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Improved steam iron

Title (de)  
Verbessertes Dampfbügeleisen

Title (fr)  
Fer à repasser à vapeur amélioré

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Abstract (en)

A steam iron includes a drip-collecting unit (3) disposed between a base (2) and a water reservoir (4) and formed with a drip chamber (30). The base (2) includes an ironing plate (21), a heating element (23), a steam chamber (21), and a plurality of steam spray ports (22). The drip-collecting unit (3) cooperates with the water reservoir (4) to define a drip passage (7). When the temperature of the ironing plate (21) reaches a temperature value, an automatic control unit (51) automatically opens the drip valve (51) so as to allow for flow of water from the water reservoir (4) into the drip chamber (30) via the drip passage (7). A stop valve (6) is operable to move between an open position whereat flow of water from the drip chamber (30) into the steam chamber (21) is allowed, and a closed position whereat flow of water from the drip chamber (30) into the steam chamber (21) is prevented.

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