

BLACK+DECKER FSS1600

BLACK+DECKER FSS1600 1600-Watt Handheld Steamer User Manual

Model: FSS1600

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1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing the BLACK+DECKER FSS1600 1600-Watt Handheld Steamer. This versatile appliance is designed for deep cleaning and sanitizing various surfaces using the power of steam, eliminating 99.9% of bacteria and germs without the need for harsh chemicals. Please read this manual carefully before first use to ensure safe and optimal performance.



Figure 1: BLACK+DECKER FSS1600 Handheld Steamer main unit. This image shows the compact, white and blue handheld steamer with its ergonomic handle.

2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Always observe basic safety precautions when using electrical appliances to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injury. Keep this manual for future reference.

- Do not immerse the appliance in water or other liquids.
- Do not leave the steamer unattended while plugged in or operating.
- Keep out of reach of children and pets.
- Use only tap water. Do not add cleaning solutions, perfumes, or other chemicals to the water tank.
- Steam is hot. Avoid direct contact with skin or eyes. Direct steam only towards the surface being cleaned.
- Ensure the appliance is unplugged before filling, emptying, or cleaning.
- Do not operate the appliance with a damaged cord or plug.
- This appliance is for household use only.

3. PRODUCT COMPONENTS AND PACKAGE CONTENTS

Your BLACK+DECKER FSS1600 Handheld Steamer package includes the following items:

- BLACK+DECKER FSS1600 Handheld Steamer Unit
- 10 Professional Cleaning Accessories (e.g., brushes, nozzles, squeegee, microfibre pads)
- Warranty Card
- Instruction Manual (this document)

Familiarize yourself with the main parts of your steamer:

- **Water Tank:** Removable, easy-to-fill tank with 350ml capacity.
- **Water Filtering System:** In-built system to protect against limescale.
- **Power Indicator Light:** Changes from red to blue when ready for use.
- **Steam Trigger/Button:** To release steam.
- **Accessory Connection Point:** For attaching various cleaning tools.

4. SETUP AND FIRST USE

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Retain packaging for storage or future transport.
2. **Fill Water Tank:**
 - Ensure the steamer is unplugged.
 - Remove the water tank from the main unit.
 - Fill the tank with clean tap water up to the maximum fill line. Do not overfill.
 - Securely replace the water tank onto the main unit.
3. **Attach Accessory:** Select the appropriate cleaning accessory for your task (e.g., brush for grout, nozzle for tight spaces) and securely attach it to the accessory connection point on the steamer.
4. **Power On:** Plug the steamer into a suitable electrical outlet (210-250 volts). The power indicator light will illuminate red.
5. **Heat Up:** Wait approximately 15 seconds for the steamer to heat up. The power indicator light will change from red

to blue, indicating it is ready for use.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once the steamer is ready (blue indicator light), you can begin cleaning.

- Release Steam:** Press and hold the steam trigger/button to release a continuous flow of steam. Release the button to stop steaming.
- Cleaning Surfaces:**
 - Direct the steam and attached accessory towards the surface you wish to clean.
 - Move the steamer slowly over the surface to allow the steam to penetrate and loosen dirt.
 - Use the appropriate accessory for specific tasks, such as cleaning cooker hobs, BBQ grills, shower screens, tiles, bathtubs, sinks, and taps.
- Extra Steam on Demand:** For stubborn dirt and grime, activate the "Extra Steam on Demand" feature (if available on your model) to release 50% more steam. Refer to your specific model's controls for this function.
- Digital AutoSelect Technology (if applicable):** If your model includes Digital AutoSelect Technology, select the correct floor type (e.g., wood, laminate, tile) using the designated control. The steamer will automatically release the optimum amount of steam for that surface, ensuring floors dry quickly. *Note: While this product is primarily a handheld steamer, some models may share features with steam mops.*
- Self-Standing Feature:** The steamer can stand upright independently. When locked in the upright position, steam will automatically shut off for safety and convenience.
- Finishing Cleaning:** When finished, release the steam trigger, unplug the appliance, and allow it to cool completely before emptying the water tank and storing.

6. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your steamer.

- Empty Water Tank:** After each use, ensure the steamer is unplugged and cooled. Remove the water tank and empty any remaining water.
- Clean Accessories:** Wash microfibre pads (if included) with mild detergent. They are designed to last over 100 wash cycles. Clean other accessories with water and mild soap as needed.
- Descaling (Water Filtering System):** Your steamer features an in-built water filtering system to protect against limescale. While this reduces the need for frequent descaling, if you notice reduced steam output or mineral buildup, consult the BLACK+DECKER support for specific descaling instructions. Do not use chemical descalers not approved for this appliance.
- Exterior Cleaning:** Wipe the exterior of the steamer with a damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- Storage:** Store the cooled and emptied steamer and its accessories in a dry, safe place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your steamer, refer to the following table before contacting customer support.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
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Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No steam or low steam output.	Water tank is empty. Steamer not heated sufficiently. Limescale buildup. Steam trigger not pressed.	Refill water tank. Wait for the indicator light to turn blue (approx. 15 seconds). Perform descaling procedure (refer to Maintenance). Ensure steam trigger is pressed firmly.
Indicator light not turning blue.	Steamer not plugged in. Insufficient heating time.	Check power connection. Allow at least 15 seconds for heating.
Water leaking from unit.	Water tank not properly secured. Overfilled water tank.	Ensure water tank is correctly seated and locked. Do not fill past the maximum fill line.

8. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model:** FSS1600
- **Brand:** BLACK+DECKER
- **Power:** 1600 Watts
- **Operating Voltage:** 210-250 Volts
- **Water Tank Capacity:** 350 ml
- **Heat-up Time:** Approximately 15 seconds
- **Item Weight:** 2.84 kg (approx.)
- **Colour:** White and Blue
- **Special Features:** In-built Water Filtering System, Extra Steam on Demand, Digital AutoSelect Technology (on compatible models)

9. WARRANTY AND CUSTOMER SUPPORT

Your BLACK+DECKER FSS1600 Handheld Steamer comes with a **1-year warranty on the product** from the date of purchase. Please retain your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for warranty claims.

For warranty service, technical assistance, or to order replacement parts, please contact BLACK+DECKER customer support. Refer to the warranty card included in your package for specific contact details and terms and conditions.

Online Support: Visit the official BLACK+DECKER website for product registration, FAQs, and support resources.

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