



## Using the Vacuum Cleaner

1. Do not use the cleaner to vacuum dry waste.
2. Dry hands, switch off and unplug before emptying the waste container.
3. Empty the waste container before it is full.
4. If you think the cable may be cut or damaged in any way, switch off and unplug at the mains before inspecting it, if the cable attached to the vacuum cleaner is damaged, stop using the equipment. Contact the hire company. If an extension cable has been damaged, do not use it again.

**Keep this leaflet safe as it may be required for reference at a future date**

# Vacuum Cleaner - WET

The rules and procedures in force where people are at work may require the person responsible for this equipment to carry out a specific risk assessment.

### It is important to read all of this leaflet BEFORE you use the Vacuum Cleaner

1. Electricity is dangerous and must always be used with great care.
2. Water and electricity make a dangerous combination. Keep water away from the electrical parts.
3. This vacuum cleaner is designed for vacuum collection of water and wet waste material.
4. The action of this vacuum cleaner can cause injury or damage if the equipment is not used in a careful and controlled way.
5. Familiarise yourself with how the equipment works before starting work.
6. Plan and think ahead to make sure you will always be working safely.
7. You should have at least the following items of protective equipment: rcd if using a 230 volt (mains) supply.
8. This equipment must not be used by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
9. This vacuum cleaner is designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it.



## WORK AREA

1. Do not use this vacuum cleaner where there is a danger of explosion. It will ignite fumes from petrol, or gas cylinders.
2. Make sure that the area is clear and safe and that no-one is near to you or could distract you. Keep children and animals well clear.
3. Do not use this cleaner in the rain or where the electrical parts might get wet.

## VACUUM CLEANER

1. Check your equipment, cables, plugs and all equipment. If anything is found damaged, do not use the vacuum cleaner- contact the hire company.
2. Check that the plug on your equipment matches your supply. Do not try to force connections or improvise them.
3. Equipment with a cylindrical yellow industrial plug fitted is designed to run off a special 110v supply. The hire company will have provided a portable transformer if you need to power the equipment from a normal mains 230v supply. If a portable transformer has been supplied, take care not to injure yourself when moving it about – it may be heavier than you think. Equipment designed to run directly from 230v mains will

# Before Starting Work...



have either a normal square pin plug fitted, or a blue industrial plug.

4. This machine is not suitable for work involving asbestos or other hazardous materials.
5. Do not use it for vacuuming flammable, corrosive or toxic wastes such as petrol, or weed killer.
6. Do not try to clean up waste oil or sludge, it will clog up the machine and may damage it.
7. Empty the waste container before it is full.
8. If the waste container becomes too full, the ball valve will shut off the air passage causing the machine to overheat rapidly.
9. Check on how the on/off switch operates. Before you switch the vacuum cleaner on, you must know how to stop it.

### ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Your equipment will only operate on one voltage; it will be 110v or 230v.

110v equipment will have a yellow industrial plug fitted.

230v equipment will have either a normal



square pin plug fitted, or a blue industrial plug.

Read the instructions below for your equipment.

### 110 VOLT EQUIPMENT (YELLOW PLUG)

1. If you are using a portable transformer, plug the transformer directly into the 230 volt socket. Do not use any 230v extension cables.
2. If you need to use an extension cable, follow any special instructions given by the hire company. If the hire company have not given any special instructions, you should only use a suitable rated heavy duty 110v extension cable, not longer than 50 metres (160 feet). You must only use an extension cable between the transformer and the equipment.
3. Lay the extension cable out carefully avoiding liquids, sharp edges, doorways or windows where it might be rapped, and places where vehicles might run over it. Unroll it fully or it will overheat and could catch fire.



4. Make sure that any extension cable connections are dry and safe.

### 230 VOLT EQUIPMENT (SQUARE PIN OR BLUE PLUG)

1. Use a residual current device (“rcd”) plugged directly into the 230volt socket. Plug your equipment into the rcd. This will help to protect you against electric shock if the cable or equipment gets damaged.
2. Use the “TEST” button to check that the rcd is working each time you use it. Reset the rcd according to the instructions supplied with it.
3. If you need extension cable, follow any special instructions given by the hire company. If the hire company have not given any special instructions, you should only use a suitable rated heavy duty one, not longer than 50 metres (160 feet). Put it directly into the rcd.
4. Lay it out carefully avoiding liquids, sharp edges, doorways or windows where it might be trapped, and places where vehicles might run over it. Unroll it fully or it will overheat and could catch fire.
5. Make sure that any extension cable connections are dry and safe.

