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Airflow and blower warnings

Public Bellwether articles do not define Main Blower Effort. This group points at the air-path cleaning those warnings depend on, and at the owner write-up of the screen.

Bellwether's public help center has no article named Main Blower Effort. The pages in this file are the public cleaning and safety articles that an owner uses before calling support. The owner write-up is at bellwetherowners.com/warnings/main-blower-effort.

Shop Roaster: Daily Maintenance

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Conduct these tasks when prompted during roasting every day.

Every 3 roasts (Countertop) or 13 roasts (Continuous) we must empty the Chaff, Water, and vacuum the Prefilters.

- *For Countertop:*

- Remove the Chaff/Water Collector by twisting it to the left. The container will drop down and can be removed. Empty the water into a drain by tilting slightly over a drain. Then, fully invert the container over a trash bin to dispose of the chaff. Lock the container back into the roaster by raising it into the machine with the handle slightly to the left and then rotating to the right to lock into place. You should see a gap beneath the Chaff/Water Collector when it's correctly in place.



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- *For Continuous Roasting:*
    - Pull the lockbar outward to release the Chaff/Water Collector. The entire handled tray will pull out. The chaff and water collect in separate containers that each pull out from the larger tray. Empty both compartments and then reinsert the bins into the handled tray and then push the tray back into machine and push lockbar back in to secure. If the seal does not feel secure, add a spacer beneath the chaff container inside of the handle tray.



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- Remove the two Prefilters from the machine (located beneath the roasting drum). Thoroughly vacuum off both sides of the prefilters and reinsert into machine.



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Shop Roaster: Weekly Maintenance

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Conduct these tasks once a week or as prompted.

No Parts Required.

Tools Required:

- Shop Vacuum
- Coffee Machine Cleaner, such as Cafiza.
- Accurate baking/coffee scale for up to 10lbs of weight.
- Container for soaking
- Container for green coffee

Process:

1. Soak Prefilters in Coffee Cleaner >>> LINK <<<

- Remove the two Prefilter mesh pieces from the bracket by pushing them upward on the side closest to the handles. Soak the two mesh pieces in a coffee cleaning solution (Cafiza, Joe Glo etc). Set aside to air dry. Once dry reassemble and then

refit into roaster.



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2. Vacuum Above Cooling Tray

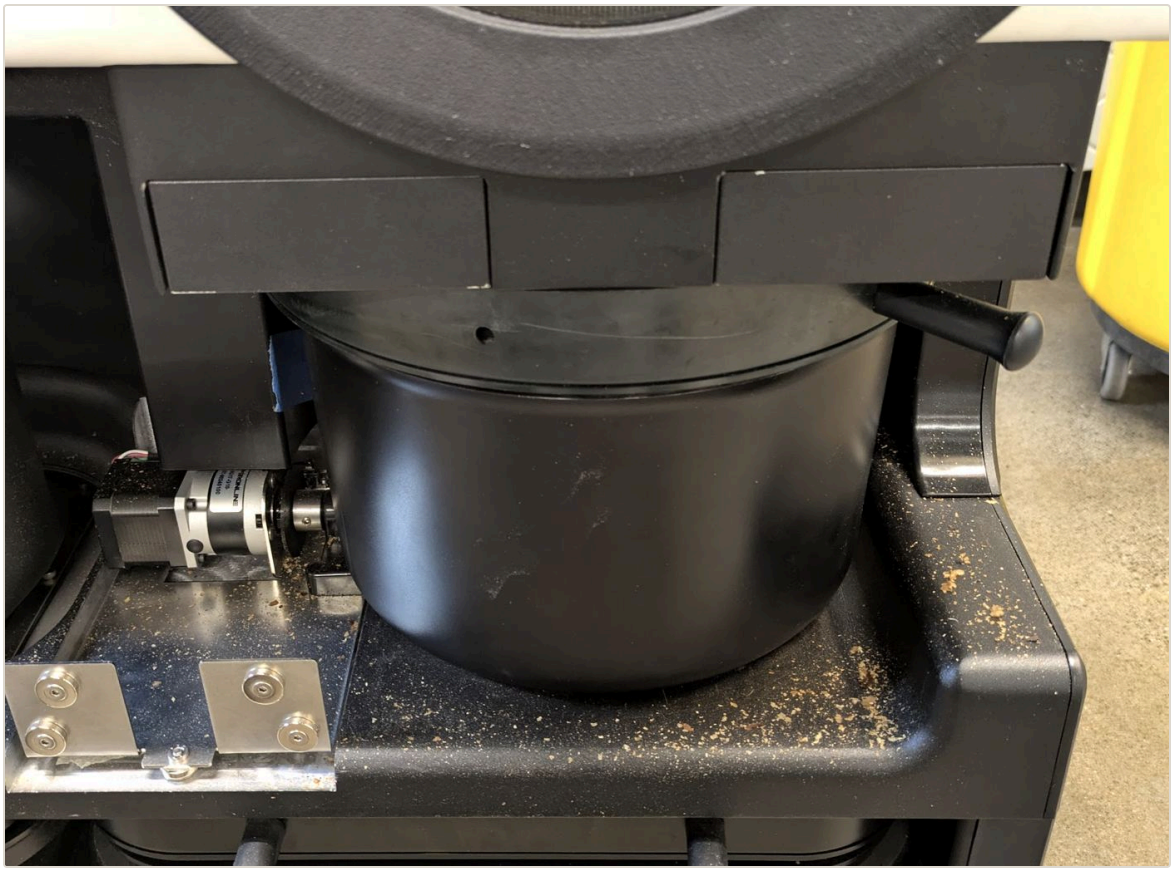
- If Countertop, simply release the Cooling Tray to remove. If Continuous Roasting, remove Valence to expose the Autobucket. Release the lock and gently disconnect the white connector circled below in red taking care not to tug on any of the wires. Remove the Prefilters from the machine if present. Vacuum the internal of the Cooling Tray or Autobucket and the area above where it usually sits inside of the machine. Take extreme caution not to damage the temperature probe circled in blue. You can wipe this probe down with a towel if necessary.

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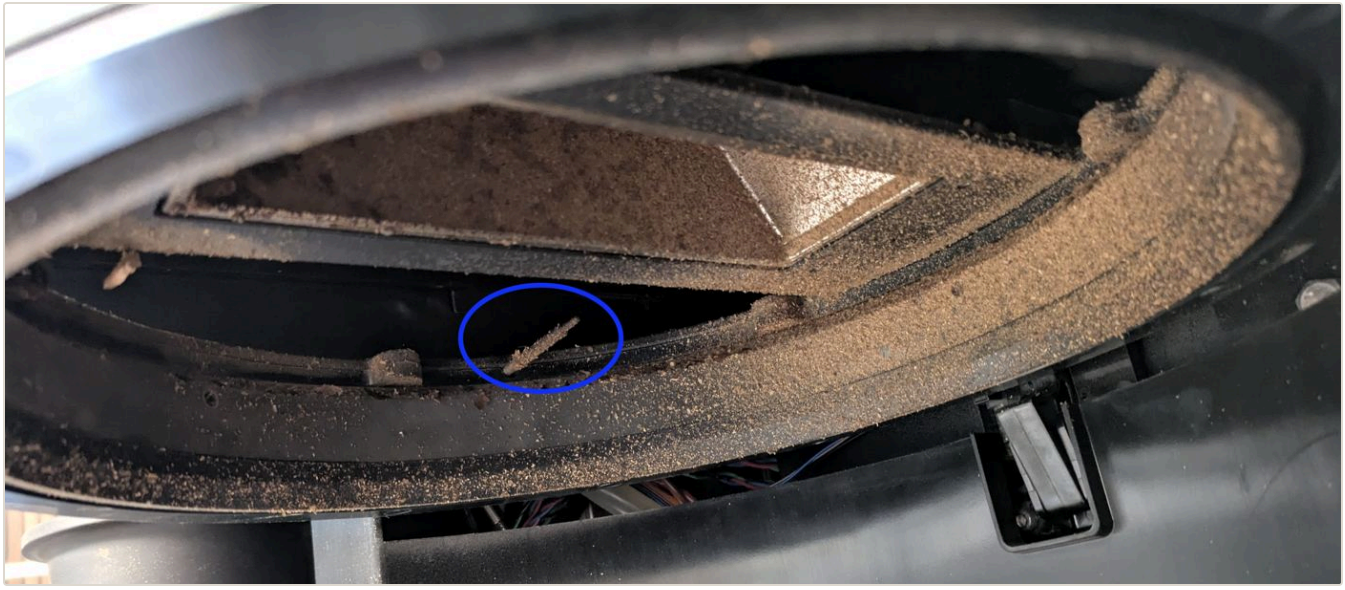
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3. Vacuum Cyclone/Chaff Tube >>> LINK <<<

- *If Countertop:* Remove the chaff can and vacuum up into the chaff cyclone.



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- *If Continuous Roasting:* Place a towel into the water collection cup to prevent chaff from entering into the tube. Disconnect the connecting ring by rotating to the left. Vacuum up from the bottom of the tube, the top of the tube, and into the bottom of the cyclone to remove all debris. Reassemble and make sure that there are no leaks. **Important: When reinstalling the chaff collar and tube, make sure that the silicone is totally secured and the collar is tight so no air leaks are present.**



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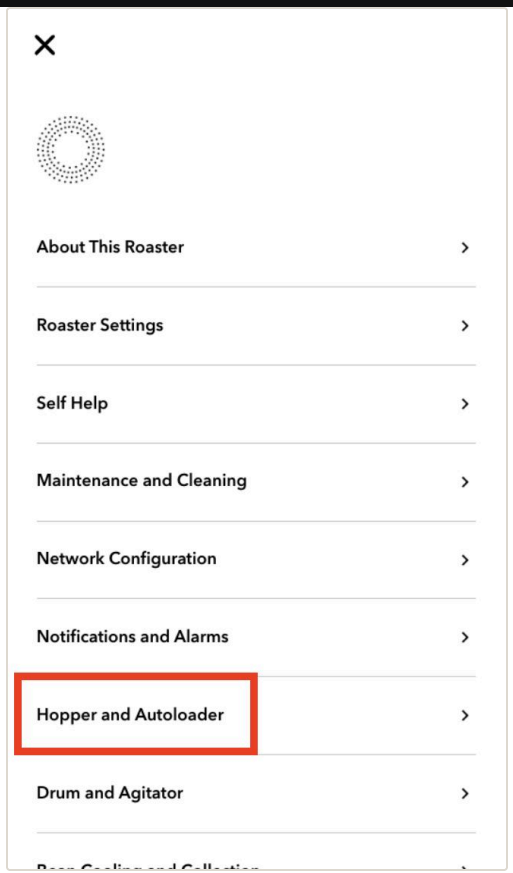


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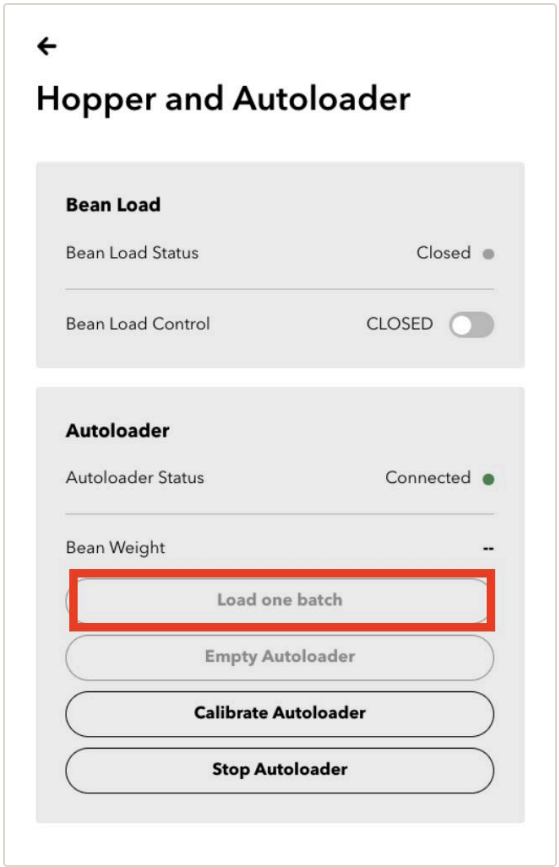
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4. Test Autoloader Dosing *(Continuous Roasting Only)***>>> LINK <<<**

- Enter the Tech Panel (PIN is 4377). Replace the copper Hopper with a bucket to catch the beans dispensed from the Autoloader. Use the button to “Load One Batch” and weigh the output. If there is a deviation over or under the desired batch size of 1.5kg (1500g), follow the guide for Autoload inspection and recalibration (LINK).



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Shop Roaster: Vacuuming The Chaff Cyclone & Chaff Tube

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No Parts Required.

Parts Required

- Shop Vacuum

Process:

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If Countertop:

1. Remove the Chaff Can by rotating it to the left and lowering downward and out of the machine.
2. Vacuum the Chaff Can internals and above where it seals into the machine.
3. Replace the Chaff Can.

If Continuous:

1. Remove the Valence and the Chaff/Water Collector Tray. Vacuum the internals, above and below.
2. Vacuum the Chaff Tube that carries chaff from the Roaster into the Chaff/Water Collector. Take care not to get debris down the Water Collection receiver cup.
3. Vacuum up into the Separator/Cyclone.
4. Reassemble taking care to fully reseat the lip on the silicone boot on to the Chaff Connector.

Shop Roaster: Vacuuming Above The Cooling Tray

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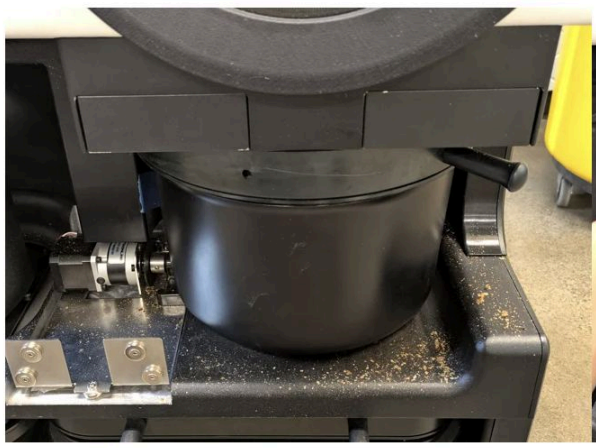
No Parts Required.

Tools Required:

- Shop Vacuum

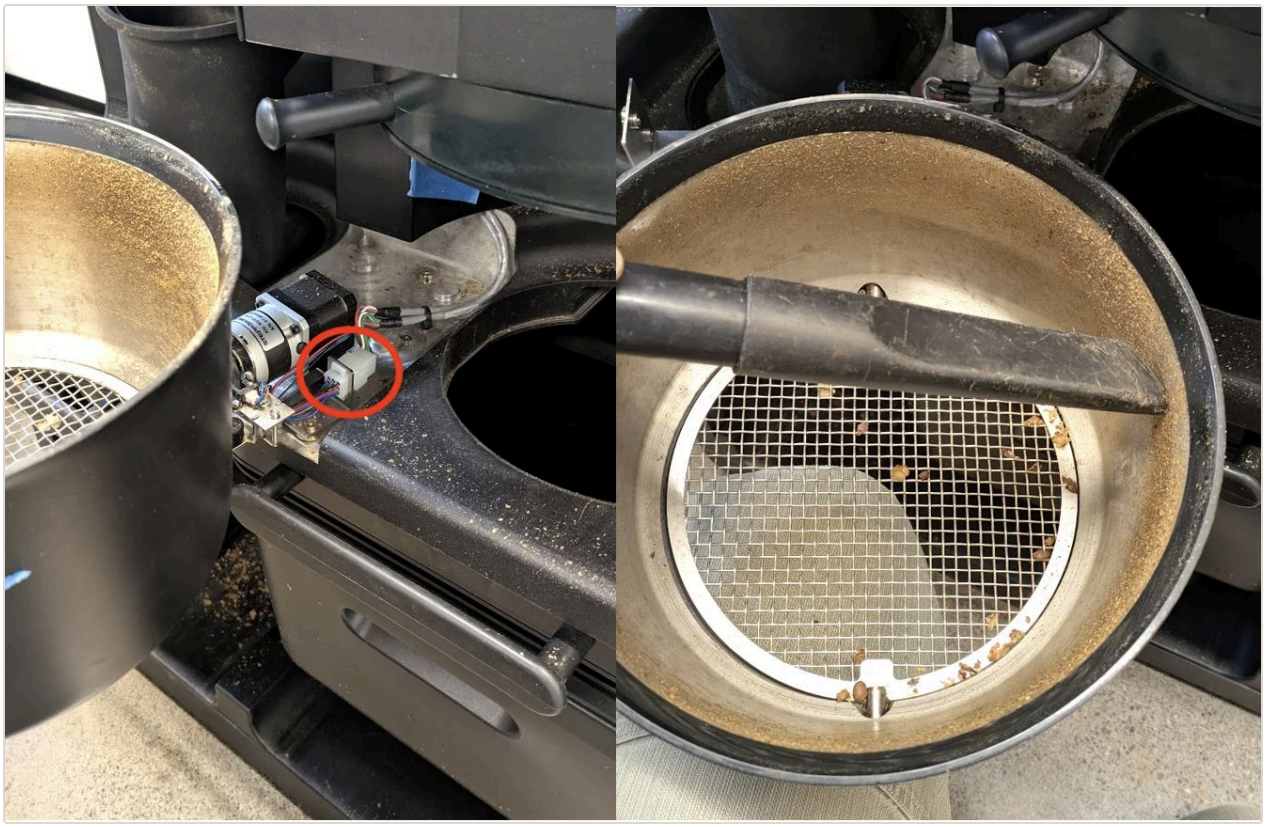
Process

1. A. *Countertop:* Remove the Bean Cooler and Prefilters from the unit.
   B. *Continuous:* Remove the Valence and Prefilters. Either disconnect the Autobucket and set aside or position in a way that the base is supported while having access above.



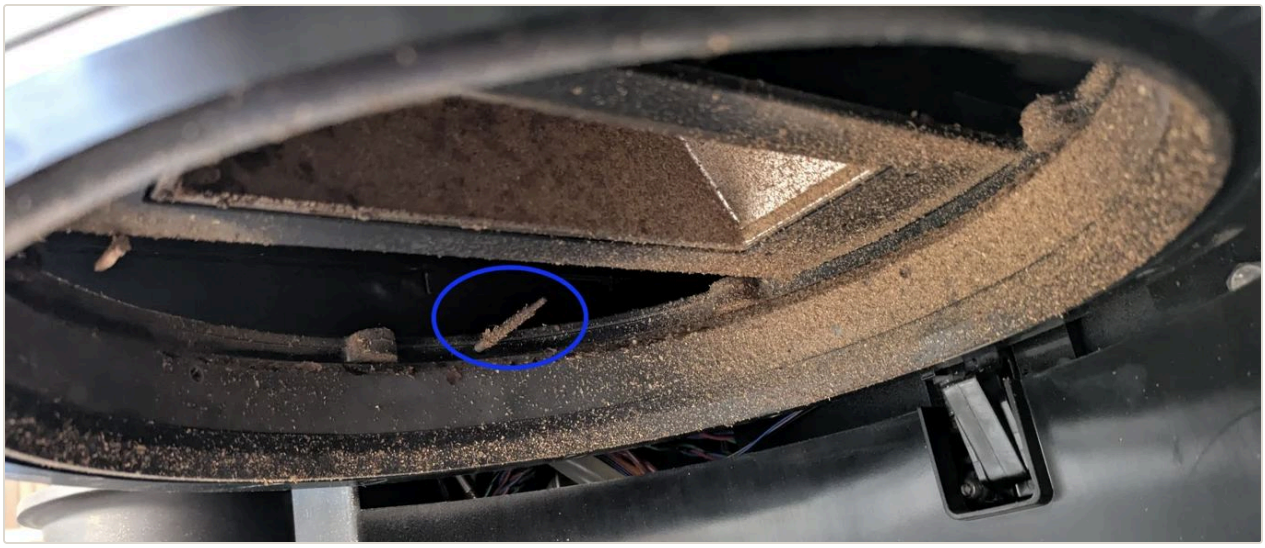

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2. Vacuum the internal area of the Bean Cooler.



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3. Vacuum the area above the Bean Cooler inside of the unit. Pay particular attention to the sealing surface and to the ducts that carry air to the Cooling Bricks at the rear. Be extremely careful not to damage the Bean Cooler Temperature Probe circled in blue in the image below:



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4. Now cleaned, refit all components.

Series 2 Daily Maintenance Tasks

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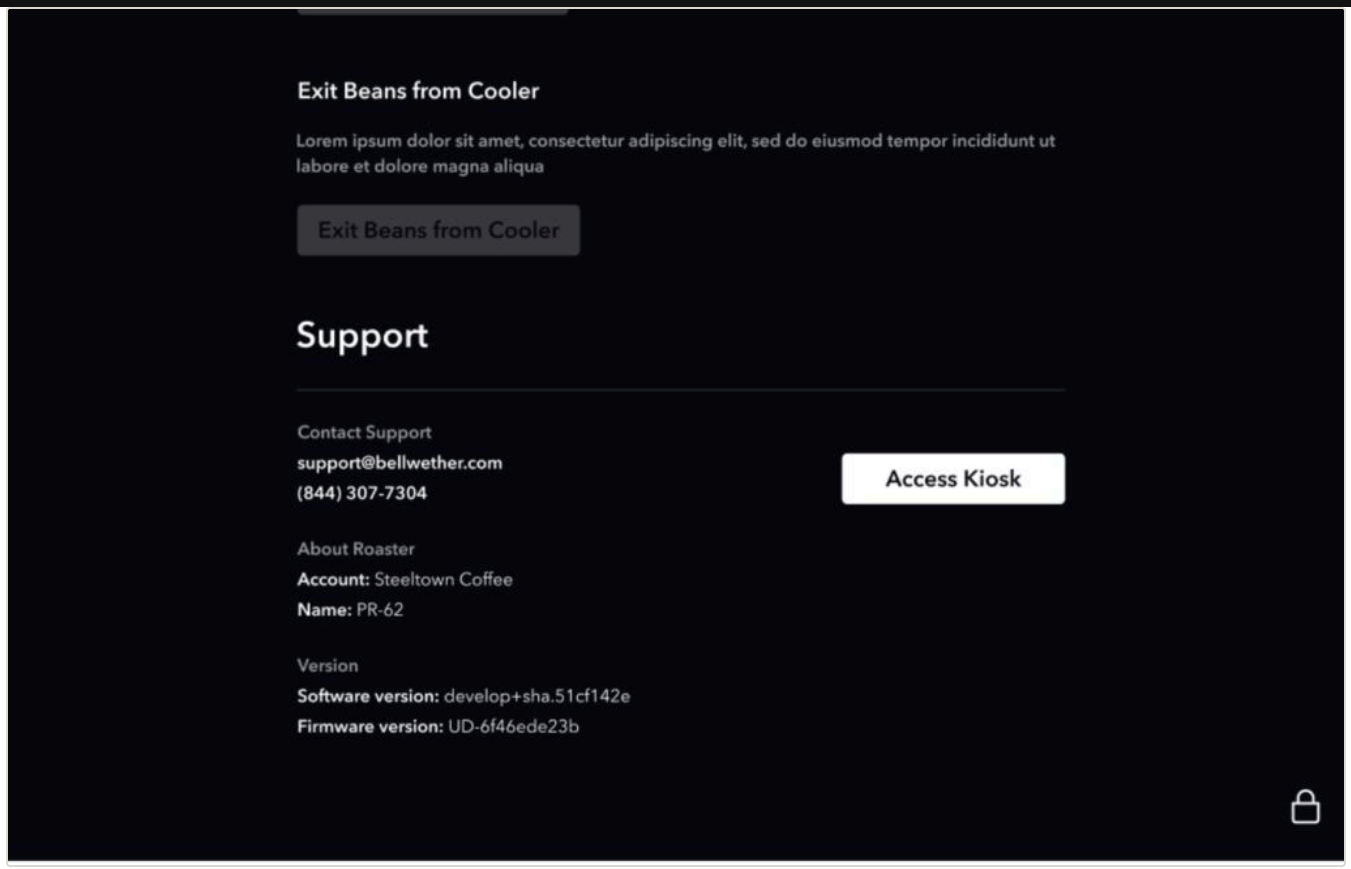
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The following three physical maintenance tasks are required to ensure the health and optimal performance of your Series 2 Bellwether Roaster.

Empty the Chaff Can

The chaff can is located in the left maintenance cubby, at the bottom of the device. Every six roasts, the following process will need to be performed:

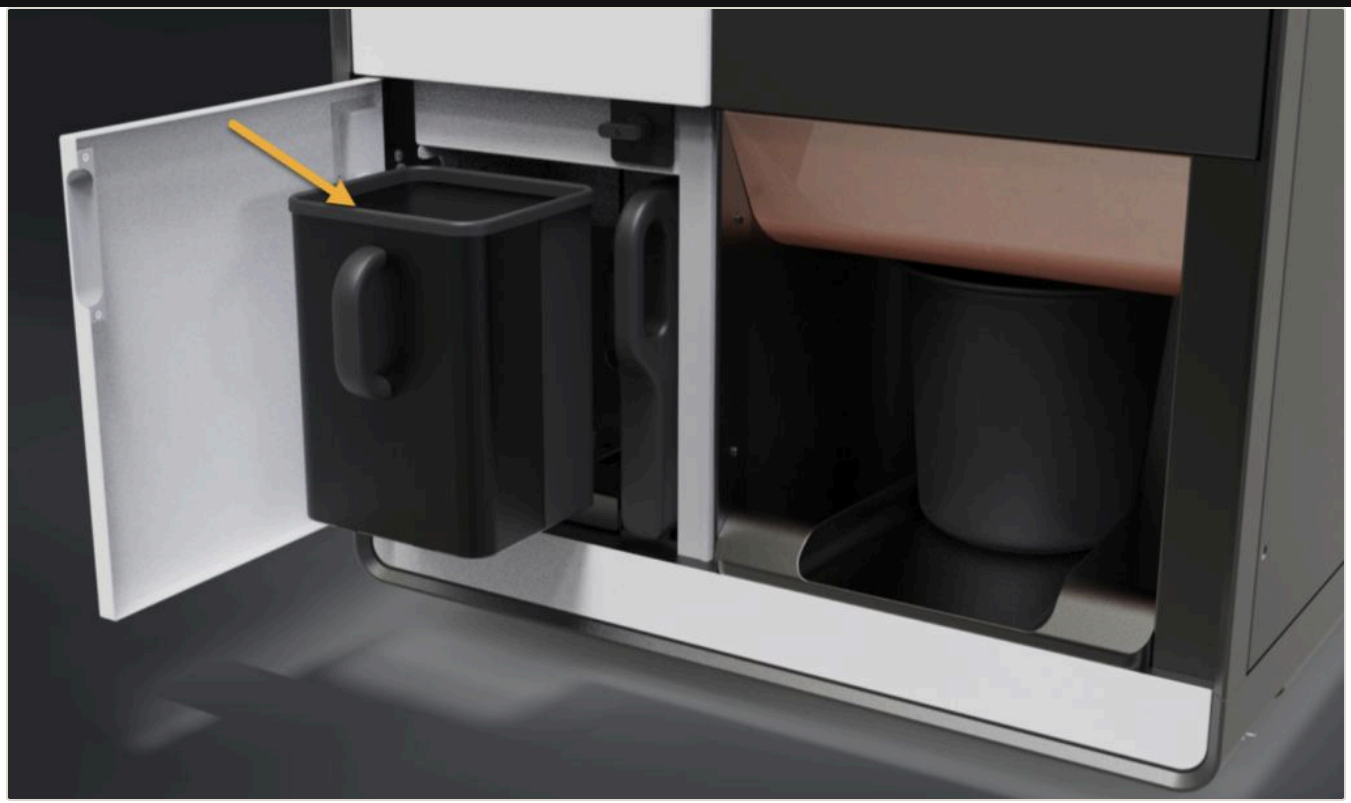
1. Open the left maintenance cubby, and remove the Chaff can.
2. Empty contents into your compost bin.
3. Insert back into place, and close the left maintenance cubby.



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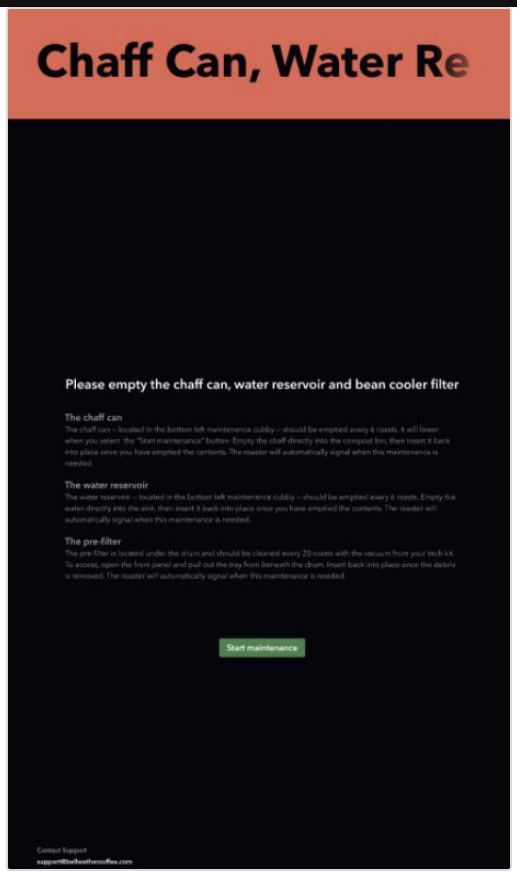
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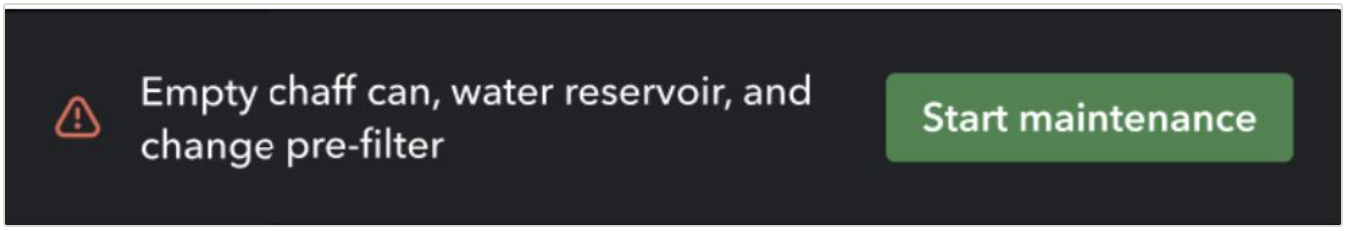
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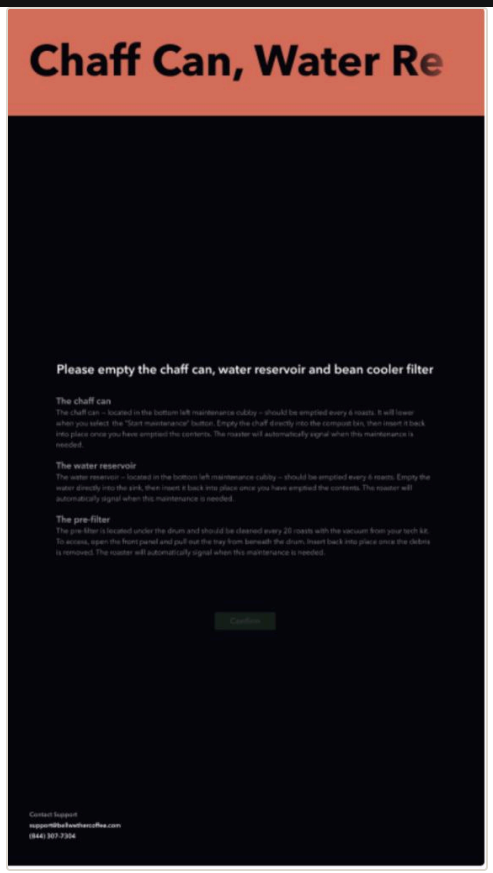
Click **Start Maintenance.**

As you perform the tasks (pulling out the components and replacing as directed above) you will note that the Maintenance Alert screen is changed, with a greyed-out confirm button at the bottom.



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Once the tasks are completed, and the Roaster recognizes that the components are replaced, the Confirm button will appear. Click **Confirm**, and return the roaster to a ready status.

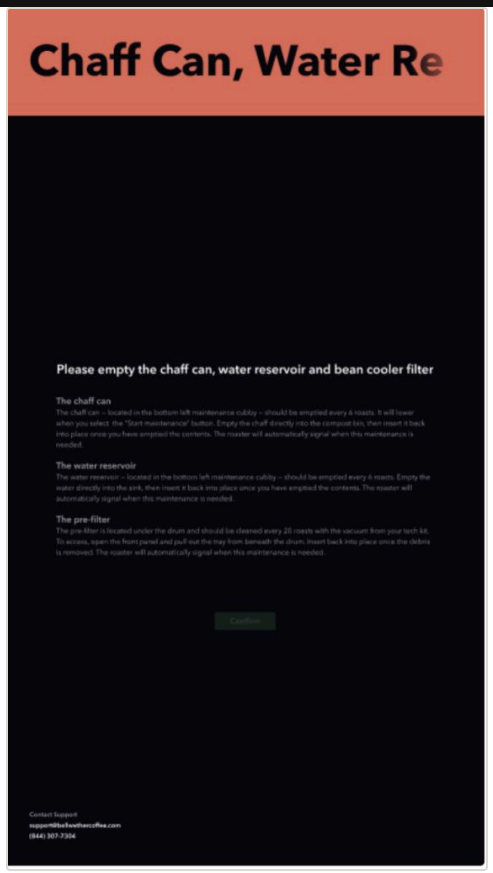


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Empty Water Reservoir

The Water reservoir is located at the bottom of the Roaster device in the right maintenance hatch, below the Pre-filter (to be covered in the section to follow). As with the Chaff can, this maintenance task is required every 6 roasts.

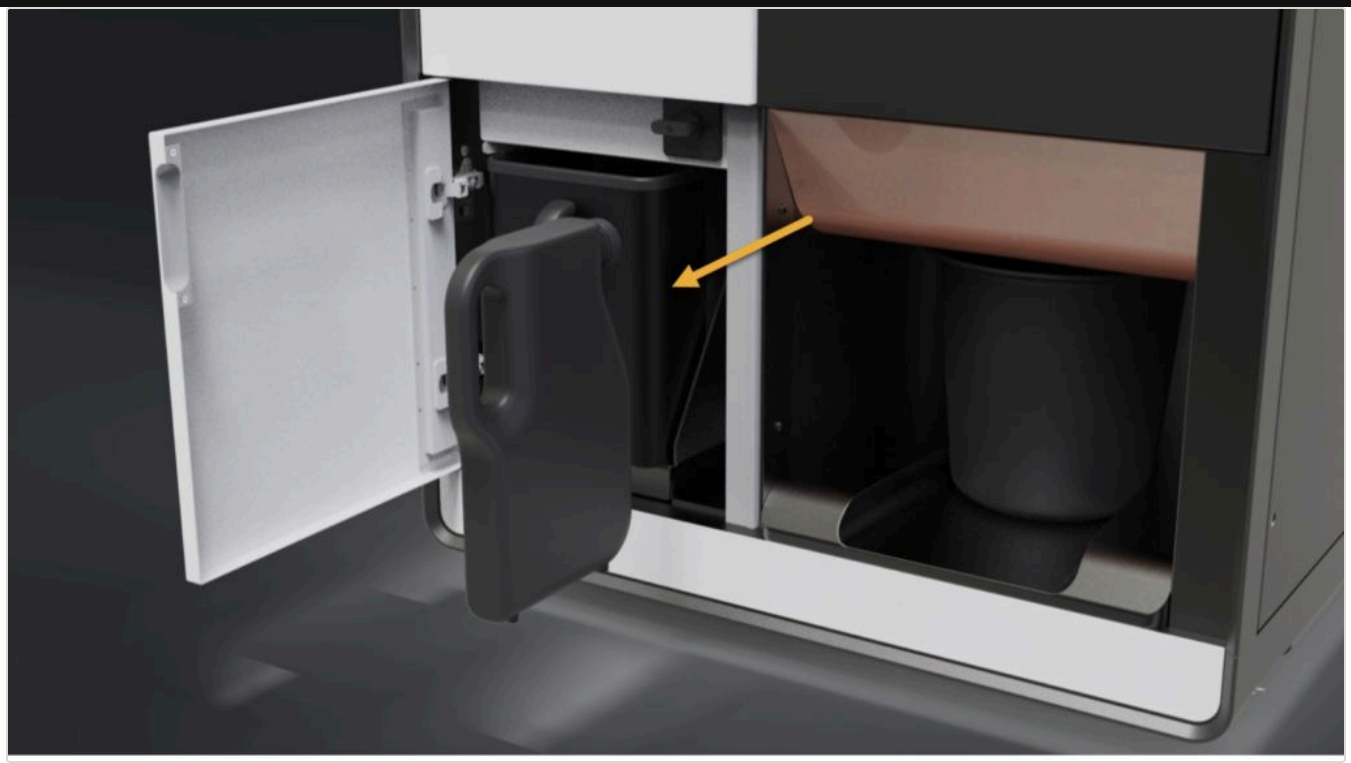
1. Open the right maintenance cubby, and remove the Water Reservoir.
2. Empty the tray directly into the sink.
3. Replace the Water Reservoir, and close the door.



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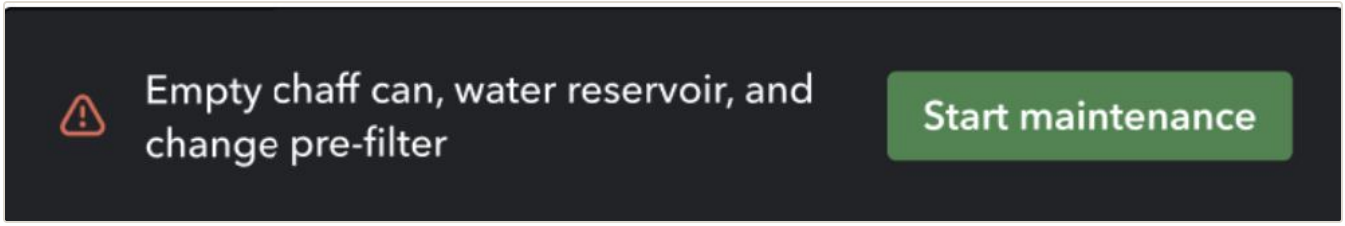
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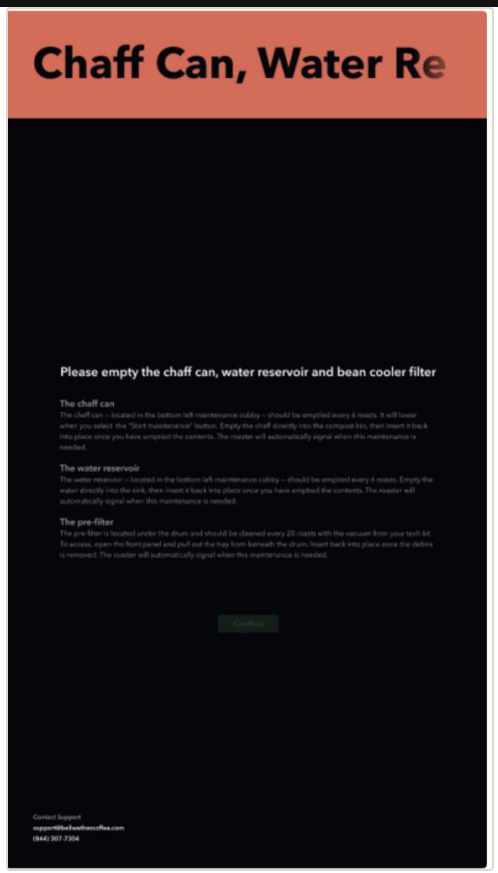
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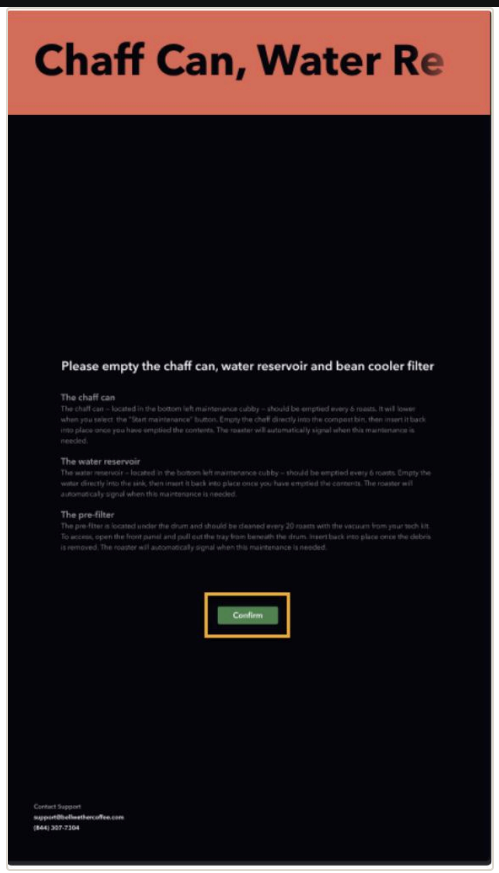
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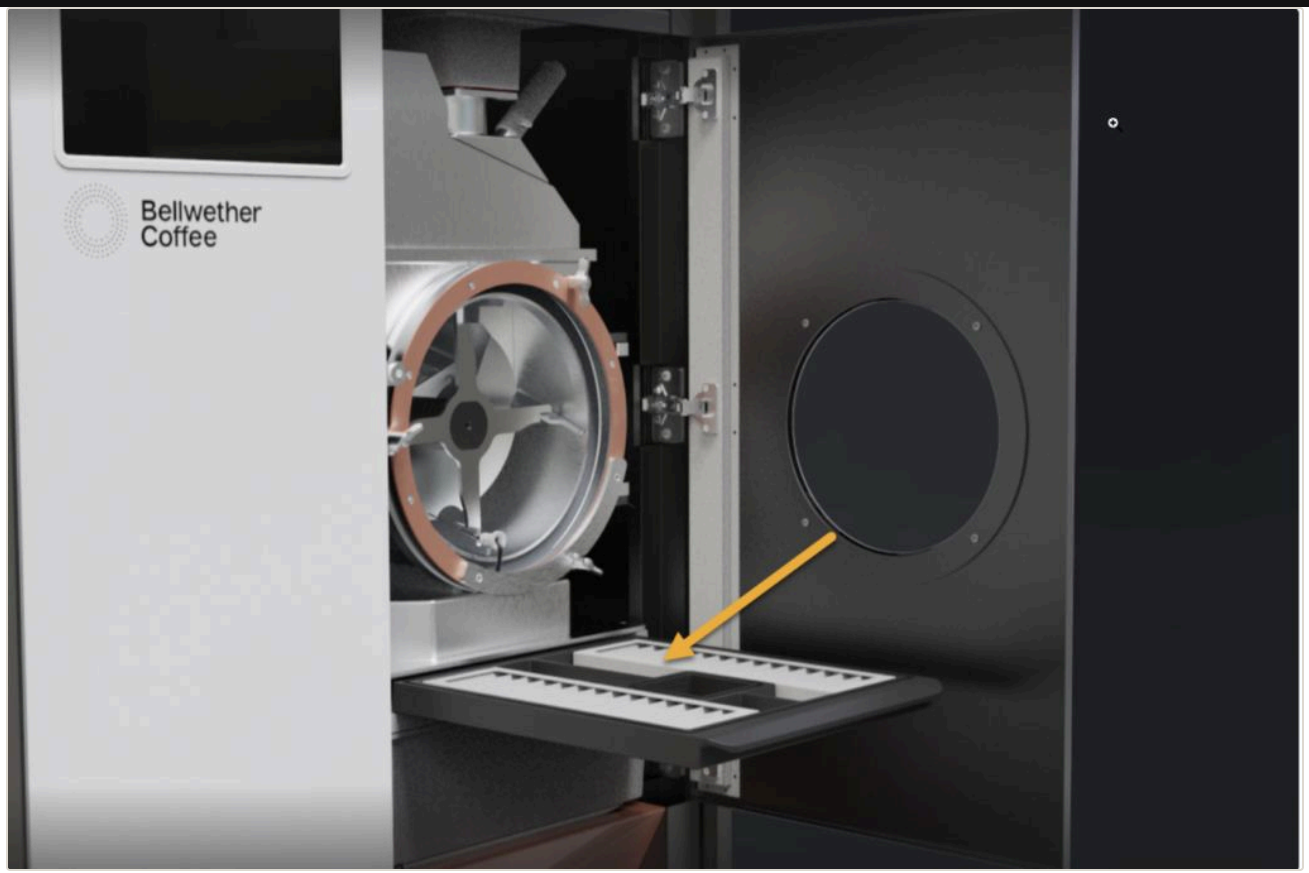
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Clean Pre-Filter Canister

The pre-filter is located in the right maintenance hatch under the drum and should be cleaned with a shop-vac every 20-24 roasts.

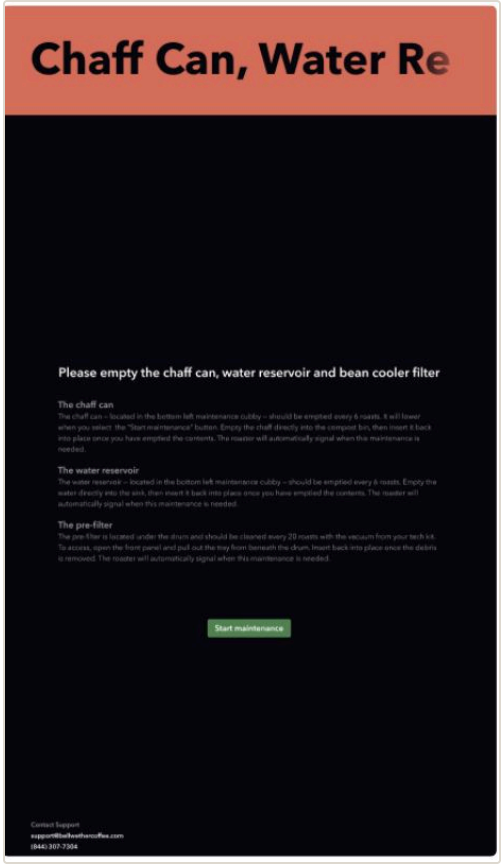


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1. Open the front panel.
2. Pull out the tray from beneath the drum.
3. Vacuum the debris from the tray.
4. Once the tray is clear of debris, insert the tray back into place and close the panel.

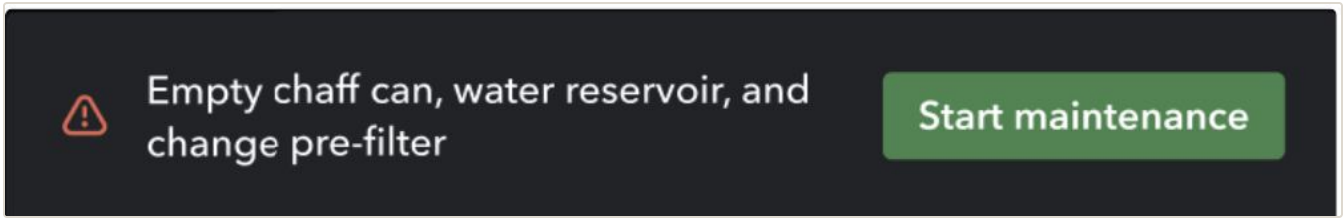
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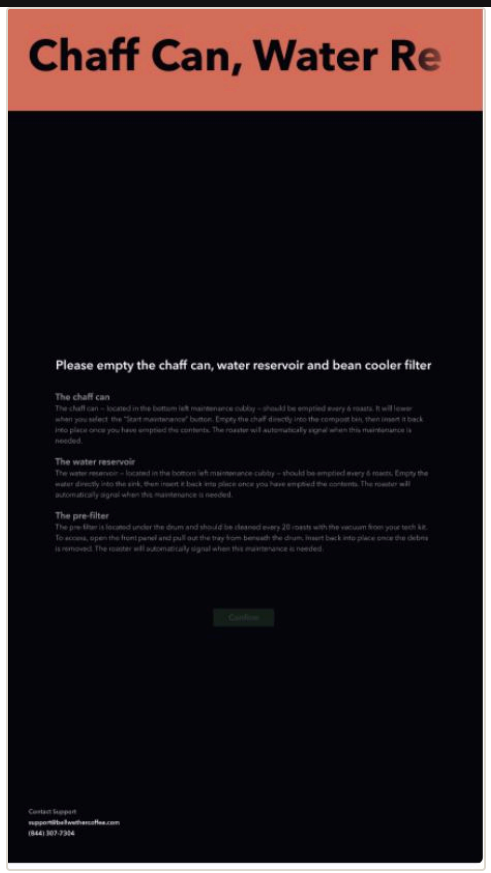
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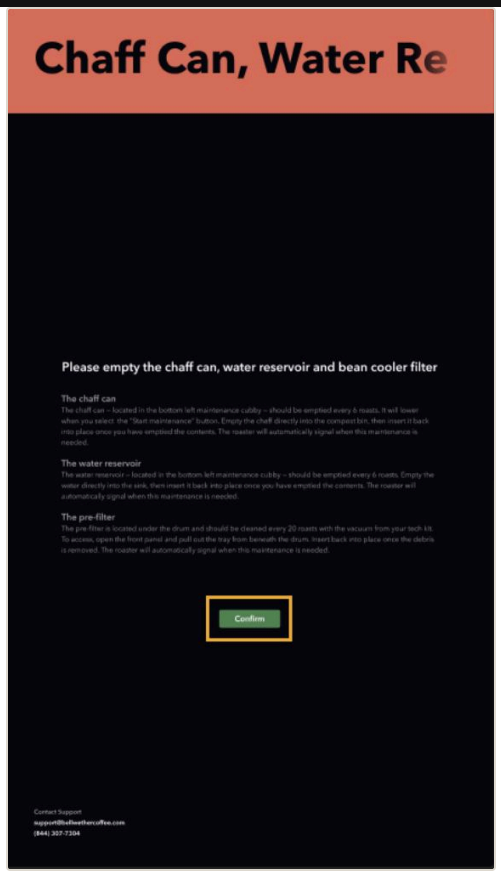
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Do not open the glass front while the roaster is on and warm

Our roaster is designed to contain any possible fires. Opening the glass door can introduce oxygen to very high temperatures and cause ignition. As a best practice, do not under any circumstances open the glass door if your roaster is on and not completely cooled.

Ask before moving your roaster

You can move the roaster very small distances across even surfaces (for cleaning purposes). If you need to move the roaster across a greater distance (be it across the café, to another location, etc.) do not do so before contacting our team. The Bellwether Roaster has very sensitive thermocouples which can lose their calibration and cause issues to your roasts.

If you need to move the roaster, please reach out to us first so we can provide you with the necessary guidance and instructions.

Don’t place things on top of your roaster

Due to high temperatures, it is not safe to store anything on top of the roaster.

Ask before performing additional maintenance

Unless instructed by a Bellwether Technician, it is best not to go beyond the expected maintenance (Emptying Chaff Can and Water Reservoir, Cleaning Pre-Filter, vacuuming the Bellwether at the end of the roasting day).

If you believe your roaster is not performing properly, note what you are seeing and hearing, and reach out to our Support Team.

Contact us via:

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- Phone: Monday – Friday 8am-4pm PST at 510-210-1536.