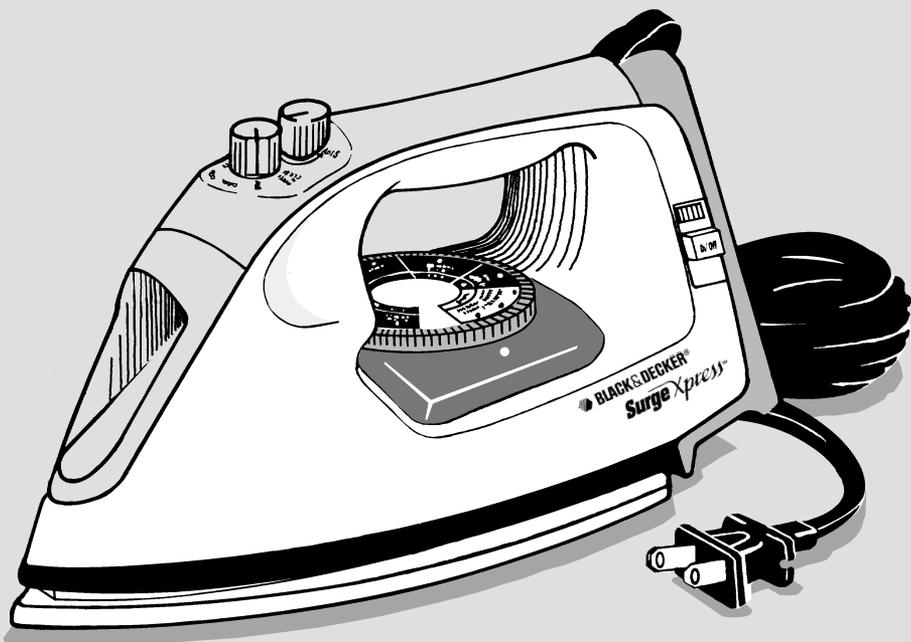


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SAVE THIS USE AND CARE BOOK

Surge Xpress™ Iron



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MODEL F855/F855S

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 No Heat/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 around cordwrap when storing.
- Always disconnect iron from electrical outlet when filling with or emptying water and when not in use. Be careful to avoid spilling water over iron when filling.
- Do not press the Self Clean button while ironing.
- 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. While connected, do not leave iron unattended 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.
- The use of attachments not recommended or sold by the appliance manufacturer may cause fire, electric shock, or injury.
- Do not use iron outdoors.
- This product is for household use only.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- To avoid a circuit overload, do not operate another high-wattage appliance on the same circuit.
- If an extension cord is necessary, use a 10-ampere rated cord with a polarized plug and 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.

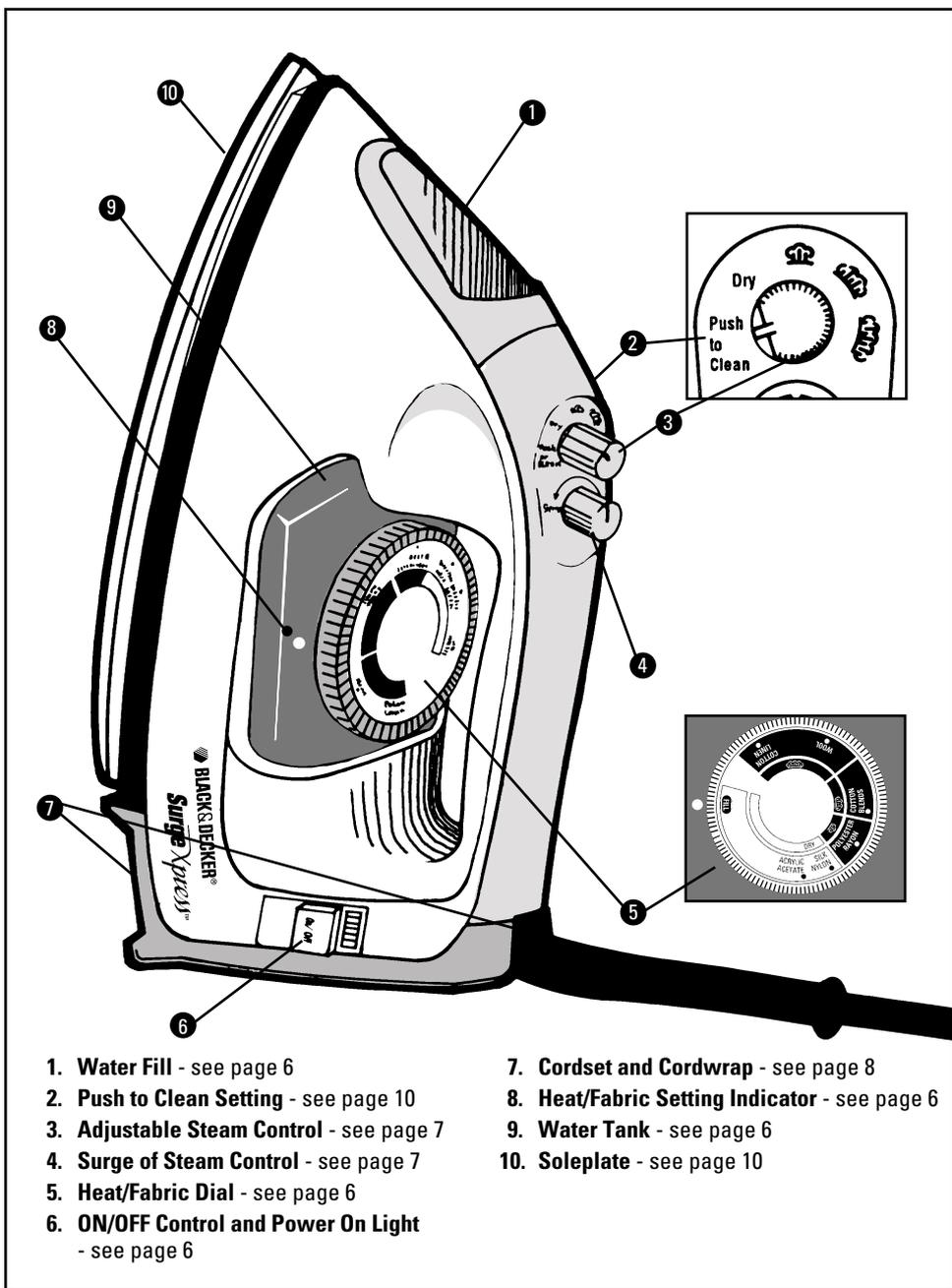
SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

POLARIZED PLUG

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.

TAMPER- RESISTANT SCREW

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).



- 1. **Water Fill** - see page 6
- 2. **Push to Clean Setting** - see page 10
- 3. **Adjustable Steam Control** - see page 7
- 4. **Surge of Steam Control** - see page 7
- 5. **Heat/Fabric Dial** - see page 6
- 6. **ON/OFF Control and Power On Light** - see page 6
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- 8. **Heat/Fabric Setting Indicator** - see page 6
- 9. **Water Tank** - see page 6
- 10. **Soleplate** - see page 10

How To Use

PREPARING YOUR IRON

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

1. Remove any labels, stickers, or tags which may be attached to the body or soleplate of the iron.
2. Fill Water Tank about $\frac{1}{3}$ full with water. (See "Filling With Water," page 6.)
3. Plug iron into a standard polarized electrical outlet.
4. Set the Heat/Fabric Dial to the Cotton/Linen setting and preheat for about 2 minutes. (See "Starting The Iron," page 6.)
5. Iron on an old cotton terry cloth towel for about two minutes, and use each of the iron's features.

Surge of Steam: Pump the Surge of Steam Button every 5 seconds to see the amount of steam that will be generated.

Steam Settings: Turn the Steam Control to the  (light),  (medium), and  (heavy) settings to become familiar with the different amounts of steam at each setting.

6. Use the Self-Cleaning feature as described on page 10.
7. Plug the iron in and place on its Heel Rest. Heat for about 2 minutes to dry out any remaining water after Self-Cleaning.

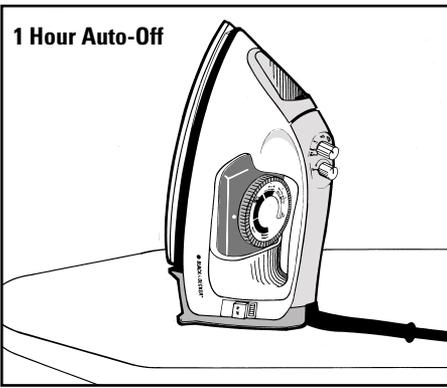


Figure D

ONE-HOUR AUTO OFF FEATURE

1. This iron will shut off automatically after one hour whether you are using it or have left it plugged in unattended.
2. If you have ironed for less than an hour and would like to manually shut the iron off, push the ON/OFF button or simply unplug the cord. Otherwise, the iron will shut off automatically after it has been on for an hour.

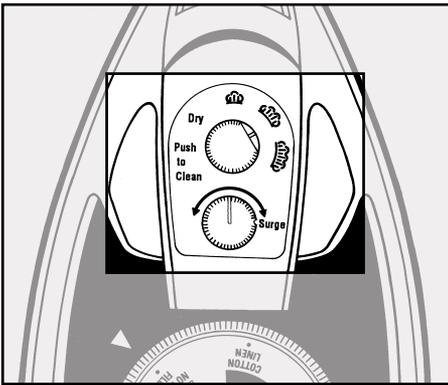


Figure E

DRY IRONING

1. Turn the Adjustable Steam Control to DRY to iron without steam.

STEAM IRONING USING MOISTURE

1. Make sure the Heat/Fabric Dial is set within the Steam area.
2. Turn the Adjustable Steam Control (Figure E) to the ☁️ (light), ☁️☁️ (medium), and ☁️☁️☁️ (heavy) steam setting as indicated in the band over the fabric setting (See Figure C).
3. If water spotting occurs, reduce the steam level. If necessary, increase the heat setting by turning the Heat/Fabric Dial to a slightly higher setting if the fabric will allow it.



Figure F

SURGE OF STEAM

1. Pump the Surge of Steam Control (Figure F) several times

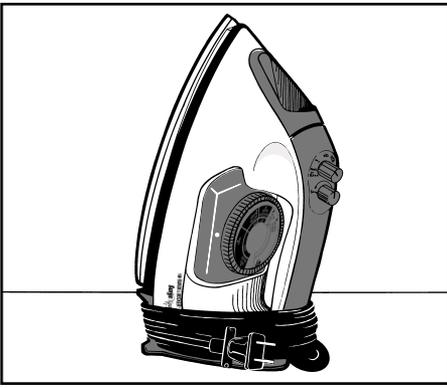


Figure G

to get an extra heavy surge of steam through the soleplate steam vents.

2. Use Surge of Steam only when the Heat/Fabric Dial is set in the steam range.
3. To avoid water spotting, wait a few seconds between repeated use of the Surge of Steam.

STORING THE IRON

1. Turn the Adjustable Steam Control to DRY.
2. Turn the Heat/Fabric Dial to Fill.
3. Unplug the iron.
4. Allow the iron to cool and wrap the cord. (Figure G).
5. It is not necessary to empty the water if the iron is used frequently.
6. **The iron must be stored on its heel rest to prevent water leaking from the soleplate.**

FABRIC IRONING CHART

Refer to the chart on the next page for recommended Heat/Fabric and Steam Settings and ironing instructions for various fabrics. Always read garment labels and follow manufacturer's ironing instructions.

NOTE: Steam and Surge of Steam should only be used in steam area of the Heat/Fabric Dial. Water spotting may occur if the setting is too low.

HEAT/FABRIC SETTING	ADJUSTABLE STEAM SETTING	INSTRUCTIONS	
No Heat Fill			
Acrylic Acetate	↑	Dry	Dry iron on wrong side of fabric. Press washables while damp.
Silk Nylon			Dry Iron on wrong side of fabric to prevent shine. Press washables while damp.
Polyester Rayon	Dry Iron At Any Setting	↕ Light	Iron washables while fabric is damp. Iron rayon fabrics on the wrong side. Steam iron if fabric manufacturer directs.
Cotton Blends		↕ Medium	Check care label and follow the manufacturer's instructions for blends; use the setting for the fiber requiring the lowest heat. Use a press cloth to prevent shine.
Wool Blends			
Wool		↕ Heavy	Steam iron on the wrong side of fabric to prevent shine, or use a press cloth on right side. Do not press completely dry.
Cotton Linen	Dry iron washables while damp. Use steam as needed. Iron dark fabrics on wrong side of fabric to avoid shine.		

Care Of The Iron

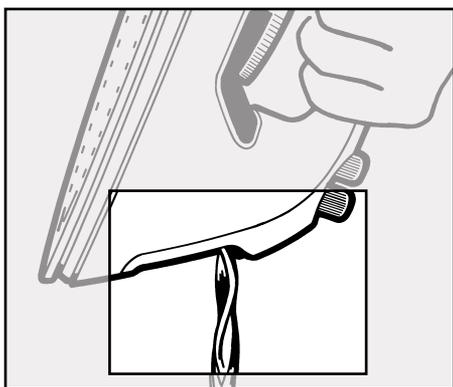


Figure H

EMPTYING THE IRON

1. Turn the Heat/Fabric Dial to Fill.
2. Set the Adjustable Steam Control 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 H). Water will empty out of the Water Fill.
4. If all the water has not drained, repeat the emptying process.

CLEANING THE OUTSIDE SURFACES

1. Allow the iron to cool completely.
2. For model F855, clean the Soleplate with a paste of mild scouring powder and a little water. Apply a small amount of paste to the Soleplate with a damp cloth. Rub the soiled area and wipe clean with a damp cloth.
3. For model F855S, wipe the non-stick coated Soleplate with a cloth dampened in water and a mild detergent. Never use abrasives, heavy-duty cleansers, or scouring pads.
4. After cleaning, steam iron over an old cotton terry cloth towel for approximately 2 minutes.

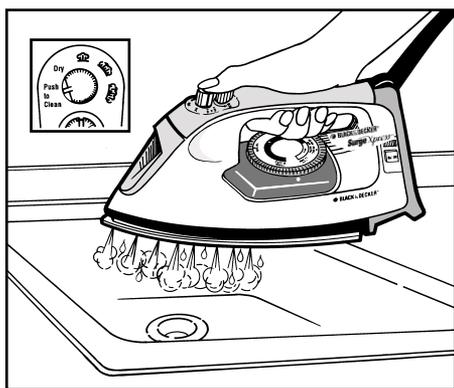


Figure 1

SELF CLEANING

1. About once a month, use the Self-Clean and Surge of Steam features to flush out water, minerals, and lint. If lint is allowed to accumulate in the vents, it can scorch and cause troublesome brown spotting. Do not be alarmed if hissing and spitting occurs while self cleaning. This is normal.
2. Be sure the Water Tank is about $\frac{1}{3}$ full (filled to the Setting Indicator).
3. Set the iron on its heel rest. Then heat at the highest temperature setting for about 2 minutes.
4. Turn the Adjustable Steam Control to Dry and use the Surge feature 2 to 3 times.
5. Unplug the iron.
6. Hold the iron in the ironing position over a sink or basin.
7. Turn the Adjustable Steam Control to the Push to Clean setting. (Figure 1).

8. Press and hold the Control down until all the water has been emptied. If necessary, rock the iron from side to side and front to back.
9. Release the Control and tip the iron sideways to allow any remaining water to drain.
10. Place the iron on its heel rest and plug into a standard electrical outlet. Heat for about 2 minutes to dry out any remaining water.

Need Help?

IRON WON'T HEAT?

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1. Is the Power light on? (Press the ON/OFF Button).
 2. If the Light is not on, will a lamp plugged into the outlet turn on?
 3. Is the Heat/Fabric Dial adjusted to a fabric setting?
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IRON WON'T START STEAMING?

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1. Check to be sure there is enough water in the Tank.
 2. Is the Adjustable Steam Dial set at  (light),  (medium), or  (heavy)? Adjust the Dial to Dry and back to the desired steam level.
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WATER DROPLETS COMING FROM STEAM VENTS?

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1. Is the Heat/Fabric Dial set in a steam area and is the Adjustable Steam Dial set at the corresponding  (light),  (medium), or  (heavy) steam setting?
 2. If water droplets continue, reduce the steam or increase the temperature setting slightly.
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**SHUTS OFF
AUTOMATICALLY
WHILE IRONING?**

The iron has exceeded the one-hour auto-off feature. Push the "On/Off" Button to restart.

**SERVICE
OR REPAIR**

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 "Electric 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. Iron continuously over an all-cotton cloth for about 5 minutes. Then 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.

**UNCONDITIONAL
GUARANTEE**

FULL TWO-YEAR WARRANTY

Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc. warrants this product against any defects that are due to faulty material or workmanship for a two-year period after the original date of consumer purchase or

receipt as a gift. This warranty does not include damage to the product resulting from accident or misuse.

If the product should become defective within the warranty period, we will replace it free of charge. You can return the iron to any Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc., Household Appliance Company-Owned or Authorized Service Center for a replacement. Or you can call the toll-free number below to arrange for a replacement to be sent to you.

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

Answers to any questions regarding replacement or service locations may be obtained by calling Black & Decker Consumer Assistance and Information toll free at 1-800-231-9786.



MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE

Should you not be satisfied, for any reason, with this SurgeXpress™ iron within sixty (60) days of purchase, we'll refund your purchase price and the postage paid to return your iron to the address shown below.

The iron must be returned postage prepaid in its original factory carton along with the original dated sales receipt to:

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