

**Simplicity<sup>®</sup>**

OWNERS  
MANUAL  
FOR  
6000 SERIES  
VACUUM  
CLEANERS



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## CONGRATULATIONS!

You have purchased a vacuum cleaner that will provide years of efficient, dependable service. Your Simplicity® Vacuum Cleaner is made of high quality material and superior workmanship. The Simplicity® Vacuum Cleaner will work for you on carpets, floors and may be used with cleaning attachments for all your home cleaning needs. Please read these operating instructions carefully before you use your cleaner to assure full performance and satisfaction.

Simplicity® Vacuum Cleaners is a nationwide company with over 600 Authorized Simplicity™ Dealers to serve you. To locate your closest Authorized Dealer regarding warranty work, questions, bags and accessories, please call our dealer locator at 1-888-974-6759.

**IMPORTANT:** Please fill out warranty information on the back cover and keep for your records.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

### READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING THIS APPLIANCE

When using an electrical appliance, basic precautions should always be followed, including the following:

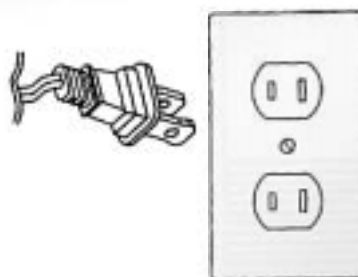
### SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

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

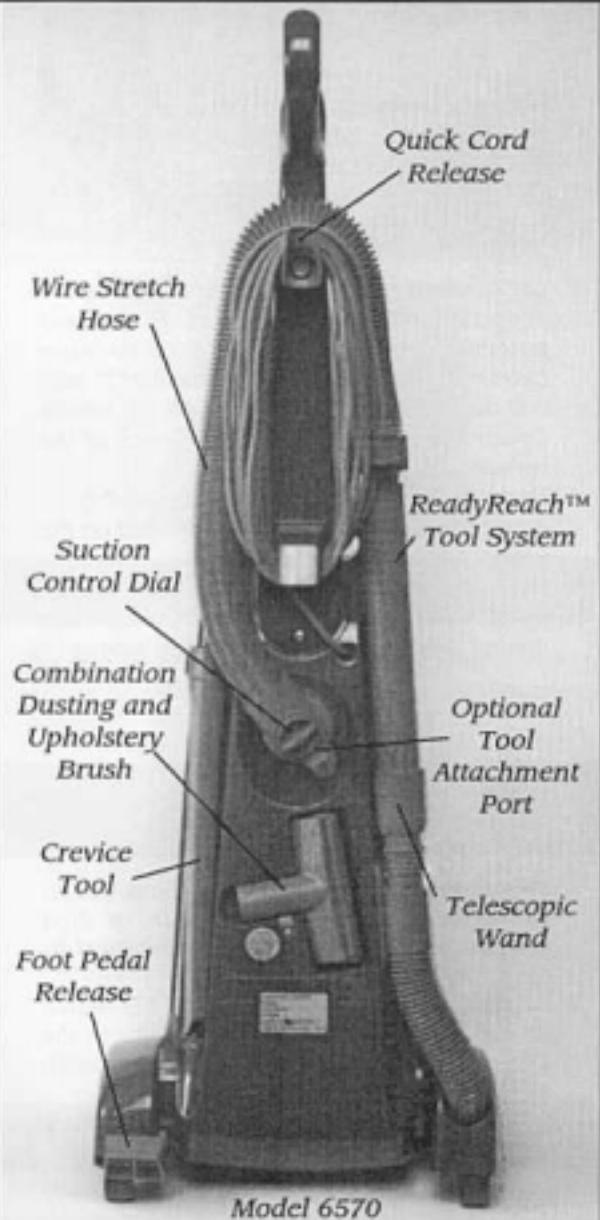
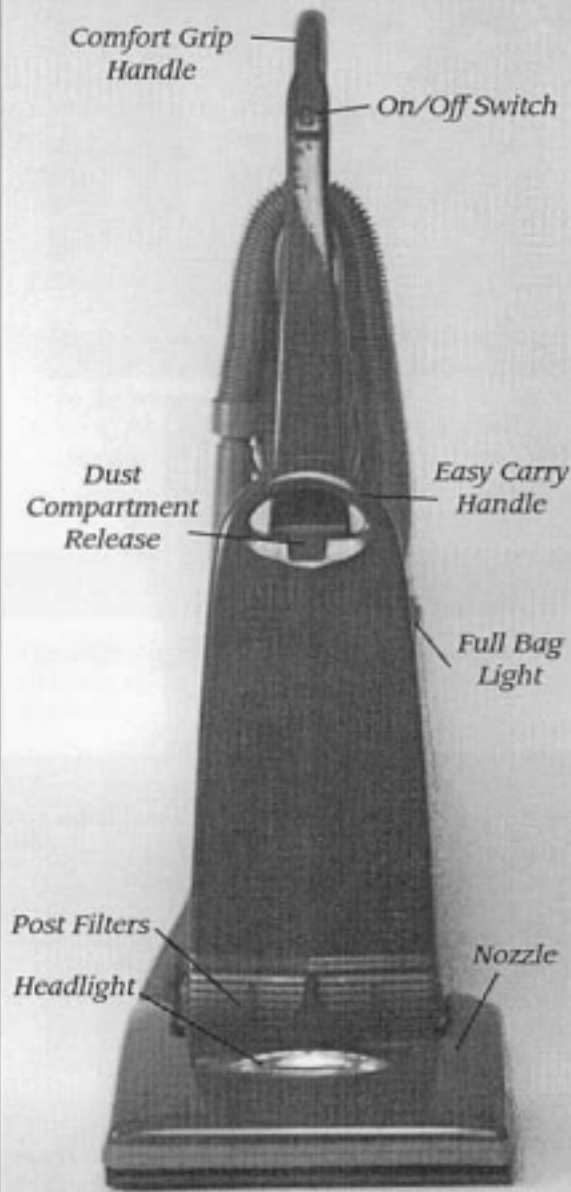
1. Do not leave appliance when plugged in. Unplug from outlet when not in use and before servicing.
2. **WARNING: ELECTRIC SHOCK COULD OCCUR IF USED OUTDOORS OR ON WET SURFACES.**
3. Do not allow to be used as a toy. Close attention is necessary when used by or near children.
4. Use only as described in this manual. Use only manufacturer's recommended attachments.
5. 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, return it to your Authorized Simplicity™ Dealer.
6. Do not pull or carry by cord, use cord as a handle, close a door on cord, or pull cord around sharp edges or corners. Do not run appliance over cord. Keep cord away from heated surfaces.
7. Do not unplug by pulling on cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.
8. Do not handle plug or appliance with wet hands.
9. 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.
10. Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers and all parts of body away from openings and moving parts.
11. Do not pick up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches or hot ashes.
12. Do not use without dust bag and/or filters in place.
13. Turn off all controls before unplugging.
14. Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.
15. Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids such as gasoline or use in areas where they may be present.
16. Do not attempt to service the unit while appliance is plugged in.

## POWER CORD - 2-WIRE POLARIZED CORD

This product is equipped with a polarized alternating current line plug (a plug having one blade wider than the other). This plug will fit into the power outlet only one way. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug fully into the outlet, try reversing the plug. If the plug should still fail to fit, contact a qualified electrician to replace the obsolete outlet. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized plug.



## PARTS IDENTIFICATION



## REPLACEMENT PARTS

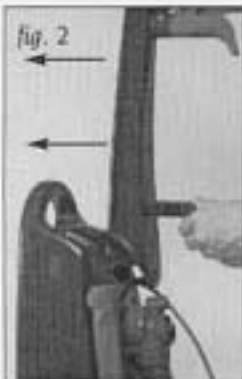
- Genuine Simplicity® Vacuum Filter Bags  
Part Number **S6-3** 3 per package  
Part Number **S6-12** 12 per package
- Vacuum Agitator Belt  
Part Number **SB6**
- Light Bulbs, Standard Bayonet Base  
Part Number **A018-0100** 15W, 100 - 120V

- Genuine Simplicity® Electrostatic Post Filters  
Part Number **K51-3** 3 per package  
(Models 6550 and 6570)
- Genuine Simplicity® Post Filters  
Part Number **B222-0000**  
(Models 6550 and 6570)  
Part Number **B222-0200**  
(Models 6100, 6370, 6400 and 6450)
- Genuine Simplicity® Secondary Filters  
Part Number **B222-0100**

## ATTACHING THE HANDLE TO THE VACUUM CLEANER

The vacuum cleaner and the handle are packed separately.

1. After first removing the handle screw, (see fig. 1) position the handle behind the vacuum cleaner but at the same level as the top of the unit. Make sure that the switch on the handle is positioned to the front of the vacuum cleaner.
2. On the bottom of the handle are two "T-shaped" rails that slide forward onto two guides located on the top of the vacuum cleaner. Line up the handle so that the "T" rails will slide into the guides and push the handle forward until it is flush with the back of the vacuum cleaner (see fig. 2).
3. Insert the handle screw and tighten securely.
4. Attach the power cord at the clip located on the upper cord hook. (see fig. 3).
5. Turn the upper cord storage hook to the upright position and wind the power cord around the cord storage hooks when storing.



## ON/OFF SWITCH

1. To start the vacuum cleaner, click the switch on the handle (or located on side of dust compartment) to the ON position indicated by the "I" on the switch (see fig. 4).
2. To stop the vacuum cleaner, click the switch on the handle (or dust compartment) to the OFF position indicated by the "O" on the switch (see fig. 5).
3. Turn the vacuum off before unplugging from the electrical outlet.



## QUICK CORD RELEASE

1. The upper cord storage hook has a quick-release action. To release the cord, rotate the hook downward and the cord will drop off the handle for immediate use (see fig. 6).
2. Return the hook to the upright position before attempting to rewind the cord (see fig. 7).



## HANDLE ADJUSTMENTS

The handle of this vacuum cleaner can be set to one of three positions: Upright, Middle or Low. To release the handle, step on the pedal at the left rear corner of the vacuum cleaner (see fig. 8).

- 1. Upright Position:** Handle locks in this position for vacuum cleaner storage. The handle should always be in an upright position when cleaning tools are used.
- 2. Middle Position:** This position is for normal cleaning (Fig. 9). In order to cross room thresholds, lower the handle to raise the front of the nozzle allowing you to roll the vacuum on the rear two wheels.
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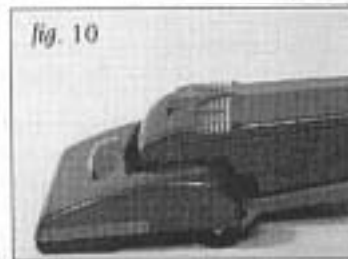


fig. 10

## EDGE CLEANING

The edge cleaning feature provides improved cleaning of carpets near walls and stationary furniture.

For maximum edge cleaning, place the right side of the nozzle against the wall or stationary furniture.

## AUTOMATIC CARPET HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT

Your Simplicity® upright vacuum cleaner is designed with an Automatic Self-Adjusting Rug Nozzle. **No manual adjustments are required.** The height of the rug nozzle is instantly and automatically adjusted to the carpet pile height. This self adjusting feature allows the rug nozzle to float evenly over all carpet pile surfaces.

## FULL BAG INDICATOR LIGHT

The warning light is located on top left side of the dust compartment (see Fig. 11). The light will trigger if the filter bag is full or if there is a clog in the vacuum cleaner. If the light indicator turns on, check the filter bag and replace if necessary. If the filter bag is not full, check the vacuum cleaner for clogs by inspecting the agitator area (see "How to Remove the Bottom Plate"), hose, and/or attachment inlet.

Please disregard the indicator light during attachment cleaning. The light is designed to indicate air flow restriction during carpet cleaning. When using cleaning attachments, the indicator will light periodically due to normal attachment air flow restrictions.



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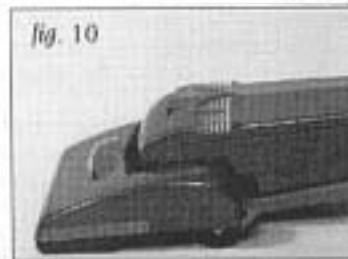


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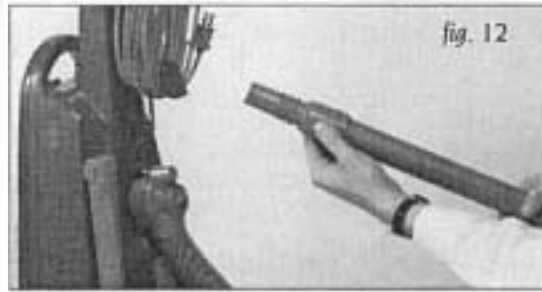
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Select models are equipped with ReadyReach™ cleaning tools including a combination upholstery/dusting brush, crevice tool, and a 5-to-1 stretch hose (model 6570).

### TO USE THE READYREACH™ TOOLS:

1. Remove the telescopic wand from the body of the vacuum cleaner. Unlock wand collar (located on the end of the wand, see fig. 12), extend out the inner wand and re-lock the wand collar. NOTE: Wand collar locking rotation is marked with arrows on wand. Wand collar lock and unlock functions require only 1/2 turn of collar.
2. Remove the crevice tool on the left side of the vacuum cleaner and insert into end of the wand. The vacuum is now ready for crevice cleaning.
3. Insert the combination upholstery/dusting tool (located conveniently in the back of the dust compartment) onto the end of the crevice tool (the combo tool can also be inserted directly on the wand). To convert the dusting brush to an upholstery tool, simply slide the brush off.

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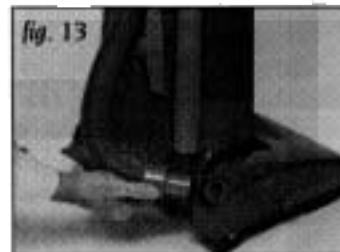


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3. Select the proper tool for your cleaning situation and connect the tool to the end of the wand, cuff or crevice tool. The combination upholstery/dusting brush is stored normally as a dusting brush which easily converts to an upholstery tool by sliding off the dusting brush. Tools store conveniently in vacuum body by snap fit.





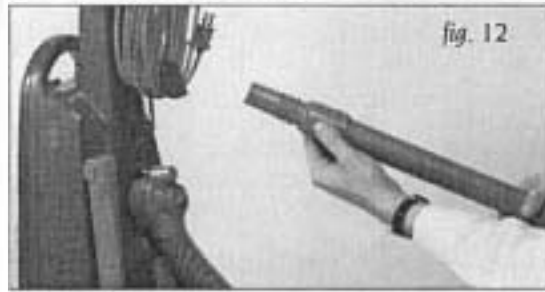
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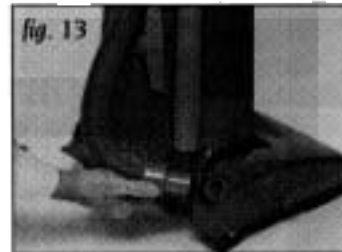


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## OPTIONAL CLEANING TOOLS (ALL MODELS)

### FOR MODELS WITHOUT ON-BOARD TOOLS -

#### DELUXE ATTACHMENT SET DLATT12G (see fig. 16)

1. 12 foot hose
2. Curved wand
3. Extension wand (2 pieces)
4. Dusting brush
5. Crevice tool
6. Upholstery tool
7. Upholstery brush insert
8. Deluxe floor brush

### FOR MODELS WITH ON-BOARD TOOLS -

#### ATTACHMENT SET DLATT15 (see fig. 17)

1. 15 foot hose
2. Curved wand
3. Deluxe floor brush

**1. How to connect the hose assembly to the vacuum cleaner:** Pull out and open by turning the lid located on the back of the vacuum cleaner. Insert the soft, rubber end of the hose assembly into the cleaning attachment opening. Push in while twisting the hose end to ensure the hose is fastened securely (see fig. 18).

**2. How to connect the tool:** You can connect any of the cleaning tools to the end of the extension wand(s) or curved wand and twist for a secure fit. To remove the cleaning tool from the extension wand(s) or curved wand, simply twist and pull apart.

**WARNING:** If used on long pile or shag carpet, unit should not remain running in one spot for a long period as carpet damage could result.



## SUCTION DIAL CONTROL

The lid on the attachment port is a suction dial control (see fig. 19). This feature is useful when less suction is needed, for example, to clean drapes, throw rugs, etc. To use, simply turn the dial to reduce the suction to desired level. Close the dial for normal vacuum operation.



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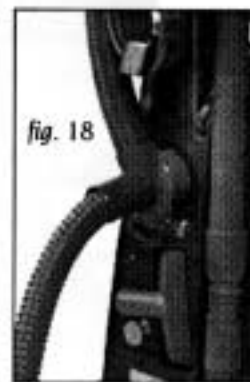
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## HOW TO CHANGE THE VACUUM BAG

Genuine Simplicity® Vacuum Cleaner filter bags should be used for best performance and air filtration.

Always operate the vacuum cleaner with a filter bag installed.

1. Turn off vacuum cleaner and remove dust cover.
2. Remove the used filter bag by pulling bag collar off the bag holder (see fig. 20).
3. After removing used filter bag, close Dust Guard™ bag collar door to seal full bag (see instructions on bag collar).
4. Simply attach the new filter bag onto the bag holder (see fig. 21).
5. Re-insert the tab on the end of the dust cover into the groove on the dust compartment housing. Then, press it into place and fasten the dust cover tightly (see fig. 22).



## HOW TO CHANGE THE SECONDARY FILTER

The secondary filter protects the motor from dust and dirt. Before installing a new filter bag, check the filter. Accumulated dirt in the dust compartment will be collected on this filter and may restrict motor performance when the filter becomes dirty (see fig. 23).

**To Clean Secondary Filter**, remove secondary filter from bottom of dust compartment. Secondary filter can be washed or replaced. **If washed, make sure filter is completely dry before it is reinstalled.**



## HOW TO CHANGE THE POST FILTER

Your Simplicity® Vacuum Cleaner is equipped with an auxiliary post filter to capture fine dust particles and purify the air before it exits the machine. It is important to change the post filter regularly - approximately every 6th filter bag change. For maximum filtration efficiency, change post filter every 4th filter bag change.

### **TO CHANGE THE POST FILTER:**

1. Remove dust cover and locate post filter on the inner bottom.
2. Remove soiled filter and replace with new post filter. Install new filter over small clips that secure filter on edges (see fig. 24).

**NOTE:** Post filter cannot be washed.



## HOW TO REMOVE/INSTALL THE BOTTOM PLATE

### TO REMOVE BOTTOM PLATE

**CAUTION:** First, disconnect the vacuum cleaner from the electrical outlet.

Unplug the power cord. Place vacuum cleaner in the low position by using the handle release pedal. Then, turn the vacuum cleaner over, exposing the underside. Move the two clip latches to the inward position (see fig. 25), releasing the bottom plate. Now remove the bottom plate (see fig. 26).

### TO INSTALL BOTTOM PLATE

Install bottom plate making sure bottom plate hinge is in place on front of head (see fig. 26) before securing latches to the outward (locked) position.

#### IMPORTANT:

On rear side of bottom plate next to the pedal release and bottom plate label, note a tab sticking up from pedal release frame. When bottom plate is installed correctly, the tab should be on the outside edge of the bottom plate as shown. If not, unit may fall backwards or prematurely release handle (see fig. 27).

#### IMPORTANT:

#### OTHER SIDE OF BOTTOM PLATE

Make sure plate goes over tab before securing latches.



fig. 25



fig. 26



fig. 27

## HOW TO CHANGE THE BELT

**CAUTION:** First, disconnect the vacuum cleaner from the electrical outlet.

Turn the unit over and remove the bottom plate. Remove the vented support fitting (Fig. 28). Take out the agitator assembly and remove the worn or broken belt from the agitator pulley and the motor drive shaft (see fig. 29).

Loop the new belt around the motor drive shaft and the agitator pulley. Reinstall the agitator assembly back into the housing (see fig. 30). Turn the agitator assembly by hand, making sure the belt is not twisted and all rotating parts move smoothly (see fig. 31). Re-insert the vented support fitting in place before fastening the bottom plate (see fig. 32). Hook the front end of the bottom plate to the two ribs at the front end for the housing. See "How To Install Bottom Plate".

**NOTE:** To ensure maximum cleaning efficiency, the belt should be checked regularly to be sure it is in good condition. Check to see if the belt is stretched, cracked or if excessive slipping has occurred. Replace if needed.



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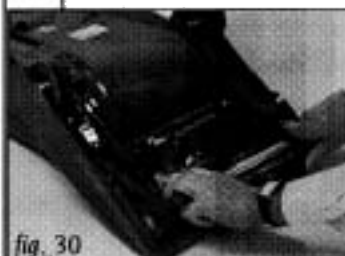


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## HOW TO REPLACE THE HEADLIGHT BULB

**CAUTION:** First, disconnect the vacuum cleaner from the electrical outlet.

1. Remove bottom plate (see "How To Remove Bottom Plate").
2. Slide the bulb mounting bracket out of the nozzle housing (see fig. 33). Remove bulb by pushing bulb in, turning counterclockwise and removing from the socket.
3. To install new bulb, simply insert into socket, matching bulb guide pins and guides in socket. Push bulb in and rotate clockwise until bulb will not turn further.
4. Slide the bulb and bulb bracket back into headlight mount (in nozzle housing) with the bulb pointing toward the top of the vacuum. Re-install bottom plate (see "How To Install Bottom Plate").

**NOTE:** Replacement bulb should be rated at 120V, 15W.



## HOW TO CLEAN THE NOZZLE HOUSING

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The nozzle hose, located on the back of the vacuum cleaner, carries the dirt from the nozzle to the filter bag. The hose also functions as the attachment cleaning hose. If the hose should become clogged:

1. Pull out and turn the lid of the cleaning attachment opening. Remove the clog or blockage.
2. If the above step is not enough, remove hose cuff from the nozzle inlet (see fig. 13).
3. Turn the unit over and remove the bottom plate (see "How To Remove Bottom Plate"). Check nozzle inlet tube for obstructions. Clear tube and re-install the bottom plate.

## FOR BEST PERFORMANCE

- Keep machine and all accessories clean and in good operating condition.
- Change filter bags and filters as recommended to maintain optimum cleaning efficiency.
- Always use genuine Simplicity® filter bags and filters, as use of other products may result in poor cleaning performance and potential vacuum cleaner damage. Simplicity® filtration products are designed for maximum performance.

- Have machine checked periodically by your Authorized Simplicity® Dealer.
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## SIMPLICITY VACUUM CLEANER LIMITED WARRANTY

**Your Simplicity® Household Vacuum Cleaner is warranted for two (2) years to be free of manufacturing defects due to imperfections in workmanship and materials.**

Your Authorized Simplicity® Dealer will provide warranty service for your Simplicity® Vacuum Cleaner during the warranty period as follows:

**PARTS:** New or comparable rebuilt parts will be provided in exchange for defective parts excluding the following items which require normal replacement and are not covered by this warranty: disposable dust bags, belts, filters, light bulbs and agitator brushes.

**LABOR:** Carry-in warranty service will be provided during the warranty period by taking your vacuum cleaner to any Authorized Simplicity® Dealer.

**EXCLUSIONS:** This warranty covers normal consumer use and does not cover damage which occurs in shipment or failure resulting from alteration, accident, misuse, abuse, neglect, adjustment of customer controls or improper maintenance.

A purchase receipt or other proof of date of original consumer purchase is given when a new Simplicity® Vacuum Cleaner is purchased from an **Authorized** Simplicity® Vacuum Cleaner Dealer. Please keep this receipt in your files.

Fill out and mail the attached warranty registration card within thirty (30) days of the date of purchase.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights. You may have other rights that vary from state to state.

## OWNER'S WARRANTY INFORMATION (KEEP FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS)

Date of purchase: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial number: \_\_\_\_\_

Purchased from, Dealer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Owner's Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_



