAL MANUAL GAS SHUT-OFF VALVE.
- THE APPLIANCE AND ITS INDIVIDUAL SHUT-OFF VALVE MUST BE DISCONNECTED FROM THE GAS SUPPLY SYSTEM DURING ANY PRESSURE TESTING GAS SUPPLY SYSTEM AT TEST PRESSURES IN EXCESS OF 0.5 PSI. (3.45 kPa).
- THE APPLIANCE MUST BE ISOLATED FROM THE GAS SUPPLY BY CLOSING ITS INDIVIDUAL MANUAL SHUT-OFF VALVE DURING ANY PRESSURE TESTING OF THE GAS SUPPLY PIPING SYSTEM AT TEST PRESSURES <u>EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 0.5 PSI (3.45 kPa)</u>.

## **OPERATION**

SOME UNUSUAL CONDITIONS, SUCH AS NOT CLEANING THE CHAFF COLLECTOR AFTER EACH ROAST, DRASTICALLY OVERFILLING THE ROAST CHAMBER, OR BLOCKING THE ROASTER VENT, CAN CAUSE A FIRE IN THE ROASTING CHAMBER. DO NOT LEAVE THE ROASTER TO RUN UNATTENDED. IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE, TURN OFF THE GAS SUPPLY AND ELECTRIC POWER AND ALLOW THE ROASTER TO COOL COMPLETELY BEFORE TOUCHING IT.

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRICAL SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE YOUR ROASTER TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

DO NOT REMOVE THE HOUSING COVER FROM THE ROASTER. THERE ARE NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

THIS IS A GAS FIRED APPLIANCE AND MUST NOT BE VENTED INTO A CLOSED SPACE. REFER TO THE INSTALLATION PORTION OF THIS MANUAL FOR PROPER VENTING.

THE GLASS ROASTING CHAMBER AND THE METAL ABOVE THE ROASTING CHAMBER CAN CAUSE BURNS IF TOUCHED DURING THE ROASTING CYCLE.

ROASTERS IDENTIFIED FOR USE WITH NATURAL GAS MUST NOT BE RUN ON PROPANE (LP). DOING SO WOULD POSE A SERIOUS POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARD. BE SURE THAT YOU DO NOT USE A GAS OTHER THAN THE ONE SPECIFIED ON THE NAMEPLATE OF YOUR ROASTER.

## **ROASTER MANUAL**

Roasting with the Sonofresco Commercial Coffee Roaster allows you to offer a high quality product and display a truly unique feature to your customers. The Sonofresco coffee roaster is an automatic hot air roaster designed to evenly heat coffee beans in a roasting chamber, monitor the roasting process, roast to a desired "roast level", and cool the roasted coffee beans all in a seventeen to twenty minute cycle, depending on the degree of darkness of the roasted coffee. Although the roaster is automatic, there are procedures involved for proper operation and maintenance. Every user must learn how to correctly operate and maintain the coffee roaster to ensure consistent roasting results.

The information in this manual will prepare you to operate and maintain the coffee roaster and is covered in the following sections:

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## 1. Introduction

Welcome to the world of truly fresh coffee. With your Sonofresco coffee roaster, truly fresh roasted coffee will soon be a regular part of your life. The Sonofresco Coffee Roaster will dramatically demonstrate your commitment to freshness and quality of your end product. Your customers will soon experience the freshest coffee they have ever tasted.

We are excited about bringing the producers and consumers of roasted coffee closer together, and restoring the idea of coffee as a locally roasted, and impeccably fresh product.

Depending on the degree of darkness of the roasted coffee and the type of green coffee bean, it should take between seventeen and twenty minutes to roast and cool two pounds of coffee. In a ten hour day, you can easily roast twenty five to thirty pounds of high quality coffee with just one of Sonofresco Coffee Roaster.

Three important points to keep in mind:

- 1. Roasted coffee loses its freshly roasted flavor in about a week, so it is very important to keep track of the age of your roasted coffee. If you are going to sell whole bean coffee, put the "date roasted" right on the bag! Sell it or brew it within a few days of roasting, and the flavor will be genuinely memorable.
- 2. Always use top quality coffee. You will get better roast consistency, produce less smoke, and get much better flavor out of clean, well-graded, specialty coffees. The difference in price between top quality specialty green coffee and lower quality coffee is definitely not worth the disappointment. Please contact Sonofresco for help in selecting the perfect green coffee bean.
- 3. Great fresh roasted coffee can be ruined by poor grinding and brewing. Our representatives will be glad to help if you have questions about your brewing equipment or practices.
- 3. Allow the coffee to sit for 48 to 72 hours before grinding and brewing, to allow the flavor to fully develop.

## 2. Installation and Accessories

Before installing the coffee roaster, unpack the appliance and read the installation and operation manual.

<u>Locations For your Roaster - Basic Requirements</u> We believe the roaster will prove most valuable to your business if its located where your customers can see it in operation. You may or may not be able to do that, but there are a few essential requirements for the installation of the roaster.

- A. The roaster is not water resistant and should be protected from moisture and wind.
- B. The roaster must be installed not less than three inches from combustibles. The back panel must be free of obstructions to allow for adequate air flow in the appliance.
- C. The roaster must be vented to the outside if installed indoors. See the section on venting options.
- D. It must be reasonably level to operate properly.
- E. If you are at an altitude at or above 4500' please let us know, some adjustments may be needed to allow the roaster to operate properly at altitudes above 4500'.

## Fuel Supply: Do not exceed .5 PSI inlet pressure to the roaster.

The gas supply should be installed, adjusted, and tested by a qualified gas installer.

**Propane (L.P.):** The LP connection on the back of the roaster is a standard 3/8 inch male flare fitting. (**It is not necessary to use pipe sealant or tape on the flare fitting threads; doing so may cause a leak.)** The roaster is supplied with a regulator/hose assembly for connection to a standard barbeque size propane bottle with a manual shut-off valve. If connecting to a large residential size tank, the supplied propane regulator will not be needed, but the propane supply pressure to the roaster must be adjusted to a minimum of 11 inches water column, for the roaster to work properly. A manual gas shut-off valve must be installed at the roaster. If you are using a propane roaster indoors, you must comply with any local codes for installing, plumbing, and venting a propane appliance.

DO NOT INSTALL THE PROPANE BOTTLE INDOORS; THE BOTTLE MUST BE INSTALLED OUTSIDE ACCORDING TO LOCAL CODES.

**Natural Gas (N.G.):** The natural gas roaster is supplied with a ½ inch male NPT fitting for connection to a natural gas supply. Installation and connection to a natural gas line must comply with all local codes. The natural gas supply pressure should be adjusted to a minimum of 7 inches water column flowing, or operating pressure, for the roaster to work properly. A manual gas shut-off valve must be installed at the roaster.

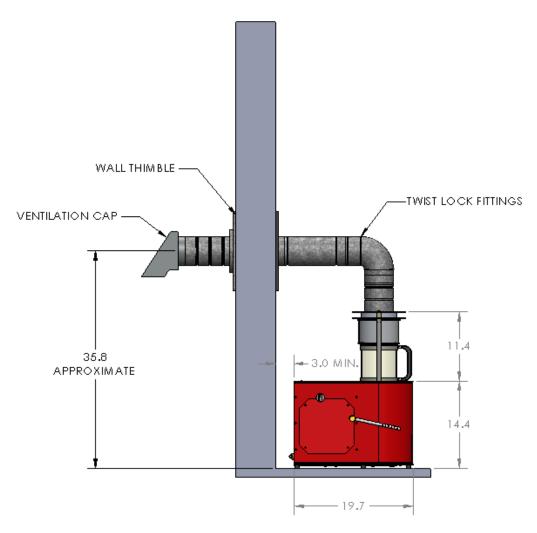
**Electric Power:** The roaster must be plugged into a properly wired, grounded, three prong outlet. The roaster only draws 3 amps at 120 volts ac and will not need a dedicated circuit. In some commercial applications, a dedicated circuit may be needed if large or multiple commercial appliances are on the same circuit. These types of appliances may produce electrical noise that can cause problems with the electronic control. **Do not operate a 120 volt 60Hz appliance on 240 volts 50Hz and vice versa.** 

Any electrical work should be done by a qualified electrician.

<u>Venting:</u> The roaster must be vented to the outside when used indoors to prevent the accumulation of emissions within the dwelling. Venting options include placing the roaster under an existing ventilation hood such as in a commercial kitchen, venting directly into a steel vent pipe, or the Sonofresco vent hood. We recommend the dedicated vent hood shown in Figure 1. The vent hood will allow the roaster to be vented greater distances and will eliminate the possibility of back pressure and wind affecting the roaster associated with direct venting.

## **Direct Venting**

Direct venting is a means of venting the coffee roaster through a ridged vent pipe system to the outside. The *optional* Sonofresco direct vent kit is supplied with everything needed for a basic installation.

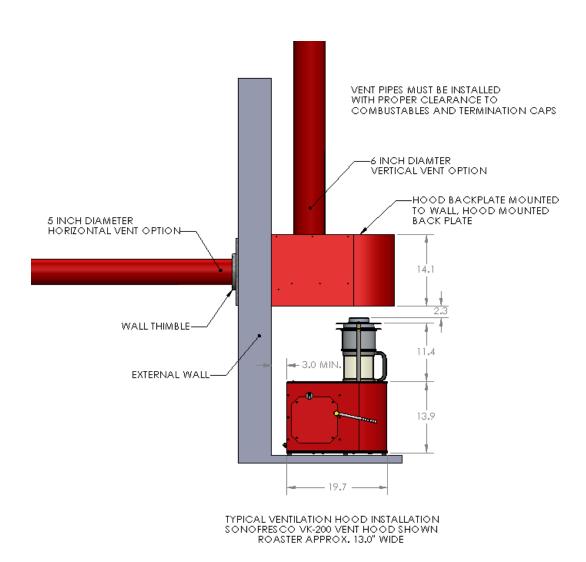


TYPICAL DIRECT VENT INSTALLATION SONOFRESCO VK-100 VENT KIT SHOWN ROASTER WIDTH APPROX. 13.0" WIDE

#### **VENT HOOD**

An *optional* vent hood can be ordered from Sonofresco and provides many advantages. First, since it is a powered vent, the exhaust can be vented at greater distances without the risk of backpressure to the roaster. Second, the exhaust can be tied into existing ducting without back-pressure issues, and third, strong wind pressure against the outside vent will not pose a problem to the roaster. The Sonofresco Vent Hood also incorporates a halogen light aimed at the roast chamber to highlight the roasting process. The basic hood installation is shown below.

Please contact Sonofresco for more details on venting the coffee roaster with a vent hood.



## 3. Green Coffee

It is important to know that not all green coffees are equal. While most green coffee will roast well in your roaster, some poorly processed coffees may not. Sonofresco maintains a good variety of excellent specialty grade green coffees that have been tested for suitability for your coffee roaster. Please contact us for more information.

The roaster is designed to roast normally processed (washed or dry-process) coffees, which produce a certain amount of chaff towards the end of the roasting cycle. Decaffeinated coffees, which have no chaff, should roast fine in the roaster. But, If you are having problems roasting decaffeinated coffees, contact us and we will help guide you in the right direction.

## 4. Things To Remember

The coffee roaster has been designed to be simple to operate, but before you start, you must understand some basic principles of operation.

- Do not use the power button to stop a roast. If a roast appears to be going too dark, just turn off the "Gas" switch, located on the control board, and the roaster will begin its normal cooling cycle. Turning off the "power" switch will prevent the beans from cooling and can begin to smolder and generate smoke. Always allow the roasted beans to cool before removing from the roaster.
- Always use the measuring can supplied with the roaster. Fill <u>one</u> can, level to the top, with green beans. One full can contains approximately 1.4 pounds of green coffee and will yield approximately 1.2 pounds of coffee roasted on a #5 setting. Do not overfill, under fill, or use a can other than the one supplied with the roaster. Doing so will cause inconsistent results and loss of coffee. Please contact customer service for a replacement can if lost.
- **Keep the roaster clean.** Refer to the **Roaster Maintenance section** for proper cleaning procedures. It is important to maintain the roaster to keep it operating at its best.
- **Do not leave the roaster to run completely unattended.** As with any appliance, unusual conditions such as a power outage, blocked vent, or failure to properly maintain the roaster can cause coffee to smolder and generate smoke in the roast chamber. It is good practice to be within earshot of the roaster when in operation so you can respond if any of these conditions should occur.
- **Be careful not to chip or scratch the glass roasting chamber.** The roasting chamber is made of very high quality ceramic glass which is capable of handling thermal stress greater than that produced by the roaster. The glass will not however handle thermal cycles after being damaged due to impact or abrasion. The roasting chamber must be handled with care at all times. **Sonofresco will not be held liable for breakage**.

# ROASTER COMPONENT DESCRIPTIONS



One Pound Coffee Roaster CR1S



**Chaff Collector Assembly** 

# 5. Filling The Roaster and Component Assembly

## Remove Roast Chamber/Chaff Collector Assembly

- Lift handle to raise smoke box assembly. (The smoke box will rise approximately 3/4".)
- Remove roast chamber/chaff collector by lifting straight up and back.

Caution: The roast chamber is able to withstand much higher temperatures than the roaster is capable of producing. However, it can be damaged if impact occurs on a hard surface and then subsequently heated during a roast.

Lift handle

The roaster is designed to operate correctly with a fixed volume of approximately 1.4 lbs. of green beans in the roast chamber and is easily measured using the supplied metal can. This volume ensures correct air flow balance through out the entire roasting process. The following steps will ensure that the correct volume of coffee beans are used for each roast.

Fill the supplied measuring can level to the top.
 One level can of coffee beans are used for the one pound roaster per roast cycle.

**Caution:** The supplied can must be used in order to achieve the correct volume of beans.



 Empty one level filled can into roast chamber.



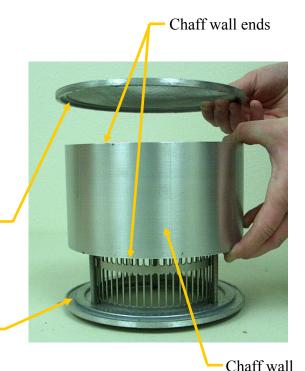
## **Assemble the Chaff Collector**

After adding the correct volume of beans to the roast chamber, assemble the chaff collector and place it on the roast chamber. The chaff wall ends seal to the chaff collector base and screen grooves to prevent air and chaff from escaping from the roaster. The completed chaff collector assembly then seals to the top rim of the roast chamber.

- Set one of the chaff wall ends into the chaff collector groove.
- Set the chaff screen groove onto the end of the chaff wall.

Chaff screen-groove

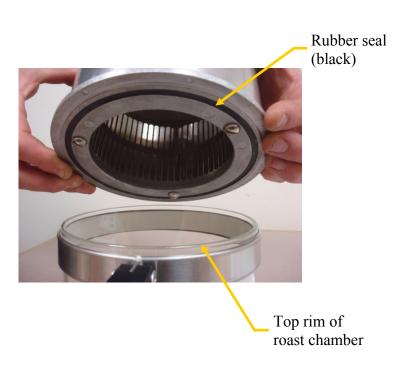
Chaff collector groove



Completed roast chamber/chaff collector assembly.

• Place the chaff collector assembly on top of the roast chamber ensuring that the rubber seal seats against the top rim of the roast chamber.

**Note:** Use two hands when placing chaff collector assembly onto roast chamber.





## 6. Control Board Functions

**Roaster Controls:** The roaster is controlled by an electronic control board that monitors the roasting process based on information provided by the temperature sensor (RTD) and allows the coffee to roast to a predetermined temperature based on the roast level setting selected by the user. The control board consists of the following user controls and display:

**Power Switch** Controls the power to the appliance.

**Gas switch** Activates the gas in stand-by mode.

(Will not actively turn gas on.)

**Down Arrow** Lowers the roast level with each press.

**Up Arrow** Increases the roast level with each press.

**LED Display** Displays current roast level setting.

(Also provides time, temperature, and profile selection feedback as discussed in the hints and tips sec-

tion.)

Initiate the roast with three simple steps:

- 1. Switch the power and gas switches to the **on** position.
- 2. Select the desired roast level for the coffee being roasted, using the up/down arrow buttons.
- 3. Push and release the start roast button.

Place the power and gas switches in the on position.



Select desired roast setting. (0-9)



Press the start roast button. Roaster will start automatically.



## 6. 1 Advanced Control Board Functions

The Sonofresco Advanced Definition Roasting Control Board can connect to an *optional* Sonofresco Roast Profile Development Software package via a blue Bluetooth enabled PC or MAC. Please contact Sonofresco regarding upgrade options for your roaster. By default, all six profiles contain the Sonofresco default ideal roast profile.

General operation

The Sonofresco Coffee Roaster Control Board is designed to operate independent of the Sonofresco Roast Profile Application. The profile software is not required for normal roaster operation, but the profile software is required for creation, editing, monitoring, and transfer of profiles to the roaster control. If your coffee roaster is ADR enabled, please refer to the following as a quick reference to get started. Please refer to the ADR software help file for detailed instructions on using the profile software.

Roast profiles

Six Roast profiles are stored within the roaster control memory, The Sonofresco Default (A), and five user defined profiles (B-F) (by default, all profiles are stored as the Sonofresco Default Profile).

Display

The control board incorporates a single display for reading both the current roast level setting (0-9) and the active roast profile (A-F). The display must be switched between the two modes in order to select the roast level and the active roast profile.

- Selecting Profiles Place the power switch in the on position.
  - Place the *gas switch* in the <u>off</u> position. (Fig. 2)
  - Press the start roast button, the display will switch to the currently active roast profile letter (A-F). (Fig. 3)
  - Select the desired roast profile letter using the *up/down* arrow buttons. (Fig. 4)
  - Press the *start roast* button, the display will switch back to the current roast level number (0-9).
  - Place the gas switch in the on position. (Fig. 2)
  - Change the roast level using the *up/down* arrow buttons to the desired roast level. (Fig. 5)
  - The roaster is now ready for a roast cycle and will do so utilizing the roast profile and roast level previously selected.
  - Press the *start roast* button to initiate a roast. (Fig. 6)



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4



Fig. 5



Fig. 6

## 7. The Roasting Process

Once the start button is pushed, the roaster will start roasting automatically and the following will be observed during the process:

- The blower will immediately turn on and the beans will bounce (fluidize) around in the roast chamber. The beans should appear to "swirl" or rotate around the roast chamber indicating that the beans are mixing properly.
- Approximately 5 seconds after the start button is pushed, a decimal point will come on in the lower right hand corner of the LED display indicating the control is cycling the gas on.
- At approximately 15 seconds after start, the gas will ignite indicated by a slight "puff" sound and heat in the roast chamber. **Note:** It is not uncommon for the inside of the roast chamber to look wet at the beginning of the roast cycle. This is simply condensation caused by moisture in the bean that will dissipate quickly and will not affect the roaster performance.
- The roaster is now automatically roasting the coffee and will continue to cycle the gas on/off during the active roast cycle to gradually increase the bean temperature to the final roast level.
- During the roasting process, the beans will go through changes in color, size, and weight.
  - Color: As the bean temperature increases, the first noticeable difference is the darkening color from green to light brown and then to a darker brown with oils on the bean surface if roasting on the higher roast levels.

**Note:** Decaffeinated coffee will have a brown color before roasting due to the decaffeination process.

- Size: As the bean is heated, the internal cell walls of the bean will expand from the heat and cause the bean to increase in size by nearly a third. This expanding of the bean is referred to as the "crack" and can be heard as a light snapping or cracking sound, typically occurring first around seven minutes and again near ten minutes (i.e. first crack and second crack).
- Weight: Before roasting begins, the bean is considered "heavy" or "green" due to the moisture trapped inside. During the roasting process the moisture is driven out of the bean. Towards the end of the roast the beans will appear to be bouncing around the roast chamber more rapidly due to the "weight loss" and increased surface area.
- At approximately eleven minutes, the beans will reach the final roast level temperature at which time the electronic control board will automatically cycle the gas off and enter the cool down cycle. During the cool down cycle, the blower continues to circulate air until the beans are cool enough to be handled (approximately seven minutes).
- After the cooling cycle is completed, the blower will shut down and the roaster will go into standby until the start roast button is again pressed.

## 8. Coffee Basics

**Coffee Descriptions:** We recommend reviewing our <u>Green Been Page</u> at <u>www.sonofresco.com</u> for brief descriptions for each of our single origin and Sonofresco blended coffees. Please let us know if you require additional information.

**Roast Temperatures:** It is important to understand that different varieties of green coffee beans, whether a single origin or blend, will roast differently from another at a given temperature. In fact, on occasion a current crop year bean will roast differently than a previous years crop due to various growing conditions from year to year.

The Sonofresco coffee roaster will roast a coffee to various end temperatures using roast levels incorporated in the control board. Each setting is incremented by 3.5°C per setting, starting at 193°C on level 0 and a maximum of 224.5°C on a level 9. Each end temperature is preprogrammed and cannot be modified by the user, but can be modified using the optional Sonofresco ADR software package. Please contact customer service for more information regarding the Sonofresco ADR software.

There are many factors that determine the perfect cup of coffee, such as bean type, quality, degree of roast, and the brewing process. It is our experience that customer geography also plays a large factor in determining the perfect cup of coffee. Not all coffee drinkers are created equal, some regions will want a bold dark coffee, while others will appreciate a lighter style coffee. It is important to experiment with different coffee beans, roast levels and brewing processes in order to determine what will best suit your customer base. Make it fun, involve your customers in the decision making process and you are sure to build a solid relationship with your customers.

Sonofresco recommends the following guideline as a starting point in developing your cup:

Use of coffee	Roast Level	End of Roast Temperature °C
Decafs, mild drips, breakfast blends	#4	207
Most drips, decaf espresso	#5	210.5
Espresso, robust drips (Italians, Yirgs, etc.)	#6	214

# **Handling Roasted Coffee**

After the roasting and cooling process is completed, the beans can be placed directly into a bag or bin.

Freshly roasted coffee should be allowed to sit for 48 hours before grinding and brewing to allow the flavor to "develop." This process, known as "degassing," allows the gasses to escape as the flavors develop in the bean.

Proper handling should include allowing the beans to sit in a covered but **unsealed** bin before use. If the bin is sealed tightly, the gases cannot escape and the flavor development process will slow. Do not allow the beans to become wet or come into contact with syrups. It is also recommended to use the coffee within seven to ten days in an effort to maintain the freshest possible product.

## 9. Preparing for the Next Roast

After the last roast is completed, the roaster components will need to be cleaned prior to starting the next roast to ensure that each roast will be consistent with the previous batches. The following is a description of the fundamental operation and the maintenance required between roasts. The entire process should take no more than one minute to complete.

As discussed, the bean will expand and increase in size during the roasting process. During this expansion phase the bean will "crack" and shed it's "skin" also known as chaff (the outer skin of the coffee bean). This chaff is captured by the fine mesh of the chaff screen to minimize the amount of particulate entering the ventilation system. The chaff also acts to balance the air flow in the system as the bean becomes lighter during the roast due to the moisture being driven off. The chaff screen is designed to catch the chaff but allow the hot roasting gases to pass through and into the ventilation system. Restricting the airflow through the screen, by not removing the chaff between roasts, will lead to darker and darker roasts. Additionally, oils from the beans are deposited on the wires of the screen during the roasting process and must be removed in order to minimize build up over time and cause a reduction in airflow through the screen.

The following maintenance summary will prevent the build up of oils on the screen. Detailed steps are outlined on the following page.

- Remove chaff collector from the roast chamber and set it upside down on a table.
- Remove chaff from the chaff collector.
- Remove the chaff collector and place on table right side up.
- Remove the balance of chaff from the chaff screen.
- Clean loose chaff from the chaff collector groove using a wire brush.
- Clean the inside and both ends of the chaff wall with a dry terry cloth or paper towel to remove loose chaff.
- Clean the chaff screen with a wire brush. (See chaff screen cleaning details.)

# 9. Preparing for the Next Roast (Continued)

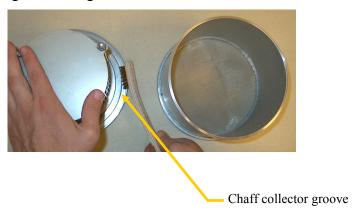
Remove the chaff using a vacuum or brush.



Remove balance of chaff from the chaff screen.



Clean loose chaff from chaff collector groove using wire brush.



Clean inside and both ends of chaff wall with dry terry cloth towel to remove loose chaff.



Clean chaff screen with wire brush. (See chaff screen cleaning details on following page.)



Cleaned and reassembled chaff collector assembly.

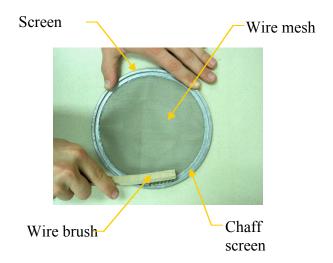


## 10. Detailed Chaff Screen Cleaning

The chaff screen consists of a wire mesh screen held in place by an aluminum outer ring. The mesh screen is simply wires woven together to create a wire grid. Each of these wires collect chaff and oil from the beans during the roasting process and must be cleaned to allow air to flow freely. A wire brush is used to clean the wires as well as the chaff screen groove (See detail below). Cleaning is accomplished by aggressively scrubbing both sides with a wire brush around the perimeter (outside edge) of the ring and then cleaning the wires in both directions.

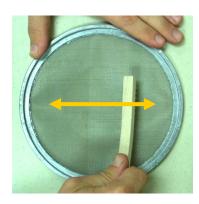
- Clean chaff screen groove to prevent chaff build up. This buildup could affect the seal with the chaff wall.
- Clean the screen where it meets the groove around the entire perimeter of the screen.

**Note:** It is important that the screen is cleaned all the way to the outer edge where it meets the ring.

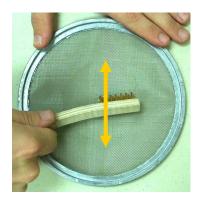


• Use the wire brush to scrub in the direction of the wires to ensure the entire surface of the screen is cleaned.

**Note:** A fine dust (dried oils from the beans) will be deposited on the table under the screen which indicates the cleaning is being done correctly.



- Turn the screen 90 degrees to clean the wires in the other direction.
- After completing the cleaning flip the screen over and repeat on the other side.
- Soak the screen in a commercial cleanser, such as Puro Caff©, weekly to remove excess oils.



## 11. Roast Chamber Maintenance

It is important that the roast chamber be cleaned after every roast to prevent the build-up of oils on the glass surface as well as the bottom plate. Oil build-up is not only unsightly, it will also affect the roaster performance if the build-up becomes excessive. The beans must move around freely within the roast chamber to properly mix the hot air and the beans for an even and consistent roast. Oils deposited on the glass cylinder and bottom plate create a rough surface that can cause the beans to slow down in the roast chamber due to friction. This "slowing" of the beans can cause darker and inconsistent roasts. Wiping the roast chamber glass and bottom plate with a **dry** terry cloth or paper towel after every roast will reduce the build-up of oils.

Caution: The roast chamber is one of the more costly components of the roaster. Care must be taken when handling to prevent damage or breakage.

- With a firm grip on the roast chamber, wipe the entire inside surface of the roast chamber.
- To prevent breakage, avoid resting the roast chamber on a table or counter top during cleaning.



• With a firm grip on the roast chamber, wipe the bottom surface of the roast chamber.

**Note:** Some heat discoloration on the bottom plate is normal.



• At the end of the day, clean the entire roast chamber inside and out with a towel, warm water, and mild detergent to completely remove excess oils.

**Note:** It is not recommended that the roast chamber be soaked or placed in a dishwasher as this will affect the gaskets.

## 12. Sample Roasting

In addition to the standard 1.4lb batch size, the Sonofresco coffee roaster is capable of roasting 120g sample batches for use in evaluating coffee various types of coffee. The roaster incorporates a damper that reduces the airflow through the roast chamber in order to maintain the proper bean fluidization and over all roaster performance.

#### **Caution:**

Do not operate the roaster in the sample roast position with a green bean quantity greater than 120g.

Roasting a full 1.4lb batch with the damper in the *sample position* will result in too little airflow and create the possibility a bean fire within the roast chamber.

Roasting a 120g quantity of beans while in the *full batch damper position* will result in poor results due to the high airflow. It is recommended to not roast a quantity less than 1.4 pounds of green coffee while set to the *full batch position*.

# **Full Batch Roasting**

Fill the supplied measuring can level to the top.

Approximately 1.4 pounds green.





# **Sample Batch Roasting**

Using a scale to weigh a 120g sample is the most accurate method or fill the supplied sample can to the rib line (Approximately 120g





## 13. Daily Maintenance

Daily maintenance is important to keep the roaster operating and looking its best. A maintenance routine at the end of every roasting day will allow the roaster to begin operation the next morning without delay.

The daily maintenance includes:

- Clean the chaff collector assembly as you would between roasts
- Clean the entire roast chamber inside and out with a towel, warm water, and mild detergent to completely remove excess oils
- Clean temperature sensor with a 3M pad (Scotchbrite®).
- Clean smoke box assembly with a damp 3M pad (Scotchbrite®).
- Clean external surfaces of the roaster, u-shape, chrome top etc., with a damp cloth and mild detergent.
- Clean the area around the roaster to minimize the chaff buildup in the work area.

# **Temperature Sensor**

The temperature sensor plays a critical role in the roaster's operation by measuring the current temperature of the beans and sending the information to the control board. The control board then interprets this information and cycles the gas on/off accordingly, thus ensuring that the beans roast evenly during the cycle following the 'Roast Profile'. If the temperature sensor sends inaccurate information to the control board, the outcome of the roasting process will likely be different than expected.

Example: The coffee beans are actively roasting at a temperature of 200°C (near the end of the active roast cycle), but the temperature sensor is only reading and sending a temperature of 195°C to the control board. The control board is designed to allow the beans to reach a set temperature at a given time, so the control board only seeing 195°C, continues to roast the beans. The beans at this point are near the end temperature, but are allowed to further roast creating a much darker than expected roasted coffee. Although the temperature sensor and control board are operating correctly, they are actually lagging behind the coffee's actual temperature. The most common reason for this is that the temperature sensor is being insulated from the heat of the beans due to excess build-up of chaff and oils. Similar to wearing a jacket in the winter, keeping the cold out and body heat in, but in the case, we are slowing down how fast the heat gets to the temperature sensor. Again, this "lag" causes the coffee to roast to a higher actual temperature than desired.

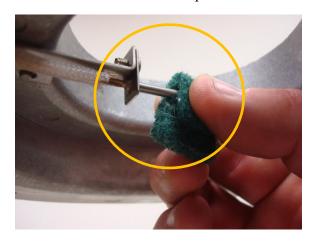
It is essential that the temperature sensor be maintained to ensure accurate measurement of the bean temperature for a successful outcome.

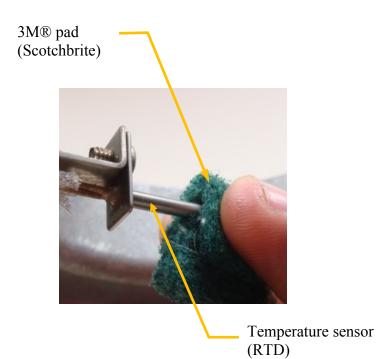
## **Component Maintenance**

## The two most important items to properly maintain are the screen and the temperature sensor.

The Sonofresco coffee roaster incorporates an improved hard mounted stainless steel temperature sensor which allows for more robust cleaning methods. The sensor will accumulate oils during the course of roasting, it is important to remove these oils on a daily basis to prevent excessive build up that can degrade the performance of the roaster. Clean the temperature sensor with a 3M® pad folded in half over the sensor. It is also acceptable to use a mild detergent, such as Clean-Rite® "Purple Power", to break down tuff buildup. Rub the sensor back and forth as if you were sanding a pencil, the sensor should be cleaned down to the metal at the end of every roasting day.

- Fold the 3M® pad around the sensor.
- Rub the sensor back and forth to remove chaff and oil deposits.





- Wipe the inside of the smoke box assembly using a Purple Power® dampened 3M® pad.
- The assembly should be cleaned down to the metal finish after every roasting day.
- Wipe the entire outside of the roaster with a cloth and mild detergent.
- Clean the chaff from around the roaster work area.





# **ROASTER MAINTENANCE SUMMARY**

Schedule and follow these maintenance steps for trouble free roaster operation:

Roaster Component	Maintenance Action		<b>Frequency</b>	<u>Page</u>
Chaff Screen		•	After every roast Once week	<u>18</u>
Temperature Sensor	Clean sensor with a detergent dampened 3M pad (Scotchbrite)	•	Daily	<u>21</u>
Smoke Box Assembly	Clean surfaces with 3M pad (Scotchbrite)	•	Daily	<u>21</u>
Roast Chamber		•	After each roast Daily	<u>19</u>
Chaff Collector	Clean chaff wall groove	•	After each roast	<u>17</u>
Outside Surfaces	Clean top panel and U-shape with mild	•	Daily	<u>21</u>

## 14. Error Codes and Troubleshooting

The roaster employs five error codes, displayed on the control board LED display, to inform the user of potential issues with the operation of the roaster.

The roaster control board readout is a segmented single digit display, error codes are cycled to the display in series as follows:

An error code "E1" would be displayed as a backwards three or E, a pause, then the number one (1).

The code will continue to flash "E1"..."E1"...etc. until the power is cycled off and then on again. In the case of an "E1", an out of range temperature sensor, the error will not clear unless the problem with the temperature sensor is resolved.

The most common errors are:

- "E2" The roaster did not detect a rise in temperature during the start sequence, the most likely cause being a closed external fuel supply valve or empty propane supply.
- "E4" The temperature decreased during the active roast cycle when the temperature should be increasing. The most likely cause is the propane tank emptied during the roast process. In the event of an error code "E2" or "E4", the control board will shutoff the gas supply and leave the blower running until the roaster is sufficiently cooled down.

However, an "E1" and "E5" error codes will result in both the gas as well as the blower to be turned off without entering the cool down cycle. In the event of an "E1" or "E5" error, the blower is turned off to avoid causing a fire in the roast chamber if the sensor cannot detect a proper temperature status.

When the blower is shut off, there is no longer cooling air available, so the following procedure should be followed to handle such a scenario:

- Remove roast chamber/chaff collector assembly from the roaster. **Caution:** The roast chamber assembly will be hot. Grasp <u>only</u> the roast chamber handle, and if possible, use oven mitts when removing the assembly from the roaster.
- Dump beans including the chaff assembly onto/into a non combustible area or receptacle. (Outside on pavement or in a metal sink would be considered a safe place.)

## 15. Troubleshooting

## **ERROR CODES**

Error Code	Symptom	Potential Cause	<u>Solution</u>
E-1	Electronic control has detected an "out of range" condition on the temperature sensor.	Broken wire, short in the wiring, or a defective temperature sensor.	Replace temperature sensor.
E-2	Temperature sensor has not detected a sufficient increase in temperature.	<ul> <li>Problem with the gas supply.</li> <li>Dirty temperature sensor.</li> <li>Interference with airflow.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Check gas shutoff valve or propane supply.</li> <li>See section on cleaning sensor.</li> <li>Clean screen, check exhaust, use correct amount of beans.</li> </ul>
E-3	The roast did not reach its set point in twenty minutes.	<ul><li>Lack of proper Gas supply.</li><li>Dirty temperature sensor.</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Check shut off valve.</li> <li>Check gas supply pressure.</li> <li>Clean temperature sensor.</li> </ul>
E-4	Failure to achieve ignition later in the roast cycle.	<ul> <li>Likely cause is the propane supply ran out.</li> <li>Gas supply is shut off after roaster has started.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Refill propane tank.</li><li>Open gas shutoff valve.</li></ul>
E-5	Temperature rises after the end of the roast cycle. May indicate a presence of fire.	<ul> <li>Overfilling the roast chamber.</li> <li>Neglecting to clean the chaff screen, chaff collector, and temperature sensor.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use recommended amount of beans.</li> <li>Clean chaff collector and screen after each roast.</li> </ul>

# 15. If You Need Help

If you have done your best to work out a problem or question, and still are not able to solve it, we will be glad to help. Call us at (360) 757-2800 or contact us by email at office@Sonofresco.com.

# 16. Replacement Parts

A number of replacement parts are available through Sonofresco, including new roasting chambers, new chaff collector screens, temperature sensors, control boards and other items. You may want to have spare screens or roasting chambers on hand to avoid interruptions in production. Contact your local representative or the Sonofresco office for prices and availability.

## 16. Hints and Tips

**Roast Profile:** One way to further understand and monitor the roaster operation is by viewing the roast profile. The electronic control board is designed to control the rate at which the coffee temperature rises over time. The roast profile is basically a time versus temperature graph that determines when the gas is cycled on to heat the beans and then cycled off to prevent the beans form heating to quickly. The gas is cycled on and off through out the entire active roasting process. The roaster will continue along the roast profile until the temperature reaches the specified temperature associated with the roast level setting and then enters the cool down phase. The elapsed time and current roast temperature can be viewed during the active roast via the LED display and referenced to the roast profile graph on the following page. *Real time data can be viewed using the Sonofresco ADR software, call for details*.

#### **Time Measurement:**

The time measurement is the time from the beginning of the roasting process when the start roast button was pressed.

• During an active roast, push and release the start roast button to display the time.

The roaster control board readout is a segmented single digit display, numbers are cycled to the display in series as follows:

**Example:** The roaster is running for 1:30 (one minute and thirty seconds) from start when the roast button is pressed and released the display will scroll 1...-...3...0. (one...dash...three...zero.) This time should be noted; immediately proceed to read the temperature data.

## **Temperature Measurement:**

The temperature measurement is the real time temperature of the roasting process at the moment it is viewed.

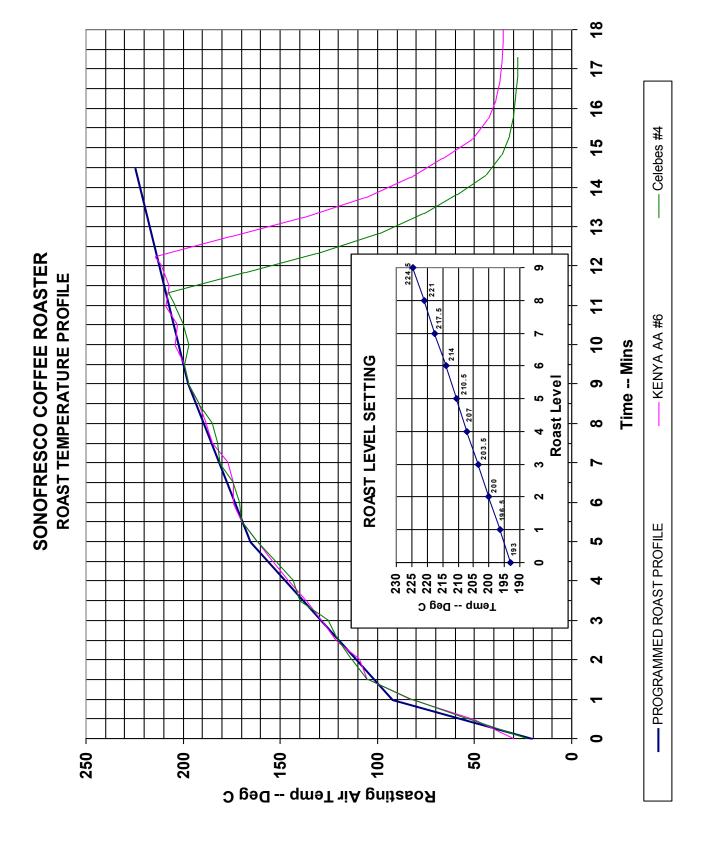
• During an active roast, simultaneously push and hold both the up and down arrows to display the temperature. **Note:** If the up and down arrow buttons are continuously held down during the entire roast process, the temperature can be viewed rising over the course of the active roast.

The roaster control board readout is a segmented single digit display, numbers are cycled to the display in series as follows:

Example: The bean temperature is currently 135°C (one hundred thirty five degrees Celsius); the display will scroll 1...3...5. This temperature should be noted and compared to the graph on the following page.

## **Temperature Measurement:**

**Graph Comparison:** Simply find the time on the bottom edge of the graph and the temperature on the left side and intersect to find the current position on the roast profile. Although this data is not critical to the user when roasting coffee, you may be asked to perform this operation during a service call to help troubleshoot potential roaster issues. The Sonofresco roast profile is located on the following page.



## 17. Warranty Information

Sonofresco warrants the coffee roaster against defects in workmanships or materials for a period of one year from the date of purchase as follows:

- 1. If the product is determined to be defective, Sonofresco will repair or replace the product free of charge.
- 2. This warranty does not cover replacement of the glass roasting chamber, the chaff screen, or gaskets.
- 3. This warranty does not cover problems resulting from poor installation or operator abuse. Roasting anything other than green coffee beans in the machine will void the warranty.

Repair or replacement as provided under this warranty is the exclusive remedy of the purchaser. Sonofresco shall not be liable for any incidental or consequential damages for breach of any express or implied warranty on this product.

## 17. Specifications

There are four models of the Sonofresco coffee roaster. The roasters all follow the same roast profile, and have the same 1.4 pound (green) per cycle roasting capacity. All of the machines will use about 350 watts of electric power. The heating in all machines is supplied by either propane or natural gas. The Sonofresco models:

Models	Fuel	Voltage	Amperage	Watts	Input Rating
1100	Propane	120vac/60 Hz	3 amp	360	31,000 BTU/hr.
1200	Natural Gas	120vac/60 Hz	3 amp	360	37,000 BTU/hr.
1300	Propane	230vac/50 Hz	1.5 amp	345	31,000 BTU/hr.
1400	Natural Gas	230vac/50 Hz	1.5 amp	345	37,000 BTU/hr.

Units intended for 50 Hz will not operate properly on 60 Hz and vice versa. Units intended for natural gas will not operate properly if run on propane. Units intended for propane will not operate properly on natural gas. Please contact Sonofresco for information regarding converting a roaster from one fuel to another. Roasters cannot be field converted without a fuel conversion kit specific to the Sonofresco coffee roaster.

Any attempt to convert without the proper conversion kit could result in injury or death.

All models weigh approximately 60 pounds (27kilos), and measure 13 inches (330 mm) by 27 inches (686 mm) by 21 inches (533 mm) high. 75lb (34 kg) Ship weight.

Models 1100 and 1200 are tested and certified by Underwriters Laboratories for use in the U.S. and Canada to the following standards:

Gas-Fired Food Service Equipment In accordance with:

American National Standards Institute ANSI Z83.11b - 2009

Canadian Gas Association CGA 1.8b - 2009

NSF/ANSI 4 - 2009



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