

Bamboo

Metal Safety Razor

User manual





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GLAD TO HAVE YOU ON BOARD!

Thank you for purchasing the Bambaw Safety Razor and contributing to making our planet a better place. Single-use plastic products are harmful to the environment, being difficult to recycle and taking centuries to degrade.

Dropping plastic products takes courage and we are excited to be on this zero-waste journey with you. We know it isn't always easy, but you are doing great and we love that!

If you have any issues regarding your order or the product, don't hesitate to contact us and we will do whatever we can to help you.

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HELLO!

At Bambaw we want you to get the best out of our products. Our journey together continues a long way after your purchase, replacing wasteful products, step by step.

The following pages will lead you to useful tips & tricks on how to get the most out of your safety razor. The last part invites you to share improvement suggestions and to get involved with Bambaw and the zero-waste movement. Make sure to check it out!

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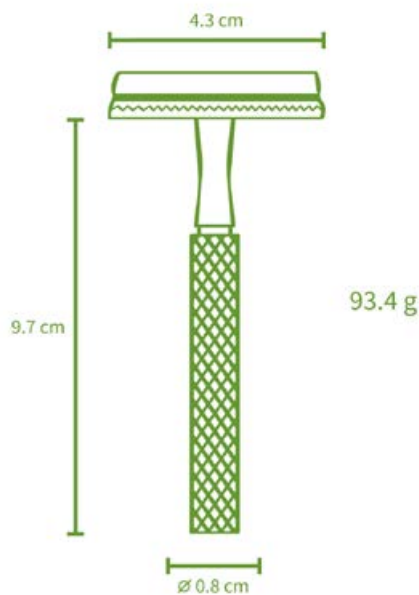


YOUR SAFETY RAZOR

Thank you for making the eco conscious choice to switch to the Bambaw metal safety razor.

With good care, safety razors are the most sustainable shaving option for both men and women.

This razor is made exclusively from high-quality metal, which does not rust. It has stainless-steel parts and a head made of a zinc-alloy to give it the perfect weight balance. With the proper care it will last for decades, outliving any cartridge razor by far. Thus, you save the world from a lot of plastic pollution produced from disposable razors, while saving money on the long term.



The handle of the razor is 9.7 cm long and the whole razor weighs 93.4 g. So, it is heavy enough to glide effortlessly over the skin without any pressure needed. The rifflid handle has a diameter 0.8 cm.

Advantages of switching to a safety razor

After switching from a disposable razor to a safety razor you'll wonder why you didn't switch sooner! Recently, the trend has been the more blades the merrier. However, more blades pull out the hair, which results in a cut below the skin level, leading to ingrown hair. After a few shaves you will quickly notice less skin irritation or rashes as well as fewer ingrown hair. Using only one blade is much healthier for the skin than 3, 4 or 5 blades.

All double-edged razor blades fit on the safety razor. Buy them in a local drugstore or supermarket.



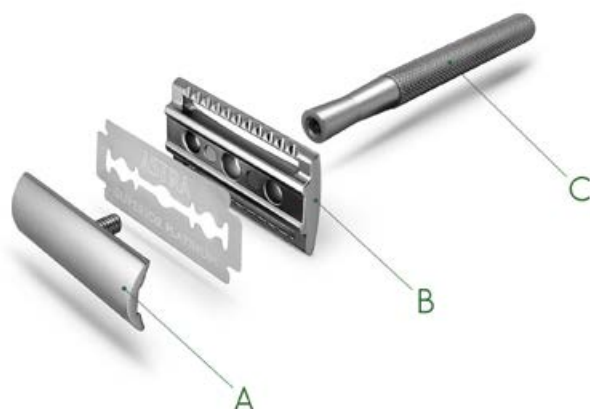
A BETTER SHAVE WITHOUT THE WASTE



HOW TO ASSEMBLE THE RAZOR

When assembling the razor, always make sure to **only touch the short sides of the blades, never the long ones**. They are made to be incredibly sharp, even if they seem to be too dull for shaving.

It is a 3-piece razor, meaning that it is made of 3 different parts: the handle, the lower part of the head and the top part of the head. It has a screw opening mechanism, which means that the head of the razor needs to be screwed open to replace the blade.



1. Unscrew the metal razor anti clockwise by twisting the handle, NOT the head
2. Separate Sections A, B and C
3. Carefully take a blade from the packet and peel off the wrapping
4. Place the blade onto section A
5. Place Section B on top of the blade and Section A
6. Assemble on Section C
7. Screw the razor back together by twisting the handle, NOT the head
8. Stop screwing the handle when the handle is tightly fitted to the head and the blade is slightly curved



HOW TO GET THE PERFECT SHAVE

Switching to a double edge safety razor can be a little unsettling at first, especially those of us with sensitive skin.

But don't worry! Bambaw's safety razor is equipped with a safety guard, meaning you can use it for the same areas you would normally shave.

Just remember these key tips:

1. Which blades to use

Each type of hair needs a different type of blade and it is best to experiment a bit. In all cases we recommend platinum coated blades.

2. Take it slow

Go slow. Shaving with a safety razor is not difficult, it is best to do a few "test runs" to make a smooth transition and break bad shaving habits. The biggest mistake is to shave with a safety razor as though it were a disposable razor.

3. Prepare the pores

To open the pores, make the area you want to shave thoroughly wet.

4. Lather up

To lather up, use a shaving cream or soap. Smear a generous amount on a shaving brush and apply it on the area you want to shave. This makes the hair stand out, allowing a much smoother shave with less friction.

5. Rinse the razor

Rinse the razor head under hot water before you begin: Rinse again after every few swipes to remove accumulated shaving cream and hair.

6. Shave with the grain

For beginners, it is important that you shave with the grain, not against it. This gives the most comfortable shave and is best for the skin. If you are more experienced, you can do a second pass against the grain to get a closer shave, if necessary.



7. How to hold the razor

For the ideal performance, hold the razor at an angle of 30° to the skin. If the angle is too high, the guard will prevent a close shave. If the angle is too small, the blade is more exposed, which can lead to small nicks. This takes a bit of practice, but you will learn quickly.

8. Use short strokes

Take short and smooth strokes: A safety razor doesn't have a pivoting head like disposable razors do, so keep this in mind and favour short strokes over long ones. Especially when shaving bony parts.

9. No pressure

Let the razor glide over the skin smoothly with little pressure. In fact, applying too much pressure is generally how people cut themselves. Just let the weight of the head do the work!

10. Close the pores

When you are happy with the result, apply the coolest water comfortable to the shaven area to close the pores again and prevent a shaving rash. Then pat it dry with a clean towel (don't rub, only pat). You can also add a natural aftershave or a skin cream.

Note: "grain" = natural direction of hair growth.



SHAVING TIPS



Take care of bony parts - Jaw, knees and ankles

Take care over bony parts such as ankles or the jaw line. The razor has a safety guard but does not pivot like a disposable razor. Stretch skin around areas like the knees, ankles and the jaw line tight to avoid any cuts or nicks.



Be careful at thin skin - Throat and back of knees

Whenever you shave the backs of the knees or at the throat, be careful not to nick yourself. The safety razor has the safety comb designed especially for these areas to protect from any deep cuts. Still, you need to stretch the skin to minimise the risk of small nicks.



Armpits

To get to those tricky spots under the armpits you can use the “three-way pass” method. A three-way pass means going “with the grain” on the first pass, “across the grain” with the second pass and “against the grain” with the third and final pass. If you have sensitive skin or are prone to irritation, then skip this final step.



Shaving the head

It is possible to shave the head with a safety razor, but only with the utmost care. The head is very uneven. We recommend this only to people who are experienced in using a safety razor or ask a friend who is skilled in using a safety razor to help you. Make sure to only use short strokes and leather up well.



How to shave private parts

Private parts are also the most sensitive. So, you want to be careful when shaving there. We suggest this for people who are already more skilled in shaving with a safety razor. Use all the other tricks described above and make sure that the skin is well stretched to minimise the risks of cuts.



Moles and Pimples

On moles and pimples, you need to need to be very precise when shaving there. Use only short passes. If possible, try to shave away from the mole, not towards it.



TIPS ON CARE & LONGEVITY

Looking after skin and blades goes hand in hand in extending the life of the razor.

Using shaving cream or soap will go a long way in preserving the sharpness of the razor blades. Here are a few tips on how to care for the razor and extend the life of the blades.

Still you will need to change the blade after a certain time. This depends on the care you give it, the thickness of your hair and how frequently you shave.

Drying

A simple habit that can make an enormous difference is to dry the razor thoroughly after each use. Indeed, blades degrade from moisture (microscopic rusting), not so much from the actual friction with hair. Making sure the razor blade is dry after each shave will increase its lifespan tremendously. The razor itself will not rust as it is made from a rust-resistant zinc alloy.

Follow these simple steps to dry the safety razor:

1. Shake it up

With a loose wrist, shake the razor vigorously for several seconds to dislodge water droplets from blades.

2. Towel it off

Dab (don't rub) the razor head on a towel or dry washcloth.

3. Disassemble if not in use

If you don't shave often, we recommend disassembling the blade from the razor after each use to ensure it dries properly.



Cleaning

Every few weeks, we suggest giving it a good clean with hot water. Make sure to reach all the joints and corners. It's also wise to clean the shaving brush if you are using one. Simply rinse under water with a drop of soap or shampoo to remove oil and residue.

Stropping

Stropping helps to extend the life of the blade. All you need is a pair of jeans! Make sure the blade is clean and dry. Simply run each side of the blade down the jeans leg 15 – 20 times at a 30° angle. Then, flip it over and repeat.

Storing

It is best to store the razor in a dry place, as moisture causes the blades to go dull faster. However, you could also soak the head of the razor in a small cup of baby oil or mineral oil after each shave. This will prevent the blade from rusting.

Airport Security

Generally, razors are allowed through airport security. However, we recommend you take the blades out before travelling even when putting it in your suitcase.



HOW TO RECYCLE BLADES SAFELY & RESPONSIBLY

The time to change the blade is different for everyone and completely depends on how thick your hair is and how often you shave. Generally, you will find the ideal moment through time and experimentation. However, some tips:

1. To check if it is dull use a pin and carefully push it towards the edges without any pressure. If there is a bump at the end, the blade is dull.
2. Be very careful not to cut your fingers when replacing a blade.
3. Always remember to place fingers on the shorter edges of the blade and the guard.
4. Keep your fingers in the one spot and unscrew from the metal handle.
5. Replace with a clean fresh blade using the steps from 'How to Assemble'.

Once you have the first blunt blade it is important that you dispose of this safely, so you don't accidentally hurt yourself or anyone else.

Simply get an old soda can and place dull blades straight into the opening! This keeps them safely stored where no one can cut themselves. Once full, just recycle according to local recycling programs.



BAMBAW IS ABOUT YOU! GET INVOLVED

We need you! The zero-waste movement is growing, and we are very grateful for this.

Still, many shops, event, bars, restaurants... are not yet part of the journey.

Become an ambassador and promote the Bambaw products. Tell them that alternatives are available, more often than they are eager to collaborate but just too busy to search for alternatives. Of course, if you get them involved we will reward you for your contribution.

You are awesome, make your voice count!

- Show your Bamboo straw to the bartender
- Talk to shop owners lacking zero-waste swaps
- Get in touch to get our ambassador tips

Any questions or suggestions? Make sure to get in touch by e-mail through info@bambaw.com Facebook or Instagram. We would love to hear from you.

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