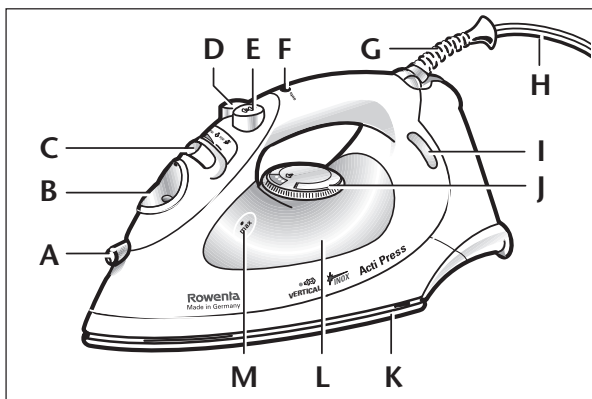


# Rowenta

## ActiPress Instructions for use



### ■ Description:

- |   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| A Spray nozzle                                  | G Flexible cord protector   |
| B Water filling inlet                           | H Power cord                |
| C Variable steam control with self clean system | I Pilot light               |
| D Spray button                                  | J Temperature control dial  |
| E Burst of steam button                         | K Stainless steel soleplate |
| F Auto-off indicator light                      | L Transparent water tank    |
|   | M Water level indicator     |

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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

Read all instructions before using the iron.

1. Use appliance only for its intended use.
2. To protect against a risk of electric shock, **do not** immerse the appliance in water or other liquids.
3. The appliance should always be turned to Minimum (Min) 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 appliance cool completely before putting away. Loop cord loosely around appliance when storing.
5. Always disconnect appliance from electrical outlet when filling appliance with water or emptying appliance when not in use.
6. Do not operate appliance with a damaged cord or if the appliance has been dropped or damaged. To avoid the risk of electric shock, do not disassemble the appliance ship it to the nearest authorized Rowenta Appliance Service Center for examination and repair. Incorrect reassembly can cause a risk of electric shock when the appliance is used.
7. Close supervision is necessary for any appliance being used by or near children. Do not leave appliance unattended while plugged in or on ironing board.
8. Burns can occur from touching hot metal parts, hot water steam or hot soleplate cover. Use caution when you turn a steam iron upside down. There may be hot water in the reservoir.
9. The use of accessory attachments is not recommended by Rowenta and may result in fire, electric shock or personal injury.

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. This is a 1400 watt appliance. To avoid a circuit overload, do not operate a high wattage appliance on the same circuit.
2. If an extension cord is absolutely necessary, a 12- 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.
3. Your Rowenta appliance is intended for household use only.

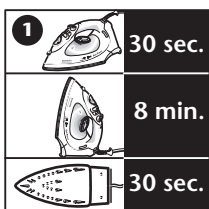
## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

## BEFORE USE

- Please read the instructions for use and the **Important Safeguards** carefully.
- **Remove the sticker or transparent soleplate protector.**
- It is normal for a small amount of smoke to be produced the first time the iron is used. This will quickly disappear.

## 1 3-WAY AUTO-OFF

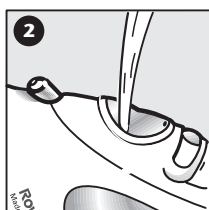
(Depending on model)



If the iron is not moved while it is plugged in, an internal safety switch will turn it off. It will turn off in 8 minutes if left vertically or in 30 seconds if left on its soleplate or tipped over. A red flashing light indicates that the auto-off has been activated. To switch the iron on again, move the iron or gently shake it. Wait until iron is fully reheated before use.

**Auto-off is not an on/off switch. Always unplug the iron when it is not in use.**

## 2 STEAM IRONING



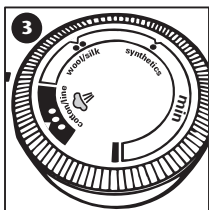
### Filling with water

- Ensure the iron is unplugged.
- Slide the variable steam control completely to the left.
- Hold the appliance upright so that the water inlet is horizontal.
- Fill with water (containing no additives) to the max. water level mark.




### Adding water

- If you need to add water during ironing **UNPLUG** the iron and repeat above steps.
- Ensure iron is fully reheated after filling (pilot light goes out) before ironing.
- To avoid damage to clothes from dust or dirt that may collect in the iron, we recommend that for the first use or after the iron has been stored for some time that you first iron an old cloth that can be discarded, testing both the steam and burst of steam features.

## 3 SELECTING THE TEMPERATURE

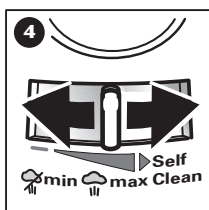


Set the temperature control dial according to the type of fabric you are ironing. Check the fabric's label for appropriate setting.

Laundry label	Fabric	Temperature setting
	Synthetics Nylon Polyester	● (low temperature)
	Silk Wool	●● (medium temperature)
	Cotton Linen	●●● (high temperature)

- To avoid an automatic switch off while the iron is heating up, always keep the iron on its heel.
- Start at a low temperature and graduate to a high temperature.
- For delicate fabrics we recommend carrying out a test on an unobtrusive part of the garment (inner seam).
- **Steam can only be produced when the thermostat is in the red cotton/linen zone.**

#### 4 SETTING THE VARIABLE STEAM CONTROL



Set the variable steam control to required steam volume. Steam can only be produced when the thermostat is aligned to ●●● (red zone on dial). (If on setting ● or ●● the variable steam lever should be shut off.) Allow iron to heat up (light goes out) before activating the steam control.

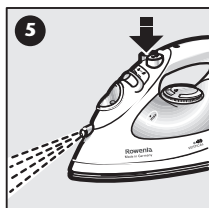
#### Iron ready for steam ironing

Steam is produced as soon as the iron is held horizontally and variable steam lever is moved from the min position.

#### Steam off

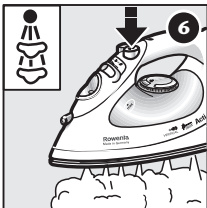
Steam generation can be interrupted by standing the iron on its heel or sliding the variable steam control fully to the left (min.)

#### 5 SPRAY SETTING



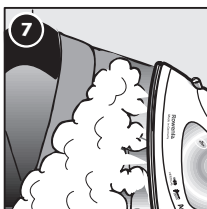
- Ensure there is water in the tank.
- Moistening the fabric with the spray will make wrinkle removal easier. This is very useful when the three dot setting is too hot for the material being ironed.
- Press the spray button down slowly for a jet or quickly for a mist.
- Do not spray silk, etc.

## 6 BURST OF STEAM



- To remove stubborn wrinkles or press in a sharp crease, use the burst of steam button.
- Press the button firmly, a strong burst of steam penetrates deep into the fabric.
- Leave an interval of at least **four** seconds between pressing the burst of steam button.
- With water in the tank, the burst of steam button can be used as soon as the steam ironing temperature has been reached (●●●).

## 7 VERTICAL STEAM



- The iron can also be used vertically. This is especially useful for getting creases out of hanging clothes, curtains, tapestries, etc.
- To steam vertically, press the burst of steam button while holding iron in the upright position.

**Warning:**  
Never iron clothes while they are being worn.

## POINTS TO NOTE

If the iron has not been used for a long time (e.g. several weeks) the steam channels should be cleaned and any deposits removed from the iron. To do this, hold the iron horizontally before you start to use it and allow it to produce steam for about 1 minute. Also activate the burst of steam button several times.

## 8 DRY IRONING



- Slide the variable steam control fully to the left (min.). We recommend dry ironing with an empty water tank to be sure there are no drips.

## AFTER IRONING

- Unplug the iron. Set the variable steam control to max. and empty any water left in the tank. Then set the variable steam control to min. and leave the iron to cool.
- For easy storage the cord can be wound loosely around the heel once the iron has cooled down completely.
- To protect the soleplate always store the iron on its heel.

**Important:**  
Always empty the water tank when ironing is finished.

## WATER TO USE IN ROWENTA IRONS

### Tap water

Rowenta irons are designed to be used with REGULAR TAP WATER (up to 12 grains of hardness). If your water is harder than this, Rowenta recommends mixing half tap water with half distilled water which reduces the hardness; or use just inexpensive bottled spring water.

**Never use 100% distilled water since this can cause the iron to spit and leak.**

### Softened water

There are many types of household water softeners and the water from many of them is perfectly acceptable for use in an iron. However, some types of softeners, particularly those that use chemicals such as salt, can cause the iron to leak or spit during use. If you experience this type of problem we recommend trying inexpensive bottled spring water or untreated tap water.

**Never use 100% pure distilled water.**

Once you have changed water it will take several uses to correct the problem. Rowenta recommends trying the steam function for the first time on an old towel or cloth that can be thrown away to avoid damaging clothes.

### Iron and other impurities

If your water supply contains large amounts of iron or organic matter, these minerals can collect inside the iron and eventually appear as brown stains. If you experience these issues, we recommend trying inexpensive bottled spring water.

**Never use 100% pure distilled water.**

### Always remember:

Battery water and water containing additives (such as starch, perfume or fabric conditioner) may not be used in the iron. Such additives can affect the properties of the steam and, at high temperatures, can form deposits in the steam chamber. These deposits can mark laundry when they are emitted through the steam vents. **For this reason, descaling liquids should not be used.**

## 9 SELF CLEANING



- Your iron is equipped with two self clean functions.

### Vapodur Valve

- The patented Vapodur valve ensures that the opening which allows the water to drip from the tank into the steam chamber remains unaffected by hard water deposits.
- To ensure that your iron continues to steam efficiently the valve **MUST** be opened and closed a few times after each use. This is done by moving the variable steam control left to right a few times.

### Steam Chamber Cleaning Function

This function allows loose mineral deposits and other impurities that build up inside the iron to be flushed out. This type of self cleaning only needs to be carried out occasionally and never more than once a month.

- Fill the iron with cold tap water halfway to the max line and set variable steam lever to min.
- Stand on heel and plug in.
- Set thermostat dial to maximum (●●●) position.
- When the iron reaches the correct temperature, indicator light will go out, unplug iron.
- Hold iron horizontally over the sink with soleplate pointing away from the body.
- Move variable steam lever completely to the right and hold in self clean position for one minute.

#### **WARNING:**

Doing this will cause steam and hot water to be ejected from the soleplate. Take all proper precautions and hold iron away from body.

- Move the iron gently back and forth and side to side until all water has run through.
- Carefully wipe all water and material from the soleplate with an old towel, as the water and minerals can stain the soleplate (although this has no effect on glide or performance).

#### **WARNING:**

Iron and soleplate may still be hot, exercise care while wiping.

- Place iron on heel and leave to cool.
- **IMPORTANT:** Before using the iron after self cleaning, test steam and burst of steam on an old towel or cloth that can be discarded to ensure all loose material have been removed from the iron.

## CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

- When **cold and unplugged**, the iron can be cleaned with a damp cloth and wiped dry. **Never use household cleaners or solvents.**

### Cleaning the soleplate

Rowenta soleplates have excellent non-stick properties and can be simply wiped clean when cold.

- In normal use a draggy coating may build up on the soleplate (starch, detergent buildup, burnt synthetic fibers). This can be easily removed by using the Rowenta Soleplate Cleaning Kit or a quality hot iron cleaner available at most stores.
- Do not use abrasive household cleaners or abrasive cleaning pads.
- The soleplate of your iron makes ironing easier. To prevent scratching of the soleplate, do not iron over sharp objects (zippers, etc.). Do not place the iron on rough surfaces, e.g. metal iron support, which may scratch the plate.

## IRON TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible cause	Solution
Iron is leaking.	DISTILLED WATER  SOFTENED WATER  Auto-off activated? Overuse of burst of steam.	DO NOT use 100% pure distilled water, use tap water. In very hard water areas mix half tap water with half distilled to reduce hardness; or use inexpensive bottled spring water. Most softened water is alright, but if you experience leaks or spitting, change to untreated tap water or inexpensive bottled spring water. DO NOT use 100% distilled water. Move iron or gently shake. Allow more time between each burst.
Iron won't heat.	Is iron plugged in? Thermostat set too low? Auto-off activated?	Check plug is in socket. Turn thermostat higher.  Move iron or gently shake.
Ready light goes on and off.	This is normal.	The light goes on and off showing the thermostat is switching the heat on and off to maintain the correct temperature.
Iron does not steam.	Is variable steam control correctly set? Steam valve is clogged.	If iron is fitted with a variable steam control, turn it to a higher setting. Move variable steam control from min. to max. several times to clear blockage.





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#### **OFFICE LOCATION ONLY.**

If your appliance needs service, ship the product to your nearest regional service center. If in warranty, Rowenta will repair or replace product at their discretion. If the product is out of warranty, you will be advised of the cost of repair before any work begins.

Our main service centers are listed below.

Turnpike Appliance  
3495A Lawson Blvd.  
Oceanside, NY 11572  
516-483-5596

Authorized Appliance  
1644 West Ogden Ave.  
Downers Grove, IL 60515  
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