

Operator's Manual



5 Gallon
Model No.
VOC508S 1101

FOR YOUR SAFETY

Read and understand this manual before use.
Keep this manual for future reference.

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Thank you for purchasing this Vacmaster® wet/dry vacuum cleaner. Feel confident that with Vacmaster® you are obtaining a high quality product engineered for optimal performance. This vacuum is capable of picking up liquids and dry materials.

FOR YOUR SAFETY: CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL INSTRUCTIONS.

WARRANTY

We take pride in producing a high quality, durable product. This Vacmaster® product carries a limited two (2) year warranty against defects in workmanship and materials from date of purchase under normal household use. If product is to be used for commercial, industrial, or rental use, a 90 day limited warranty will apply. Please keep your receipt as proof of purchase. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may have other rights, which vary from state to state. For product service call Customer Service at 1-866-384-8432.

Not Covered by Warranty:

- Any part that has become inoperative due to misuse, negligence, direct/indirect abuse, accidents, improper maintenance, repairs, or alterations;
- Consumables such as filters and accessories;
- Normal wear and tear of parts and attachments, such as hose, nozzles, or casters;
- Normal deterioration of the exterior finish due to use or exposure;
- Any product where serial number/data label is tampered with or removed;
- Any product purchased from an unauthorized retailer.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING THIS VACUUM.

Read and understand this operator's manual and all labels on the Wet/Dry Vacuum cleaner before operating. Safety is a combination of common sense, staying alert and knowing how your vacuum works. Use this Wet/Dry Vacuum only as described in this manual. To reduce the risk of personal injury or damage to your Wet/Dry Vacuum, use only manufacturer recommended accessories.

SAVE THIS MANUAL FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

When using a vacuum, basic precautions should always be followed including the following.

Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in explosion, fire and/or serious injury.

WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE, ELECTRIC SHOCK, OR INJURY:

- Do not run vacuum unattended.
- Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids, such as gasoline, or use in areas where they may be present.
- Do not vacuum, or use this vacuum near flammable liquids, gases, or explosive vapors like gasoline or other fuels, lighter fluids, cleaners, oil-based paints, natural gas, hydrogen, or explosive dusts like coal dust, magnesium dust, grain dust, or gun powder. Sparks inside the motor can ignite flammable vapors or dust.
- To reduce the risk of health hazards from vapors or dusts, do not vacuum toxic materials.
- Do not use or store near hazardous materials.
- Do not pick up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches, or hot ashes.
- Do not expose to rain. Store indoors.
- If vacuum is not working as it should, has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors, or dropped into water, return it to a service center.
- Do not unplug by pulling on cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.
- Do not use with damaged cord or plug.
- Do not pull or carry by cord, use cord as a handle, close a door on cord, or pull cord around sharp edges or corners.
- Keep cord away from heated surfaces.
- Do not run the vacuum over cord.
- Do not handle plug or vacuum with wet hands.
- Do not use without dust bag and/or filters in place.
- Do not allow to be used as a toy. Close attention is necessary when used by or near children.
- To reduce the risk of injury from accidental starting, unplug power cord before changing or cleaning filter.
- Do not leave vacuum when plugged in. Unplug from outlet when not in use and before servicing.
- Turn off all controls before unplugging.
- Unplug before connecting or disconnecting hose, or any other accessories.
- Do not put any object into openings. Do not use with any opening blocked; keep free of dust, lint, hair, and anything that may reduce air flow.
- Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers, and all parts of body away from openings and moving parts.
- Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.
- Use only as described in this manual. Use only manufacturer's recommended attachments.
- This vacuum is provided with double insulation. Use only identical replacement parts. DOUBLE See DOUBLE INSULATION INSTRUCTIONS.

CAUTION: To reduce the risk of injury from moving parts - Unplug before servicing.



WARNING: To reduce the risk of electric shock - Unplug before cleaning or servicing.

When using as blower:

- Direct air discharge only at work area.
- Do not use Wet/Dry Vacuum as a sprayer.
- Do not direct air at bystanders.
- Keep children away when blowing.
- Wear safety goggles.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

For Household Use Only

DOUBLE INSULATION INSTRUCTIONS

This Wet/Dry Vacuum is double-insulated, eliminating the need for a separate grounding system. Use only identical replacements parts. Read the instructions for Servicing Double- Insulated Wet/ Dry Vacuums before servicing. Use this vacuum as described in this manual. Observe the following warnings that appear on the motor housing of your vacuum.



DOUBLE INSULATED - GROUNDING NOT REQUIRED - WHEN SERVICING USE ONLY IDENTICAL REPLACEMENT PARTS.



WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK - DO NOT EXPOSE TO RAIN. STORE INDOORS.



WARNING: FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, READ AND UNDERSTAND THE OPERATOR'S MANUAL. DO NOT RUN UNATTENDED. DO NOT PICK UP HOT ASHES, COALS, TOXIC, FLAMMABLE OR OTHER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. DO NOT USE AROUND EXPLOSIVE LIQUIDS OR VAPORS.



CAUTION: DO NOT VACUUM DRYWALL DUST, FIREPLACE SOOT, OR ASH WITH STANDARD WET/DRY FILTER. THIS TYPE OF DUST IS VERY FINE WHICH MAY NOT BE CAPTURED BY THE FILTER AND CAUSE DAMAGE TO MOTOR. WHEN VACUUMING FINE DUST USE A FINE DUST FILTER.



WARNING: SERVICING OF DOUBLE-INSULATED WET/DRY VACUUM WITH A DOUBLE-INSULATED WET/DRY VACUUM, TWO SYSTEMS OF INSULATION ARE PROVIDED INSTEAD OF GROUNDING. NO GROUNDING MEANS IS PROVIDED ON A DOUBLE-INSULATED APPLIANCE, NOR SHOULD A MEANS FOR GROUNDING BE ADDED. SERVICING A DOUBLE INSULATED WET/DRY VACUUM REQUIRES EXTREME CARE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE SYSTEM, AND SHOULD BE DONE ONLY BY QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL. REPLACEMENT PARTS FOR A DOUBLE-INSULATED WET/DRY VACUUM MUST BE IDENTICAL TO THE PARTS THEY REPLACE. YOUR DOUBLE-INSULATED WET/ DRY VAC IS MARKED WITH THE WORDS 'DOUBLE INSULATED' AND THE SYMBOL  (SQUARE WITHIN A SQUARE) MAY ALSO BE MARKED ON THE APPLIANCE.

EXTENSION CORDS

When using an extension cord with your Wet/Dry Vacuum refer to the following table to determine the required A.W.G. wire size. Before using the cleaner make sure the power cord and extension cord are in good working condition. Make repairs or replacements before using the vacuum cleaner. Only use extension cords that are rated for outdoor use.

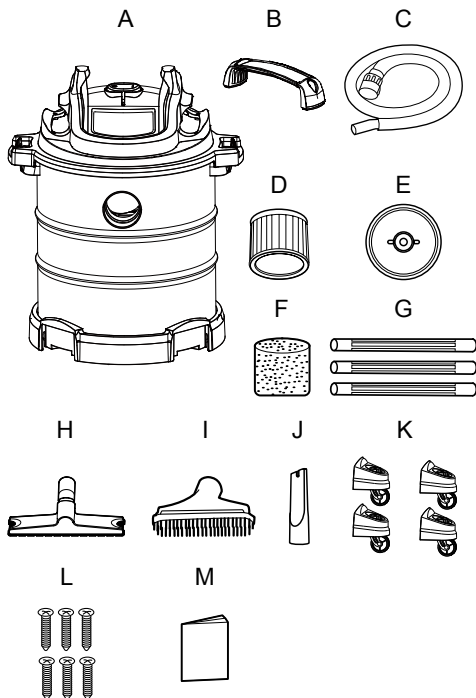
		Length of Extension Cord			
120V		25ft (7.62m)	50ft (15.24m)	100ft(30.48m)	150ft (45.72m)
Ampere rating		A.W.G. Wire Size			
More than	Not more than				
0	6	18	16	16	14
6	10	18	16	14	12
10	12	16	16	14	12
12	16	14	12	Not recommended	

SYMBOLS

The following signal words and meanings are intended to explain the levels of risk associated with this product.

SYMBOL	SIGNAL	MEANING
	DANGER	Indicates an imminently hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
	WARNING	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
	CAUTION	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.
	NOTICE	(Without Safety Alert Symbol) Indicates a situation that may result in property damage.

UNPACKING & CHECKING CARTON CONTENTS

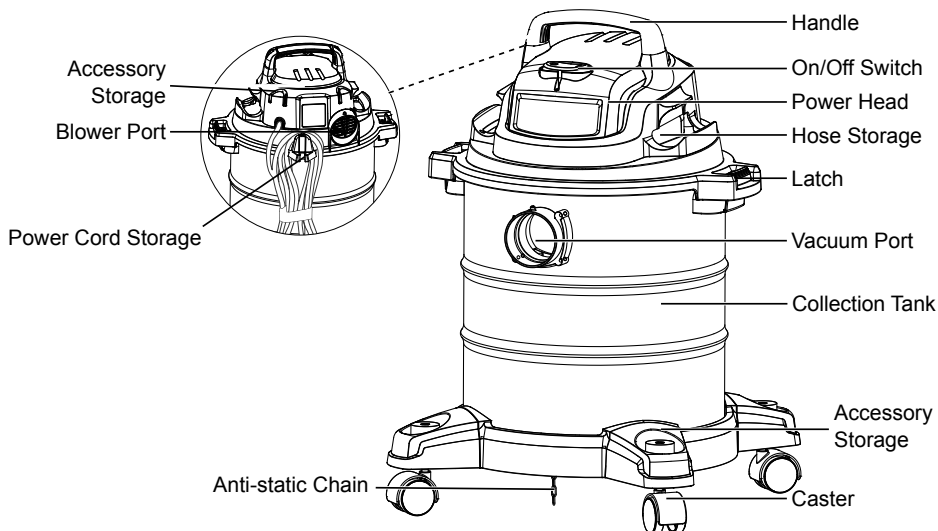


Remove all contents from the box. Remove the power head and take out any contents inside the collection tank. Check each item against the carton contents list.

Carton Contents List

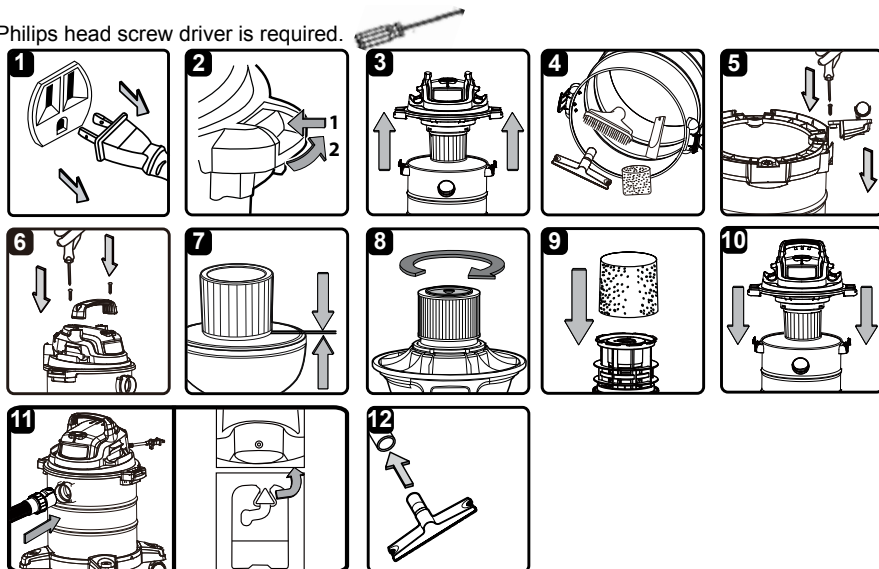
Key	Description	Qty.
A	Vac Assembly	1
B	Handle	1
C	Hose	1
D	Cartridge Filter	1
E	Filter Retainer	1
F	Foam Wet Filter	1
G	Extension Wand	3
H	Floor Brush/Squeegee Nozzle	1
I	Utility Nozzle	1
J	Crevice Tool	1
K	Caster Foot Assembly	4
L	Screws	6
M	Operator's Manual	1

NOTE: The hose and accessories for this vacuum are 1-1/4" (3.2 cm) diameter.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

A Philips head screw driver is required.



WARNING: DO NOT PLUG THE POWER CORD INTO A POWER OUTLET. MAKE SURE THE PLUG IS DISCONNECTED BEFORE ASSEMBLING THE WET/DRY VACUUM. TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE TO RAIN.

UNPACKING YOUR WET/DRY VACUUM & GENERAL ASSEMBLY

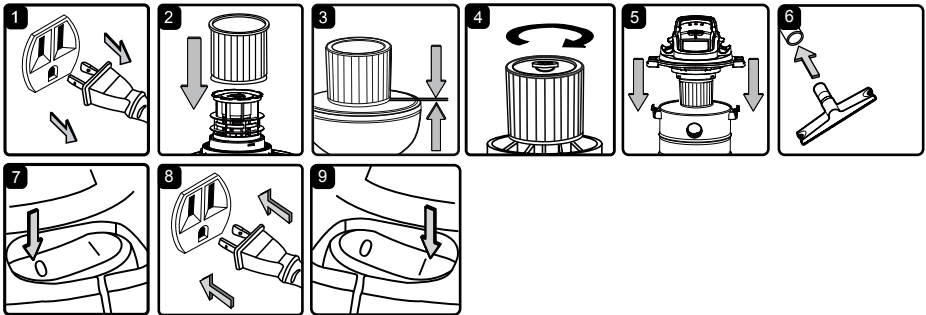
1. Verify that the power cord is disconnected from the outlet (Fig. 1).
2. Undo the latches (Fig. 2).
3. Lift the power head off the collection tank (Fig. 3).
4. Remove the contents from inside the collection tank; make sure you have all contents as listed on page 6 (Fig. 4).
5. Turn the collection tank upside down and insert the four caster feet into the slots on the collection tank and tighten with supplied screws. Verify that the casters are mounted correctly. Do not over-tighten screws (Fig. 5).
6. Insert the handle into the slots located on the top of the power head and secure it with the screws provided. Do not over-tighten screws (Fig. 6).
7. Your vacuum comes ready for dry vacuum cleaning. If the cartridge filter is not installed, refer to page 13 for installation instructions (Fig. 7 & 8).
8. For wet vacuum cleaning, remove the cartridge filter, and install the supplied foam wet filter. See page 14 for the foam wet filter installation instructions (Fig. 9).
9. Place the power head back on the collection tank and secure into place using the latches (Fig. 10).
10. Insert the locking end of the hose into the vacuum port on the collection tank and lock into place (Fig. 11).
11. Choose the desired attachment and insert onto the end of the hose or extension wand (Fig. 12).

POLARIZED PLUG

To reduce the risk of electrical shock, this appliance has a polarized plug (one blade wider than the other). This plug will fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install the proper outlet. Do not change the plug in any way. Double insulation  eliminates the need for the three wire grounded power cord and grounded power supply system.

NOTE: A static discharge chain is attached to the bottom of the collection tank. It is normal for the chain to drag on to ground. Operating the vacuum in dry conditions can build up static, and the chain helps dissipate any build-up by allowing a path of least resistance to the ground.

DRY VACUUM OPERATION



DRY VACUUMING

 **WARNING:** BE SURE TO READ, UNDERSTAND, AND APPLY INFORMATION ENTITLED "IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS". DO NOT VACUUM IN AREAS WITH FLAMMABLE GASES, VAPORS, OR EXPLOSIVE DUSTS IN THE AIR. FLAMMABLE GASES OR VAPORS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: LIGHTER FLUID, SOLVENT TYPE CLEANERS, OIL-BASED PAINTS, GASOLINE, ALCOHOL, OR AEROSOL SPRAYS. EXPLOSIVE DUSTS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: COAL, MAGNESIUM, GRAIN, OR GUN POWDER. TO REDUCE THE RISK OF HEALTH HAZARDS FROM VAPORS OR DUST, DO NOT VACUUM TOXIC MATERIALS.

 **WARNING:** DO NOT PLUG THE POWER CORD INTO A POWER OUTLET. MAKE SURE THE PLUG IS DISCONNECTED BEFORE CHANGING THE FILTERS.

 **CAUTION:** DO NOT VACUUM DRYWALL DUST, FIREPLACE SOOT, OR ASH WITH STANDARD WET/DRY FILTER. THIS IS A VERY FINE DUST WHICH WILL NOT BE CAPTURED BY THE FILTER AND MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO MOTOR. WHEN VACUUMING FINE DUST USE A FINE DUST FILTER (SOLD SEPARATELY).

1. Verify that the power cord is disconnected from the outlet (Fig. 1).
2. In order to prepare your vacuum for dry vacuuming, make sure the cartridge filter completely covers the filter cage against the power head. Your wet/dry vacuum comes with the cartridge filter pre-installed. For installation instructions, see page 13 (Fig. 2 & 3).
3. Place the filter retainer on the top of the cartridge filter and tighten down by turning the retainer handle clockwise (Fig. 4).
4. Place the power head back on the collection tank and secure it in place using the latches (Fig. 5).

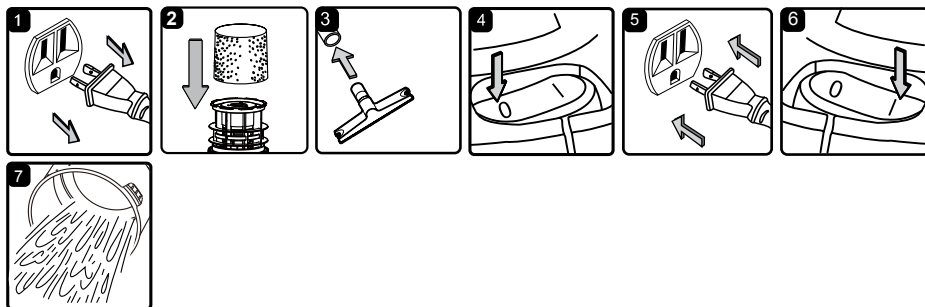
OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS: DRY VACUUMING

5. Insert the larger end of the hose into the vacuum port on the power head and lock into place.
6. Push the required attachment onto the free end of the hose or extension wand (Fig. 6).
7. Verify that the switch is in the 'O' OFF position before plugging the power cord into the power outlet. Plug the power cord into the outlet (Fig. 7 & 8).
8. Turn the motor on by flipping the switch to the 'I' ON position and begin vacuuming (Fig. 9).
9. Once you have completed vacuuming, flip the switch to the "O" OFF position and unplug the power cord from the power outlet.

O = OFF I = ON

DO NOT USE THE CARTRIDGE FILTER FOR LIQUID VACUUMING.

LIQUID VACUUM OPERATION



LIQUID VACUUMING

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WARNING: DO NOT PLUG THE POWER CORD INTO A POWER OUTLET. MAKE SURE THE PLUG IS DISCONNECTED BEFORE CHANGING THE FILTERS.

1. Verify that the power cord is disconnected from the outlet. Make sure that the collection tank is clean and free of dust and dirt (Fig. 1).
2. Remove the cartridge filter, then carefully install the foam wet filter over the filter cage and place the power head back on the collection tank. For foam wet filter installation instructions, see page 14 (Fig. 2).

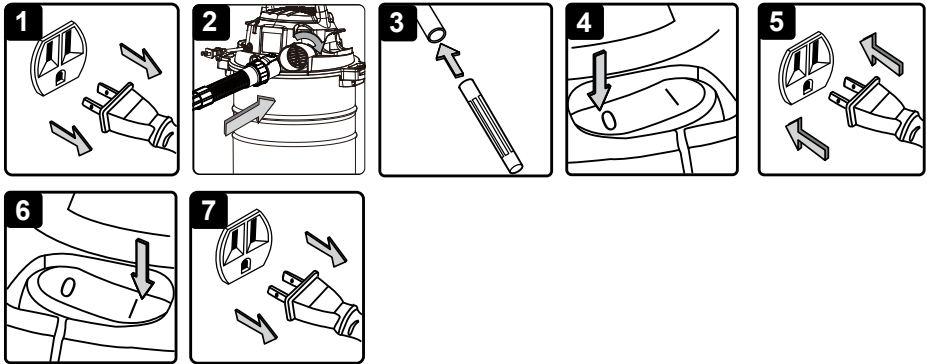
DO NOT USE THE CARTRIDGE FILTER FOR LIQUID VACUUMING.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS: WET VACUUMING

3. Push the required attachment onto the free end of the hose or extension wand (Fig. 3).
4. Verify that the switch is in the 'O' OFF position before plugging the power cord into the power outlet. Plug the power cord into the outlet (Fig. 4 & 5).
5. Turn the motor on by flipping the switch to the 'I' ON position (Fig. 6).
6. Once you have completed vacuuming, flip the switch to the 'O' OFF position and unplug the power cord from the outlet.
7. After use, empty the collection tank, clean, and dry the inside and outside of the collection tank (Fig. 7)

IMPORTANT! When vacuuming large quantities of liquids, do not immerse the nozzle completely in the liquid; leave a gap at the tip of the nozzle opening to allow air inflow. The machine is fitted with a float valve that stops the suction action when the collection tank reaches its maximum capacity. You will notice an increase in motor speed. When this happens, turn off the machine, disconnect from power supply, and drain the liquid. To continue vacuuming, replace the drainage cap. After wet vacuuming, turn the machine off and remove plug from power supply. Empty the collection tank, clean and dry the inside and outside before storage. **REMEMBER!** The foam wet filter must be removed after wet vacuuming and the cartridge filter must be installed before dry vacuuming again.

BLOWER OPERATION



This Wet/Dry Vacuum has blowing capabilities. To use the blower feature follow the instructions listed.

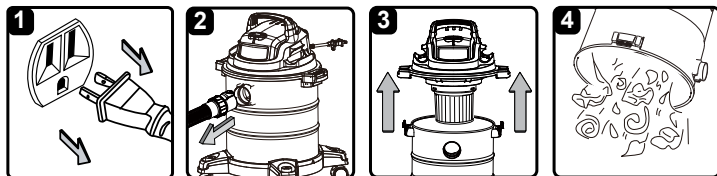
! WARNING: ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GOGGLES COMPLYING WITH ANSI Z87.1 (OR IN CANADA, CSAZ94.3) BEFORE USING BLOWER.

! WARNING: KEEP BYSTANDERS CLEAR FROM BLOWING DEBRIS.

! WARNING: WEAR A DUST MASK IF BLOWING CREATES DUST THAT MIGHT BE INHALED.

1. Verify that the power cord is disconnected from the outlet (Fig. 1).
2. Make sure the collection tank is empty before using as a blower. Clear all dirt and debris from the hose and collection tank.
3. Remove the hose from the vacuum port.
4. Insert the larger end of the hose into the blower port on the back of the power head and lock into place (Fig. 2).
5. Fit the desired attachment onto the hose or extension wand (Fig. 3).
6. Verify that the power switch is in the 'O' OFF position before plugging the power cord into the outlet. Plug the power cord into the outlet (Fig. 4 & 5).
7. Before turning on the vacuum, firmly hold the loose end of the hose. Turn the motor on by flipping the switch to the 'I' ON position (Fig. 6).
8. Once you have completed blowing, flip the power switch to the 'O' OFF position and unplug the power cord from the outlet (Fig. 7).

MAINTENANCE



EMPTYING THE COLLECTION TANK

⚠ WARNING: ALWAYS DISCONNECT THE PLUG FROM THE POWER OUTLET BEFORE REMOVING THE POWER HEAD FROM COLLECTION TANK.

1. Verify that the power cord is disconnected from the outlet (Fig. 1).
2. Disconnect the hose from the vacuum (Fig. 2).
3. Undo the latches and remove the power head from the collection tank (Fig. 3). Place power head on a soft, clean surface upside down.
4. Clear all dirt or debris from the collection tank and hose into a proper waste container (Fig. 4).
5. Clean or replace the filters .
6. Check the hose, attachments, and power cord to verify that they have not been damaged.
7. Place power head back on collection tank and secure latches.

IMPORTANT! Clean or change the filter regularly for best performance. **ALWAYS USE THE CARTRIDGE FILTER FOR DRY VACUUMING.** If the machine is used without the cartridge filter, the motor will burn out and the warranty will be voided. Always keep spare filters on hand.

NOTICE! The filters included are made of high quality materials designed to stop small dust particles. The cartridge filter should be used for dry pick-up only. A dry cartridge filter is necessary to pick up dust. If the cartridge filter is wet, it will clog quickly and be difficult to clean. Handle the filter carefully when removing it for cleaning or replacing. Check the filters for tears or small holes. A small hole can let dust pass through and out of the filter. Do not use a filter with holes or tears in it; replace it immediately.

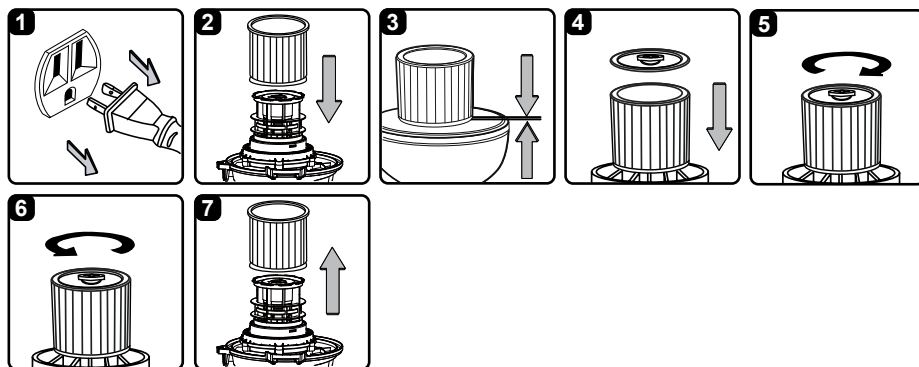
STORAGE

Before storing your vacuum, the collection tank should be emptied and cleaned. The accessories should be cleaned and stored so they can be readily available when needed. Store the wet/dry vacuum indoors.

REPAIRS

Repairs for this wet/dry vacuum should be performed only by qualified service personnel using only identical replacement parts.

INSTALLING & CLEANING CARTRIDGE FILTER



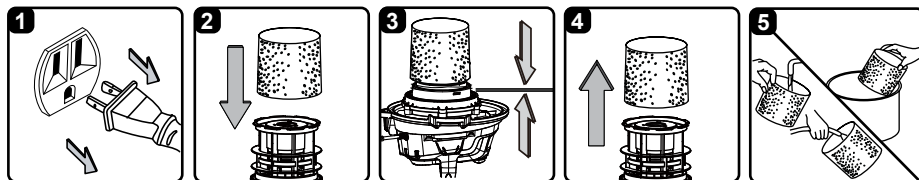
INSTALLING CARTRIDGE FILTER

1. Verify that the power cord is disconnected from the outlet (Fig. 1).
2. Remove the power head and place in upside down position.
3. Install the cartridge filter over the filter cage making sure the cage is completely covered (Fig. 2 & 3).
4. Place the filter retainer on the top of the cartridge filter over the raised lip and tighten down by turning the retainer clockwise; do not over-tighten (Fig. 4 & 5).
5. Place the power head back onto the collection tank.

REMOVING & CLEANING CARTRIDGE FILTER

1. Unlock and remove the filter retainer by turning the retainer handle counter clockwise (Fig. 6).
2. With the removed power head in an upside down position, carefully remove the cartridge filter from the filter cage (Fig. 7).
3. Clean the cartridge filter by gently tapping or brushing dirt off. Cleaning should not be done indoors in living areas. For optimal performance a new filter is recommended.
4. Install cleaned or new filters as above in steps 2-4 of Installing Cartridge Filter.
5. Allow the wet filter to air dry for 24 hours before installing onto the filter cage.

INSTALLING & CLEANING FOAM WET FILTER



INSTALLING FOAM WET FILTER

1. Verify that the power cord is disconnected from the outlet (Fig. 1).
2. Remove the power head and place in an upside down position. Follow instructions to remove the cartridge filter on page 13.
3. Carefully slide the foam wet filter down over the filter cage making sure the cage is completely covered (Fig. 2 & 3).
4. Place the power head onto the collection tank.

CLEANING FOAM WET FILTER

1. With the removed power head in an upside down position, carefully remove the foam wet filter (Fig. 4).
2. Use a mild soap and water solution to wash the foam wet filter and rinse with clean water (Fig. 5).
3. Allow the wet filter to air dry for 24 hours before installing onto the filter cage.

TROUBLESHOOTING

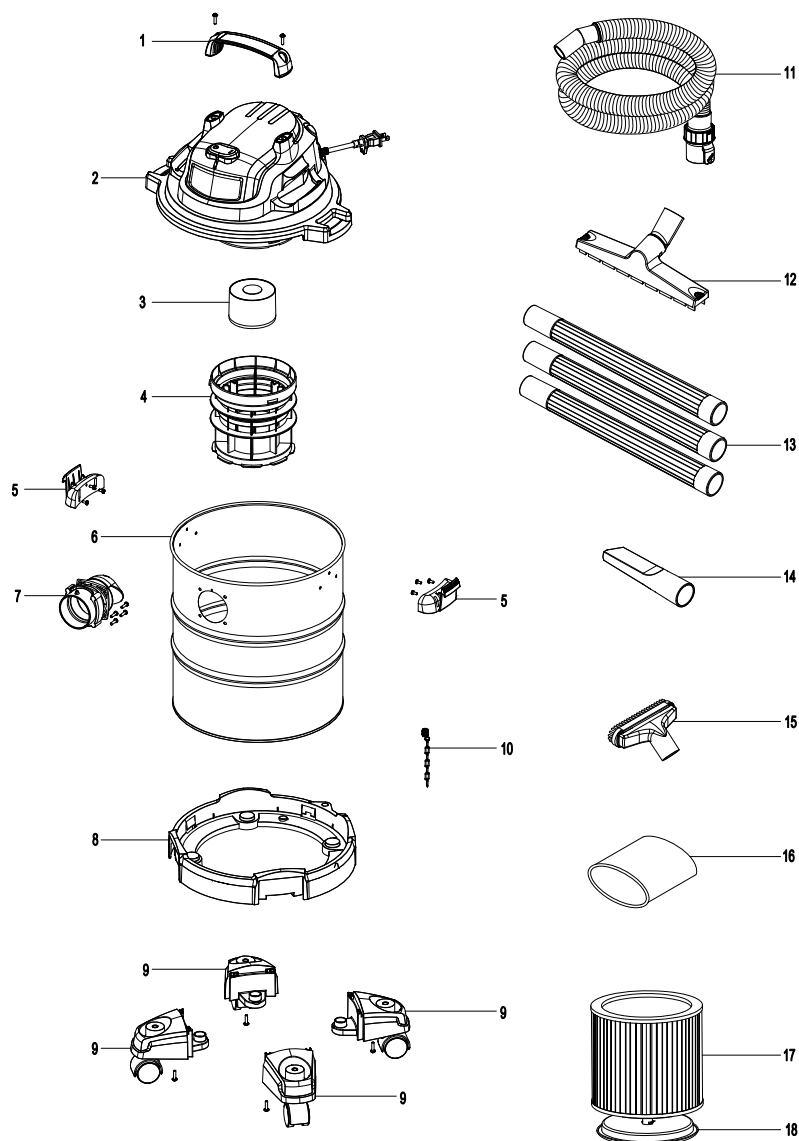


WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, UNPLUG BEFORE TROUBLESHOOTING.

For assistance with your product, call Customer Service at 1-866-384-8432.

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION
The wet/dry vacuum will not operate.	No power supply.	Check power supply, cord, breakers and fuses..
	Faulty power cord.	Unplug and check the power cord. If damaged, have it repaired by a professional.
	Collection tank is full.	Empty the collection tank.
	Switch in the wrong position.	Press the ON 'I' button on the power head.
The dust comes out from the motor cover.	The cartridge filter is missing or damaged.	Attach or replace the cartridge filter.
	Vacuum has been used to collect fine dust, such as dry wall dust, fireplace soot, or ash, without a fine dust filter.	Remove the standard cartridge filter and install the appropriate fine dust filter.
Reduced efficiency and motor/speed vibration.	There are blockages in the nozzle, hose, or the collection tank inlets.	Unplug and check nozzle, hose and collection tank inlets for blockages.
	The cartridge filter is clogged by fine dust.	Take off the filter and clean it or install a new cartridge filter.

EXPLODED VIEW



PARTS LIST

Part	Drawing Number	Description	Quantity
1	551058101	Handle Assembly	1.0
2		Power Head Assembly	1.0
3	551416106	Float	1.0
4	551437105	Filter Cage	1.0
5	551086101	Latch Assembly	2.0
6		Collection Tank	1.0
7	551016105	Vacuum Port Assembly	1.0
8	551114104	Deck	1.0
9	551070105	Caster Foot Assembly	4.0
10	551021121	Anti-static Chain Assembly	1.0
11	551003108	Hose	1.0
12	551003111	Floor Brush/Squeegee Nozzle	1.0
13	551003109	Extension Wand	3.0
14	551004114	Crevice Tool	1.0
15	551004113	Utility Nozzle	1.0
16	551002118	Foam Wet Filter	1.0
17	551030114	Cartridge Filter	1.0
18	551437107	Filter Retainer	1.0