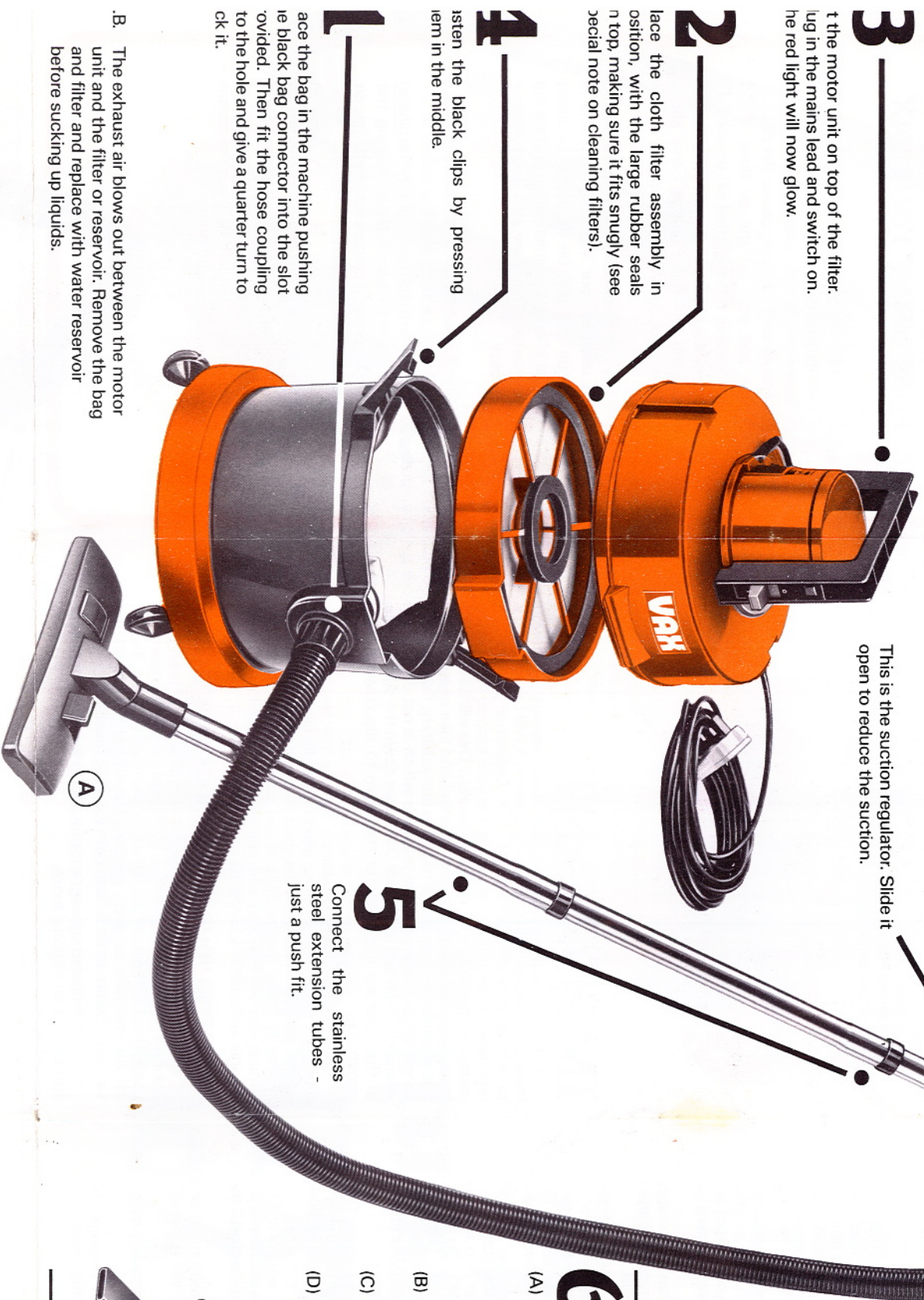


# Using your VAX as a Vacuum Cleaner



**3** — The motor unit on top of the filter. Plug in the mains lead and switch on. The red light will now glow.

**2** — Place the cloth filter assembly in position, with the large rubber seals on top, making sure it fits snugly (see special note on cleaning filters!).

**4** — Fasten the black clips by pressing them in the middle.

**1** — Place the bag in the machine pushing the black bag connector into the slot provided. Then fit the hose coupling to the hole and give a quarter turn to lock it.

**B.** The exhaust air blows out between the motor unit and the filter or reservoir. Remove the bag and filter and replace with water reservoir before sucking up liquids.

This is the suction regulator. Slide it open to reduce the suction.

**5** — Connect the stainless steel extension tubes - just a push fit.

**WARNING** - this appliance must be earthed. **IMPORTANT** - The wires in this mains lead are coloured in accordance with the following code: green and yellow earth blue neutral brown live

The brown plug provided is suitable for your socket outlets. The plug must be cut off and a suitable plug fitted. The cut-off plug should be disposed of and must not be inserted into any 13 amp socket as this can result in electric shock. The plug or adaptor or the distribution panel should be provided with 13 amp fuse. As the colours of the wires in the mains lead of this appliance may not correspond with coloured markings identifying the terminals in your plug, proceed as follows:

The wire which is coloured green and yellow must be connected to the terminal in the plug which is marked with the letter E or by the earth symbol - ⚡, or coloured green, or green and black. The wire which is coloured blue must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter N or coloured black. The wire which is coloured brown must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter L or coloured red.

**NOTE** After replacing or changing a fuse, the fuse cover in the plug must be replaced with a fuse cover which corresponds to the colour of the insert in the base of the plug or the word that is embossed on the base of the plug, and the appliance must not be used without a fuse cover. If first replacement fuse covers can be obtained from Vax Appliances Ltd. This appliance is rated at 13amps. Only 13amp fuses approved to BS 1362 A.S.T.A. should be used.

**6** Attach the desired cleaning head.

- (A) Combination tool - this tool may be used on carpets with the brushes retracted or on hard floors with the brushes down. To alter the brush position press the pedal arrangement on top of the tool.
- (B) Dusting Brush - useful for vacuuming walls, skirting board, picture rails, etc.
- (C) Upholstery nozzle - for cleaning your soft furnishings.
- (D) Crevice nozzle - for those awkward to get at places.

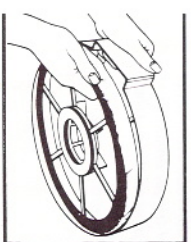


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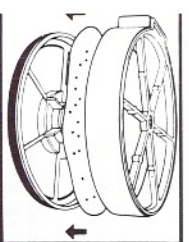
### Dry Vacuuming IMPORTANT

**YOU MUST KEEP YOUR FILTERS CLEAN, OTHERWISE YOU MAY DAMAGE YOUR VAX.**

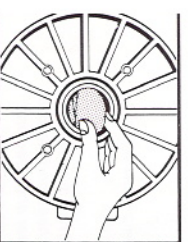
Your cloth filter can usually be cleaned by knocking it against a hard surface or by brushing it. It can also be washed up to 5 times. After this it could be replaced.



**REMOVING FILTER**  
1. Hold filter unit (as illustrated), place finger tips under the plastic lip beneath the outer rubber seal, (avoid pulling on this rubber seal) and firmly ease the centre frame from the outer frame. Remove filter cloth, wash and press while damp or replace with a new filter.



2. To reassemble place centre part, with rubber seals down, on a hard surface. Spread filter cloth evenly over it. PUSH filter housing over the top trapping the cloth. Turn frame over and push securely into outer frame, you will feel it click back into place.



**CLEANING BLUE FILTER**  
The blue filter under the motor housing must be kept clean. Wash gently, dry and replace with blue side facing. Your Vax machine is fitted with a cloth dust bag which acts as a first filter. This should also be removed, emptied and washed when necessary.

**DIRTY FILTERS REDUCE YOUR SUCTION AND CAN CAUSE DAMAGE TO YOUR MACHINE. KEEP THEM CLEAN. REMEMBER - MISUSE IS NOT COVERED BY WARRANTY.**



### LACK OF SUCTION

Possible Reason	Check & Remedy
Suction regulator open	Close.
Machine not fitted together snugly	Re-assemble.
Filter not reassembled correctly after cleaning	See filter instructions opposite.
Dirty filters	See filter maintenance opposite.
Bag full	Empty.
Hose connection not locked	Twist to lock.
Damaged vacuum hose	Replace.
Hose or cleaning head blocked	Remove hose from machine. Place hand over hole to check suction is there, examine hose and cleaning head to find obstacle and remove. A flexible drain cleaner may assist.

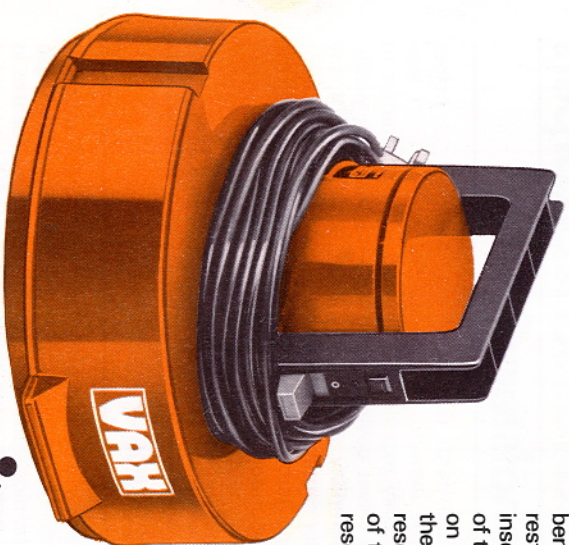


# Using Your VAX

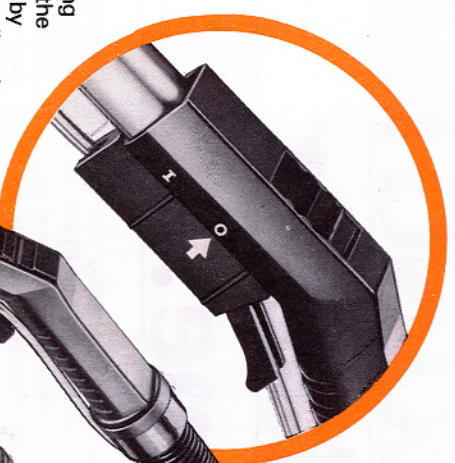
## for VAXING (wash'cleaning) carpets

### Assembly Instructions

**1** Remove the filter and dust bag. Insert the reservoir into the recovery bucket. Fill to the ledge with hand hot water, add 6 capfuls of VAX Carpet Cleaner to the water, pour 2 capfuls of VAX Defoamer (4 capfuls if carpet has been shampooed previously) down the centre hole into the recovery bucket.

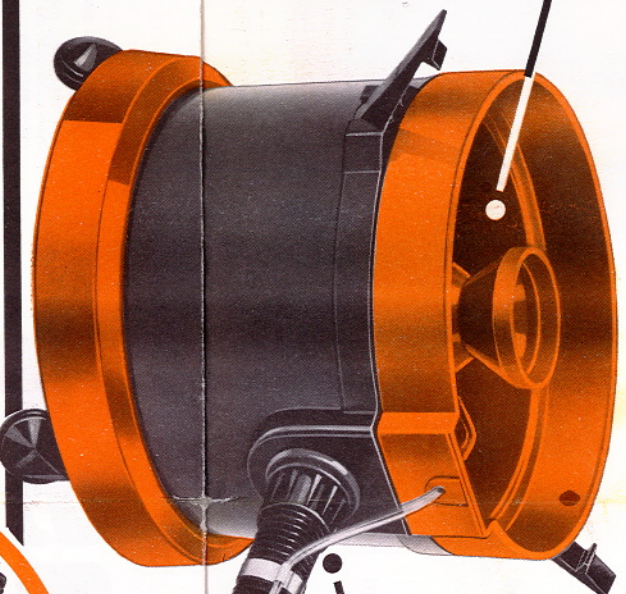


**3** Now clip the cleaning solution pipe along the vacuum hose. Start by sliding the liquid control valve directly beneath the suction control. Clip the rest of the pipe along the hose inserting one end into the hole on top of the cleaning head. The orange clip on the other end of the pipe fits into the slot in the cleaning solution reservoir and the weight holds the end of the tube flat in the bottom of the reservoir.



**4** Now place the motor unit on top of the machine and fasten retaining clips.

**2** Insert the hose into the hole in the recovery bucket and give a ¼ turn to lock it.



### Operating your VAX as a carpet cleaner...

**5** To open the liquid valve slide the control valve forward so that the arrow is in the ON (I) position on the handle and lay the hose and extension tubes on the floor.

**6** Switch on the machine. The cleaning solution will now pass down the solution pipe to the cleaning head. The use may then be picked up and used as if you were normally vacuuming your carpets, ensuring that the cleaning head stays flat on the carpet surface. If the head is at the wrong angle you will hear air being sucked in.

If your carpets have not been VAXED before, you will probably need to pass several times over each part of your carpet. You will now notice that the colours of your carpet are brightening, and you will see the dirty water being drawn up through the cleaning head.

As each area is cleaned, slide the control valve backwards to the OFF (O) position on the handle and go over the carpet area just cleaned to vacuum up excess moisture.

In some cases you will notice your carpet looking dirtier when you commence cleaning. This is the dirt being drawn up to the surface of your carpet. If this happens continue cleaning till the carpet looks clean. Work methodically across the carpet starting in one corner of the room otherwise you will get striped result.

If your carpets are very heavily soiled, mix a solution of one part VAX Carpet Cleaner to two parts of water into a spray bottle and pre-spray your carpet before VAXING. Do this in areas of not more than 2-3 square metres at a time. Leave for five minutes and use your VAX machine as normal. This process may also be adopted in the event of spillage or stains.

**POT CLEANING** — attach the small cleaning head.

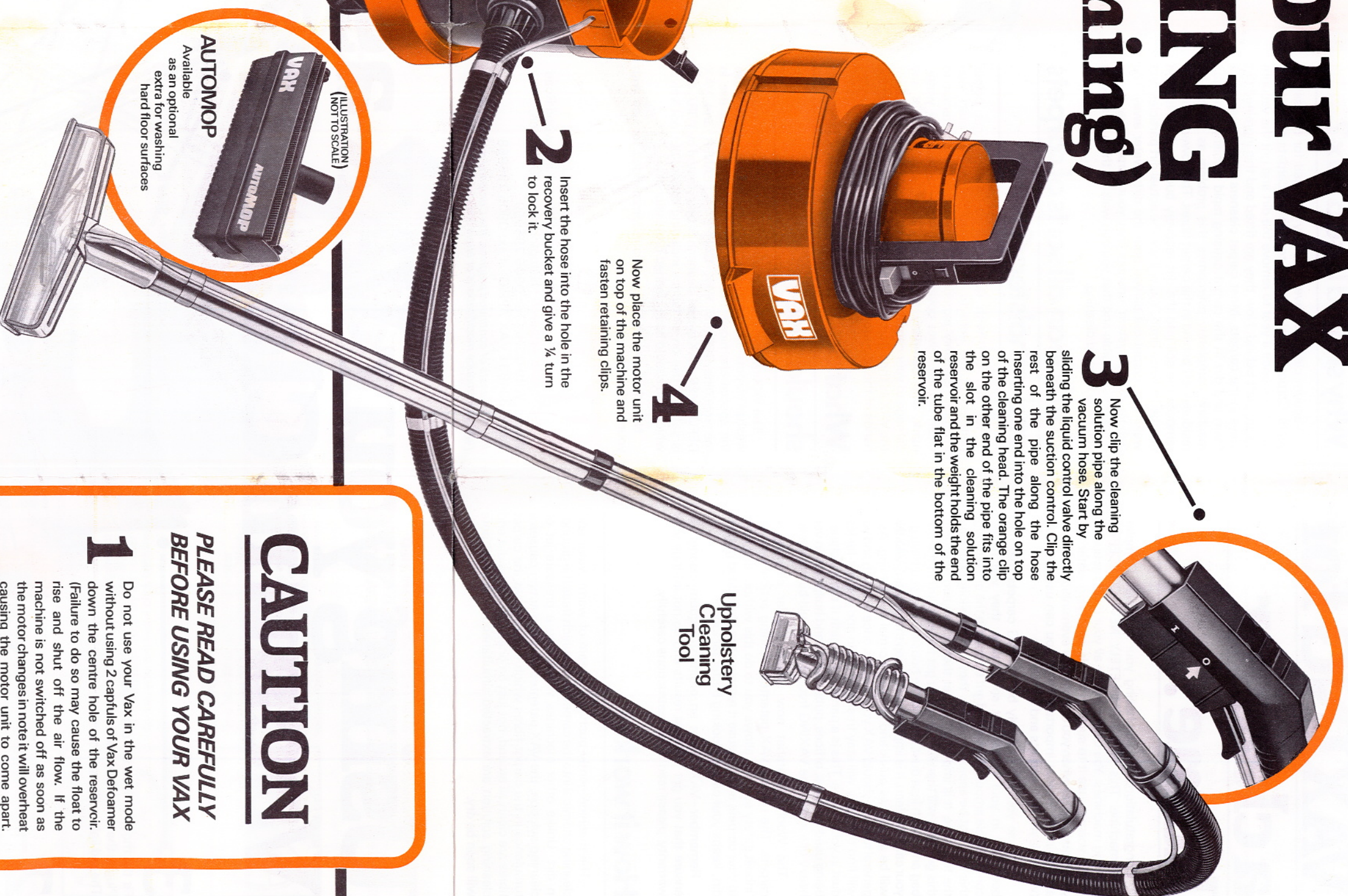
For cleaning small areas, slide the control valve into the OFF (O) position on the handle and use the trigger to control the flow of cleaning solution. Squeeze with the finger for liquid flow, release to stop it.

When all the cleaning liquid has been used, which will be indicated by a series of bubbles going down the solution pipe, switch off the machine, empty the recovery bucket and refill the water reservoir, proceeding as before.

A spray of water may blow out between the motor unit and reservoir if the machine is jerked when full. This will not result in damage to the machine.

**EVER REFILL THE RESERVOIR WITHOUT EMPTYING THE RECOVERY BUCKET.**

To clean after use, suck some clean water through the cleaning head and hose by immersing the cleaning head in a bowl of water with the machine switched on.



Upholstery Cleaning Tool



### IMPORTANT

If your carpets have been shampooed previously, or if you have spot-cleaned with a foaming cleaner, it will be necessary to add additional quantities of VAX Defoamer as you will regenerate a lot of the shampoo left in your carpet, which may cause the shut-off valve to lift prematurely. This will be detected by a change of noise from the machine and loss of suction. If this happens, switch off the machine immediately. Failure to do so will cause damage to the machine which is not covered by warranty. Then add additional Defoamer down the central hole of the reservoir and wait for the foam to die down before continuing.

To clean upholstery or stairs — remove the two extension tubes and place small cleaning head on handle (see illustration). Coil the solution pipe round the short stainless steel tube without kinking it. Stand the machine at the same level or above the surface you are cleaning and operate the trigger in the same manner as for SPOT CLEANING.

### OPERATING YOUR VAX TO SUCK UP WATER

Assemble as for carpet cleaning but without fitting the solution pipe. Always add two capfuls of defoamer down the central hole of the reservoir if there is any trace of foam. Switch off the machine as soon as the shut-off valve cuts off the vacuum. Failure to do so can damage your machine.

A rubber-bladed squeegee tool available for drying hard floor surfaces as an optional extra.

### CAUTION

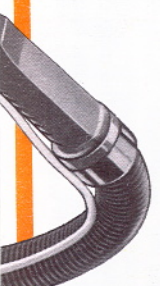
#### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE USING YOUR VAX

**1** Do not use your Vax in the wet mode without using 2 capfuls of Vax Defoamer down the centre hole of the reservoir. (Failure to do so may cause the float to rise and shut off the air flow. If the machine is not switched off as soon as the motor changes in note it will overheat causing the motor unit to come apart. This is not covered by guarantee.

**2** Only Vax proprietary chemicals should be used in your Vax. This machine is unique and can be damaged by using other chemicals which will invalidate the guarantee. They may also damage your carpets.

**3** Check your carpets for colour fastness by rubbing a small area in a corner of the room with a cloth moistened with diluted Vax Carpet Cleaner before waxing the whole carpet. If colours run or change, do not attempt to clean!

**4** The float in the reservoir should be washed after using the machine in the wet mode to remove any Defoamer that may have stuck to it. Pull out the centre cone to remove the float.



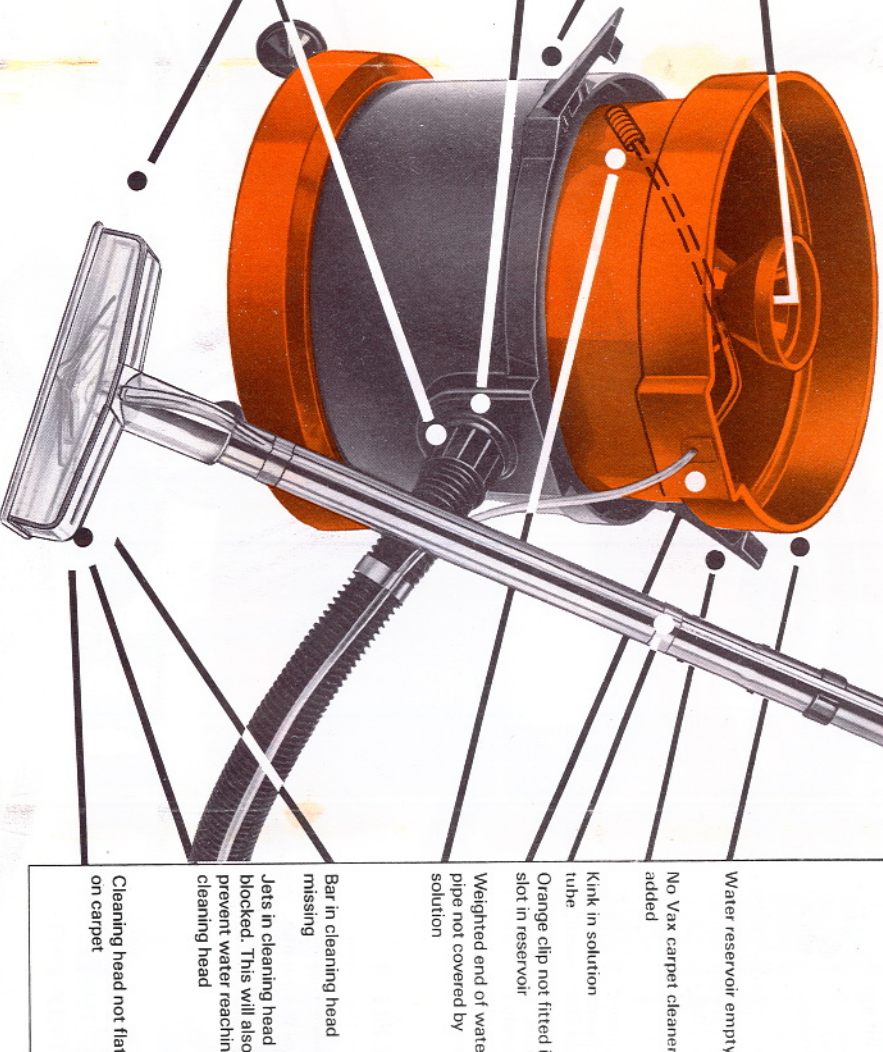
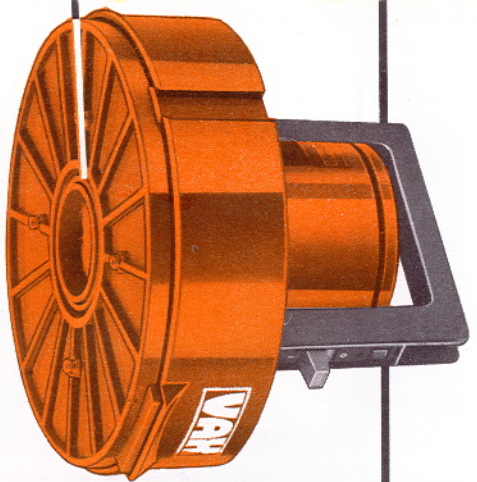


# PROBLEM DIAGNOSIS

EVEN USING YOUR VAX FOR CARPET WASHING OR WET CLEANING IF THE MOTOR OF YOUR VAX IS WORKING PROPERLY YOU PROBLEM YOU HAVE CAN BE EASILY AND QUICKLY SOLVED BY FOLLOWING THIS SAMPLE.

## ACK OF SUCTION

Possible Reason	Check & Remedy
vacuum filter dirty	Remove - wash - squeeze dry and replace.
vacuum regulator	Close.
vacuum hose or pipes blocked	Remove hose from machine check if suction there by holding hand over hole with machine running. If yes check hose and pipes for obstruction.
vacuum head blocked	Remove, clean out blockage and replace.
vacuum coming unscrewed from coupling	Screw in anti-clockwise direction until tight.



## NOT WASHING PROPERLY

Possible Reason	Check & Remedy
Liquid control valve closed	Open by squeezing the trigger.
Solution pipe has pulled apart in control lever	1. Remove solution control valve from vacuum hose. 2. Push a two pence coin between the trigger and trigger housing on each side. 3. Lift out trigger. 4. Reconnect solution tube into rubber tube in centre of trigger ensuring solution pipe is pushed through hole in housing. 5. Push trigger back into housing.
Water reservoir empty	Refill!
No Vax carpet cleaner added	Always use Vax proprietary cleaning chemicals.
Kink in solution tube	Rub solution tube between thumb and fingers to remove kink
Orange clip not fitted into slot in reservoir	Remove motor unit and fit.
Weighted end of water pipe not covered by solution	Refill reservoir after emptying recovery bucket or refill water pipe onto hose correctly. This will allow about 12" of pipe in the reservoir.
Bar in cleaning head missing	Replace bar (cleaning head will not work without this bar).
Jets in cleaning head blocked. This will also prevent water reaching cleaning head	Push small screwdriver down hole on top of cleaning head and remove centre bar. Wash bar and head and replace pushing wide section of bar in first.
Cleaning head not flat on carpet	If you hear air hissing under the cleaning head, the cleaning solution is being sucked straight back into machine. Keep cleaning head flat on carpet at all times.



# VAXING for a cleaner home...

Congratulations on purchasing your new Vax Complete Care machine. This is a COMPLETELY NEW CONCEPT in cleaning machines. You can use it for all your daily vacuuming needs, you can use it to suck up floods, emptying water from your chest freezer when you defrost it, or even unblocking sinks and drains. But most important of all you can use it to VAX (wash clean) your carpets and upholstery.

Because you will probably be VAXING carpets that have been laid in your house for some time, they will have a considerable amount of dirt and grit trapped in the pile although this may not be apparent visibly, they will take longer to clean the first time. It is important to get them clean and remove all this grit. You will then find that you get far less fluff in the dust bag and much less dust around the house. Once you have got your carpets clean, it is important to 'keep them clean'. VAXING will be almost as quick and easy as normal vacuuming. As a general rule you should VAX your carpets once a month and you will find that they will stay fresh and clean and you get far less dust in your house. This is a particular benefit if the machine is being used in shops, offices, pubs, hotels and hospitals. In very heavy use areas, the VAXING frequency should be increased.

The Wool Secretariat now advise regular cleaning of carpets. The unique VAX patented cleaning action with the 'inbuilt safety system' allows you to do this without any harm to your carpets and because it removes the embedded grit and dirt, keeps your carpets looking better far longer.

Remember - VAX is not an ordinary vacuum cleaner. To ensure that you get the best results and do not infringe your warranty, please read these instructions carefully.

## How it works

The machine gently pushes a stream of warm water and cleaning chemical into the carpet fibres which frees the ground-in dirt. Unlike other machines which use a pressure jet of cleaning solution, the VAX patented cleaning action causes a turbulence in the carpet fibres which ensures that the carpet fibres are clean all around, not just on one side. As the dirt and cleaning solution are extracted simultaneously your carpets will soon be dry.

## Why should I use a Vax?

Vacuum cleaners have not really changed for the last 50 years. Carpets have! We used to take the carpets outside and beat them once a year to remove the dirt and grit the vacuum cleaner left behind. Now they are fitted and this ingrained dirt stays in the carpets. Most carpet cleaners leave a residue of foam and dirt in the carpet causing rapid resoiling. The Vax machine completely overcomes this problem as almost no residue is left behind in the carpet fibres. The powerful suction removes the soil into the dirt recovery bucket which is then emptied down a drain. You will see the actual dirt particles that wear your carpet out as you pour the dirty water away. The 'inbuilt safety system' ensures that your carpets are dry as quickly as possible and that you can walk on them as soon as you have finished cleaning.

## Can I clean all sorts of carpets and upholstery?

Yes you can - with due provision. Always test colour fastness of the item to be cleaned before you start (see instructions). Only experienced cleaners should attempt to clean natural velvet covered upholstery as this may watermark. The Company accept no liability in respect of any damage to your carpets or upholstery resulting from the use of the VAX as the total control over the use of the machine is in the hands of the operator.

## What cleaning chemicals should I use?

The VAX machine is unique in the world. No other machine washes carpets the same way and therefore you can only use the special chemicals that have been formulated for use in the machine - namely VAX CARPET CLEANER and VAX DEFOAMER. VAX carpet cleaner has been tested by WIRA and is safe for use on all fabrics including dralon, but not velvet which you should have cleaned professionally.

No other chemical cleaner is recommended for use with your VAX machine.



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# VAX

## Instructions for use

