



# Safety Instructions

THESE INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE READ BY THE USER BEFORE OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT.



## 15.5 Carpet Cleaners

- This equipment is designed to be operated by someone with normal ability. Persons with a disability or injury must assess whether their disability, when using the equipment, will affect their health and safety and the safety of others.
- It should only be operated by someone with experience of similar equipment.
- This equipment must not be used by anyone whose competence is impaired, for example by drink or drugs.

- 1 The carpet cleaner must be operated correctly according to the manufacturer's or owner's operating instructions, which are available on request if required.
- 2 Before starting the carpet cleaner the operator should familiarise himself/herself on how to stop it.
- 3 **ONLY** use the cleaner to clean carpets and upholstery with the correct attachments and cleaning fluids.
- 4 **DO NOT** use in flammable atmospheres where there is a danger of explosion.
- 5 **ONLY** use detergents or chemicals supplied by the hirer.
- 6 **CHECK** that all persons and animals are clear of the work area.
- 7 **ENSURE** that the work area is well ventilated before commencement. Open the windows.
- 8 Wear personal protective equipment as conditions determine. Overalls and ear protection is usually necessary.
- 9 When noise levels are uncomfortably high over 80dB(A), it is advisable to wear hearing protectors.
- 10 If higher noise levels occur regularly when it is necessary to shout to be heard, (85dB(A) and above) the law requires that hearing protectors must be worn.
- 11 During prolonged cleaning, fine dust particles will clog the filtration system and may cause overheating.
- 12 Isolate the machine before filling, emptying or cleaning.
- 13 **DO NOT** become distracted when carrying out cleaning.
- 14 **CHECK** periodically that the waste container has not become full. When full remove the plug from the socket before emptying the machine and empty waste container before proceeding.
- 15 **DO NOT** use the cleaner without the waste container fitted.
- 16 When cleaning has been completed, flush out the machine with clean water to remove any cleaning solution from the system.
- 17 **DO NOT** leave the machine unattended without switching off and unplugging from the electrical supply.
- 18 **DO NOT** use hot water, unless specified by the manufacturer.
- 19 **DO NOT** run the equipment if there is any leakage and do not attempt to tighten a joint whilst under pressure.
- 20 **DO NOT** attempt repairs. Contact the Hire Company.

### When Using Electrical Equipment

**CHECK** that the voltage of the supply is correct. The carpet cleaner will be either 110 volts or 230 volts.

- 21 The use of a low voltage machine at 110V (CTE) will effectively eliminate the risk of death and greatly reduce the degree of injury from an electric fault.
- 22 Use a machine with the lowest possible voltage to suit the job.
- 23 When using a 230V pressure washer the risk of injury or death from electric shock is unacceptably high unless the following precautions are taken:
  - a) Use RCD power breakers at the supply socket to give protection for both the tool and its power cable.
  - b) The RCD should be protected from dust, wet weather, mechanical damage and vibration.
  - c) Position power cables where they are less likely to be damaged.
  - d) The machine, cables and RCDs should be checked every day (or every shift) using the following as a guide:
    - **CHECK** that bare wires are not visible
    - Make sure that cables are not damaged and free from cuts and abrasions (apart from light scuffing)

- **CHECK** that the plug is in good condition, the casing is free from cracks, the pins are not bent or the socket is not blocked with debris or dirt
  - **ENSURE** that there are no taped or other non-standard joints in the cable
  - **CHECK** that the cable covering has not been pulled out of the grips at the plug or equipment.  
(The coloured insulation of the internal wires should not be visible)
  - **CHECK** the outer casing and covers over electrical parts for damage and check for loose or missing parts or screws
  - Make sure that there are no overheating or burn marks on the plug, cable and equipment
  - **CHECK** the operation of the RCD power breaker by operating the test button.
- 24** A machine using 110 volts should be checked weekly as in 23(d) above.
- 25** **CHECK** regularly that all ventilation grills or holes on motor housings are clear and free from dirt.
- 26** If the automatic cut-out operates, **ALLOW** the motor to cool before re-starting.
- 27** **DO NOT** disconnect a plug by pulling its cable.
- 28** Unplug from the power supply before changing nozzles.



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