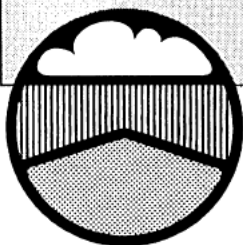


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Operating instructions for vacuum cleaner S 248 i



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IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING THIS APPLIANCE

WARNING -

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

- Check the voltage rating of the vacuum cleaner before connecting the power cord to an electrical outlet. Your power source should correspond with the voltage rating given on the rating plate located on the underside of the vacuum cleaner. Use only household AC outlets. Never use DC power sources. If you are unsure of the voltage supply in your area, consult a qualified electrician. Connection of the vacuum cleaner to a higher voltage than indicated in these instructions may result in damage to the vacuum cleaner and personal injury.
- Do not leave the appliance when plugged in. Unplug from the outlet when not in use and before servicing.
- Do not use outdoors or on wet surfaces.
- Do not allow the vacuum cleaner to be used as a toy. Close attention is necessary when used by or near children.
- Use only as described in this manual. Use only manufacturer's recommended attachments.
- Do not use with damaged cord or plug. If the appliance is not working as it should, has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors, or immersed in water, return it to a service center.
- Do not pull or carry by the cord, use the cord as a handle, close a door on the cord, or pull the cord around sharp edges or corners. Do not run the appliance over the cord. Keep the cord away from heated surfaces.
- Do not unplug by pulling the cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.
- Do not handle the plug or appliance with wet hands.
- Do not put any objects into the 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 the body away from openings and moving parts.
- Do not pick up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches, or hot ashes.
- Do not use without the dustbag and/or filters in place.
- Turn off all controls before unplugging.

- Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.
- Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids, such as gasoline, or use in areas where they may be present.
- When using this appliance in conjunction with a motorized nozzle and a current-carrying hose:
 - The hose contains electrical wires. Do not use if damaged, cut, or punctured. Avoid picking up sharp objects.
 - Always turn off this appliance before connecting or disconnecting either the hose or the motorized nozzle.
- This appliance is equipped with a power cord reel:
 - Hold the plug when rewinding onto the cord reel. Do not allow the plug to whip when rewinding.
- When using this appliance in conjunction with the Turbobrush:
 - Always unplug before connecting.
- Use only attachments specified by the manufacturer. Do not use the blower to operate paint sprayers or similar devices that emit volatile or toxic vapors.
- The vacuum cleaner shuts off automatically by thermostatic control if it overheats. Overheating could be due to a clogged hose, a heavily soiled dust compartment or exhaust filter, or a full dustbag. If this occurs, rectify the problem and wait about 15 minutes for the motor to cool down. The vacuum cleaner can then be switched on again.
- Do not switch on or attempt to operate the vacuum cleaner unless a dustbag and dust compartment and exhaust filters are in place. Use only genuine MIELE double-layer dustbags and filters (see 'Maintenance' for instructions on how to insert the dustbag and filters). If no dustbag has been inserted, the dust compartment cover cannot be closed.

DO NOT USE FORCE!

WARNING:

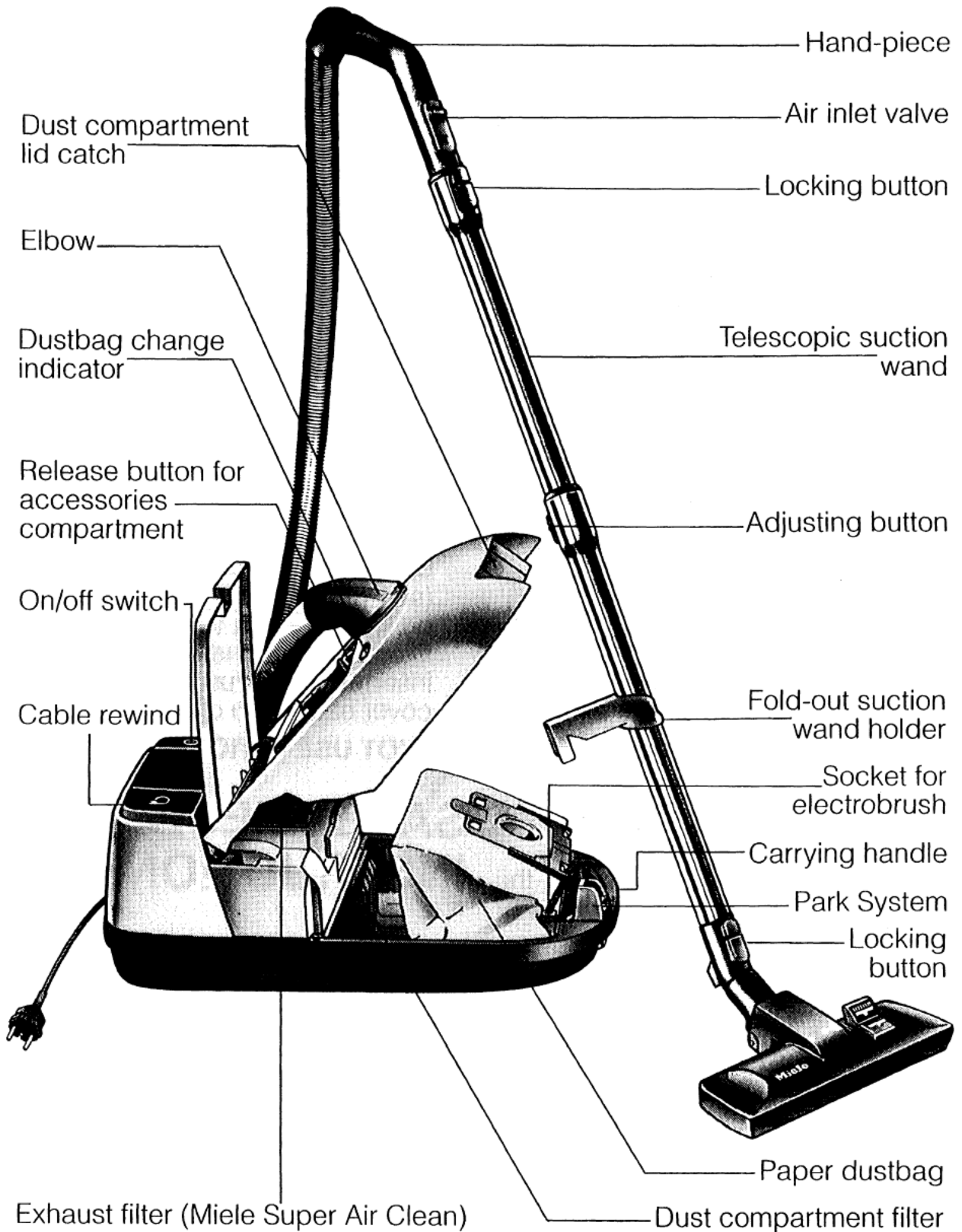
Electric shock could occur if the vacuum cleaner is used outdoors or on wet surfaces.

- Always switch off the vacuum cleaner and disconnect the plug from the wall outlet before servicing (see 'Maintenance'). Do not attempt any other repairs. Other servicing should be performed by an authorized Service Agent.
- Protect your vacuum cleaner from heat and moisture. Store in a cool, dry place, away from children and household traffic.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

THIS APPLIANCE IS INTENDED STRICTLY FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY

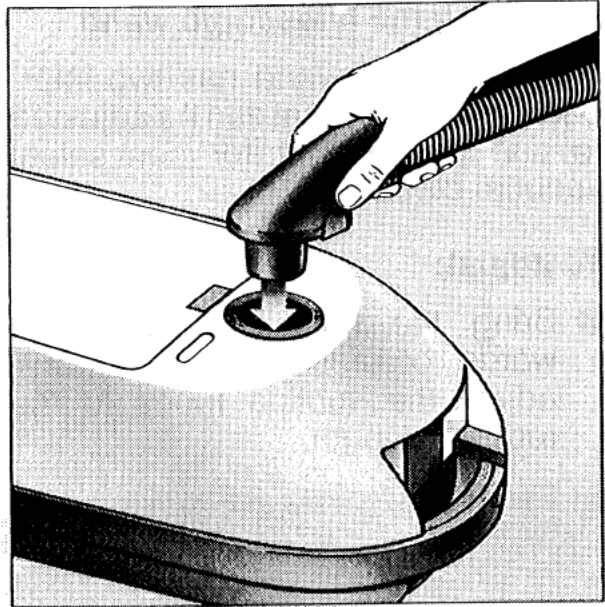
Description of the appliance



Assembling the vacuum cleaner

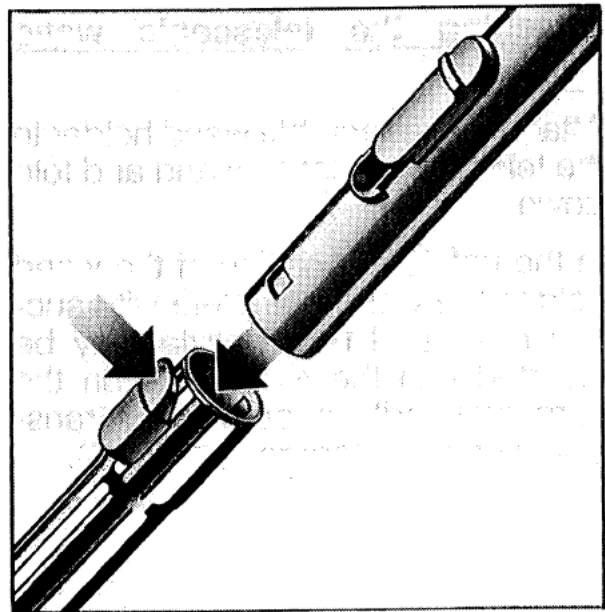
Connecting the suction hose to the vacuum cleaner

- Insert the “elbow” hose coupler into the suction opening, as shown, until it snaps into position.
- To disconnect the hose from the vacuum cleaner, press the locking buttons on the “elbow” and lift out of the suction opening.



Connecting the telescopic suction wand to the suction hose

- Fit the hand-piece of the suction hose firmly together with the suction wand.
- To release the hand-piece from the suction wand, press the locking button (see arrow).



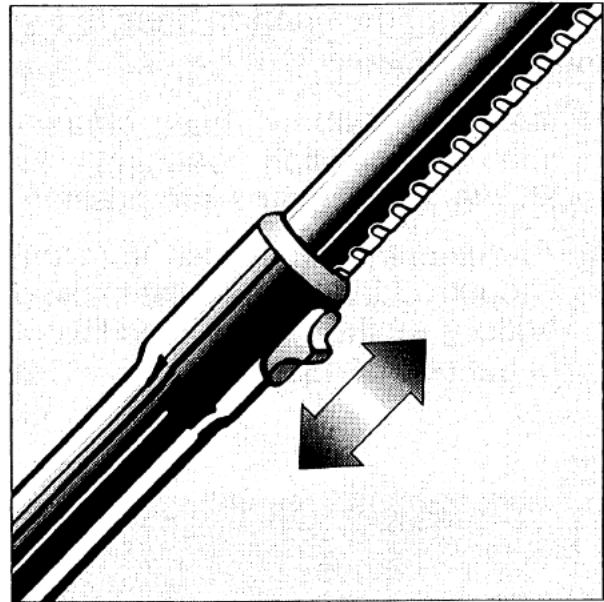
Assembling the vacuum cleaner

Adjusting the telescopic wand

The telescopic wand has two interconnected parts that can be adjusted to suit your height for convenient vacuum cleaning.

To adjust:

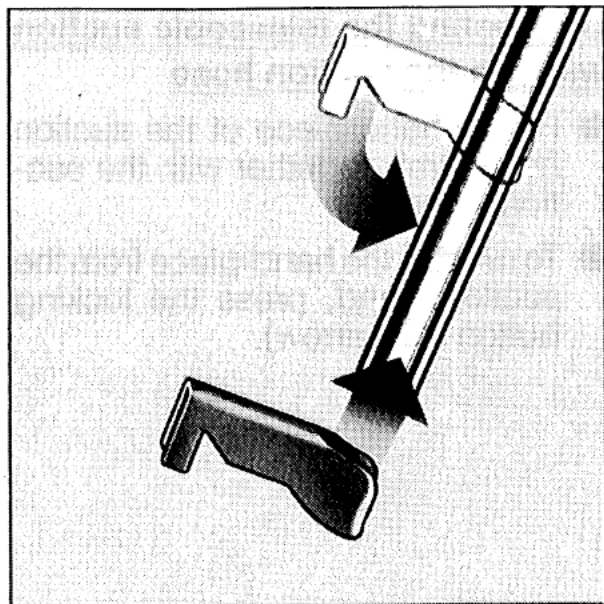
- Bring the adjuster control upwards, or press downwards and adjust the suction tubes to the required length.



Attaching the telescopic wand holder

Attach the retractable wand holder to the telescopic suction wand and fold down.



In the unfolded position of the wand holder, the wand complete with suction hose and floor nozzle may be inserted into the receptacle on the carrying handle for convenient transportation and storage (see P. 16).

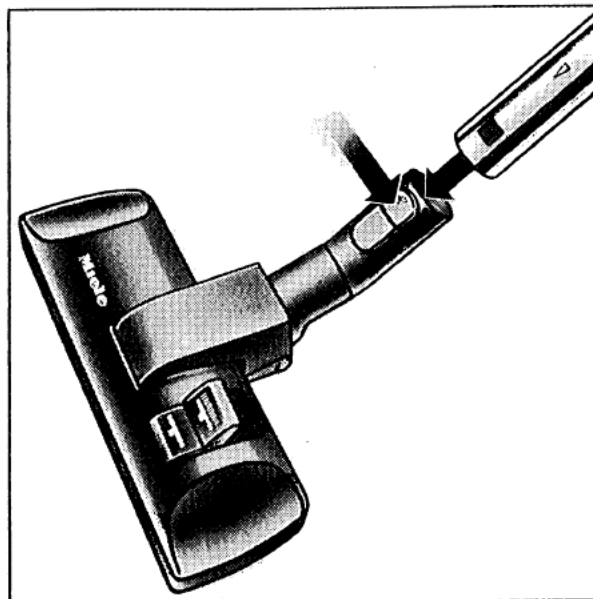


Assembling the vacuum cleaner

Attaching the floor nozzle

The **floor nozzle** is recommended for routine cleaning of rugs, carpeting and bare flooring such as parquet, tile, linoleum or stone.

- Fit the telescopic suction wand into the circular opening of the floor nozzle, as shown by the arrow. The floor nozzle must lock into place securely.
- To release the floor nozzle from the suction wand, press the locking button.
- The floor nozzle can be adjusted to conform to the type of flooring to be cleaned.
- To clean bare floors, depress symbol . The brush is now protruding.
- To clean rugs and carpeting, symbol  should be depressed. This retracts the brush.



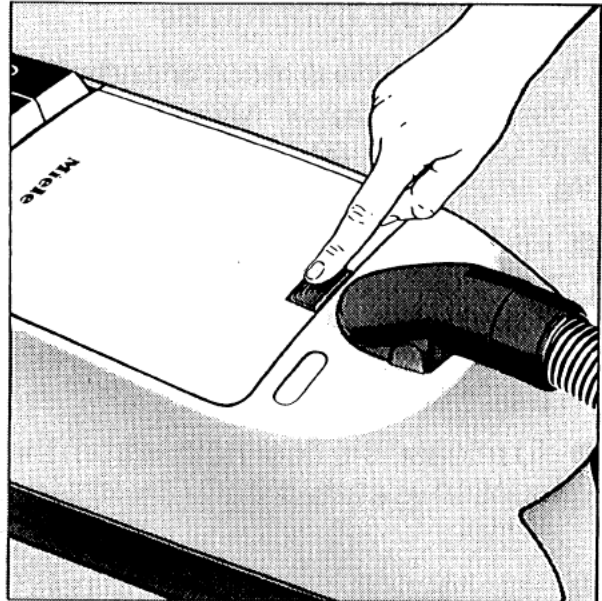
Standard accessories

Two other nozzles in addition to the floor nozzle are supplied with the vacuum cleaner to comply with various suction requirements:

- crevice nozzle
- upholstery nozzle

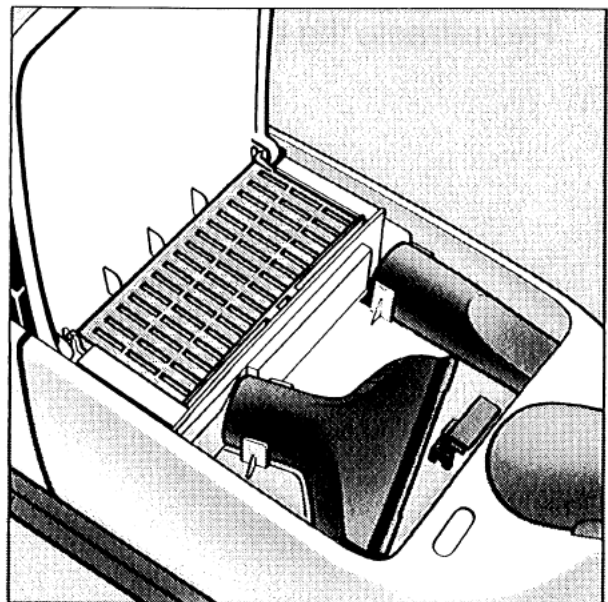
These accessories are stored in a special compartment of the vacuum cleaner.

- Press the locking button.



- Open the lid.

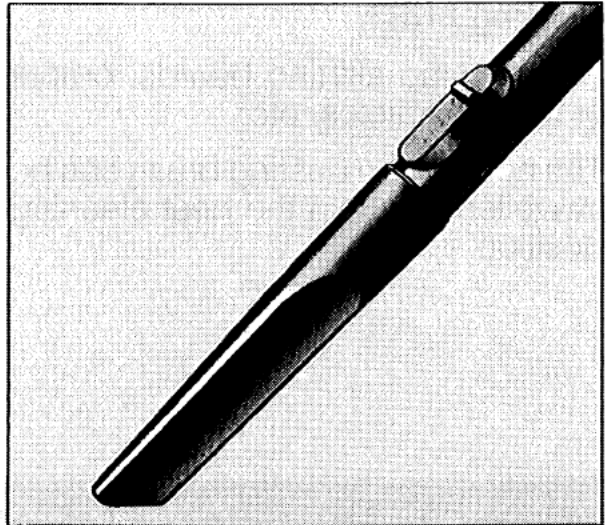
These different nozzles can either be fitted to the hand-piece or, if necessary, to the telescopic suction wand.



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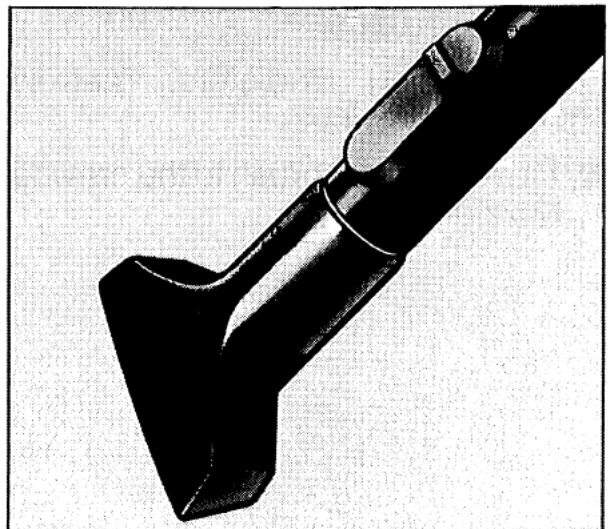
Crevice nozzle

For cleaning folds, crevices and corners.



Upholstery nozzle

For cleaning upholstery, mattresses, cushions, curtains, clothing, etc.

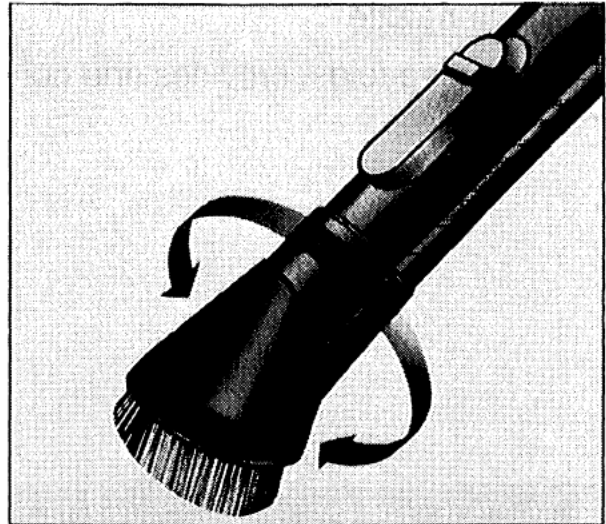


Optional extras

Dusting brush

For cleaning skirting boards, ornate or carved articles, etc.

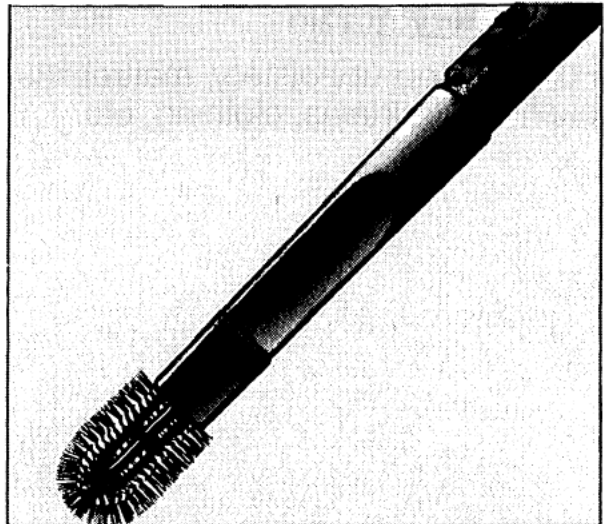
The head of the dusting brush can be swivelled to attain the best cleaning position.



Radiator brush

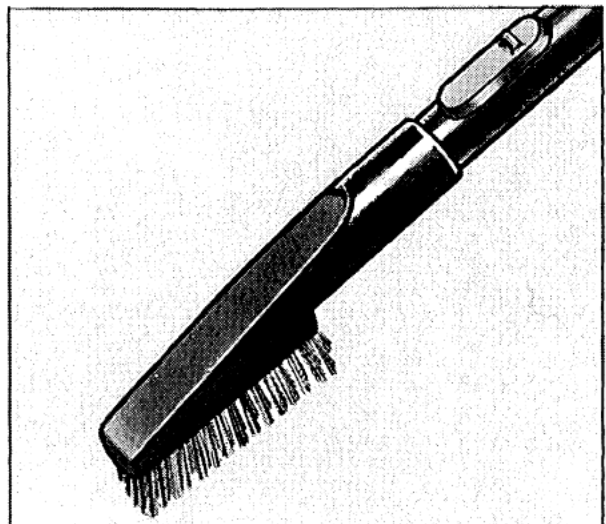
For cleaning radiators, narrow shelves or crevices.

- Fit the radiator brush to the crevice nozzle.



Universal brush

For dusting books, shelves, etc.



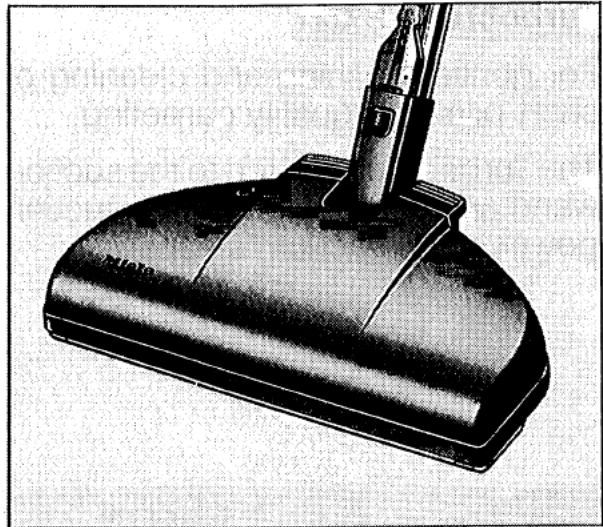
SEB 224 Powerbrush

Recommended for cleaning and restoring of crushed carpet pile on high-nap carpeting.

Electrically driven, the SEB 224 has a height adjustment feature for different nap heights.

Brush width 13.4"

To operate the powerbrush, the SES 100 electric hose is required.



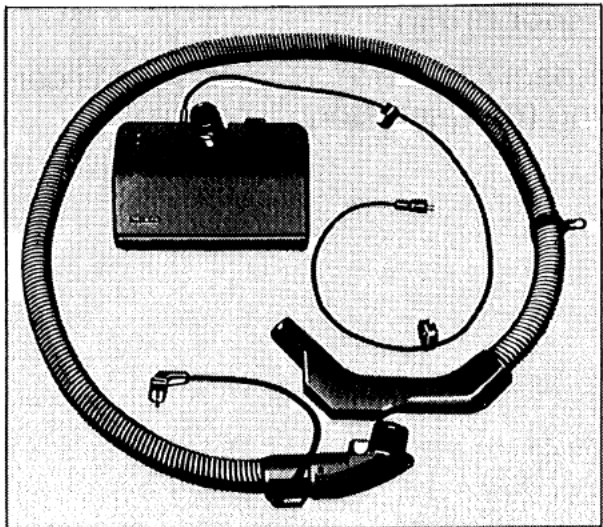
SEB 191 Powerbrush

Recommended for cleaning and restoring of crushed carpet pile on medium-nap carpeting.

A deeper cleaning action than the turbobrush, the SEB 191 is electrically driven.

Brush width 10-1/2"

To operate the powerbrush, the SES 100 electric hose is required.



Optional extras

Turbobrush S 021

For gentle brushing and cleaning of short-pile high-quality carpeting.

The Turbobrush is fitted to the suction wand and is operated by the suction power of the vacuum cleaner.



Floor brush

Special brush for cleaning hard flooring (parquet, stone, linoleum).

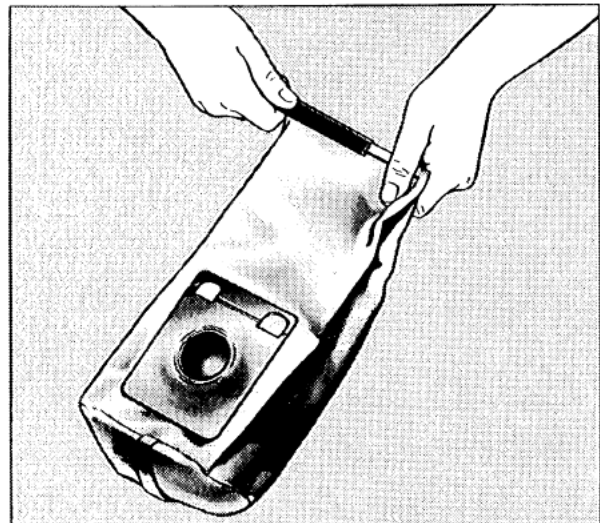


Cloth dustbag

The cloth bag is easily emptied and shaken out by removing the pinch-bar.

Do not wash the dustbag as this will restrict the air flow capacity of the bag.

All dustbags are available from your dealer.



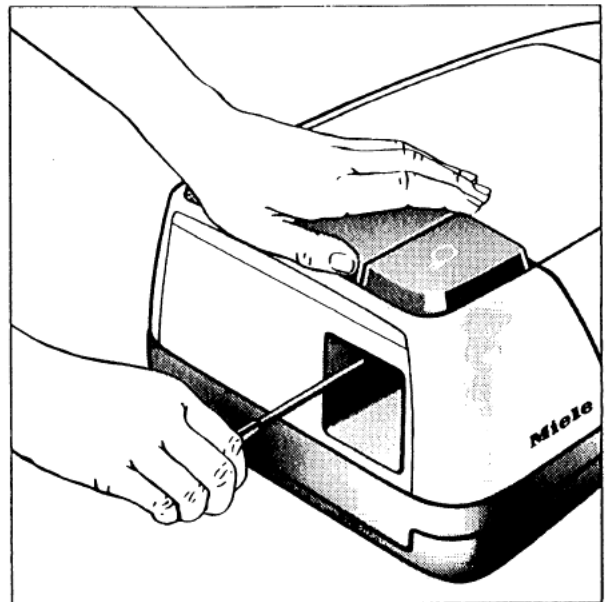
Unwinding and rewinding the cable

Unwinding

- Hold the plug and unwind the cable to the required length (max. 21 ft.)

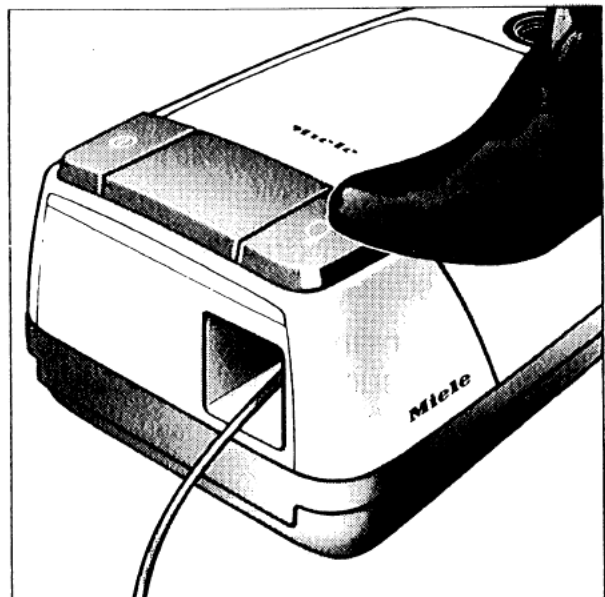
Polarization Instructions

To reduce the risk of electric shock, this appliance 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 electrician to install the proper outlet. Do not change the plug in any way.



Rewinding

- Press the rewind button; the cable will rewind automatically.



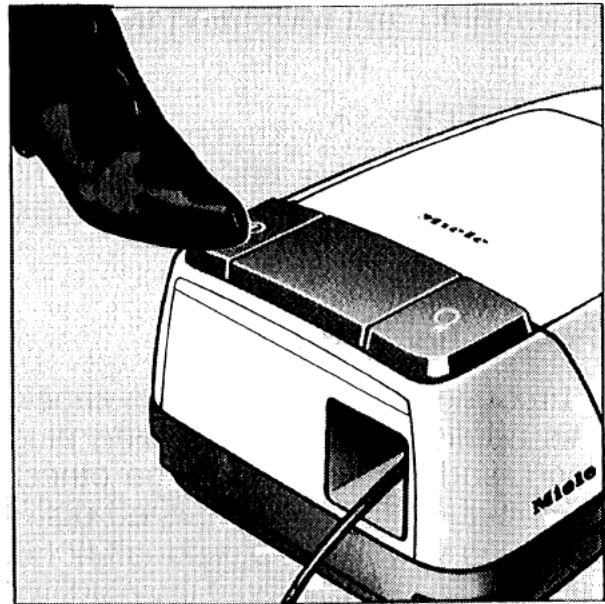
Operation

Switching the vacuum cleaner on and off

To switch the vacuum cleaner on or off:

- Depress the foot switch

When in operation, the vacuum cleaner can be moved on its rollers or stood on end, when stairs or curtains are being cleaned.

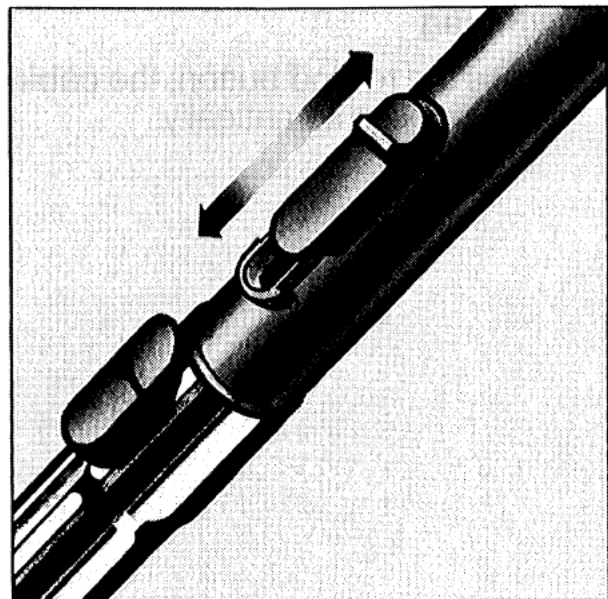


Suction regulator (Air inlet valve)

For quick and easy reduction of suction power, as needed when cleaning curtains, drapes and light-weight area rugs:

- To avoid rugs, drapes, etc., from getting sucked up.
- Only open the suction regulator until the suction nozzle can be easily moved.

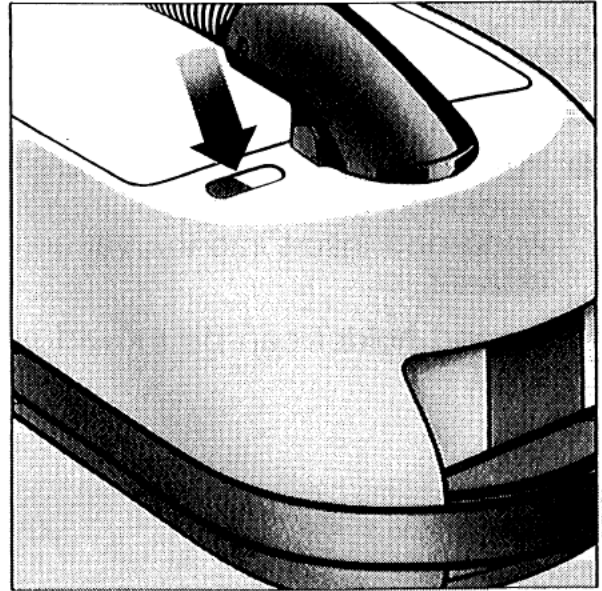
Opening the air inlet valve reduces the amount of effort and suction required for manoeuvring the cleaning attachment being used.



Dustbag change indicator

This indicates when the dustbag needs changing.

When the red mark on the dustbag change indicator covers the window completely, change the dustbag, even if it does not seem completely full.

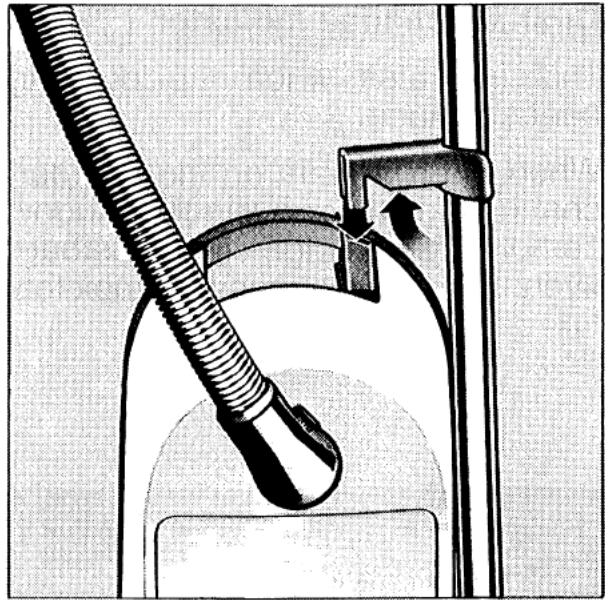


Transport & storage

During transportation, when not in operation and during storage:

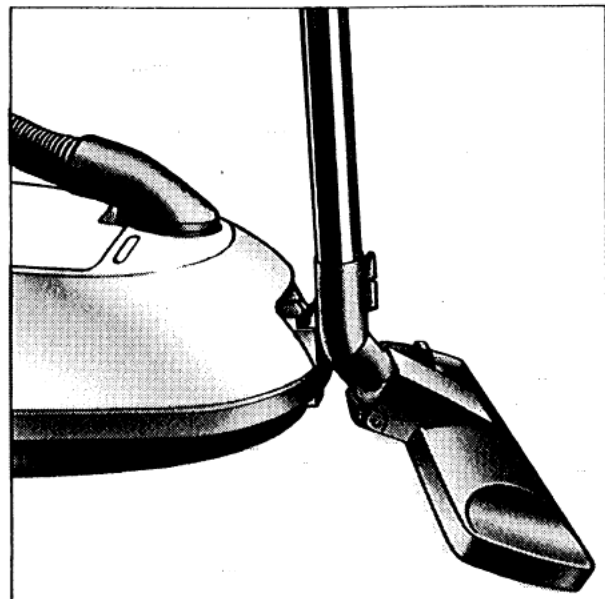
- Place in a vertical position.
- Push down the retractable wand holder on the telescopic suction wand and insert into the vacuum cleaner.

The wand holder can be moved as desired.



Park System

A Park System has been designed for conveniently parking the vacuum cleaner during pauses. A special parking attachment is fitted to the floor nozzle and to the nose of the cleaner.



The vacuum cleaner is fitted with three filters which must be replaced from regularly in order to guarantee proper suction efficiency:

- Dustbag (paper filter bag)
Part No. 1391531
- Dust compartment filter
- Exhaust filter (Miele Super Air Clean filter)

Replacement filters can be obtained from your local MIELE dealer.

Use only genuine Miele filters and dustbags, making sure they are the correct ones for your vacuum cleaner model. Always state the part number of the bag, with designation F, and the model number of the cleaner when ordering new dustbags.

Change the dust compartment and exhaust filter each time you start a new packet of MIELE dustbags.

Change the exhaust filter (Super Air Clean Filter)

Each time you start a new packet of Miele paper filter bags.

Change the dust compartment filter

The dust compartment filter should last a long time and only needs to be changed if it gets very dirty. This may happen if, for instance, the dust bag is damaged and leaks.

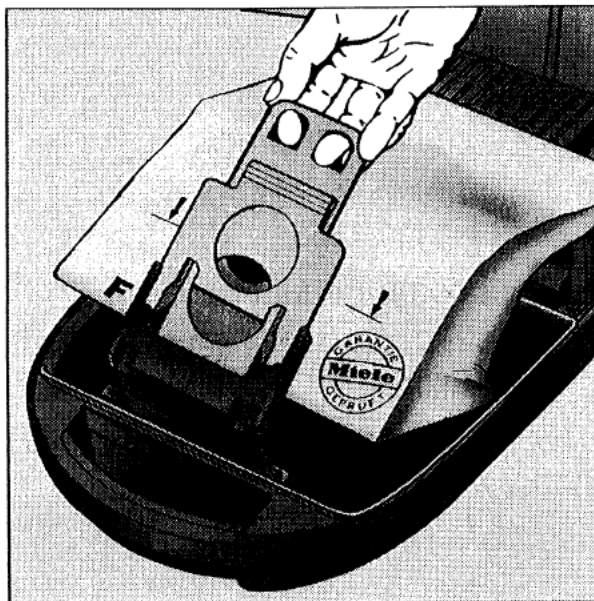


Maintenance

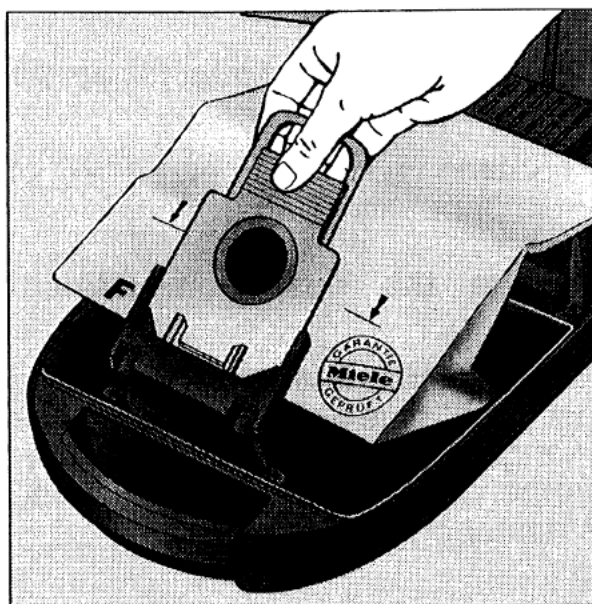
Replacing the paper dustbag

The paper dustbag has a closing flap which closes automatically when the dustbag is removed to prevent any dust escaping.

- To remove the dustbag grasp the card collar by the two finger holes and pull it out. It can then be disposed of with the normal household waste as long as it has only been used for vacuuming up normal household dust.



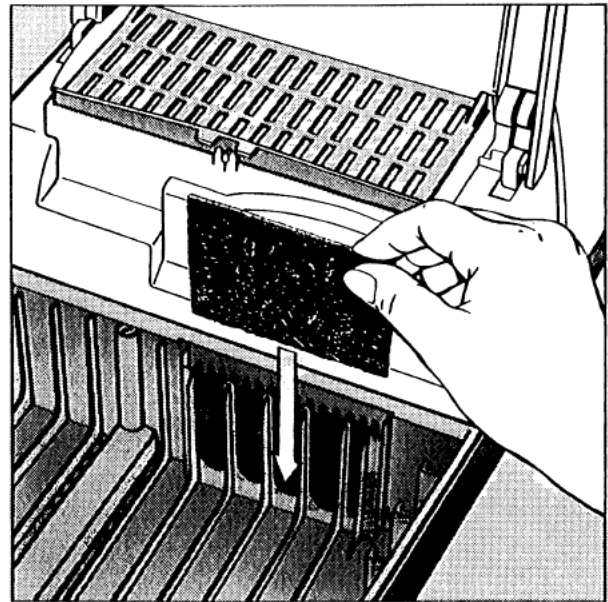
- Place the new dustbag collar securely in the frame. If it is not correctly located the dust compartment lid will not close. Please ensure that the dustbag is not trapped when the lid of the dust compartment is closed.



Dust compartment filter

The dust **compartment** filter should last a long time and only needs to be changed if it gets very dirty. This may happen if, for instance; the dust bag is damaged and leaks.

- Changing the filter



Exhaust filter (MIELE SUPER AIR CLEAN particle filter)

The Miele Super Air Clean particle filter is a fine, highly efficient network of fibers, which can also catch and retain microscopically small particles of dust. The expelled air is cleaner than the original room air.

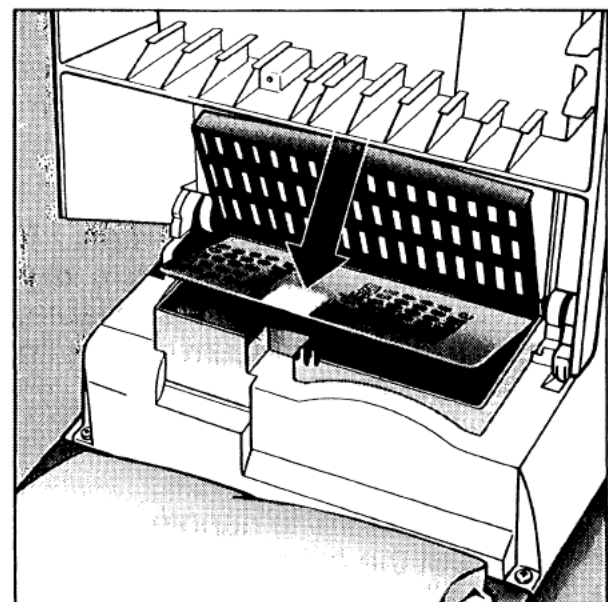
Change the MIELE SUPER AIR CLEAN particle filter every time you open a new pack of vacuum cleaner dustbags.

A Super Air Clean Filter is included in every pack of Miele dustbags.

To remove the used super air clean filter from the filter frame lift up the filter frame and grasp the filter by the clean, unsoiled section (see arrow in diagram). Take it out and replace it with a new one. It can be inserted either way up.

- Close the filter frame firmly.

New MIELE SUPER AIR CLEAN filters can also be obtained from your Miele dealer.



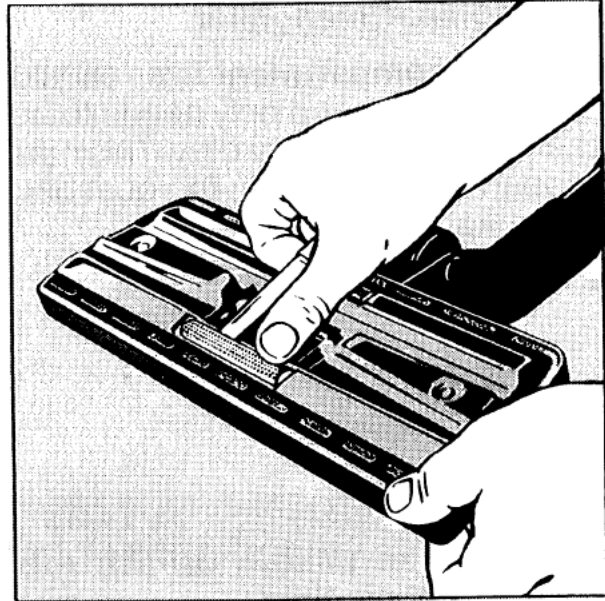
Maintenance

Changing the fiber catcher

From time to time inspect the fiber catcher in the mouthpiece of the floor attachment.

If the pile is worn, the fiber catcher should be replaced.

- Remove the fiber catcher from its slots, using a knife or screwdriver.
- Fit the new fiber catcher. These are available from your local dealer.



Cleaning and care

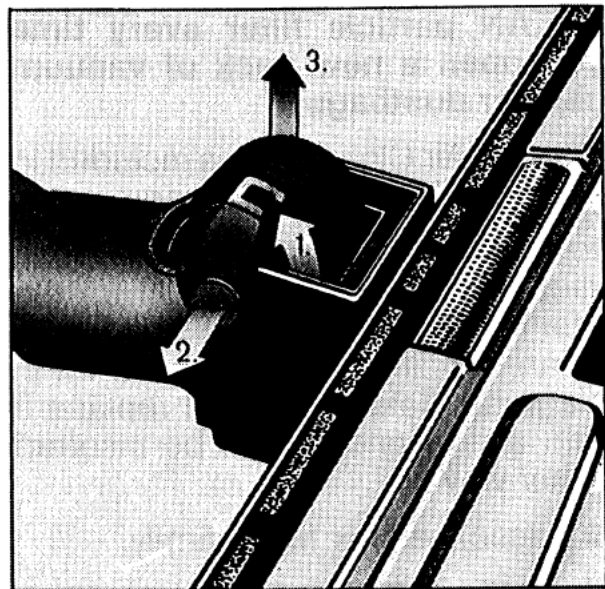
The **vacuum cleaner** and all **accessories** can be cleaned with a damp cloth or with a proprietary cleaner suitable for plastic. Disconnect from the electricity supply before cleaning.

The **dust compartment** can, if necessary, be cleaned using a **dry** duster, dusting brush or, if available, by using a second vacuum cleaner to suck or blow the dust out.

Servicing the floor roller

1. Lift up on the axle handle
2. Slide out the axle
3. Lift out the roller

Remove foreign objects; after cleaning replace the roller assembly.



Electrical connection

- Connect the vacuum cleaner only to a 120 V/60 Hz, 10 or 15 A fused receptacle.

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