

When Do I Change My Burrs?

Your espresso grinder burrs are slowly dulling each time you turn on your machine. Dull burrs can greatly affect the taste of your espresso. Here is an easy way to make a schedule of when to have them changed:

Burrs are changed based on manufacturer recommendations:

ANFIM CAIMANO.....	Change at 3300lbs
LA MARZOCCO SWIFT.....	Change at 3300lbs
MAHLKONIG EK43.....	Change at 14000lbs
MAHLKONIG K30.....	Change at 1600lbs
MAHLKONIG TANZANIA.....	Change at 8000lbs
MAZZER KONY.....	Change at 1640lbs
MAZZER MAJOR (83MM FLAT).....	Change at 1033lbs
MAZZER MINI (58MM FLAT).....	Change at 660lbs
MAZZER ROBUR 110V	Change at 1700lbs
MAZZER ROBUR 220V.....	Change at 1800lbs
MAZZER SUPER JOLLY (64MM FLAT).....	Change at 880lbs

BURR LIFE VARIABLES

Burr life is calculated by burr size and how much coffee is put through the grinder. There are recommended grinder burr lifespans, but these vary for flat and conical burrs, burr material, and burr size (i.e. cutting surface area).

DAMAGING DEBRIS

Premature burr wear can be caused by rocks, nails, etc., that aren't removed in the roasting and bagging process. Motor shaft and/or bearing damage also accelerates burr deterioration.

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

Regularly removing, cleaning, and reinstalling grinder burrs can prolong their life. We recommend Urnex Grindz to remove the solids and oils that have adhered to the burrs inside the grinder.

SEASONING PERIOD

Brand new burrs may require a seasoning period before they achieve the desired consistency. Prior to changing your burrs save a few pounds of old coffee to use to break in the new burrs, so not to waste the fresh stuff.

4 WAYS TO SPOT WORN BURRS

1. GRIND - Grounds vary in consistency and size.
2. TASTE - Flat tasting espresso no matter what is done.
3. EDGES - Do the burrs feel dull?
4. SHOTS - Are the espresso shot times inconsistent every time, with no other changes?

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