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## Electric Steam Iron Operating Instructions

Model No. NI-A56NR/A55NR

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### READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE USING THE IRON

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### SAFE USE OF THE IRON

Your safety and the safety of others

We have provided important safety messages for your appliance. Always read and obey



This is the safety alert symbol. It indicates hazards that can kill or injure. Safety messages will follow the symbol " WARNING " or " CAUTION "



The safety messages will tell you what to do to avoid the chance of injury, and what can happen

**Thank you for purchasing**

Your Iron is an appliance to be used only for

### IMPORTANT SAFETY



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

#### READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING THE IRON

1. Use the iron only for its intended purpose. To protect against burns or injury to your skin or fabrics while being worn on the body.
2. To protect against the risk of electric shock, do not touch the iron or cord in water or other liquids.
3. The iron should always be turned off and unplugged from outlet. Never yank cord to disconnect. Always unplug and pull to disconnect.

4. Do not allow cord to touch hot surfaces. Allow the iron to cool completely before storing.  
Retract cord into cord reel unit when storing.
5. The power cord and plug may present a risk of personal injury when the cord is allowed to retract freely. Always hold the plug and cord with one hand while pressing the cord wind button with other hand, and retract the cord slowly to reduce the risk of the cord "WHIPPING", which has the potential risk of causing injury to the face, eyes, etc.  
Never allow children to play with the iron or the retractable power cord.
6. Always disconnect iron from electrical outlet when filling or emptying water and when not in use.
7. To avoid the risk of electric shock, do not operate iron with a damaged cord or if the iron has been dropped or damaged. Do not disassemble the iron. Incorrect reassembly can cause a risk of electric shock when the iron is used. For repair, take it to a qualified serviceman.
8. Close supervision is necessary for this 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. Hot water may leak from the iron. Use caution when filling or turning the steam iron upside down.
10. To protect against burns or injury to persons, do not direct steam toward the body when ironing or self-cleaning.
11. The iron must be used and rested on a stable surface. When placing the iron on its stand, ensure that the surface on which the stand is placed is stable.

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

### **! WARNING**

To reduce the risk of electric shock or fire:

1. Do not operate another high wattage appliance on the same circuit, to avoid a circuit overload.
2. If an extension cord is absolutely necessary, use a cord rated a minimum of 10 amperes.  
Cords rated for less amperage may overheat, and should not be used. Care should be taken to arrange the cord so that it can not be accidentally pulled or tripped over.

### **! CAUTION**

To reduce the risk of personal injury and damage to your iron:

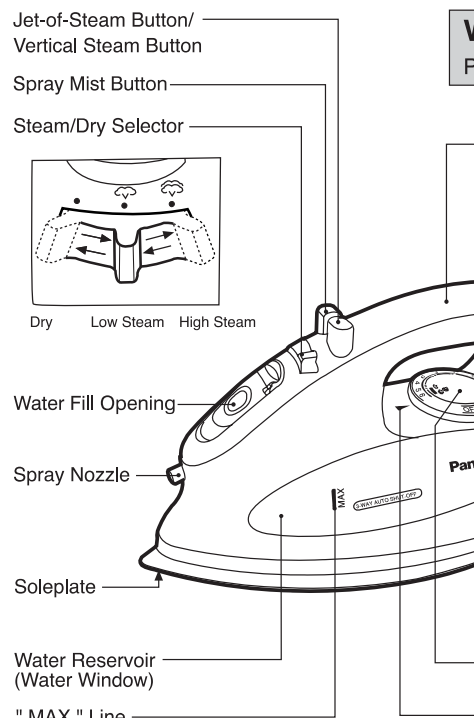
1. Never use steam iron cleaning products on the working parts of the iron.
2. Do not use water additives or substitute water in the steam iron. They can stain the iron.
3. If the Steam/Dry Selector is not at Dry, the iron will move into the Soleplate and can damage the iron.

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

For proper use of your iron, read the operation instructions.

## COMPONENTS IDENTIFICATION

### NI-A56NR/A55NR



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPER USE OF THE RETRACTABLE POWER CORD

Please see Warning on page 2-3

- (1) Unwind the Power Cord far enough to plug into a wall outlet, allowing enough length to operate the iron.
- (2) If the Power Cord seems hard to unwind due to improper winding, pull firmly until it is released.
- (3) When retracting the Power Cord, always hold the Plug with one hand while pressing the Cord Wind Button with the other hand, and retract the cord slowly.
- (4) If the Cord does not retract completely, pull it out slightly and wind it again while guiding it into the reel.

READ THIS INSTRUCTION BOOK THOROUGHLY BEFORE USING YOUR Panasonic IRON TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE IRON FEATURES

### HELPFUL IRONING TIPS

The Temperature Selector Dial of the Panasonic iron has numbers, dots and steam symbols.

- a) The numbers are indicated as 1 (lowest setting) through 6 (highest setting). For general information of the number settings, refer to the heel rest. For more detailed information, refer to page 12 of this instruction book.
- b) The dots are symbols for 3 temperature ranges:

- Low Temperature
- Medium Temperature
- High Temperature

Some fabrics are labeled with these dots as a guide for selecting the proper ironing temperature setting.

- c) The steam symbols are used for selecting steam settings. For further details, refer to page 6-10



As a guide to the Fabric Care Symbols, the following symbols are printed for your information.



A symbol crossed out indicates that the article of clothing must not be subjected to the particular treatment.

EXAMPLE:(DO NOT BLEACH) ~~△~~

Before ironing, sort the garments according to Iron fabrics that require a lower temperature. Do not touch plastic buttons with a hot iron. Be careful around zippers and similar items to

### HOW TO FILL

1. Be sure the iron is unplugged from the electrical outlet. Move the Steam/Dry Selector to the Dry position. Open the Water Fill Opening. Hold the iron vertically with water up to " MAX " line (about 6.3 cups). Use a cup for filling (see note).
2. Do not overfill. Check for the correct water level with the iron in the vertical position.
3. Close the Water Fill Opening, or water will spill from Water Reservoir when ironing.

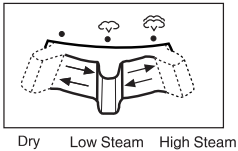
### Note:

Most tap water can be used in this iron. If distilled water should be used. If distilled water is used for the first four times. After that, tap water is necessary to coat the steam chamber system. Do not use home water softening systems because this is harmful to the iron. Do not use water additives or scented water in the steam iron. They can stain

### HOW TO USE AS A STEAM IRON

1. Fill the iron as described in " HOW TO FILL ".
2. Position the iron vertically and be sure the Temperature Selector Dial is set to the " Steam " zone.
3. Plug the AC Cord into the electrical outlet.
4. Set the Temperature Selector Dial to the " Steam " zone: Low steam, for thin or delicate fabrics (one cloud symbol); High steam, for fabrics requiring high steam (two cloud symbols).
5. Preheat the iron until the indicator light goes on. This light will go on and off during ironing to indicate the Temperature Selector Dial is being maintained.
6. Hold the iron horizontally and move the Steam/Dry Selector is regulated as follows.

NOTE: 3 Positions Steam/Dry Selector .



Dry Low Steam High Steam

(Right : for High Steam, Center: for Low Steam )

Temperature Zone	Steam/Dry Selector Position
	or

Now steam ironing can begin

- Whenever the iron is positioned vertically, the steaming action will stop.

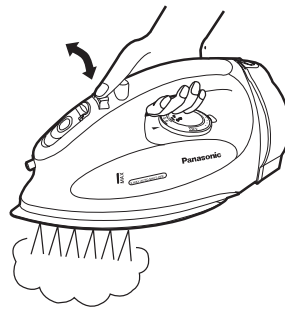
## CAUTION

Do not use the Steam/Dry Selector at low or high steam positions until the Thermostat Operating Indicator Light turns off after setting the Temperature Setting Dial within the steam range. Otherwise hot water may leak from the Soleplate and burns may result.

### HOW TO USE "JET-OF-STEAM" FEATURE

The "Jet-of-Steam" feature provides extra steam which goes deep into the garment and is helpful for removing stubborn wrinkles. The "Jet-of-Steam" feature operates properly only in the " " indication area of the Temperature Selector Dial when steam or dry ironing ( If used at lower setting, water spotting will occur because the iron is not hot enough to change water to steam ). If you have not used the " Jet-of-Steam " feature for a long time, it is necessary to clean the inside of the iron before using this feature on any clothes to be ironed. Simply test the " Jet-of-Steam " feature several times away from the ironing board and clothes to be ironed. This will prevent brown spotting or water spotting on the clothes.

- Fill the iron as described in "HOW TO FILL ".
- Position the iron vertically and be sure the Temperature Selector Dial is set to " OFF " .  
Plug the AC Power Cord into the electrical outlet.
- Set the Temperature Selector Dial to the " " indication area.

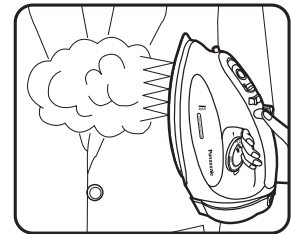


- Preheat the iron until the indicator light goes off about 1-2 minutes.
- Simply pump the " Jet-of-Steam Button " when the steam is desired. Pump the " Jet-of-Steam Button " several times at the beginning of each ironing session.
- Allow at least 5 seconds between uses of " Jet-of-Steam Button " to prevent water spotting. Use a press cloth if necessary.

## CAUTION

Do not use " Jet-of-Steam Button " until the Thermostat Operating Indicator Light turns off after setting the Temperature Setting Dial at the desired temperature. Otherwise hot water may leak from the Soleplate and burns may result.

### HOW TO USE "VERTICAL STEAM" FEATURE




To get better results, pull the fabric taut. The garment on the ironing board may also be stretched away from your body. Pull the fabric taut. Use the Vertical Steam feature at regular intervals as you iron.

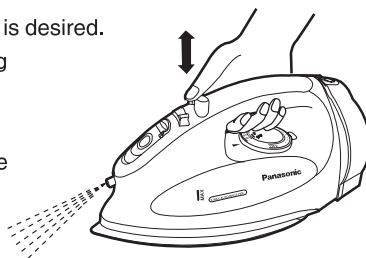
## WARNING

Never iron clothes on the body or point your iron at anyone. Keep hands and body away from steam areas.

### HOW TO USE THE SPRAY FEATURE

Before using the spray feature, check the fabric type. Some fabrics may be spotted or stained with moisture. The spray feature is particularly helpful for removing wrinkles when dampening is needed. The spray may be used with steam or dry ironing.

- Simply pump the Spray Mist Button  when spray is desired. If the spray doesn't work immediately, keep pumping until it does.
- To get a finer spray, pump the button vigorously. To get a more powerful spray, pump the button more slowly. For best results, use a quick, full stroke.



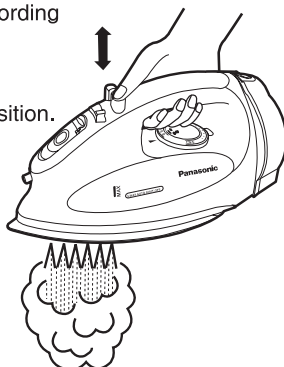
### HOW TO USE AS A DRY IRON

- Move the Steam/Dry Selector to the Dry position.
- Position the iron vertically, set the Temperature Selector Dial to "OFF".
- Plug in the iron.
- Set the Temperature Selector Dial to the desired position. (Refer to the Fabric Ironing Chart in this manual on page 12.)
- Preheat the iron until the indicator light goes out, usually about 1-2 minutes.

### SELF-CLEANING

With the self-cleaning feature you can flush out mineral residue from the steam generating chamber and the steam vents, refreshing your iron each time for a longer steaming life. It is very important to operate the self-cleaning feature after each steam ironing to prevent mineral accumulations from hardening.

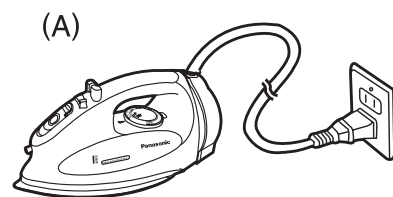
- Check water level. Water level should be at 1/2 full mark. When water level is less than half full, fill with water according to the instructions in "HOW TO FILL".
- Preheat at "6" setting (in about 1-2 minutes). Make sure that the Steam/Dry Selector is in the Dry position.
- Set the dial to "OFF" and remove the AC plug.
- Hold the iron horizontally over the sink.
- Pump the "Jet-of-Steam Button" quickly (at least 3 times per second) about 20-30 times.
- While self-cleaning, tilt the iron up and down slowly to help clean the entire inside and let the water drip out of the soleplate vents.
- Check that all water and steam have completely stopped coming out of the soleplate vents. After self-cleaning is finished empty any remaining water from the Water Reservoir. by turning the iron upside down to empty the Water Reservoir from water inlet.
- Iron on a towel to remove any drops of water remaining on the bottom of iron.



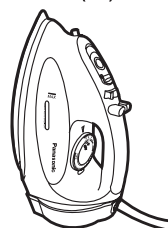
- Allow the iron to cool and store on its Heel Rest with water in it.
- If water still remains inside the Soleplate after drying, follow the instructions under "AFTER DRYING" by setting the iron on the "6" setting, to vaporize the water. If the iron is still not dry, follow the instructions under "AFTER DRYING".

### ELECTRONIC 3-WAY AUTO SHUT OFF

- When the iron is not moved with its soleplate on a fabric for 60 seconds, the iron will automatically shut off power to the soleplate.
- When the iron is not moved on its Heel Rest for 60 seconds, the iron will automatically shut off power to the soleplate.
- To resume ironing and turn the iron back on, set the Temperature Selector Dial to the desired position. If the iron has been left in the auto shut off mode, allow the iron to reheat until the Indicator Light goes out.



60 seconds to "OFF"



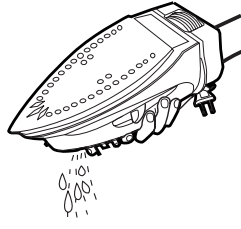
- NOTE: 1. The Auto Shut Off System works only when the Temperature Selector Dial is set to the "OFF" position.  
2. Always unplug the iron when you are not using it.



## HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR IRON

### AFTER EACH USE

1. Turn the iron off and unplug.
2. Empty the iron immediately after using.  
Do not store the iron with water in it.
3. Move the Steam/Dry Selector into the Dry position.  
If the Steam/Dry Selector is not in the Dry position after using, remaining water will move into the Soleplate and damage the Soleplate and may result in burns during the next initial use of the iron.
4. Wait until the iron has cooled before storing it, and always set it on the Heel Rest to protect the Soleplate from scratches, corrosion or stains.
5. After letting iron cool completely, push the Cord Wind Button to wind the cord. Store the iron vertically in a safe place after winding cord completely.  
Please see Important Safety Instructions on page3, items 4 and 5.



### OUTSIDE SURFACE OF IRON

After unplugging and cooling the iron, simply wipe off with a damp cloth and if necessary, use a mild detergent.

NEVER USE ANY HARSH CLEANERS.

### SOLEPLATE

Starch and other residue may be easily removed from the Soleplate with a damp cloth. To avoid scratching the finish never use a metallic pad to clean the Soleplate, and never place the iron on a rough surface.

If synthetics are ironed at too high a temperature, not only is the fabric usually ruined, but the iron Soleplate is often covered with the melted remains of the synthetic fabric.

The best way to remove synthetic residue from the Soleplate is to heat the iron and to iron over an old cotton rag.

## CAUTION

Never use steam iron cleaners in the iron, since they may damage the working parts of the iron.

### SPECIFICATIONS

	NI-A56NR	NI-A55NR
Power Source	120V, 60Hz	
Power Consumption	10 A, 1200W	
Net Weight	2.9 lb(1.3kg)	

## FABRIC IRONING CHART

- NOTES: 1. Check fabric for specific ironing instructions.  
2. Iron blended fabrics at setting for lowest highest-percentage fiber.  
3. Use caution, some synthetics may melt.

Temperature Selector Setting	Fabric	
1	ACRYLIC * ACRILAN * CRESLAN * ORLON ACETATE METALLICS SUEDE	Dry iron top of fabric to fabric to To iron paper and
2	NYLON * ANTORON * CAPROLAN SILK	Dry iron
3	PERM. PRESS RAYONS POLYESTER * DACRON * FORTREL * KODEL TRIACETATE * ARNEL W'n W COTTON	Dry iron cuffs, pocket
4	WOOL VELVET	Steam iron To iron fabric
5	COTTON	Steam iron dependi side to a
6	LINEN	Steam iron side to a

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