

VACUUM CLEANER SAFETY

These safety instructions should be read carefully and kept for future reference.

Before use it is essential to carefully read the instructions.

Check the cable before use and regularly during use as it is susceptible to abrasion and damage. A competent repairer should repair or replace a damaged cable. It should always be replaced with a cable of the right type and capacity.

Exercise the greatest care with children. Physical and electrical injury can occur if they are allowed freedom with such equipment. Allow children to use specific appliances only according to your knowledge of the age, wisdom and good sense of the child. Most of these appliances were not intended for "playing with" and all rely on parental supervision when used by children. Remember electricity can kill. Children may defeat basic safety precautions by poking things inside appliances through vents intended for cooling.

Cleaning of the equipment will extend its life but if water is to be used it must not be allowed to get into the electrical parts. The appliance must be disconnected from the power before cleaning. Use a soft damp cloth, do not use abrasives or large quantities of water.

If the appliance is damaged in any way, switch off and disconnect the appliance and take professional advice before using it again.

Only check the appliance when it is disconnected from the supply.

No attempt should be made to remove covers in order to reach the wiring inside. Seek professional help instead.

The equipment should be examined before each use, and frequently during use, to ensure that the appliance is not damaged or worn. Any damage should be corrected and worn parts replaced by a professional repairer.

Electricity is dangerous. When using ANY electrical equipment at UK domestic mains voltage, (220v AC), or similar, remember that you are using a force that can kill or seriously injure you.

BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL to keep this appliance clear of its cable when in use.

Electrical equipment is usually constructed to conform to strict safety standards. You should not attempt to repair, maintain or modify it. Only genuine approved replacement parts should be used.

PLUG WIRING

For most domestic equipment two different styles of cable are commonly used. One cable has two wires, or 'cores' within it and the other has three 'cores'.

Inner core wires will be coloured differently to distinguish between their different uses.

Of the inner wires, in a two-core cable, one will be coloured BROWN or RED and the other will be coloured BLUE or BLACK.

In a three-core cable the third wire will be coloured GREEN or GREEN/YELLOW.

The BROWN or RED wire is used for connection to the LIVE terminal on the plug which may also be coloured RED, or show the letter "L" beside it, or show a symbol like this +.

The BLUE or BLACK wire is used for connection to the NEUTRAL terminal on the plug which may also be coloured BLACK or show the letter "N" beside it.

The GREEN or GREEN/YELLOW wire is used for connection to the EARTH terminal on the plug, which may show the letter "E" or be marked with the symbol: - ⊥

IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT WIRES BE ATTACHED ONLY TO THEIR DESIGNATED POSITIONS ON THE PLUG!

Some equipment does not need to have an 'Earth' wire and so the cable provided will have only two inner cores. These will be for the 'live' (red/L) terminal and the 'neutral' (black/N) terminal.

WARNING! WHERE THERE IS A THIRD, OR 'EARTH', (green/yellow), WIRE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO YOUR SAFETY TO

If the machine is to be left for a few minutes or it is stopped to check the cable or make an adjustment it should be unplugged.

Do not use this appliance for any task for which it was not specifically designed. Physical injury and/or damage to the appliance may be result.

Under no circumstances must fingers or implements be poked into any openings in the case, or into any moving parts, whilst the electricity is turned on. To do so could lead to severe injury and/or severe damage to the equipment. If there is a valid need to extract some foreign matter from somewhere in the equipment SWITCH off and UNPLUG before doing so.

This appliance is not intended to be used in wet, rainy or very high humidity conditions (e.g. condensation in a bathroom).

Do not use or handle the appliance with wet hands.

Before changing nozzles, cleaning the machine or minor maintenance switch off the power at the socket.

Do not leave the machine running unattended, when not actually being used. Switch it off.

Do not put anything into any of the opening on the machine except such fittings as are provided for the purpose.

Do not run the cleaner over any long loose threads or tassels. It may not only stop the machine but also damage it. Similarly the wearing of long loose clothing whilst using the machine constitutes a hazard to be avoided.

Never pull the machine by the supply cable.

Never vacuum clean a wet carpet as this could blow the fuse and/or damage the machine. It could also create a situation where even the case could give you a shock!

The 'hard working' vacuum cleaner is well known to every one. For this reason it is easy to forget that this piece of domestic equipment has a very active life. It is therefore susceptible to much physical damage both in the body and the supply cable.

If the machine has rotating cleaning heads (uprights and some cylinder cleaners) ensure these have stopped and the supply is disconnected before looking under the appliance.

SEE THAT IT IS CORRECTLY FITTED TO THE 'EARTH' PIN OF THE PLUG AND THAT NO OTHER WIRE IS ATTACHED TO THIS TERMINAL! The EARTH terminal is always easily recognisable from the fact that it is longer than the other two.

If the plug needs replacing it will be necessary to change it First take off the plug fitted. If this was a plug moulded onto the cable it will need to be cut off and **THROWN AWAY!** The plug cannot be rewired and throwing it away avoids the hazard of someone putting it into a socket and getting a shock from the bare wires.

Any new plug must be a 13amp square pin one and it is recommended that it be of good quality.

Any new plug purchased should have the facility to change the fuse by removing a small cover, without the need to dismantle the plug itself. **DO NOT** continue to use a plug of this type if the cover is lost. Get another plug!

The fuse rating will vary for different types of equipment. Always make sure that you use the correct fuse for your equipment.

