remote control for Lasko Ceramic Tower Heater 5536

The old: A guessing game

Unknown control
Icon does not convey clear information.

90º Oscillation
Misleading Icon.

Timer
Once this button is hit, the action cannot be undo-ed. The time can only be incremented, but not turned off.

Upper/Lower Part of the Heater
The icon used to represent the function is ambiguous.

No Feedback
The remote does not offer any type of feedback.

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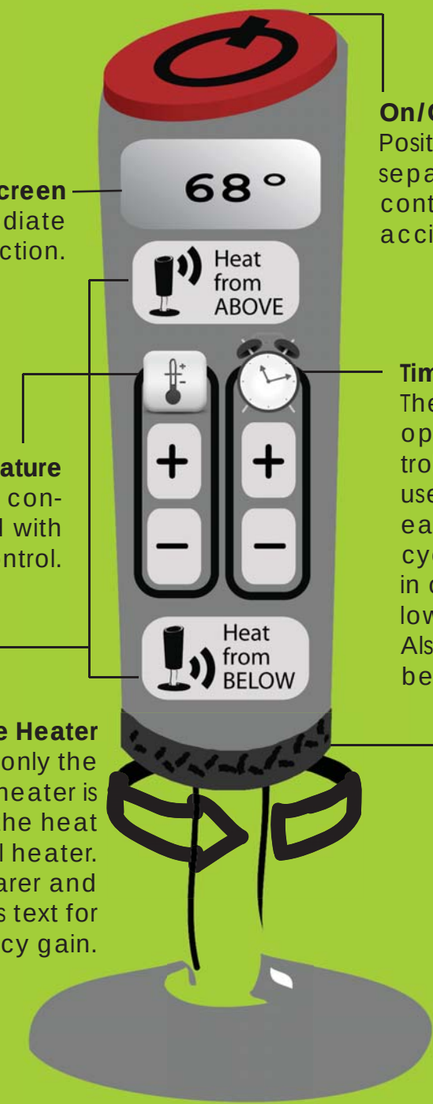
The new: More intuitive



On/Off Button
Positioning the on/off button separately from the rest of the controls reduces the risk of accidental presses.

Screen
The screen provides immediate feedback for every action.

Temperature
It is clearer which controls are associated with temperature control.

Timer
The timer can now be operated with two controls, which allows the user to set the time more easily without having to cycle through all values in order to go back to lower values.
Also, now the timer can be canceled.

Upper/Lower Part of the Heater
The control for using only the upper/lower part of the heater is located at the place where the heat would come from in the real heater. Also, the icons are much clearer and in apparant contrast. There is text for redundancy gain.

90º Oscillation
More intuitive control

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