

## Changing the Group Gasket (Expobar, Brasilia, Rocket)

**You will need a new group gasket, a flat head screw driver (medium size) and a pair of needle nose pliers. Read through all of the instructions before beginning.**

- 1) Make sure that your machine is cold and unplugged before beginning.
- 2) Remove the portafilter, drip tray and drip grid from your machine.
- 3) Move both the steam and hot water wands as far away from the group head as possible.
- 4) Make sure that you are very careful when using tools near the machine. You do not want to scratch the stainless steel. Use a piece of cloth/rag/kitchen towel to cover vital areas on your machine.
- 5) Take a look at the shower screen inside of the group head. The screen is held in by pressure. You will need to use the flat blade screw driver to pry it out. See the picture below.



- 6) There is a small indentation around the edge of the shower screen. Place the end of the flat blade screwdriver into the indentation.
- 7) **Be careful on the next steps not to bend the shower screen.**
- 8) Pry the shower screen down slightly on one side. Again being careful not to slip and scratch the machine. Switch to the other side of the group head and pry the shower screen

slightly. Keep switching sides and slightly prying down until the shower screen comes loose.

9) When the shower screen is loose enough, you should be able to simply pull it down with your hand.

10) The group gasket will come out with the shower screen

- a. If it does not, you may need to use a pair of needle nose pliers to pull it out. If your group gasket has been in the machine for a long time, it may need to be pulled out in pieces.

11) With the shower screen and old gasket removed, clean the group head thoroughly. Use a stiff brush and some espresso machine cleaner such as Urnex Cleancaf. The group head should be completely clean before replacing the screen and gasket.

12) Some group gaskets will have a beveled edge. Make sure that the beveled edge faces up into the group head and the completely flat side faces down toward the portafilter. You may need to hold the group gasket in place temporarily.

13) Now slide the shower screen back into place over the center of the group head.

14) You may need to tap firmly around the edges of the shower screen to get it back into place properly.

- a. If you are having trouble keeping the gasket and shower screen in place, you can use your regular portafilter to help. Lock the portafilter onto the group head very firmly a few times. It can help get the screen and gasket to seat properly
- b. If you are really having trouble getting the gasket into place, you can use some lubricant to help. Make sure to use the lubricant sparingly.

15) Once you have the new group gasket and shower screen in place, turn on the machine run some water from the group head to make sure that they do not fall out. You do not have to wait for the machine to warm up.

16) If the gasket and screen stay in place, you are all set to brew again

17) \*\*Your portafilter may not turn as far to the right as it did previously. This is normal. As long as the portafilter feels locked into place firmly and there are no leaks while you are brewing.