

ON TEST STEAM IRONS

Strike while the iron is hot and get your hands on one of the latest steam irons. The new ranges have a host of fantastic features to make ironing less of a chore

PHILIPS GC4340 AZUR Around £69.99

The steam tip focuses steam at the end, making it easy to remove creases in tricky areas. There's a super-smooth sole plate and the calc-clean button is a bonus for people living in hard water areas. The protective storage cover can be fitted when the iron's hot, making it safe. ★★★★★



ROWENTA DZ9030 ADVANCER £74.99

With a 150g steam shot, this iron is powerful and quick and easy to use – and, thanks to the pointed nose, it's especially good at ironing shirts. Although expensive, it's the closest you'll get to a steam generator, without having a bulky separate tank. The iron also has features like self cleaning, rapid heat-up and anti-drip. ★★★★★



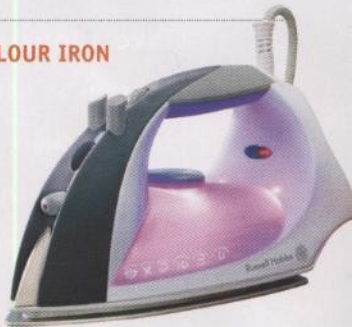
MORPHY RICHARDS PRECISION STEAM £26.99

The soft grip handle and smooth stainless steel sole plate make it comfortable. The temperature gauge shows how much steam to use (useful for avoiding drips), the continuous steam mode removes tough creases and the steam shot is effective. ★★★★★



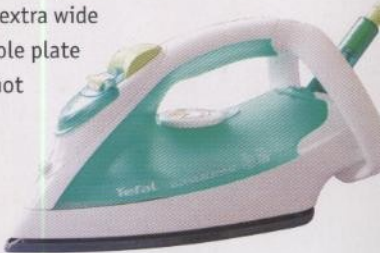
RUSSELL HOBBS THERMOCOLOUR IRON £49.99

The 100g/min steam shot is effective and the continuous steam does a good job. The LED light system glows different colours, making it easy to tell when the iron is ready to use. ★★★★★



TEFAL ULTRA GLIDE IRON FV4260 £29.99

A neat, spring-loaded device keeps the cable safely out the way and the extra wide base makes it stable. The sole plate is smooth and the steam shot is very powerful. The iron feels solid and is value for money. ★★★★★



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