

New units highlight user convenience

Typical features

- **Sprayer & panel:** Low-end units utilize 0.5mm-thick plastic that distorts easily after exposure to high temperature. Upscale appliances use 1mm-thick aluminum. These do not warp even under extreme heat.

- **Accessories:** Fabric brushes are the most common add-ons. Folding racks, holding pins, pants pressers, measuring cups, protective gloves and lint removers are optional.



- **Stem:** Aluminum stems strong enough to support up to 10kg are typical for midrange models. Capable of handling heavier loads, select high-end versions utilize stainless steel. The height is often adjustable.

- **Steamer tubes:** Most suppliers adopt heat-resistant PVC for the hose.

- **Water tank:** Made of ABS and PC, this part can hold between 100mL and 2L of liquid. Larger-capacity 2.5L versions, which can produce nonstop steam for 60min, are also available.

Price range (per unit)	Basic features
\$12 to \$18	200 to 400mL plastic water tank; aluminum stem; LED display; one to three accessories; 800 to 1,000W
\$20 to \$30	1 to 2L ABS, PC tank; height-adjustable aluminum stem; LCD; three or four accessories; 1,200 to 1,500W
Above \$30	2 to 2.5L water tank; height-adjustable stainless steel stem; LCD; four to six accessories; 1,500W; GS, CE, ETL, CQC

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- **Ease of use:** Makers are releasing units with water tanks that can hold more than 2L, allowing an hour of continuous operation and lessening the need to refill often. The greater capacity aids use on curtains, bed sheets and plush toys as well. Adjustable stems, which can likewise be folded and disassembled, facilitate storage.
- **Enhanced safety:** Models incorporate tanks made of ABS and PC as these are strong enough to withstand leaks and breaking. Several midrange and high-end garment steamers shut off automatically when there is inadequate liquid.
- **Additional functions:** Many of the latest appliances feature adjustable steam settings for use on different fabrics, including silk, cotton and hemp fiber. Select versions can also sterilize, deodorize and kill mildew.
- **Aesthetics:** Apart from the typical black and white models, units in silver, gray, and various shades of yellow, green, red and blue are available.
- **Price projection:** Quotes are expected to increase between 5 and 10 percent in 2012 due mainly to escalating costs and the yuan's appreciation.

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