

# V. (Versus™) Bare Floor Vacuum

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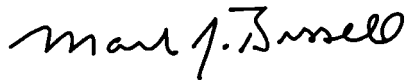
## **Thank you for buying a BISSELL V. (Versus) Bare Floor Vacuum**

Everything we know about floorcare went into the design and construction of this complete, high-tech home cleaning system.

We trust that it will bring you many years of satisfaction. It is backed with a limited one year warranty. We also stand behind it with a knowledgeable, dedicated Consumer Services department, so, should you ever have a question, you'll receive fast, considerate assistance.

My great-grandfather invented the floor sweeper in 1876. Today, BISSELL is a global leader in the design, manufacture, and service of high quality homecare products like your BISSELL V. (Versus) Bare Floor Vacuum.

Thanks again, from all of us at BISSELL.



**Mark J. Bissell**

**Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer**



# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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

## READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING YOUR VACUUM.

Always connect to a polarized outlet (left slot is wider than right). Unplug from outlet when not in use and before conducting maintenance.

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

- Do not modify the polarized plug to fit a non-polarized outlet or extension cord.
- Do not leave vacuum cleaner unattended when it is plugged in.
- Unplug from outlet when not in use and before servicing.
- Do not use outdoors or on wet surfaces.
- Do not allow children to operate vacuum cleaner or use as a toy.
- Close attention is necessary when used by or near children.
- Do not use for any purpose other than described in this User's Guide.
- Use only manufacturer's recommended attachments.
- Do not use with damaged cord or plug.
- If appliance is not working as it should, has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors, or dropped into water, have it repaired at an authorized 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 vacuum cleaner or plug with wet hands.
- Do not put any object into openings. Do not use with any opening blocked; keep openings free of dust, lint, hair, and anything that may reduce air flow.

- Keep openings free of dust, lint, hair and anything that may reduce airflow.
- Turn off all controls before plugging or unplugging vacuum cleaner.
- Use extra care when cleaning stairs.
- Do not pick up flammable materials (lighter fluid, gasoline, kerosene, etc.) or use in the presence of explosive liquids or vapors.
- Do not pick up toxic material (chlorine bleach, ammonia, drain cleaner, etc.).
- Do not use vacuum cleaner in an enclosed space filled with vapors given off by oil base paint, paint thinner, some moth proofing substances, flammable dust, or other explosive or toxic vapors.
- Do not pick up hard or sharp objects such as glass, nails, screws, coins, etc.
- Do not pick up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches, or hot ashes.
- Do not use without filters in place.
- Use only on dry, indoor surfaces.
- Keep appliance on a level surface.

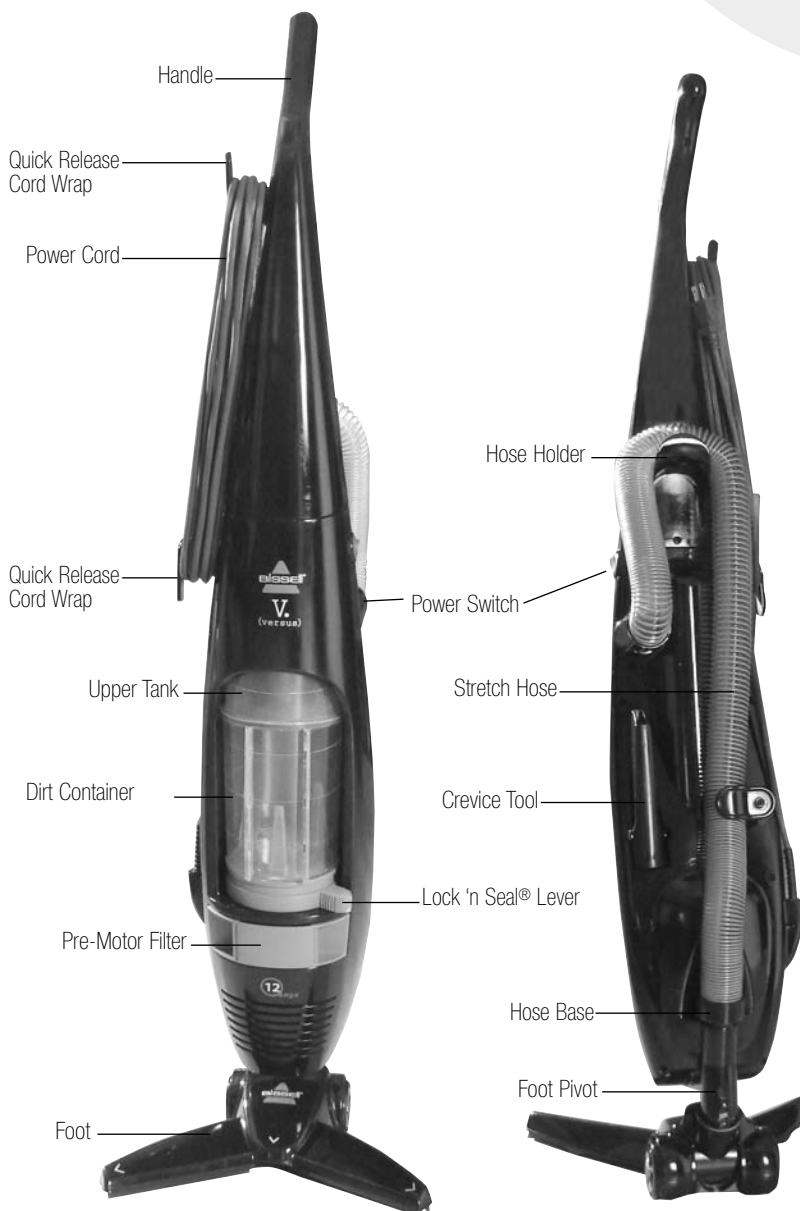
## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE.

## THIS APPLIANCE HAS A POLARIZED PLUG.

To reduce the risk of electric shock, this appliance 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 a proper outlet. Do not change the plug in any way.

THIS MODEL IS FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY.  
Commercial use of this unit voids the manufacturer's warranty.

## Product view



## Assembly

### Tool required: Phillips screwdriver

1. Slide upper handle onto unit. Insert one screw into hole and tighten until snug. Screw will be taped directly above cord wrap on back of handle.
2. Hose will come assembled and wrapped on unit.  
**Note: It is important that hose is fully inserted into base for air to be directed properly to foot during vacuuming.**
3. Wrap power cord around cord wrap.
4. Store crevice tool on back lower left side of unit by snapping into place. Store the crevice tool on vacuum as shown.

### Foot assembly

#### No tools are required for assembly.

1. Slide foot pivot into suction path on body of unit until pivot clicks into place. Ensure connection is secure.



## Operation

### Transporting your cleaner

Place unit in upright position and tip back to roll on rear wheels.

### Power switch

Power switch is located just below handle on left side of dirt container. Push switch "ON" (I) to vacuum, and "OFF" (O) when cleaning is complete.

### Handle positions

1. Upright – For storage and above floor cleaning with crevice tool.
2. Normal cleaning – Lightly press foot of vacuum and pull handle back to detent.



## Operation

### How to use your bare floor vacuum

The bare floor vacuum is a quick and easy way to clean your bare floors and low pile carpets.

1. Lightly press foot of vacuum and pull handle back to detent.
2. Turn power switch to ON (I) position.
3. Clean along edges, in corners, and around tables and chairs by lining unit up along surface you want to clean.
4. When finished cleaning, turn power switch to OFF (O) position.
5. To properly store, return handle to upright position.



## Maintenance and care

### Emptying the dirt container

Dirt container should be emptied before debris reaches the "full" line on front of container.

1. Unplug unit from electrical outlet.
2. Slide Lock 'n Seal® lever to "unlock" position.
3. Grasp clear dirt container and pull out to remove from vacuum.
4. Empty dirt into trash can.
5. Put dirt container back in vacuum and slide lever to "lock" position.

**Note: Dirt container needs to align with notch inside of unit in order to click into place. Make sure dirt container is secure before turning unit on.**



Lock 'n Seal® Lever

## Maintenance and care

### Cleaning the separator grill

**Dirt container should be emptied before debris reaches the “full” line on front of container.**

1. Unplug unit from electrical outlet. Ensure power is OFF.
2. Separator grill can be reached by removing dirt container, reaching underneath and turning rim of separator grill clockwise to unlock. Pull straight down to remove separator grill.
3. Separator grill may be wiped clean with a damp cloth. **Air dry thoroughly before replacing.**



### Cleaning the pre-motor filter

1. Unplug unit from electrical outlet.
2. Pre-Motor filter protects motor from dirt particles. It is located in slide out tray underneath dirt container. If filter becomes dirty, pull out tray, lift filter out and clean. This filter may be hand washed in cold water with mild detergent. Rinse well and **air dry thoroughly before replacing.**



## Maintenance and care

### Clearing clogs

**Low suction or poor pickup may be due to a clog in dirt cup. If this occurs, follow these steps to check for and clear clog:**

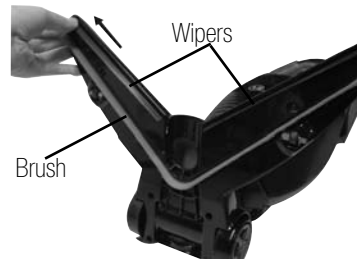
1. Unplug unit from electrical outlet. Ensure power is OFF.
2. Empty dirt container.
3. Check upper tank for build up or clogs.
4. Remove separator grill and check suction inlet for clog.
5. Grasp hose grip and lift to separate from suction opening. Check for clog in base or hose.
6. Release twist n' snap hose from unit by turning hose to the left. Straighten hose and remove any clog found.
7. Check foot for clogs in air path.

### Brush and wiper maintenance

**Regularly check rear angle brush and front wipers on the underside of unit to keep clean. Wipe any debris that has accumulated on the angled brush or front wipers with a damp cloth.**

1. Unsnap rear angled brush by pulling up from one side. Replace with a new brush by snapping into track.
2. To remove wipers, unscrew two tip screws. Slide old wiper out and insert new wiper.

**Note: Any other servicing should be performed by an authorized service representative.**





## Troubleshooting

### Vacuum won't turn on

#### Possible cause

1. Power cord not plugged in
2. Blown fuse/tripped breaker

### Vacuum won't pick up debris or low suction

#### Possible cause

1. Crack or hole in hose
2. Hose is loose
3. Foot is loose
4. Pre-motor filter is dirty
5. Dirt container is full of debris
6. Separator grill is clogged with debris
7. Dirt container or separator grill not installed properly
8. Clog in vacuum

### Visible dirt escaping from cleaner

#### Possible cause

1. Dirt container is full of debris
2. Pre-motor filter missing or installed incorrectly
3. Dirt container installed incorrectly
4. Separator grill missing or not installed

## **WARNING:**

To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock or injury, unplug from the outlet before servicing.

#### Remedies

1. Check electrical plug
2. Check fuse or reset breaker

#### Remedies

1. Check hose and replace if needed
2. Make sure both ends of hose are fully inserted
3. Make sure foot is fully inserted into body of unit
4. Check and clean or replace pre-motor filter
5. Empty dirt container
6. Wipe separator grill of all debris
7. Position correctly and lock in place
8. Follow instructions on page 8 for clearing clogs

#### Remedies

1. Empty dirt container
2. Check pre-motor filter for correct installation
3. Pull out and re-insert dirt container
4. Check separator grill to ensure proper installation

Other maintenance or service not included in the manual should be performed by an authorized service representative.

**Thank you for selecting a BISSELL product.**

**Please do not return this product to the store**

For any questions or concerns, BISSELL is happy to be of service.  
Contact us directly at 1-800-237-7691.

## BISSELL Consumer Services

For information about repairs or replacement parts, or questions about your warranty, call:

### **BISSELL Consumer Services**

**1-800-237-7691**

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. — 10 p.m. EST

Saturday 9 a.m. — 8 p.m. EST

Or write:

BISSELL HOMECARE, INC

PO Box 3606

Grand Rapids MI 49501

ATTN: Consumer Services

Or visit the BISSELL website - **[www.bissell.com](http://www.bissell.com)**

When contacting BISSELL, have model number of unit available.

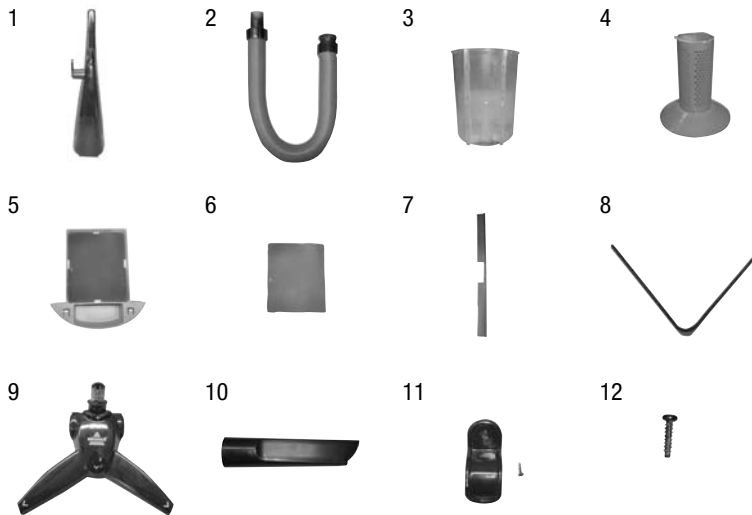
Please record your Model Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please record your Purchase Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Please keep your original sales receipt. It provides proof of date of purchase in the event of a warranty claim. See Warranty on page 12 for details.**

## Replacement parts

| Item | Part No. | Part Name                        |
|------|----------|----------------------------------|
| 1    | 203-0198 | Upper Handle with Cord Wrap Clip |
| 2    | 203-0201 | Stretch Hose Assembly            |
| 3    | 203-0202 | Dirt Container                   |
| 4    | 203-0203 | Separator Grill                  |
| 5    | 203-0204 | Pre-Motor Filter Tray            |
| 6    | 603-1281 | Pre-Motor Filter                 |
| 7    | 203-0205 | Wiper                            |
| 8    | 203-0206 | Brush                            |
| 9    | 203-0207 | Foot Assembly                    |
| 10   | 203-0208 | Crevice Tool                     |
| 11   | 203-0209 | Hose Holder with Screw           |
| 12   | 203-0213 | Screw for Handle                 |



## Warranty - BISSELL V. (Versus) Bare Floor Vacuum

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which may vary from state to state. If you need additional instruction regarding this warranty or have questions regarding what it may cover, please contact BISSELL Consumer Services by E-mail, telephone, or regular mail as described below.

### Limited One Year Warranty

Subject to the **\*EXCEPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS** identified below, upon receipt of the product BISSELL Homecare, Inc. will repair or replace (with new or remanufactured components or products), at BISSELL's option, free of charge from the date of purchase by the original purchaser, for one year any defective or malfunctioning part.

See information below on "If your BISSELL product should require service".

This warranty applies to product used for personal, and not commercial or rental service. This warranty does not apply to fans or routine maintenance components such as filters, belts, or brushes. Damage or malfunction caused by negligence, abuse, neglect, unauthorized repair, or any other use not in accordance with the User's Guide is not covered.

### If your BISSELL product should require service:

Contact BISSELL Consumer Services to locate a BISSELL Authorized Service Center in your area.

If you need information about repairs or replacement parts, or if you have questions about your warranty, contact BISSELL Consumer Services.

#### Website or E-mail:

[www.bissell.com](http://www.bissell.com)

Use the "Customer Services" tab.

#### Or Call:

BISSELL Consumer Services

1-800-237-7691

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. ET

Saturday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. ET

#### Or write:

BISSELL Homecare Inc.

PO Box 3606

Grand Rapids MI 49501

ATTN: Consumer Services

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