



Shark Garment Stand Steamer Model GS300 O-ring Replacement

How to replace the o-ring that connects the steam wand to the boiler for less than \$9.

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INTRODUCTION

Disconnecting the steam wand from the boiler can break the silicone o-ring. If broken, water and steam will leak out of the connection while the boiler is on. Fixing this problem is as simple as replacing the o-ring, but Shark does not sell the o-rings by themselves - you have to [buy the entire steam wand and hose assembly](#). And they're not always in stock.

This guide will cover how to find the right sized o-ring, as well as a particular brand and model that is known to work.



PARTS:

- [Replacement O-ring](#) (1)
- [Silicone Grease](#) (1)

Optional. Must be rated for at least 250F.

Step 1 — Wait until completely cool



- Disconnecting the steam wand from the boiler can expose you to steam, which can seriously burn you. Wait at least an hour after using the steamer before disconnecting the steam wand.

Step 2 — Disconnect Steam Wand and Remove old O-ring



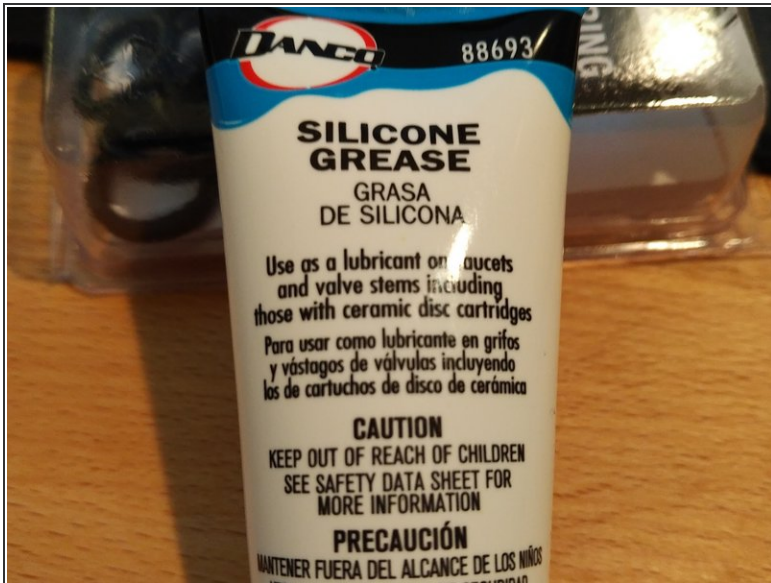
- Once the steamer is completely cool to the touch, rotate the steam wand connector from the locked position to the unlocked position. The unlocked position is indicated with a triangle, and the locked position is indicated with a lock.
- Once unlocked, pull straight up. The steam wand should separate from the boiler. You should see a bunch of sticky silicone grease all over both parts of the connection.
- You should see the o-ring just inside the connector. A good o-ring is pictured. A broken one may be falling out of the connector. In either case, the o-ring will be covered with silicone grease. Reach in with your fingers and pull the old o-ring out. If the o-ring is broken, it should come away easily.
- Wash your hands and the old o-ring.
- Do **NOT** discard the old o-ring until you have installed and tested the replacement.

Step 3 — Buy a New O-ring



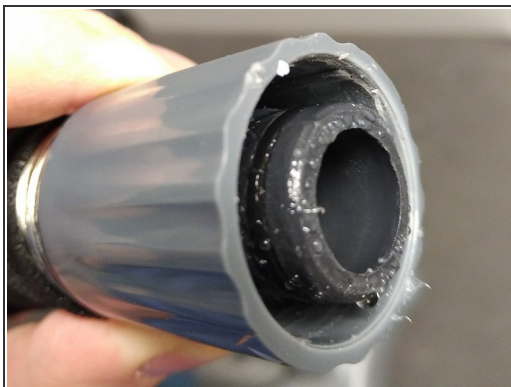
- Take your old and broken, but clean, o-ring to your local hardware store. Compare it to the o-rings they have for sale to find one that's a good match. O-rings are commonly purchased for faucets, so you should find them in the plumbing section, but don't be afraid to ask for help.
- I bought my o-ring from Lowe's. They carry Danco brand o-rings, which have a scale diagram on the back of the package that allows you to compare your o-ring to the replacements in the package.
- I ended up buying these o-rings: [Danco #9 O-rings 5/8" OD x 7/16" ID x 3/32", 10 pack, model number 96726: \\$2.49](#)

Step 4 — (Optional) Buy Silicone Grease



- If you rubbed off a significant amount of silicone grease, or you put your repair project off long enough that the grease dried out, then you should probably get some replacement silicone grease as well.
- Silicone grease is often found near the o-rings. I ended up purchasing this grease: [Silicone Grease, 0.5oz. rated for -40 to 400F: \\$3.99](#)

Step 5 — Install Replacement O-ring



- Stretch your replacement o-ring over the steam wand connector until it snaps into the groove the original o-ring sat in.
- Add some silicone grease around the outside of the end of the connector. I put a single bead around the circumference, and that seemed to work well.
- Reconnect the steam wand to the boiler.
- Test the steamer. You should not have any leaks around the connector, and you should have steam coming from the wand.