

# Steam Iron with Patented Auto-Off Touch Sensor\*

Use and Care Guide
MAXI4S

# READ AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

**WARNING:** A risk of fire and electrical shock exists in all electrical appliances and may cause personal injury or death. Please follow all safety instructions.

# **IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS**

When using your flat Iron, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following:

- Read all instructions before using appliance.
- Use Iron only for its intended use.
- To protect against a risk of electric shock, do not immerse the Iron in water or other liquids. See instructions for cleaning.
- The Iron should always be turned to OFF before plugging or unplugging from outlet. Never yank cord to disconnect from outlet; instead, grasp plug and pull to disconnect.
- Do not allow cord to touch hot surfaces. Let Iron cool completely before putting away. Loop cord loosely around Iron when storing.
- Always disconnect Iron from electrical outlet when filling with water or emptying and when not in use.
- Do not operate Iron with a damaged cord of if the Iron has been dropped or damaged. To avoid the risk of electric shock, do not disassemble the Iron. Contact Consumer Service for return authorization, examination and repair. Incorrect reassembly can cause a risk of electric shock when the Iron is used.
- This appliance is not for use by children.
- Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used near children.
- Do not leave Iron unattended while hot or connected or while on an ironing board.
- Burns can occur from touching hot metal parts, hot water, or steam. **USE CAUTION** when turning the Iron upside down, as there may be hot water in the reservoir.
- Position Iron carefully on ironing board to avoid knocking it over.
- Do not use outdoors or while standing in a damp area.

# **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- This is a high wattage appliance. To avoid a circuit overload, do not operate another appliance on the same circuit.
- If an extension cord is absolutely necessary, a 13-ampere cord should be used. Cords rated for less amperage may overheat. Care should be taken to arrange the cord so that it cannot be pulled or tripped over.
- This appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). As a safety feature to reduce the risk of electrical shock, this plug is intended to fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Do not attempt to defeat this safety feature.

# SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

This product is for household use only.



# **Using Your Steam Iron**

### PRODUCT MAY VARY SLIGHTLY FROM ILLUSTRATIONS

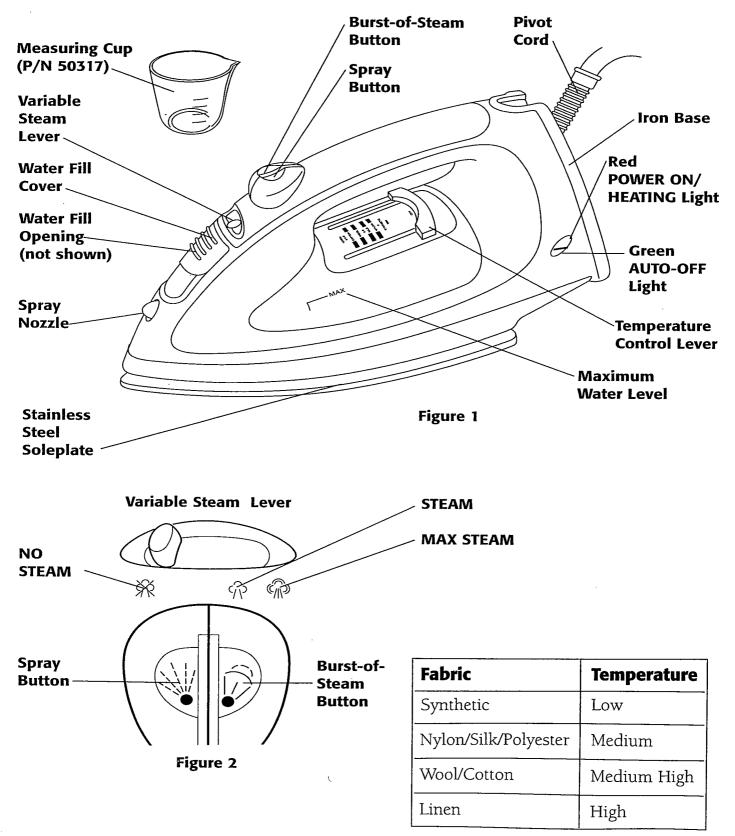


Figure 3

For best results, check garment labels for the temperature and steam setting recommended by the fabric manufacturer, or consult the enclosed garment care tips pamphlet for additional information. To prevent damaging garments from too hot of an Iron; it is best to first iron garments that require a low temperature. If you should need to switch from a high setting to a lower temperature, for example Cotton to Nylon, allow the Iron to cool down for about 5 minutes to reach the lower temperature.

**Tips:** If you are unsure of a garment's fabric content, start on a low setting and test the Iron on an area of the garment that does not show, such as a seam. Gradually increase the heat setting until wrinkles are removed without damaging the fabric. To freshen up garments made of velvet, felt, suede or velour, hold the steaming Iron horizontally 2 inches above the fabric for a gentle steaming. Make sure the Iron does not come in contact with the fabric. To prevent shine, iron dark garments or those made of silk, acetate or rayon inside out.

# **Patented Automatic Safety Shut-Off**

This Iron has two kinds of safety shut-off mechanisms. One is a patented, touch-sensitive "brain" in the handle which turns the Iron ON or OFF when it is in the horizontal position. The other is a timer that automatically shuts the Iron OFF if it is left resting in the upright vertical position or accidentally left on its side for more than 15 minutes.

Horizontal Position: When the Iron is plugged in and resting in the horizontal position, it will remain ON as long as your hand is making contact with the handle. Once you take your hand off the handle, the Iron automatically turns itself OFF. The green AUTO-OFF Light and red POWER ON/HEATING light will both turn OFF. (See Figure 4.) For example, if you are ironing and leave the Iron with the stainless steel soleplate down on the Ironing board to answer the phone, the Iron will automatically begin to de-energize. The Iron will turn back ON as soon as you grip the handle and resume ironing.

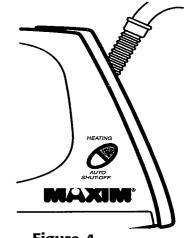


Figure 4

**IMPORTANT:** To return the Iron to the desired temperature, allow it to rest in the upright position until the red POWER ON/HEATING light goes OFF.



**Vertical Position:** When the Iron is plugged in and resting on its heel, it will remain ON for 15 minutes, allowing ample time to reposition garments during the Ironing process. If the Iron is left resting for more than 15 minutes, it will automatically shut OFF. To begin ironing again after the timer has shut off the Iron, pick it up by the handle. The green and red lights will come ON. Slide the temperature control lever to desired setting and return it to its upright position. When the temperature setting has been reached, the red POWER ON/HEATING light will go out and you are ready to iron.

# **Power On/Heating**

When the Iron is heating up or the temperature setting has been adjusted, the red POWER ON/HEATING light will come ON. When the temperature setting has been reached, the red POWER ON/HEATING light will go OFF.

### Auto-Off/On

When the Iron is ON, the green AUTO-OFF Light will come ON. When the Iron is OFF, the green AUTO-OFF Light will go OFF.

### **Before Using For The First Time**

- 1. Remove any protective coverings from the stainless steel soleplate and the body of the Iron.
- 2. Unwind and straighten the power cord.
- 3. Flush the stainless steel soleplate steam vents to ensure that no stain is transferred onto the fabric from residue possibly left in the vents from the manufacturing process. To do that, see Section: Flushing.

**NOTE:** When the Iron is plugged in for use, the Iron must first be placed in the horizontal position with your hand making contact with the handle (see Figure 5). The Iron can then be placed in the vertical position (see Figure 6) and the desired temperature selected. If the Iron is not first placed in the horizontal position, the Iron will not heat-up. This is an additional safety feature.

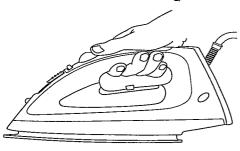
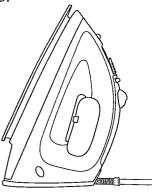


Figure 5 Horizontal Position turns Iron ON

> Figure 6 Vertical Position preheats Iron



### **Using As A Dry Iron**

The Iron can be used on the dry setting with or without water in the water tank. However, it is best to avoid having the water tank too full of water while dry ironing.

- 1. If using for the first time, see Section: Before Using For The First Time.
- 2. Slide the temperature control lever to the OFF position (see Figure 7).
- 3. Slide the variable steam lever to the NO STEAM position (see Figure 2).
- 4. Stand the Iron, on its heel, in an upright position on a heat resistant surface. Plug into a 120 V ~ 60 Hz outlet.
- 5. Slide the temperature control lever to the desired setting.

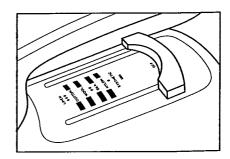


Figure 7
Temperature Control Lever in the OFF position

- 6. Tilt the Iron to the horizontal position (see Figure 5) to turn the Iron ON. It may then be returned to the vertical position (see Figure 6) to preheat the Iron.
- 7. When the red POWER ON/HEATING light goes OFF, the Iron has reached the desired temperature. The light will continue to turn OFF and ON during use to maintain the proper temperature.
- 8. When finished using, slide the temperature control lever to the OFF position and unplug. Allow the Iron to cool before cleaning the exterior or storing.

**CAUTION:** IF THE IRON IS HOT, DO NOT FILL WITH WATER.



# **Filling the Water Tank**

Fill the water tank with tap water or distilled water. Do not use chemically descaled water, or any other liquids.

- 1. Unplug and allow the Iron to cool before filling.
- 2. Slide the variable steam lever to NO STEAM position.

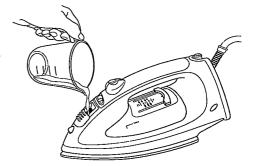


Figure 8

- 3. Slide the water fill cover away from the Iron handle to open.
- 4. Fill water through the water tank Opening (see Figure 8).
- 5. Fill to the MAX water level marked on the water tank (see Figure 1).
- 6. Slide the water fill cover toward the Iron handle to close.

## **Using As A Steam Iron**

- 1. See Section: Before Using For The First Time.
- 2. Slide the temperature control lever to the OFF position (Figure 7).
- 3. Unplug the Iron from the outlet.
- 4. Fill the water tank with water; see Section: Filling the Water Tank.
- 5. Stand the Iron on its heel in an upright position on a heat resistant surface. Plug into a  $120 \text{ V} \sim 60 \text{ Hz}$  outlet.
- 6. Slide the temperature control lever to the wool setting or higher. Do not use the steam function with the temperature control lever selected below the wool setting.
- 7. Tilt the Iron to the horizontal position (see Figure 5) to turn the Iron ON. It may then be returned to the vertical position (see Figure 6) to preheat the Iron.
- 8. Allow approximately 45 seconds for the Iron to reach the desired temperature. The red POWER ON/HEATING light will turn OFF. The light will continue to turn OFF and ON during use to maintain the proper temperature.
- 9. Slide the variable steam lever to the STEAM or MAX STEAM position.
- 10. When finished, slide the temperature control lever to the OFF position, slide the variable steam lever to the NO STEAM position and unplug iron. Allow the Iron to cool before cleaning the exterior for storing.

**CAUTION:** AVOID COMING IN CONTACT WITH ESCAPING STEAM.

### **Burst-Of-Steam**



For a penetrating burst-of-steam to iron faster and to smooth difficult wrinkles, firmly press the BURST-OF-STEAM Button (see Figure 9). *The red POWER ON/HEATING light must be ON for best results.* Do not press the BURST-OF-STEAM Button more than three

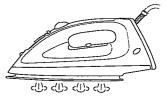


Figure 9

times in succession. Pause for at least 5 seconds to let the Iron reheat for additional steam. For maximum steaming, keep the water tank at least half full.

### **Spray**



For a mist of water to moisten dry and difficult fabrics such as linen, cotton or wool, or to handle stubborn wrinkles, aim the Spray Nozzle and press the SPRAY button (see Figure 10). The spray function is also handy to moisten creases accidentally



Figure 10

ironed into the fabric. The spray function can be used on any setting and does not affect the Ironing temperature.

**NOTE:** You may have to pump the SPRAY button several times the first time you use the Iron each session to start the spraying action.

# **Using the Vertical Steam Function**

The vertical steam feature allows you to eliminate wrinkles from drapes without having to take them off the rod or to freshen the appearance of clothing on the hanger.

- 1. If using for the first time, see Section: Before Using For The First Time.
- 2. Slide the temperature control lever to the OFF position. (See Figure 7.)

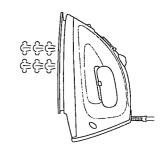


Figure 11

- 3. Unplug the Iron from the outlet.
- 4. Fill the water tank with water, see Section: Filling the Water Tank.
- 5. Stand the Iron on its heel in an upright position on a heat-resistant surface. Plug into  $120 \text{ V} \sim 60 \text{ Hz}$  outlet.



- 6. Slide the temperature control lever to the desired temperature. Slide the variable steam lever to the STEAM or the MAX STEAM position.
- 7. Tilt the Iron to the horizontal position (see Figure 5) to turn the Iron ON. It may then be returned to the vertical position (see Figure 6) to preheat the Iron.
- 8. Allow approximately 45 seconds for the Iron to reach the desired temperature. The red POWER ON/HEATING light will turn OFF.
- 9. Hold the Iron 7-15 inches away from the garment and press the BURST-OF-STEAM button once.
- 10. Wait a few seconds before pressing the BURST-OF-STEAM Button again. The red POWER ON/HEATING light will cycle ON and then OFF during this process. Do not press the BURST-OF-STEAM button more than three times in succession when the red POWER ON/HEATING light is ON. For best results, keep water tank at least half full.
- 11. When finished, slide temperature control lever to the OFF position and the variable steam lever to NO STEAM position and unplug the Iron. Allow Iron to cool before cleaning the exterior of the Iron or storing.
- **CAUTION:** AVOID COMING IN CONTACT WITH ESCAPING STEAM.

# **Emptying The Water Tank**

The water tank should be emptied after each use.

- 1. When finished, slide temperature control lever to the OFF position and the variable steam lever to NO STEAM position. Unplug the Iron from the electrical outlet.
- 2. While the Iron is still warm, hold the Iron upside down over a sink and gently shake it to remove the remaining water in the tank.
- 3. Press the BURST-OF-STEAM and SPRAY buttons to release any remaining water.

# **Flushing**

Flushing the Iron is advised after every 5 uses or more regularly to prevent harmful mineral build-up that can clog the Iron and prevent it from heating and steaming properly.

- 1. Slide the temperature control lever to the OFF position. (See Figure 7.)
- 2. Unplug the Iron from the outlet.
- 3. Fill the water tank half full; see Section: Filling the Water Tank.
- 4. Stand the Iron on its heel, in an upright position on an iron-safe, heat resistant surface. Plug into a 120 V  $\sim$  60 Hz outlet.
- 5. Slide the temperature control lever to the maximum setting.
- 6. Tilt the Iron to the horizontal position (see Figure 5) to turn the Iron ON. It may then be returned to the vertical position (see Figure 6) to preheat the Iron.
- 7. The red POWER ON/HEATING light will turn OFF when the Iron has reached the desired temperature.
- 8. Wait for one more cycle, the red POWER ON/HEATING light will cycle ON and back OFF again.
- 9. Slide the variable steam lever to the MAX STEAM position.
- 10. Place a hand towel over the ironing surface.
- 11. Hold the Iron horizontally 2 inches above the towel, allowing steam and hot water to flow through the vents on the stainless steel soleplate, washing away the scales and minerals that have built up in the Iron. Continue until the water tank is empty.
- 12. Pass the Iron over a damp cloth to clean the soleplate.
- 13. When finished, slide the temperature control lever to the OFF position and the variable steam lever to the NO STEAM position and unplug the Iron. Allow the Iron to cool before cleaning the exterior or storing.
- **CAUTION:** AVOID COMING IN CONTACT WITH ESCAPING STEAM.



# **User Maintenance Instructions**

This appliance requires little maintenance. It contains no user serviceable parts. Do not try to repair it yourself. Contact a qualified appliance repair technician if the product requires servicing.

# **Storing The Iron**

Remove the cord from the outlet by grasping the plug rather than pulling the cord. Empty the water tank after each use, see EMPTYING THE WATER TANK. Allow the Iron to COOL COMPLETELY before putting away. To protect the stainless steel soleplate, place the Iron in an upright position on its heel. Wrap cord around Iron base.

# **Care And Cleaning**

**CAUTION:** Unplug the Iron from the electrical outlet and allow to cool before cleaning the exterior of the Iron and storing. Never immerse the Iron in water.

**NOTE:** Do not put any chemical cleaning agents or solvents in the water tank.

To protect the stainless steel soleplate from scratching, avoid ironing over snaps, zippers, metal buttons, etc. Also, do not place the Iron on metal surfaces.

If starch or other residues cling to the stainless steel soleplate, use hot Iron cleaner according to directions. Hot iron cleaner is available at mass merchandise, discount or hardware stores.

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- Patented auto-off touch sensor.
- Variable steam control and water spray.
- Extra powerful horizontal and vertical steam action.
- **■** Stainless steel soleplate.
- Continuous button groove.
- Measuring cup included.

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