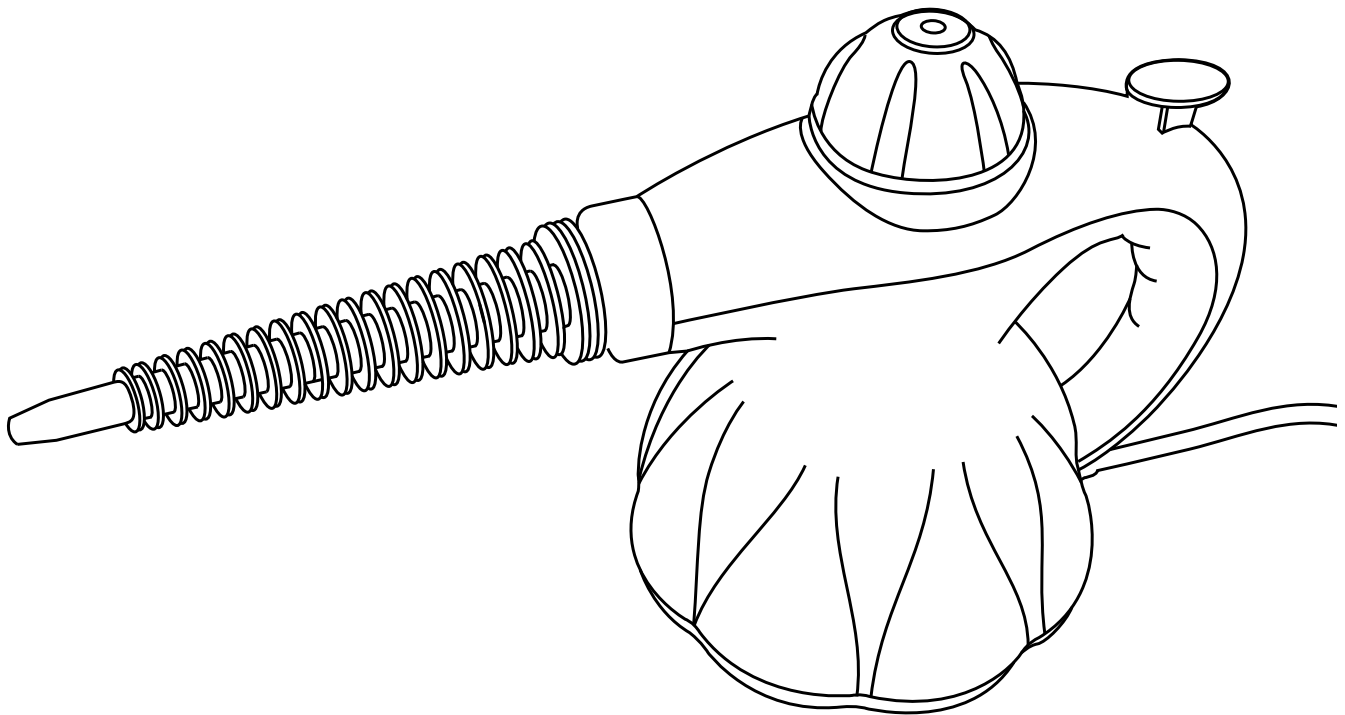


# Hamilton Beach®

## Steam Cleaner

Owner's Manual

READ BEFORE USE



Model No. HB-165



## 1. IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

**WARNING! Shock Hazard: Always unplug the steam cleaner from the electrical outlet before opening the container, or before connecting/disconnecting the attachments.**

When using the steam cleaner, basic safety precautions should always be observed, including the following.

*READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING THIS APPLIANCE*

**WARNING!** To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury:

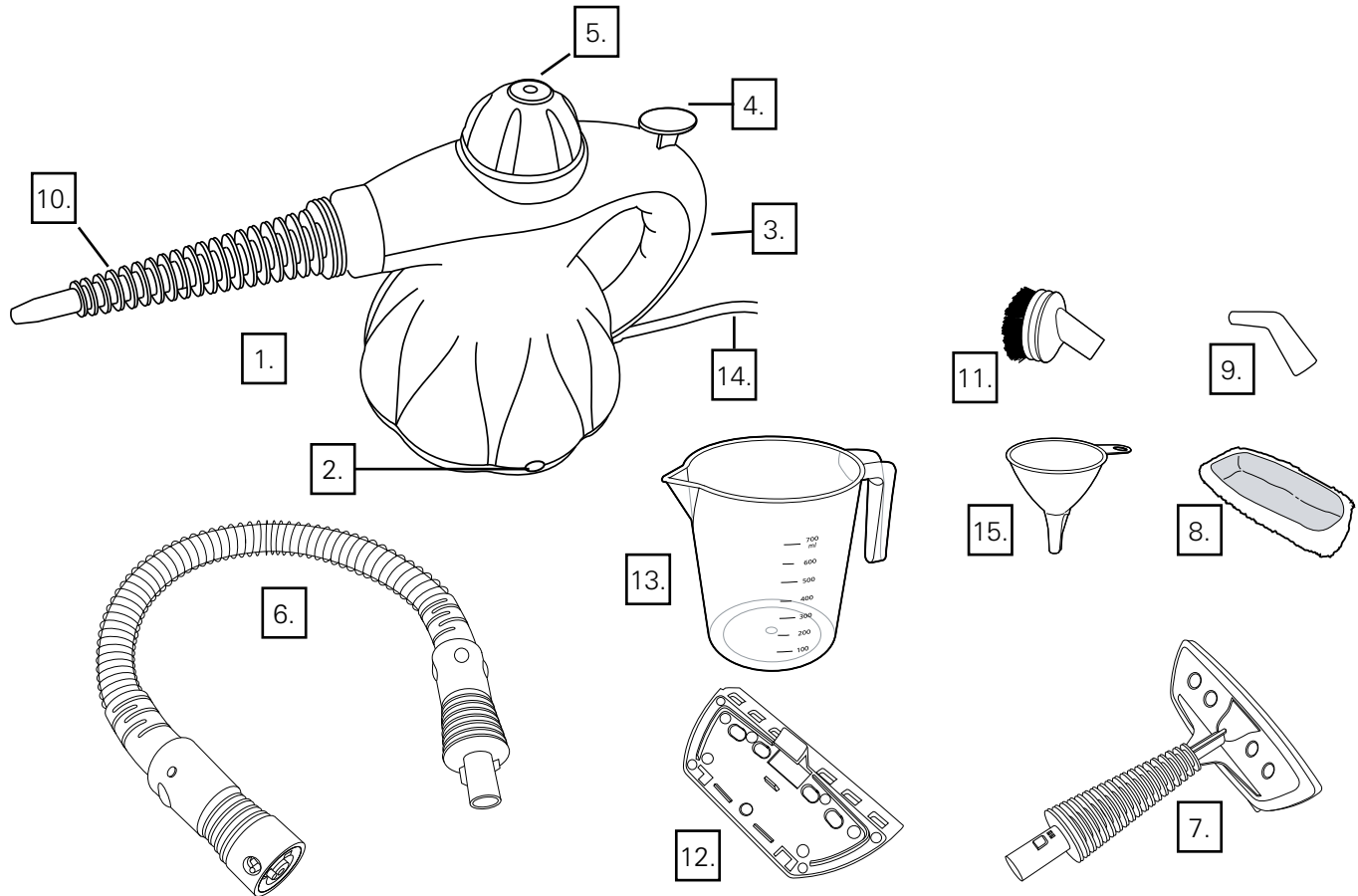
1. Always fully extend the power cord before use.
2. Do not handle the plug or steam cleaner with wet hands.
3. Do not use outdoors.
4. Never turn the steam cleaner over or on its side when in use. Never direct steam towards people, animals, plants, and equipment with electrical components.
5. Do not immerse the steam cleaner into water or any other liquid. Always unplug the power cord from the electrical socket when filling the steam cleaner with water.
6. Do not leave the steam cleaner unattended while plugged in.
7. Always unplug the steam cleaner before connecting or disconnecting the accessories. To unplug, grasp the plug and not the cord.
8. This appliance is not intended for use by children or persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning the use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
9. Never put descaling, aromatic, alcoholic or detergent products into the steam cleaner.
10. Do not operate without safety cap in place.
11. Before filling, proceed as follows:
  1. Unplug the power supply.
  2. Relieve the pressure by depressing steam delivery button.
  3. Allow the steam cleaner to cool down for five (5) minutes.
  4. Relieve any built up pressure again by depressing steam delivery button.
  5. Slowly unscrew the safety cap and wait 30 seconds before removing.
12. Use only the recommended attachments. Use only as described in this manual.
13. The attachment nozzle tips will get hot during use. Do not touch any hot surfaces. Allow the attachments to cool down before replacing them while the appliance is being used.

14. Do not use the steam cleaner if it has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors or dropped into water.
15. Do not use the steam cleaner with a damaged cord or plug. If the cord or plug is damaged, it must be replaced by a recommended service agent.
16. Do not pull or carry by the cord. Do not use the cord as a handle, close a door on the cord or the hose or pull the cord around sharp edges or corners. Keep the cord away from heated surfaces.
17. Do not unnecessarily obstruct any openings of the steam cleaner as this may cause the unit to not work properly or may damage the unit. Do not use with any openings blocked and do not restrict airflow. Keep all openings free of anything that might reduce airflow.
18. Keep fingers and all parts of the body away from openings.
19. Do not use without the safety cap in place.
20. Use the steam cleaner in a well lit area.
21. Store the steam cleaner in a cool, dry area.
22. Use only CE-approved 13 amp extension cords. Non-approved cords may overheat. Care should be taken to arrange the cord so that the cord cannot be tripped over.
23. Not for space heating purposes.
24. This appliance is intended for household use only.

**IMPORTANT! On surfaces that have been treated with wax or some non-wax floors, the sheen may be removed by the heat and steam action. Do not use on unsealed wood. This could cause the wood grain to rise. It is recommended that a sample cleansing be done on an isolated area of the surface to be cleaned. Also, check the use and care instructions from the manufacturer on the object you want to clean. The steam cleaner is designed to thoroughly clean hard surfaces and upholstery that will withstand high heat. Do not use on soft plastics, unsealed wood, and cold glass.**

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS!**

## 2. PARTS AND ACCESSORIES



- |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Steam cleaner         | 9. Elbow nozzle*         |
| 2. Power indicator light | 10. Straight nozzle*     |
| 3. Handle                | 11. Scrub brush*         |
| 4. Steam delivery button | 12. Glass cleaning tool* |
| 5. Safety cap*           | 13. Measuring cup*       |
| 6. Flexible hose*        | 14. Power cord           |
| 7. Fabric nozzle tool*   | 15. Funnel*              |
| 8. Fabric cover*         |                          |

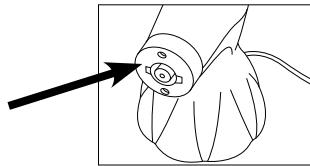
\*Replacement parts or accessories can be purchased at an authorized dealer.  
Call 1-888-960-0396 to find one nearest you.

## 3. HOW TO ASSEMBLE

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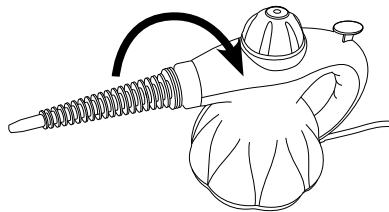
- a. Unpack the steam cleaner.
- b. Remove the safety cap and check to make sure nothing is in the container.
- c. Take the accessories out.
- d. Firmly attach the straight nozzle to the steamer.
  1. Align the two guide pins on the straight nozzle attachment with the two guide openings on the nose of the steam cleaner where the steam exits. (Fig. 3/1)

Fig 3/1



2. Push the attachment into the opening until it stops against the steam cleaner's body.
3. While pushing the straight nozzle into the steam cleaner, turn a quarter turn in a clockwise direction until the attachment locks into place. (Fig. 3/2)

Fig 3/2



4. The attachment is now locked into position and is safe to use.

## 4. HOW TO OPERATE

**IMPORTANT!** Do not plug in the steam cleaner before reading this carefully, filling with water and attaching the accessories.

**WARNING! Shock Hazard: This appliance has a polarized plug (one wide blade) that reduces the risk of electric shock. The plug fits only one way into a polarized outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the plug by modifying the plug in any way or by using an adapter. If the plug does not fit fully into the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, have an electrician replace the outlet.**

## FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY

## a. Preparing the Steam Cleaner

1. Unscrew the safety cap. (Before the first use, turn the appliance over in order to completely empty the steam cleaner.)
2. Fill the measuring cup with water to the marked waterline. (Fig. 4/1)

Fig 4/1



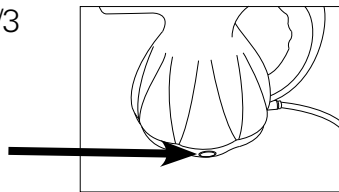
3. The steam cleaner takes only one measuring cup of water at a time. Do not overfill. Use the funnel to pour the water into the steam cleaner. (Fig. 4/2)

Fig 4/2



4. Screw the safety cap back onto the steam cleaner.
5. Plug the appliance into an electrical outlet. The power light will come on (Fig. 4/3). The steam will be ready after about 3 to 4 minutes. Never leave the appliance unattended while waiting to use.

Fig 4/3



6. Press the steam delivery button to release steam. Once the nozzle emits steam, start using.

## b. Techniques for Cleaning

1. Begin by passing slowly over the surfaces to be cleaned. This is the ideal method for thoroughly cleaning your surfaces.
2. To disinfect specific areas, leave the steam cleaner's opening over the spot, no more than 1 inch above the area and slowly move across the surface.

**WARNING! Burn Hazard: Never turn the steam cleaner over when in use, direct steam at a person, animal, or plant.**

## c. Refilling the Steam Cleaner

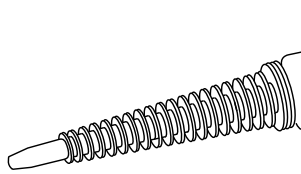
1. Unplug the steam cleaner.
2. Wait for 5 minutes.
3. Press the steam delivery button repeatedly until all pressure has been released.

**WARNING! Burn Hazard: This unit is under pressure. When done with use or before refilling, it is important to repeatedly press the steam delivery button until all pressure has been released before removing the safety cap.**

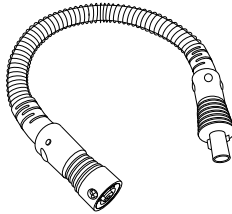
4. Turn the safety cap slowly a half turn and wait for the hissing noise created by any residual steam to stop. Unscrew the cap without removing it, wait 30 seconds and then take off the cap and allow to cool.
5. Slowly pour one measuring cup of water into the steam cleaner using the funnel. Do not overfill. Screw the safety cap back on the steam cleaner. Plug the steam cleaner into electrical outlet and steam will emit shortly.

## 5. ATTACHMENTS

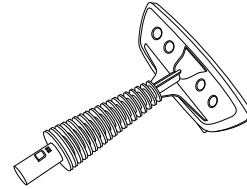
The steam cleaner comes with several attachments. The straight nozzle (Fig. 5/1), the flexible hose (Fig. 5/2), and the fabric nozzle tool (Fig. 5/3). All attach directly to the steam cleaner using the following directions.



Straight nozzle (Fig. 5/1)



Flexible hose (Fig. 5/2)



Fabric nozzle tool (Fig 5/3)

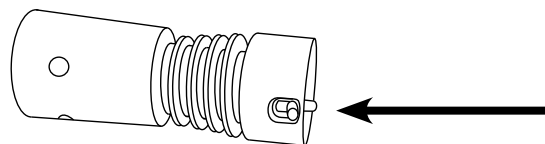
### a. Attaching the Attachments to the Steam Cleaner

1. Align the two guide pins on the attachment with the guide openings on the nose of the steam cleaner where the steam exits. Push the attachment into the opening until it stops against the steamer's body. Turn a quarter turn in a clockwise direction until the attachment locks into place. The attachment is now locked into position and safe to use.

### b. Using the Flexible Hose

1. The straight nozzle and fabric nozzle tool also attach to the flexible hose for mobility and an added reach.
2. Insert the straight nozzle or fabric nozzle tool in the same way and turn clockwise until the attachment locks in place. To release, pull back the red safety pin at the end of the flexible hose, turn the accessory counter clockwise and pull the accessory to remove from the hose (Fig. 5/4).

Fig 5/4



### c. Using the Remaining Accessories

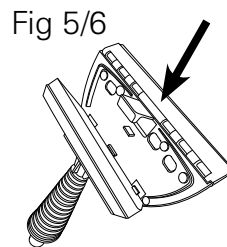
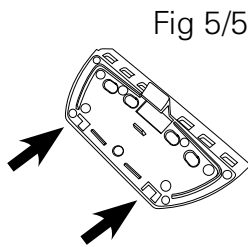
1. The remaining accessories are to be used along with the above attachments. This includes the following:



- Elbow nozzle – Attaches to the straight nozzle for cleaning small spots.
- Scrub brush – Attaches to the straight nozzle for scrubbing small areas.
- Fabric cover – Attaches to the fabric nozzle tool to clean smooth surfaces.
- Glass cleaning tool – Attaches to the fabric nozzle tool to clean windows and counters.

**NOTICE: Do not use the glass cleaning tool on cold glass as it may break the glass.**

1. Attach the fabric nozzle tool to either the steam cleaner or the flexible hose.
2. To use the glass cleaning tool, locate the two open tabs on the back edge of the fabric nozzle tool and the two hinges on the back edge of the glass cleaning tool (Fig. 5/5).
3. Place the hinges into the open tabs, then swing the glass cleaning tool up against the bottom of the fabric tool until the two pieces click together.
4. To remove the glass cleaning tool from the fabric nozzle tool press your thumb against the fastener on the glass cleaning tool, they will separate (Fig. 5/6).
5. The fabric cover can also be used on fabric nozzle tool. Use the fabric cover to clean a variety of surfaces, such as countertops and cabinets.



## 6. GENERAL MAINTENANCE

**WARNING! Burn Hazard: The unit must be unplugged and allowed cool down before any cleaning or maintenance. Limited Warranty**

1. Let the unit cool down completely before cleaning it or putting it away.
2. After each use, open the safety cap by following steps 4.c.1 through 4.c.4 in "Refilling the Steam Cleaner" above, then empty any remaining water from the unit.
3. Store in a dry and cool place.
4. In order to maintain the steam cleaner, the tank needs to be rinsed out with water once a month to eliminate any accumulated calcium deposits. Do not use vinegar or other descaling substances. While unplugged, put in one measure of water, replace the safety cap and shake to loosen any accumulated deposits.
5. Remove safety cap and immediately empty water into a sink.

**WARNING! Shock Hazard: Never immerse the steam cleaner, cord or plug in water or any other liquid.**

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

**WARNING! Shock Hazard: To reduce risk of personal injury, unplug steam cleaner before servicing.**

PROBLEM	CAUSE	SOLUTION
The steam cleaner won't run	It is not properly plugged into the wall outlet.	Plug in firmly.
	There is no electricity in the wall outlet.	Check the home fuse or breaker.
	The on/off switch is not turned on.	Push on/off switch to on.
	Blown fuse/tripped breaker in home electrical box.	Reset the electrical box circuit breaker or replace fuse.
The accessories will not connect.	The incorrect accessory is being used.	Refer to <i>Attachments</i> section for proper instructions.
	There is a blockage in the guide opening.	Remove debris from the guide opening.
	Clogged flexible hose.	Remove obstructions.
An accessory will not disconnect from the flexible hose.	The red safety pin is not being pulled back.	Refer to <i>Attachments</i> for proper instructions.
Steam cleaner sprays out water from nozzle.	Water level in reservoir may be too high.	Properly remove safety cap and pour out excess water.
	Steam cleaner not fully heated.	Allow the steam cleaner to heat the water.

## Limited Warranty

### ***What this limited warranty covers:***

The manufacturer warrants that your Hamilton Beach® steam cleaner, model HB-165, for a period of one year from the date of original purchase, will be free from all defects in material and workmanship. This limited warranty is granted only to the original consumer purchaser or gift recipient. Keep the original sales receipt, as proof of purchase is required to make a warranty claim. This limited warranty is subject to the following provisions:

### ***What this limited warranty does not cover:***

- Expenses related to pick up, delivery or house calls. You are responsible for all costs associated with returning the product or any component to us, and our returning a product or component to you.
- Parts of the cleaner that require replacement under normal use.
- Damage or malfunction caused by accident, alteration, abuse, misuse, or use not in accordance with the Owner's Manual.
- Damage or malfunction caused by improper service or maintenance, the use of parts other than genuine Hamilton Beach® parts or modifications made to the cleaner without our prior written approval.
- Cleaners purchased or used outside the United States.

This warranty is void if the product is used for other than single-family household use or subjected to any voltage or waveform other than as specified on the rating label (e.g., 120V ~ 60Hz).

The manufacturer will, at its option, repair or replace a defective steam cleaner or steam cleaner part that is covered by this limited warranty. This is your exclusive remedy. As a matter of warranty policy, the manufacturer will not refund the purchase price.

### ***Warranty Registration:***

To register for warranty please visit our website at [www.essco.net](http://www.essco.net) and fill out a registration card.

### ***Obtaining warranty service:***

To obtain warranty service, call 888-960-0396 or e-mail us at [hbvacsupport@essco.net](mailto:hbvacsupport@essco.net).

If you prefer, you can write to: **ESSCO**

Attn: Hamilton Beach Warranty  
1933 Highland Road  
Twinsburg, OH 44087

When returning parts for repair, please include the model number and series number from the data label located on the bottom of the steam cleaner.

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