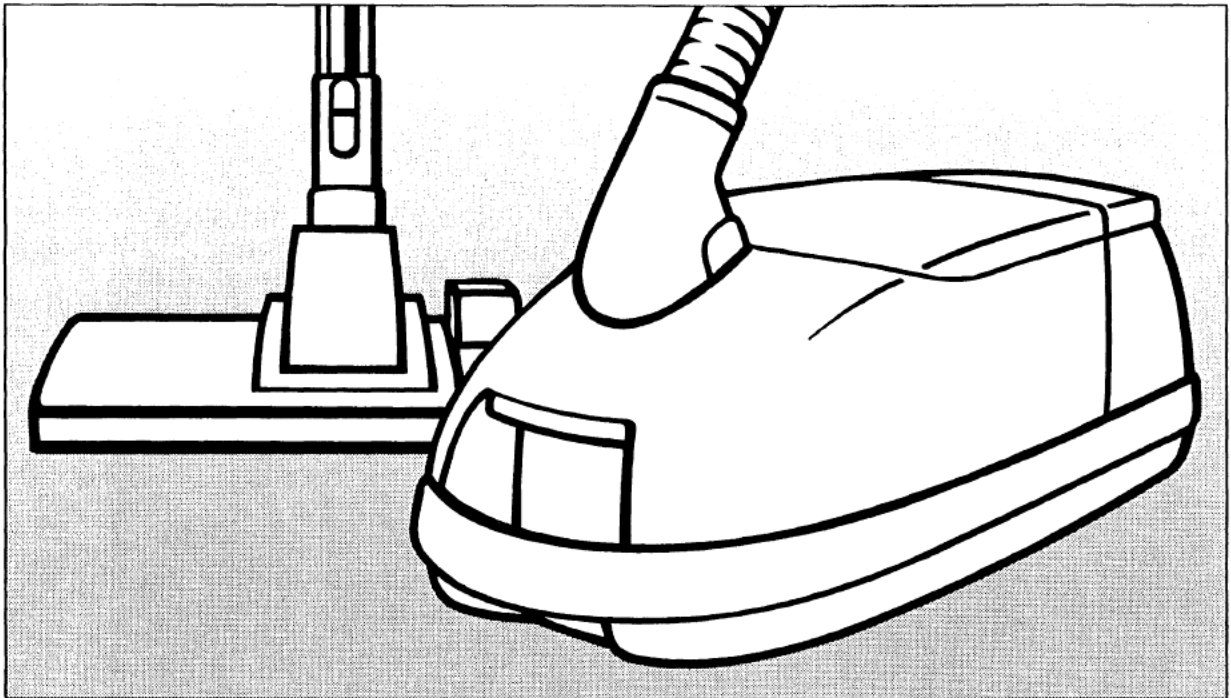


Miele

Operating Instructions



Vacuum cleaner S 251i

To prevent accidents and reduce the risk of damaging the vacuum cleaner, read the Operating Manual **before** using the vacuum cleaner.



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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 THE APPLIANCE

WARNING -

The manufacturer cannot accept responsibility for damage caused when the appliance is not used according to the instructions, or for uses other than those for which it was intended.

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 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. Connecting 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 recommended attachments.

■ Do not use with a 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.

■ Do not use the vacuum cleaner to pick up liquids, as this could impair the electrical safety of the appliance. This applies to freshly shampooed carpets. Wait until they dry.

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

■ When vacuuming with the Miele Electro- or Turbo-Brush, do not touch the rotating brush.

- 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.
- Floor attachments and accessories must not be used at head level to avoid the risk of injury to eyes and ears.
- Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids, such as gasoline, or use in areas where fumes may be present.
- When using the appliance in conjunction with an electrobrush 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 the appliance before connecting or disconnecting either the hose or the electrobrush.
- 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 while rewinding.
- When using this appliance in conjunction with the Turbobrush:
Always unplug before connecting the Turbobrush.
- 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 turned on again.

- Do not turn on or attempt to operate the vacuum cleaner unless a dustbag, dust compartment filter and exhaust filter 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!

- Miele vacuum cleaner bags are disposable and intended to be used only once. Do not attempt to reuse them.

- Clean only with a dry or slightly damp cloth when disconnected from the power supply. Never dip in water.

DO NOT USE ON PEOPLE OR ON ANIMALS!

- Do not attempt any repairs other than those listed under "Maintenance". Other servicing should be performed by an Authorized Miele Service Agent.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS
THIS APPLIANCE IS INTENDED STRICTLY FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY

PRESCRIPTIONS DE SECURITE ET MISES EN GARDES

Un appareil électrique devrait toujours être utilisé selon certaines précautions et règles de base, dont les suivantes:

LISEZ LES INFORMATIONS SUIVANTES AVEC ATTENTION AVANT D'UTILISER VOTRE APPAREIL

ATTENTION

Le fabricant n'est pas responsable d'éventuelles détériorations causées par une utilisation inappropriée.

■ Pour réduire les risques d'incendie, d'électrocution et de blessure, assurez-vous que le raccordement de votre installation corresponde aux indications inscrites sur la plaque signalétique située sous l'aspirateur. Utiliser seulement des prises AC pour résidence. Ne jamais utiliser une source de courant DC. Si vous êtes incertain du voltage de votre région, consultez un électricien qualifié. Brancher l'aspirateur sur un voltage plus élevé qu'indiqué peut endommager l'appareil et causer des blessures.

■ Ne pas laisser sans surveillance l'appareil lorsqu'il est branché. Arrêter l'appareil et le débrancher lorsque vous ne l'utilisez pas et avant chaque nettoyage/entretien.

■ Ne pas utiliser l'appareil à l'extérieur ou sur une surface trempée.

■ Ne pas permettre l'utilisation de l'aspirateur comme un jouet. L'utilisation de l'aspirateur par des enfants n'est autorisée que sous surveillance.

■ Utiliser l'appareil seulement selon les indications fournies dans ce

manuel. Utiliser seulement les accessoires recommandés par le fabricant.

■ Ne pas faire fonctionner l'appareil, s'il présente des anomalies, en particulier si le cordon d'alimentation est endommagé. Si l'appareil présente une défectuosité, s'il a été échappé, endommagé, laissé à l'extérieur ou immergé dans l'eau, le retourner au service d'entretien.

■ Ne pas déplacer l'appareil en le tirant par le cordon. Ne pas placer le cordon sur des endroits coupants, ne pas le bloquer sous des portes. Ne pas faire passer l'appareil sur le cordon. Ne pas exposer le cordon sur une surface de chaleur.

■ Ne pas débrancher l'appareil en tirant sur le cordon électrique. Pour débrancher, saisir la fiche et non le cordon.

■ Ne pas manipuler l'appareil ou la fiche électrique avec des mains mouillées.

■ Ne pas obstruer les ouvertures. Ne pas utiliser l'appareil s'il y a une ouverture d'obstruée, garder les ouvertures propres, sans poussière, peluche, cheveux ou autres qui pourraient réduire la circulation de l'air.

■ N'aspirez pas de liquides ni de débris humides, cela pourrait provoquer des pannes graves et endommager la protection contre les surcharges électriques. Cela peut également se produire sur des moquettes fraîchement nettoyées.

■ Garder cheveux, vêtements amples, doigts ou toute autre partie du corps loin des ouvertures et des pièces mobiles.

■ Lors de l'utilisation de la Turbo-brosse ou de l'Electrobrosse Miele, ne pas toucher la brosse rotative.

■ N'aspirez pas d'objet brûlant ou dégageant de la fumée tel que cigarettes, allumettes, cendres, etc.

■ N'utilisez jamais l'aspirateur sans sac à poussière, filtre moteur et filtre d'évacuation.

■ Eteindre l'appareil avant de le débrancher.

■ Observer des précautions accrues lors du nettoyage de marches d'escaliers.

■ Les accessoires et le tube d'aspiration ne doivent pas être utilisés à la hauteur de la tête afin d'éviter le risque de blessure aux yeux et aux oreilles.

■ Ne pas aspirer de produits ou gaz inflammables ou explosifs. Ne pas utiliser dans un endroit où de la fumée peut être présente.

■ Lors de l'utilisation de l'appareil avec l'électrobrosse et le tuyau flexible: Le tuyau contient des fils électriques. Ne pas utiliser si endommagé, coupé ou percé. Eviter d'aspirer des objets coupants.

Toujours éteindre l'appareil avant de brancher ou débrancher soit le tuyau flexible ou l'électrobrosse.

■ Cet appareil est équipé avec un mécanisme d'enroulement auto-

matique. Tenir la fiche au moment de l'enroulement automatique. Ne pas permettre à la fiche de fouetter les airs au moment de l'enroulement.

■ Lors de l'usage de la turbobrosse, toujours débrancher avant de fixer la turbobrosse.

■ N'utilisez que des sacs à poussière, filtres et accessoires d'origine. Ne pas utiliser la soufflerie de l'appareil pour faire fonctionner un vaporisateur à peinture ou autre appareil similaire qui émet des vapeurs toxiques ou explosives.

■ Un limiteur de température arrête l'aspirateur lorsqu'un échauffement anormal du moteur se produit. Celui-ci peut se produire lorsque les éléments à aspirer sont volumineux ou lorsque le sac à poussière est plein. Un filtre d'évacuation ou un filtre moteur très encrassé peut également en être la cause. Dans ce cas, éliminer la cause et attendre environ 15 minutes que l'appareil se soit refroidi avant de le réenclencher.


■ Ne pas mettre en marche ou ne pas tenter d'utiliser l'appareil si le sac à poussière, filtre moteur et filtre d'évacuation ne sont pas en place. Utiliser seulement les sacs à poussière à double couches de papier et les filtres Miele (voir les instructions d'ENTRETIEN pour changer le sac et les filtres). Le couvercle du compartiment à poussière ne peut se fermer lorsqu'il ne contient pas de sac à poussière.

NE PAS FORCER

■ Les sacs à poussière sont à usage unique, ne pas les réutiliser.

■ Nettoyer l'appareil avec un chiffon sec ou légèrement humide lorsque l'appareil est débranché. Ne jamais le plonger dans l'eau.

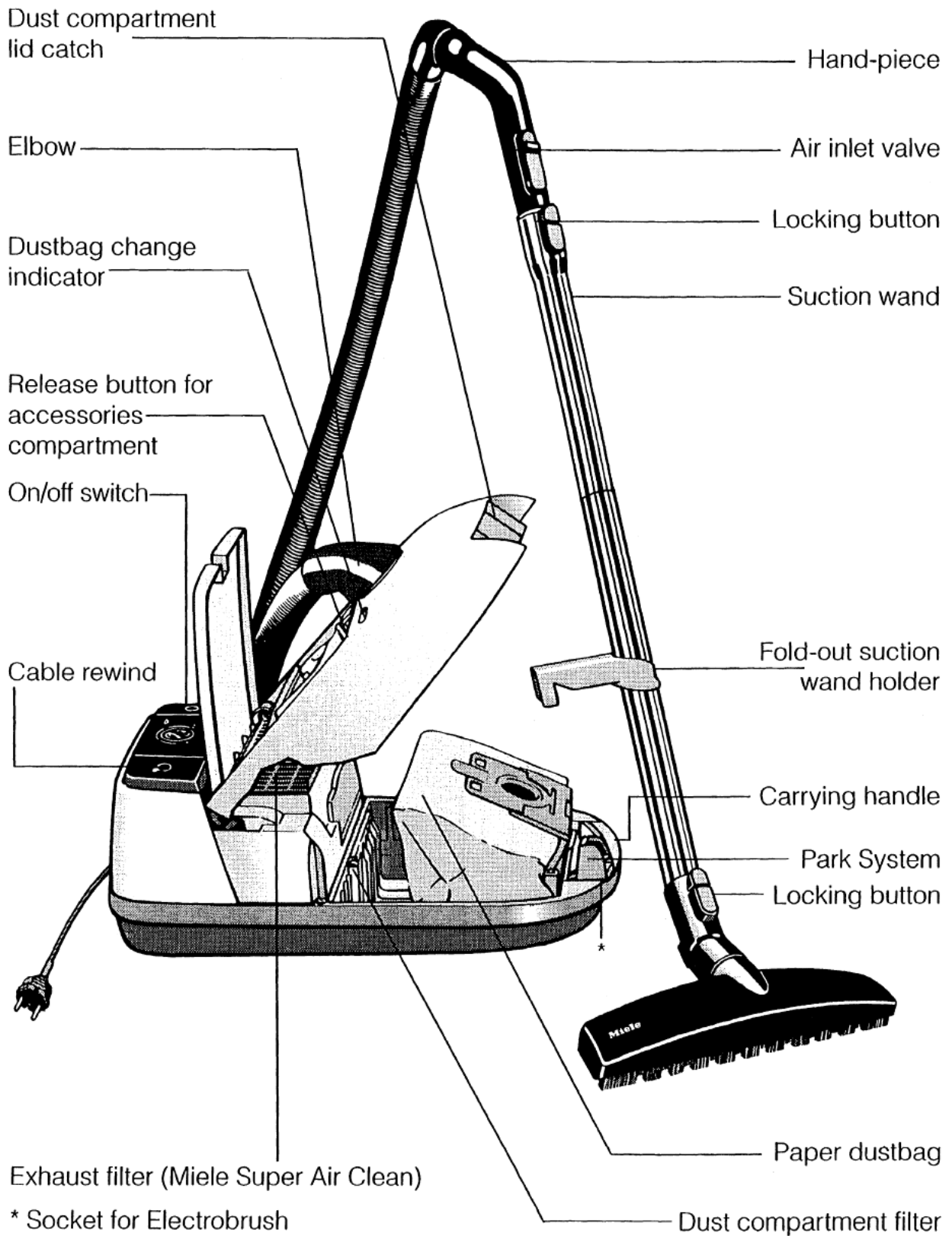
**NE PAS UTILISER L'ASPIRATEUR
SUR DES HUMAINS NI SUR DES AN-
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 Ne pas tenter d'effectuer des ré-
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Les réparations et interventions tech-
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Description of the appliance



Assembling the vacuum cleaner

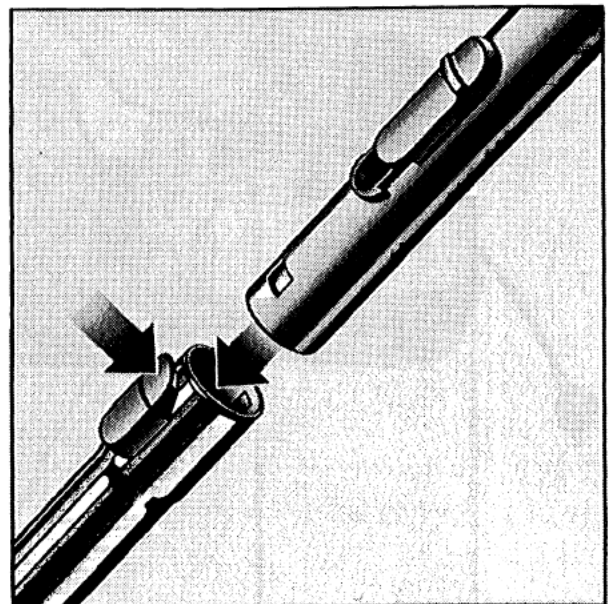
Connecting the suction hose to the vacuum cleaner

- 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 suction wand to the suction hose

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

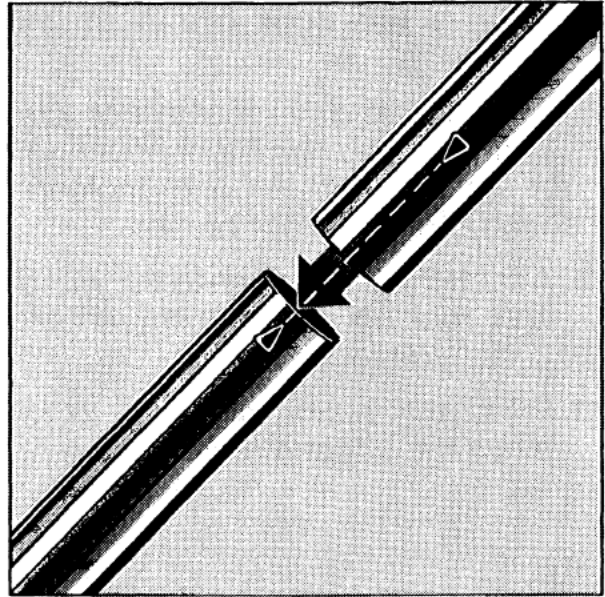


Assembling the vacuum cleaner

Connecting the suction tube sections

Both sections of the suction tube have locating arrows.

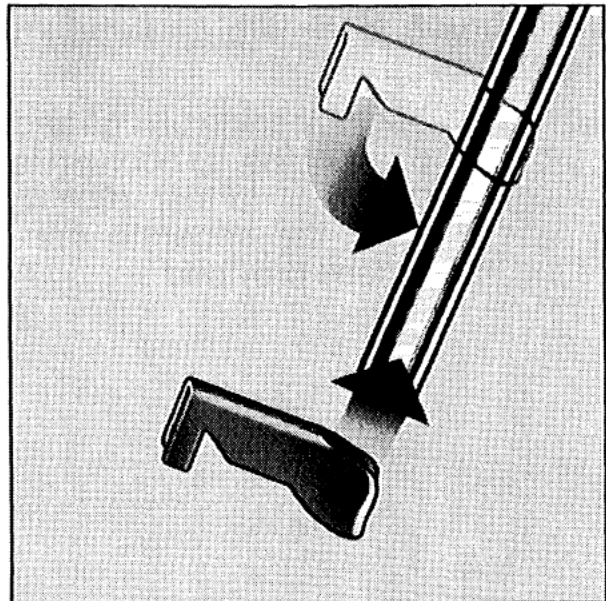
- When connecting the two sections, ensure that the two arrows point to each other.



Attaching the wand holder

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

In the extended position, 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. 19).



Assembling the vacuum cleaner

Attaching the floor brush or the Turbobrush

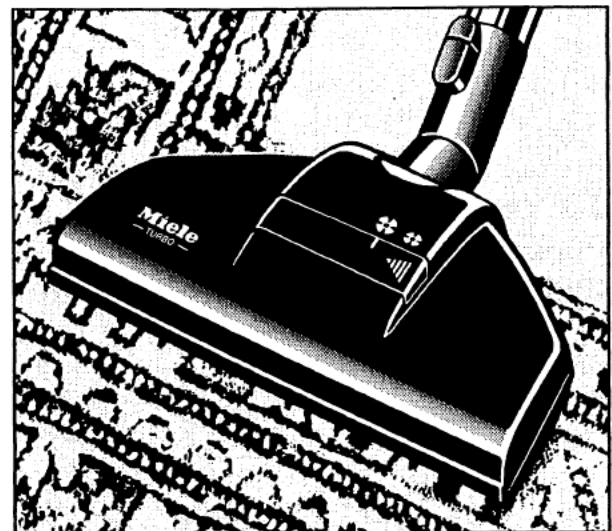
For the day-to-day cleaning of low-pile carpets and hard floor coverings such as parquet, tile and linoleum, use the SBB 235 floor brush.

- Attach the floor brush to the wand. The locking mechanism should click into place.
- Press the button and pull to remove the attachment after use.



Turbobrush STB 205 (depending on model)

For the thorough cleaning of rugs and carpets, the use of the Turbobrush is recommended. For further details, please refer to the separate operating instructions provided.



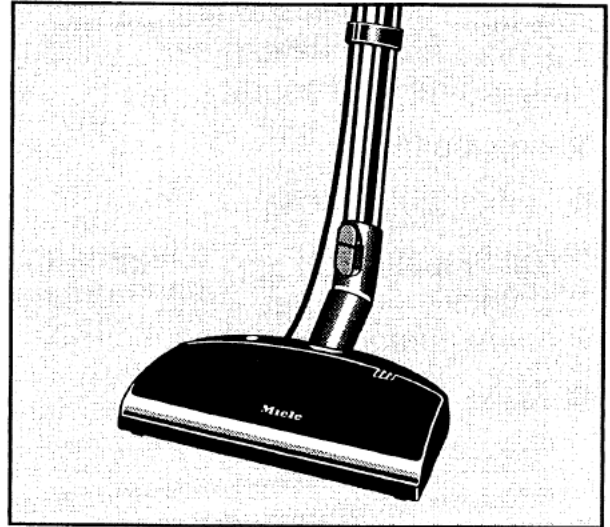
SEB 213 Powerbrush

(depending on model)

The powerbrush is recommended for cleaning and restoring crushed carpet pile on most types of carpets.

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

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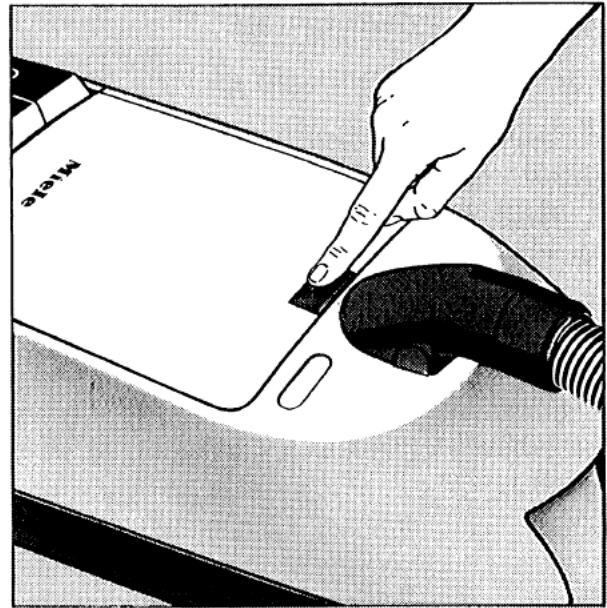
Standard accessories

Two other nozzles are supplied with the vacuum cleaner for various cleaning requirements:

- crevice tool
- upholstery nozzle

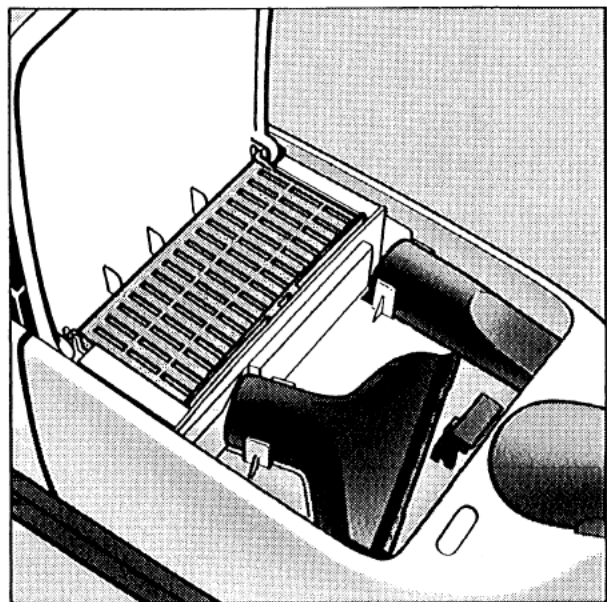
These accessories are stored in the accessory compartment of the vacuum cleaner.

- Press the locking button.



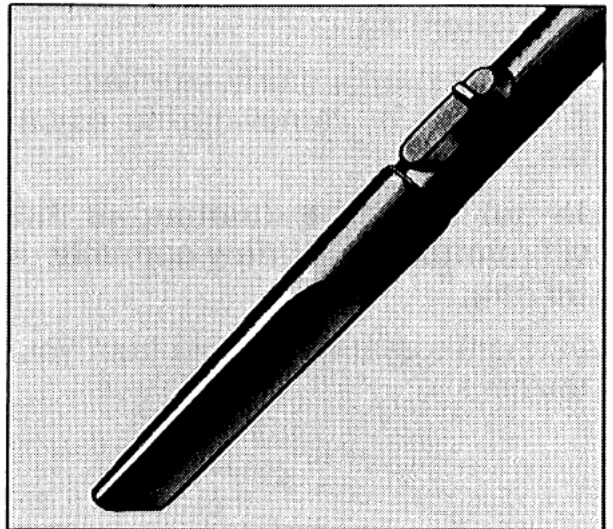
- Open the lid.

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



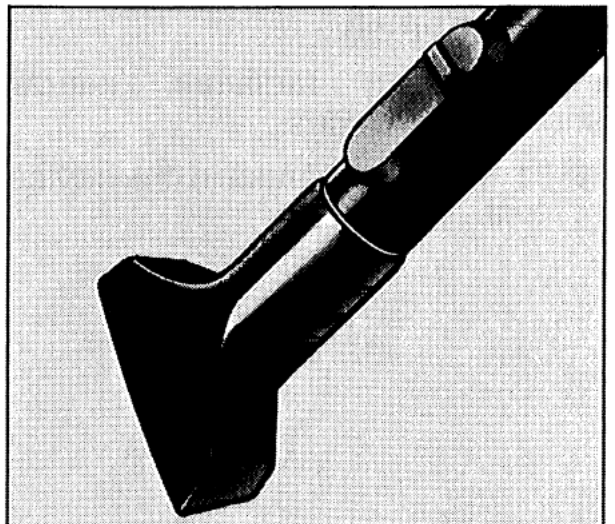
Crevice tool

For cleaning folds, crevices and corners.



Upholstery nozzle

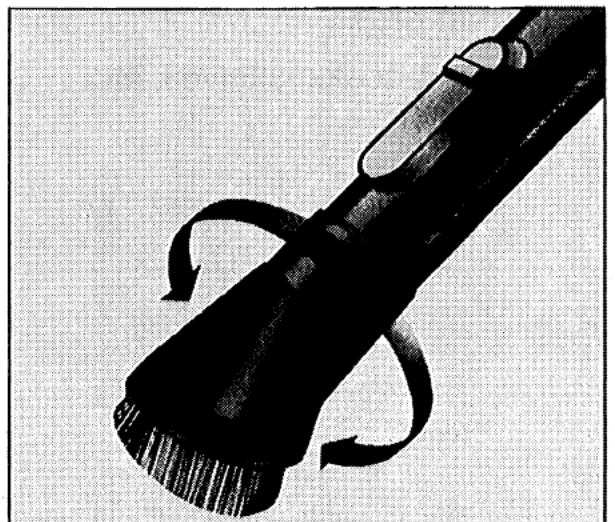
For cleaning upholstery, mattresses, cushions, curtains, clothing, etc.



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.



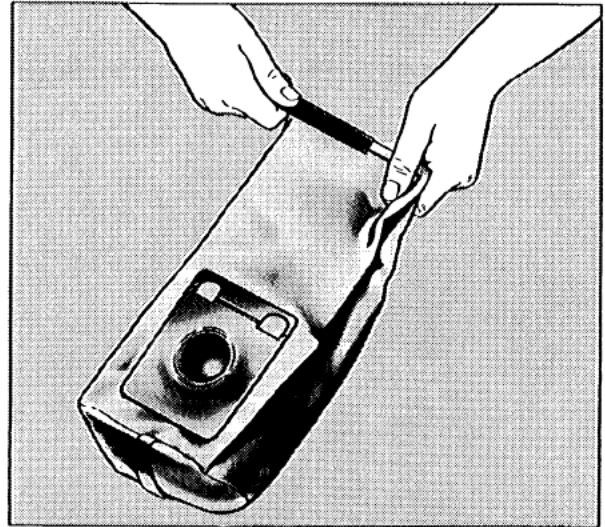
Options

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.

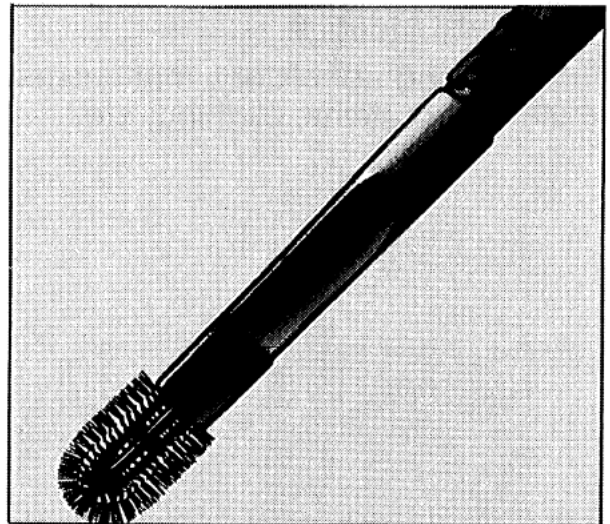
All dustbags are available from your dealer.



Radiator brush

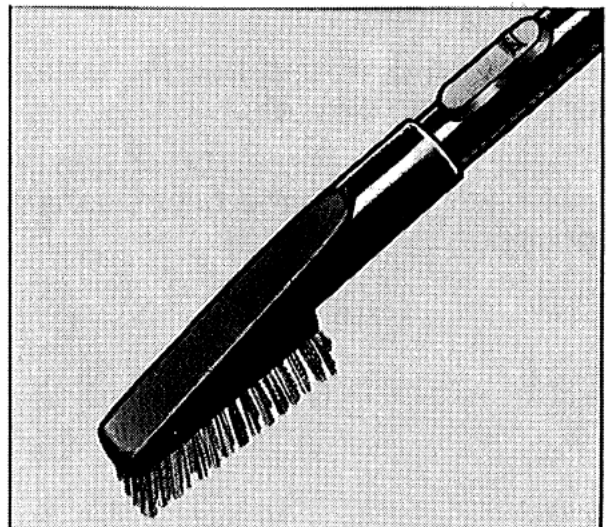
For cleaning radiators, narrow shelves or crevices.

- Fit the radiator brush to the crevice tool.



Universal brush

For dusting books, shelves, etc.

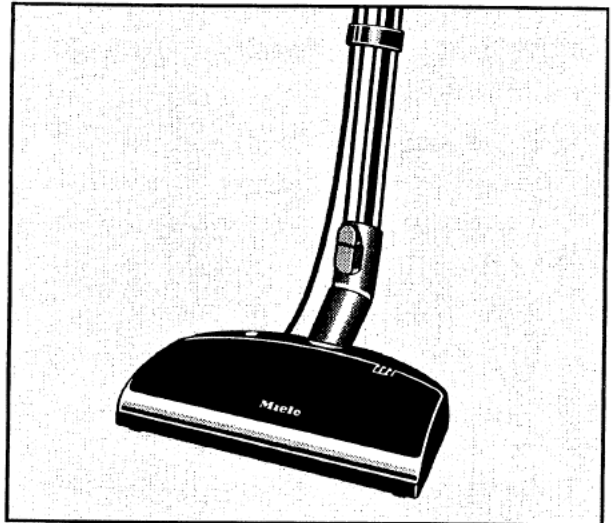


SEB 213 Powerbrush

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

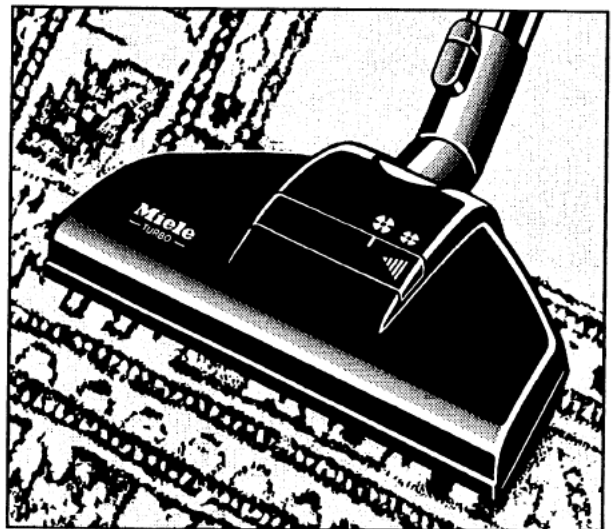


Turbobrush STB 205

(standard on some models)

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

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



Operation

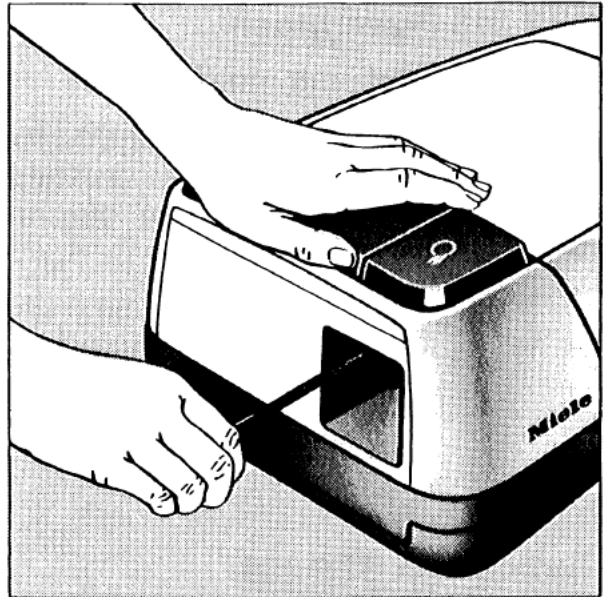
Unwinding and rewinding the cable

Unwinding

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

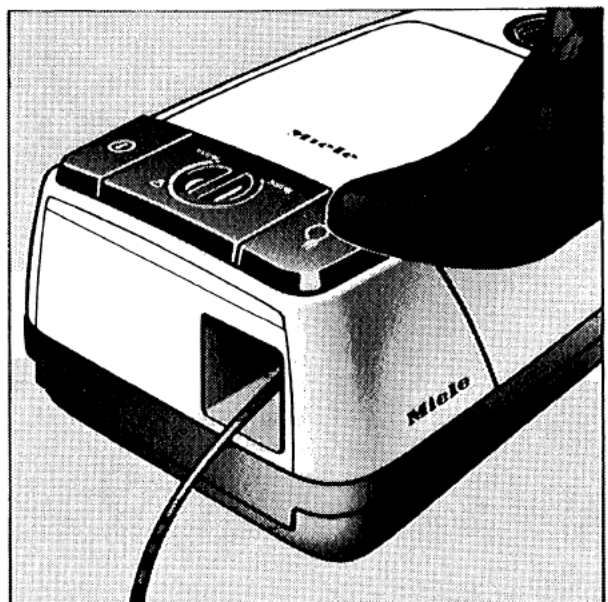
Polarization Instructions

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.

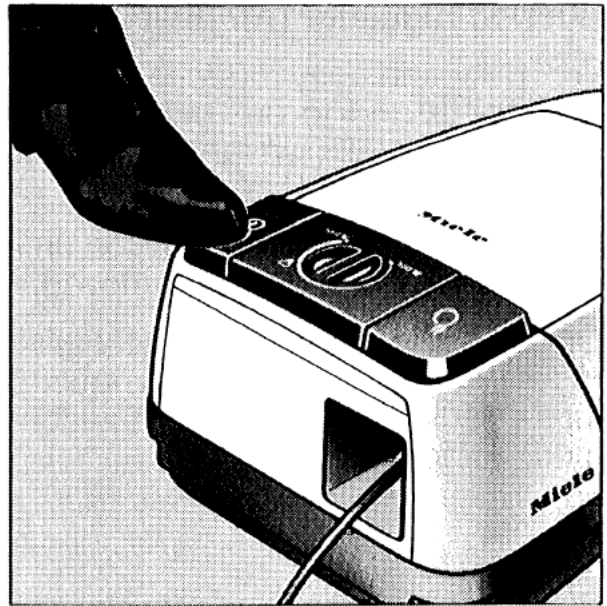


Turning the vacuum cleaner on and off

To turn 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.

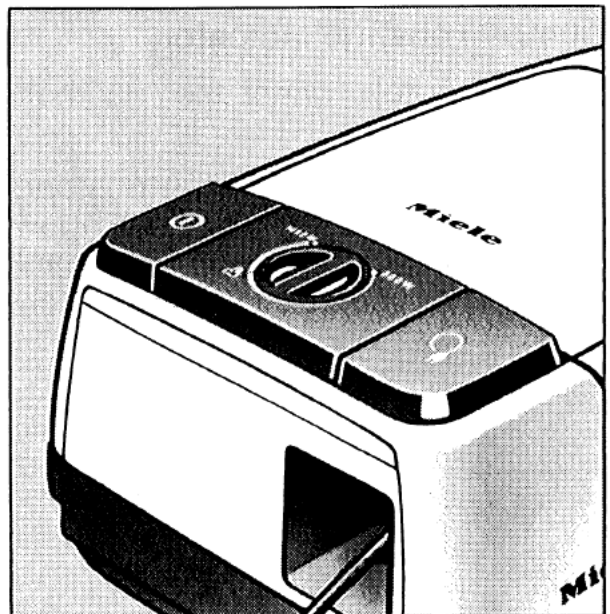


Selecting suction power

By using the rotary selector, the suction power of the vacuum cleaner can be adjusted to the type of flooring being cleaned.

Reducing the suction power reduces the amount of effort required for maneuvering the cleaning attachment. By setting the suction regulator according to the degree of soiling and type of flooring being cleaned, energy will also be saved.

Smooth, lightly soiled flooring is easily cleaned using the Economy  setting. Wall to wall and thick pile carpets require the most powerful setting to remove ingrained dirt.



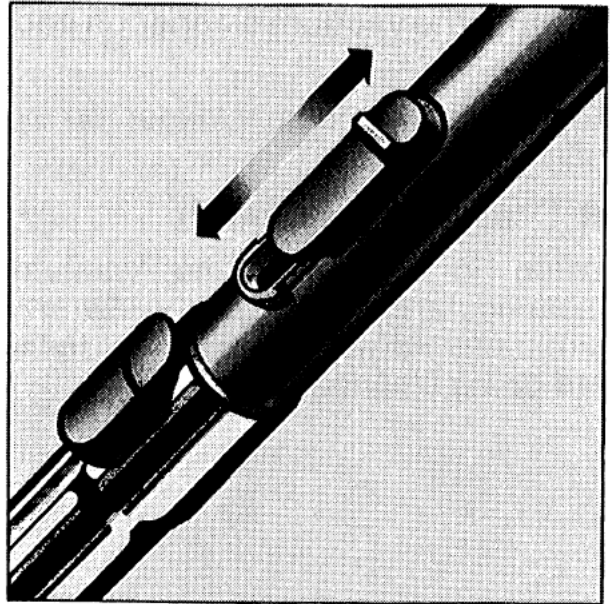
Operation

Suction regulator (Air inlet valve)

For quick and easy reduction of suction power and to prevent curtains, drapes and light weight area rugs from being sucked up.

- Open the suction regulator until the nozzle can be easily moved.

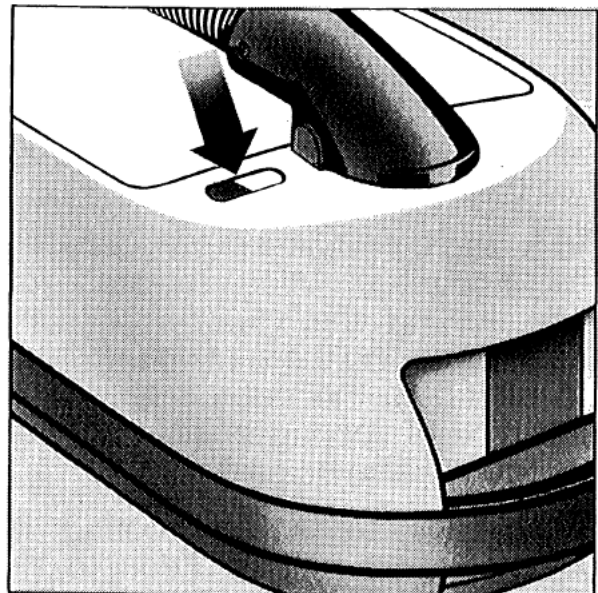
Opening the suction regulator also reduces the amount of effort required for maneuvering the cleaning attachment being used.



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.

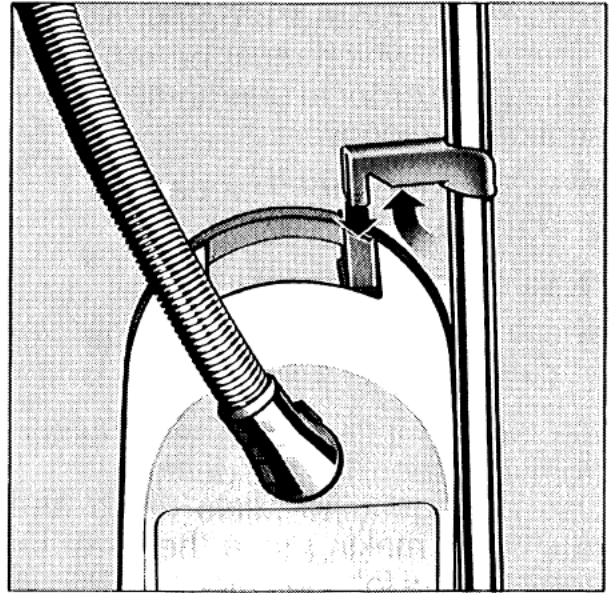


Transport & storage

During transportation, when not in operation, and during storage:

- Place in a vertical position.
- Extend the retractable wand holder on the wand and insert it into the vacuum cleaner.

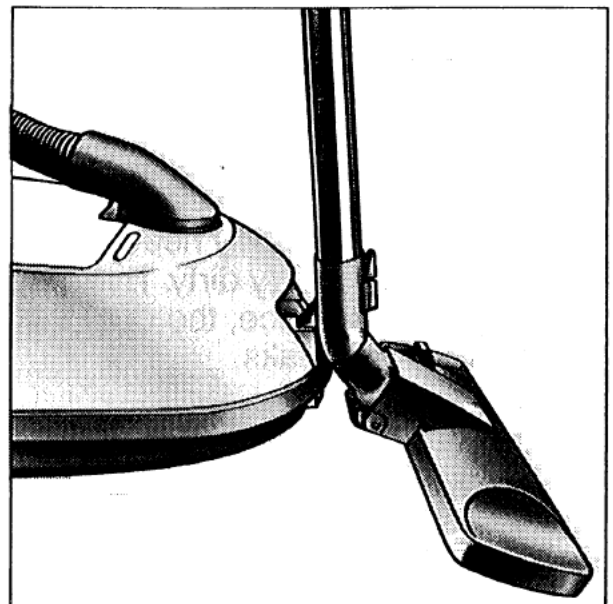
The wand holder can be slid up and down as desired.



Park System

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

The floor attachment illustrated on the right is a special accessory and is not supplied with the vacuum cleaner.



Maintenance

The vacuum cleaner is equipped with three filters which must be replaced 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 and the model number of the vacuum cleaner when ordering new dustbags.

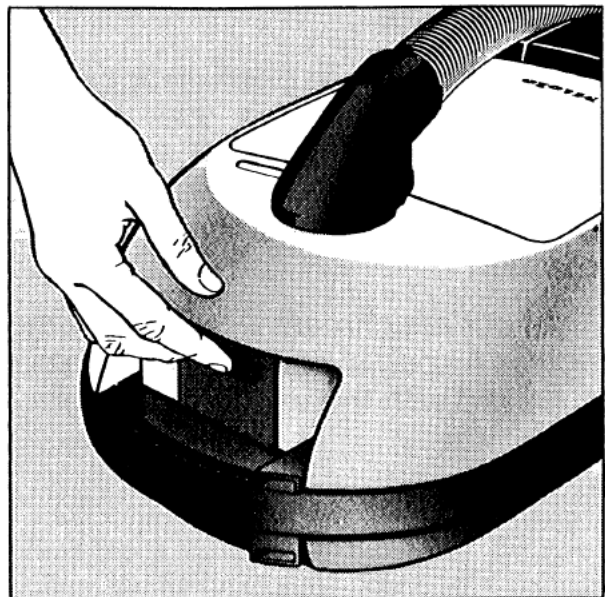
Change the exhaust filter (Super Air Clean Filter) each time you start a new pack of Miele paper filter bags.

Changing 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.

Changing the dustbag and filters

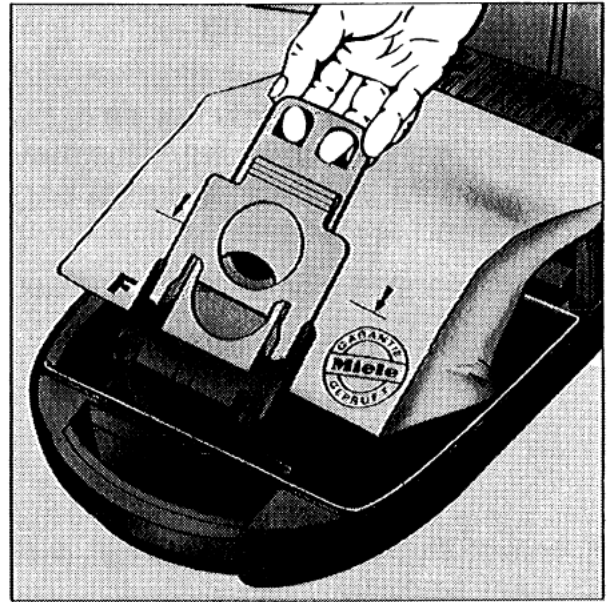
- Lift the lid catch and raise the dust compartment lid until it clicks into place.



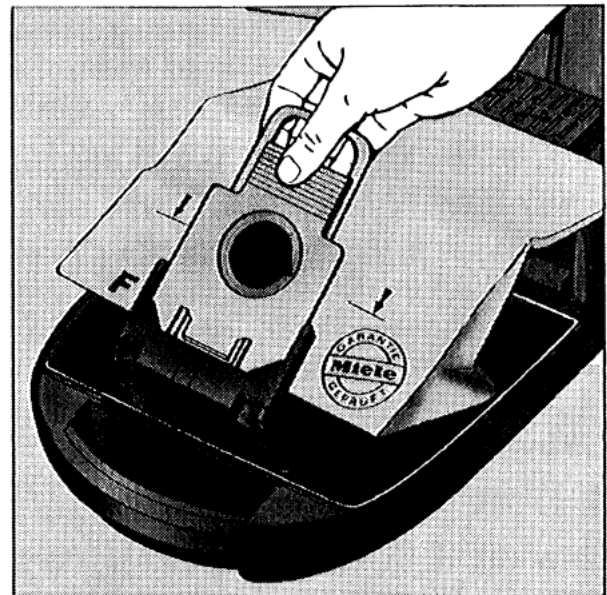
Replacing the paper dustbag

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

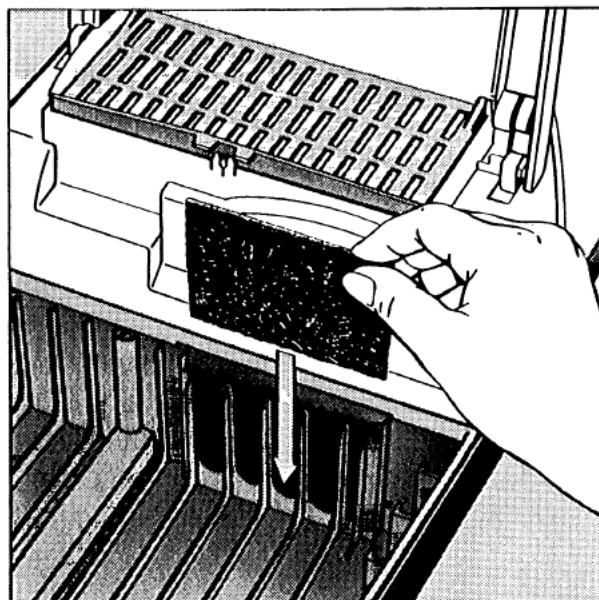


Maintenance

Dust compartment filter

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- Remove and discard the old filter.
- Slide the new filter into place.



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.

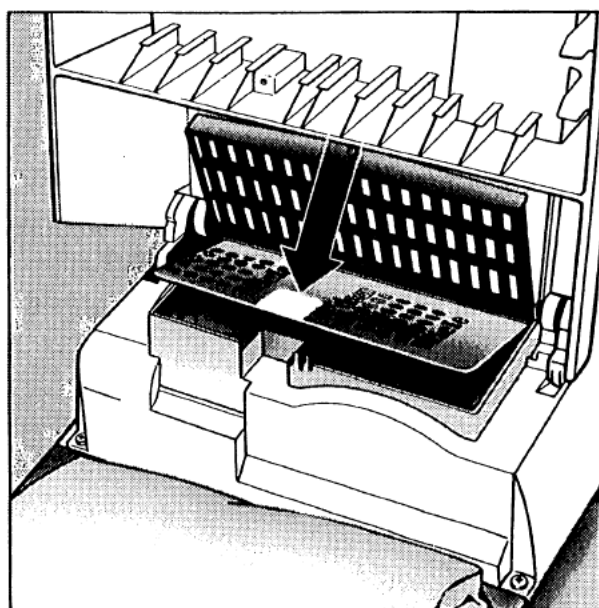
Change the MIELE SUPER AIR CLEAN particle filter every time you open a new pack of vacuum cleaner dustbags.

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

To remove the used Super Air Clean filter, 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.



Vacuums and Accessories

The vacuum cleaner and other plastic components can be cleaned using a damp cloth or a cleaner made especially for plastics.

Do not use abrasive, glass, or all purpose cleaning solutions as these can cause considerable damage to the plastic components of the vacuum or accessories.

Dust Compartment

The dust compartment can be cleaned using another vacuum, if available, or a dry cloth or brush.

Never immerse the vacuum cleaner in water.

Electrical connection

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

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