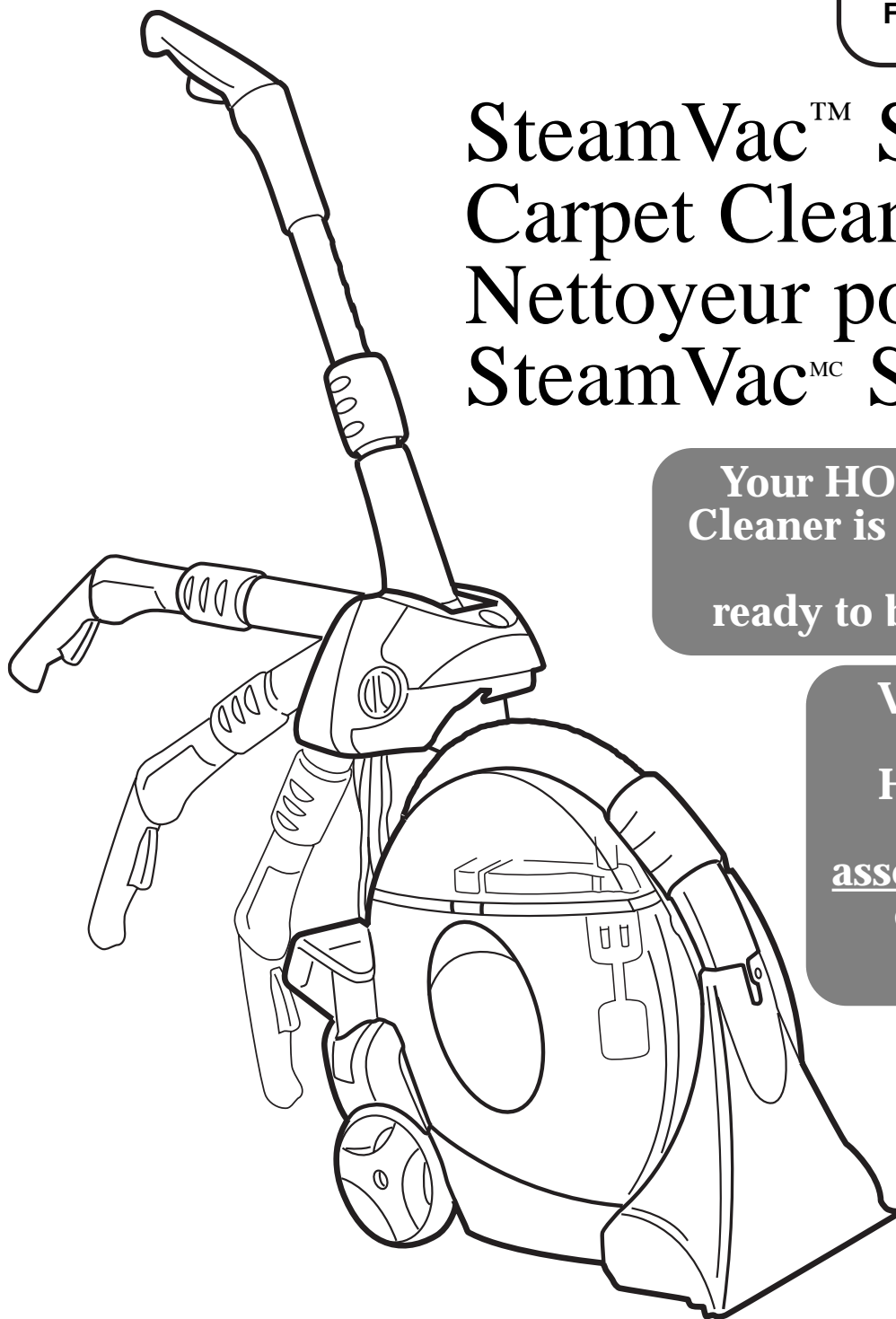


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# Important Safeguards!

When using an electrical appliance, always follow basic precautions, including the following:

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING APPLIANCE.

## WARNING:

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

- Use only on surfaces moistened by the cleaning process. Do not immerse product.

- Connect to a properly grounded outlet only. See "Grounding Instructions".

- Do not clean over floor electrical outlets.

- Do not use without tanks in place.

- Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.

- Use carpet cleaner only for its intended use as described in the instructions.

- Use only attachments recommended by Hoover; others may cause hazards.

- The use of an extension cord is not recommended. If an extension cord is absolutely necessary, use at least a 16 gauge 3-wire cord which has a 3-prong grounding type plug and a 3-pole receptacle that accepts the machine plug.

- Disconnect from electrical outlet when not in use. Turn off all controls before unplugging.

- Do not leave appliance when plugged in.

- Always disconnect cord from electrical outlet before servicing the carpet cleaner.

- Do not unplug by pulling on cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.

- Never handle plug or appliance with wet hands.

- 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.

- 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 Sales and Service Center or Authorized

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- Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children. Do not allow carpet cleaner to be used as a toy or to run unattended at any time.

- Do not point tools toward people or pets.

- Use only commercially available Hoover SteamVac™ cleaners intended for machine application. Do not use any type of wax with carpet cleaner.

- Keep detergents and other cleaners out of children's reach.

- Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids such as gasoline or use in areas where they may be present.

- Do not pick up chlorine bleach, drain cleaner, gasoline or any other toxic material with this appliance.

- Do not pick up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches, or hot ashes.

- Avoid picking up hard, sharp objects with the carpet cleaner. They may damage the machine.

- Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers, feet and all parts of body away from openings and moving parts.

- Do not put any object into openings. Do not use with any opening blocked; keep free of dust, lint, hair, and anything that may reduce air flow.

- To help prevent matting and resoiling, avoid contact with carpets until they are dry. Keep children and pets away from carpets until they are completely dry.

- Store in a dry place indoors. Do not expose machine to rain or to freezing temperatures.

## WARNING:

This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer. **WASH HANDS AFTER HANDLING.**

## Grounding Instructions

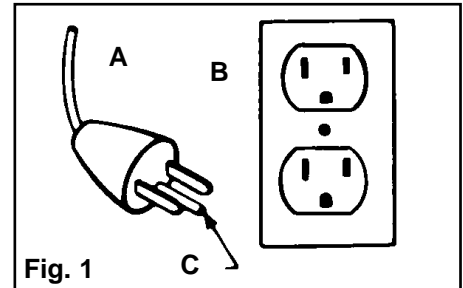


Fig. 1

This appliance must be grounded. If it should malfunction or breakdown, grounding provides a path of least resistance for electrical current to reduce the risk of electric shock. This appliance is equipped with a cord having an equipment-grounding conductor (C) and grounding plug (A). The plug must be plugged into an appropriate outlet (B) that is properly installed and grounded in accordance with all local codes and ordinances.

## DANGER-

Improper connection of the equipment-grounding conductor can result in the risk of electric shock. Check with a qualified electrician or service person if you are in doubt as to whether the outlet is properly grounded. Do not modify the plug provided with the appliance - if it will not fit the outlet, have a proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician. This appliance is for use on a nominal 120 volt circuit and has a grounding plug that looks like the plug (A) illustrated in sketch (Fig. 1).

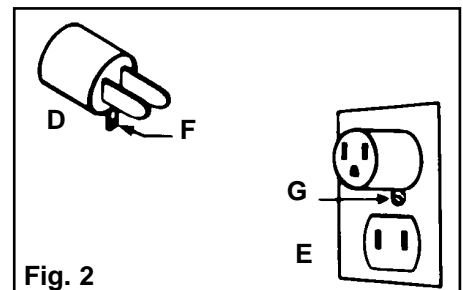


Fig. 2

A temporary adapter (D) may be used to connect this plug to a 2-pole receptacle (E) if a properly grounded outlet is not available (Fig. 2). The temporary adapter should be used only until a properly grounded outlet (B) can be installed by a qualified electrician (Fig. 1). The green colored rigid ear, lug, or the like (F) extending from the adapter must be connected to a permanent ground (G) such as a properly grounded outlet box cover (Fig. 2). Whenever the adapter is used, it must be held in place by a metal screw. NOTE: In Canada, the use of a temporary adapter is not permitted by the Canadian Electrical Code.

# Save these instructions!

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## Fill in and Save

For your records, enter the model number in the space provided. This number is located on the data label on the back of the carpet cleaner.

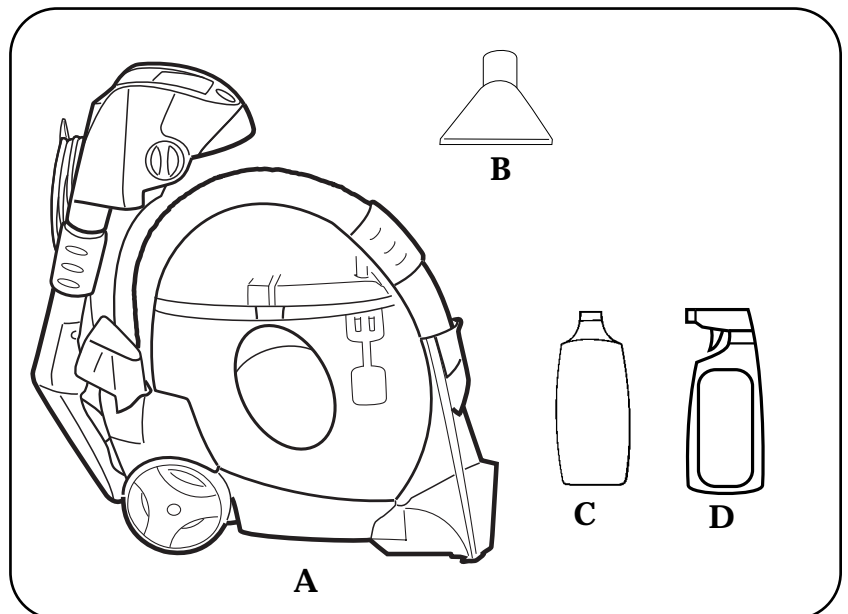
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Save your sales receipt and attach it to this manual. Proof of date of purchase may be required for warranty service of your cleaner.



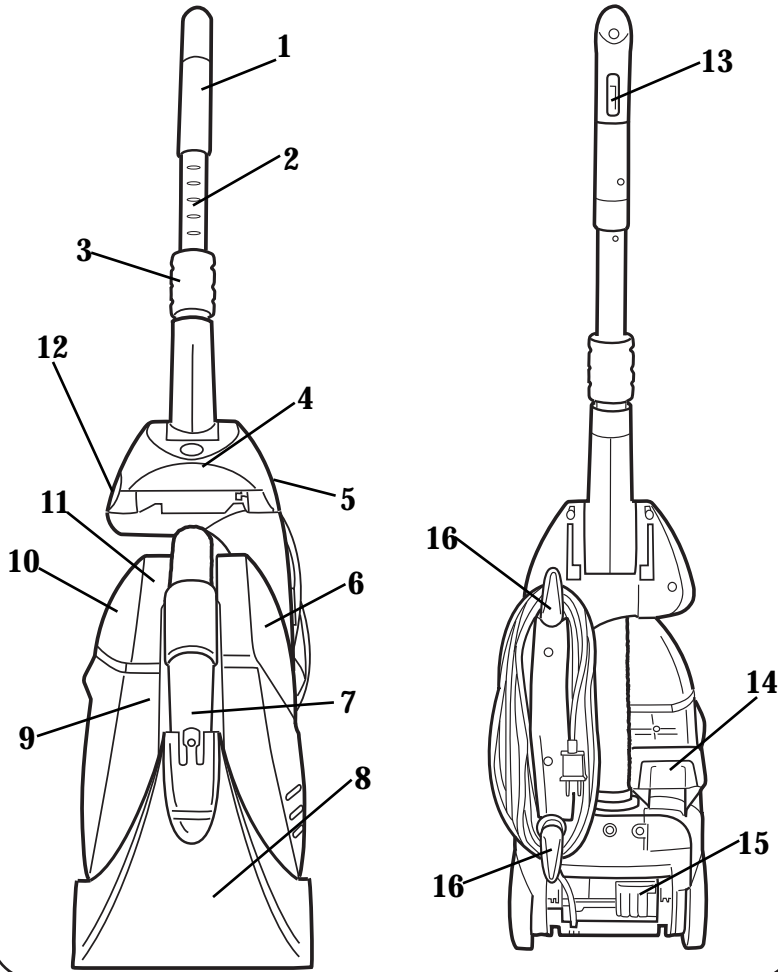
## Carton Contents

- A. Carpet cleaner
- B. Stair/upholstery nozzle
- C. Hoover Detergent
- D. Spot and Stain Spray Cleaner (available at additional cost if not included with your model)



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## Cleaner Description



## Features

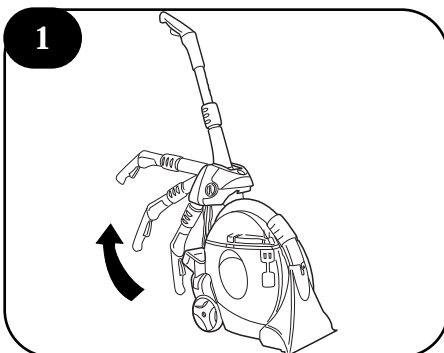
1. Hand grip
2. Telescoping handle
3. Telescoping handle collar
4. Carry handle
5. ON/OFF switch
6. Solution tank
7. Tool connector/Hose
8. Nozzle
9. Recovery tank
10. Recovery tank lid
11. Float indicator window
12. Upper handle release button
13. Solution trigger: press to release cleaning solution
14. Stair/upholstery nozzle
15. Handle release pedal
16. Cord hooks

This carpet cleaner is intended for household use.

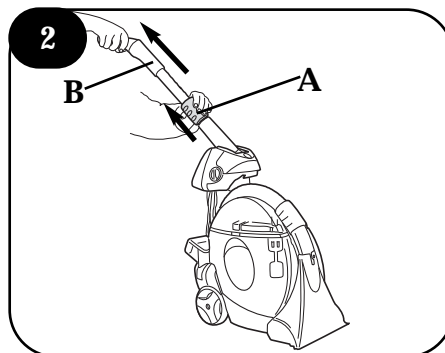
Operate carpet cleaner only at voltage specified on data plate on back of cleaner. Plug carpet cleaner into a properly grounded outlet.

**Your HOOVER SteamVac™ Spot™ carpet cleaner is fully assembled and ready to begin cleaning!**

### Unfold handle

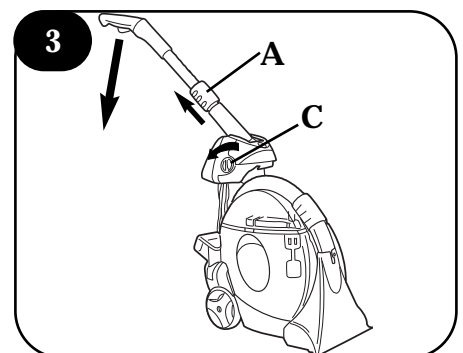


1 Raise handle from storage position until it locks in place.



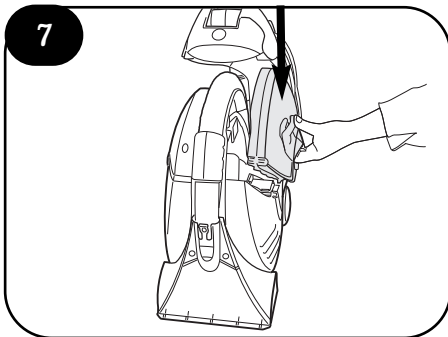
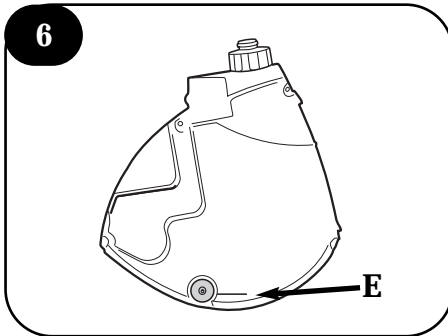
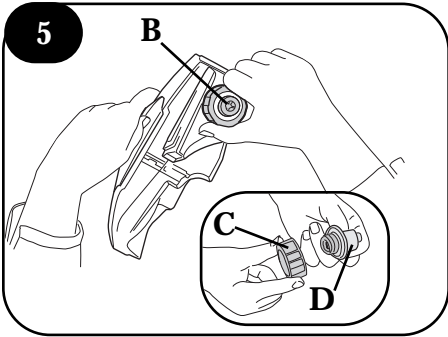
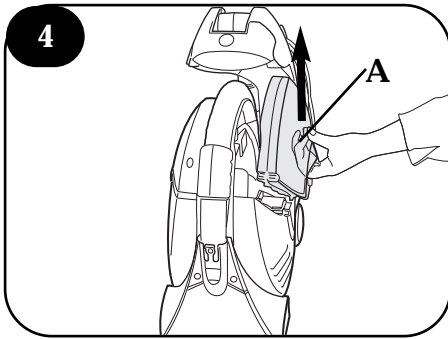
2 Slide collar (A) up on telescoping handle (B) to adjust handle to desired height.

### How to fold handle



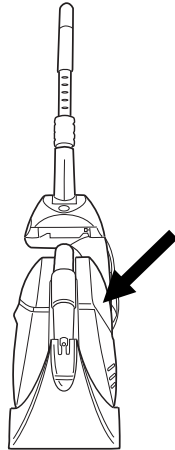
3 Push up on the collar (A) to lower the telescoping handle. Rotate knob (C) backwards to drop the handle into storage position.

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## Carpet Cleaner Basics

### Fill the solution tank



#### Unplug carpet cleaner from electrical outlet.

- ✓ Pull up on solution tank handle (A) and remove solution tank (Fig. 4)
- ✓ Turn tank upside down and unscrew cap (B) (Fig. 5). The cap consists of 2 pieces -- the cap ring (C) and the solution tank valve (D).
- ✓ Pour detergent into tank to detergent fill line (E) (Fig. 6).
- ✓ Fill tank completely with hot tap water.

**NOTE: For best results, use only Hoover detergents. They are specifically formulated for use with your SteamVac™ Spot™ carpet cleaner.**

- ✓ Replace cap. Be sure the valve (D) is in the cap ring (C) before screwing the cap back on the tank (Fig. 5).
- ✓ Place tank back onto cleaner (Fig. 7), pressing firmly to be sure tank is fully positioned.

**Caution: Detergents contain Anionic and Nonionic Surfactants. Avoid contact with the eyes and skin. In case of contact with eyes, flush with cold water for 15 minutes. In case of contact with skin, wash with water. If irritation persists, call a physician.**

## Empty the recovery tank

### Unplug carpet cleaner from electrical outlet.

- ✓ An automatic shut-off device prevents the carpet cleaner from picking up more dirty water than it can hold in the recovery tank.

You will know the tank needs to be emptied --

- When the motor sound rises in pitch.
  - You do not see dirty solution coming up through the recovery tank lid.
  - The float (A) inside the recovery tank has risen to the top of the tank (Fig. 8), and is visible through the lid window (B).
- ✓ Step on handle release pedal (C) to lower handle and unlock the recovery tank (Fig. 9).

- ✓ Lift up on tank (D) and pull off (Fig. 10).

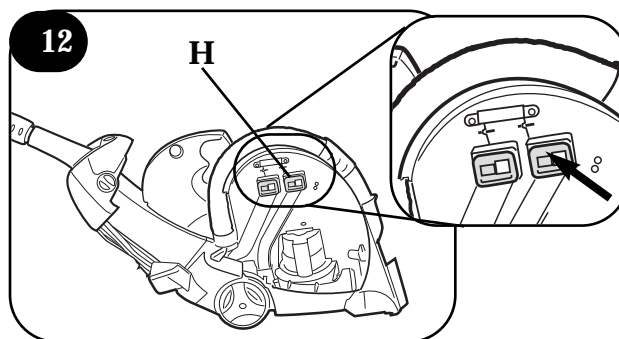
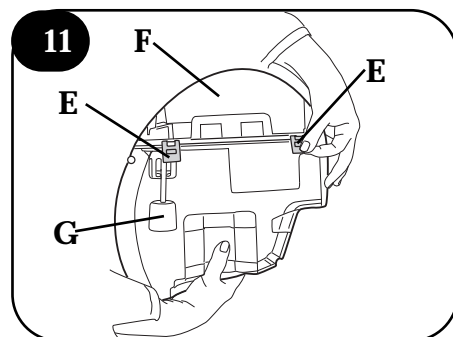
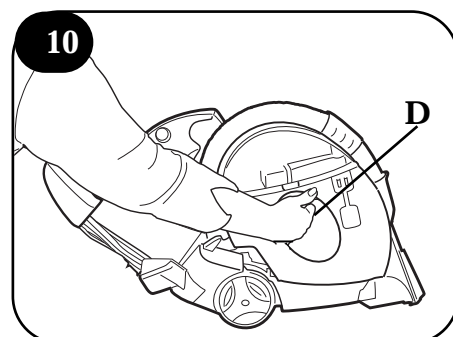
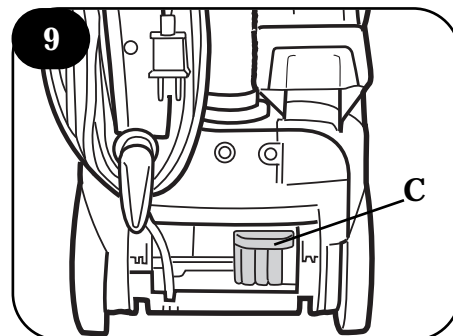
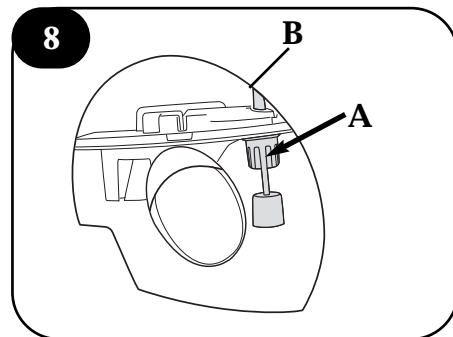
- ✓ Lift up on tank lid latches (E) and remove the tank lid (F), including the float (G) (Fig. 11). Empty tank.

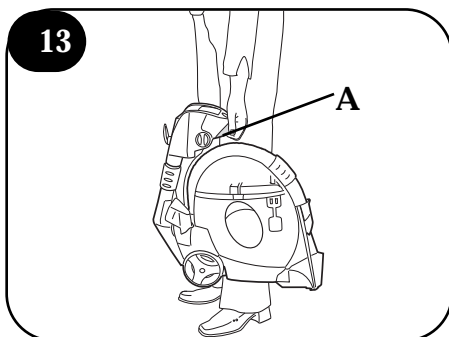
- ✓ Replace lid. Secure both latches (E) (Fig. 11).

For full suction, it is important that the recovery tank lid is properly secured before replacing or operating.

- ✓ Remove any debris that has collected on lint filter (H) on cleaner body (Fig. 12 and inset).

- ✓ Place tank onto cleaner. Return handle to upright position.





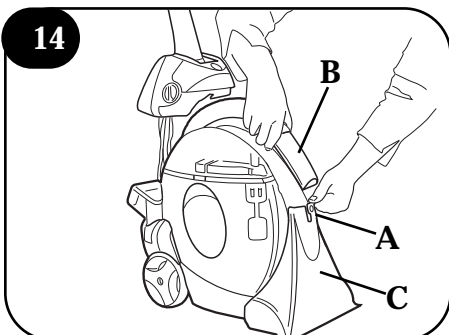
## Transporting

- ✓ Your carpet cleaner may be transported easily by the convenient carrying handle (A) (Fig. 13).

## Using the hose and tool

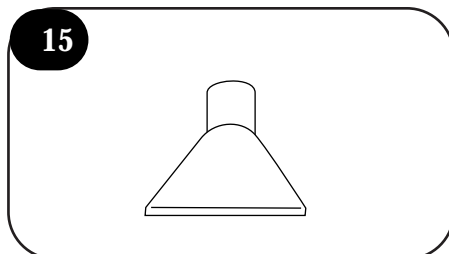
### Using the hose

- ✓ Place handle in upright, storage position.
- ✓ Press on the tab (A) to remove the hose wand (B) from the floor nozzle (C) (Fig. 14).

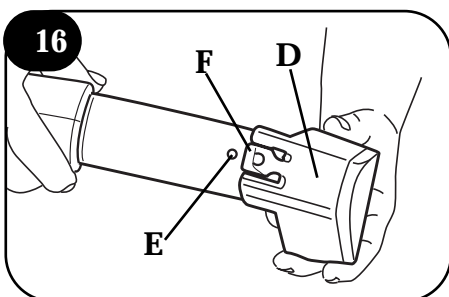


### Attach tool

- ✓ **Stair/upholstery nozzle** has a built-in brush to help provide the scrubbing action some spots may need for removal (Fig. 15).



- ✓ Slide tool (D) onto end of hose wand. Snap tool over bump (E) on wand (Fig 16).



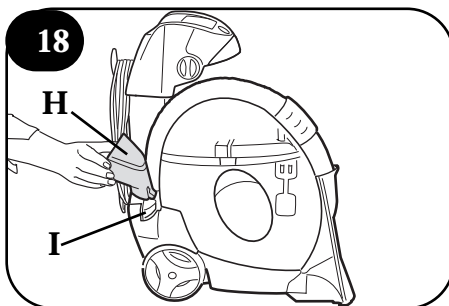
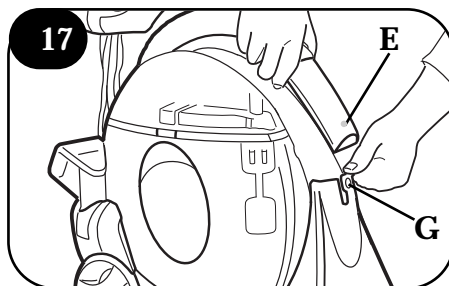
### Remove tool

- ✓ To remove tool: Push forward and up on tab (F) (Fig. 16). Slide tool off hose wand.

### Store hose and tool

- ✓ To return hose wand to storage position, align bump (E) on wand with hole (G) in nozzle and push in firmly until you hear a snap (Fig. 17).

**Note: Hose wand must be returned to floor nozzle storage position in order for cleaner to be used in the upright position for floor cleaning.**

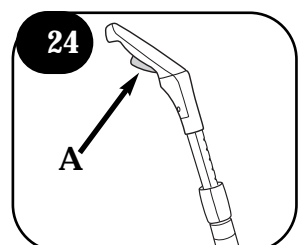
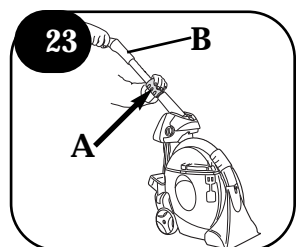
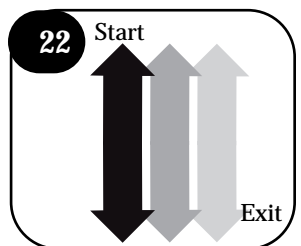
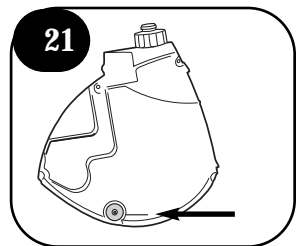
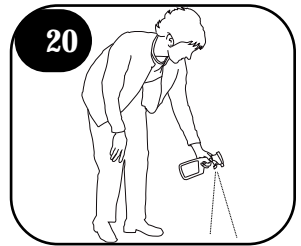
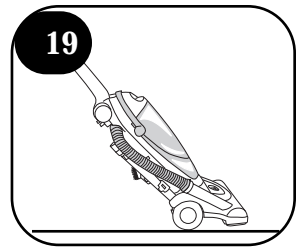


- ✓ Store upholstery nozzle (H) over projection (I) on back of cleaner for storage (Fig. 18).

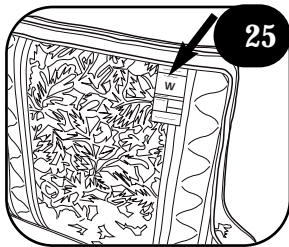


# Cleaning carpet

- 1 Remove lightweight furniture** (tables, lamps, etc.) from area to be cleaned. Protect any remaining furniture by pinning up furniture skirts and placing aluminum foil or plastic under legs.
- 2 Vacuum carpet thoroughly** to remove loose dirt, hair, lint and other debris (Fig. 19).
- 3 Test detergent for colorfastness** on a hidden area of carpet. Wet a white cloth or paper towel with some detergent. Gently rub onto a hidden area of carpet. Wait ten minutes. Blot with white cloth or paper towel and check for color transfer.
- 4 Pretreat spots, stains and high traffic areas** with HOOVER Spot and Stain Spray (Fig. 20). Spray spot or area with Spot and Stain Spray. Then proceed with the next cleaning steps.
- 5 Fill solution tank** with hot tap water and proper amount of HOOVER detergent (see page 5) (Fig. 21).  
**Use only HOOVER brand detergents in your carpet cleaner. Other brands may damage the carpet cleaner.**
- 6 Plan your cleaning to avoid walking on wet carpet.** Start at the end of the room farthest from the exit and work in small sections (Fig. 22).
- 7 Raise handle from storage position** until it locks in place. Slide collar (A) on telescoping handle (B) to adjust handle to desired height. (Fig. 23). Step on handle release pedal and lower handle. Turn cleaner ON.
- 8 Squeeze and hold trigger (A) to release cleaning solution** (Fig. 24). Push cleaner forward **SLOWLY** then pull it back **SLOWLY**.
- 9 Let go of trigger and push carpet cleaner over same area** to pick up dirty solution without putting down more solution. Continue using dry strokes until you see only a little solution coming up through the nozzle (front of extractor) or recovery tank lid.
- 10 Do not make the carpet too wet!** Use no more than two sets of forward and backward strokes while releasing solution. Always follow with dry strokes - the more the better.
- 11 Listen carefully!** When the motor sound changes (rises in pitch), the recovery tank needs to be emptied. **When water has reached the maximum capacity in the recovery tank, the float will rise to the top of the tank and the cleaner will NOT pick up dirty solution.**
- 12 Allow carpet to dry.** Avoid walking on the carpet until it is dry. Increased air circulation (open doors, turn on fans, etc.) will help carpet dry thoroughly to prevent the growth of mold or mildew.
- 13 Vacuum thoroughly after carpet has dried.** This will reduce any shading left by the carpet cleaner's brushes.



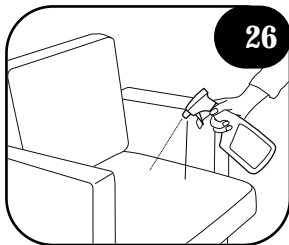
**No cleaning solution removes all stains from all carpets. Stain removal varies with the type of spill, time passed before removal, carpet material, and carpet type.**



## Cleaning upholstery

- 1 Check fabric cleaning code (Fig. 25).** Look on the furniture manufacturer's tag for a 'W' or 'WS' code. These codes indicate that it is alright to use your carpet cleaner to clean the upholstery.

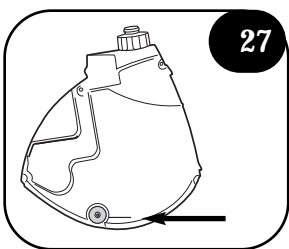
Do not use the carpet cleaner on upholstery marked 'S', 'X' or 'Dry Clean Only'.



- 2 Vacuum upholstery thoroughly** with your vacuum cleaner's attachments.

- 3 Test detergent for colorfastness** on a hidden area of upholstery.

Wet a white cloth or paper towel with some detergent. Gently rub onto a hidden area of upholstery. Wait ten minutes. Blot with white cloth or paper towel and check for color transfer.

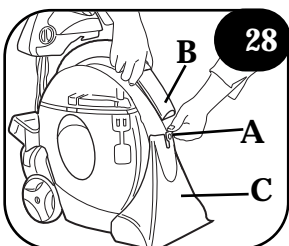


- 4 Pretreat spots and stains** with HOOVER Spot and Stain Spray (Fig. 26).

Spray spot or area with Spot and Stain Spray. Then proceed with the next cleaning steps.

- 5 Fill solution tank** with hot tap water and proper amount of HOOVER detergent (see page 5)(Fig. 27).

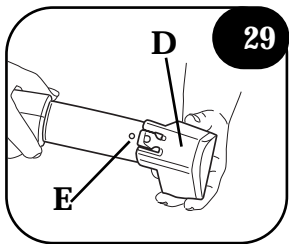
**Use only HOOVER brand detergents in your carpet cleaner. Other brands may damage the carpet cleaner.**



- 6 Place handle in upright, storage position.** Press on the tab (A) to remove the hose wand (B) from the floor nozzle (C) (Fig. 28).

- 7 Slide tool (D) onto end of hose wand.** Snap tool over bump (E) on wand (Fig. 29).

- 8 Plug extractor into a properly grounded and turn extractor ON.**



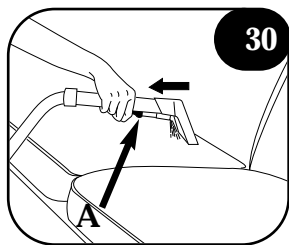
- 9 Squeeze and hold trigger (A) to release cleaning solution.** Gently press tool into fabric and slowly pull the tool over the fabric (Fig. 30).

- 10 Let go of trigger and pull tool over same area** to pick up dirty solution without putting down more solution. Continue using dry strokes until you see only a little solution coming through the tool.

- 11 Do not make the upholstery too wet!** Use no more than two strokes while releasing solution. Always follow with dry strokes - the more the better.

- 12 Listen carefully!** When the motor sound changes (rises in pitch), the recovery tank need to be emptied.

**When water has reached the full line in the recovery tank, the cleaner will NOT pick up dirty solution.**



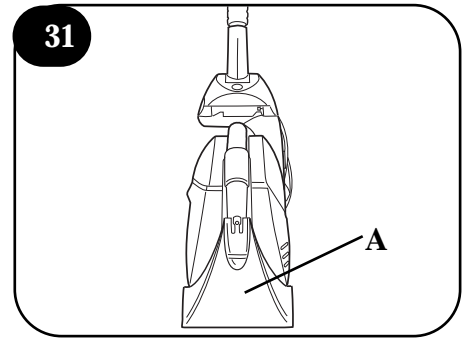
- 13 Allow upholstery to dry.** Avoid using upholstery until it is dry. Increased air circulation (open doors, turn on fans, etc.) will help upholstery dry thoroughly to prevent the growth of mold or mildew.

## Routine care for your carpet cleaner

### Clean the nozzle

Unplug carpet cleaner from electrical outlet.

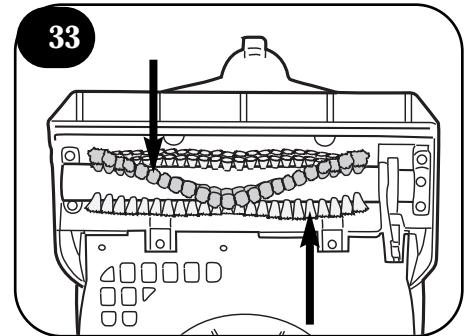
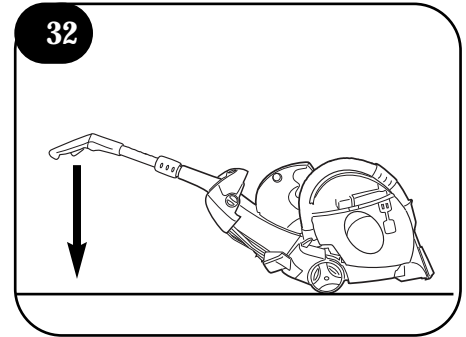
- Wipe debris off nozzle and front of cleaner with a damp cloth (Fig. 31).



### Clean the brushes

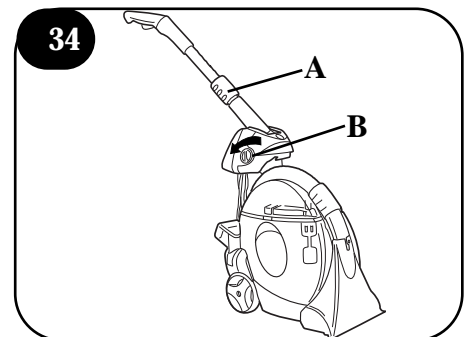
Unplug carpet cleaner from electrical outlet.

- Remove solution and recovery tanks to prevent possible leaks.
- Tilt cleaner back so handle rests on the floor (Fig. 32).
- Remove any carpet fibers or strings that may be attached to the brushes (Fig. 33).



### Storing your carpet cleaner

- ✓ Empty solution tank and rinse thoroughly.
- ✓ Place **empty** solution tank on carpet cleaner. Turn carpet cleaner ON. Squeeze trigger and push carpet cleaner forward and back several times, using the cleaner to pick up the remaining liquid. This will clear any solution remaining inside the cleaner.
- ✓ Empty recovery tank, rinse thoroughly and let air dry.
- ✓ **Allow brushes and underside of carpet cleaner to air dry thoroughly before storing carpet cleaner on a carpeted or wood surface.**
- ✓ Push up on the collar (A) and lower the telescoping handle. Rotate knob (B) backwards to drop the upper handle into storage position (Fig. 34).



## Lubrication

The motor is equipped with bearings which contain sufficient lubrication for the life of the motor. The addition of lubricant could cause damage. **Do not add lubricant to motor bearings.**

## Service

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

- ✓ Checking the Service Section of Hoover on-line at [www.hoover.com](http://www.hoover.com) OR
- ✓ Checking the list of Sales and Service Centers provided with this cleaner OR
- ✓ Checking the Yellow Pages under “Vacuum Cleaners - Household” OR
- ✓ Calling 1-800-944-9200 for an automated referral of authorized service outlet locations (U.S. only)

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

If further assistance is needed, contact the Hoover Consumer Response Center, Phone: 330-499-9499.

In Canada, contact Hoover Canada, Burlington, Ontario L7R 4A8, 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 back of the cleaner.)

## Troubleshooting

Use the list below to help solve minor problems.

What's the problem?	What to do
Carpet cleaner won't run	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Make sure the carpet cleaner is plugged in firmly.</li> <li>✓ Check the fuse or breaker.</li> </ul>
Low suction during floor cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Empty the recovery tank; it may be full and the automatic shut-off engaged.</li> <li>✓ Make sure recovery tank and lid are properly installed and securely latched.</li> <li>✓ Hose/tool wand is securely in position in the floor nozzle.</li> <li>✓ Check lint filter (Fig. 12) and remove any debris.</li> </ul>
Cleaning solution won't dispense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Make sure solution tank is fully inserted and securely in place.</li> <li>✓ Refill the solution tank if it is empty.</li> </ul>
Brushes won't rotate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Handle is not fully in the operating position. (Brushes operate only with the handle in upright, floor cleaning position.)</li> <li>✓ Circuit breaker tripped. Turn unit off and unplug. Check for obstructions in the agitator brush roll (Fig. 33). Wait for one minute; turn the carpet cleaner on and continue cleaning.</li> </ul>
Low suction in hose during tool use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Make sure tool is securely attached to tool connector.</li> <li>✓ Make sure handle is in upright, storage position.</li> <li>✓ Empty the recovery tank; it may be full and the automatic shut-off engaged.</li> <li>✓ Make sure recovery tank and lid are properly installed and securely latched.</li> <li>✓ Check lint filter (Fig. 12) and</li> </ul>

## Full One Year Warranty

### (Domestic Use)

Your HOOVER® appliance is warranted in normal household use, in accordance with the Owner's Manual against original defects in material and workmanship for a period of one full year from date of purchase. This warranty provides, at no cost to you, all labor and parts to place this appliance in correct operating condition during the warranted period. This warranty applies when the appliance is purchased in the United States including its territories and possessions, or in Canada or from a U. S. Military Exchange. Appliances purchased elsewhere are covered by a limited one year warranty which covers the cost of parts only. This warranty does not apply if the appliance is used in a commercial or rental application.

This warranty only applies when the product is in use in the country or territory in which it is purchased.

Warranty service can only be obtained by presenting the appliance to one of the following authorized warranty service outlets. Proof of purchase will be required before service is rendered.

1. Hoover Sales and Service Centers.
2. Hoover Authorized Warranty Service Dealers (Depots).

**For an automated referral of authorized service outlets in the U.S.A., phone 1-800-944-9200 OR visit Hoover on-line at [www.hoover.com](http://www.hoover.com)**

This warranty does not cover pick up delivery, or house calls; however, if you mail your appliance to a Hoover Sales and Service Center for warranty service, transportation will be paid one way.

While this warranty gives you specific legal rights, you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

If further assistance is needed, or if there are questions concerning this warranty or the availability of warranty service outlets, phone the Consumer Response Center, Phone 1-330-499-9499.

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