



# POWERLITE SERIES

Cyclonic Vacuum



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## USER GUIDE

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**LET'S GO.™**

# **WARNING**

## **BASIC SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

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- This vacuum cleaner is intended for household use only and NOT for commercial or industrial use.
- Only use the vacuum cleaner indoors on dry surfaces and keep the area you're cleaning well lit.
- Keep fingers, hair and loose clothing away from moving parts and openings whilst using the vacuum cleaner.
- This vacuum cleaner 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 vacuum cleaner in a safe way and understand the hazards involved. Children shall not play with the vacuum cleaner. Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be made by children without supervision.
- Only Dirt Devil recommended tools should be used with the vacuum cleaner, use of non-branded Dirt Devil accessories/tools will invalidate your guarantee.

## **DON'TS**

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- Don't use the vacuum cleaner if it has been dropped, damage or left outdoors.
- Don't run over the power cord or use vacuum cleaner if the power cord or plug is damaged. Please contact our Customer Care Line on: 0330 026 2626 (Mon-Fri 9:00am-5:00pm).
- Don't handle the plug or use the vacuum cleaner with wet hands.
- Don't pull or carry the vacuum cleaner by the power cord.
- Don't use the power cord as a handle, pull the power cord around corners, sharp edges or close a door over the power cord.
- Don't unplug the vacuum cleaner by pulling on the power cord.
- Don't vacuum up any flammable or combustible materials (lighter fluid, petrol, kerosene etc) or use the vacuum cleaner in an area with explosive vapours or liquid.
- Don't vacuum up hot coals, cigarette butts, matches or smoking hot burning items

# **WARNING**

## **DON'TS CONTINUED...**

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- or use in an area where there may be harmful fluids (chlorine, bleach, and ammonia drain cleaner).
- Don't attempt to remove blockages with sharp objects as this may cause damage to the vacuum cleaner, remove blockages only as instructed in this guide.
- Don't vacuum up hard or sharp objects such as glass, nails, screws or coins etc.
- Don't use the vacuum cleaner with incorrect voltage as this may result in damage or injury to the user. The correct voltage is listed on the ratings label.

## **DO'S**

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- Turn off all controls on the vacuum cleaner before disconnecting or connecting the plug from the mains socket.
- Always keep the power cord away from the brushes during use. After use always wrap the power cord around the cord clips provided.
- Always make sure both the pre-motor/post-motor filters are in place before use.
- Always make sure the brush bar is switched off when using the vacuum cleaning on stairs or when using the hose and accessories. Take extra when positioning the vacuum cleaner on the stairs.
- Always switch off the vacuum cleaner before disconnecting or connecting the hose and accessories.
- Keep all openings clear and free from debris as this may affect the airflow/suction.
- Always replace the fuse in the plug with a British 13amp fuse. Always protect the power cable from heated surfaces and 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.
- Store the vacuum cleaner in a cool, dry area. If the filters have been cleaned as per user the guide instructions ensure they are thoroughly dry before storing away.

**PLEASE KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FURTHER USE.**

**HI. WELCOME.**

**Congrats on purchasing your new POWERLITE cyclonic vacuum. Inside, you'll find everything you want to know from tools to how to.**

**So what are you waiting for? LET'S GO.™**

## Thank you for choosing a Dirt Devil product.




Please enter the complete model and serial number in the spaces provided.

**MODEL** \_\_\_\_\_

**SERIAL NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_

Serial number located on the machine's rating label

Hint: Attach your sales receipt to this owner's manual. Verification of date of purchase may be required for warranty service of your Dirt devil product.

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			MADE IN PRC
FOR PATENT INFORMATION SEE OPERATING MANUAL			
<b>SERIAL NUMBER</b> (Label located on bottom of vacuum)			

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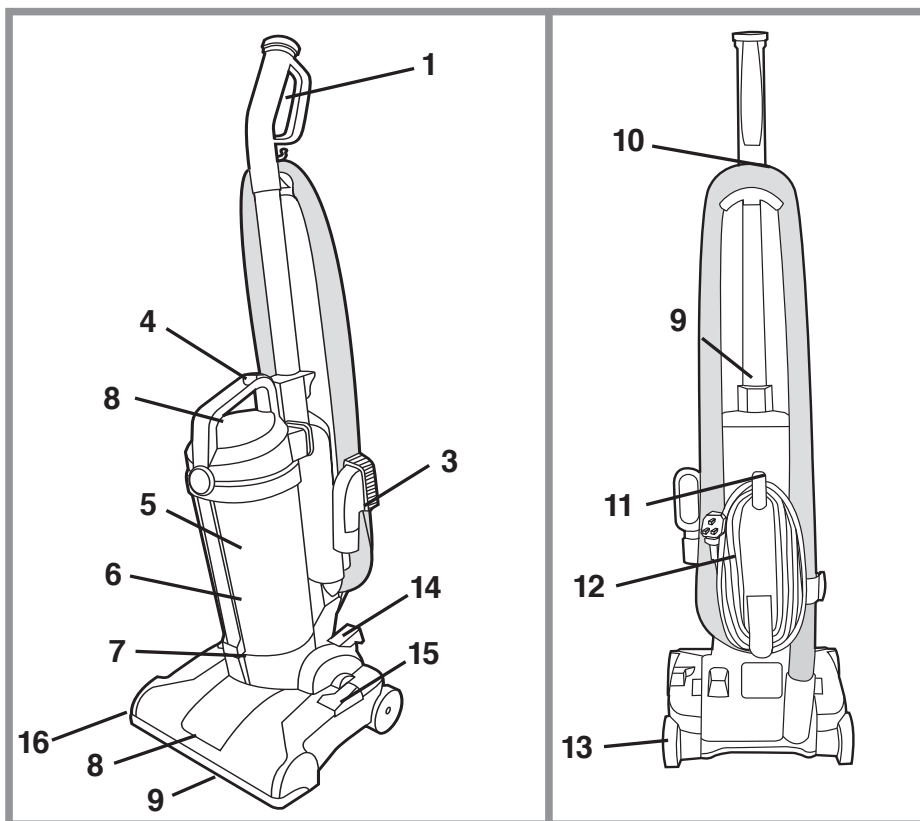
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# MACHINE OVERVIEW

## VACUUM DESCRIPTION

1. Handle
2. Stretch Hose
3. Dusting Brush
4. Dirt Bin Release Button
5. Shroud and Separator
6. Dirt Bin
7. Filters
8. System Check Indicator
9. Crevice Tool (Attached to handle and stored in cleaner)
10. Hose Holder
11. Quick Release Cord Hook
12. Power Cord
13. Wheels
14. On/Off Pedal
15. Brushbar Control Button
16. Hard Floor Adaptor

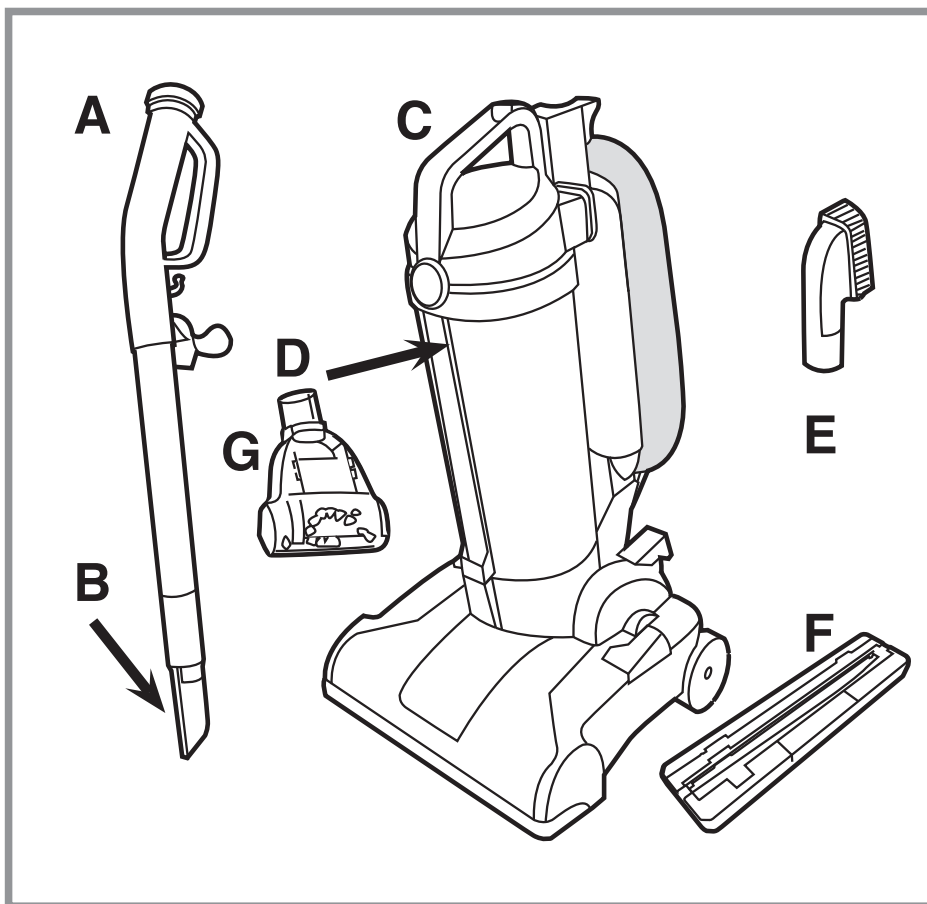


# QUICK START

## WHAT'S IN THE BOX

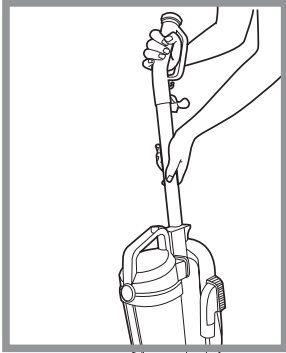
Remove all parts from carton and identify each item shown. Make sure all parts are located before disposing of packaging.

- A. Handle
- B. Crevice Tool (Attached to handle)
- C. Main Body
- D. Dirt Bin
- E. Dusting Brush
- F. Hard Floor Adaptor
- G. TurboTool (certain models only)

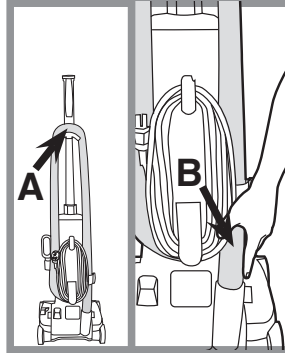


# QUICK START

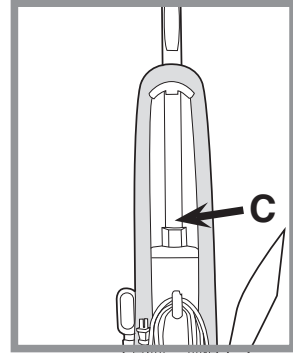
## ATTACH HANDLE



1. Insert handle into body of cleaner. Push down until handle locks into place.



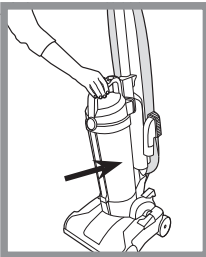
2. Position hose over hose holder (A) and into hose tube (B).



3. To remove handle, remove hose and press handle/wand release button (C) to remove.

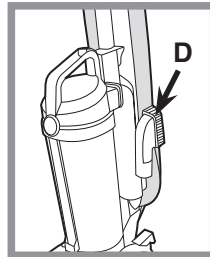
**!** **IMPORTANT:** Hose must be connected as shown for all operations.

## ATTACH DIRT BIN

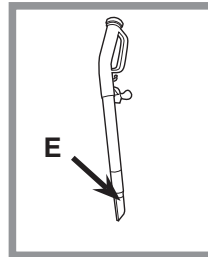


Place bottom of dirt bin into vacuum body first. Pivot Bin into vacuum. Dirt Bin is secure when you hear a click.

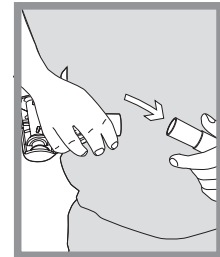
## STORE TOOLS



1. Snap dusting brush (D) into storage area on side of cleaner.



2. Crevice tool is permanently attached to end of handle/wand and inserted into cleaner body for storage.



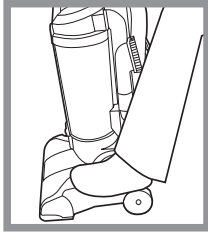
3. TurboTool is included in certain models and will be a separate addition. Attach TurboTool to hose end for use.

**DO NOT ATTACH TURBOTOOl TO HANDLE.**



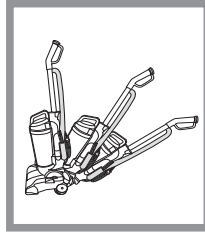
**CAUTION**  
Not to be used for grooming a pet.

## HANDLE RELEASE



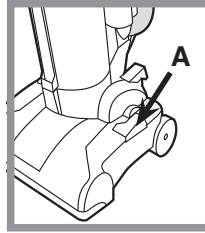
Pull back handle to tilt back. Press on the front of nozzle if needed.

## FLOOR/CARPET CLEANING



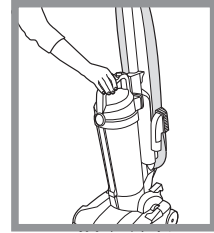
Move the handle and adjust it to the desired position for operating the cleaner, and lowering handle to clean under furniture.

## SUCTION ONLY MODE



For optimal cleaning performance on hard floors, brushbar should be turned off. The vacuum is shipped with the brushbar in the ON position. To turn brushbar OFF for Suction Only Mode, step on pedal (A).

## CARRY HANDLE

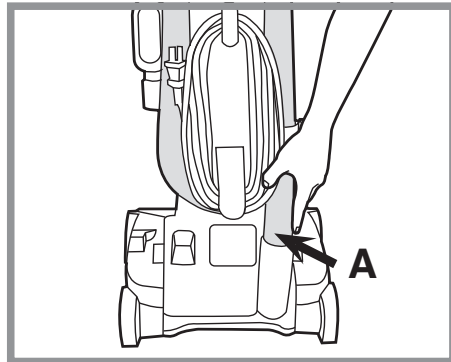


Use the carry handle to move the cleaner from room to room.

## CLEANING TOOLS

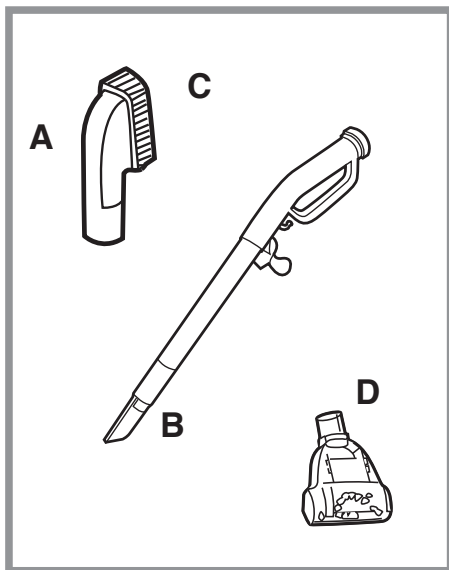
This vacuum cleaner is fitted with a constantly rotating brush bar. To avoid damage to your flooring, make sure the brush bar is turned off when using the hose, accessories and when using on stairs.

**CAUTION:** Turn brushbar off before disconnecting and connecting hose to hose tube (A). To use hose, lift hose end as shown.



# QUICK START

## SELECT PROPER TOOL (Tools may vary per model)



**A.** Dusting brush may be used for carved furniture, table tops, books, lamps, lighting fixtures, venetian blinds, baseboards, shutters, and registers.

**B.** Crevice tool (permanently fixed to the bottom of the handle/wand) may be used in tight spaces, corners and along edges in such places as dresser drawers, upholstered furniture, stairs and baseboards.

**C.** The handle/wand is used to give extra length to your hose. Can also be used with dusting brush. Dusting brush can only be used when inserted into the crevice tool.

**D.** TurboTool is designed to help you remove pet hair from your home easily. Can only be used with hose.

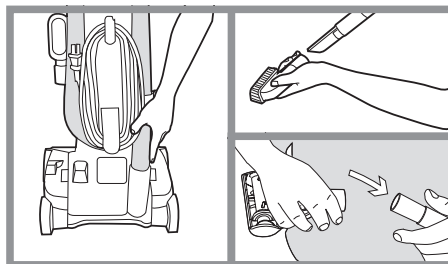
## ATTACH WAND AND TOOLS

Remove the hose from hose caddy. Connect tools to end of hose or use hose alone.

To use handle wand, first remove hose from hose holder then remove handle from main body by pressing the handle release button. Attach hose to top of handle.

To use brush tool remove from machine and place over crevice tool.

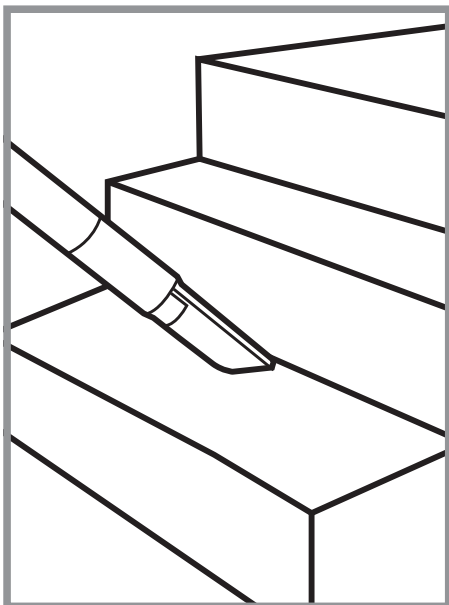
To use Turbo Tool attach to hose end.



## STAIR CLEANING

Use the hose or crevice tool for stair cleaning.

With handle in upright position, clean from bottom to top.



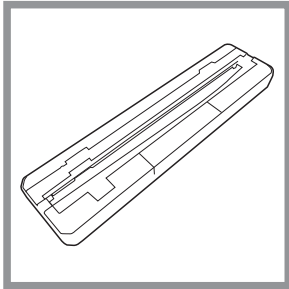
### ⚠ CAUTION ⚠

Use extra care when cleaning on stairs. To avoid personal injury or damage, and to prevent the vacuum from falling, always place cleaner at bottom of stairs or on floor. Do not place vacuum on stairs or furniture, as it may result in injury or damage. When using tools or on stairs the brush bar must be switched to the off position.

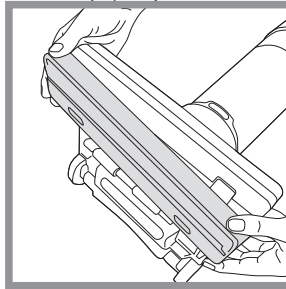
# HARD FLOOR CLEANING

Always turn off the brushbar.  
Apply the Hard Floor Adapter for optimum results on hard floors.

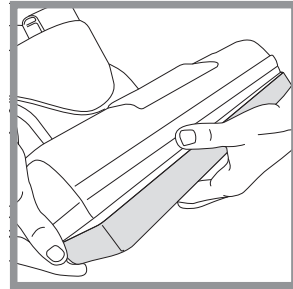
**!** **IMPORTANT:** To ensure the Hard Floor Adaptor is correctly fitted, the wheels should be towards the back of the floor tool when attached to vacuum cleaner.



1. Hard floor cleaning tool.



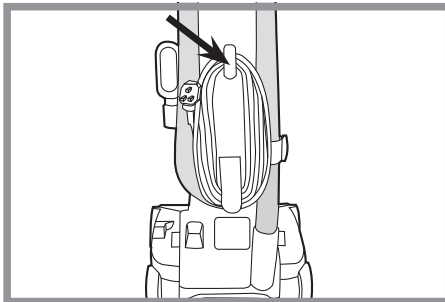
2. Lie vacuum cleaner on its back exposing brushbar.



3. Line up adapter with base of vacuum cleaner, push it until it clicks into place.

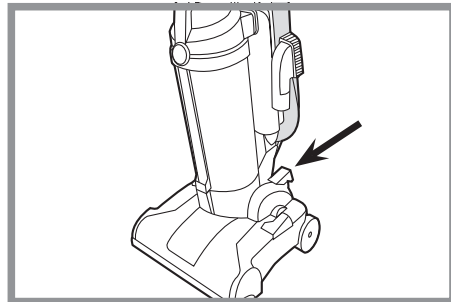
# USING YOUR MACHINE

## CORD RELEASE/STORAGE



Turn the quick cord release for easy cord removal. Store cord in cord guide to keep out of the way while vacuuming. Wrap cord around cord hooks for convenient storage. Attach the plug end to the cord.

## ON/OFF PEDAL



Plug cord into electrical outlet. Turn vacuum on by depressing foot pedal located on the back left side of the vacuum. Turn vacuum off by depressing foot pedal again.

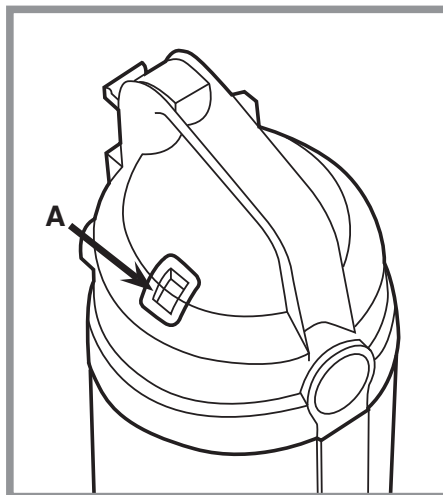
# MAINTENANCE

## ⚠ CAUTION ⚠

To reduce the risk of personal injury - Unplug before cleaning or servicing. Do not operate vacuum without either the dirt bin or filters in place. Very fine materials, such as face powder or cornstarch, may seal the filter and cause a reduction in performance. When using the vacuum for this type of dust, empty the bin and clean the filters often.

Familiarise yourself with these home maintenance tasks as proper use and care of your cleaner will ensure continued cleaning effectiveness.

The System Check Indicator located at (A), alerts you to possible system performance issues. Please refer to Trouble shooting page 18 to see the possible causes and solutions.

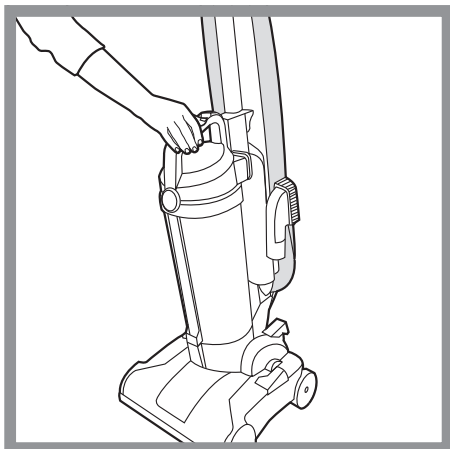


⚠ **IMPORTANT:** The vacuum cleaner is equipped with a thermal cut-out. If for any reason the vacuum cleaner does overheat the thermostat will automatically turn the vacuum cleaner off. If this happens switch the vacuum cleaner off and unplug from electrical socket. Remove and empty the dirt container also check the vacuum cleaner for blockages.

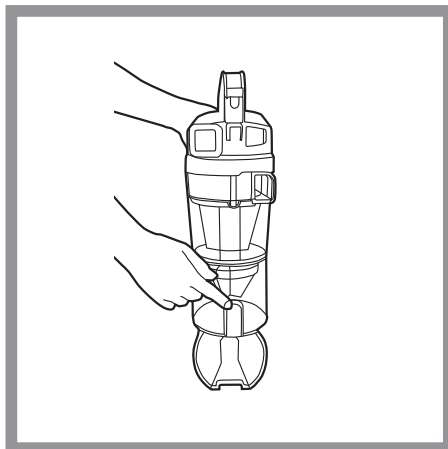
Allow the vacuum cleaner to cool for approximately 1 hour (if you have cleaned the filters please wait 24 hours for the filters to fully dry before putting back into the machine).

# MAINTENANCE

## HOW TO EMPTY THE DIRT BIN



**1. To remove dirt bin press release button.**

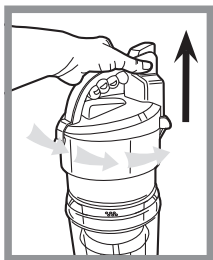


**2. Hold dirt bin over rubbish bin and press quick release dirt bin button to empty. Make sure bin bottom center opening is clear of debris. Click bin back into place after emptying.**

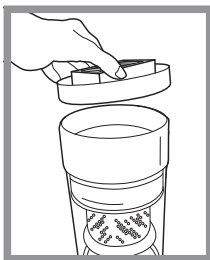
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## HOW TO CLEAN THE PRE-MOTOR FILTER

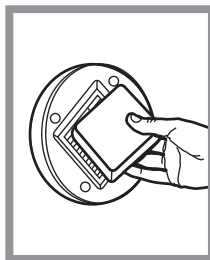
### REMOVE DIRT BIN



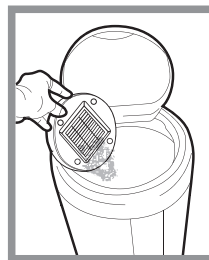
**1. Twist dirt bin lid counter clockwise and lift up to remove.**



**2. Remove filter cartridge from dirt bin.**



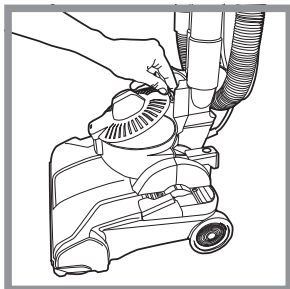
**3. Separate foam filter from filter cartridge.**



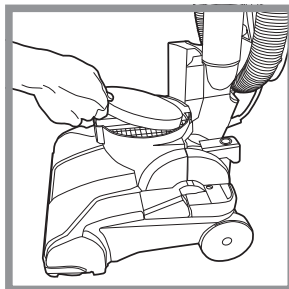
**4. Hold filter cartridge over rubbish bin and tap off dirt and debris. The sponge filter can be cleaned by running under water to wash. Leave to dry for 24 hours or until fully dry before replacing.**

To replace bin lid line up with lock and twist clockwise to lock in place.

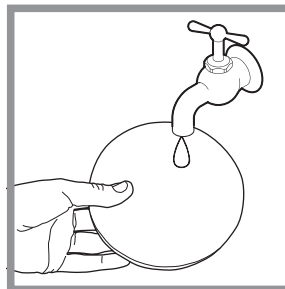
## HOW TO CLEAN THE POST-MOTOR FILTER



**1. Click the button at the back of the post-motor filter cover to unlock.**



**2. Remove the foam filter.**

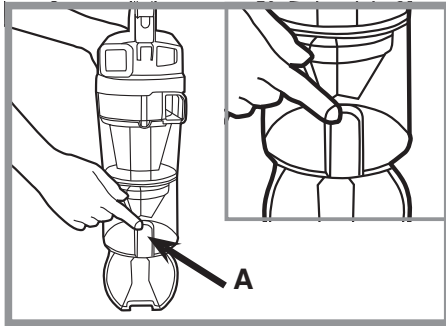


**3. Hold foam filter under running water to wash. Wring excess water out of filter.**

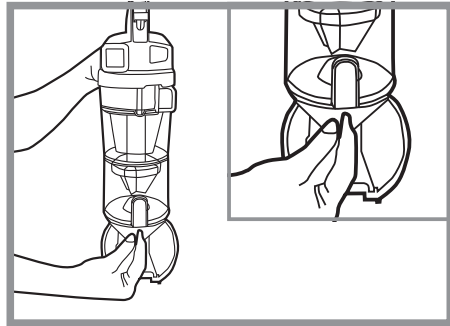
Leave filter for 24 hours or until fully dry before replacing.

# MAINTENANCE

## HOW TO CLEAN THE SHROUD AND SEPARATOR



1. Hold dirt bin by carry handle and press release button (A) to empty dirt bin.

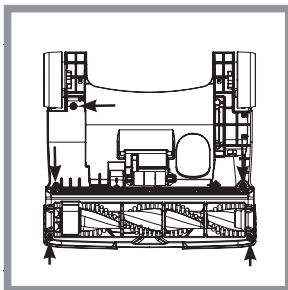


2. Twist umbrella tube anti-clockwise and pull out of dirt bin. Hold over bin and shake free of dirt and debris.

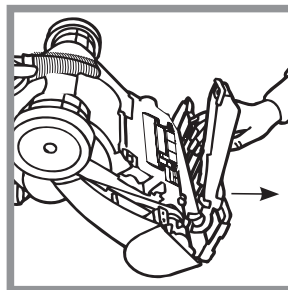
To replace shroud and separator, insert back into dirt bin, align slots and twist clockwise until tube locks in place.

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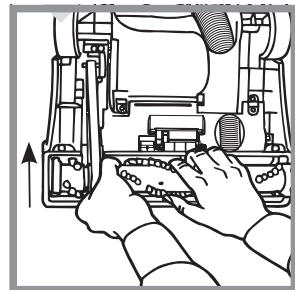
## HOW TO REPLACE THE BELT AND BRUSHBAR



1. Lay the vacuum flat and flip it to expose the nozzle base. The base should lay flat and face up. Remove the five screws.



2. Pull and lift the nozzle guard off.

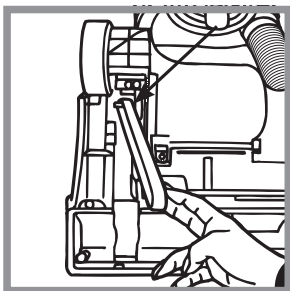


3. Lift and remove the brushbar. Dispose of the old belt.

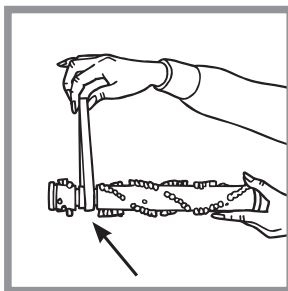




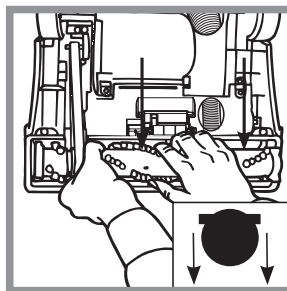
## HOW TO REPLACE THE BELT AND BRUSHBAR CONTINUED...



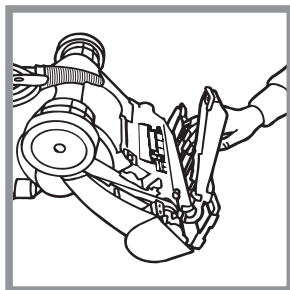
4. Slide belt onto motorshaft.



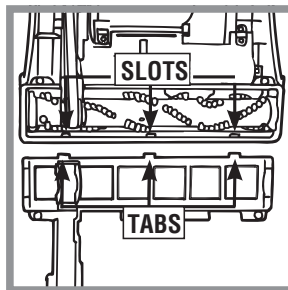
5. Place new belt in area of brushbar without bristles.



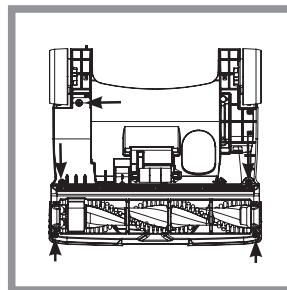
6. With new belt in place, pull and slide brushbar into nozzle making sure that the brushbar end caps are in the correct orientation. Rotate brushbar manually to make sure belt is properly aligned.



7. Reattach nozzle guard.



8. Secure by aligning the three tabs in the base slots.



9. Replace all five screws to secure nozzle guard.

 **CAUTION:** To reduce the risk of injury from moving parts - Unplug vacuum before servicing.

# TROUBLESHOOTING

If a minor problem occurs, it usually can be solved quite easily when the cause is found by using the checklist below.

## ⚠ CAUTION ⚠

To reduce the risk of personal injury - Unplug before cleaning or servicing.

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	POSSIBLE SOLUTION
<b>Cleaner won't run.</b>	Power cord not firmly plugged into outlet.	Plug unit in firmly.
	Blown fuse.	Check the fuse in the plug if this needs replacing, always replace with a british 13amp fuse.
	Thermal protector activated.	Check the vacuum cleaner for blockages. Allow the vacuum cleaner to cool for approximately 1 hour (if you have cleaned the filters please wait 24 hours for the filters to fully dry before putting back into the machine).
<b>The Performance Indicator is red or the cleaner won't pick up or low suction.</b>	Dirt bin not installed correctly.	Review dirt bin removal and replacement.
	Dirt bin full.	Empty and clean the dirt bin.
	Broken or worn belt.	Replace belt.
	Clogged filter.	Remove filter and clean.
	Nozzle/brushbar clogged.	Check nozzle/brush bar; remove obstruction/clog.
	Hose clogged.	Remove hose; remove clog.
<b>Brush bar not turning.</b>	Clogged brush bar.	Remove brush bar and clean.
	Brush bar worn.	Replace brush bar.
	Broken or worn belt.	Replace belt.
<b>Dust escaping from the cleaner.</b>	Dirt bin full.	Clean and empty dirt bin.
	Dirt bin not installed correctly.	Review dirt bin removal and replacement.
	Hose clogged or not installed correctly.	Check hose for clog and review hose installation.
	Filter clogged or not installed correctly.	Clean filter and review filter removal and replacement.

# OTHER INFORMATION

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## UK SERVICE & HELP

Any queries or concerns about using your Dirt Devil, simply visit; [www.DirtDevil.co.uk](http://www.DirtDevil.co.uk) or call the Dirt Devil Careline on **0330 026 2626**. 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.

## DIRT DEVIL CARELINE:

**(UK) 0330 026 2626**

Monday-Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

Voltage:	See rating label on machine for full details
Wattage:	See rating label on machine for full details
Capacity:	1.5l
Cord length:	6m
Weight:	5.5kg

**SUBJECT TO TECHNICAL CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.**

# GUARANTEE

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## LIMITED GUARANTEE

It's quick and easy to register for your free 1 year guarantee online at [www.DirtDevil.co.uk](http://www.DirtDevil.co.uk). Register online.

Please retain your original receipt for proof of purchase.

Please make a note of the serial number and model number of the product before calling.



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