

Rapide Deluxe

Pre-Treatment

User Guide



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Machine Overview

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NOTE: Some parts may vary according to model. Please check inside flap of box for more details.

General Safety Information

This carpet washer is intended for household use only and NOT for commercial or industrial use.

Please keep instructions for further use.

When using the carpet washer, basic safety precautions should always be observed, including the following:

- 1. Do not leave the carpet washer unattended when plugged in. Unplug the appliance from the socket when not in use.
- 2. Only use the carpet washer indoors.
- 3. Turn off all controls on the carpet washer before disconnecting or connecting from the mains supply.
- 4. Always unplug the carpet washer before connecting or disconnecting the hose and accessories.
- 5. Always unplug the carpet washer before carrying out any maintenance.
- 6. Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.
- 7. This appliance is not intended for use by children under eight years of age and persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance in a safe way and understands the hazards involved.
- 8. Cleaning and maintenance shall not be made by children without supervision.
- 9. The appliance should only be used as described in the quick start guide or in the full online user guide.
- 10. Only Vax recommended solutions and attachments should be used with this appliance.
- 11. Do not use this carpet washer if it has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors or dropped into water. Do not use this carpet washer with a damaged cord or plug. If the supply cord is damaged return the carpet washer to a Vax Authorised Service Agent or contact our customer care centre.
- 12. Do not pull or carry this appliance by the cord. Do not use the cord as a handle, close a door on the cord or pull the cord around sharp edges or corners. Do not run the carpet washer over the cord. Keep the cord away from heated surfaces.
- 13. Do not handle the plug or the carpet washer with wet hands.
- 14. Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers and all parts of the body away from openings and moving parts.
- 15. Do not pick up with the machine any hot coals, cigarette butts, matches or any hot, smoking or burning objects.
- 16. Do not pick up with the machine any flammable or combustible materials (lighter fluid, petrol, kerosene etc.) or use the machine in the presence of explosive liquids or vapours.
- Do not use the machine on areas where there may be harmful or toxic material (chlorine, bleach, ammonia, drain cleaner etc.)
- 18. Store the carpet washer in a cool, dry area.
- 19. Do not use an extension cord with this machine.
- 20. Do not carry the appliance while it is switched on.
- 21. To prevent dirty water from running into the motor, do not hold the appliance upside-down or lay it on its side. Use the appliance in a normal cleaning position.
- 22. Do not use without all water tanks and solution tanks in place.
- 23. Do not use the carpet washer unless the carpets have been dry vacuumed thoroughly first.
- 24. Keep the unit on the floor.
- 25. Do not put any objects into openings. Do not use with any openings blocked and do not restrict airflow. Keep all openings free of dust, lint, hair or anything that might reduce airflow.
- 26. Do not attempt to remove blockages with sharp objects as they may cause damage.
- 27. Using improper voltage may result in damage to the motor and possible injury to the user. The correct voltage is listed on the rating label.
- 28. Do not use without all of the filters in place.
- 29. Take extra care when cleaning on the stairs.
- 30. Keep the area you are cleaning well lit.
- 31. Do not unplug the machine by pulling on the cord.



Getting Started

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Assembling your carpet washer handle

CAUTION: The carpet washer is a very powerful unit. Before plugging the cord into the electric outlet, make sure all controls on the unit are turned off. Hold the carpet washer firmly when starting and in use.



Assemble the mid section onto the base.



Insert two nuts into the recesses located on the left and right sides of the base. Hold the nuts in place and insert the two medium length screws through the front of the mid section and tighten.



Slide the handle onto the unit. Insert the nut into the recess in the back of the handle. Hold the nut in place and insert the long screw through the front of the handle and tighten.

Assembling your tool caddy



Align tabs on tool caddy with slots on midsection and snap into place.



Place nut into recess on tool caddy and hold into place.



Press handle release and tilt the midsection backwards.



Place screw through the centre of the lower midsection and tighten.

Assembling your hose



Slide the adapter end of the hose into the left slot on the lower tool caddy.



Lock the hose into place by pressing down onto the post until secure.

Before you begin cleaning

Do not saturate your carpet.

- Test for colourfastness Wet a white absorbent cloth with the solution. In a small, hidden area of your carpet, gently rub the surface with the dampened cloth. Wait ten minutes and check for colour removal or bleed with white paper towel or cloth. If your carpet has more than one colour, check all colours.
- When cleaning an entire room, move furniture out of the area to be cleaned. If the furniture is too heavy to move, place aluminium
 foil or wax paper under legs. This will prevent wood finishes from staining your carpet. Pin up furniture skirts and curtains.

IMPORTANT: Carpets should be dry vacuumed thoroughly before washing.

IMPORTANT: Only use Vax carpet cleaning solution. Using other solutions may cause excess foaming. Excessive foam will prevent the machine from working effectively. Using other solutions will invalidate the guarantee.

Operating your pre-treatment wand

Pre-treating your carpet before washing will help to remove stubborn stains. Do not saturate your carpet.







Remove clean water tank.

Pour required dose of pre treatment solution (approx. 40ml per 1.0L of water.)

Mix the solution with warm water (max 40°C) and fill tank with solution.



Tighten cap before returning tank to unit.



Place the clean water tank back on the carpet cleaner.



Attach the pre-treatment tube to the water supply port.
Turn clockwise to secure.



Unwrap power cord, plug unit in and turn the on/off switch.



Using the wand and trigger, apply the pre-treatment solution to your carpets.



Spray evenly onto desired areas and leave for 10-15 minutes before washing.



How To Use

IMPORTANT: Before setting the machine up to wash, ensure the clean water tank is rinsed thoroughly of pre-treatment solution.

Operating your carpet washer

Your dirty water tank is fitted with a float. When the dirty water tank is full or the floor head is not in contact with the carpet the float will shut off the suction at the floor nozzle. You will be able to hear if this has happened as the motor noise on the unit will increase. Once the float is activated, empty the dirty water tank if full. If the dirty water tank is not full then turn off your machine at the power switch and wait for the float to settle before re-starting.









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Unwrap power cord and plug unit in.



Turn the power and brush bar switches on.



Press on the handle release pedal and pull the cleaner back into a reclined position.



When machine is reclined brushbar will power. Upright position brushbar will not power.



Press trigger to release solution.



For best results apply solution on the forward stroke and release the trigger to recover solution on the backward stroke.

How To Use

Using the wash tool

Do not saturate your upholstery.

The clean water tank will need to be filled with Vax carpet cleaning solution and water before use.



Remove hose.



Remove tank door from the top of the dirty water tank.



Insert the hose adapter into the top of the dirty water tank.



Connect the hose water supply plug into the socket on the lower left side of the cleaner. Align inserts and push in. Turn clockwise to secure.



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Looking After Your Machine

WARNING: Always switch off and unplug the carpet washer from the electrical outlet before assembling, filling and emptying the clean water tank, emptying the dirty water tank, or before connecting/disconnecting the attachments.

Emptying the dirty water tank

NOTE: Rinse out tank with clean water and leave to air dry before storing your machine.



Grasp the top of the dirty water tank handle and press the release latch.



Grasp the handle and pull up out of the base, take care to ensure that no dirty water leaks from the front.



Remove dirty water tank lid.



Empty the water tank by grasping the handle with one hand and nozzle with the other and empty into the sink.

Removing blockages from the brushbar

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Threads caught in the brushbar can be cut.

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Cleaning the filter

IMPORTANT: Cleaning filters maintains cleaning performance. For best cleaning results filters require cleaning at least every three months. If your filters are washable make sure that they are completely dry before inserting them back into the cleaner.

IMPORTANT: The motor is equipped with a thermal cut-out. If for any reason the unit should overheat, the thermostat will automatically turn the unit off. Should this occur, unplug the carpet washer from the electrical outlet and and turn off the switch. Check the hose for blockages. Clean the filters. Allow the unit to cool for approximately one hour (if you have cleaned the filters you will need to wait twenty four hours for the filters to dry before putting them back in the machine.) To re-start the machine, plug it into an electrical outlet and switch it back on.



Rinse the filter with warm water. Allow it to dry fully before replacing it in your cleaner.

Replacing the belt

WARNING: To reduce the risk of electric shock, turn the machine off and unplug from electrical socket before performing maintenance/troubleshooting checks.

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To remove the belt cover, use a phillips screwdriver to remove the two screws.



Grasp the brush bar with one hand, using the other hand to keep tension on the belt while removing by lifting upwards.



Slide the belt off the motor shaft and dispose.





Replace new belt on to spindles and secure the belt cover.

Replace the belt cover inserting the end furthest from the brush first. Then replace the front of the belt cover before securing in place with the two screws.



Is there an accessory missing?

• Check the 'This pack contains' panel on the box to make sure the part is definitely included in your unit.

Why won't the carpet washer turn on?

- It may not be plugged into the electrical socket correctly: ensure that the plug is pushed in securely and switched on.
- The power button on the unit hasn't been fully depressed.
- If unit cuts out during use, disconnect the unit from the electrical socket, allow to cool for one hour, clean the filter and empty the dirty water tank and check hose, brushbar for blockages.

Why won't the cleaner pick up solution/spills?

- The float in the dirty water tank may have been activated. Empty the dirty water tank if full. If the dirty water tank is not full then switch the machine off and wait for the float to settle before re-starting your machine.
- The dirty water tank may be full and the auto shut off engaged. Empty the dirty water tank.
- Ensure the dirty water tank is fitted correctly and the tank cap is securely fitted.
- . Check the hose for blockages.
- . Check the brushbar for blockages.

Why won't the solution/clean water dispense?

- . Ensure the clean water tank is fitted securely.
- The solution/clean water tank may be empty.
- Ensure dirty water tank is fitted securely.

Why won't the brushes rotate?

- The brushes will only rotate when the unit is reclined and turned on.
- · Check the float chamber filter and clean if necessary.
- Belt may be broken replace if necessary.

Other Information

UK Service & Help

Any queries or concerns about using your Vax, simply visit; vax.co.uk/support – vaxireland.ie or call the Vax Careline. Calls are charged at the UK local rate. Please make a note of the serial number and model number of the vacuum cleaner before calling.

Vax Careline: (UK) 0844 412 8455 (ROI) 1-800 928 308

Monday-Friday 8.30am to 6.30pm Saturday 9.00am to 5.00pm

Consumables

To purchase spares and accessories, please visit vax.co.uk

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Float chamber filter kit: 1-9-130494-00 Belt kit – Type 16: 1-9-130510-00



Wattage: 600W

Capacity: Clean water tank 3.5L

Dirty water tank 2.0L Cord length: 7.5m Weight: 7.7kg

Filter: Float chamber filter

Subject to technical change without notice.



EEC Statement of Compliance

Manufacturer/EEC importer: Vax Limited, hereby on our own responsibility, declare that the Rapide Deluxe series is manufactured in compliance with the following Directives:

Safety: 2006/95/EC Low Voltage Directive

EMC: 2004/108/EC Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive



Waste electrical products should not be disposed of with household waste. Please recycle where facilities exist. Check with your Local Authority or retailer for recycling advice.





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