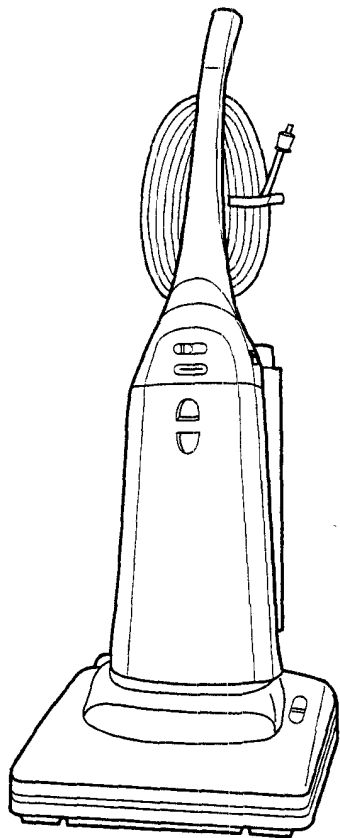


# SHARP®

## OPERATION MANUAL



## VACUUM CLEANER

Model

**EC-14TWT6**  
**EC-14TAT6**  
**EC-12TWT6**  
**EC-12TWT4**  
**EC-12TWT2**  
**EC-12TXT2**  
**EC-12SXT4B**

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**Thank you very much for buying SHARP**  
Before using your SHARP vacuum cleaner,  
please read this operation manual carefully to  
obtain the best use from your vacuum cleaner.

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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

Read all instructions carefully before using this vacuum cleaner.

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

- 1** Electric shock could occur if used outdoors or on wet surfaces.
- 2** Do not leave unattended when plugged in. Unplug from outlet when not in use and before user-servicing.
- 3** Close supervision is necessary when used by or near children. Do not allow to be used as a toy.
- 4** Use only for intended use as described in this manual. Use only the manufacturer's recommended attachments and paper bag.
- 5** Never operate this vacuum cleaner if it has a damaged cord or plug, if it is not working properly, if it has been dropped, damaged, exposed to weather or dropped into water.  
Return the vacuum cleaner to a Sharp Authorized Service Dealer or Station in the United States for examination and repair.
- 6** Do not pull or carry this vacuum cleaner by the power cord. Do not use the power cord as a handle, close a door on the cord, or pull the cord around sharp edges or corners. Keep cord away from heated surfaces. Do not run this vacuum cleaner over the cord.
- 7** Never disconnect the plug by pulling on the cord. To disconnect from an outlet, grasp the plug, not the cord.
- 8** Never operate this vacuum cleaner with any air opening blocked. Keep the air openings free of dust, lint, hair and any other similar material. When the secondary filter becomes dirty, rinse in warm water. Filters should be completely dry before reusing.
- 9** Never drop or insert any object into any opening.
- 10** Keep hair, face, fingers and loose clothing away from any openings, such as the agitator and all moving parts.
- 11** Do not pick up lit cigarettes, hot ashes, matches or similar materials, razor blades, needles, pins or other sharp objects.
- 12** Never operate this vacuum cleaner without a paper bag and filters in place.
- 13** Before removing the plug from the outlet, turn all controls to the "OFF" position.

- 14** Use extra caution when cleaning on stairs.
- 15** Never handle plug, cord or vacuum cleaner with wet hands.
- 16** Do not touch the agitator while it is rotating.
- 17** Do not use in presence of flammable or combustible liquids or fumes.
- 18** Do not place heavy objects on the vacuum cleaner.
- 19** Do not step on the hose or pull the hose forcibly.
- 20** Do not pick up large objects such as waste paper or cloth which may clog the hose.
- 21** Do not expose this vacuum cleaner to high temperatures while operating or during storage.
- 22** Store this vacuum cleaner in a dry place.
- 23** Use the carrying handle at the back of the body to carry this vacuum cleaner.
- 24** Before servicing this vacuum cleaner, allow all metal parts to cool first.

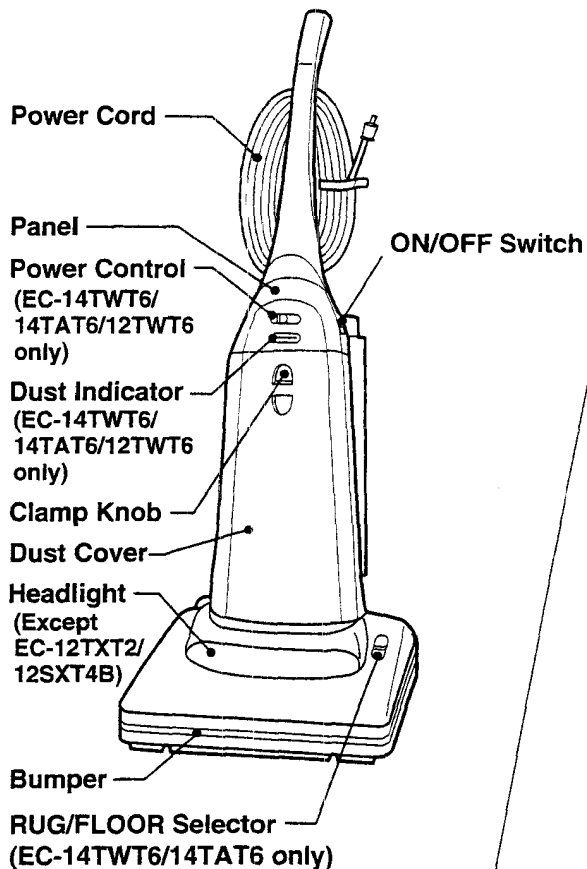
**CAUTION:** To reduce the risk of electric shock, this vacuum cleaner has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). This plug will fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install the proper outlet. Do not change the plug in any way.

## **SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

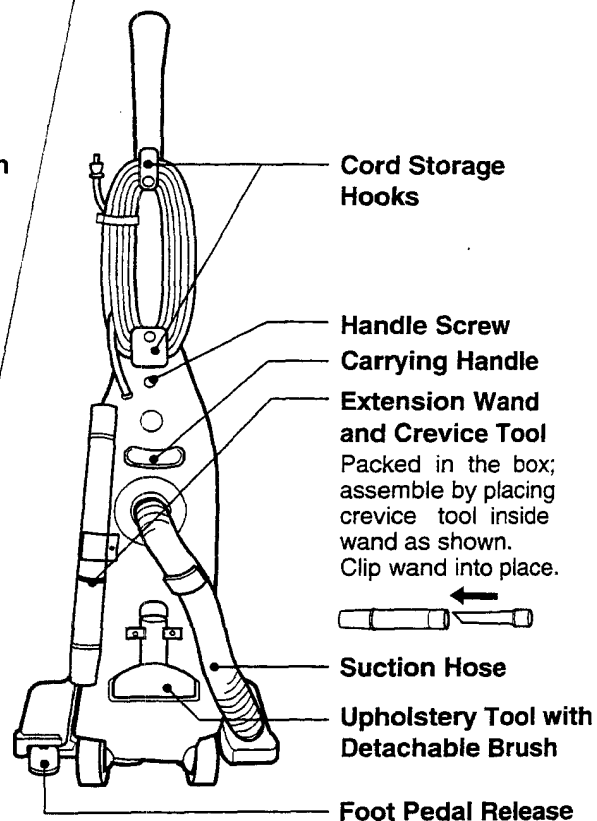
This vacuum cleaner is intended for household use only.

# PARTS IDENTIFICATION

## FRONT



## REAR



## SPECIFICATIONS

FEATURES MODEL	INPUT (Amp)	POWER CONTROL	HEADLIGHT	DUST INDICATOR	CORD LENGTH (Ft.)
EC-14TWT6	12.0	YES	YES	YES	30
EC-14TAT6	12.0	YES	YES	YES	30
EC-12TWT6	12.0	YES	YES	YES	24
EC-12TWT4	12.0	NO	YES	NO	24
EC-12TWT2	10.0	NO	YES	NO	21
EC-12TXT2	9.0	NO	NO	NO	18
EC-12SXT4B	8.5	NO	NO	NO	18

## WARNING:

Operate vacuum cleaner only at the voltage specified on nameplate.

# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

## HOW TO ATTACH THE HANDLE TO VACUUM CLEANER

- 1 First remove the handle screw. Then insert the base of the handle into the top of the body of the vacuum cleaner as shown. (Fig. 1)

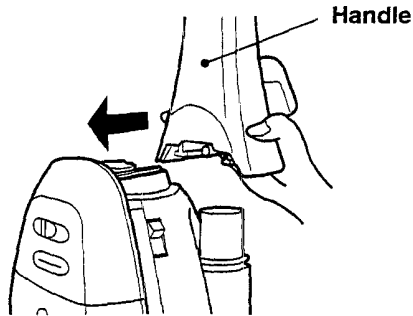
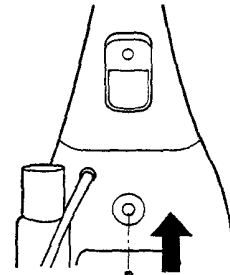


Fig.1

- 2 Line up the small hole on the handle with the small hole on the rear of the vacuum cleaner and insert the screw. (Fig. 2) Be sure the screw is tightened securely.



Handle screw

Fig.2

## HOW TO WIND POWER CORD

- 1 Insert the power cord in the clip located on the upper cord storage hook as shown. (Fig. 3)

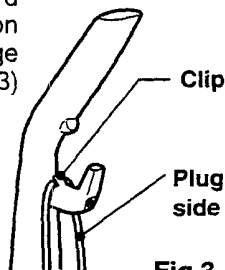


Fig.3

- 2 Wrap excess cord around the cord storage hooks to prevent dragging and any interference with cleaning. (Fig. 4)

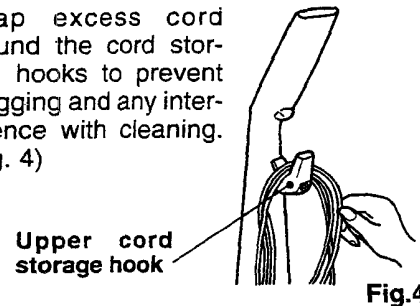


Fig.4

## HOW TO RELEASE POWER CORD

Rotate the upper cord storage hook downward for quick cord release.(Fig.5)

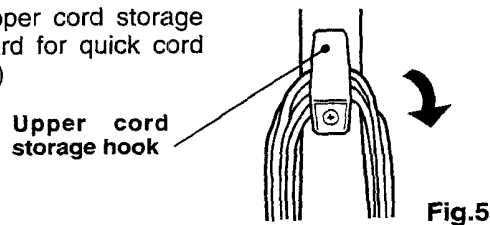


Fig.5

# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

## ON/OFF SWITCH

- 1 To turn on the vacuum cleaner, touch the switch on the appliance to the "ON" position. (Fig. 6)
- 2 To turn off the vacuum cleaner, touch the switch to the "OFF" position. (Fig. 7)

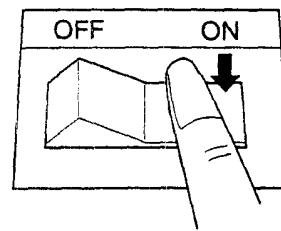


Fig.6

## POWER CONTROL SWITCH (EC-14TWT6/14TAT6/12TWT6 only)

A slide switch allows selection of any cleaning power from low "L" to high "H". To increase the suction power, slide the switch toward the "H" position.

To decrease the suction power, slide the switch toward the "L" position.

### HIGH:

Greatest suction power for heavy vacuuming jobs. Medium power levels may be set between "H" and "L".

### LOW:

Low suction power for delicate cleaning jobs.

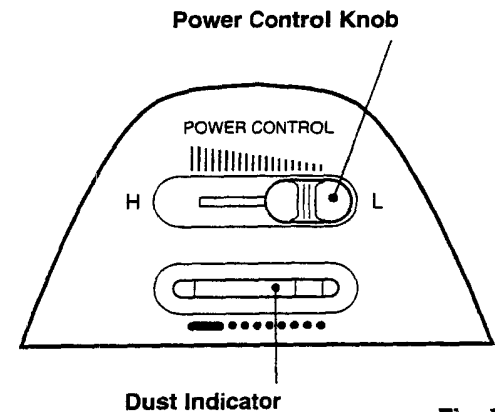


Fig. 7

## DUST INDICATOR (EC-14TWT6/14TAT6/12TWT6 only)

When the indicator enters the red area, replace the full paper bag with a new genuine Sharp TWIN PLY™ Micro-Filtration paper bag. (Fig. 8)

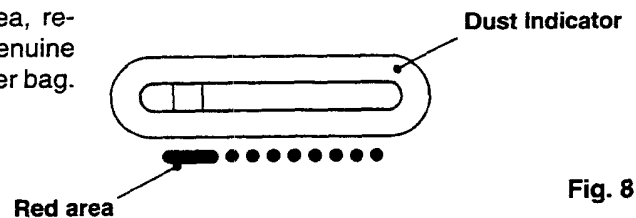


Fig. 8

### NOTE:

- ① If the vacuum cleaner takes in excessive amounts of fine dust, the indicator may enter the red area even if the paper bag is not filled.
  - ② If the vacuum cleaner takes in excessive amounts of fiber (thread, cottony material etc.), the indicator may not enter the red area even if the paper bag is filled.
- Should either of the above occur, it is recommended that the paper bag be replaced with a Sharp TWIN PLY™ new paper bag.

## RUG / FLOOR SELECTOR (EC-14TWT6/14TAT6 only)

The RUG / FLOOR selector should only be adjusted while the vacuum cleaner is in the "ON" and in the upright position.

- 1 When cleaning carpets, slide the selector to the "RUG" position.
- 2 When cleaning bare floors, slide the selector to the "FLOOR" position. (Fig. 9)

### NOTE:

Make sure The RUG / FLOOR selector is set to either the extreme front or the extreme back to avoid any problems that may occur.

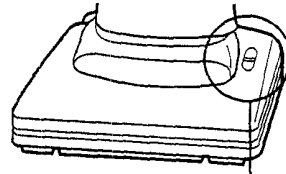
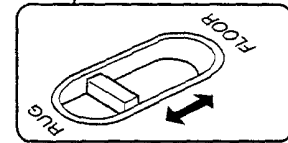


Fig. 9



## HOW TO ADJUST THE HANDLE

The handle of this vacuum cleaner can be set to either of three positions-Upright, Normal or Parallel.

To release the handle, depress the pedal at the left rear corner of the vacuum cleaner. (Fig. 10)

### Upright position

Normally the handle is locked in this position for storage or when using the On Board Tools. By pushing the handle forward until the handle is locked, this vacuum cleaner will stand on its legs and wheels. (Fig. 11)

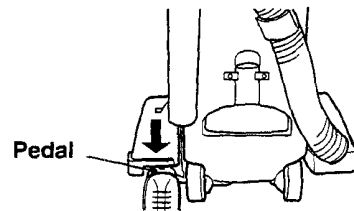


Fig. 10

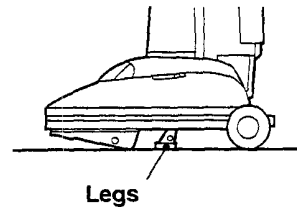


Fig. 11

### Normal position

This position is used for normal cleaning. (Fig. 12)

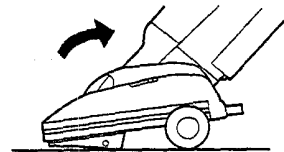


Fig. 12

### Parallel position

This position is used for cleaning under furniture.

To get to the Parallel position, depress the pedal again. (Fig. 13)

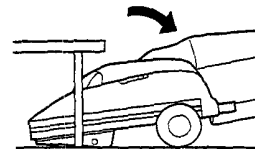


Fig. 13

## EDGE CLEANING

This model has "Edge Cleaning" for the cleaning of carpet edges near baseboards and stationary furniture. (EC-14TWT6 and 14TAT6 have edge cleaning with brush.)

# MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Unplug this vacuum cleaner from the electrical outlet before servicing.

## HOW TO CHANGE THE PAPER BAG

When operating the vacuum cleaner, always use genuine Sharp TWIN PLY™ Micro-Filtration paper bags.

- 1 Push down on the clamp knob located on the top of the dust cover and pull the dust cover forward. (Away from the unit.) (Fig. 14)

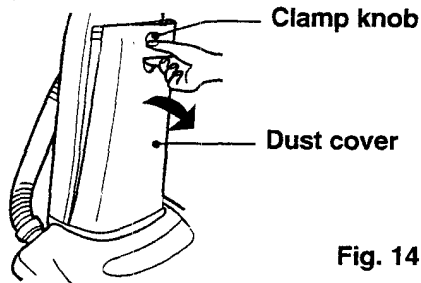


Fig. 14

- 2 To remove the paper bag, grasp the collar on the bag and pull it out. (Fig. 15)

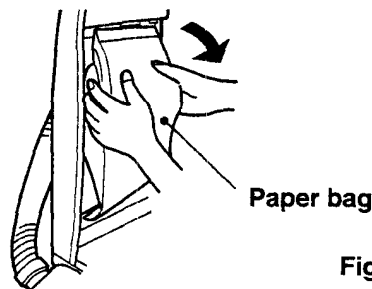


Fig. 15

- 3 Insert the new bag by pressing the collar opening completely around the suction inlet. (Fig. 16)

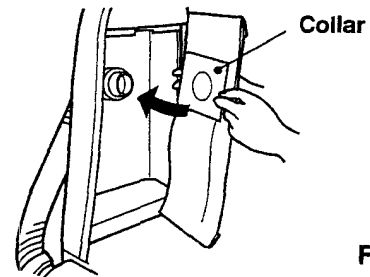


Fig. 16

- 4 Spread out the sides of the new bag. (Fig. 17)

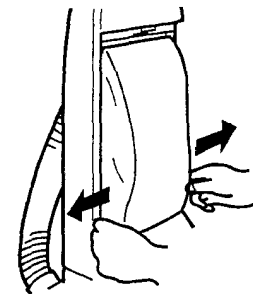


Fig. 17

## HOW TO CHANGE THE SECONDARY FILTER

The secondary filter consists of an electrostatic micron filter and subfilter. The filter should be replaced at least every 10 months to keep the micron filter highly efficient. (EC-14TWT6/14TAT6/12TWT6/12TWT4 only)

When the secondary filter becomes excessively soiled, wash with water and replace after it is completely dried. (EC-12TWT2/12TXT2/12SXT4B only)

- 1 First unplug the vacuum cleaner from the electrical outlet. Remove the secondary filter from the bottom of the paper bag compartment (Fig. 18) by lifting it out from under the retaining lip as shown.
- 2 Install the new filter as shown in Fig. 19.
- 3 Make sure that the secondary filter is in place before vacuuming.

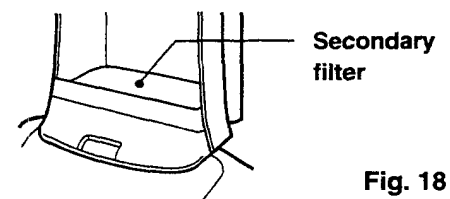


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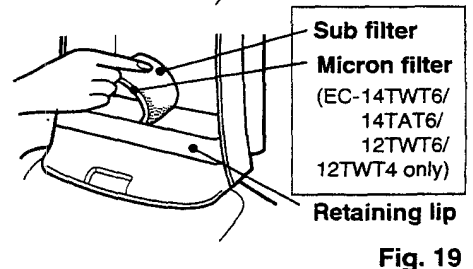


Fig. 19



## HOW TO CLEAN THE SUCTION HOSE

### When a clog occurs:

- 1** Unplug the vacuum cleaner from the electrical outlet, place the vacuum cleaner in the Upright position.
- 2** Hold the connection tube of the suction hose in one hand and the handle in the other. Then pull out the connection tube from the suction pipe of the nozzle head.(Fig. 20)
- 3** Remove the clog carefully without damaging the suction hose.
- 4** After the clog is removed, insert the suction hose into the suction pipe and turn on the vacuum cleaner to check that the clog has been removed.

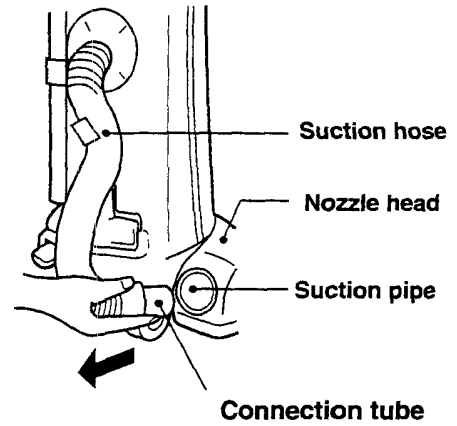


Fig. 20

# REPLACEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

## HOW TO REMOVE THE BOTTOM PLATE

Before replacing any parts, unplug the vacuum cleaner from the electrical outlet. To replace any of the following parts, set the handle to the Parallel position. Then turn the vacuum cleaner over, exposing the underside. Loosen the bottom plate by sliding the latch away from the mounting screw. (Fig. 21) Then remove the bottom plate.

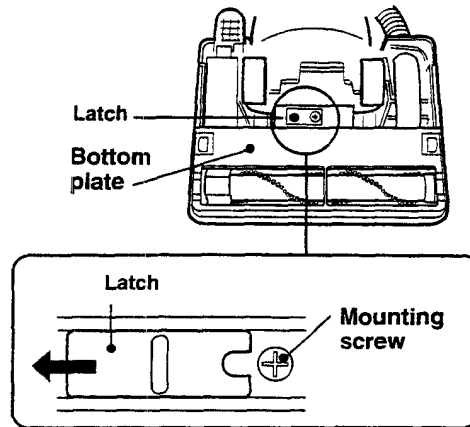


Fig. 21

## HOW TO REPLACE THE HEADLIGHT LAMP

(EC-14TWT6/14TAT6/12TWT6/  
12TWT4/12TWT2 only)

- 1 Remove the headlight mounting screws. (Fig. 22)
- 2 Note the arrangement of the lead wires and then carefully lift out the headlight assembly. (Fig. 23)
- 3 Remove the lamp from the socket by pushing in gently and turning it counterclockwise. (Fig. 23a)
- 4 Install the new lamp by pushing it gently into the socket and turning clockwise. (Fig. 23b)  
Use any standard bayonet base vacuum cleaner lamp rated 125V, 20W.

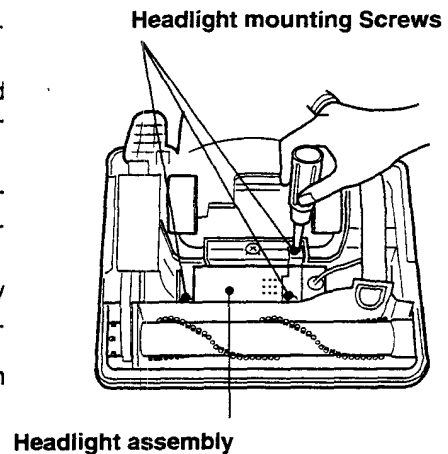


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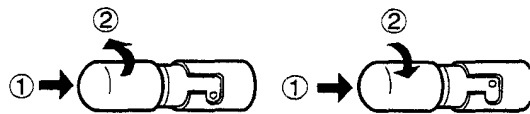


Fig. 23a

Fig. 23b

- 5 Reinsert the headlight assembly. Secure it with the mounting screws.

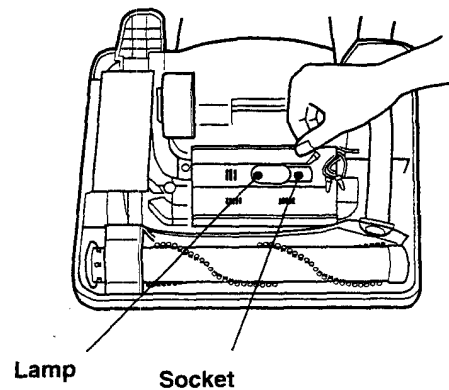


Fig. 23

## HOW TO REPLACE THE BELT (EC-14TWT6/14TAT6 only)

When replacing the belt, always set the RUG/FLOOR Selector to the "FLOOR" position.

- 1** After removing the bottom plate, lift up the belt cover and remove the pulley cover to determine if the belt is worn or broken. (Fig. 24)
- 2** If the flat belt is worn or broken, pull out the agitator and then remove the flat belt from the motor shaft and the agitator pulley.
- 3** Loop the new belt around the motor shaft and then loop it around the idling pulley. (Fig. 25)

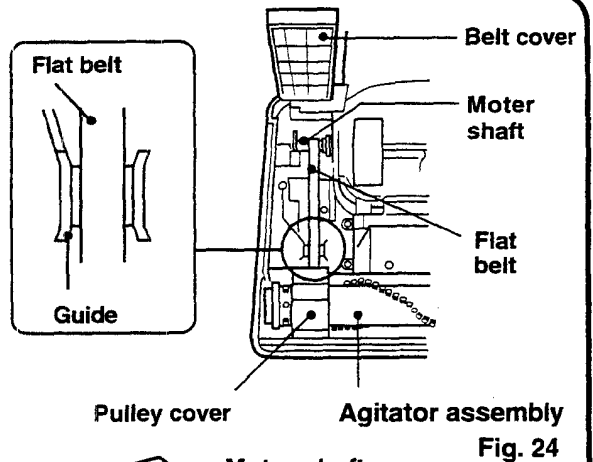


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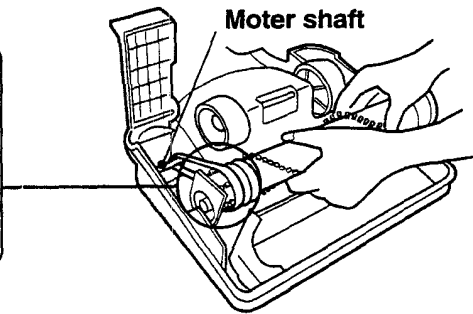
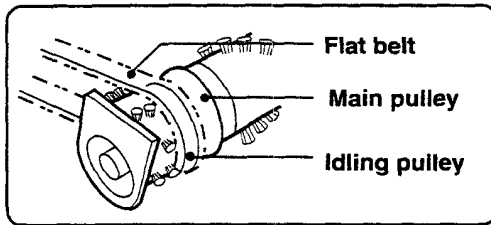


Fig. 25

- 4** Then reinsert the agitator assembly, making sure that both ends of the agitator assembly are fitted into the groove of the nozzle head. (Fig. 26)  
Be sure to install the new flat belt into the guide properly. (Fig. 24)

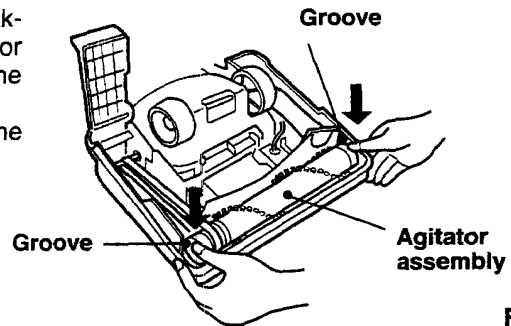


Fig. 26

- 5** Be sure that the flat belt is not twisted and all rotating parts move smoothly. (Fig. 27)
- 6** After reinstalling the pulley cover, close the belt cover and replace the bottom plate.

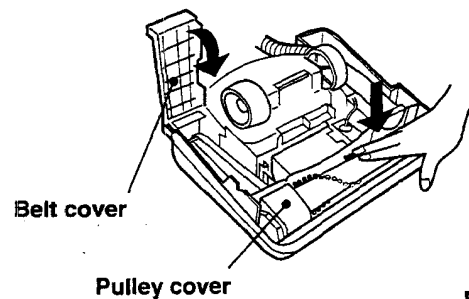


Fig. 27

# REPLACEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

## HOW TO REPLACE THE BELT (EC-12TWT6/12TWT4/12TWT2/12TXT2/12SXT4B only)

- 1 After removing the bottom plate, lift up the belt cover and remove the shelter plate. (Fig. 28)
- 2 Pull out the agitator and then remove the flat belt from the motor shaft and the agitator pulley.
- 3 Loop the new belt around the motor shaft and then loop it around the agitator pulley. (Fig. 29)
- 4 Reinsert the agitator assembly, making sure that both ends of the agitator assembly fit in the groove of the unit.
- 5 Be sure that the belt is not twisted and all rotating parts move smoothly.
- 6 Install the shelter plate completely in the groove with the marking of R side toward the belt cover. ("R" means "Rear".)
- 7 After reinstalling the shelter plate, close the belt cover, then replace the bottom plate.

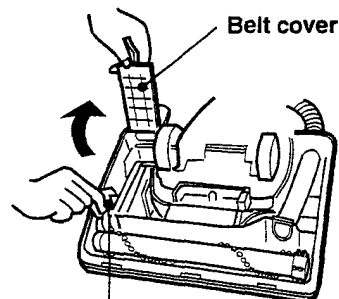


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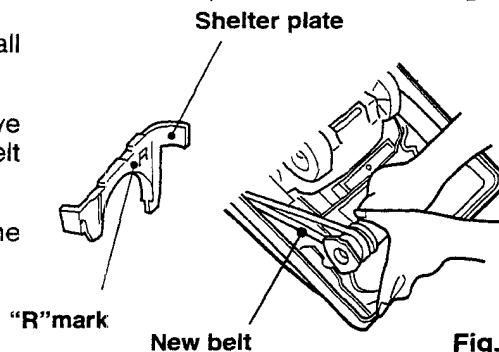


Fig. 29

## HOW TO REPLACE THE BOTTOM PLATE

When replacing the bottom plate, make sure that all the parts are properly set and the wires are not pinched.

- 1 Insert the front six tabs of the bottom plate into the grooves at the front end of the nozzle head, then reset the bottom plate. (Fig. 30)
- 2 Fasten it by sliding the latch as shown. (Fig. 31)

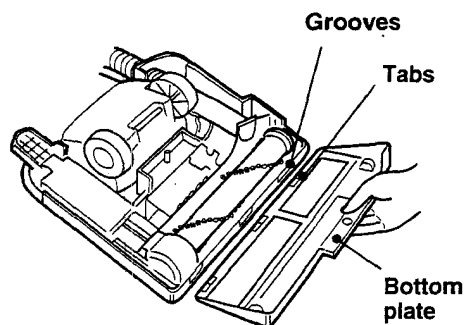


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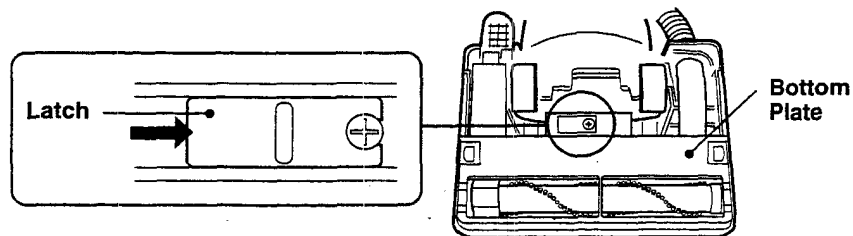
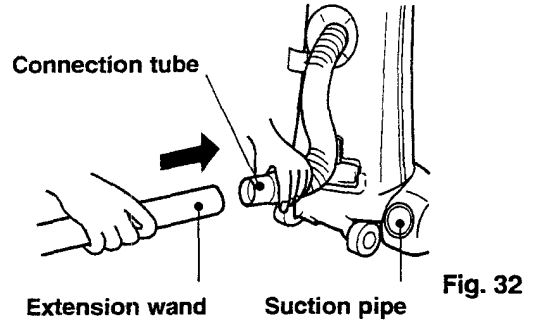


Fig. 31

# HOW TO USE THE ON BOARD TOOLS

Place the vacuum cleaner in the Upright position.

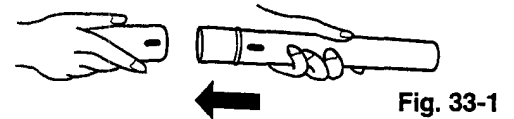
- 1 Hold the connection tube of the suction hose in one hand and the handle in the other. Then pull out the connection tube from the suction pipe. Then use the On Board Tools (Fig. 32)
- 2 Then select the tool best suited for the cleaning task from the descriptions below.



### Extension wand (Models: EC-12TWT4/12TWT2/12TXT2/12SXT4B)

For reaching ceilings, curtains, etc. (Fig. 36)

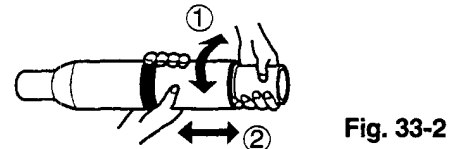
When connecting two wands, meet the illustrated mark each other. (Fig. 33-1)



### Telescopic wand (Models: EC-14TWT6/14TAT6/12TWT6)

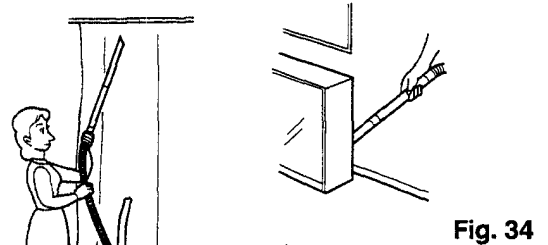
For reaching ceilings, curtains, etc. (Fig. 36)

- ① Turn the wand to unlock; wand will turn freely.
- ② Extend the wand to its full length. Then turn the wand to lock. (Fig. 33-2)



### Crevice tool

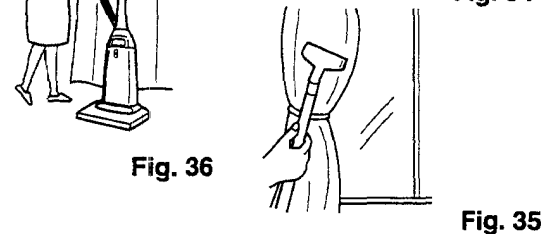
For door tracks, narrow spots, etc. (Fig. 34)



### Combination Upholstery tool and Detachable brush. (Fig. 35)

With detachable brush for carved furniture, table tops, books, lamps, baseboards, etc.

Without detachable brush for draperies, mattresses, clothing, carpeted stairs, etc.

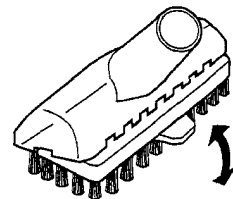


### Detachable brush

Press the knob downward to remove the Detachable brush from the Upholstery tool.

Insert the front portion of the Detachable Brush into the groove located inside the front of the Upholstery tool.

Pull up on the knob to reattach the brush the Upholstery tool.



# BEFORE REQUESTING SERVICE

If you experience any difficulties with your vacuum cleaner, use this Troubleshooting Chart first before requesting service.

## NOTE:

Always remember to have the vacuum cleaner turned OFF and disconnect the plug from the power outlet before working on the vacuum cleaner.

## TROUBLESHOOTING CHART

Problem	Check	Possible Remedy
Motor does not start when the power switch is in the ON position.	Check if the power cord plug is completely inserted into the outlet.	Insert the plug properly into the outlet.
The agitator does not rotate when the power switch is in the ON position.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>① Check that the RUG/FLOOR selector is positioned correctly. (EC-14TWT6/14TAT6 only)</li><li>② Be sure the flat belt is not severed or installed incorrectly.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>① Set the selector at the RUG position. (EC-14TWT6/14TAT6 only)</li><li>② Replace the flat belt or install it properly.</li></ul>
Suction power is weak or decreases suddenly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>① Does the paper bag need changing?</li><li>② Check if the nozzle head, suction hose, etc. is clogged.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>① Change the paper bag.</li><li>② Remove any foreign objects that may have become jammed in the nozzle head, suction hose, etc.</li></ul>

Please request service if the problem still persists or if the problem is not defined in the Troubleshooting Chart.

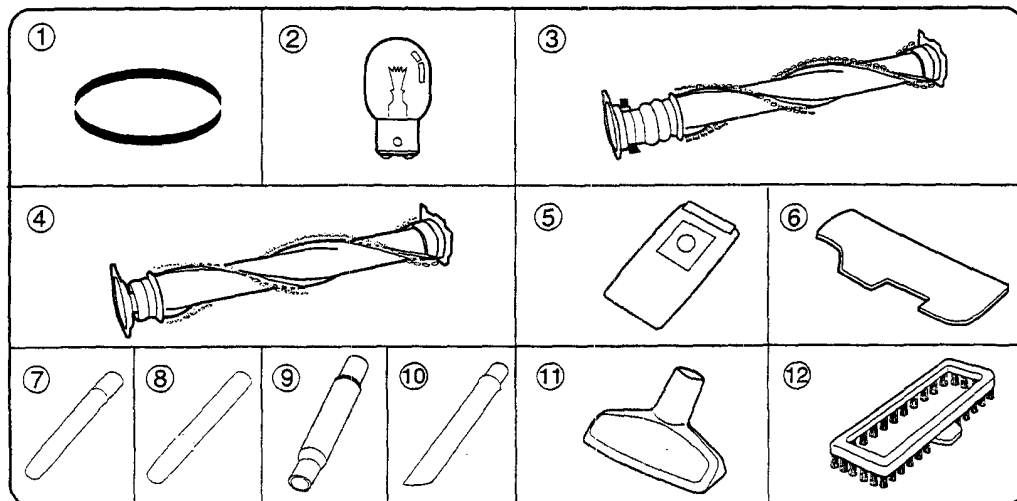
## CALLING FOR SERVICE

For your nearest Sharp Authorized Servicer, any other assistance or information about this product, please call Toll-Free: 1-800-BE-SHARP.

# DESCRIPTION OF ACCESSORIES

For paper bags, belts or other parts, please contact your nearest Sharp Dealer.  
If your dealer does not stock these parts, you may order them by calling 1-800-BE-SHARP.

ITEM	PART DESCRIPTION	PART NUMBER
①	FLAT BELT	EC-02BU3 (2 PCS IN 1 PACK)
②	LAMP	RLMP-A001VBE0
③	AGITATOR ASSEMBLY (EC-14TWT6/14TAT6 only)	DRTR-A003VBK0
④	AGITATOR ASSEMBLY (EC-12TWT6/12TWT4/12TWT2/ 12TXT2/12SXT4B only)	DRTR-A004VBK0
⑤	TWIN PLY™ MICRO-FITRATION PAPER BAG	EC-03PU2 (3 PCS IN 1 PACK) EC-10PU2 (10PCS IN 1 PACK)
⑥	SECONDARY FILTER WITH MICRON	EC-01MU3 (1 PC IN 1 PACK)
⑦	EXTENSION WAND (Slender)	PPIPPA 180VBFA
⑧	EXTENSION WAND (Larger)	PPIPPA 130VBFA
⑨	TELESCOPIC WAND (EC-14TWT6/14TAT6/12TWT6 only)	FPIP-A004VBFA
⑩	CREVICE TOOL	UCATSA057VBFA
⑪	UPHOLSTERY TOOL (without Detachable Brush)	UCAT-A005VBFA
⑫	DETACHABLE BRUSH	PBRS-A050VBEA



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Your Product model number: EC-14TWT6, EC-14TAT6, EC-12TWT6, EC-12TWT4, EC-12TWT2, EC-12TXT2 or EC-12SXT4B Home Use Vacuum Cleaner  
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