

Irons Intermediate

Jeff just accepted a full-time position with a local bank as a teller. He will have to wear dress pants, a shirt and tie each work day.

Jeff needs to buy an iron now. He would like one that is lightweight, easy to store and priced under \$30.00.

Which of the following precuts is the best choice for Jeff?

Criteria:

- **Lightweight**
- **Easy to store**
- **Priced under \$30**
- **Needs to iron pants, shirts, ties (variety of fabric types)**

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#1

Black and Decker Surge Xpress Iron

- **Automatic Shut-off**
- **Self-Cleaning System**
- **Adjustable Steam**
- **Full Two-Year Warranty**
- **\$41.99**

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#2

Sunbeam Safety Smart Iron

- **Auto Shut-Off**
- **Two Year Limited
Warranty**
- **\$27.99**

#3

Proctor-Silex Electronic Shut-Off Memory Iron

- **Auto Shut-Off**
- **Self-Cleaning**
- **One year limited Warranty**
- **\$26.99**
- **Light weight**
- **Handy snap cord for easy storage**

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#4

Norelco Easy Steam 503

- **Self-Cleaning**
- **Adjustable Steam**
- **Full Two Year Warranty**
- **\$26.99**
- **Two steam settings**

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Irons Intermediate Official Placing

Placing: 3-4-2-1

Cuts: 5-4-3

In analyzing this difficult class of irons, I felt they were similar in their features and all would be good choices for Jeff's intended purpose.

In my top pair I placed the #3 iron over the #4 iron because it was lightweight; featured a handy snap cord for easy storage, and was priced under the \$30 guideline. Granted, the #4 iron has a longer warranty (2 years), but the #3 iron does have the self-cleaning feature and automatic shut-off as additional features.

In my middle pair I placed the #4 iron over the #2 iron because it was lower in price, had two steam settings for different fabric types, had the self-cleaning feature which would extend the life of the iron and had a full 2 year warranty. Granted, the #2 iron had the automatic shut-off feature.

In my bottom pair I placed the #2 iron over the #1 iron because the price of the #2 iron was within the specified guidelines of under \$30. Granted, the #1 iron has features of all the other irons combined; however, because of the high price I placed it at the bottom of the class.

For these reasons I placed this class of irons 3-4-2-1.

1234 - 15
1243 - 10
1324 - 24
1342 - 28
1423 - 14
<u>1432 - 23</u>
2134 - 18
2143 - 13
2314 - 30
2341 - 37
2413 - 20
<u>2431 - 32</u>
3124 - 36
3142 - 40
3214 - 39
3241 - 46
3412 - 47
<u>3421 - 50</u>
4123 - 21
4132 - 30
4213 - 24
4231 - 36
4312 - 42
4321 - 45