

AI-04470 Breville CleanMe

On Breville Barista Express CleanMe vs Clean/Descal , list the differences of the models and when was the new Clean/Descal released.

Create a step by step of clearing the clean me and clean/descale indicator light.

Breville updated the indicator panel on the Barista Express (BES870) to give users clearer feedback between routine backflushing and deep descaling.

Panel Differences & Release Timeline

The updated "CLEAN / DESCALE" interface was rolled out in late 2018 to early 2019 across the BES870XL production lines.

Feature	Older Version ("CLEAN ME")	Updated Version ("CLEAN / DESCALE")
Front Label	CLEAN ME	CLEAN / DESCALE
Backflush / Clean Signal	Solid Light	Flashing Light
Descal Signal	No light indicator (manual schedule required)	Solid Light
Primary Purpose	Coffee oil backflushing only	Dual notification (oils vs. mineral buildup)

How to Clear the Indicator Lights

1. Clearing a Cleaning Light (Backflush)

Triggers on Flashing CLEAN / DESCALE or Solid CLEAN ME.

1. Prepare Portafilter & Machine

2 min

Insert the 1-Cup single basket into the portafilter, place the grey silicone cleaning disc inside, and add 1 Breville cleaning tablet. Lock portafilter into the group head. Ensure the water tank is full and drip tray is empty.

2. Trigger Cleaning Cycle

Off State

Turn the machine OFF. Press and hold the 1-CUP, 2-CUP, and POWER buttons simultaneously for 3 to 5 seconds until the machine begins pumping water.

3. Complete & Auto-Reset

5 min

The machine will run an automated backflush sequence for about 5 minutes. Once complete, it will beep twice, and the indicator light will turn off automatically.

Bypass Tip: If the CLEAN ME light remains stuck on older models after running the cycle, turn the machine off, press and hold the 2-CUP button, and press POWER to manually override.

2. Clearing a Solid Descale Light

Triggers on Solid CLEAN / DESCALE (Post-2019 models).

1. Mix Solution & Enter Mode

Off State

Mix 1 packet of Breville descaling solution (or 50/50 water & white vinegar) into a full water tank. Turn machine OFF. Press and hold the 2-CUP button, then press and hold the POWER button simultaneously to enter Descale Mode. The POWER, 1-CUP, CLEAN/DESCALE, and STEAM lights will stay lit.

2. Run Solution Through System

3-5 min

Group Head: Press the 1-CUP button to run solution through the group head (~25 sec). Steam

Wand: Turn dial left to Steam position for ~13 seconds, then back to center. Hot Water Outlet: Turn dial right to Hot Water position for ~8 seconds, then back to center. Repeat these steps until the tank is empty.

3. Rinse & Exit

3 min

Remove tank, rinse thoroughly, refill with clean fresh water, and repeat Step 2 to flush out residual descaler. Press the POWER button to turn the machine off and exit Descale Mode; the solid light will clear.