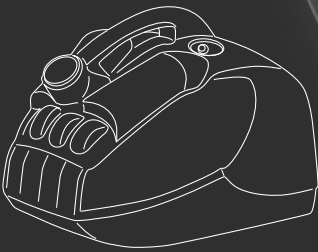




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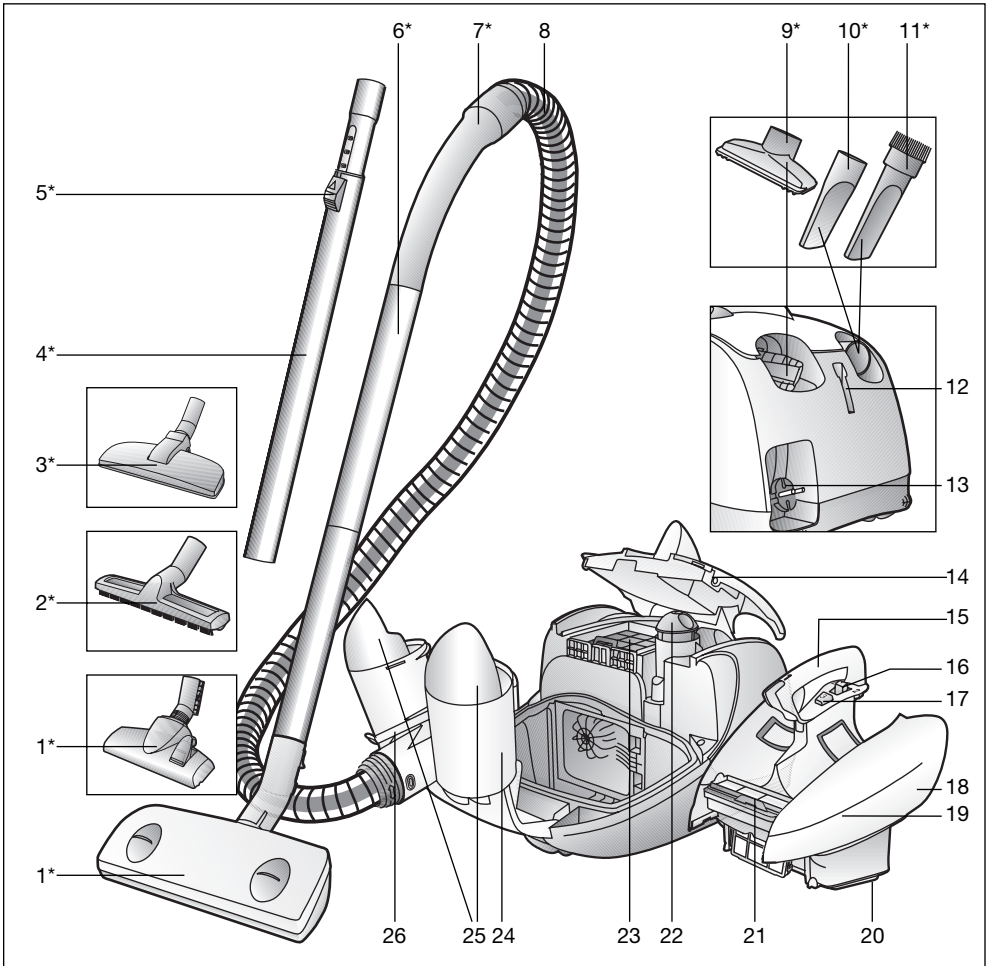
Instructions for use



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# Your vacuum cleaner



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|---|--|
| 1 Adjustable floor tool*  | 14 Exhaust filter cover                                |
| 2 Hard-floor brush*   | 15 Carrying handle                                     |
| 3 Pet hair brush  | 16 Dust container release button                       |
| 4 Telescopic tube*  | 17 Emptying button                                     |
| 5 Sliding switch*   | 18 Dust container                                      |
| 6 Suction pipe*   | 19 Maximum level mark                                  |
| 7 Handle*   | 20 Dust container flap                                 |
| 8 Flexible hose   | 21 Particulate filter with lint filter and foam filter |
| 9 Upholstery nozzle*  | 22 On/off button with electronic suction regulator     |
| 10 Crevice nozzle*  | 23 Exhaust filter*                                     |
| 11 Multi-purpose nozzle*<br>(crevice nozzle + hard furnishings brush) | 24 Dual separator with lid                             |
| 12 Parking aid  | 25 Dual separator                                      |
| 13 Power cord   | 26 Dual separator release button                       |

\*Depending on equipment

Please keep this instruction manual.  
Please pass on this instruction manual if  
you pass this vacuum cleaner on to a  
new owner.

## Intended use

This vacuum cleaner is intended for  
household  
use and is not intended for commercial  
purposes.

This vacuum cleaner should only be  
used in accordance with these  
instructions for use.

The manufacturer will not accept any  
responsibility for damage caused by  
improper use or incorrect operation.  
Therefore, please note the following  
points.

The vacuum cleaner must only be  
operated with:

- manufacturer's replacement parts,  
-accessories and -optional  
accessories

The vacuum cleaner is not to be used  
for:

- vacuuming persons or animals
- vacuuming up:
  - insects (e.g. flies, spiders, etc.).
  - hazardous, sharp-edged,
  - hot or burning substances
  - damp or liquid substances
  - highly flammable or explosive  
substances and gases

## Safety information

This vacuum cleaner complies with the  
recognised rules of technology and the  
relevant safety regulations. We confirm  
that it complies with the following  
European directives: 89/336/EEC  
(amended by Directives 91/263/EEC,  
92/31/EEC and 93/68/EEC). 73/23/EEC  
(amended by Directive 93/68/EEC).

- Always observe the information on the  
rating plate when using the vacuum  
cleaner and connecting to the power  
supply.
- Never vacuum without the dust  
container and particle filter fitted.  
=> This can damage the vacuum  
cleaner!
- Only allow children to use the vacuum  
cleaner under supervision.
- Keep the vacuum cleaner away from  
the face when using nozzles and  
tubes.  
=> This could cause injury!
- Never carry the vacuum cleaner by the  
power cord or hose.
- Fully extend the power cord when  
using the vacuum cleaner continuously  
for several hours.
- When disconnecting the appliance  
from the mains, pull the plug, not the  
power cord.
- Do not pull the power cord around  
sharp corners or allow it to become  
trapped.
- Unplug the vacuum cleaner from the  
mains before carrying out any work on  
it.
- Do not use the vacuum cleaner if it is  
damaged. Unplug the power cord  
from the mains if a fault is detected.

- For safety reasons, only authorised after-sales service personnel are permitted to carry out repairs and fit replacement parts to the vacuum cleaner.
- The vacuum cleaner should be protected from outside weather conditions, moisture and sources of heat.
- The vacuum cleaner is not suitable for use on building sites.  
=> Vacuuming up building rubble could damage the vacuum cleaner.
- Switch off the vacuum cleaner when it is not in use.
- At the end of its life, the vacuum cleaner should be disposed of in an appropriate manner.

## Disposal information

### ■ Packaging

The packaging is designed to protect the vacuum cleaner from being damaged during transportation. It is made of environment-friendly materials and can be recycled. Dispose of packaging that is no longer required at an appropriate recycling point.

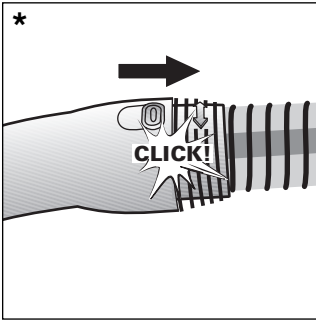
### ■ Used vacuum cleaner

Used vacuum cleaners still contain many recyclable materials. Therefore, please take used vacuum cleaners to your retailer or recycling centre so that they can be recycled. For current disposal methods, please enquire at your appliance dealership or local council.

### ■ Please note

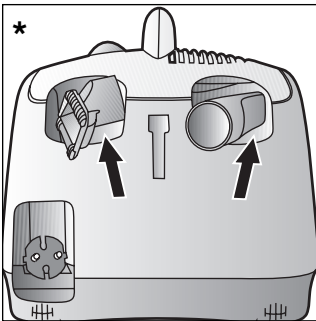
- Only connect the appliance to a socket that is protected by at least a 16 amp circuit breaker. If a circuit breaker should trip when you switch on the vacuum cleaner, this may be because other electrical appliances which have a high current draw are connected to the same power circuit. To prevent the circuit breaker from tripping, select the lowest power setting before switching the vacuum cleaner on, and increase the power only once it is running.

## Before using for the first time



Push the handle onto the flexible hose until it engages.

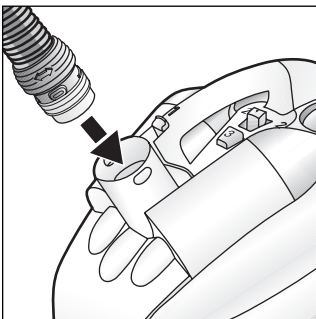
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Push the crevice nozzle and upholstery nozzle into the accessories holder as illustrated.

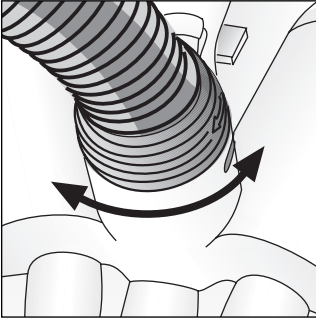
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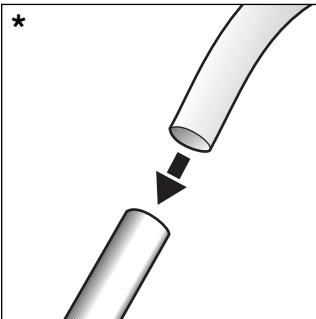
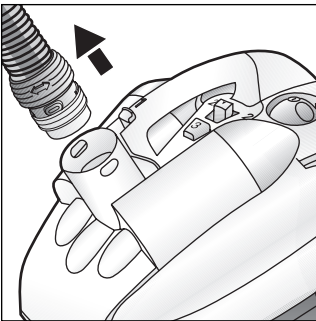


Push the flexible hose adapter into the air intake opening on the dual separator until it engages.

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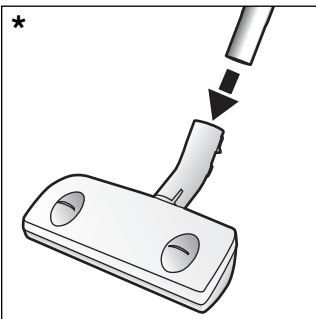


To remove the flexible hose, turn it to release the catch and pull the hose out.



Push the handle into the suction pipe/telescopic tube. To remove it, turn the handle slightly and pull it off the tube.

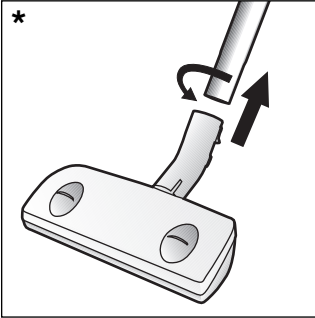
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Insert the suction pipe/telescopic tube into the adapter of the floor tool.

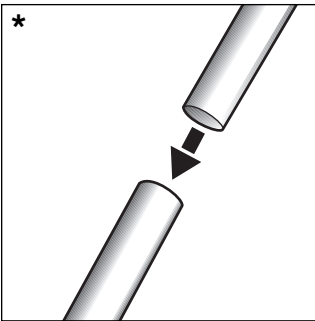
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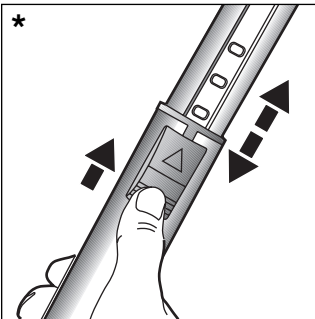


To remove it, turn the tube slightly and pull it out of the floor tool.

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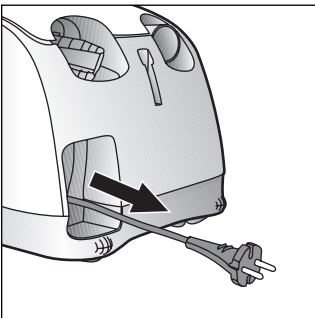


Connect the suction pipes together, or..



...unlock the telescopic tube to adjust its length by moving the sliding switch in the direction of the arrow.

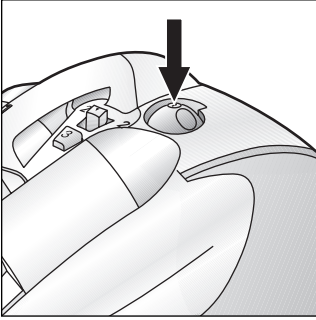
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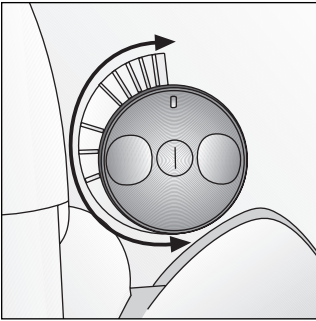
Holding the power cord by the plug, pull out the required length and plug it into the mains socket.



## Setting up



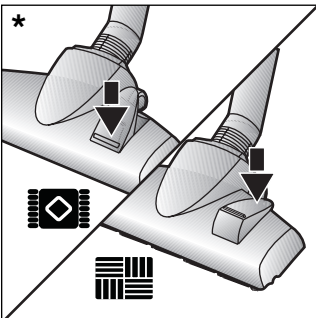
Press the on/off button in the direction of the arrow to switch your vacuum cleaner on/off.





Adjust the suction by turning the on/off button in the direction of the arrow.

Set the power setting to maximum for the best results when vacuuming. We recommend that you reduce the setting only when vacuuming very delicate materials.

## Vacuuming

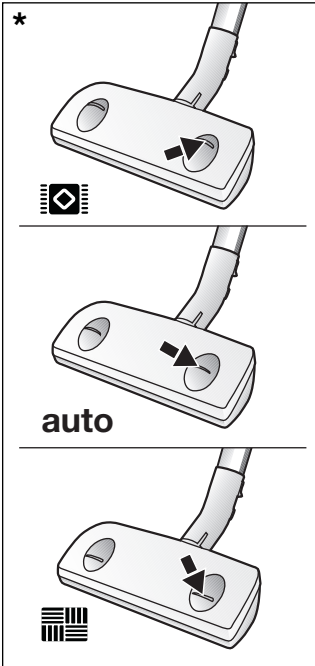


Adjust the adjustable floor tool:


- Rugs and carpets => 
- Hard/parquet floors => 

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## Vacuuming



Adjust the "autofloor" floor tool:

Hard floor setting      => 

Fixed position for vacuuming hard/parquet floors

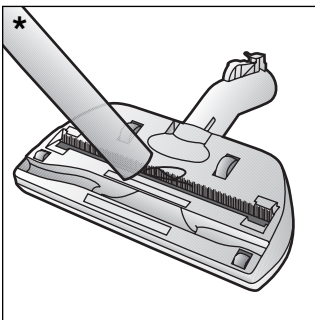
Automatic setting      => **auto**

The nozzle adjusts automatically to the floor covering and switches from hard/parquet floors to carpeted floors

Carpet setting      => 

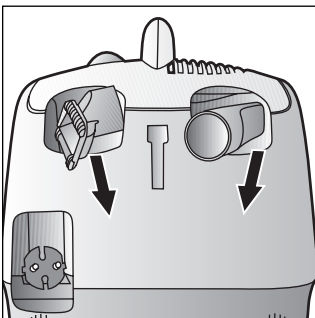
Fixed position for vacuuming rugs and carpets

**If you are vacuuming varying types of floor coverings (hard floors <-> carpets), we recommend that you use the automatic setting so that the nozzle adjusts automatically to the floor and you do not need to switch over the nozzle setting.**



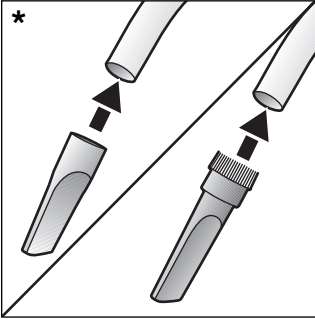
To clean the "autofloor" nozzle, switch it to the hard floor setting and simply vacuum it using the suction pipe/telescopic tube.

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Remove the upholstery nozzle and crevice nozzle from the accessories holder as illustrated.

## Vacuuming

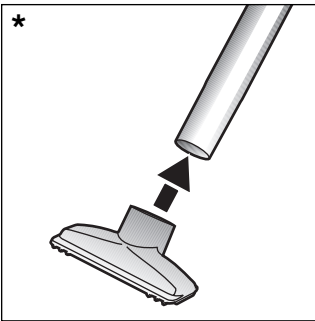


### Vacuuming with accessories

Attach the nozzles to the suction pipe or handle as required:

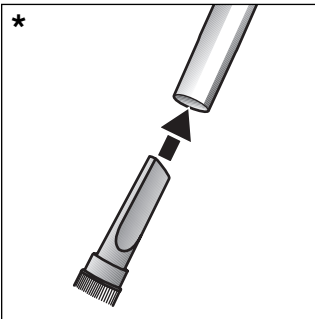
Crevice nozzle for vacuuming crevices and corners, etc.

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Upholstery nozzle for vacuuming upholstered furniture, curtains, etc.

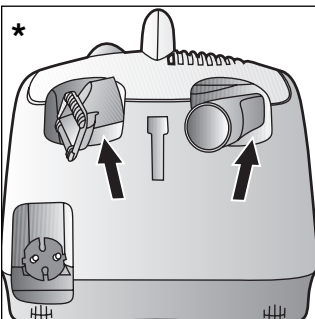
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Furniture brush

For cleaning window frames, cabinets, mouldings, etc.

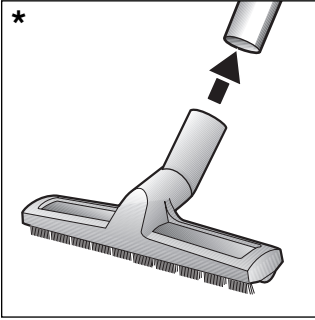
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After use, push the crevice nozzle and upholstery nozzle back into the accessories holder as illustrated.

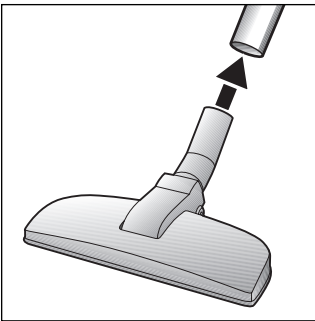
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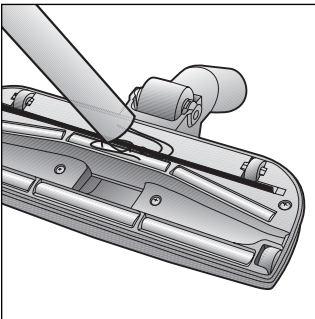


Hard-floor brush  
For vacuuming hard floor coverings  
(tiles, parquet flooring, etc.)

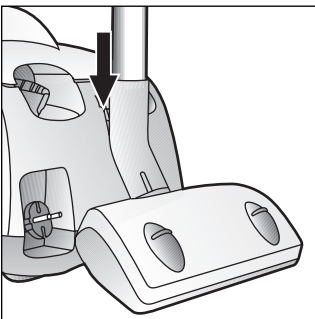
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Pet hair brush  
Floor tool for easy, thorough removal of pet hair



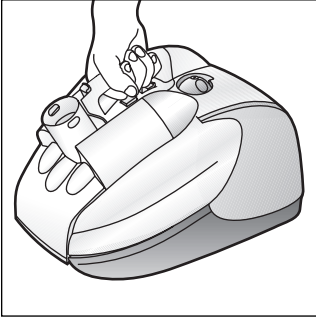
To clean the nozzle, simply vacuum it using the suction  
pipe/telescopic tube



When stopping cleaning for a moment, you can use  
the parking aid on the back of the vacuum cleaner.  
Once you have switched off the vacuum cleaner, slide  
the catch on the floor tool into the groove on the rear  
of the appliance.

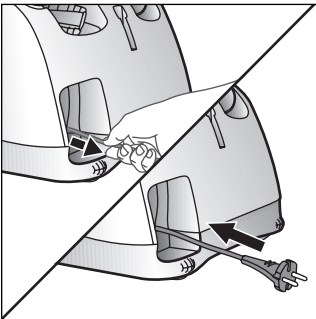
**Attention: Do not operate in an upright/ vertical  
position.**

## Vacuuming

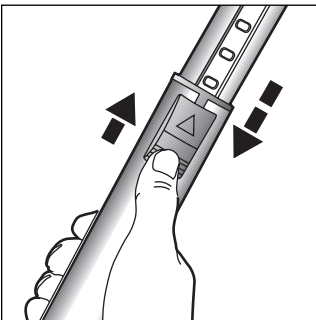


The appliance can also be carried using the carrying handle when vacuuming steps, for example.

## When the work is done

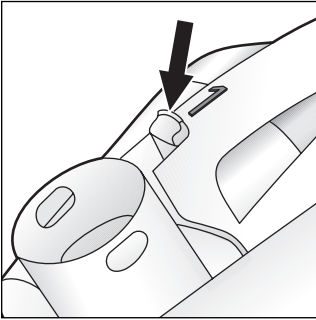


Unplug the vacuum cleaner.  
Tug the power cord briefly and let go. The cable then rewinds automatically.



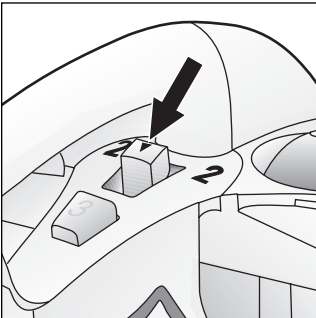
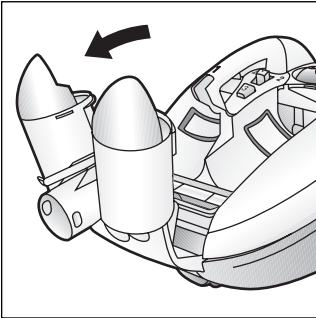
Unlock the telescopic tube by moving the sliding switch in the direction of the arrow and slide one tube into the other.

## Emptying the dust filter

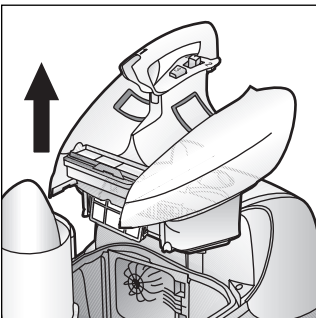


To achieve optimum vacuuming results, the dust container should be emptied after every vacuuming job or, at the latest, when the maximum level is reached.

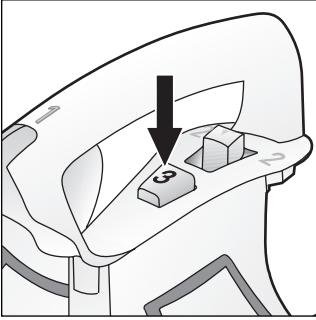
Use the release button (1) to unlock the dual separator and fold it away to the front.



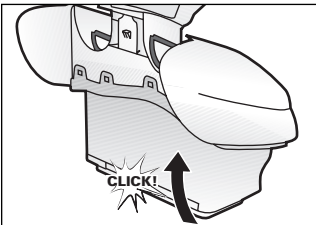
Use the release button (2) to unlock the dust collector and remove it from the appliance.



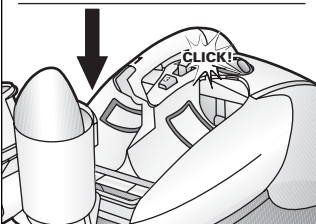
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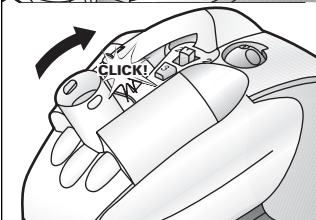
Press the button (3) to release the dust container flap and empty the container into the rubbish bin. The flap engages when tilted backwards.



Fold the flap back and close the dust container.

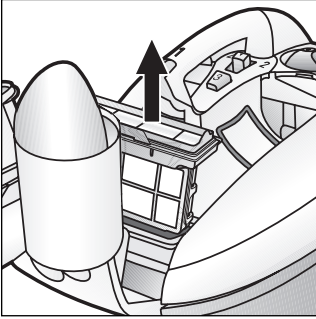


Insert the dust container into the appliance and engage it in position.



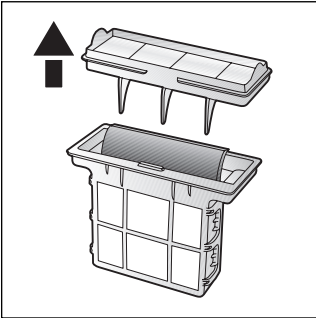
Fold the dual separator back and engage it in position.

## Cleaning the filter

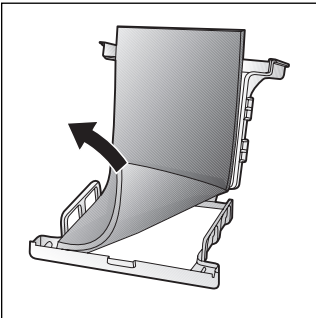
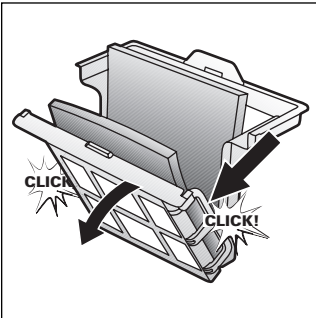


Unlock the dual separator and fold it away to the front.

Remove the particle filter along with the lint filter and foam filter and clean them by knocking out the dirt.

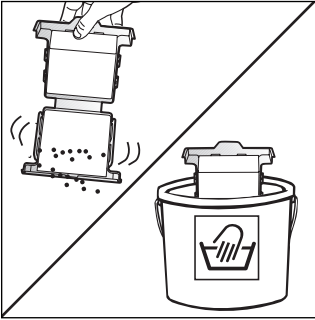


To do so, take off the lint filter, unlock and open the flap of the particulate filter cartridge and remove the foam filter.

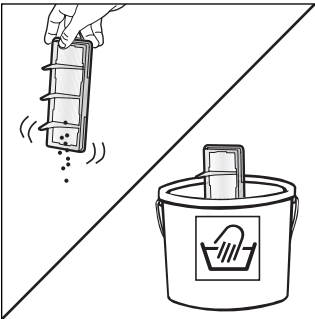
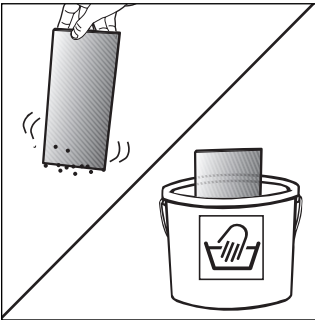




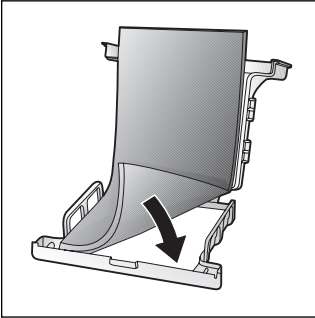
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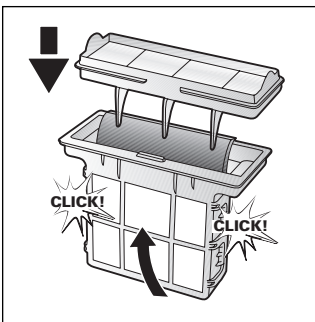
If the filters are very dirty, they should all be rinsed out.



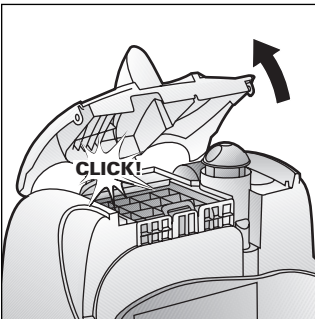
## Cleaning the filter



After cleaning, insert the foam filter into the particulate filter cartridge, close the flap and engage it at the sides. Place the lint filter between the ends of the foam filter such that its position is optimum on both sides, with the edge ending flush in the filter cartridge.

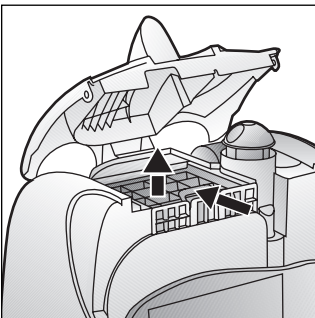


**Attention:** The dual separator can only be engaged when the particle filter is fitted. The filter must be completely dry before it is refitted in order to ensure that it functions correctly and to prevent the formation of odours or bacteria.



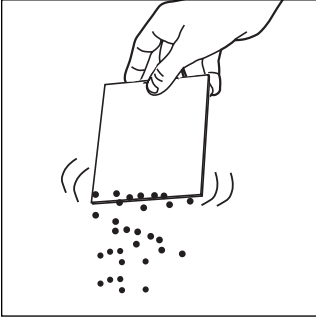
### Cleaning the washable micro filter

- Unlock the dual separator and fold it away to the front.
- Unlock the dust container and remove it from the appliance.
- Open the exhaust filter cover as far as possible in the direction of the arrow. The cover engages in this position.

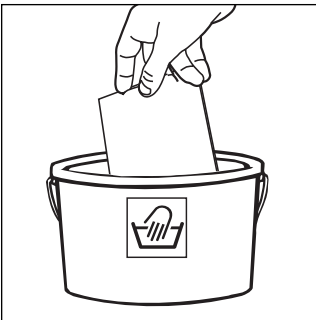


Remove the micro filter.

## Cleaning the filter



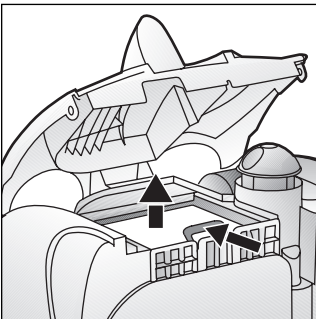
- Clean the micro filter by knocking out the dirt.
- If the micro filter is very dirty, it should be rinsed out.
- Replace the micro filter.
- Close the exhaust filter cover.  
Insert the dust container into the appliance and engage it in position.  
Fold the dual separator back and engage it in position.



- **Attention: The filter must be completely dry before it is refitted in order to ensure that it functions correctly and to prevent the formation of odours or bacteria.**

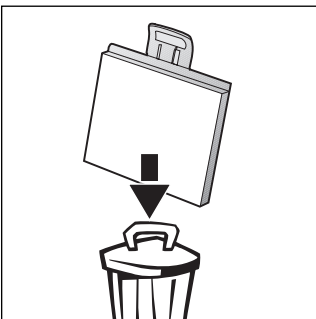
The micro filter may be ordered from customer service.

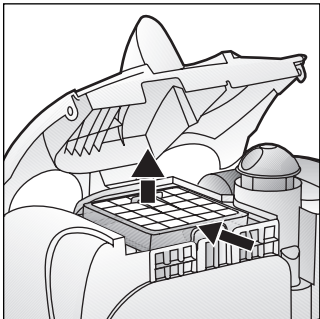
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## Replacing the micro active carbon filter

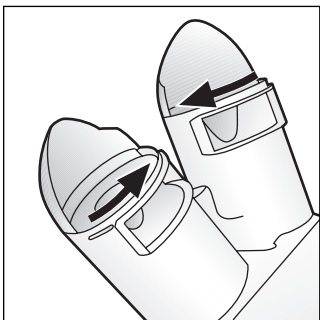
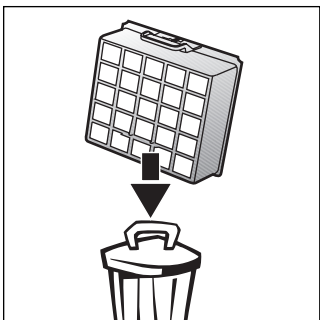
- Unlock the dual separator and fold it away to the front.
- Unlock the dust container and remove it from the appliance.
- Open the exhaust filter cover as far as possible in the direction of the arrow. The cover engages in this position.
- Remove and dispose of the micro active carbon filter.
- Fit a new filter (BBZ192MAF )
- Close the exhaust filter cover.  
Insert the dust container into the appliance and engage it in position.  
Fold the dual separator back and engage it in position.





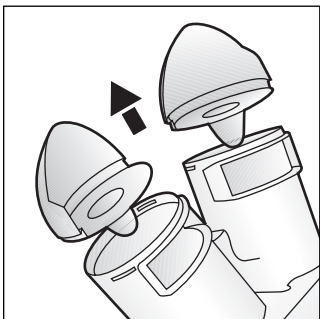
### Replacing the HEPA filter

- Unlock the dual separator and fold it away to the front.
  - Unlock the dust container and remove it from the appliance.
  - Open the exhaust filter cover as far as possible in the direction of the arrow. The cover engages in this position.
  - Remove and dispose of the HEPA filter.
  - Fit a new filter (BBZ153HFB).
  - Close the exhaust filter cover.
- Insert the dust container into the appliance and engage it in position. Fold back and engage the dual separator.

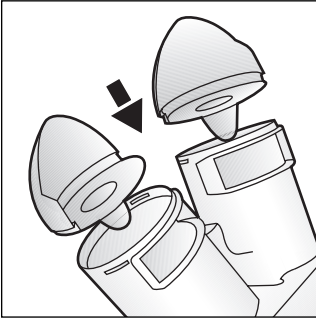


### Clean the dual separator

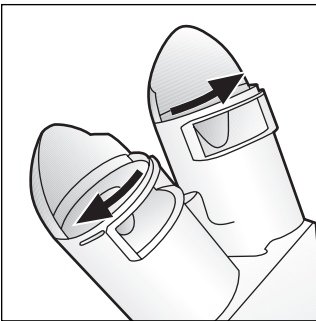
- Use the release button to unlock the dual separator and fold it away to the front.
- Turn the dual separator cover and remove it from the dual separator.
- Clean the dual separator.



## Cleaning the filter



- Replace the dual separator and lock it by turning in the direction of the arrow.
- Fold back the dual separator and engage in position.



- ! **Attention: The inside of the dual separator may become scratched with use and start to look opaque. This does not, however, affect the performance of the vacuum cleaner in any way, i.e. it will continue to function as normal.**

## Care

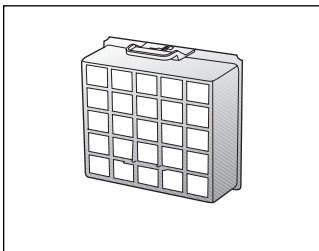
- Always switch off the vacuum cleaner and disconnect the power cord from the mains before cleaning the appliance.
- The vacuum cleaner and plastic accessories can be cleaned with a commercial plastic cleaner.

**Do not use a scourer, glass-cleaning agent or all-purpose cleaning product. Never immerse the vacuum cleaner in water.**

- The dust compartment can, if necessary, be cleaned with a second vacuum cleaner or simply wiped with a dry cloth or dusting brush.

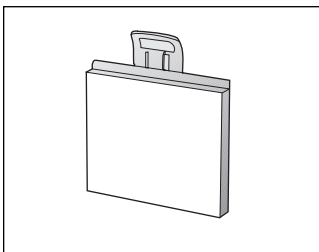
Subject to technical modifications.

## Optional accessories



### **HEPA filter BBZ153HFB**

Additional filter for cleaner exhaust air.  
Recommended for allergy sufferers. Replace once a year.

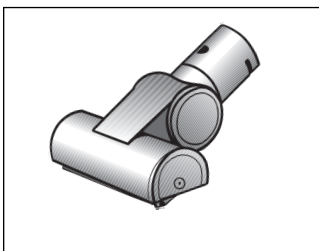


### **Micro active carbon filter BBZ192MAF**

Combination of micro filter and active carbon filter.  
Combats unpleasant odours. Replace twice a year.  
Replace carbon filter frame with micro filter frame.

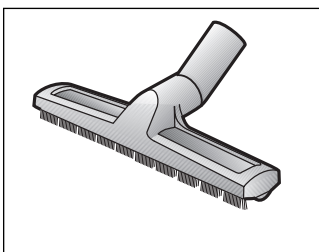
### **Please note!**

**It is not possible to combine a HEPA filter and a micro active carbon filter.**



### **TURBO-UNIVERSAL® brush for upholstery BBZ42TB**

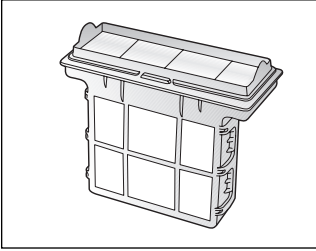
All in one brushing and vacuuming of upholstered furniture, mattresses, car seats, etc. Especially suitable for picking up pet hair. The brush roller is driven by the suction air flow of the vacuum cleaner.  
No separate electrical connection is needed.



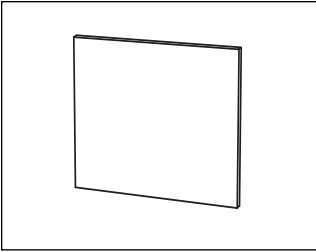
### **Hard-floor brush BBZ122HD**

For vacuuming hard floors (parquet flooring, tiles, terracotta, etc.)

## Replacement parts



**Particulate filter cartridge**  
Product code 499986



**Micro filter**  
Product code 427226

## Frequently asked questions and answers

### What kind of dirt can be vacuumed up using the vacuum cleaner?

All kinds of household dirt can be vacuumed up using the BX3. When vacuuming fine particles, note that the particulate filter cartridge, foam filter and lint filter must be cleaned at regular intervals to guarantee the optimum function of the vacuum cleaner.

### Should the dust container be emptied after each use of the vacuum cleaner?

The dust container should be emptied after each use for hygienic reasons, or at the latest when the maximum level (see the mark) is reached.

### How often should the particulate filter be cleaned/rinsed through?

Ideally, the particulate filter should be cleaned after each use, especially after vacuuming fine particles, either by tapping it or rinsing it, depending on the amount of dirt.

The particulate filter cartridge, foam filter and lint filter must, at the latest, be cleaned when the maximum level (see the mark) has been reached.

### How often should the washable micro-exhaust filter be cleaned/rinsed through?

If your vacuum cleaner is equipped with a washable micro-exhaust filter, it should be cleaned regularly for hygienic reasons by tapping it, and must be rinsed through at least once every 6 months.

### How often should I replace the HEPA filter?

If your vacuum cleaner is equipped with a HEPA exhaust filter, this should be replaced once a year.

### What is the best way to transport my vacuum cleaner?

The BX3 can be transported easily using the ergonomic carrying handle, e.g. for vacuuming the stairs. It is best to hold/carry the suction pipe with the nozzle in the other hand.

## Troubleshooting small problems

Problem	Cause	Solution
Suction power becomes noticeably weaker	The particulate filter is heavily soiled	Clean the particulate filter cartridge, foam filter and lint filter by tapping or rinsing through <b>Attention:</b> After rinsing, only reinsert the particulate filter cartridge, foam filter and lint filter once they are completely dry
	The nozzle is blocked	Clean the nozzle, e.g. using a crevice nozzle
	The telescopic tube is blocked	Push the telescopic tube together, loosen and remove the blockage
	The hose/hand grip is blocked	Separate the hose from the vacuum cleaner and hand grip
	The dual separator is blocked	Loosen and remove the blockage. Take off the locking cover of the separator, loosen and remove the blockage, clean with dry or damp cloth where necessary
Bottom flap of the dust container does not close	The bottom flap is soiled	Clean the bottom flap, e.g. with a damp or dry cloth
Vacuum cleaner does not close	The particulate filter has not been inserted	Insert the particulate filter into the dust container



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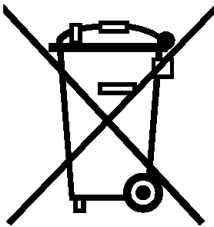
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