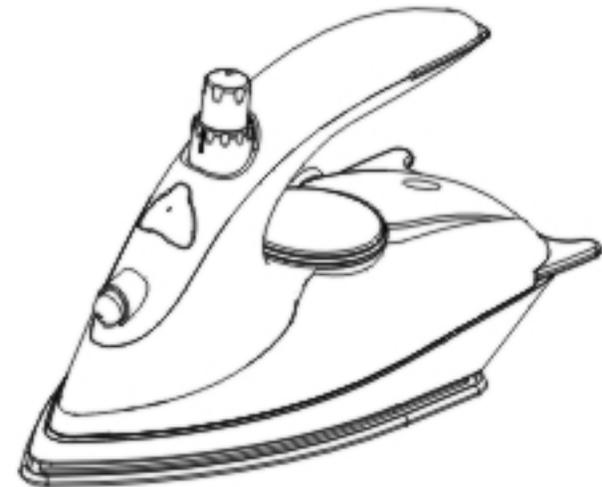




***Shark Compact Performer***  
Model EP171

## **Use and Care Instructions**



**Congratulations! You are the owner of the Shark Compact Performer Iron. To fully enjoy the advantages of your appliance, please take a few minutes to read all the “Use & Care Instructions” and keep the instructions handy for easy reference. Please review the product warranty and mail the owner registration form.**

For information or assistance:  
**USA: EURO-PRO Operating LLC**  
21 Lawrence Paquette Industrial Drive  
Champlain, NY 12919  
Tel.: 1-866-98SHARK  
[www.sharkvac.com](http://www.sharkvac.com)



## ONE (1) YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

**EURO-PRO OPERATING LLC** warrants this product to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of the original purchase, when utilized for normal household use, subject to the following conditions, exclusions and exceptions.

If your appliance fails to operate properly while in use under normal household conditions within the warranty period, return the complete appliance and accessories, freight prepaid to

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In Canada: **EURO-PRO Operating LLC**, 4400 Bois Franc, St. Laurent, QC, H4S 1A7

If the appliance is found by **EURO-PRO Operating LLC** to be defective in material or workmanship, **EURO-PRO Operating LLC** will repair or replace it free of charge. Proof of purchase date and \$ 9.95 to cover the cost of return shipping and handling must be included. \*

The liability of **EURO-PRO Operating LLC** is limited solely to the cost of the repair or replacement of the unit at our option. This warranty does not cover normal wear of parts and does not apply to any unit that has been tampered with or used for commercial purposes. This limited warranty does not cover damage caused by misuse, abuse, negligent handling or damage due to faulty packaging or mishandling in transit. This warranty does not cover damage or defects caused by or resulting from damages from shipping or repairs, service or alterations to the product or any of its parts, which have been performed by a repair person not authorized by **EURO-PRO Operating LLC**.

This warranty is extended to the original purchaser of the unit and excludes all other legal and/or conventional warranties. The responsibility of **EURO-PRO Operating LLC** if any, is limited to the specific obligations expressly assumed by it under the terms of the limited warranty. **In no event is EURO-PRO Operating LLC** liable for incidental or consequential damages of any nature whatsoever. Some states do not permit the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above may not apply to you.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

**\*Important: Carefully pack item to avoid damage in shipping. Be sure to include proof of purchase date and to attach tag to item before packing with your name, complete address and phone number with a note giving purchase information, model number and what you believe is the problem with item. We recommend you insure the package (as damage in shipping is not covered by your warranty). Mark the outside of your package "ATTENTION CUSTOMER SERVICE".**



### OWNERSHIP REGISTRATION CARD

Please fill out and mail the product registration card within ten (10) days of purchase in order to validate the foregoing Limited Warranty. The registration will enable us to contact you in the unlikely event of a product safety notification. By returning this card you acknowledge to have read and understood the instructions for use, and warnings set forth in the accompanying instructions.

RETURN TO **EURO-PRO OPERATING LLC**, 21 LAWRENCE PAQUETTE IND. DR., CHAMPLAIN, N.Y. 12919  
IN CANADA: **EURO-PRO OPERATING LLC**, 4400 BOIS FRANC, ST. LAURENT, QUEBEC, H4S 1A7

**Model EP171**

Appliance model

Date purchased

Name of store

Owner's name

Address

City

Prov./State

Postal code/Zip Code

# IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

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

1. Read all instructions before using the iron.
2. Use iron only for its intended use.
3. To protect against a risk of electrical shock, do not immerse in water or other liquids.
4. The iron should always be turned "OFF" before plugging or unplugging from electrical outlet.
5. Never yank cord to disconnect from outlet, instead grasp plug and pull to disconnect.
6. Do not allow cord to touch hot surfaces. Let iron cool completely before storing.
7. Loop cord loosely around iron when storing.
8. Always disconnect iron from electrical outlet when filling iron with water or emptying and when not in use.
9. Do not operate iron with a damaged cord or if the iron has been dropped or damaged.
10. To avoid the risk of electrical shock, do not disassemble the iron. Return appliance to **EURO-PRO Operating LLC** for examination, repair or adjustment. Incorrect reassembly can cause a risk of electric shock when iron is used.
11. Close supervision is necessary for any appliance used by or near children. Do not leave iron unattended while connected or on an ironing board.
12. Burns can occur from touching hot metal parts, hot water or steam. Use caution when you turn a steam iron upside down as there may be hot water in the reservoir.
13. Never direct steam at any person, especially when using the iron in a vertical position. The steam is very hot and can cause burns.
14. Do not use iron outdoors.
15. This product is for household use only.

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. To avoid a circuit overload, do not operate another high-wattage appliance on the same circuit.
2. If an extension is absolutely necessary, a 10-ampere rated cord with a polarized plug should be used. Cords rated for less amperage may overheat. Care should be taken to arrange the cord so that it cannot be pulled on or tripped over.

**IMPORTANT:** This appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). As a safety feature, this plug will fit into a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully into the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Do not attempt to defeat this safety feature.

**FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY**  
**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

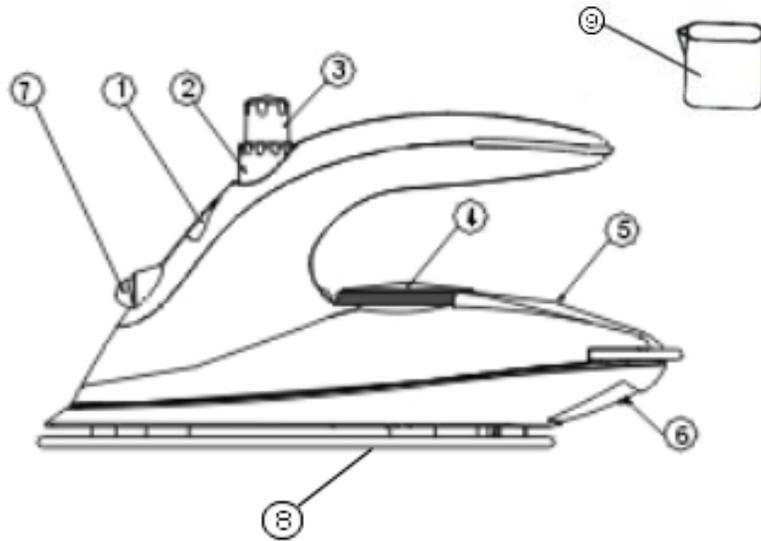


## Shark Compact Performer

### Model EP171

115/230 V., 60Hz., 800 W.

### Main Components



1. Water Filling Inlet
2. Steam Control Dial
3. Spray/Burst of Steam Selector Button
4. Temperature Control Dial
5. Thermostat Light
6. Dual Voltage Switch
7. Spray Nozzle
8. Stainless Steel Soleplate
9. Water Measuring Beaker

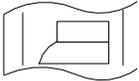
## TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE REASONS & SOLUTIONS
Iron does not heat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure that the plug is securely in the socket.</li> <li>• Temperature setting too low. Turn to higher setting.</li> </ul>
Thermostat ready light goes On and Off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is normal. The light goes On and Off as the thermostat is switching the heating element On and Off to maintain the selected temperature.</li> </ul>
Some odor or small particles come out of steam vents of new iron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is normal. Follow instructions for first use and allow iron to steam through 2-3 fillings &amp; press the steam burst button occasionally to eliminate small white particles.</li> </ul>
Iron does not steam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water tank may be empty or water level is very low. Add water.</li> <li>• Make sure that the temperature control dial and the steam control are correctly set. For maximum steam, (setting 'Max' on steam control), temperature control dial should be set on '***'.</li> <li>• Adjustable steam control is set on "0". Always allow the iron to reach the selected temperature with the adjustable steam control setting at '0'. Make sure the temperature control dial is set in the correct steam area, e.g. '*', and the steam control is <u>not</u> on '0'. For more steam, turn temperature dial to higher setting, e.g. '***', and the steam control to 'Max'.</li> <li>• If temperature setting and steam control setting are correct and there is no steam, <u>gently</u> tap the soleplate on the ironing board a few times. Move the steam control from '0' to 'Max' a few times.</li> </ul>
Water droplets coming from steam vents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iron may not be hot enough. Set thermostat to the 'Max' position. Always allow iron sufficient time to heat up (thermostat light goes off).</li> <li>• Overuse of steam burst. Allow more time between each burst.</li> <li>• Iron may have been overfilled. Turn iron off, empty water and follow instructions for filling.</li> <li>• Steam performance may be low if iron requires seasoning. To season, use regular tap water for 1 or 2 tanks until steam performance improves.</li> </ul>

## IRONING CHART

**NOTE:** Before starting to iron delicate fabrics, it is best to first test the temperature of the iron on a hem or an inside seam.

**To select iron temperature, align temperature selected on dial with the indicator on the water tank.**

DIRECTIONS ON LABEL					
FABRIC		SYNTHETIC FIBERS, e.g. acrylic, nylon polyester	SILK WOOL	COTTON LINEN	Please note that  on the label means 'THIS ARTICLE CANNOT BE IRONED!'
TEMP. CONTROL		MIN 		MAX 	
BURST OF STEAM					
SPRAY					

## BEFORE FIRST USE

Remove any labels, stickers or tags which may be attached to the body or soleplate of the iron before using the iron. Read all instructions for use carefully. Always follow the Important Safeguards.

### IMPORTANT

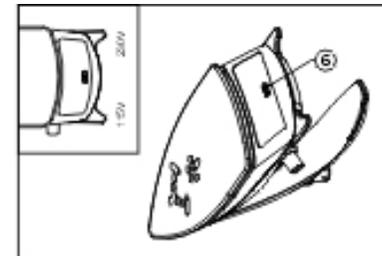
The first time an iron is used, some odor and small white particles may come out of the steam vents. This is perfectly normal and will cease to occur after the iron has been in use for a short while.

Before you start using your iron, follow the instructions in the manual and do the following in order to eliminate any odor and small white residue particles and to ensure optimum steam performance.

- Fill the iron with regular tap water.
- Set the temperature control dial to its highest setting, the spray/burst of steam button to the steam setting and the steam control knob to the lowest steam setting.
- When the thermostat light goes off to indicate that the iron has reached the selected temperature, set the steam control knob to the highest setting.
- Keep the iron in a horizontal position and allow it to steam until the water runs out.
- Press the spray/burst of steam button to eliminate white residue particles.
- Repeat this procedure through 2 or 3 fillings.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Before using your iron, check the voltage and type of plug that is required for your location. If necessary, readjust the dual voltage switch according to local voltage: 110V - 120V or 220V - 240V. This is accomplished by sliding the dual voltage control switch located in the rear of the iron to the corresponding voltage setting.



**Caution:** Always disconnect the iron before adjusting the dual voltage switch to the correct voltage setting.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS cont.

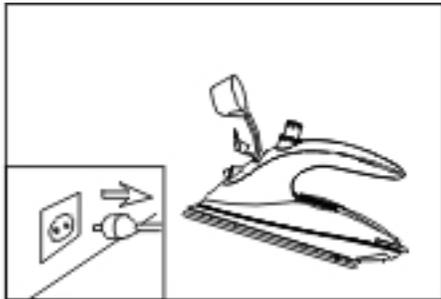
### Filling with Water

**WARNING!** Before filling the iron with water, be sure the iron is not plugged into the electrical outlet. The iron may be filled with water while it is hot. **TO PREVENT THE RISK OF BURNS, use caution when filling iron with water. Burns can occur from touching hot metal parts, hot water or steam.**

**CAUTION:** Never fill the iron with fabric conditioner, starches or any other liquid, as these will damage the steam mechanism. Do not use contaminated water.

**NOTE:** Because of the soleplate design, ordinary tap water may be used with this iron. However, in very hard water areas, we recommend using distilled or demineralized water.

1. Disconnect the iron from the power supply.
2. Open the water inlet cover.
3. Using the measuring beaker provided and holding the iron at a slight angle, pour water slowly into the water filling inlet. See illustration below. DO NOT overfill the tank.



4. Plug the cord into a polarized, 120V AC electrical outlet.
5. Turn the temperature control dial to the desired temperature setting and allow the iron to heat for approximately 2 minutes before ironing. Place iron on its heel (on a stable, protected surface) while the iron is warming to desired temperature. The thermostat light will come on. When the iron has reached the desired temperature, the thermostat light will go "Off".

## USER MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

### EMPTYING, CLEANING & STORING THE IRON

Always empty and clean your iron after each use and before storing.

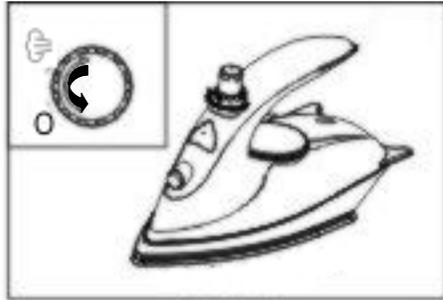
1. Turn the temperature control dial to the "Off" position
2. Unplug the power cord from the electrical outlet.
3. Empty the iron of all remaining water in the water reservoir.
4. Allow the iron to cool down before cleaning.
5. When the iron has cooled down completely, scale and other residue can be wiped off the soleplate with a damp cloth.
6. Store iron in the upright position.

**WARNING!** Use caution when emptying the iron. Burns may occur from touching hot metal surfaces, hot water or steam.

**DRY IRONING**

All marked settings on the temperature dial can be used for dry ironing.

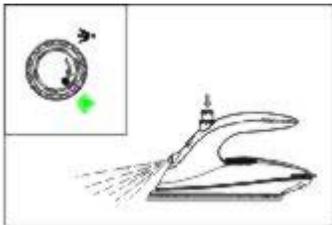
1. Plug the cord into a polarized, 120V AC electrical outlet. The thermostat light will go "On", indicating that the iron is receiving power.
2. Set Steam Control Knob to no steam setting.
3. Set Temperature Control Dial to desired temperature setting.
4. Place iron on its heel (on a stable, protected surface) while iron is warming to desired temperature.
5. When the iron has reached the desired temperature, the thermostat light will go "Off".



**SPRAY SETTING**

The water spray is useful on fabrics with stubborn wrinkles. Press the spray button and a jet of water will spray onto the fabric being ironed. The water spray can be used with dry or steam ironing as desired.

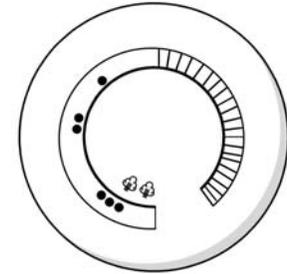
1. Disconnect the iron from the power supply.
2. Follow filling instructions on page 3.
3. Plug the power cord into the electrical outlet.
4. Set Temperature Control Dial to desired temperature setting.
5. Set Spray/Burst of Steam Button to spray position.
6. Press the Spray/Burst of Steam button slowly to get a jet of spray.



**SETTING THE IRON TEMPERATURE**

Set the temperature dial according to the type of fabric.

- Synthetics (low temperature)
- Silk, Wool (medium temperature)
- Cotton, Linen (high temperature)



**Please note:** Before starting to iron delicate fabrics, it is best to first test the temperature of the iron on a hem or an inside seam.

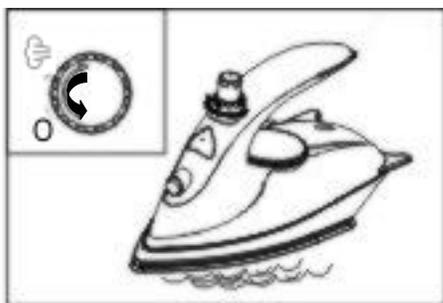
1. Set the temperature control dial to the desired temperature.
2. Stand the iron on its heel and connect it to the main power supply.
3. The thermostat light will come on to indicate that the iron is heating up. The light will go "Off" when the set temperature has been reached and the iron is ready to use. The thermostat light will go on and off as the thermostat is switching the heating element on and off to maintain the selected temperature.

**IRONING WITH STEAM**

**Please note:** Before using the iron for the first time, it is important to purge the inside of the iron by allowing it to steam freely for a minute. This allows the removal of any impurities left by the manufacturing process.

**WARNING! DO NOT** aim iron at face, towards yourself, or anyone else while using or adjusting steam. Burns or serious injury may occur.

1. Make sure that the iron is unplugged from the power source.
2. Set the steam control knob to no steam.
3. Fill the iron with water following the instructions for filling on page 3.
4. Plug the power cord into the electrical outlet.
5. Set the temperature control dial within the steam area, i.e. “•••”.  
(See page 4 for setting the temperature.)
6. The thermostat light will go “On”.
7. When the correct temperature has been reached, the thermostat light will go “Off”.
8. Now Turn the Spray/Burst of Steam button to the Steam setting and set the Steam Control Knob to “ON”.  See illustration below.



**Please note:** For maximum steam, the temperature control dial should be set at “•••” and the Steam Control set to the steam setting.

**IMPORTANT:** If the iron has not been set to the correct temperature setting for steam, water drops may leak from the soleplate.

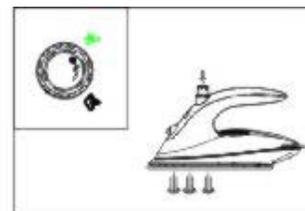
**BURST OF STEAM & VERTICAL STEAM**

**WARNING! DO NOT** aim iron at face, towards yourself, or anyone else while using or adjusting steam. Burns or serious injury may occur.

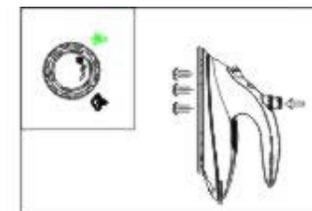
The burst-of-steam button is useful when ironing denim, cotton and linens. It provides extra, sudden blasts of steam which aid in removing stubborn wrinkles.

The burst-of-steam & vertical steam feature can be used with Dry or Steam ironing as desired.

1. Make sure the water tank is filled with water.
2. Follow filling instructions on page 3.
3. Plug the power cord into the electrical outlet.
4. Set the temperature control dial within the steam area, i.e. “•••”.  
(See page 4 for setting the temperature.)
5. The thermostat light will go “On”.
6. When the correct temperature has been reached, the thermostat light will go “Off”.
7. Now turn the Spray/Burst of Steam button to the Steam setting and set the Steam Control Knob to the highest steam setting.
8. When the thermostat light has gone off, keep the iron in the vertical position and press the Steam/Spray button to produce a strong steam jet. See illustration below. To prevent water leaking from the soleplate, do not keep the burst of steam button depressed for more than 5 seconds.



**Burst of Steam**



**Vertical Steam**