

Skywalker V2: Before You Buy

The V2, Delta, Black Samurai or Cyber roaster the roaster has several different names but one that seems to stick is Skywalker. The V2 is the predecessor of the Skywalker V1 released in November 2023 seen on the Home Roasting Forum by Renato. The V1 is a electric drum roaster that utilizes a Far Infrared (FIR) lamp for coffee roasting similar in design elements as a Kaliedo and lamp setup like Rubbase style roaster. It offers a integrated bean cooler and exhaust filter fan both are regarded as fairly lack luster where exhaust filter fan is very close to useless. The main draw of the Roaster was not the aggressive edges of the front fascia inspired by Darth Vader or the FIR lamp but the cost of unit. For less than \$500 you a fairly capable coffee roasting machine with a decent out of box experience. The popularity of the V1 grew even more when Artisan implementation was added with a simple Arduino Nano to communicated over serial USB by Jmoore. The modding community grew as well providing information regarding part replacements or mods to improve quality of life. The V2 was then soon announced boasting better controller board, touchscreen control panel, improved safety, and dual temperature monitoring at a \$800 price point. A large batch of the V2 units were sent out and

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