Important Safeguards
When using an electrical appliance, always follow basic precautions, including the following:
READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING THIS APPLIANCE

Warning: To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury:

• Do not use outdoors or on wet surfaces.
• This appliance is provided with double insulation. Use only identical replacement parts. See instructions for servicing double insulated appliances.
• Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children. Do not allow vacuum cleaner to be used as a toy or to run unattended at any time.
• Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers, feet and all parts of body away from openings, rotating agitator and other moving parts. Do not operate cleaner in bare feet or when wearing open toe shoes or sandals.
• Do not pick up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches, or hot ashes.
• Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids such as gasoline or fine wood sandings or use in areas where they may be present.
• Avoid picking up hard, sharp objects with the cleaner. They may damage the cleaner and the bag.
• Do not use without dust bag or filters in place. Change bag frequently when picking up very fine materials such as powder.
• Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.
• Do not put any object into openings. Do not use with any opening blocked; keep free of dust, lint, hair, or anything that may reduce air flow.
• Do not pull or carry by cord, use cord as a handle, close door on cord or pull cord around sharp edges or corners. Do not run appliance over cord. Keep cord away from heated surfaces.
• Always disconnect cord from electrical outlet before servicing the cleaner.
• Unplug cleaner when not in use. Turn off all controls before unplugging.
• Do not unplug by pulling on cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord. Never handle plug or appliance with wet hands.
• The use of an extension cord is not recommended.
• 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, take it to a Hoover Factory Service Center or Authorized Hoover Warranty Service Dealer (Depot).
• Use vacuum cleaner only for its intended use as described in the instructions. Use only attachments recommended by The Hoover Company; others may cause hazards.

Save these instructions!
Assembling cleaner

It is extremely important to read and follow all instruction steps in order.
The assembled cleaner will look like this drawing.

Carton contents

Remove all parts from carton and identify each item shown.

Make sure all parts, especially small items, such as G, are located before disposing of cardboard packing.

Step 1 Assemble handle

Place upper (B) and lower (C) handle sections on a flat surface with cord hooks (A) on top. With hands on sides of handle sections, push handle sections together firmly until they “click” into place.

*Do not press against the rod (D) extending from the lower handle. If the rod breaks or bends, the cleaner will not work properly. Do not push handle together with your hands on the ends of the sections.

Note: The white switch lock above the ON-OFF switch (E) helps in the assembly of your cleaner. Assembly can be continued if the switch lock is missing. However, do not remove the switch lock until assembly is completed.
Step 2 Attach cord

Turn handle over. Insert large rectangular end of cord into pocket in bottom of handle, with side marked “UP” visible.

Make sure rectangular end is pushed into handle as far as possible.

Slide cord protector (F) toward upper handle (B).

Rotate cord protector (G) on cord until you see its arrow (H).

With arrow on cord protector (H) pointing toward arrow on upper handle (I), press groove (J) in cord protector into slot (K) in upper handle.

Pull cord tight.

Press cord into place at each of the three notches indicated and note correct positioning of (G).

Do not plug cleaner in until assembly is totally complete.

Step 3 Attach cloth outer bag

Note location of tapered rails (L) on back of outer bag base (M) and on front of lower handle (C).

Slide rails on outer bag (M) onto rails on lower handle (C) until outer bag base snaps past the lock tab (N).

Make sure hole in outer bag base aligns with hole in handle (O).

Be sure that power cord is pulled tight and pressed into each of the three notches (Fig. 6) before completing the following steps.

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**Step 4 Attach handle**

With outer bag to the front, place assembled handle onto handle base of cleaner body.

**Rock handle side to side while pushing down firmly. Extra pushing effort may be required.**

Press the handle release lever to move handle to the operating or middle position.

Push bolt (S) into hole on lower front of handle.

If bolt will not go through hole easily, handle is not pushed completely down.

**Step 6 Attach tool rack**

With side of rack marked TOP FRONT (W) facing top of bag, pull cord through rack and lower rack over handle as shown. Slide rack down between bag and handle.

Continue to slide rack down handle until bottom of rack is below lower cord hook (A). Snap one side of rack, then the other onto lower handle.

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**Attach filter bag**

Hold filter bag collar (U) as shown. Align opening in filter bag with dirt tube (V) inside the outer bag.

Push bag collar firmly onto tube (V). Tuck in filter bag; zip outer bag.

**Note:** Only one nut is needed on this model. The extra nut is not required but has been provided for your convenience.

**Note:** Do not hook bag clip to retain-er. This will be done in a later step.

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**Note:** Bag clip on front of handle must be unhooked from slot in bag cap before attaching tool rack (see Fig. 26).
Slide rack down handle until upper hooks (X) snap into slots (Y) on handle.

Place round end of hose over round extension on bottom of rack.

Press hose firmly into rack at upper extensions.

Insert hose connector, with latch toward front of cleaner, into opposite side of rack.

With smaller end toward bottom, snap wand (Z) into clips on rack.

Position dusting brush (AA) into rack as shown.

Place furniture nozzle (BB) on lip on lower part of rack and snap into place.

Slide crevice tool (CC) onto projection (DD). Snap into place.

On upper front handle, grasp bag clip (EE) and pull down firmly. Hook bag clip into slot in bag cap. **CAUTION:** When cleaner is turned on, the agitator continues to rotate while the handle is in the upright position. Avoid tipping cleaner or setting it on furniture, fringed area rugs, or carpeted stairs during tool use.

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How to use

Cleaner description

1. Handle
2. Cord hooks: wrap cord around hooks for storage. The top hook can be rotated right or left for easy cord release.
3. ON/OFF switch
4. Bag Cap
5. Outer bag
6. Stair cleaning handle: located on lower edge of bag.
7. Handle release lever: step on lever to lower handle to operating or low position.
8. Cleaner body
9. Nozzle control knob: slide knob to correct setting for height of carpet being cleaned.
10. Furniture guard: helps prevent cleaner from marking furniture.
11. Hood
12. Hose door: open door to connect hose to cleaner.
13. Hose
14. Tool rack
15. Dusting brush
16. Wand
17. Furniture nozzle
18. Crevice tool

Operate cleaner only at voltage specified on data plate on bottom of cleaner.

Note: 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 the proper outlet. Do not change the plug in any way.

To turn cleaner on, push switch up. To turn cleaner off, push switch down. Plug cord into electrical outlet. Turn cleaner on and, with handle in upright position, pull back on handle until front of cleaner is lifted off the carpet. This insures that the paper bag is inflated.

Handle positions

The handle of your cleaner has three positions: upright for storage and when using cleaning tools; operating position for general operation on carpet and floors; low for reaching under low furniture. Step on handle release lever to lower handle.
**Transporting cleaner**

To move your cleaner from room to room, put handle in upright position, tilt cleaner back on rear wheels, and push forward.

The cleaner can also be moved by lifting it as shown.

**Carpet height adjustment**

The cleaning of carpet and rugs takes place at the nozzle (A).

If it is necessary to raise and lower the nozzle for various carpet pile heights, slide the nozzle control knob to the desired setting.

For ease in sliding knob, the handle should be in the upright position (B). The nozzle will not move into the adjusted position until the cleaner handle is lowered to the operating position (C).

For maximum cleaning performance, the following carpet height settings are recommended.

**Cleaners with Two Settings:**
- **Setting 1 (A):** for bare floors and all carpet types.
- **Setting 2 (B):** if easier pushing effort is desired while maintaining good cleaning performance.

**Cleaners with Four Settings:**
- **Lowest setting (1):** for bare floors and low pile, level loop, kitchen type carpet.
- **Next setting (2):** for other types of carpet.
- **Higher settings (3-4):** for very deep pile carpet where easier pushing effort is desired, while maintaining good cleaning performance.

**Note:** If the cleaner is difficult to push, slide knob to the next higher setting.
Cleaning lightweight flexible rugs
Stand on one end of rug and move cleaner toward other end or edge. Before reaching edge, push down on handle. This will lift up the nozzle (front of cleaner) and will prevent rug from clinging to cleaner. Continue to lift up nozzle so that when you have reached the edge, it is completely off the rug. Move cleaner back to start again, lower nozzle, and use only forward strokes.

Edge cleaning
Edge cleaning is provided on both sides of nozzle to remove dirt in carpet near baseboards and furniture. Guide either side of nozzle parallel to edge of carpet or furniture.

Stair cleaning
A stair cleaning handle has been designed for ease in using your cleaner on stairs. With handle in operating position, place fingers under edge of stair cleaning handle and guide cleaner with other hand on upper handle. As an alternative, you may use the hose and furniture nozzle for stair cleaning, cleaning from bottom to top.

When using cleaning tools, the agitator will continue to rotate.
CAUTION: To avoid personal injury or unnecessary wear to carpet, and to prevent the cleaner from falling, use extra care if cleaner is placed on stairs.

Cleaning tools

Tool set includes a hose, wand, crevice tool, furniture nozzle and dusting brush.

Attach hose to cleaner
Turn cleaner off before attaching or removing hose.

With cleaner handle in upright position, open hose door and insert hose connector until locked in position. Suction will automatically be diverted to the hose when cleaner is turned on.
To remove hose, press latch (D) on hose connector and pull up.

Note: Hose must be removed from hose door when cleaning carpet and rugs to insure proper cleaning performance.
CAUTION: Agitator continues to rotate while cleaner handle is in upright position. Avoid tipping cleaner or setting it on furniture, fringed area rugs or carpeted stairs.
How to replace
Disconnect cleaner from electrical outlet.
To change filter bag, unzip outer bag, grasp sides of filter bag collar (A) and pull collar from tube.
Note: Do not clean out old filter bag and reuse. Discard used filter bag.

Clearing blockages
To check for obstructions, first turn cleaner off and disconnect from electrical outlet; then disconnect hose from cleaner. Open hose door (E) and carefully remove any visible obstruction. If no obstruction is found, check hose and tools. Remove obstruction. To continue using tools, re-attach hose to cleaner. If no obstruction is found and a problem persists, contact your Hoover Factory Service Center or Authorized Warranty Service Dealer (Depot).

How to clean tools
To clean the hose, wipe off dirt with a cloth dampened in a liquid detergent. Rinse with a damp cloth. Cleaning tools may be washed in warm water with a detergent. Rinse and air dry before using.

Select proper tool
A. Dusting brush may be used for carved furniture, table tops, books, lamps, lighting fixtures, venetian blinds, baseboards, shutters, and registers.
B. Furniture nozzle may be used for upholstered furniture, draperies, mattresses, clothing, automobile interiors, and carpeted stairs.
C. Crevise tool may be used in tight spaces, corners and along edges in such places as dresser drawers, upholstered furniture, stairs, and baseboards.
D. Wand is used to give extra length to your hose. Use it with any of the above tools.

Attach wand and tools
The tools are attached to the hose or the wand in the same manner. Push tool firmly onto hose; twist tool slightly to tighten or loosen connection. Use cleaning tools with cleaner handle in upright position.

Maintenance
Disconnect cleaner from electrical outlet before attempting to service it in any manner. Do not operate without paper bag in place.

The filter bag
When to replace
Check filter bag from time to time. It is recommended that you change the filter bag when dirt reaches the dotted line. If more dirt than this accumulates, your cleaner may not operate effectively.

Note: Check and change the filter bag frequently when using cleaner on new carpet due to rapid accumulation of carpet fluff.

CAUTION: Very fine materials, such as face powder, cornstarch, fireplace ashes or fireplace soot, may seal the filter bag and may cause it to burst even though it is only partially full of dirt. When cleaner is used to remove material of this nature, change filter bag often.

Where to buy
Filter bags may be purchased from your local Authorized Hoover Dealer (Depot), leading retailers, or from a Hoover Factory Service Center.

What to buy
Use only Genuine HOOVER® Allergen Filtration Type A disposable filter bags in order to maintain the original cleaning effectiveness of your cleaner.
Regular HOOVER® Type A disposable filter bags also fit your cleaner.
To assure that your cleaner operates at peak performance, it is imperative that you use only genuine HOOVER filter bags made by The Hoover Company. HOOVER bags can be identified by these trademarks –

How to replace
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**The belt**

The belt on your HOOVER cleaner causes the agitator to rotate and is important for the effective operation of the cleaner. The belt is located under the bottom plate of the cleaner and should be checked from time to time to be sure it is in good condition.

**When to replace**

To check belt, remove bottom plate and hood as shown in “How to replace belt.” Replace belt if it is stretched, cut or broken.

**What to buy**

To assure effective operation, use only genuine HOOVER belts with your cleaner. When purchasing a new belt, ask for Hoover part No. 38528040.

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*Hold new filter bag as shown. Align opening in filter bag with dirt tube (B). Push bag collar (A) firmly onto tube (B). Tuck in filter bag; zip outer bag.*

**How to replace**

Disconnect cleaner from electrical outlet.

Place handle in operating position and turn cleaner over so bottom side is up.

To remove bottom plate remove screws (A), insert end of flat screwdriver into wide area of right-hand slot (B) and push handle of screwdriver to the rear. Repeat in left-hand slot (B).

Lift extension (C) of bottom plate, rotate plate and remove from cleaner body.

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*Remove agitator and broken agitator belt.* (If belt is not broken but is stretched or cut, proceed with steps for Figs. 50 to 53 and pull belt off motor pulley. Then continue with Fig. 48).

**Slip agitator through new belt (with lettering toward outside of cleaner) and position belt in belt guide (D). Push end of belt into opening in cleaner body. Reposition agitator making sure to align flat sides of projection (E) on belt end of agitator with flat sides of slot (F) in cleaner body.**

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*Place the three tabs on bottom plate into slots in front of cleaner body. Snap bottom plate into place over agitator.*
**Remove hood** by turning cleaner over and removing nozzle control knob on front of hood - grasp knob and pull up.

**Stretch new belt onto motor pulley (G).**

**Extra effort may be required to stretch belt onto pulley.**
Turn agitator, making sure belt is not pinched between agitator and cleaner body. The belt must rotate freely inside the belt guide. If the agitator does not turn, remove bottom plate and reposition belt in the belt guide.

**Turn cleaner over and lift off hood.**

**Replace hood and nozzle control knob.**

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**The agitator**

**When to replace**

Disconnect cleaner from electrical outlet

When agitator brushes are worn, the agitator should be replaced.

To check condition of brushes, move edge of a card across bottom plate while turning agitator. To maintain cleaning effectiveness, replace agitator if brushes do not touch card.

**What to buy**

The agitator may be replaced with Hoover part No. 48414118.

**How to replace**

Disconnect cleaner from electrical outlet.

Remove hood as shown in Figs. 50 to 52 of “How to replace belt”.

Pull belt off motor pulley as shown.

Remove bottom plate, belt and agitator as shown in Figs. 46 & 47 of “How to replace belt”.

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**Lubrication**

The motor is equipped with bearings that contain sufficient lubrication for the life of the motor. The addition of lubricant could cause damage. Therefore, do not add lubricant to motor bearings.

The agitator is equipped with two ball bearings that should be lubricated periodically by a Hoover Factory Service Center or an Authorized Hoover Warranty Service Dealer (Depot).

**Servicing of double-insulated appliances**

This vacuum cleaner is double insulated. In a double insulated appliance, two systems of insulation are provided instead of grounding. No grounding means is provided on a double-insulated appliance, nor should a means for grounding be added. Servicing a double-insulated appliance requires extreme care and knowledge of the system, and should be done only by qualified service personnel. Replacement parts must be identical to those parts being replaced. A double-insulated appliance is marked with the words “DOUBLE-INSULATION” or “DOUBLE-INSULATED”.

The symbol on the appliance.

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**If you have a problem**

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

**Problem: Cleaner won’t run**

Possible cause
- Not firmly plugged in
- No voltage in wall plug
- Check fuse or breaker
- Blown fuse/tripped breaker

Possible solution
- Plug unit in firmly
- Check fuse or breaker
- Replace fuse/reset breaker

**Problem: Cleaner won’t pick up**

Possible cause
- Broken or worn belt
- Brush roll brushes worn
- Filter bag full

Possible solution
- Replace belt
- Replace brush roll
- Change filter bag

**Problem: Cleaning tools won’t pick up**

Possible cause
- Hose clogged
- Hose connector inserted incorrectly

Possible solution
- Remove hose and tools; remove obstruction
- Re-insert hose connector properly

**Problem: Cleaner hard to push**

Possible cause
- Incorrect carpet height setting

Possible solution
- Move nozzle control knob to a higher setting

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**Service**

To obtain approved HOOVER service and genuine HOOVER parts, locate the nearest Hoover Factory Service Center or Authorized Hoover Warranty Service Dealer (Depot) by:

- Checking the Yellow Pages under “Vacuum Cleaners - Household”
- Checking the list of Factory Service Centers provided with this cleaner
- Calling 1-800-944-9200 for an automated referral of authorized service outlet locations (U.S. only).

Do not send your cleaner to The Hoover Company in North Canton for service, this will only result in delay.

If further assistance is needed, contact The Hoover Company Consumer Response Center, North Canton, Ohio 44720, Phone: 330-499-9499.

In Canada, contact Hoover Canada, Burlington, Ontario L7R4A8, Phone: 1-800-263-6376.

Always identify your cleaner by the complete model number when requesting information or ordering parts. (The model number appears on the bottom of the cleaner.)
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