VACUMAID

GARAGE VAC

OWNERS MANUAL

READ BEFORE OPERATING YOUR SYSTEM

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

When using an electrical appliance, basic precautions should always be followed, including the following:

* Read all instructions before using this appliance.

WARNING: To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock or injury:

* Always follow these safety instructions

- Do not leave room when hose is plugged in to the inlet. Disconnect power before servicing.
- Electric shock could occur if used on wet surfaces.
- Do not allow to be used as a toy. Close attention is necessary when used by or near children.
- Use only as described in this manual. Use only those attachments that are recom mended.
- Do not use with damaged cord or plug. If applicance is not working as it should, has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors, or dropped into water, return it to a service center.
- 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. Do not run appliance over cord. Keep cord away from heated surfaces.
- Do not unplug by pulling on cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.
- Do not handle plug. valves or appliance with wet hands.
- Do not unplug system by pulling on vacuum hose. To unplug, grasp the cuff, located on the end of the hose. If you have a standard non-electric hose, pull out with a twisting motion.
- Do not put anything into vacuum inlets or vents. Keep all inlets free of things that might slow airflow, such as lint, dust and hair. Do not use the vacuum system if something is blocking an opening.
- If equipped with an air turbine power brush unplug the vacuum hose before attaching power brush. Keep fingers, hands and toes away from the base of the power brush. Failure to do so could result in injury from moving parts.
- In the event the power unit should get wet, do not use the vacuum system until it has been properly serviced and examined by a serviceman or installer.
- Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers and all parts of the body away from wand, other openings and moving parts.
- If so equipped, do not use your central vacuum system without dustbag and/or filters in place.
- Always disconnect vacuum system before emptying dirt canister, cleaning filters or replacing dustbag.
- Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.
- Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids such as gasoline or use in areas where such liquids may be present.
- Do not use to pick up dry wall or cement dust. Doing so will void warranty.
- Do not pick up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches or hot ashes.
- When finished put the vacuum hose and attachments away to prevent tripping accidents.
- For a grounded appliance, connect to a properly grounded outlet only. See grounding instructions.

CAUTION: Do not use when rug (or floor) is wet.
ATTENTION: Ne pas utiliser lorsque le tapis (ou le plancher) est moduille.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

-WARNING-

ELECTRIC SHOCK COULD OCCUR IF USED ON WET SURFACES

GROUNDING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR CORD CONNECTED APPLIANCE

This appliance must be grounded. If it should malfunction or breakdown, grounding provides a path of least resistance for electric current to reduce the risk of electric shock. Your central vacuum system is supplied with an electrical cord having a grounding pin. It is recommended that this plug be used only with an appropriate outlet that is properly installed and grounded in accordance with all local codes and ordinances. This appliance is for use on a nominal 120-volt circuit (U.S. only) or 230/250 volt circuits where applicable, and has a grounded plug that looks like the plug shown in Figure A. A temporary adapter, that looks like the adapter illustrated in Figure B, may be used to connect this plug to a 2-pole receptacle as shown in Figure B if a properly grounded outlet is not available.

The temporary adapter should be used only until a properly grounded outlet (Figure A) can be installed by a qualified electrician. **NOTE: Temporary adapters are not permitted in Canada**. The green colored rigid ear, lug or the like, extending from the adapter, must be connected to a permanent ground such as a properly grounded outlet box cover. Whenever the adapter is used, it must be held in place by a metal screw.

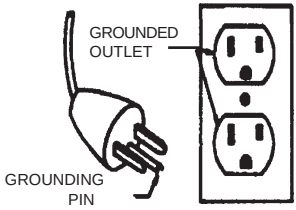


FIGURE A

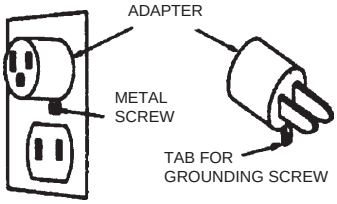
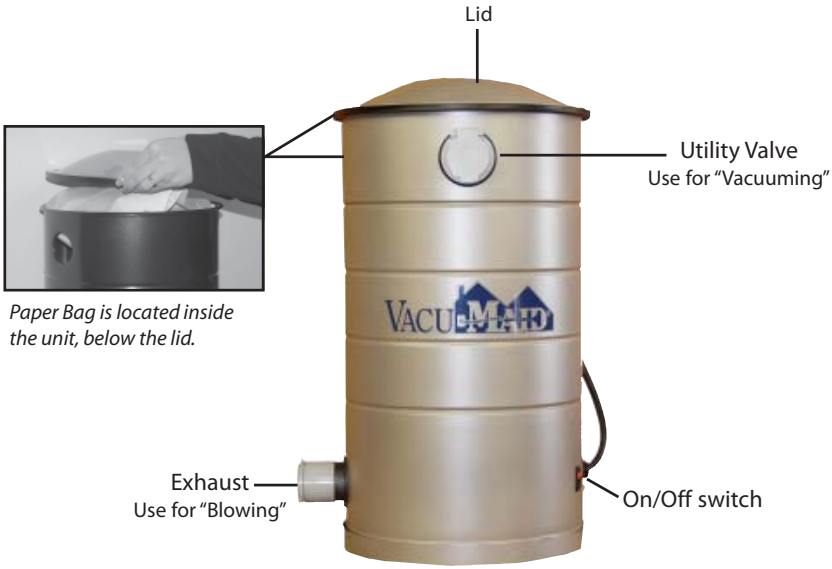


FIGURE B

DANGER--- Improper connection of the equipment - grounding conductor can result in a risk of electric shock. Check with a qualified electrician or your installer if you are in doubt as to whether the outlet is properly grounded. Do not modify the plug provided with the appliance - if it will not fit the outlet use a temporary adaptor as shown and have a proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician as soon as possible.

Your power unit does not require any oil. The bearings in the motor are greased and sealed for life. **Do not add lubricant.**

Parts



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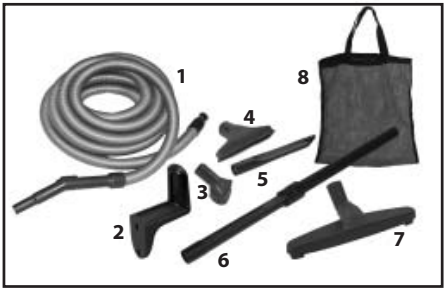
Do NOT use as a wet vac.

Other items included with this system...



1. Hose **2.** Hose Hanger **3.** Dusting Brush **4.** Upholstery Tool **5.** Crevice Tool **6.** Telescopic Wand **7.** Floor Brush **8.** Tool Storage Bag

Cuff
For use when using the Blowing Feature.
See Pg. 5 for details.

Paper Bag
Must be installed onto the bag stembefore use.
See Pg. 6 for details.

Part # HPB1

Installation & Mounting

CHOOSE THE MOUNTING LOCATION

- The unit must be mounted within 6 feet of an electrical outlet. **Do not use an extension cord.**
- The unit should be mounted so that it is in a dry location and out of the way, but still accessible for emptying and accessing the utility valves.

  Suggested mounting: Minimum of 12 inches between unit lid and ceiling or shelving.
- Do not install this unit where ambient temperature regularly exceeds 120 degrees F.
- Vacuums must breathe...do not enclose. Be sure to mount 6 inches from sidewalls.

MOUNTING THE WALL BRACKET (SHEETROCK) *

If installing direct from the factory, you will first need to slide the wall bracket out of the unit bracket (packed this way for shipping purposes). These brackets are found on the back of the unit.

1. Find center of stud and mount the wall bracket. Note, the bracket mounts in the middle of the unit, so you will need to mount approx. 3" below your desired unit height. See fig. 1 for more details.
2. Use wall hanger bracket as a template. Use the two vertical holes (approximately 10" apart). Then, mark the location on the stud.
3. Use a 1/8" drill bit and drill two pilot holes for these two vertical holes.
4. Mount the wall hanger bracket with washers and lag screws provided.
5. Tighten screws until the washers are snug against the rubber grommets. (Fig. 2)

ATTACHING UNIT TO MOUNTING BRACKET

Mount the Vacu-Maid Garage Vac by sliding the attached unit bracket onto the wall bracket (Fig. 3) and slide it down until the unit rests securely into the bracket.

MOUNTING THE HOSE HANGER

Mount high enough so you can loop your hose only four times and still clear the floor.
Predrill holes with 1/8" drill bit. Mount to the stud using the two screws provided. (Fig. 4)

Fig. 1 You will need to be able to remove the filter bag from the top of the unit. Be sure to leave enough room when mounting.

Fig. 2 Mount the wall bracket.

Fig. 3 Slide the unit bracket into the mounted wall bracket.

Fig. 4 Mount the hose hanger.

*If mounting on a block or concrete wall, drill the holes with masonry bit and insert plastic or lead anchors (not included). If mounting on plaster, wall board or panel walls, be sure mounting bolts enter studs.

USING YOUR SYSTEM

Vacuuming

Inserting the hose

The hose connects to the system through the utility valve inlet on the front of the unit by lifting the door open and inserting the hose. (Fig. 1)

See below for using your attachments & cleaning tools.

On/Off Switch

Insert the hose before turning the unit on. The system is turned on and off by flipping the switch on the side of the unit.

Blowing

This system has a blowing feature that allows you to use this unit to blow off workbenches, leaves out of the garage, dust off vehicles, etc.

To operate the blowing feature:

Attach the hose to the gray Blow Stem located on the side of the unit. (Fig. 2)

For this feature to operate, you must also open the utility valve on the front of the unit and insert the additional cuff that is included with your system. (Fig. 3) This must remain inserted to hold the door open for the blow feature to work.

When finished, turn off the unit first, then remove both the hose and cuff from the two inlets.

USING YOUR ATTACHMENTS & CLEANING TOOLS

Telescopic Wand

Provides you extra length for floor cleaning or reaching high areas.

To use: Adjust by twisting the ratcheting mechanism in the middle of the wand to release and extend. Twist back to tighten.

Floor Brush

For cleaning hard floor surfaces.

To use: Attach to telescopic wand and go back and forth over the area to be cleaned. Do not force the front of the brush down when moving forward. Allow the brush to gently glide across the floor to pick up larger debris.

PREMIUM CLEANING TOOLS

All cleaning tools will attach to either the hose end or the telescopic wand by pushing firmly onto the end.

a) Upholstery Tool

Works well for cleaning car upholstery & carpet.

b) Crevice Tool

Reach into cracks and crevices that are hard to reach.

c) Dusting Brush

Use for dusting shelves, tables, dasheboards, etc.

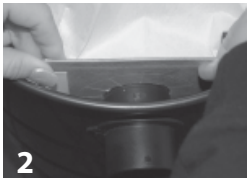
MAINTENANCE

This system uses a sealed HEPA type paper bag for filtration. The mass of dirt and debris is picked up by your vacuum and deposited into the filter bag inside your dirt canister.

Emptying your Dirt Can

To remove accumulation, follow these steps:

1 Remove the lid by lifting straight up. There are no hinges or clamps.



2 Remove the bag by sliding the rubber gasket that surrounds the hole in the paper bag off the plastic inlet stem that protrudes through the front of the canister.

3 Once the bag is off of the inlet stem, seal the bag by removing the backing from the tab and cover the hole with the flap. Press the flap so that it securely seals over the hole (Fig. 3). This will help prevent dirt and dust from escaping. Now, lift the paper bag from the dirt canister and place in a suitable trash container.

Installing a New Bag

4 Take a new bag and extend it fully (Fig. 4).

5 Place it in the canister, and slide its rubber gasket onto the inlet stem until the rubber gasket drops into place in the ridge that is around the inlet stem (Fig. 5).

6 Carefully replace the lid onto the dirt canister to ensure that it seals properly. Not doing so could cause a vacuum leak and reduce the cleaning efficiency of your system.

If bag breaks...

In the event of a bag breaking while in the unit, it is necessary to lift the plate located under the bag and clean the small screen.

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HOW OFTEN SHOULD I CHECK OR EMPTY THE PAPER BAG?

The filter bag should be changed or cleaned when there is 3-6 inches of dirt or anytime there is a noticeable reduction of air flow at the cleaning tool. Initially, the dirt canister should be checked or emptied weekly until some idea can be obtained as to how long it takes to half fill the canister under your normal cleaning routine. All vacuum systems will function more effectively if they are emptied frequently. Under no circumstances should you allow your dirt canister to become more than 3/4 full before emptying.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Most problems that develop can be fixed easily by following the below suggested solutions:

Vacuum cleaner won't run

- Be sure the unit is plugged in.
- Be sure you turned the system on.
- Check circuit breaker on the side of the unit. If tripped, press to reset.
- Check your circuit breaker panel. Make sure there is not too much on that circuit causing it to trip.

Blowing function is not working

- Be sure your hose is plugged into the exhaust hole on the side of the unit.
- Be sure you have the additional cuff inserted in the utility valve on the front of the unit. If this door is not left open, the blowing feature will not work properly.

Low suction or no suction

- First, see above.
- Usually low suction is caused by a full filter. Change your filter bag. See Operating Instructions for details.
- Is the dirt canister lid off or loose? Be sure the lid is replaced squarely on the top of the canister and that the gasket has not been pulled loose or it could allow a vacuum leak. If gasket is loose, reattach with contact cement or super glue.
- Is there blockage in the hose or tools? Disconnect the hose from power unit, use a blunt item to push the clog out. If the blockage is in the tools, remove it.

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