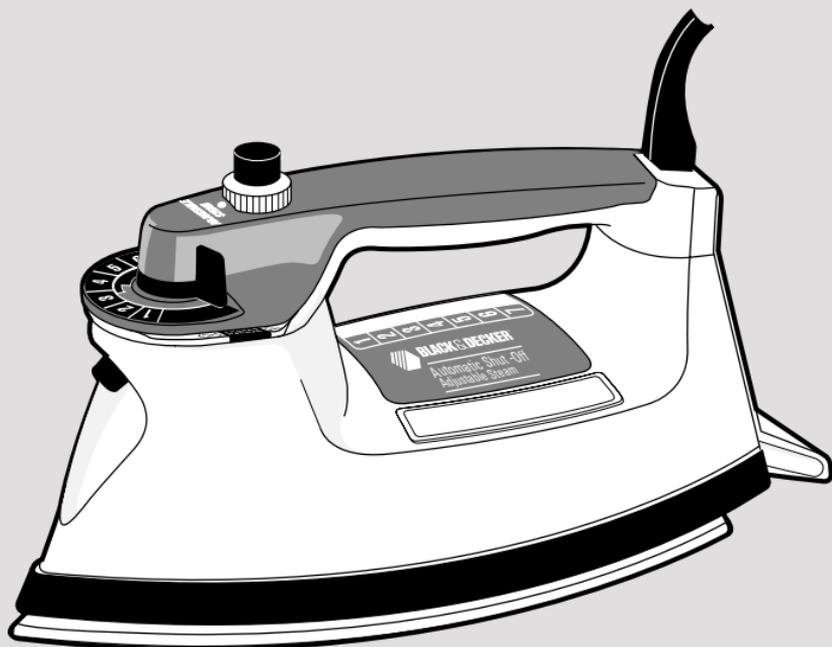




**SAVE THIS USE AND CARE BOOK**

# **Light 'n Easy<sup>®</sup> Iron**

## **with Automatic Shut-Off**



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**MODELS F495SA/F499S**

# IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

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

- Read all instructions.
- Use iron only for its intended use.
- To protect against a risk of electric shock, do not immerse the iron in water or other liquid.
- The iron should always be turned to O/FILL before plugging into or unplugging from an 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 cordwrap when storing.
- Always disconnect iron from electrical outlet when filling with or emptying of water and when not in use. Be careful to avoid spilling water over iron when filling.
- Do not operate iron with a damaged cord or plug or if the iron has been dropped or damaged.
- To avoid the risk of electric shock, do not disassemble the iron; instead, take it to an authorized service center for examination and repair. Incorrect reassembly can cause a risk of electric shock when the iron is used.
- 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. Always position iron carefully to prevent it from falling if ironing board is accidentally moved or cord is pulled. Always use heel rest.
- 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 water tank. Avoid rapid movement of iron to minimize hot water spillage.
- Do not operate in the presence of explosive and/or flammable fumes.
- Do not use iron outdoors.
- This product is for household use only and not for commercial or industrial use.

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- To avoid a circuit overload, do not operate another high-wattage appliance on the same circuit.
- If an extension cord is necessary, it should be rated not less than 10 amperes and have Underwriters Laboratories listing. 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.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

### POLARIZED PLUG

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This appliance has a polarized plug—one blade is wider than the other. To reduce the risk of electric shock, this plug will fit into a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully into the outlet, reverse it. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. Do not attempt to defeat this safety feature by modifying the plug in any way.

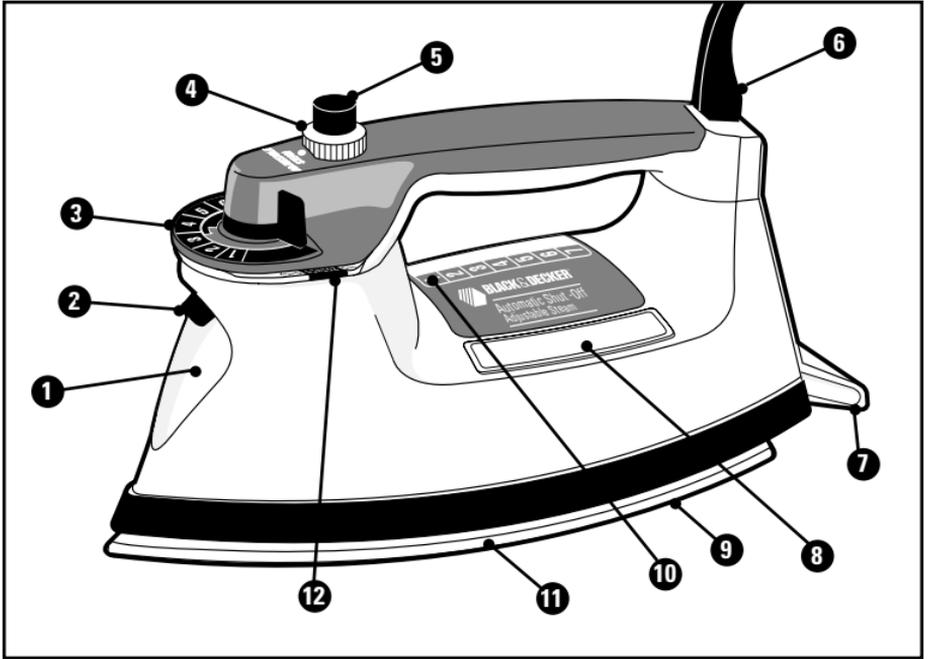
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### TAMPER-RESISTANT SCREW

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This appliance is equipped with a tamper-resistant screw to prevent removal of the outer cover. To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, **do not attempt to remove the outer cover**. There are no user serviceable parts inside. Repair should be done only by authorized service personnel (see pages 14 & 15 for a list of Black & Decker Company-Owned Service Centers).

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1. Water Fill Hole
2. Spray Nozzle
3. Temperature Selector Dial
4. Adjustable Steam/Dry Dial
5. Spray Button
6. Centered Cord

7. Extended Heel Rest/Cord Wrap
8. Water Window
9. Non-Stick Coated Soleplate
10. Heat Fabric Guide
11. Button Groove
12. Push ON Button

## How To Use

### PERPARING THE IRON

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**IMPORTANT:** Follow this procedure to clean the iron and to become familiar with its features before first use.

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1. Remove any labels, stickers, protective materials, or tags which may be attached to the body or soleplate of the iron.

2. Fill the Water Tank to the water full mark (approximately 4 oz.). (See "Filling With Water," below )
3. Plug the iron into a standard (polarized) electrical outlet.
4. Set the Temperature Selector/ Heat Fabric Guide to the Cotton setting and preheat for about 30 seconds. (See "Starting The Iron," page 6)
5. While ironing on an old cotton terry cloth towel for about two minutes, try using each of the iron's features:

**Spray:** Pump the SPRAY Button a few times to see the amount of water that is released.

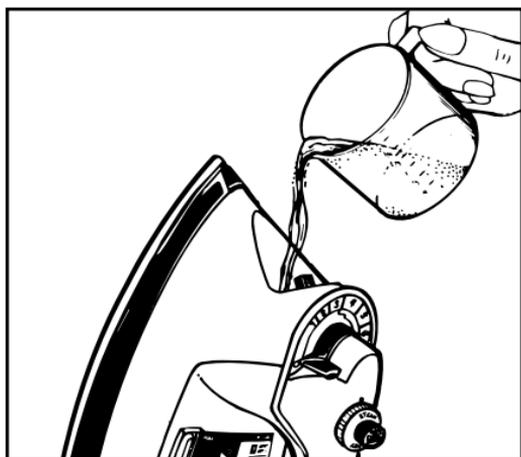
**Steam Settings:** Turn the Adjustable Steam/Dry Dial to the Indicator Mark for ☁ (light), ☁☁ (medium), and ☁☁☁ (heavy) settings to become familiar with the different amounts of steam at each setting.

## FILLING WITH WATER

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**NOTE:** When filling, be sure the iron is unplugged, the Temperature Selector Dial is in the O/FILL position, and the Adjustable Steam/Dry Dial is in the Dry position.

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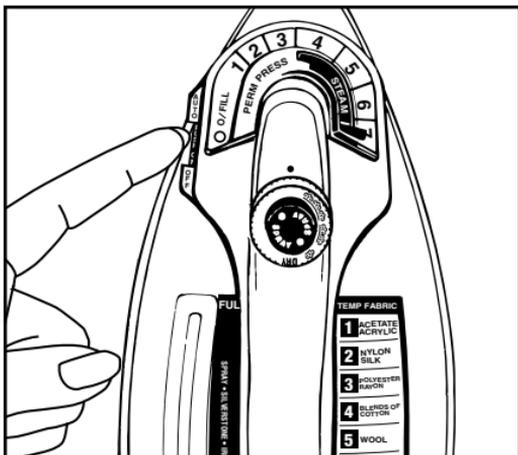


**Figure A**

1. Using a clean cup, pour water into the Water Fill Hole until the water level reaches the FULL mark next to the Water Window (Figure A). Do not overfill. Refill as necessary. Never place the iron directly under a faucet to add water.
2. Ordinary tap water can generally be used for ironing. However, do not use water processed through a home softening system.
3. In extremely hard water areas, consider using distilled or demineralized water. If using distilled or demineralized water, tap water should be used the first time you use the iron and once per month thereafter to maintain steam performance.

## **STARTING THE IRON**

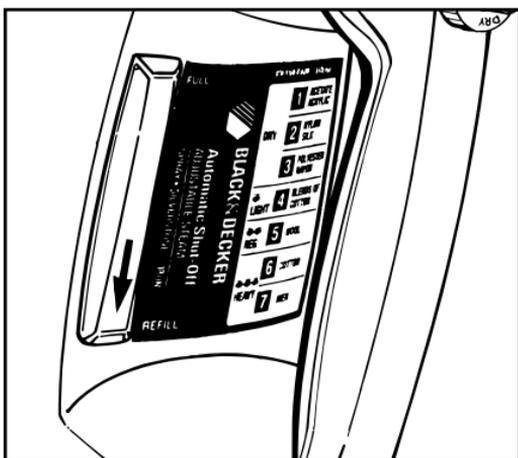
1. Be sure the iron is filled with water. Plug in the iron.
2. Press the PUSH ON Button in to start the iron. (Figure B).



**NOTE:** The PUSH ON Button will normally remain pushed in. It will pop out only if the iron shuts itself off automatically.

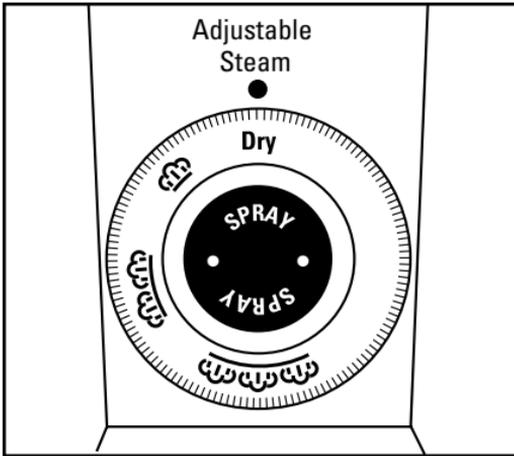
Figure B

3. Use the Heat Fabric Guide (Numbered 1 thru 7) on the body of the iron to select the setting for the fabric to be ironed. (Also, see "Fabric Ironing Chart" on page 9).
4. Turn the Temperature Selector Dial to the appropriate setting and allow to preheat for approximately 2 minutes.
5. To iron with steam, turn the Adjustable Steam/Dry Dial to the ☺ (light), ☺☺ (medium), or ☺☺☺ (heavy) steam setting as indicated



next to the Heat Fabric Guide on the body of the iron (Figure C). **IMPORTANT:** the Temperature Selector Dial must be in the steam area (settings 4 thru 7) to generate steam. If water spotting occurs, reduce the steam level and/or

Figure C



**Figure D**

increase the heat setting slightly on the Temperature Selector Dial.

6. For spray, simply pump the spray button at the top of the iron to get a water mist from the spray nozzle. Spray can be used at any temperature setting whether steam or dry ironing.

7. To iron without steam, turn the Adjustable Steam/Dry Dial to the Indicator Mark for DRY. (Figure D)

### **ABOUT THE AUTO-OFF FEATURE**

1. This iron will shut off automatically after one hour whether or not it is in use.

2. The PUSH ON Button will pop out *only* if the iron shuts off automatically after an hour.

3. If the PUSH ON Button pops out while you are ironing, then one hour has elapsed since the iron was plugged in. Simply press the PUSH ON Button back in to continue ironing.

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**NOTE:** Turning the Temperature Selector to O/FILL will not shut off the iron. That simply shuts off the heat. If you have ironed for less than an hour and the PUSH ON Button remains pushed in, unplug the cord from the outlet to ensure the iron is off. Otherwise, the iron will shut off automatically after it has been plugged in for an hour.

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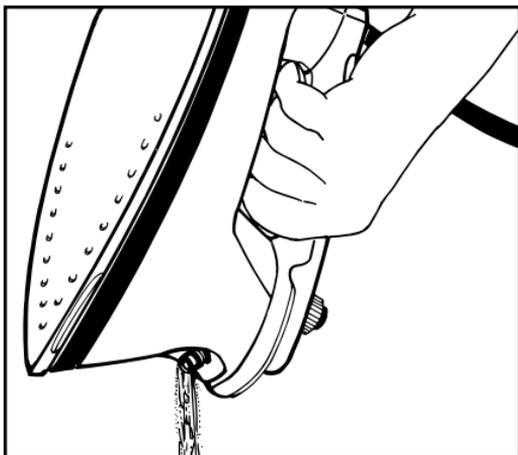
## **TURNING THE IRON OFF**

To manually turn the iron off, turn the Temperature Selector Dial to O/FILL and unplug the cord from the outlet. You cannot manually pop out the PUSH ON Button.

## **STORING THE IRON**

1. Turn the Adjustable Steam/Dry Dial to DRY.
2. Turn the Temperature Selector Dial to O/FILL.
3. Unplug the iron.
4. Allow the iron to cool and wrap the cord around the body of the iron and extended heel rest.
5. It is not necessary to empty the water if the iron is used more than once a week.
- 6. Store the iron on its heel rest to prevent water from leaking from the Soleplate.**





**Figure E**

### **CARE OF THE IRON EMPTYING THE IRON**

1. Turn the Temperature Selector Dial to O/FILL.
2. Set the Adjustable Steam/Dry Dial to the DRY position, and unplug the iron.
3. Empty the water by holding the iron over a sink with the tip pointing downward (Figure E).

Water will empty out the Water Fill Hole.

4. If all the water hasn't drained, repeat the emptying process.

### **CLEANING THE OUTSIDE SURFACES**

1. Allow the iron to cool completely.
2. Wipe the outer shell and non-stick coated soleplate with a cloth dampened in water and a mild household detergent. Never use abrasives, heavy-duty cleansers, or scouring pads on the non-stick coating.

## **Need Help?**

### **IRON WON'T HEAT?**

1. Is the iron plugged in? Press the PUSH ON Button in.
2. If it still doesn't heat, will a lamp plugged into the outlet turn on?

3. Is the Temperature Selector Dial turned to a fabric setting?

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## **IRON WON'T START STEAMING?**

1. Check to see if there is enough water in the Water Tank.
  2. Is the Adjustable Steam Dial set at ☹, ☹☹, or ☹☹☹? Adjust the Dial to Dry and back to the desired steam level several times.
  3. Is the Temperature Selector Dial set to the steam area (settings 4 thru 7)?
  4. If steaming doesn't start, gently tap the Soleplate on the ironing board once or twice.
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## **WATER DROPLETS COMING FROM STEAM VENTS?**

1. Is the Temperature Selector Dial set in a steam area (somewhere between settings 4 and 7)?
  2. Is the Adjustable Steam Dial set at the corresponding ☹, ☹☹, or ☹☹☹ steam setting?
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## **SHUTS OFF AUTOMATICALLY WHILE IRONING?**

1. Has the iron been plugged in for an hour? This iron will shut off after an hour whether or not you have been using it.
  2. Press the PUSH ON Button in to restart the iron.
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## **SERVICE OR REPAIR**

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Service, if necessary, must be performed by a Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc., Household Appliance Company-Owned or Authorized Service Center. The Service Center nearest you can usually be found in the yellow pages of your phone book under "Appliances-Small-Repairing." For your convenience, a complete listing of our Company-Owned Service Centers can be found on pages 14 & 15.

Before shipping or mailing your iron, empty all water from the iron. Plug in the cord and heat the iron at the maximum temperature setting (setting 7). Iron continuously using any steam setting over an all cotton cloth for about 5 minutes. Place the iron on its heel rest and leave it operating for 7 to 8 minutes. These steps will help to dry the inside of the iron.

Turn the iron off, move the Adjustable Steam Dial to DRY and be sure the iron is completely cool before packing for shipment. Pack it carefully into a sturdy carton with enough packing material to prevent damage. The original carton is not suitable for mailing. Include a note describing the problem to our Service Center and be sure to give your return address. We also suggest that you insure the package for your protection.

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