

# Shark™

## 1400 Watt Iron

**OWNER'S MANUAL**

**Model GI576**

120V., 60 Hz., 1400 Watts



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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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

1. Read all instructions carefully.
2. Use iron only for its intended use.
3. To protect against risk of electrical shock, do not immerse the iron in water or other liquids. Always turn the iron to "OFF" before plugging in or unplugging from outlet.
4. **Never** yank cord to disconnect from outlet. Grasp plug and pull to disconnect.
5. **Do not** allow cord to touch hot surfaces. Let iron cool completely before putting away.
6. Always disconnect iron from electrical outlet when filling with water, emptying, or when not in use.
7. **Do not** operate iron with a damaged cord, or after the iron has been dropped or damaged in any manner. To avoid the risk of electric shock, do not disassemble the iron. Return the iron to the EURO-PRO Operating LLC for examination and repair. Incorrect reassembly can cause the risk of electric shock when the iron is used.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. **This appliance is for household use only.**

**WARNING:** The power cord on this product contains lead, a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. **Wash hands after handling.**

## 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, use a 15-ampere cord. Cords rated for less amperage may overheat. Use care to arrange the cord so that it cannot be pulled or tripped over.

**POLARIZED PLUG:** 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 no attempt to defeat this safety feature.

# SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

## For Household Use Only

Model GI576



## 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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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.

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## OWNERSHIP REGISTRATION CARD FOR CANADIAN CONSUMERS ONLY

Please complete and return within ten (10) days of purchase. The registration will enable us to contact you in the event a product defect is discovered. By returning this card you acknowledge to have read and understood the instructions for use, and warnings set forth in the accompanying instructions.

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ADDRESS: .....

DATE OF PURCHASE: ..... MODEL: **GI576** ..... SERIAL NO: .....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF STORE: .....

## TROUBLESHOOTING

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE REASONS & SOLUTIONS
Iron does not heat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iron should be plugged into a 120V AC electrical outlet only. 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 variable 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 variable 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) before activating the variable steam control.</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>

## ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

1. **Do not** rest iron on soleplate.
2. **Never** use or rest iron on an unstable surface.
3. While the iron is hot, never set iron on an unprotected surface - even if it is on its heel rest.
4. **WARNING! TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK OR OTHER INJURY, before filling the iron with water, make sure that the plug is removed from the outlet.**
5. **CAUTION: Never fill the iron with fabric conditioner, starches or any other solution, as these will damage the steam mechanism. Do not use contaminated water.**
6. **WARNING! TO AVOID FIRE, never leave iron unattended while it is plugged in.**
7. **WARNING! TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK, never immerse the iron in water or other liquid.**
8. **WARNING! TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK, never use the iron in a location where it can fall or be pulled into water or any other liquid. If the iron falls into water or any other liquid, unplug it immediately. DO NOT reach into the water or liquid to retrieve it.**
9. **CAUTION: Never use scouring pads, abrasive or chemical cleaners, or solvents to clean the exterior or soleplate of your iron. Doing so will scratch and/or damage the surface.**
10. **WARNING! DO NOT aim iron at face, towards yourself, or anyone else while using or adjusting steam. Burns or serious injury may occur.**
11. Always store your iron on the iron in the upright position, not on the soleplate. If stored face down, even the smallest amount of moisture will cause the soleplate to corrode and stain.
12. **DANGER! Never use the iron if it is damaged or dropped. Using the iron when it is damaged could create the risks of fire, electric shock, injury or death.**

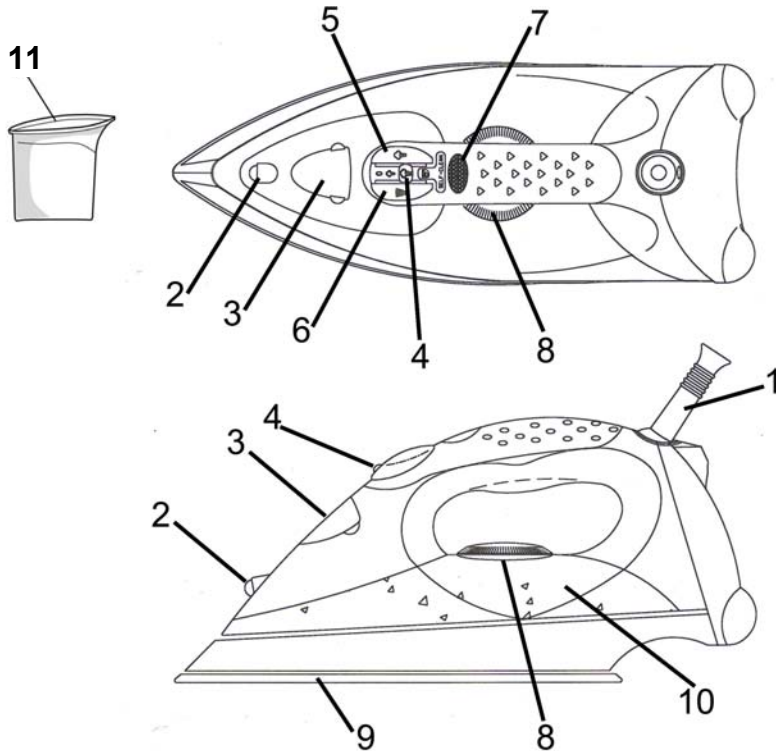
## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR IRON

Before using your 1400 Watt Iron, remove any labels, stickers or tags that may be attached to the body or soleplate of the iron.

When turned on for the first time, your new iron may emit an odor for up to 10 minutes. This is due to the initial heating of the materials used in making the iron.

The odor is safe and should not reoccur after initial heating.

Also, before ironing with steam for the first time, allow iron to heat, hold in a horizontal position and hit the burst of steam button several times. The iron may emit some small particles from the steam holes. This is normal and will clear after pressing the burst of steam button several times.



1. Power Supply Cord
2. Spray Nozzle
3. Water Filling Inlet
4. Variable Steam Control
5. Burst of Steam
6. Spray Button
7. Temperature Indicator Light (amber) & Auto Shut-Off Light (red)
8. Temperature Control Dial
9. Stainless Steel Soleplate
10. Water Level Window
11. Water Flask

### Technical Specifications

Voltage: 120V., 60Hz.  
Power: 1400 Watts

## 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 ● ● ●	
STEAM CONTROL		0	MINIMUM STEAM	MAXIMUM STEAM	
BURST OF STEAM					
SPRAY					

## USER MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

### SELF CLEANING

In order to remove calcium and built-up particles, the self-cleaning system should be run at least once a month. (Fig. 9)

- Fill the water flask provided to the half-full mark and then pour into the water reservoir.
- Set the variable steam control to the no steam position ("0").
- Insert the plug into the wall socket.
- Set the temperature control dial to the maximum temperature.
- Wait until the temperature indicator light goes off and steam iron has reached preset temperature.
- Remove the plug from the wall socket.
- Hold the steam iron horizontally over a sink.
- Place the variable steam control lever to "Self-Clean" position. Hot water and steam will be emitted from the soleplate. Swing the steam iron lightly back and forth gently to allow lime and dust particles to come out.
- When the water reservoir is empty, slide the variable steam control lever from "Self-Clean" position to "0".
- Stand the iron upright and insert the plug into the wall socket to let the iron heat up again.
- Move the iron over a clean cotton cloth to clean the soleplate and let the remaining water on the soleplate evaporate.

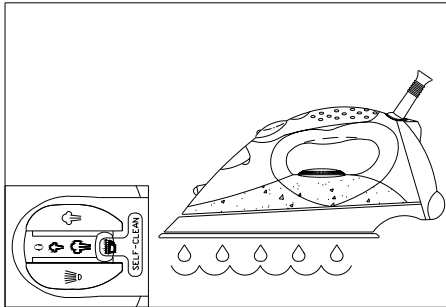


Fig. 9

### EMPTYING THE IRON

1. Always empty iron after each use.
2. When finished using the iron, turn the variable steam control to "0" and the temperature control dial to "MIN".
3. Unplug the iron from the electrical outlet.
4. Set variable steam control to "MAX".
5. Turn the iron upside down over the sink with the tip pointing downward and allow the water to flow from the opening.
6. Set variable steam control to "0".
7. Allow iron to cool in an upright position before storing.

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

### STORAGE

1. Always turn the variable steam control to "0" after you have emptied the water tank.
2. Allow the iron to cool down.
3. Always store the iron in the upright position to protect the soleplate.
4. From time to time, clean the exterior of the iron with a damp cloth and wipe dry.
5. If you use spray starch, wipe the soleplate occasionally with a soft damp cloth to prevent the build-up of deposits.
6. If the iron has not been used for a few weeks, hold the iron horizontally and allow to steam for 2 minutes before ironing.

**NOTE:** The anti drip function reduces water dripping and water stains. It does not prevent water dripping and water stains if you press the steam burst button too often or if the temperature is too low. The amount of water droplets will eventually decrease after the iron is used for 2 to 3 tankfuls of steaming and ironing.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This appliance is for HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY and may be plugged into any 120V AC polarized electrical outlet. Do not use any other type of outlet.

### ANTI-DRIP FEATURE

Built-in Anti-Drip feature helps reduce water spots by cutting the water flow when the iron temperature is too low to build sufficient steam. The anti-drip function reduces water dripping and water stains. It does not prevent water dripping and water stains if you press the steam burst button too often or if the temperature is too low. The amount of water droplets will eventually decrease after the iron is used for 2 to 3 tankfuls of steaming and ironing.

### DRY IRONING

All marked settings on the temperature dial can be used for dry ironing. Slide the variable steam control lever to the "0" position as shown in Figure 1. This will cut off the steam flow if water is in the tank.

For Dry Ironing:

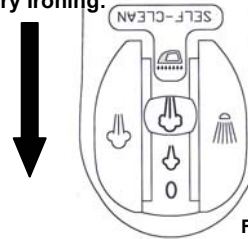


Fig. 1

1. Turn temperature dial to "MIN" and slide the variable steam control lever all the way to "0".
2. Plug the cord into a polarized, 120V AC electrical outlet. The temperature indicator light will come on, indicating that the iron is receiving power.
3. Turn the temperature dial to the desired setting. (See "Ironing Guide" for a guide to temperature selection.)
4. Place iron on its heel (on a stable, protected surface) while iron is warming to desired temperature.
5. When the desired temperature is reached, the temperature indicator light will go "Off".

### STEAM IRONING

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

**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.**

**WARNING! 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.**

**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.

**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.**

1. Turn temperature dial to "Min" and slide the variable steam control lever to the "0" position.
2. Holding the iron at a slight angle, pour water slowly into the water filling inlet. (Fig. 2) Fill tank to desired level or to the "MAX" water level marking using the water filling flask. (When the iron is upright, see-through water tank allows you to gauge the amount of water.) **DO NOT** overfill the tank.

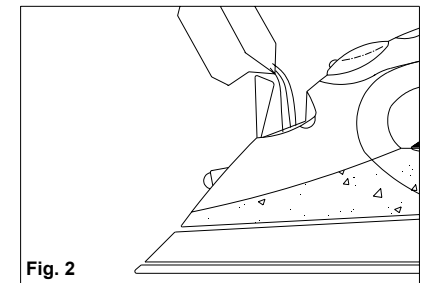


Fig. 2

3. Plug the cord into a polarized, 120V AC electrical outlet.



## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

- Turn the temperature dial to any of the temperatures within the steam band 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.
- Slide the variable steam control lever up to increase the amount of steam. When using extra steam, the iron uses more water and it may be necessary to fill the tank more often. See page 4.

### For Steam Ironing:

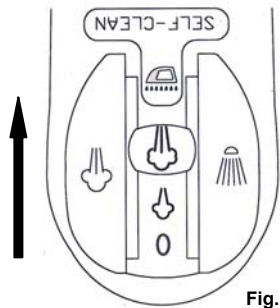


Fig. 3

- Steam is produced as soon as the iron is held in the horizontal position. Steam will stop coming out when the iron is put on its heel in a vertical position or by sliding the steam lever to "0".

### BURST OF STEAM

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

**Burns or serious injuries 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 feature can be used with Dry or Steam ironing as desired.

- Make sure the water tank is at least 1/2 filled with water.

- Set the temperature dial to the "Max" position. Place the iron on its heel (on a stable, protected surface) and allow it to heat for approximately 2 minutes.
- With the iron in a horizontal position, press the burst of steam button several times to prime the pump. (Fig. 4)

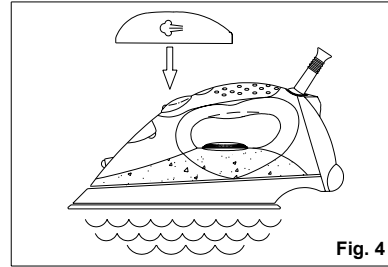


Fig. 4

**NOTE:** If the tank runs dry, remove the plug from wall outlet. Then, fill the iron with water and re-prime the pump. The iron may be filled with water while it is hot.

### WATER SPRAY

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. (Fig. 5) The water spray can be used with dry or steam ironing as desired.

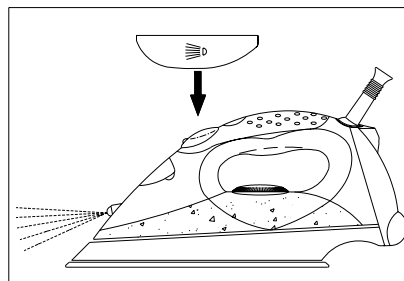


Fig. 5

## VERTICAL STEAM

Vertical steaming enables you to remove wrinkles from delicate garments without having to rest them on the ironing board, i.e. jackets, curtains, etc...

- Place garment on a hanger, away from other garments or people.
- Hold the iron in a vertical position and press the steam button. (Fig. 6)

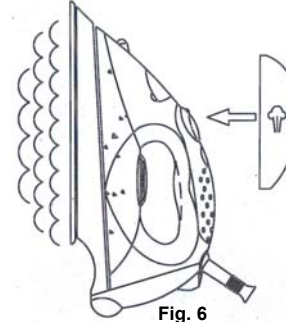


Fig. 6

## SELECTING IRON TEMPERATURES

Always read garment labels and follow the manufacturer's ironing instructions. Refer to the "Ironing Chart" on page 10 for temperature recommendations:

- Use low settings for synthetics.
- Use moderate settings for wool, silks, and blends.
- Use high settings for cottons and linens.

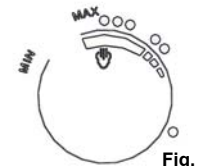


Fig. 7

**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.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

## ELECTRONIC AUTOMATIC SHUT-OFF

The auto shut-off safety function of your iron is designed to engage from any position after approximately 7 minutes of non-use. The auto shut-off indicator light will turn on when the auto shut-off has been activated. (Fig. 8) To reset your iron and continue ironing follow these steps.

- Lift iron from ironing board.
- Holding the iron horizontally in front of you, gently rock the iron back and forth several times. This motion will reset the safety switch inside the iron. **Do Not Shake the Iron.**

The temperature indicator light will illuminate when the auto shut-off system has been reset. Allow time for the iron to re-heat. The temperature indicator light will go out when the iron is ready for use.

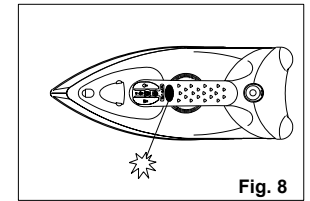


Fig. 8

## IRONING HINTS

**WARNING! To prevent fire, do not leave iron unattended while connected.**

- Sort articles to be ironed according to the type of fabric. This will reduce the need to adjust the temperature for different types of garments.
- If you are not sure of the fiber content of a garment, test a small area such as a seam or inside hem section before ironing a visible area. Start with a low temperature setting and gradually increase to find the best setting.
- When reducing the temperature to iron sensitive fabrics, allow approximately 2 minutes for the iron to cool to the new temperature setting.
- Fabrics such as velour, wool, linen and silk are best ironed with an ironing cloth to prevent shine marks.

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