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# Gator

## Let's get started



H86-GA Series

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# Let's talk safety



## Basic safety precautions

**This handheld is intended for household use only and NOT for commercial or industrial use.**

- This handheld is for indoor use only.
- For dry debris use, not to be used on wet surfaces.
- Keep fingers, hair and loose clothing from moving parts and openings whilst using the handheld.
- Only Vax recommend charger, tools and accessories should be used with this handheld.

- This appliance can be used by children aged from 8 years and above and persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge if they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance in a safe way and understand the hazards involved. Children shall not play with the appliance. Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be made by children without supervision.

**Please keep instructions for further use.**



## Don'ts

- ✗ Don't charge the handheld outdoors
- ✗ Don't use this handheld if it has been dropped, damaged, immersed in water or left outdoors.
- ✗ Don't run over the charger cord or use handheld if the Charger cord or plug is damaged. Please contact our Customer Care Line on: 0844 4128 455 (Mon-Fri 8.30am to 6.30pm, Sat 9.00am to 5.00pm).
- ✗ Don't handle the plug or use the handheld with wet hands.
- ✗ Don't throw the handheld into fire or expose to high temperatures, as the handheld contains a rechargeable nickel cadmium battery which may cause damage or burst.
- ✗ Don't pull or carry this handheld by the charger cord. Don't use the charger cord as a handle, pull the charger cord around corners or sharp edges or close a door over the charger cord. Don't unplug handheld by pulling on the charger cord.
- ✗ Don't attempt to remove blockages with sharp objects as this may cause damage to your handheld.
- ✗ Don't use the handheld charger with incorrect voltage as this may result in damage or injury to the user. The correct voltage is listed on the ratings label.
- ✗ Don't vacuum up hot coals, cigarette butts, matches or smoking hot burning items or use in an area where there may be harmful fluids (chlorine, bleach, and ammonia drain cleaner).



## Do's

- ✓ Always make sure filter and dirt container are fitted correctly before using your handheld.
  - ✓ Always turn off the Gator handheld vacuum and disconnect the charger before carrying out any maintenance.
  - ✓ Turn off all controls on the handheld before disconnecting or connecting the charger.
  - ✓ Take extra care when cleaning on the stairs.
  - ✓ Always replace the fuse in the plug with a 13amp fuse.
  - ✓ Always protect the charger cable from heated surfaces or near open flames.
  - ✓ Use only CE approved 13amp extension cords, non-approved extension cords may overheat. Care should be taken to arrange the extension cord as it can be a trip hazard.
  - ✓ Always carry the handheld by the handle.
  - ✓ Store your handheld in a cool, dry area.
- Please keep instructions for further use.**

# Thank you for buying this Gator.

## Taking care of small cleaning tasks

The Gator range is designed to make cleaning as quick and convenient as possible and this user guide will help you get the most out of your machine.

The Gator range is perfect for small cleaning tasks on surfaces and upholstery.

## Taking care of your Gator

Also inside this guide are instructions on maintaining your new machine, so that it's always ready when you need to tackle those small jobs.

## Taking care of you

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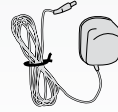
Getting in touch

## Gator Series

### Included with your machine



Filter



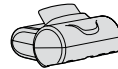
Charger

### + Gator Car



Car adapter

### + Gator Pet



Turbohead

# Getting to know your machine

Charging indicator  
(red LED)

Filter  
release button

Dirt container  
release button

Retractable  
crevice tool

Dirt container  
release button



On/off switch

Handle

Car adapter  
socket (Gator Car only)

Charger socket



## Technical Specification

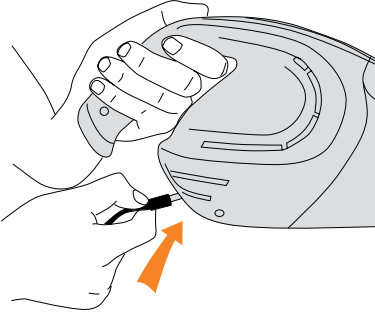
Name	Gator	Gator Car	Gator Pet
Voltage	10.8V	12V	18V
Weight	1.24kg	1.5kg	1.8kg
Capacity	0.3L	0.3L	0.3L
Cleaning Time	12 mins	15 mins	18 mins
Charging Time	12 hrs	12 hrs	12 hrs

## Accessories & Consumables\*

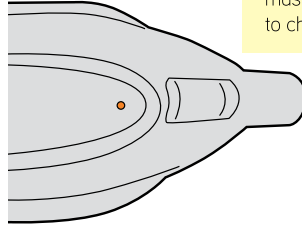
Gator	Gator Car	Gator Pet
Charger 1-5-131865-00	Charger 1-5-132800-00	Charger 1-5-132794-00
Pre-motor Filter (Type 67) 1-7-131574-00	Car adapter 1-5-133792-00	Pre-motor Filter (Type 67) 1-7-131574-00
	Pre-motor Filter (Type 67) 1-7-131574-00	Motorised Turbohead 1-2-132797-00

# Getting started

PLEASE READ 'LET'S TALK SAFETY' AT THE BEGINNING BEFORE USE

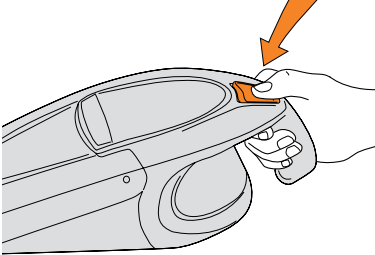


Plug charger into the mains and insert lead into back of machine. Initial charging time is 24 hours.

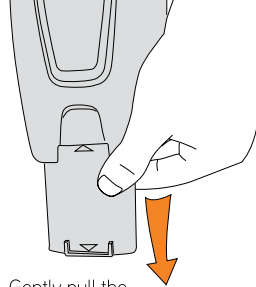


**NOTE:** The power switch must be in the off position to charge the battery.

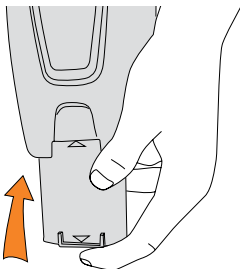
The charging light will illuminate continuously whilst the charger is connected.



On/off switch: 0 Off  
I On



Gently pull the crevice tool.



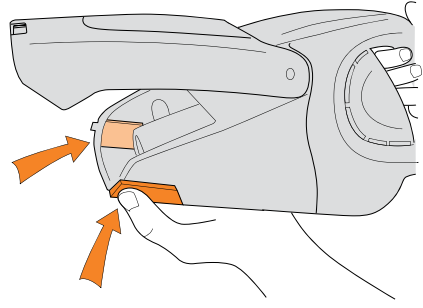
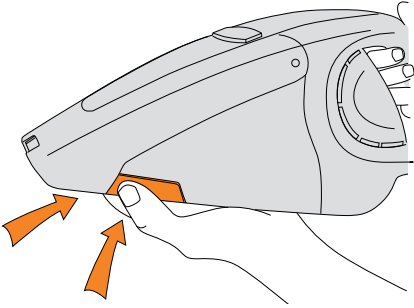
Push the crevice tool to retract.



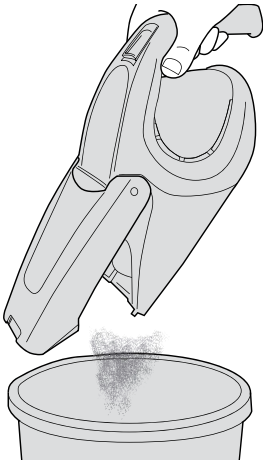
## WARNING

Failure to initially charge the battery for 24 hours, may result in poor battery performance.

# Using your machine



To empty the dirt container, press both buttons either side of the dirt container to release lid.

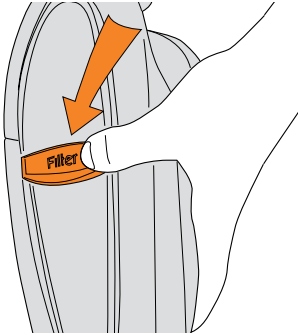


Empty dirt and debris over a bin.

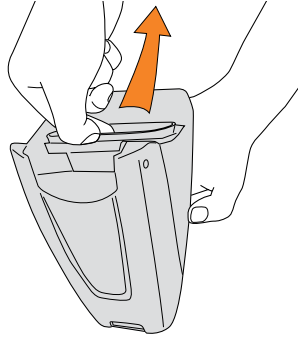


We recommend to empty the dirt container after each use.

## Taking care of your machine



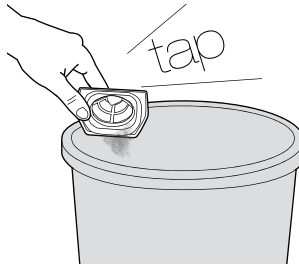
Press the filter removal button and pull dirt container from machine.



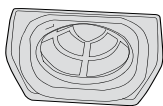
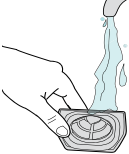
Whilst holding the dirt container over a bin, grasp the filter gently and pull out.



Shake any excess dirt or debris from the dirt container.



Tap filter against bin.



Wash the filter under running water and leave to fully dry for a least 24 hours before replacing.



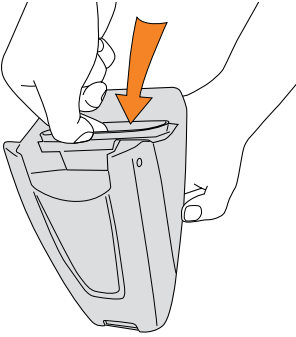
### WARNING

Do not use the handheld without the filter in place.

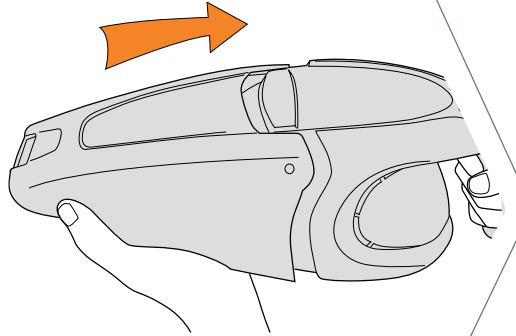




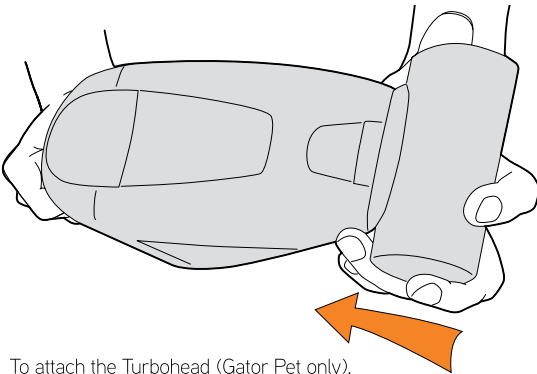
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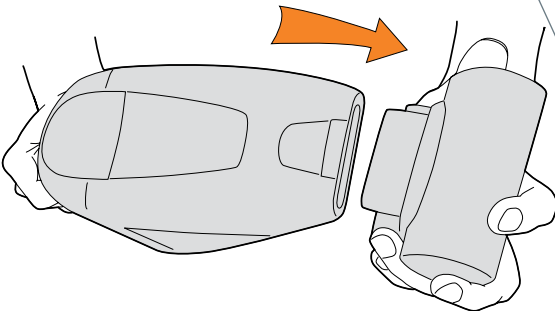
Gently push filter back into the dirt container.



To re-attach the dirt container, align bottom of the dirt container and push until it locks into place.



To attach the Turbohead (Gator Pet only), align with dirt container and push until it locks in place.



To remove the Turbohead (Gator Pet only) for cleaning or when not in use, gently twist down and pull to detach.



## WARNING

Always unplug the charging lead from the machine before carrying out any maintenance.

# What to do if it goes wrong

## Problem

Why does my handheld have no power?

## Solution

- Battery may not be fully charged. If using the handheld for the first time the initial charge should be 24 hours. The charging light will illuminate continuously when charger is connected.
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Why won't the handheld pick up?

- The nozzle or crevice tool may be blocked, check and clear any blockage. The filter may be clogged, clean the filter. Go to 'Taking care of your machine' page\*. The battery is getting weak, let the battery run until it stops and recharge. The dirt container may be full, empty the dirt container. Go to 'Using your machine'.
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Why won't the battery recharge?

- The charger may not be inserted correctly. Check the fuse in the plug, if this needs replacing always replace with a 13amp fuse.

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