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The legendary lever-operated espresso machine

Cremina

Mendrisio, October 2008 — In 1967, Switzerland's manufacturer of fine espresso machines presented the Cremina for the first time. In 2002 and 2008, the machines were technically reworked and further improved in many parts. Remaining true to our desire for and the needs of a perfect lever espresso machine, the Cremina not only became a collector's item over the decades, but also a legend. As early as the 1970's, The New York Times described the Cremina as "being the best Espresso machine in the world" and in 2003 the Neue Zürcher Zeitung honored the machine by calling it "the Rolls-Royce of the one-armed coffee bandits".

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crafted Espresso machines

The Cremina is a classic lever-operated espresso machine — no ifs, no buts. It works with the proven pre-infusion piston system. By lifts of the lever, a small amount of water is drawn into the piston chamber and forced into the pressed ground coffee, allowing it to expand. Lowering the lever forces the hot water through the ground coffee. This tried and tested extraction procedure, coupled with the continually increasing experience of the individual Cremina owner, of course, guarantees that perfect espresso that produces a composition of cream, smell and taste—a harmonious pleasure for the senses. The only noise produced by your Cremina is the singing as the boiler heats the water.

Built to last ages

The machines are solely made of stainless steel, chrome and brass. The brew group, consisting of group head and portafilter, are made of high-gloss polished chromed brass. This also applies to the extra long steam wand and nozzle. This does not only increase the longevity of the machine but also facilitates the cleaning. The electric boiler, made of chrome steel (Quality AISI 314 L) is filled by opening the top and has a capacity of 3.8 pints, enough for 20 cups of classic espresso. The high performance tubular heating element has a thermal protection against overheating of the boiler. In order to guarantee a perfect result and longevity, the high-tech gaskets used in the Cremina are made of Teflon and Gore Tex. The default pressure is adjusted to between 0.7 and 0.8 bars and the optimum brewing temperature to 198 °F. The Cremina leaves it to the skill of the barista to find the required pressure onto the portafilter by lowering the lever.

However, not only the inside of the Cremina is convincing. Espresso machine purists are also thrilled with its outer appearance. The massive chassis, the sturdy casing and the fittings are of finest quality. The front, the grate and the tray are made of high-gloss polished stainless steel. Frame and casing are elaborately lacquered with an especially resistant powder technique.

Technical Specifications:

Width 7.87 in
Depth 10.63 in
Height 12.99 in
Weight 24 lb

3-year guarantee

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About Olympia Express:

Olympia Express is a Swiss company for exclusive espresso machines and espresso grinders. With 80 years of developing and manufacturing tradition, our small but fine company belongs to one of the pioneers on the market of premium espresso machines. Our engineers and mechanics still live the tradition of the founder to this day and care affectionately about the smallest detail with dedication and Swiss precision. By using materials of the highest quality and in-house developed components, we produce especially compact and elegantly designed machines and grinders of the best quality and outstanding longevity. All products have been awarded the famous SWISS MADE label. Due to the elaborate production of these premium products production capacity is limited to approximately 1000 machines a year.

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