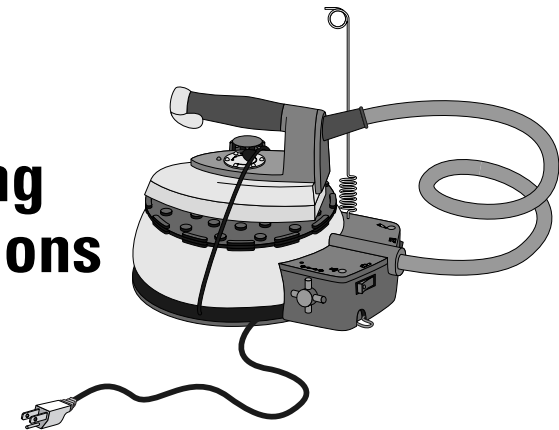


# Operating Instructions



## IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

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

### READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING

1. Use iron only for its intended use. 2. To protect against a risk of electric shock, do not immerse the iron in water or other liquids. 3. The iron should always be turned off before plugging or unplugging from outlet. Never yank cord to disconnect from outlet; instead, grasp plug and pull to disconnect. 4. Do not allow cord to touch hot surfaces. Let iron cool completely before putting away. Loop cord loosely around iron when storing. 5. Always disconnect iron from electrical outlet when filling with water or emptying and when not in use. 6. Do not operate iron with a damaged cord or if the iron has been dropped or damaged. To avoid the risk of electric shock, do not disassemble the iron, take it to a qualified service person for examination and repair. Incorrect reassembly can cause a risk of electric shock when the iron is used. 7. Close supervision is necessary for any appliance being used by or near children. Do not leave iron unattended while connected or on an ironing board. 8. Burns can occur from touching hot metal parts, hot water, or steam. Use caution when you turn a steam iron upside down - there may be hot water in the reservoir. 9. If the malfunction indicator goes on, the flatiron is not operating normally. Disconnect from the power supply and have the flatiron serviced by qualified service personnel. 10. **WARNING! RISK OF BURNS! AFTER UNPLUGGING THE IRON, ALLOW IT TO COOL FOR AT LEAST 2 HOURS BEFORE UNSCREWING THE FILLING CAP FOR RINSING.**

### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. To avoid a circuit overload, do not operate another high wattage appliance on the same circuit. 2. If an extension cord is absolutely necessary, a 10-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.

### SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

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## Thank you and congratulations

### Dear customer

Thank you for showing confidence in our company and congratulations for choosing the LauraStar™ STEAMAX. Properly used and maintained, this system will give you years of dependable service.

However, it is important that you read this manual completely before using your LauraStar™ STEAMAX system. This garment care system is for home use only.

This system uses steam and heat, so many parts of the system can cause burns when in use. These hot parts will be labeled in this manual with the following symbol:



## Additional warnings

Please pay particular attention to the important safety tips. Additional warning for your safety and cautions to prevent damage to the system are included throughout this manual. These are indicated by:

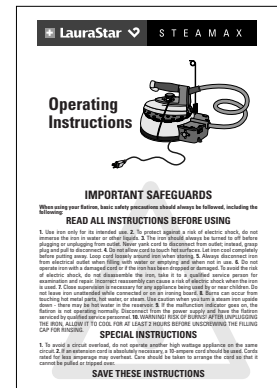
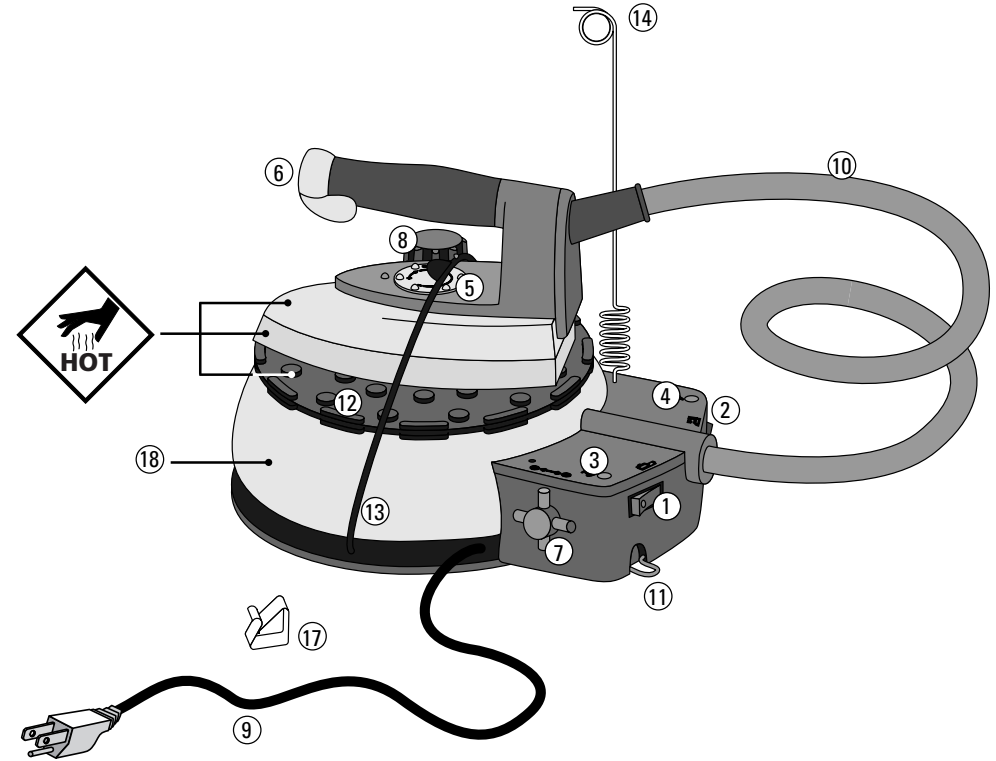


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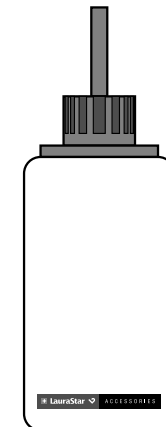


## Description

- Steam generator switch ①
- Iron switch ②
- Steam indicator green light ③
- Water refill indicator red light ④
- Iron thermostat ⑤
- Steam control button for right- and left- handed users ⑥
- Control button for steam emission ⑦
- Refill cap with safety valve ⑧
- Mains electrical cable ⑨
- Monotube ⑩
- Table support clip for the appliance ⑪
- Stand for iron ⑫
- Safety rubber strap ⑬
- Monotube guide ⑭
- Measuring beaker ⑮
- Instructions for use ⑯
- Clip ⑰
- Steam generator ⑱















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## Important Safety Precautions

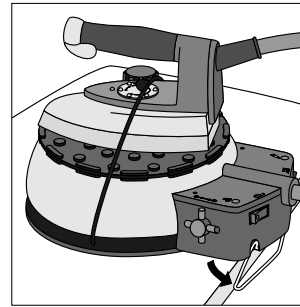
Please read the following pages carefully and make all new users of the iron aware of the contents.

1.  Use ONLY for Ironing Following These Operating Instructions.
2.  The Iron Uses HOT SURFACES. Contact with Hot Surfaces Can Cause Severe Burns or Damage to Nearby Objects.
3.  The Iron Uses PRESSURIZED STEAM. DO NOT OPEN the Refill Cap Except as Instructed on Page 3 of This Manual. Contact with the Pressurized Steam Can Cause Severe Scalding.
4.  Keep Out of Reach of CHILDREN During Use and Storage. DO NOT Leave Iron Unattended During Use.
5.  TURN OFF and Then Unplug When Not in Use or When Filling/Emptying Steam Generator.
6.  INSPECT Electrical Cord and Steam Tube Weekly for any Fraying or Damage; DO NOT USE with Damaged Cord or Steam Tube.
7.  DO NOT Attempt to Repair or Service Components.
8.  DO NOT USE Near Water or Other Liquids to Avoid the Possibility of Electrical Shock.
9.  To Unplug, Grip the Plug Firmly and Remove it from the Wall Socket; DO NOT Pull on Cord.
10.  The Main Electrical Cable and Monotube Must Not be Allowed to Come into Contact with Hot Surfaces.
11.  Do Not Pull on the Monotube to Avoid the fall of the iron and Sever Burns.
12.  ALWAYS Place Iron in its Holder When Not in Use.
13. ONLY Use on Ironing Board.
14. ONLY Use in Well Lighted Area.
15. ALWAYS Use in Well Grounded Electrical Outlet.
16. DO NOT Use Steam Generator Without Water.

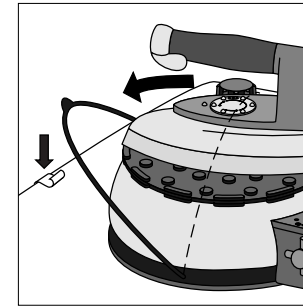
## Installation

### Start

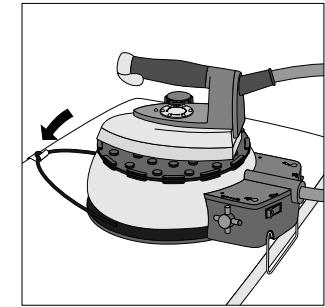
Ensure that your ironing board is set up correctly. The iron should be secured to the ironing board using the supplied rubber strap safety device. To use the safety device, place the iron on the ironing board and:



1. Place the support clip for the iron on the ironing board.



2. Secure the clip to the board and tighten the rubber strap that holds the appliance.

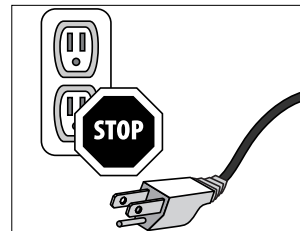


3. Secure the strap to the clip provided on the front of the appliance.

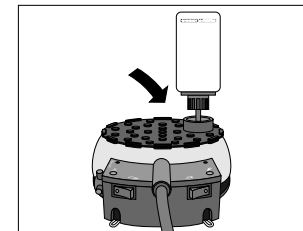
### ⚠ WARNING

ALWAYS Set up Ironing Board Correctly on a Flat Surface and Use Supplied Iron Hold.

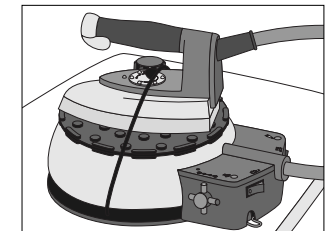
### Proceed as follows



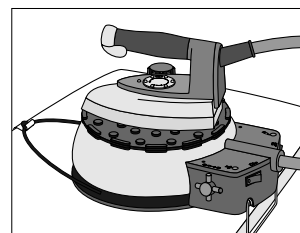
1. Remove the plug from the wall socket.



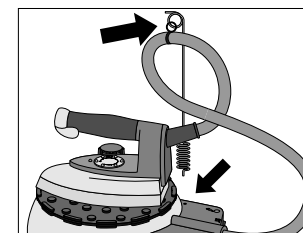
2. Fill the steam generator as described on page 3. For refilling while ironing, see on page 6.



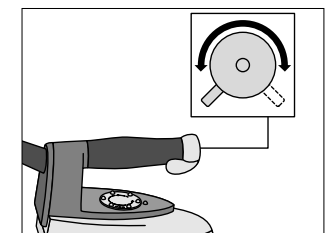
3. Place the appliance on the ironing board.



4. Secure the appliance to the ironing board using the rubber safety strap



5. Secure the electrical cable guide and monotube.

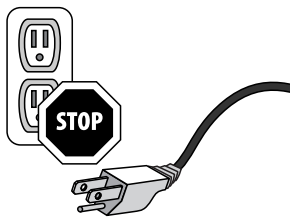


6. Adjust the steam control button for a right-handed user (button set to the left) or a left-handed user (button set to the right).

## Preparing to use your appliance

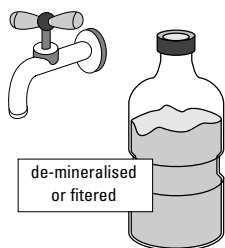
### Appliance unplugged

Always remove the mains plug from the socket before filling the steam generator.



### Choice of water

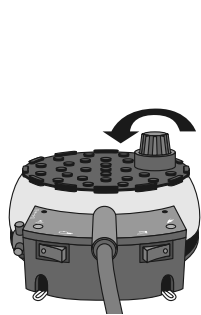
Use tap water. You can use de-mineralised or filtered water if the tap water is very hard (high calcium content).



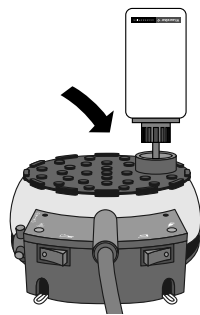
**CAUTION:** Do not use additives, chemical products, water softened with salt, de-ionised water, or softened sea water; they do not give good quality steam and could damage the appliance.

## Filling the appliance before using for the first time

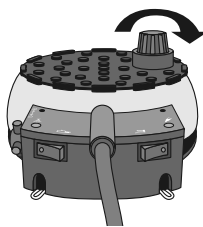
Ensure the mains plug is removed from the wall socket.



1. Unscrew the filling cap.



2. Fill the steam generator with water.



3. Carefully retighten the filling cap.

## Procedure for filling if the appliance has not been used for several hours (appliance is cold)

Ensure the mains plug is removed from the wall socket. Unscrew the filling cap a 2 turns to allow any air trapped in the steam generator to escape, then unscrew the filling cap completely. Fill the steam generator with water. Carefully re-tighten the filling cap. For refilling during use, please consult the chapter «refilling» on page 6.

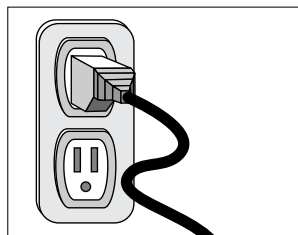
### CAUTION

Always refill the steam generator before ironing. If the steam generator heats up without water you could damage it. Using the appliance with no water in the steam generator could invalidate your warranty!

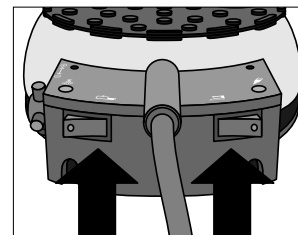
## Starting to use your appliance

### Insert plug into the wall socket

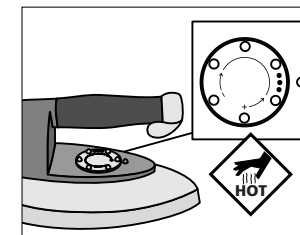
**WARNING** ALWAYS use Well grounded socket.



1. Push the plug into the socket.



2. Switch on Steam Generator and Iron switches and wait for the green steam light (about 8 minutes).



3. Set the thermostat to the position shown in the drawing.

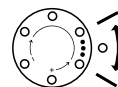
The green steam indicator light illuminates when the appliance is ready for use.

## Hints for use

### Thermostat control

The disc controls the temperature of the soleplate only.

- Ironing without a non-stick sole: Adjust the temperature according to the material to be ironed.
- Steam ironing: adjust the thermostat according to this drawing:

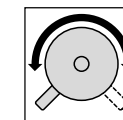
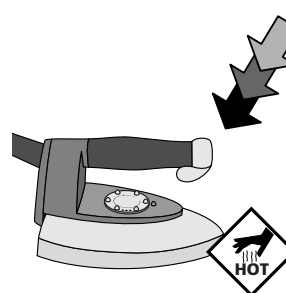


### Before starting to iron:

- Give three bursts of steam, pointing the iron away from the material, to eject water condensed in the tube, then test your iron on a piece of material. If it still spits water increase the temperature slightly.
- If the iron does not emit steam decrease the temperature slightly.

**CAUTION:** After adjusting the temperature wait 2 minutes for the new temperature to stabilize.

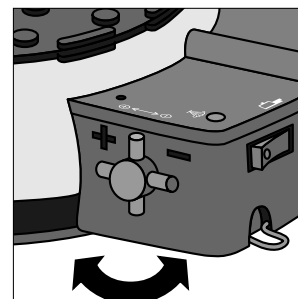
### Steam control button for a right-handed or left-handed user



Don't forget to switch the Steam Control button to the correct position for a right-handed or left-handed user.

This button allows you to control the emission of steam from the iron.

### Control of steam emission



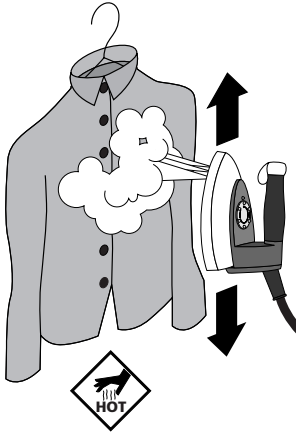
By turning the Steam Control Button you increase or reduce the amount of steam, according to the type of material to be ironed.

## General guidance

You can steam iron all materials, but some materials can be ironed without steam. To iron without steam, turn the iron switch on, but do not turn the steam generator switch on.

**To improve the quality of ironing and increase the autonomy of your appliance, steam iron the material first and then re-iron it without steam, in order to dry the material.**

## Vertical removal of creases



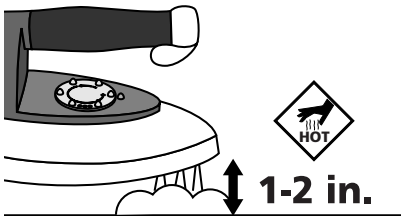
Hang the garment on a coat hanger or hold it up.

With a sweeping movement from top to bottom lightly touch the material while giving short bursts of steam.

**Note:** It is easy to remove creases from most materials, except for cotton, linen and some silks.

If it is difficult to remove the creases from a material, iron it as normal on the ironing board.

## Special materials



- Velvet
- Corduroy
- Jersey

**If you are not using a non-stick sole,** steam iron 1-2 in. from the surface of the material, then finish by hand.

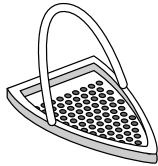
## Angora/Wool

- Steam iron about 4 in. from the surface of the material to avoid damage.
- Shake the garment by hand so that it regains its normal shape.

## Silk

Steam iron silk in the **normal way**.

In the case of dark silk you are advised to use a non-stick sole, which can be purchased separately from your supplier.



## Warning

**WARNING** Using a hot iron with steam under pressure can cause severe burns.



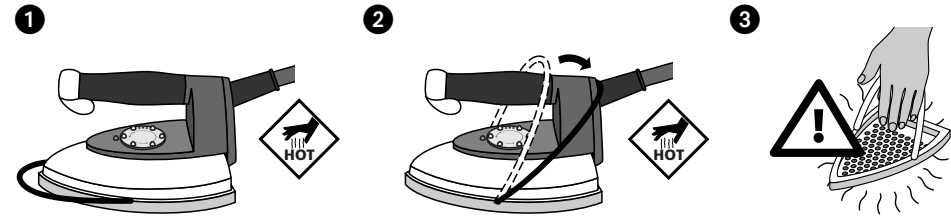
## Practical hints

### Using the non-stick sole

The non-stick sole must be used for **dark materials** that are likely to become shiny and **synthetic materials** that might stick to the soleplate. If you do not have a non-stick sole use a damp cloth, or order a non-stick sole from your approved supplier.

- To use the non-stick sole:**
1. Place the iron in the soleplate.
  2. Pull the spring towards the end of the iron as shown in the drawing. Wait for about 2 minutes for the soleplate to reach the same temperature as the iron. This avoids droplets of condensation falling onto the material.

**ALWAYS** remove the non-stick sole after use.



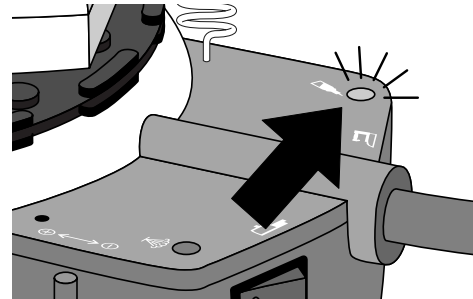
### WARNING



- Contact with the non-stick sole fixed to the soleplate of the iron can cause severe burns and damage to nearby objects.
- Do not move the appliance while using it. The appliance might fall causing severe burns and damages to nearby objects.
- **In no circumstances must the filling cap be unscrewed when the appliance is being used.** To fill the appliance during ironing, follow the instructions below.

## Refilling

### Low water indicator

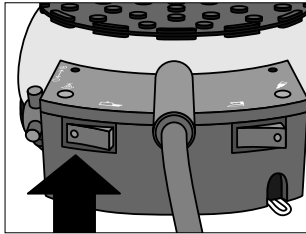


The red water refill light indicates that water must be added to the steam generator to continue ironing.

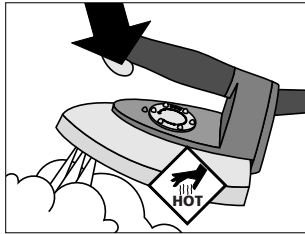
## Refilling while ironing (appliance is hot)

**CAUTION:** To avoid serious burns, never open the filling cap without following these instructions:

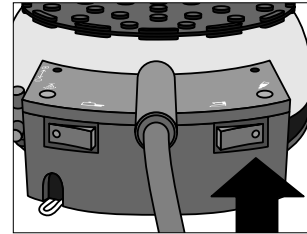
- ⚠ WARNING**
- The Iron Uses **PRESSURIZED STEAM**. **DO NOT OPEN** the Refill Cap Except as Instructed below. Contact with the Pressurized Steam Can Cause Severe Scalding.
  - **TURN OFF** and Then Unplug When Not in Use or When Filling / Emptying Steam Generator.



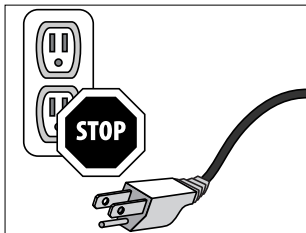
1. Switch off the steam generator.



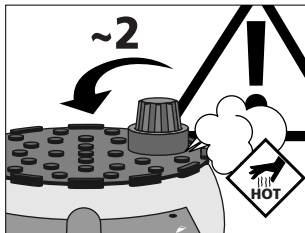
2. Depress the steam control button and hold it down until no more steam is emitted. Direct iron away from your body or others.



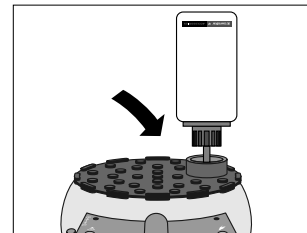
3. Switch off the iron.



4. Remove the plug from the wall socket.



5. Carefully unscrew the filling cap until you hear or see the steam escaping (about 2 turns - use a cloth to avoid direct contact with the steam) and wait until any residual steam has escaped.



6. Unscrew the cap completely and refill as instructed on page 3.

## Storing your appliance



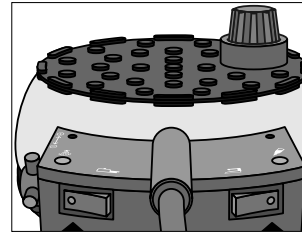
Do not store your appliance **until it has cooled down**.



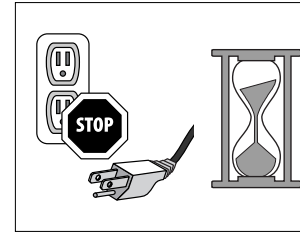
Handling the appliance and equipment while still hot can cause severe burns and damage nearby objects.

## Storage after using the appliance

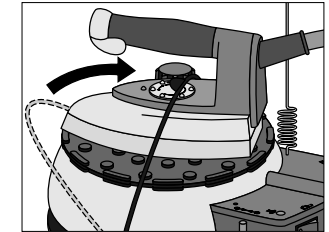
**CAUTION:** Never store your appliance without following these instructions.



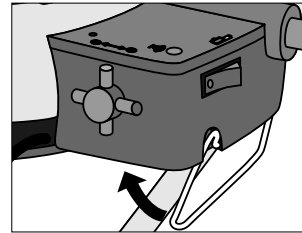
1. Switch off iron and steam generator.



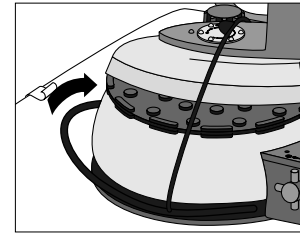
2. Remove the plug from the wall socket.



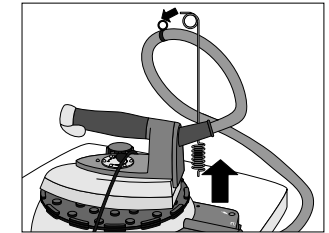
4. Remove the rubber safety strap from its clip and use it to secure the iron to the steam generator.



5. Fold the securing clip against the steam generator.



6. Coil the electrical cable in the guide provided.

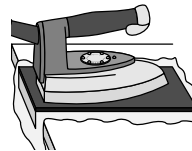


7. Withdraw the monotube from its guide and remove it from the iron.

## Maintenance

### Cleaning the iron

If the soleplate is dirty use our Poli-Fer cleaning cloth which you can obtain from your supplier, making sure you follow the written instructions. Clean the soleplate more often if you use starch when ironing (even if the starch deposit is not visible).



### ⚠ WARNING

- **DO NOT** use a de-scaler or other chemical product as they may damage the steam generator and the iron.
- **DO NOT** immerse the iron in liquid of any sort.
- **DO NOT** hold the iron under running water from the tap.

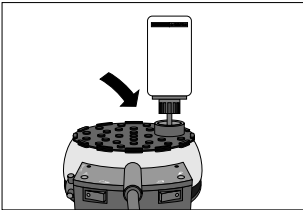
## Rinse Table

Calcium or salt content	Number of hours use between two rinses
Weak or none	20 hours
Average	15 hours
High	10 hours, or use filtered water

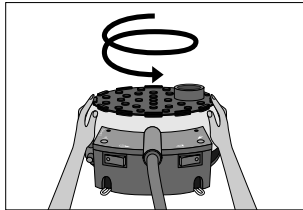
## Rinsing the steam generator - cold appliance

To prolong the efficiency of the steam generator and avoid calcium deposits you must rinse the steam generator regularly. To avoid the danger of burns or electric shock when you rinse out the steam generator make sure the iron is cold and the mains plug is removed from the wall socket. Risk of burns! After unplugging the iron, allow it to cool for at least 2 hours before rinsing.

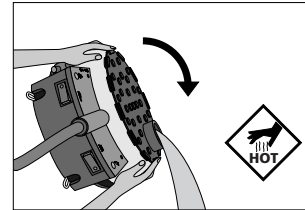
**⚠ WARNING** Always remove plug from the wall socket and follow instructions for refilling shown on page 7 when you remove the refill cap. Risk of burns! Make sure the appliance is cold before rinsing.



1. Fill the steam generator with hot tap water using the measuring beaker.



2. Rinse out the steam generator using a circular motion.

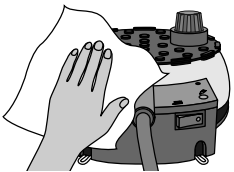


3. Empty the steam generator as shown in the picture.

**⚠ CAUTION**

- Do not use a de-scaler or other chemical product as they may damage the steam generator.
- Do not immerse the appliance in liquid of any sort.

## Cleaning the appliance



To remove dust and other dirt from the appliance use a soft, damp cloth.

**⚠ WARNING** • ALWAYS Unplug appliance and make sure the iron is cold before cleaning to avoid burns or electrical shock.

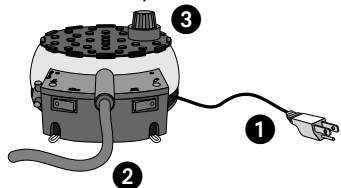
**⚠ CAUTION** • Do not douse the iron with water.  
• Do not use chemical products.

## Inspection and repair

### Hints

You are advised to check regularly:

1. The state of the main electrical cable
2. The monotube
3. The refill cap seal



### Repair

The appliance must only be opened and repaired by a qualified, registered technician.

Any item on the appliance that needs to be changed must be replaced by a genuine spare part supplied by the manufacturer or an approved agent.



**CAUTION:** Do not dispose of the appliance by throwing it away indiscriminately or by burning it. If you wish to dispose of the appliance take it to an approved agent.

## Problems/Solutions

Problems	Possible causes	Solutions
<b>Water comes out of the holes in the soleplate</b>	• The temperature of the steam is too low or the iron is not hot enough	• Increase the temperature of the iron using the thermostat
	• Water has condensed in the tube because you are using steam for the first time or you have not used steam for some time	• Depress the steam control button until the iron emits steam
	• You have not rinsed out the steam generator for some time	• Rinse the steam generator as shown in the rinse table
	• The thermostat is not adjusted properly; the temperature is always too low	• Contact the customer services agent
<b>Brown or white liquids come out of the holes in the soleplate and stain the material</b>	• You are using chemical descaling products	• Do not use these types of product: they will damage your appliance
	• You have not rinsed out the steam generator for some time	• Rinse the steam generator as shown in the rinse table
	• You are putting additives into the water (lavender water, fabric dressings or finishers)	• Do not add anything to the steam generator • Rinse the steam generator as shown in the rinse table
	• Small pieces of material are stuck to the holes in the soleplate and have become charred	• Clean the soleplate and wipe it with a damp cloth • Rinse the steam generator as shown in the rinse table
	• The steam generator is ejecting scale because it is not rinsed regularly	• Rinse the steam generator as shown in the rinse table
	<b>The soleplate is dirty (or brown); it can stain the material</b>	• The iron is set at too high a temperature
• The laundry you are ironing has not been rinsed properly or you are using starch		• Crush the starch on the reverse of the surface to be ironed
<b>There is insufficient, or no, steam</b>	• The steam generator is not switched on	• Turn on the steam generator switch and wait until the green steam indicator light illuminates
	• The water reservoir is empty	• Fill the reservoir according to the instructions
	• Steam emission is set to minimum	• Increase the amount of steam by depressing the steam control button

Problems	Possible causes	Solutions
<b>There is insufficient or no steam</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The temperature of the iron is set too high</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjust the thermostat (see p.4)</li> </ul>
<b>The soleplate is scratched or damaged</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You have either ironed over or set your iron on a rough surface</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Polish the soleplate with the Poli-Fer (see p.8)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your iron has fallen or suffered a hard knock</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To change the soleplate contact your customer service agent</li> </ul>
<b>Steam is escaping from the refill cap</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The cap is not screwed on properly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-tighten the cap correctly</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The cap is broken</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not use your appliance and contact your customer service agent</li> </ul>

## Customer service agent



- If following the Problems/Solutions guide does not resolve a problem that you are experiencing with this product contact an authorized Customer Service center.
- CAUTION:** Do not attempt to repair or service this appliance. Such action may be hazardous and will void the factory warranty.
- Return the system in the original packaging to the Customer service center after you have obtained a return authorization.
- For warranty service a copy of your receipt for purchase of the product will be required.

## Customer Service United States of America & Canada

For Customer Service in the USA or in Canada, contact:

### LauraStar USA

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Suite 300  
Boca Raton FL 33498

Toll-free Phone number: 1-888-942-9480  
Customer Service hours 9AM-5PM E.S.T.

Internet: [www.laurastar.com](http://www.laurastar.com)

e-mail: [laurastar\\_usa@laurastar.com](mailto:laurastar_usa@laurastar.com)

## Technical Data

Steam pressure	40 p.s.i.g	Steam generator	1000 W
Vertical ironing	Yes	Iron power	600 W
Steam generator capacity	0.8 quart	Total weight	11.9 lbs
Able to use tap water	Yes	Weight of iron	2.8 lbs
Power supply	120 V / 60 Hz	Dimensions:	9.2 in. x 13 in. x 9.8 in.

## Limited One Year Warranty

LauraStar USA, Inc. warrants the LauraStar Steamax for one year from the date of purchase from LauraStar USA, as indicated on the sales contract or receipt, subject to the conditions below, against defects in workmanship or material.



Upon contacting and returning the product (with proof of the purchase date) at the consumer's sole cost and expense, to an authorized LauraStar USA Service Center, within the above time period, LauraStar USA will repair or replace and return the product without charge and within a reasonable period of time, if its examination discloses any part to be defective in workmanship or material.

This product is intended for household use only. Ordinary wear and tear shall not be considered a defect in workmanship or material. This warranty does not apply to loss or damage caused by misuse or negligence, including, but not limited to, accident, fire, abuse, dropping, water damage, use of incorrect voltage, modification, commercial application, failure to follow the instructions for use contained in these Operating Instructions or by any repairs other than those provided by an authorized LauraStar USA Service Center.

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<b>Vendor's stamp:</b>		<b>Receipt N°:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>		<b>Art. N°:</b>	
Please attach a copy of this warranty card when sending in your unit.			