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BEFORE USING YOUR NEW VACUUM

Please read this guide. It will help you assemble and operate your new Kenmore vacuum in the safest and most effective way.

For more information about vacuum cleaner care and operation, call your nearest Sears store. You will need the complete model and serial numbers when requesting information. Your vacuum's model and serial numbers are located on the Model and Serial Number Plate.

Use the space below to record the model number and serial number of your new Kenmore vacuum.

Model No._____

Serial No._____

Date of Purchase _____

Keep this book and your sales check (receipt) in a safe place for future reference.

KENMORE VACUUM CLEANER WARRANTY

LIMITED ONE YEAR WARRANTY ON KENMORE VACUUM CLEANER

This warranty is for one year from the date of purchase, and includes only private household vacuum cleaner use. During the warranty year, when this vacuum cleaner is operated and maintained according to the owner's manual instructions, Sears will repair any defects in material or workmanship free of charge.

This warranty excludes vacuum bags, belts, light bulbs, and filters, which are expendable parts and become worn during normal use.

For warranty service, return this vacuum cleaner to the nearest Sears Service Center in the United States.

This warranty applies only while this product is in use in the United States. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING

Your safety is important to us. To reduce the risk of fire, electrical shock, injury to persons or damage when using your vacuum cleaner, follow basic safety precautions including the following:

Read this manual before assembling or using your vacuum cleaner.

Use your cleaner only as described in this manual. Use only with Sears recommended attachments.

To reduce the risk of electrical shock – **Do not** use outdoors or on wet surfaces.

Disconnect electrical supply before any servicing or cleaning. Failure to do so could result in electrical shock or personal injury.

Always turn cleaner off before unplugging.

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

Do not use with damaged cord or plug. If cleaner is not working as it should, has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors, or dropped into water, return it to a Sears Service Center.

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 cleaner over cord. Keep cord away from heated surfaces.

Do not leave cleaner when plugged in. Unplug from outlet when not in use and before servicing.

Do not allow to be used as a toy. Close attention is necessary when used by or near children.

Do not handle plug or cleaner with wet hands.

Do not put any objects into openings.

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

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

Do not use cleaner without dust bag and/or filters in place.

Always change the dust bag after vacuuming carpet cleaners or freshener, powders and fine dust. These products clog the bag, reduce airflow and can cause the bag to burst. Failure to change bag could cause permanent damage to the cleaner.

Do not use the cleaner to pick up sharp hard objects, small toys, pins, paper clips, etc. They may damage the cleaner or dust bag.

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

Do not use cleaner to pick up flammable or combustible liquids (gasoline, cleaning fluids, perfumes, etc.), or use in areas where they may be present. The fumes from these substances can create a fire hazard or explosion.

Use extra care when cleaning on stairs. Do not put on chairs, tables, etc. Keep on floor.

You are responsible for making sure that your vacuum cleaner is not used by anyone unable to operate it properly.

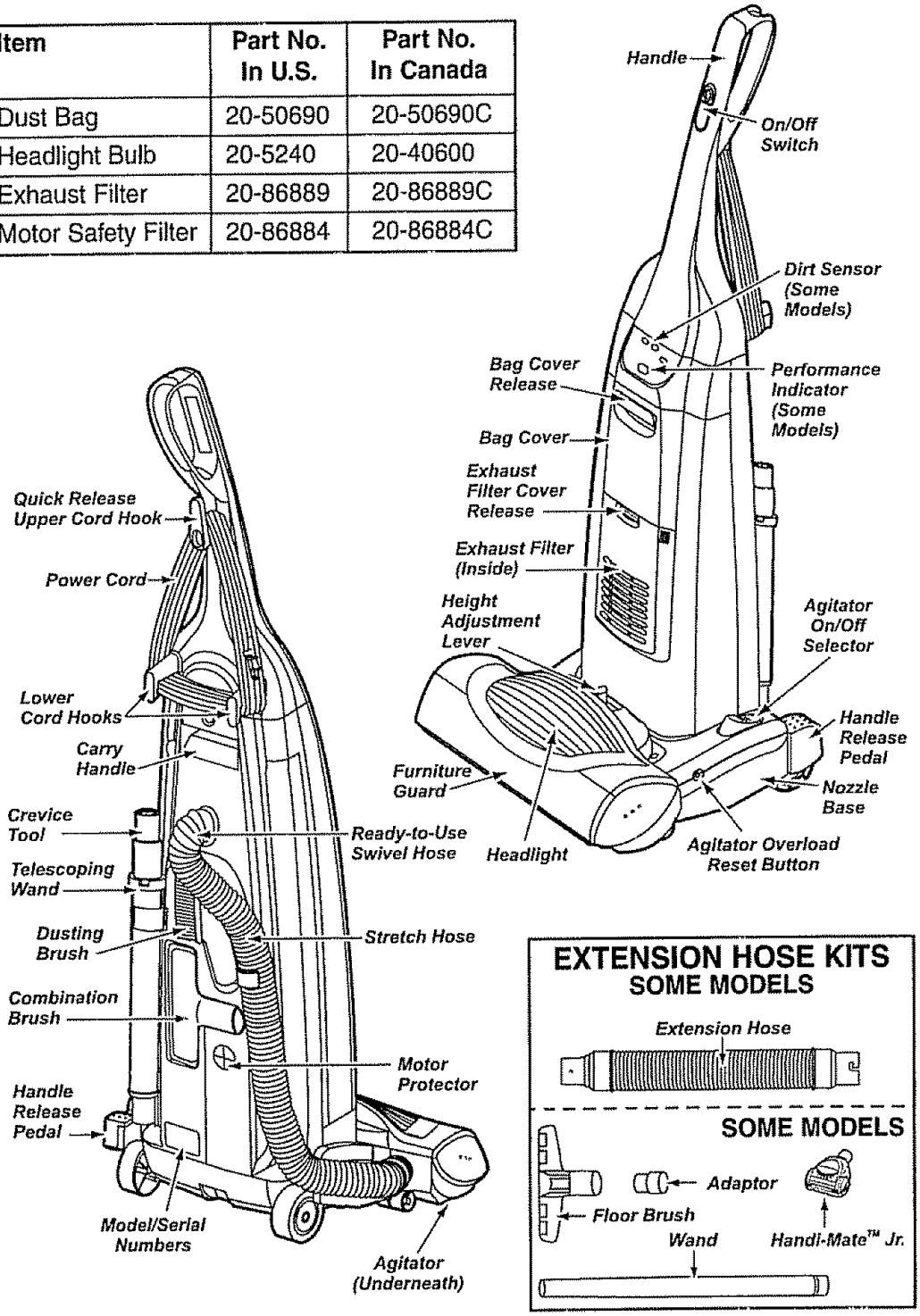
SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Proper assembly and safe use of your vacuum cleaner are your responsibilities. Your cleaner is intended only for household use. Read this Owner's Manual carefully for important use and safety information. This guide contains safety statements under warning and caution symbols. Please pay special attention to these boxes and follow any instructions given. **WARNING** statements alert you to such dangers as fire, electrical shock, burns and personal injury. **CAUTION** statements alert you to such dangers as personal injury and/or property damage.

PARTS AND FEATURES

It is important to know your vacuum cleaner's parts and features to assure its proper and safe use. Review these before using your cleaner.

Item	Part No. In U.S.	Part No. In Canada
Dust Bag	20-50690	20-50690C
Headlight Bulb	20-5240	20-40600
Exhaust Filter	20-86889	20-86889C
Motor Safety Filter	20-86884	20-86884C

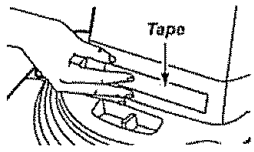


WARNING

Electrical Shock Hazard

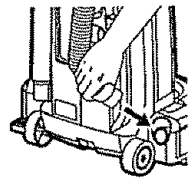
Do not plug into the electrical supply until the assembly is complete. Failure to do so could result in electrical shock or injury.

Before assembling vacuum, check the PACKING LIST on the cover of the separate Repair Parts List. Use this list to verify that you have received all the components of your new Kenmore vacuum.

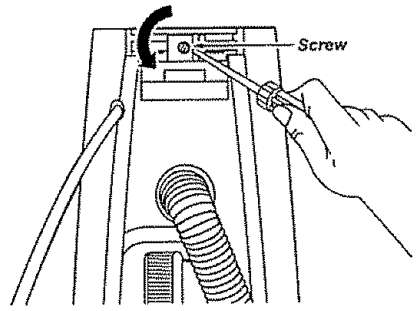


Remove the tape located below the dust cover/filter cover on the motor case

Attach stretch hose end to nozzle as shown.



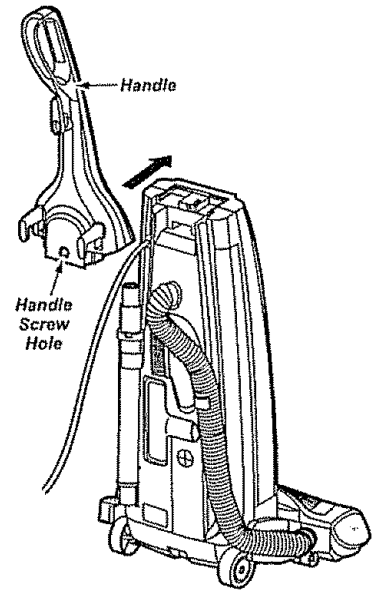
HANDLE ASSEMBLY



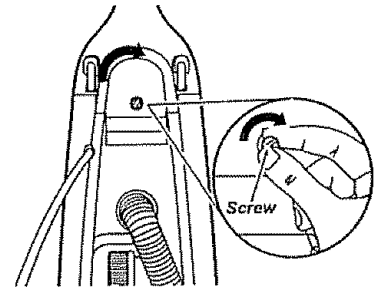
Remove the screw located just below the top edge of the back of the vacuum.

Position the handle as shown in the illustration below.

Slide the handle into the opening at the top of the vacuum.

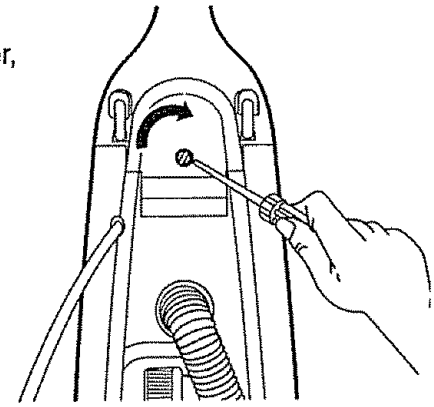


Insert the screw so it passes through the handle into the vacuum.



Begin to tighten the screw with your fingers. It may be necessary to adjust the handle slightly.

Using a screwdriver, tighten the screw.



CAUTION

Do not overtighten.

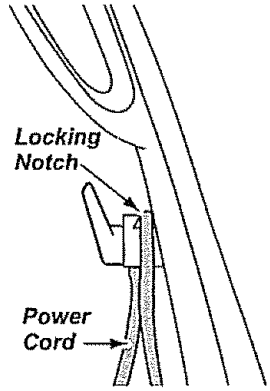
Overtightening could strip the screw holes.

Do not operate the cleaner without the screw in place.

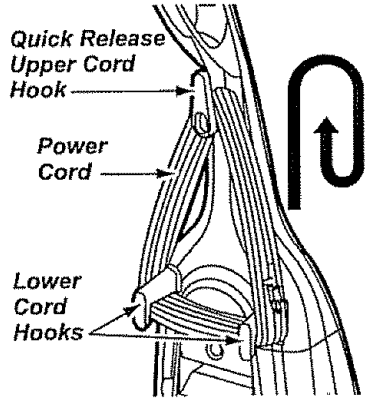
CORD ASSEMBLY

Make sure the quick release upper cord hook is in the upright position. Remove the wire tie from the power cord.

Lock the cord into place by forcing it into the locking notch on the body of the quick release upper cord hook as shown. This helps keep the power cord out from under the vacuum cleaner agitator.

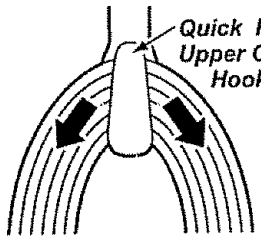


Wrap the power cord around the upper and lower cord hooks and lock the power cord plug onto the power cord.



OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

HOW TO START



1. Turn the quick release upper cord hook to either side and down to release the power cord.

2. Release the power cord plug from the power cord and pull the cord off the quick release upper cord hook. Check to be sure the power cord is still locked into the lock in the quick release upper cord hook.

3. Check to see if the cleaner has bag installed. See DUST BAG CHANGING.

Note: To reduce the risk of electric shock, this vacuum cleaner 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 technician to install the proper outlet. Do not change the plug in any way.

4. Plug the polarized power cord into a 120 Volt outlet located near the floor.

WARNING

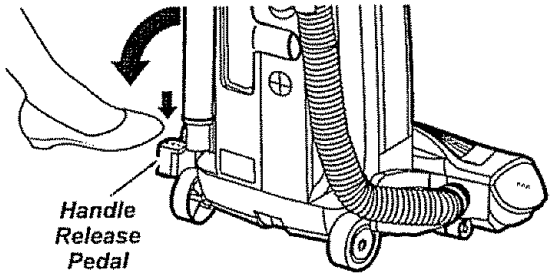
Personal Injury and Product Damage Hazard

- **DO NOT plug in if switch is in the ON position. Personal injury or damage could result.**
- **DO NOT use outlets above counters. Damage from cord to items in surrounding area could occur.**

RELEASING THE HANDLE

Release the handle by pressing down on the handle release pedal with your foot and pulling back and down on the handle with your hand.

Note: The agitator will not rotate if the vacuum cleaner is in the upright position.



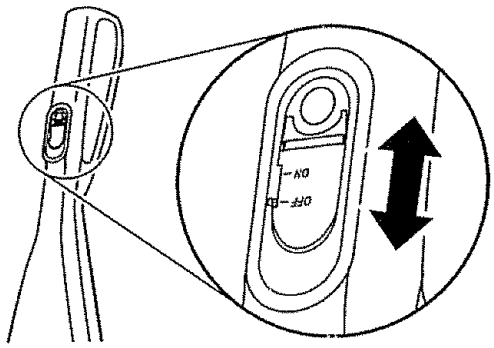
ON/OFF SWITCH

HANDLE MOUNTED

SOME MODELS

To start the vacuum cleaner, slide the On/Off switch from the OFF position to the ON position. To stop the vacuum cleaner, slide the On/Off switch to the OFF position.

Note: This switch operates the suction motor only. For the agitator to rotate, the agitator On/Off selector must be in the ON position and the handle must be released from the upright position.



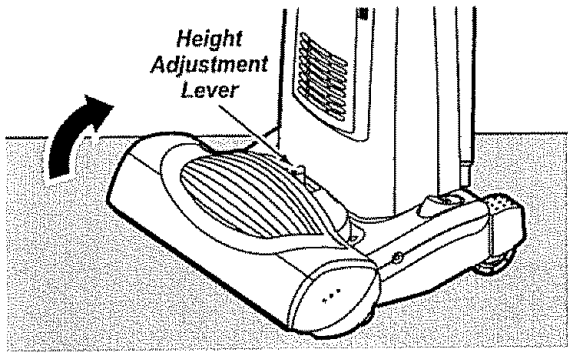
PILE HEIGHT SELECTION AND SETTING

To select a pile height setting:

Turn off cleaner. Select a pile height setting by tilting the cleaner back until front wheels are lifted slightly off the floor.

Slide the adjustment lever to the correct setting.

There are four (4) pile height settings on the vacuum. Use the LOW setting for most carpets and bare floor cleaning (with agitator OFF), and the HIGH setting for very long pile carpets like shag carpet, scatter rugs, etc. Use the other settings as needed for carpet heights in-between.



CAUTION

Do not allow vacuum cleaner to remain in one spot for any length of time when the agitator is turning. Damage to carpet may occur.

AGITATOR ON/OFF SELECTOR

OFF Position: Step on the back half of the pedal to turn off the agitator for use on **bare floors**.

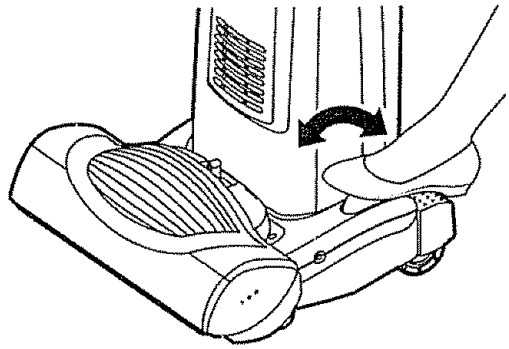
In the OFF position, the agitator does not rotate. This setting should be used for cleaning hardwood and tile floors.

Note: The light will remain on when vacuuming with the agitator in the OFF Position, provided the vacuum is not fully upright.

ON Position: Step on the front half of the pedal to turn on the agitator for use on **carpeting**.

In the ON position, the agitator will turn. When carpets are being cleaned the selector should be in this position.

Attention: Refer to your carpet manufacturers cleaning recommendations. Some more delicate carpets may require that they be vacuumed with the agitator turned off, to prevent carpet damage.

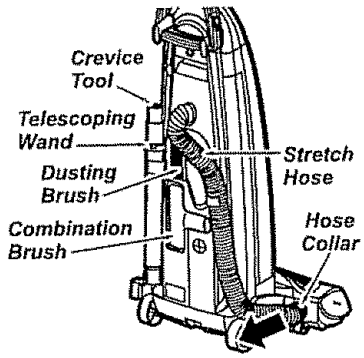


WARNING

Personal Injury Hazard

DO NOT place hands or feet underneath the unit when changing the Agitator On/Off Selector to the On position. The agitator begins to revolve rapidly.

ATTACHMENTS



Identify each of the attachments shown above.

TO USE ATTACHMENTS:

Remove the lower end of the stretch hose from the cleaner by grasping the hose collar, twisting and pulling straight out. The attachments can now be added to the hose.

Note: The agitator will not rotate if the hose has been removed from the nozzle.

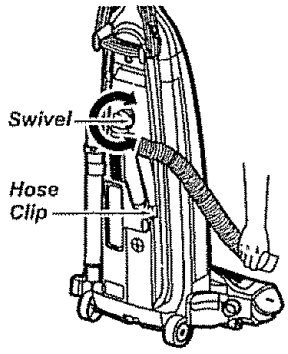
NOTE: The motor protector may open when using attachments or when cleaning new carpet, due to reduced airflow by the attachments themselves or by new carpet fuzz filling the bag quickly. See the TROUBLESHOOTING section.

WARNING

Electrical Shock And Personal Injury Hazard

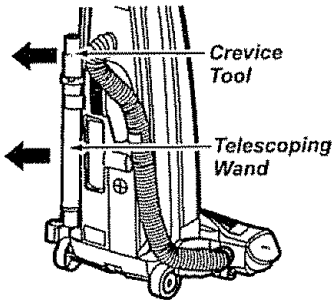
Disconnect electrical supply before servicing or cleaning the unit. Failure to do so could result in electrical shock or personal injury from cleaner suddenly starting.

The attached hose swivels to make cleaning easier in every direction. Remove the hose from the hose clip by pulling straight out.



TELESCOPING WAND WITH SUCTION CONTROL SLIDE

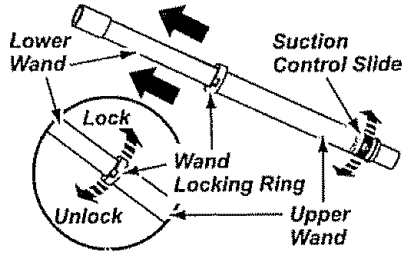
SOME MODELS



Remove the telescoping wand from its storage position.

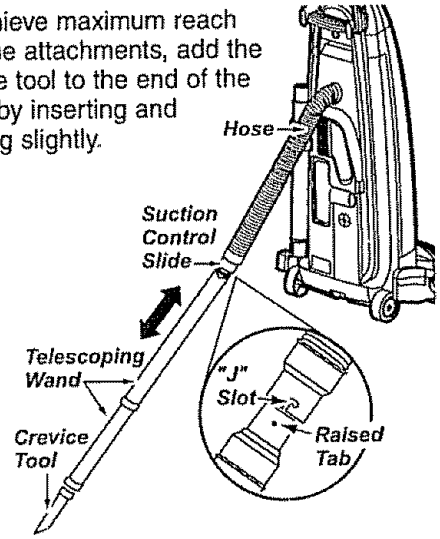
Remove the crevice tool from its storage position in the wand. Turn the locking ring to the **UNLOCK** position.

Extend the wand to its full length. Turn the locking ring to the **LOCK** position. Attach the extension wand onto the open end of the hose.

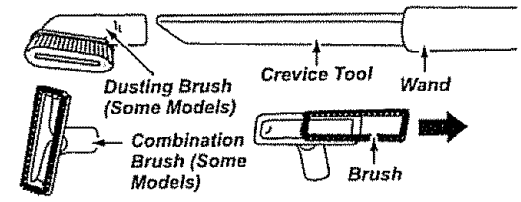


Align the tabs on the extension wand with the "J" slots in the hose. Push the wand into the hose and twist to the right to lock.

To achieve maximum reach with the attachments, add the crevice tool to the end of the wand by inserting and twisting slightly.



When using the dusting brush or the combination brush, they may be attached directly to the wand or placed on the end of the crevice tool.



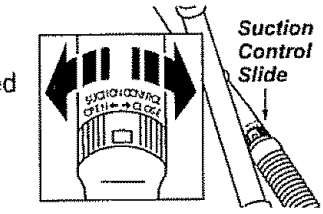
TO OPERATE SUCTION CONTROL SLIDE

Telescoping Wand

When using attachments for cleaning draperies, small rugs with low pile and other delicate items, twist the suction control slide to the open position. This lever is located on the telescoping wand, close to the hose.

This will reduce suction for ease of cleaning.

Note: Return suction control slide to the closed position for normal cleaning.



CAUTION

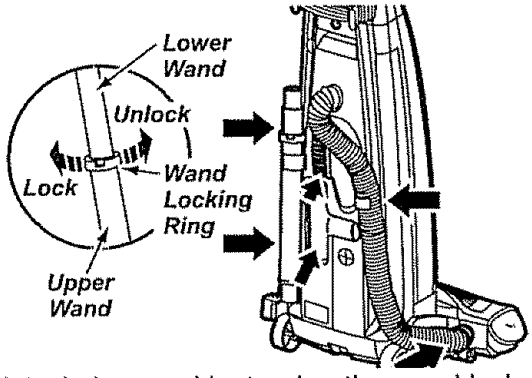
When using attachments, be careful not to overextend the stretch hose when reaching. Trying to reach beyond the hose stretch capability could cause the cleaner to tip over.

TO STORE ATTACHMENTS

Remove dusting brush or combination brush. Snap into appropriate storage location.

Remove crevice tool from the wand by twisting. Lay aside.

Remove the extension wand from the hose. Twist the wand to the left and pull from the hose end.



Unlock the wand by turning the wand locking ring to the **UNLOCK** position.

Slide the lower wand into the upper wand.

EXTENSION HOSE

SOME MODELS

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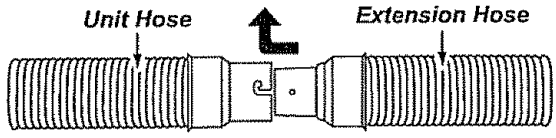

Insert the two tabs on the end of the extension hose into the two "J" shaped slots on the unit hose and twist to connect.

All attachments and the telescoping wand can be attached to the open end of the hose.

FLOOR BRUSH AND WAND:

SOME MODELS

Some models have an extra brush and wand for cleaning bare floors. Twist one end of the adaptor into the floor brush and the other end into the straight wand. Connect the straight wand to the telescopic wand and then to the vacuum hose or extension hose.

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