Owner's Manual



Vacuum Cleaner

Model 116.20112 116.21212



CAUTION:

Read and follow all safety and operating instructions before first use of this product.

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BEFORE USING YOUR NEW VACUUM

Please read this guide. It will help you assemble and operate your new Kenmore vacuum in the safest and most effective way.

For more information about the care and operation, call your nearest Sears store. You will need the complete model and serial numbers when requesting information. Your vacuum's model and serial numbers are located on the Model and Serial Number Plate.

Use the space below to record the model number and serial number of your new Kenmore vacuum

Model No
Serial No
Date of Purchase

Keep this book and your sales check (receipt) in a safe place for future reference.

KENMORE VACUUM CLEANER WARRANTY

LIMITED ONE YEAR WARRANTY ON KENMORE VACUUM CLEANER

This warranty is for one year from the date of purchase, and includes only private household vacuum cleaner use. During the warranty year, when this vacuum cleaner is operated and maintained according to the owner's manual instructions, Sears will repair any defects in material or workmanship free of charge.

This warranty excludes vacuum bags, belts, light bulbs, and filters, which are expendable parts and become worn during normal use.

For warranty service, return this vacuum cleaner to the nearest Sears Service Center in the United States

This warranty applies only while this product is in use in the United States. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS



WARNING

Your safety is important to us. To reduce the risk of fire, electrical shock, injury to persons or damage when using your vacuum cleaner, follow basic safety precautions including the following:

Read this manual before assembling or using your vacuum cleaner.

Use your cleaner only as described in this manual. Use only with Sears recommended attachments.

To reduce the risk of electrical shock – **Do not** use outdoors or on wet surfaces.

Disconnect electrical supply before servicing or cleaning out brush area. Failure to do so could result in electrical shock or brush suddenly starting.

Always turn cleaner off before connecting or disconnecting the hose or POWER-MATE $^{\text{TM}}$.

Always turn cleaner off before unplugging.

Do not unplug by pulling on cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.

Hold plug when rewinding onto cord reel. Do not allow plug to whip when rewinding.

Do not use with damaged cord or plug. If cleaner is not working as it should, has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors, or dropped into water, return it to a Sears Service Centre/Department.

Do not pull or carry by cord, use cord as a handle, close door on cord, or pull cord around sharp edges or corners. Do not run cleaner over cord. Keep cord away from heated surfaces.

Do not leave cleaner when plugged in. Unplug from outlet when not in use and before servicing.

Do not allow to be used as a toy. Close attention is necessary when used by or near children.

Do not handle plug or cleaner with wet hands.

Do not put any objects into openings.

Do not operate the cleaner with a punctured hose. The hose contains electrical wires. Replace if cut or worn. Avoid picking up sharp objects.

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.

Do not use cleaner without dust bag and/or filters in place.

Always change the dust bag after vacuuming carpet cleaners or freshener, powders and fine dust. These products clog the bag, reduce airflow and can cause the bag to burst. Failure to change bag could cause permanent damage to the cleaner.

Do not use the cleaner to pick up sharp hard objects, small toys, pins, paper clips, etc. They may damage the cleaner or dust bag.

Do not pick up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches, or hot ashes.

Do not use cleaner to pick up flammable or combustible liquids (gasoline, cleaning fluids, perfumes, etc.), or use in areas where they may be present. The fumes from these substances can create a fire hazard or explosion.

Use extra care when cleaning on stairs. Do not put on chairs, tables, etc. Keep on floor.

You are responsible for making sure that your vacuum cleaner is not used by anyone unable to operate it properly.

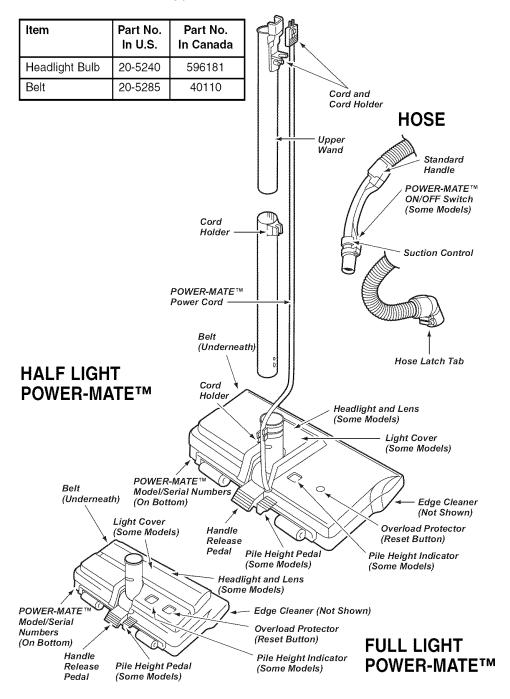
Do not operate without exhaust filter or exhaust filter cover installed.

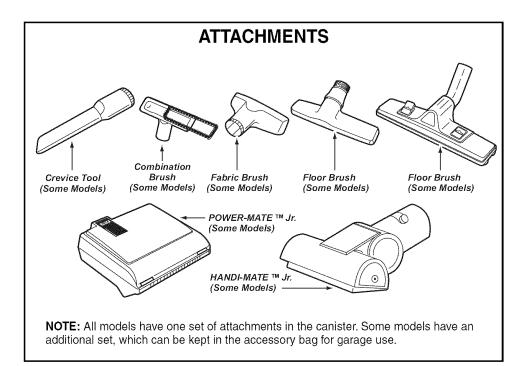
SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Proper assembly and safe use of your vacuum cleaner are your responsibilities. Your cleaner is intended only for household use. Read this Owner's Manual carefully for important use and safety information. This guide contains safety statements under warning and caution symbols. Please pay special attention to these boxes and follow any instructions given. **WARNING** statements alert you to such dangers as fire, electrical shock, burns and personal injury. **CAU-TION** statements alert you to such dangers as personal injury and/or property damage.

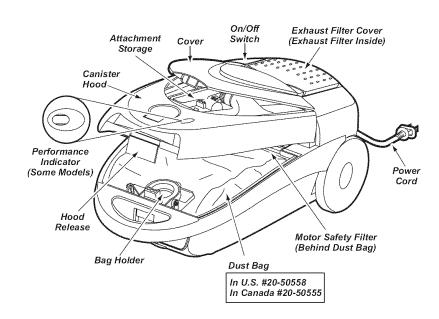
PARTS AND FEATURES

It is important to know your vacuum cleaner's parts and features to assure its proper and safe use. Review these before using your cleaner.





CANISTER



ASSEMBLY

Before assembling vacuum, check the PACKING LIST on the cover of the separate Repair Parts List. Use this list to verify that you have received all the components of vour new Kenmore vacuum.

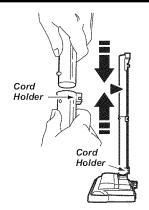


WARNING

Electrical Shock Hazard
DO NOT plug into electrical supply
until assembly is complete. Failure
to do so could result in electrical
shock or injury.

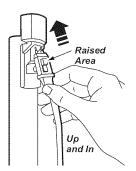
WANDS

Slide wands together until wand button snaps into place.



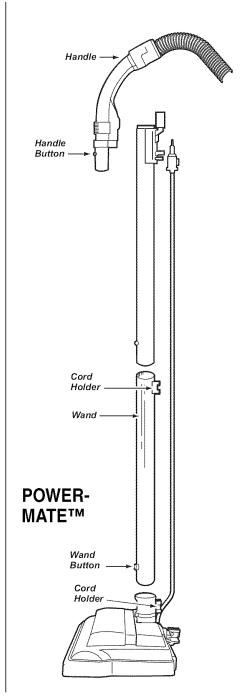
POWER-MATE™

 Insert wands into POWER-MATE™ until the wand button snaps into place.



- 2. Connect POWER-MATE™ plug and cord as shown. **DO NOT force.** Raised area of plug must be toward hand.
- 3. Secure cord into cord holder on wand and POWER-MATE™.

To remove: Disconnect cord, steady POWER-MATE™ with foot and turn wands until the button disappears, then pull wands out of POWER-MATE™.



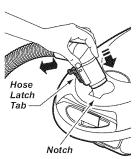
CANISTER

- 1. Open the canister hood.
- Check to see that the dust bag is properly installed. See BAG CHANGING for instructions.
- **3.** Check to see that the motor safety filter is properly installed. See MOTOR SAFETY FILTER CLEANING for instructions.

HOOD

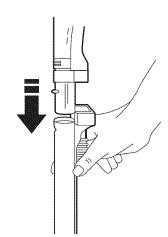
It is normal for the canister hood to come off when opened further than needed. Line up the hinges, insert them, and close the hood to replace it.

HOSE



1. Line up the hose latch tab and notch in canister hood and insert hose into canister until it snaps in place.

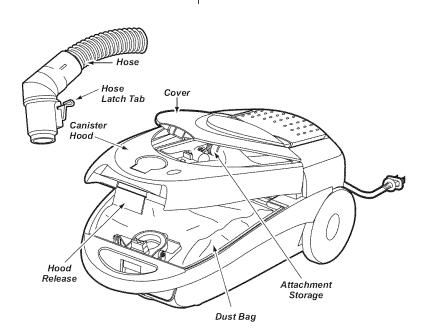
To remove: lift hose latch tab upward and pull up on hose.



2. Insert handle into wand until lock button snaps in place. Be sure hose is not twisted.

To remove: press handle release button and pull up on handle.

To store: Disconnect hose from wands and canister to prevent stress on hose during storage. Store hose in a loosely coiled position so the hose covering is not stressed.



USE

HOW TO START



WARNING

Personal Injury and Product Damage Hazard

- · DO NOT plug in if switch is in ON position. Personal injury or damage could result.
- The cord moves rapidly when rewinding. Keep children away and provide a clear path when rewinding the cord to prevent personal injury.
- DO NOT use outlets above counters. Damage to items in surrounding area could occur.



1. Pull cord out of canister to desired length.

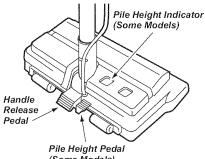
2. Snap cord into arip to prevent accidental rewinding.



NOTE: 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

3. Plug the polarized power cord into a 120 Volt outlet located near the floor.

To rewind: Unplug the cleaner. Hold the plug while rewinding to prevent damage or injury from the moving cord. A slight tug will release the locking pawls in the cord reel allowing it to retract.



(Some Models)

 To lower wands, hold POWER-MATE™ down with foot and pull back on wands.

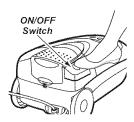


CAUTION

DO NOT leave the POWER-MATE™ running in one spot in the upright position for any length of time. Damage to carpet may occur.

5. Select a pile height setting by rotating the pile height control. The pile height setting is shown on the control. See SUGGESTED PILE HEIGHT SETTINGS.

Attention: Refer to your carpet manufacturers cleaning recommendations. Some more delicate carpets may require that they be vacuumed with the POWER-MATE™ aditator turned off, to prevent carpet damage.



6. To turn unit on, step on the ON/OFF switch.

SOME MODELS

To turn on POWER-MATE™. move the ON/OFF switch to the ON position.



VACUUMING TIPS

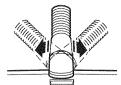
Suggested sweeping pattern.

For best cleaning action, the POWER-MATE™ should be pushed straight away from you and pulled straight back. At the end of each pull stroke, the direction of the POWER-MATE™ should be changed to point into the next section to be cleaned. This pattern should be continued across the rug with slow, gliding motions.



NOTE: Fast, jerky strokes do not provide complete cleaning.

The hose swivel allows the hose to turn without moving the canister. This is helpful for cleaning in small areas. Check hose for twisting before pulling canister.



Carpeted stairs need to be vacuumed regularly. For best cleaning results, fully close the suction control. See PERFORMANCE FEATURES.



WARNING

Personal Injury Hazard

Use care if canister is placed on stairs. If it falls, personal injury or property damage could result.

For best cleaning results, keep the airflow passage open. Check each assembly area in HOW YOUR VACUUM WORKS occasionally for clogs. Unplug from outlet before checking.



CAUTION

To prevent tip over, never leave POWER-MATE™ on or in the upright position. Turning the handle to one side will make the POWER-MATE™ more stable and less likely to tip over.

SUGGESTED PILE HEIGHT SETTINGS

For best deep down cleaning, use the **XLO** setting. However, you may need to raise the height to make some jobs easier, such as scatter rugs and some deep pile carpets, and to prevent the vacuum cleaner from shutting off. Suggested settings are:

HI - Shaq, deep pile, or scatter rugs.

MED - Medium to deep pile.

LO - Low to medium pile.

XLO - Most carpets and bare floors.

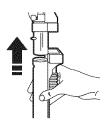
ATTACHMENTS



CAUTION

DO NOT attach or remove handle or wands while cleaner is ON. This could cause sparking and damage the electrical contacts.

ATTACHMENTS ON HANDLE



NOTE: If the POWER-MATE™ is attached, turn cleaner off before removing handle from wands.

1. Press lock button, then pull to remove handle from wand.

2. Slide attachments firmly on handle as needed. See chart below.



ATTACHMENTS ON WANDS

NOTE: If the POWER-MATE™ is attached, turn cleaner off before removing plug from wands.



1. To remove wands from POWER-MATE™, lock wands in straight-up position.

2. Remove POWER-MATE™ plug and cord from holders.





3. Disconnect cord and steady POWER-MATE™ with foot and turn wands until lock button disappears, then pull wands out of POWER-MATE™.

4. Put attachment on wands as needed.
See chart.



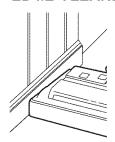
ATTACHMENT USE CHART

	CLEANING AREA						
ATTACHMENT	Furniture*	Between Cushions*	Drapes*	Stairs	Bare Floors	Carpeted Floors/Rugs	Walls
COMBINATION BRUSH (Some Models)	х		Х	Х			Х
CREVICE TOOL (Some Models)	Х	Х					
FLOOR BRUSH (Some Models)				Х	х		Х
FABRIC BRUSH (Some Models)	х		Х				
DUSTING BRUSH (Some Models)	х		Х				Х
POWER-MATE™ (Some Models)					X***	х	
HANDI-MATE™JR. (Some Models)**	х			Х			
POWER-MATE™ JR. (Some Models)**	х			Х	·		·

^{*} Always clean attachments before using on fabrics. ** HANDI-MATE™ JR. and POWER-MATE™ JR. attachment instructions are included with the products. *** (Some Models) POWER-MATE™ switch should be in OFF position.

PERFORMANCE FEATURES

EDGE CLEANER



Active brush edge cleaners are on both sides of the POWER-MATETM. Guide either side of the POWER-MATETM along baseboards or next to furniture to help remove dirt trapped at carpet edges.

OVERLOAD PROTECTOR

The POWER-MATE™ has built-in protection against motor and belt damage should the brush jam. If the brush slows down or stops, the overload protector button pops up and shuts off the POWER-MATE™. The canister motor will continue to run.

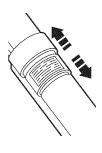


To correct problem: See TROUBLESHOOTING.

To reset: Push in the overload protector button.

SUCTION CONTROL

The suction control allows you to change the vacuum suction for different fabric and carpet weights. Opening the control decreases suction for draperies and lightweight rugs, while closing the control increases suction for upholsteries and carpets.





WARNING

Personal Injury Hazard
Always unplug the vacuum cleaner

before cleaning the brush area as brush may suddenly restart. Failure to do so can result in personal injury.

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR

SOME MODELS

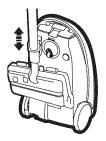
If the performance indicator turns entirely red check for a full dust bag, or a clog in the vacuum.

See HOW YOUR VACUUM WORKS.

NOTE: The performance indicator may turn red when using attachments or when cleaning new carpet, due to reduced airflow by the attachments themselves or new carpet fuzz filling the bag guickly.

POWER-MATE™ STORAGE SOME MODELS

The lower wand has a "U" shaped flange in the area where the power cord attaches. The base has a "U" shaped slot near the front caster.



The flange allows the wands and POWER-MATE™ to be stored with the canister to conserve storage space. The canister must be stored on end for this feature to be used.

The wand will slip out of the slot as it is lifted up for use and will slide into the slot as it is lowered for storage.

THERMAL PROTECTOR

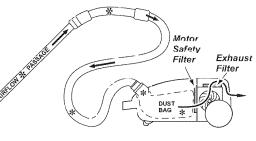
This vacuum has a thermal protector which automatically trips to protect the vacuum from overheating. The thermal protector turns the motor off automatically to allow the motor to cool in order to prevent possible damage to the vacuum.

To reset: Turn off and unplug the vacuum from the outlet to allow the vacuum to cool. Check for and remove any clogs. Also check and replace any clogged filters. Wait approximately 50 minutes and plug the vacuum in and turn back on to see if the thermal protector has reset. In some cases, the unit may suddenly restart. DO NOT leave unattended.

HOW YOUR VACUUM WORKS

The vacuum cleaner creates suction that picks up dirt. Rapidly moving air carries the dirt to the dust bag through the airflow passages. The dust bag lets the air pass through, while it traps the dirt.

For best cleaning results, keep the airflow passage open. Check the starred areas occasionally for clogs. Unplug from outlet before checking.



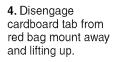
CANISTER CARE

BAG CHANGING

For best cleaning results, the dust bag should be changed often. The performance indicator (some models) will specify when the dust bag needs to be changed or the airflow is blocked. **NOTE:** See PARTS AND FEATURES for Bag #.

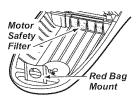


- **1.** Unplug cord from wall outlet.
- **2.** Remove hose from canister.
- **3.** Pull hood release out and up, then lift canister hood.



5. Pull bag out of the red bag mount.





6. Check and replace, if necessary, the motor safety filter.

- 7. The red bag mount will flip forward after removing bag.
- 8. Rotate red bag mount down and install bag into slots per illustrations pushing down until the cardboard tab locks into position and the holes align. Tuck the bag



securely into the bag cavity so that none of it is able to be pinched by the hood.

- 9. Replace and latch canister hood.
- 10. Plug cord into wall outlet.



CAUTION

NEVER REUSE A DUST BAG. Very fine materials, such as carpet freshener, face powder, fine dust, plaster, soot, new carpet lint, etc. can clog the bag and cause it to burst before it is full. Change bag more often when vacuuming these materials.

CLEANING EXTERIOR AND ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Unplug cord from wall outlet. **DO NOT** drip water on cleaner.
- 2. Clean exterior using a clean, soft cloth that has been dipped in a solution of mild liquid detergent and water, then wrung dry. Wipe dry after cleaning.
- 3. To reduce static electricity and dust buildup, wipe outer surface of cleaner and attachments

DO NOT USE ATTACHMENTS IF THEY ARE WET.



CAUTION

Attachments used in dirty areas, such as under a refrigerator, should not be used on other surfaces until they are washed. They could leave marks.

MOTOR SAFETY FILTER CHANGING

Check motor safety filter occasionally and change when dirty.



WARNING

Electrical Shock Hazard

Unplug power cord from electrical outlet. Do not operate the cleaner without the motor safety filter. Be sure the filter is dry and properly installed to prevent motor failure and/or electrical shock.

Remove the bag as outlined in the BAG CHANGING section.

MOTOR SAFETY FILTER ELECTROSTATIC

This white and grey filter must be replaced when dirty. It should be replaced regularly depending on use conditions. The filter CANNOT be washed as it will lose its dust trapping ability.

1. Lift the rubber retainer and pull out motor safety filter as shown.





- 2. Replace the filter, white side out, by sliding it back into place under the ribs in the bag cavity. Tuck filter in so that it fits completely under the rubber retainer.
- **3.** Replace the bag as outlined in the BAG CHANGING section.



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EXHAUST FILTER CHANGING



WARNING

Fire and/or Electrical Shock Hazard
Do not operate with a clogged
exhaust filter or without the exhaust
filter or exhaust filter cover installed.

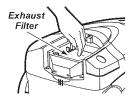
EXHAUST FILTER ELECTROSTATIC

The electrostatic filter must be replaced when dirty. Replace the filter when the entire surface area is covered evenly. The filter CANNOT be washed as it will lose its dust trapping ability.

Replacement exhaust filters are available through Sears Service Center under part no. 8175258. See "Requesting Assistance or Service"

1. Pull out and up on the exhaust filter cover to remove from the motor cover and lay aside.

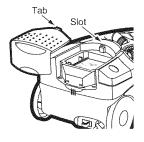




2. When the exhaust filter becomes dirty, remove it by pulling straight up.

3. Place the new filter into the motor cover with the white side down.





4. Reinstall the exhaust filter cover by inserting the tab into the slot in the motor cover. Press firmly to snap exhaust filter cover into place.

POWER-MATE™ CARE

Always follow all safety precautions when cleaning and servicing the POWER-MATE™.



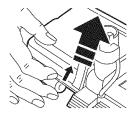
WARNING

Electrical Shock Or Personal Injury Hazard

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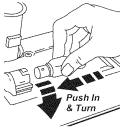
LIGHT BULB CHANGING

HALF LIGHT POWER-MATE™



1. Remove light cover by lifting at arrow as shown.

- **2.** Push in and turn bulb counterclockwise to remove.
- 3. Replace the bulb. Bulb must not be higher than 15 Watts. Close light cover until it snaps in place.



NOTE: See PARTS AND FEATURES for Bulb #.

FULL LIGHT POWER-MATE™



- **1.** Remove light cover by pressing in and lifting both sides as shown.
- **2.** Push in and turn bulb counterclockwise to remove.
- 3. Replace the bulb. Bulb must not be higher than 15 Watts. Close light cover until it snaps in place.



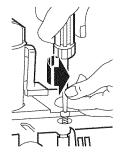
NOTE: See PARTS AND FEATURES for Bulb #.

BELT CHANGING AND BRUSH CLEANING

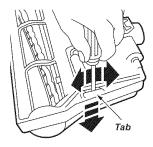
Disconnect cleaner from electrical outlet. Check and remove hair, string and lint build-up frequently in the POWER-MATE™ brush and brush support areas. If build-up becomes excessive, disconnect POWER-MATE™ from wand and follow the steps below. Instructions can also be found under the light cover.

TO REMOVE BELT:

- 1. Remove light cover and light bulb as shown under LIGHT BULB CHANGING.
- 2. Unscrew the POWER-MATE™ cover screws.



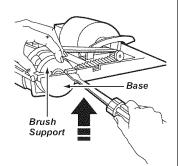
3. Turn
POWERMATE™ over.
To remove
cover, insert
screwdriver at
cover tabs on
both sides and
twist to
release tabs.



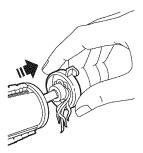


4. Turn POWER-MATE™ right side up. Press handle release pedal and lower the swivel. Tilt cover forward from back until front snaps free.

5. Carefully insert and twist screwdriver at each brush support to free brush from base.

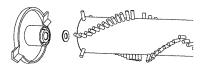


6. Remove worn belt.

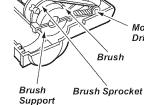


7. Slide brush supports off to check and clean brush support areas. See BRUSH ASSEMBLY for picture of complete brush assembly.

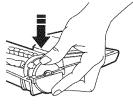
TO REPLACE BELT:



- **1.** Slide washers and brush supports onto brush assembly.
- 2. Install new belt over motor drive, then over brush sprocket.



NOTE: See PARTS AND FEATURES for Belt #.

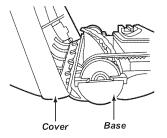


3. Snap brush supports into place on base. Be sure brush supports are not upsidedown.

Motor

Drive

4. Line up front of cover and base. Rest cover on front edge of base as shown.





5. Tilt cover to back. Press cover firmly until side tabs snap into place. Replace cover screws, light bulb and light cover.

BRUSH SERVICING

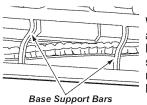


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TO CHECK BRUSHES:

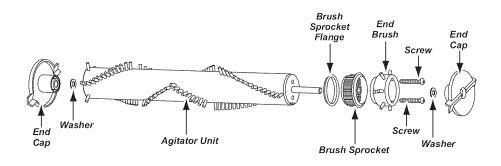


When brushes are worn to the level of the base support bars, replace the brush dowel.

TO REPLACE BRUSH DOWEL:

- Remove POWER-MATE™ cover, belt and brush assembly. See "To remove belt" in BELT CHANGING AND BRUSH CLEANING.
- 2. Remove brush supports, washers, screws, end brush, brush sprocket pieces from ends of brush assembly.
- 3. Reassemble brush assembly. To line up screw holes in dowel, sprocket and end brush, be sure the brush portion of end brush lines up with brushes on brush dowel.
- 4. Replace belt, brush assembly, POWER-MATE™ cover, light bulb and light cover. See "To replace belt" in BELT CHANGING AND BRUSH CLEANING.

BRUSH ASSEMBLY



TROUBLESHOOTING

Review this chart to find do-it-yourself solutions for minor performance problems. Any service needed, other than those described in this owner's manual, should be performed by an authorized service representative.



WARNING Electrical Shock Hazard

Disconnect electrical supply before servicing or cleaning the unit. Failure to do so could result in electrical shock or personal injury.

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	POSSIBLE SOLUTION
Cleaner won't start.	Unplugged at wall outlet. Tripped circuit breaker/blown fuse at household service panel. Loose hose electrical connections. Tripped thermal protector in canister.	1. Plug in firmly, push ON/OFF switch to ON. 2. Reset circuit breaker or replace fuse. 3. Reconnect hose ends, (page 7). 4. Reset thermal protector, (page 11).
Poor job of dirt pick-up.	 Full or clogged dust bag. Clogged airflow passages. Dirty filters. Wrong pile height setting. Open suction control. Hole in hose. Worn POWER-MATE™ brushes. Worn or broken belt. Dirty brush or brush supports. Canister hood open. 	 Change bag, (page 12). Cle ar airflow passages, (page 12). Change filters, (page 13, 14). Adjust setting, (page 9). Adjust control, (page 11). Replace hose. Change brushes, (page 17). \$ 9. See BELT CHANGING AND BRUSH CLEANING, (pages 15, 16). Close and latch hood.
Cleaner starts but cuts off.	 Hose or hood electrical connections. Tripped overload protector in POWER-MATE™. Tripped thermal protector in canister. 	 Check connections, reconnect hose ends, (page 7). Remove any items that may be caught or jammed, then reset. If cleaner starts and stops again, clean brush and brush supports, then reset, (pages 15, 16). Reset thermal protector, (page 11).
POWER-MATE™ will not run when attached.	POWER-MATE™ connections unplugged. Worn or broken belt. Dirty brush or brush supports. Tripped overload protector in POWER-MATE™.	1. Plug in firmly, (page 6). 2 & 3. See BELT CHANGING AND BRUSH CLEANING, (pages 15, 16). 4. Check brush area for excessive lint build-up or jamming. Clean brush and brush supports, then reset, (pages 15, 16).
Performance indicator, some models, is red.	Full or clogged dust bag. Dirty filters. Clogged airflow passage. Certain attachment tools.	Change bag, (page 12). Change filters, (page 13, 14). Clear clog from airflow passage, (page 12). This is normal.Red should disappear when tool is removed.
Cleaner picks up moveable rugs -or- POWER-MATE™ pushes too hard.	Wrong pile height setting. Suction too strong.	Adjust setting, (page 9). Open suction control, (page 11).
Light won't work.	1. Burned out light bulb.	1. Change light bulb, (page 15).
Cord won't rewind.	Dirty power cord. Cord jammed.	Clean the power cord. Pull out cord and rewind.
Cleaner leaves marks on carpet.	Wrong vacuuming pattern.	See VACUUMING TIPS, (page 9).

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