Parts checklist

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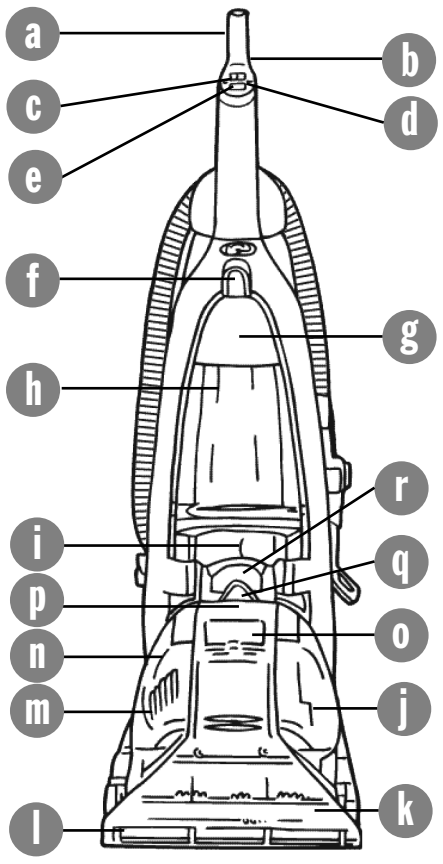

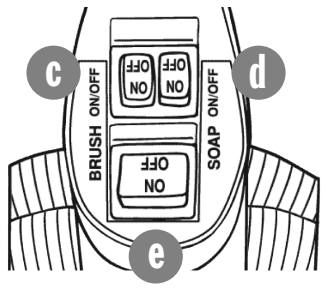

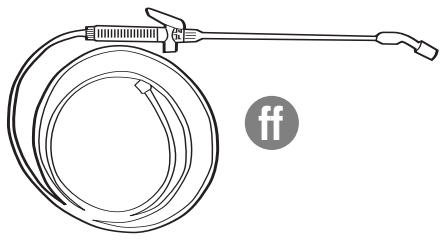

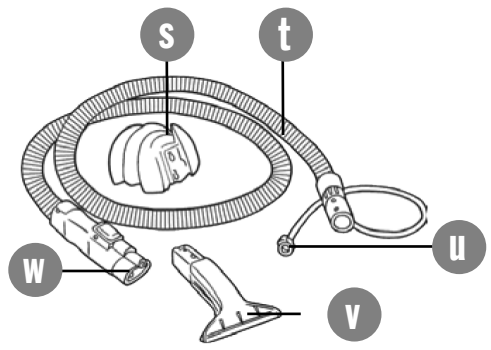

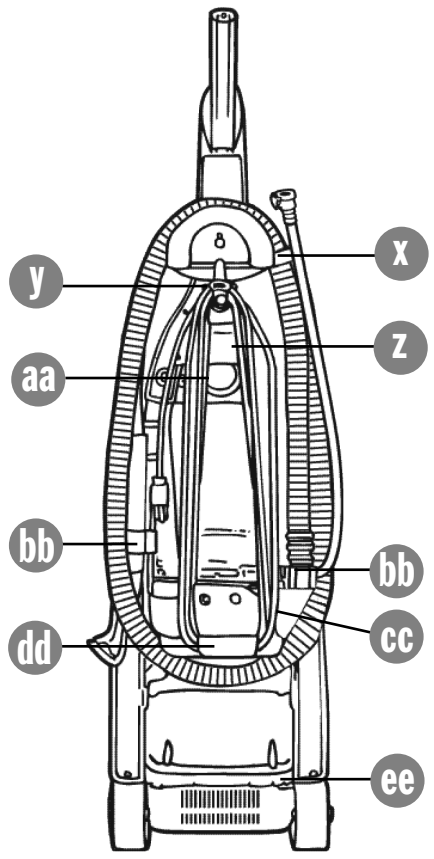

- **a** Handle
- **b** Solution trigger
- **c** Brush on/off
- **d** Soap on/off
- **e** Power on/off
- **f** Clean water tank release
- **g** Clean water tank carry handle
- **h** Clean water tank
- **i** Cleaning solution soap tank
- **j** Drain cap
- **k** Dual brushbars
- **l** Front suction nozzle
- **m** Dirty water tank
- **n** Floor/tools selector
- **o** Hose attachment cover
- **p** Dirty water tank handle
- **q** Dirty water tank nozzle tab
- **r** Dirty water tank latch
- **s** Detachable tool storage
- **t** Hose
- **u** Water supply connector
- **v** Upholstery wash tool
- **w** Upholstery tool trigger
- **x** Solution/hose clip
- **y** Quick cord release
- **z** Carrying handle
- **aa** Clean water tank cap
- **bb** Hose storage clips
- **cc** Power cord
- **dd** Cord wrap
- **ee** Handle release pedal
- **ff** Pre-treatment wand (model V-027PT only)
- **gg** 750ml AAA carpet cleaner
- **hh** 500ml Pre-treatment carpet treatment (model V-027PT only)

Putting your cleaner together

Phillips screwdriver required

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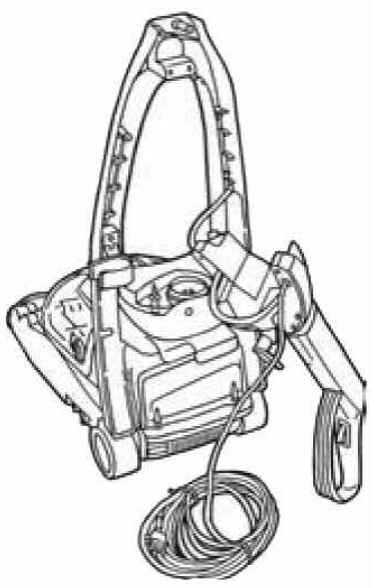

Remove your Rapide XL from the carton with caution. The handle is connected to the body by a cord.

Note: Do not tug or pull on the cord.

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Line up the handle to the upper body of the machine and slide into place.

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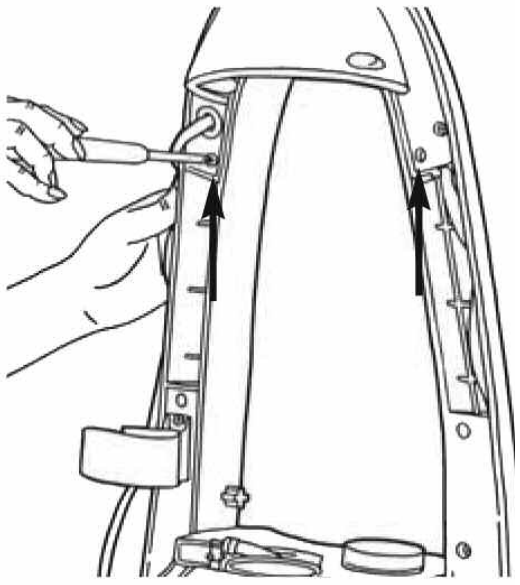

Secure from the back with the two smaller screws.

Putting your cleaner together

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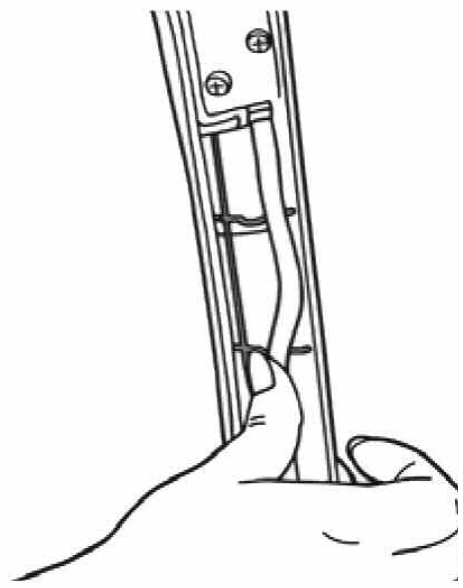

Feed the cord through the slots on the back of the handle and push into place.

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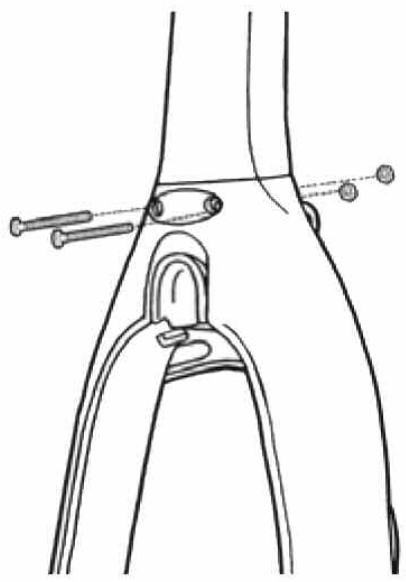

Place a nut into the recess in the back of the upper handle. While holding the nut in place insert one of the large screws through the front of the upper handle and tighten.
Repeat the process with the second screw.

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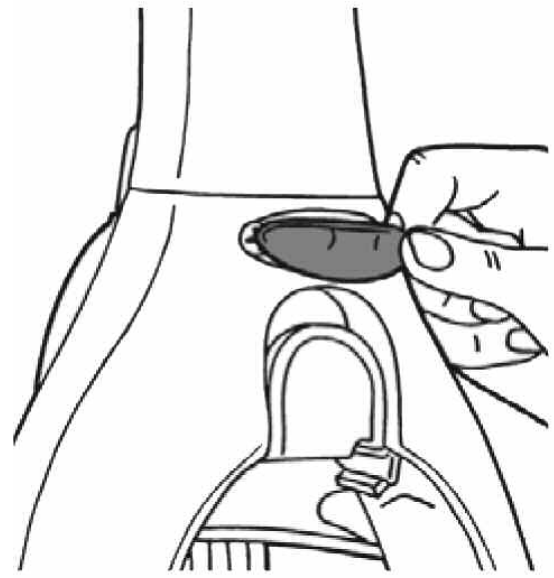

Remove the backing tape from the screw cover and press into place.

Clean water tank

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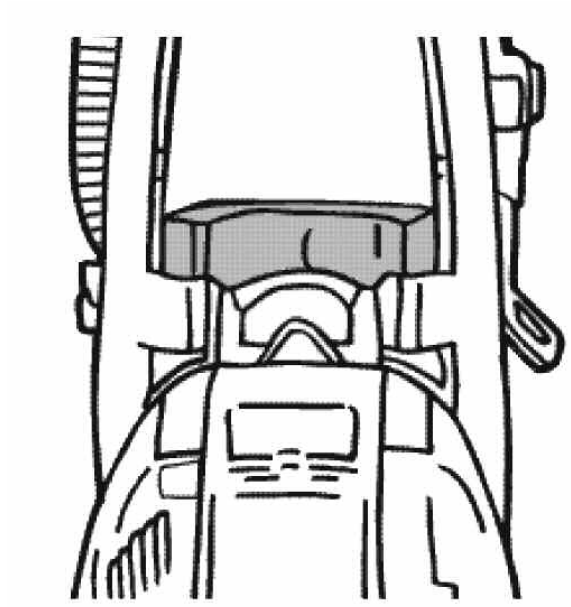

Note: Make sure the cleaning solution tank is resting in place with the solution tube pressed fully into tube opening.

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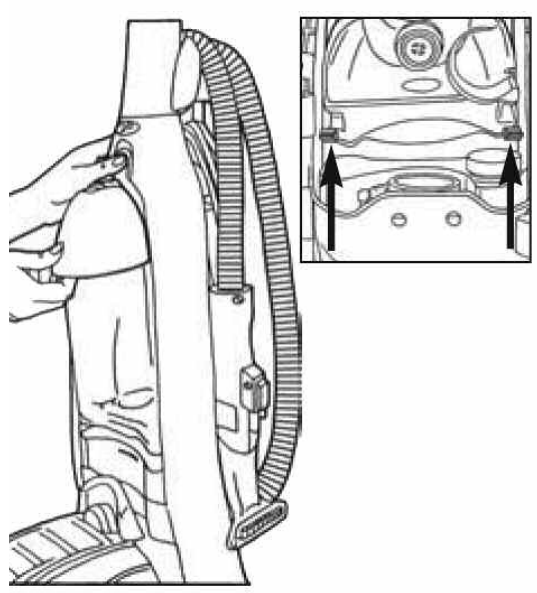

Line up the grooves of the clean water tank with the support posts inside the handle. Tilt the top of clean water tank inward and push until it locks into place.

Tool storage

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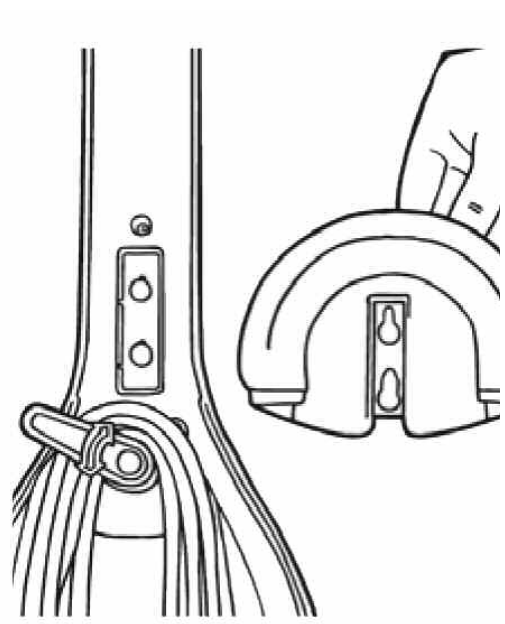

To install the tool caddy, line up the tabs of the tool caddy storage with round tabs on the back of the handle (above quick cord clip).

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Tool storage

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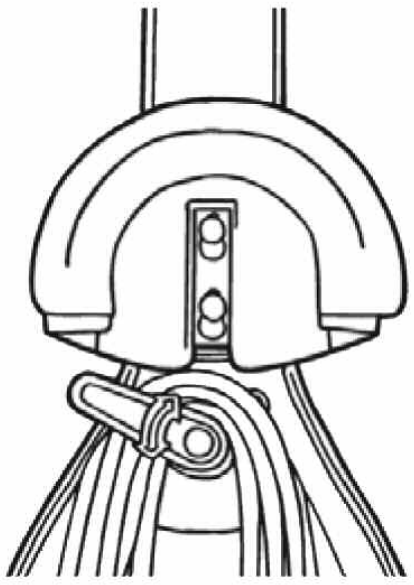

Slide the tool caddy downwards until it is secured in place.

Note: The tool caddy can be removed for storage on a wall.

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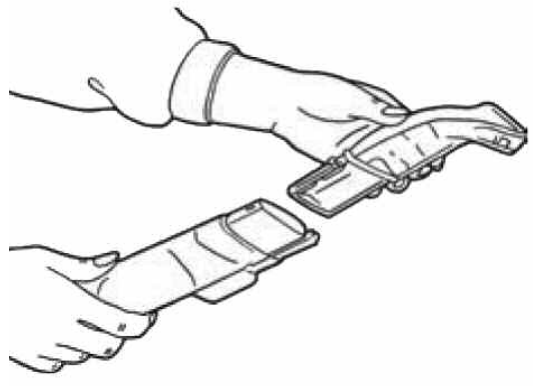

Connect upholstery attachment to end of hose by pressing until it clicks into place.

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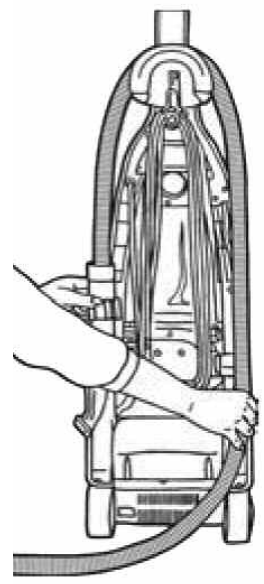

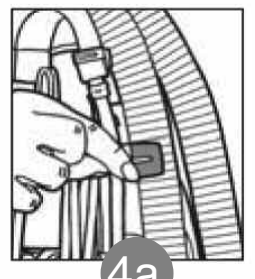

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Push upholstery attachment into the left hose clip, wrap the hose around the tool caddy starting on the back groove of the storage caddy.
Secure into place by pushing the end of the hose into the hose clip on the right. Press the solution/ hose clip onto the hose to secure the solution tube in place (4a).

Pre-treating your carpets with the pre-treatment wand and solution (model V-027PT only)

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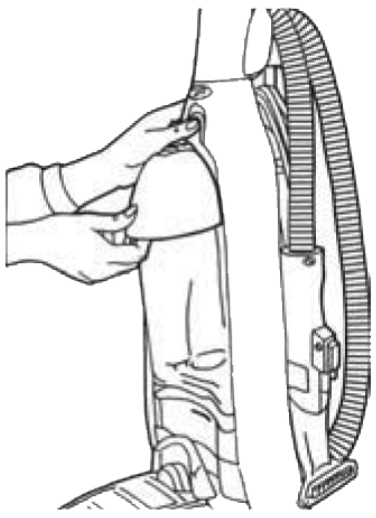

Remove the clean water tank by pressing the clean water tank release and pulling the tank by the handle. Put to one side to fill later.

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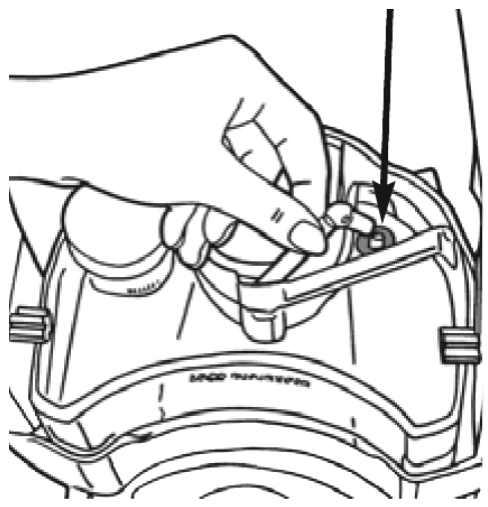

While the clean water tank is removed, loosen the solution tank by gently pushing out the solution plug from the plug opening.

Note: The solution tank can be filled while it is attached to the cleaner but you should use care when refilling.

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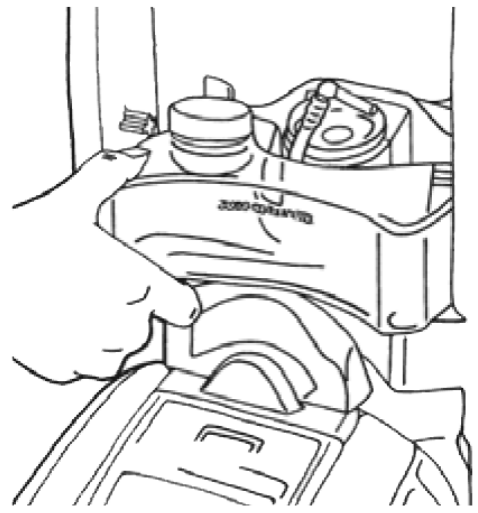

Remove the solution tank by pulling up and out.

Note: After spraying rinse the machine and pre-treatment wand with clean water. Wash the carpet as described in this guide, using VAX AAA carpet cleaner.

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Pre-treating your carpets with the pre-treatment wand and solution (model V-027PT only)

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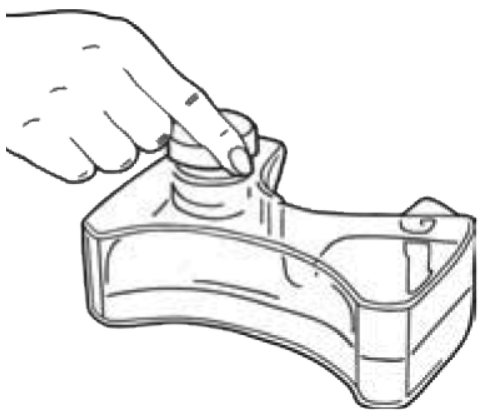

Remove solution tank cap.

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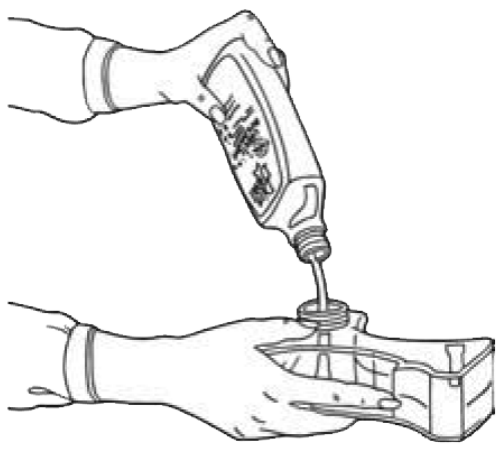

CAUTION: Do not overfill. You should leave 1-2 cm of air space.

Fill the tank with pre-treatment solution.

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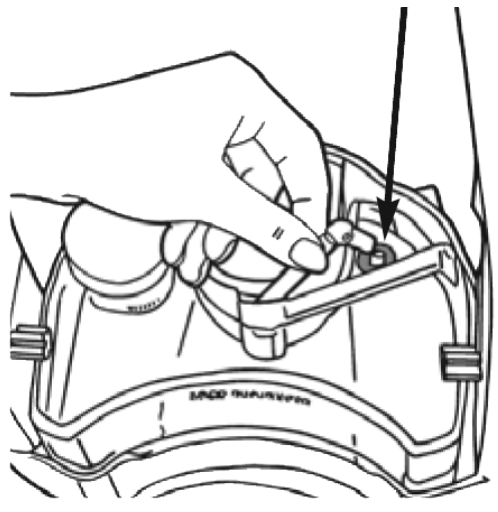

Replace the solution tank cap. Return the solution tank to the cleaner making sure the solution tube lines up with the groove in the back of the solution tank. Firmly press the solution tube into the plug opening of the solution tank.

Pre-treating your carpets with the pre-treatment wand and solution (model V-027PT only)

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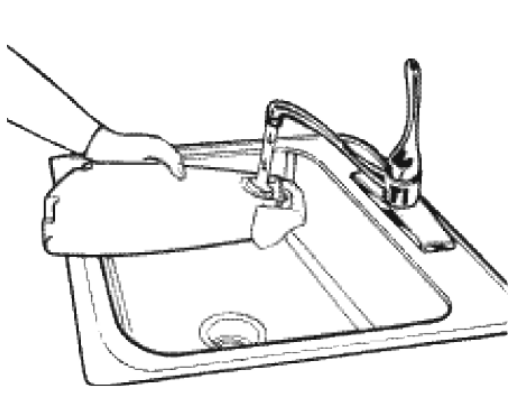

Remove the clean water tank cap and put in a safe place. Slowly fill the clean water tank with hot tap water (max 40°C) and replace the cap.

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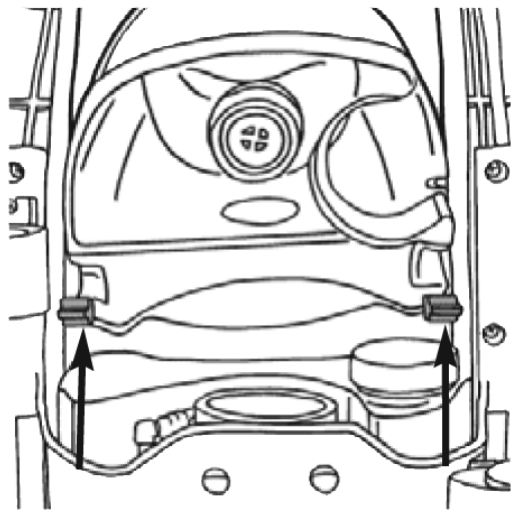

Return clean water tank by lining up the grooves of the clean water tank with the support posts on the inside of the handle. Rock clean water tank inward until it locks into place.

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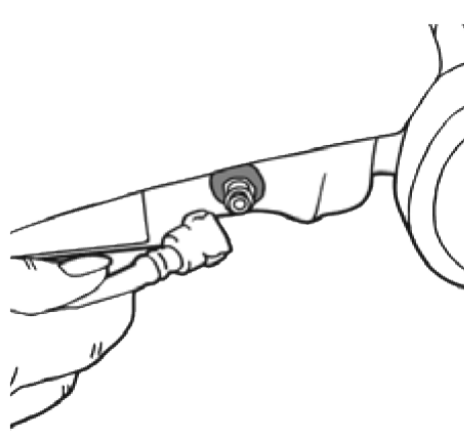

Attach the pre-treatment wand to the water supply port and press firmly until it locks into place.

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Pre-treating your carpets with the pre-treatment wand and solution (model V-027PT only)

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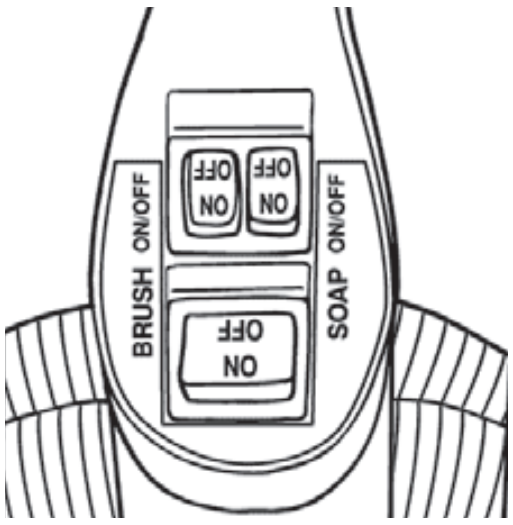

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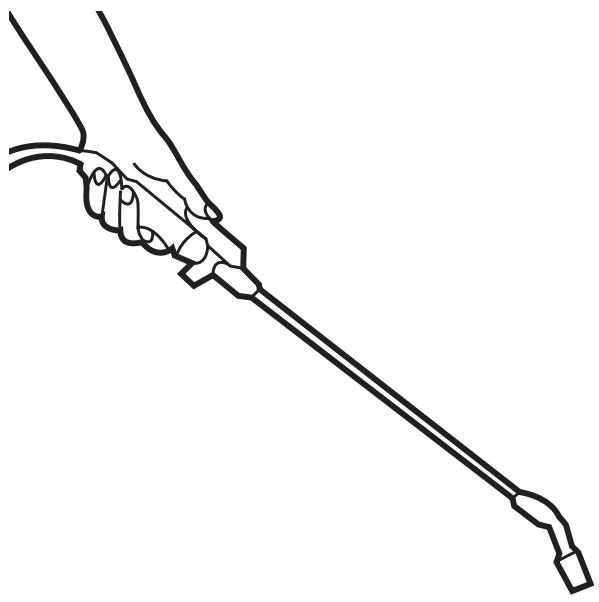

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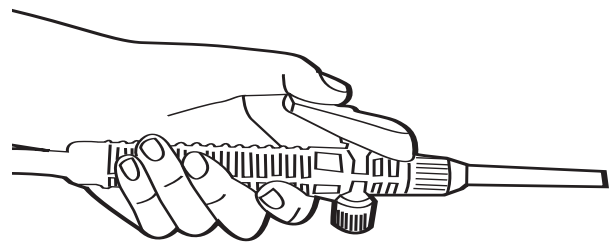

To pre-treat carpets be sure that the brush switch is OFF and that the power and soap switches are turned ON. The pre-treatment solution and water automatically mix within the machine.

Using the wand and the trigger, apply pre-treatment solution to carpets. Turning the spray nozzle clockwise or anti-clockwise will alter the spray pattern.

Releasing the trigger will stop solution flow. The treated areas should be left for 10 to 15 minutes. For heavy stains, mild agitation may be used.

Note: Do not over wet carpets.

How to operate your cleaner - setting up

Note: The float in your Rapide XL is the transparent, pivoting moulded part in the dirty water tank, it will shut off the suction when the dirty water tank is full. For best results use a smooth steady motion keeping the nozzle flat against the carpet. Tipping the cleaner and breaking the seal of the nozzle against the carpet will cause the float to rise cutting off suction. Once the float is activated, empty the dirty water tank. If the tank does not appear full turn off the power switch and wait for the float to settle. For best results use only VAX AAA Carpet Cleaner.

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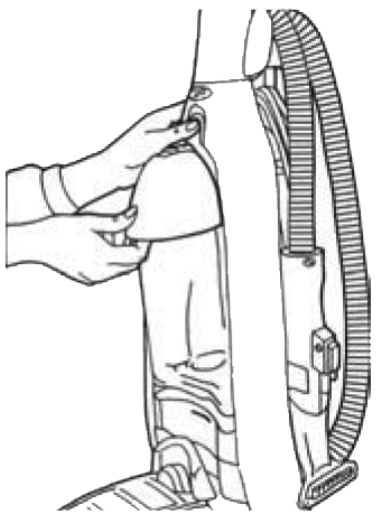

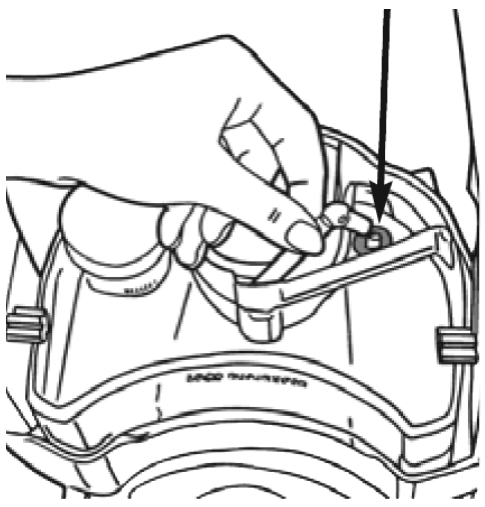

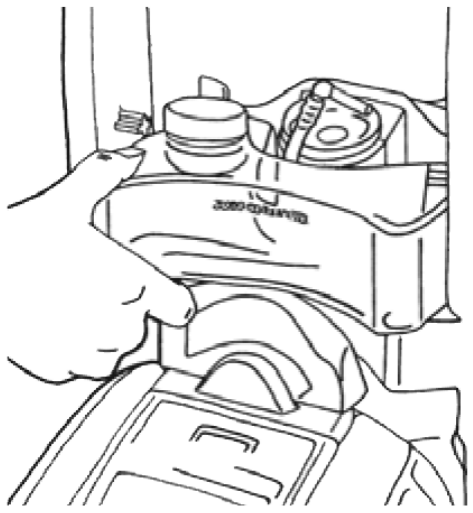

Remove the clean water tank by pressing the clean water tank release and pulling the tank by the handle. Put to one side to fill later.

While the clean water tank is removed, loosen the solution tank by gently pushing out the solution plug from the plug opening.

Note: The solution tank can be filled while it is attached to the cleaner but you should use care when refilling.

Remove the solution tank by pulling up and out.

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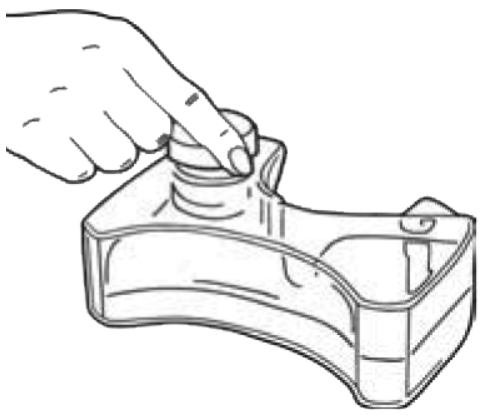

Remove solution tank cap.

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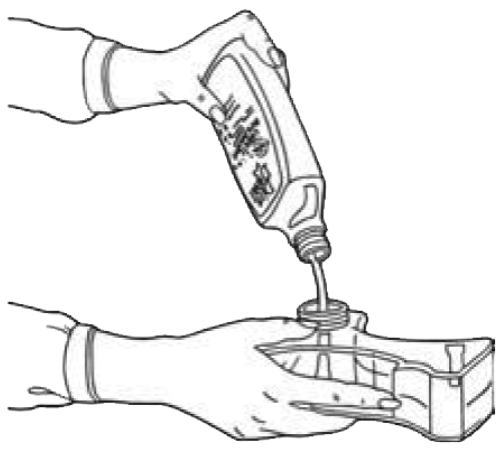

CAUTION: Do not overfill. You should leave 1-2 cm of air space.

Fill the tank with VAX AAA Carpet Cleaner. The cleaner can be stored with solution in the solution tank. It does not have to be removed after each use. However the solution tanks should be rinsed out periodically.

Note: One fill up of the solution tank will last for approximately 4 clean water reservoir fill ups.

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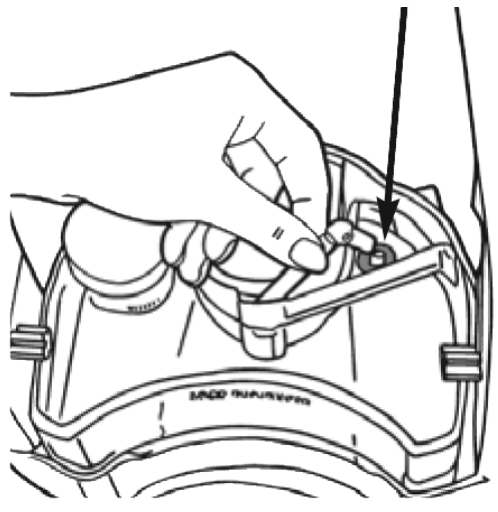

Replace the solution tank cap. Return the solution tank to the cleaner making sure the solution tube lines up with the groove in the back of the solution tank. Firmly press the solution tube into the plug opening of the solution tank.

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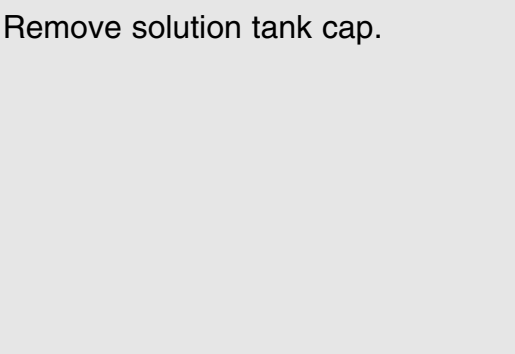

Remove the clean water tank cap and put in a safe place. Slowly fill the clean water tank with hot tap water and replace the cap.

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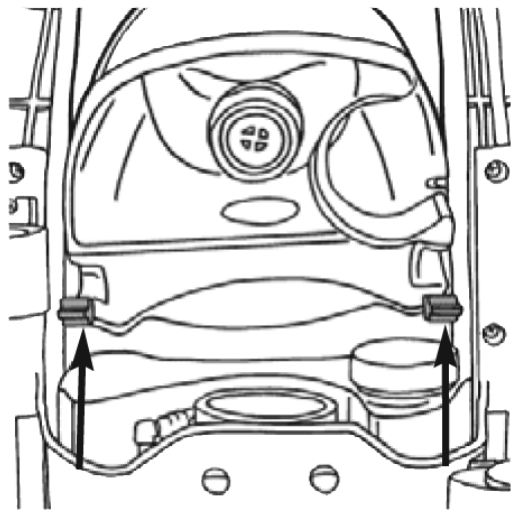

Return clean water tank by lining up the grooves of the clean water tank with the support posts on the inside of the handle. Rock clean water tank inward until it locks into place.

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How to operate your cleaner

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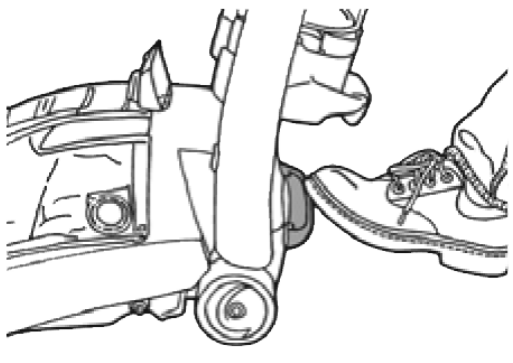

Plug the cord into an electrical socket. Step on the handle release pedal to put the cleaner into a cleaning position.

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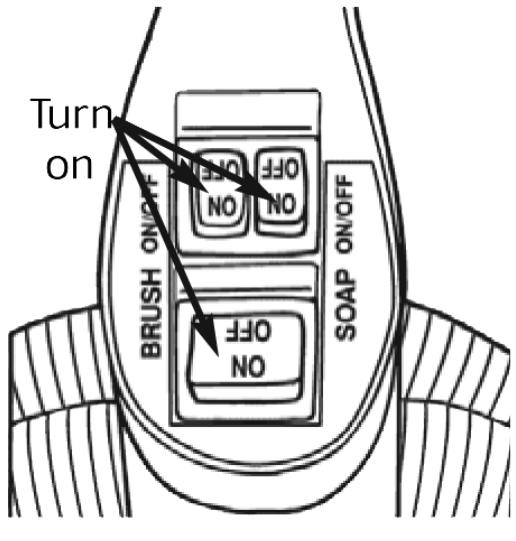

Turn main power switch, brush switch and soap switch all to the ON position.

Note: See page 10 for details on the various switch functions.

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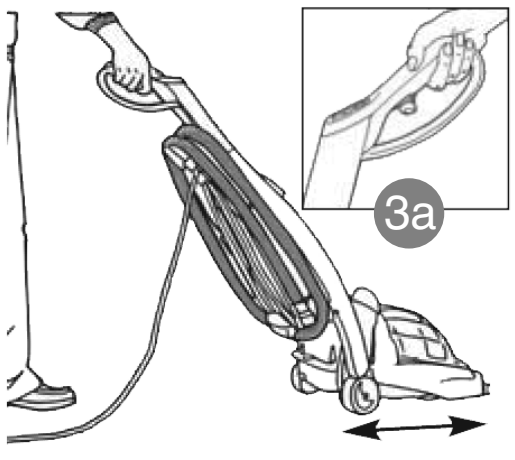

To spray cleaning solution, depress the solution release trigger (3a) and move the cleaner backward and forward. Release the trigger and push the unit back and forth in the same track to remove dirty water and solution from the carpet.
For heavily soiled areas, repeat if necessary.

How to operate your cleaner

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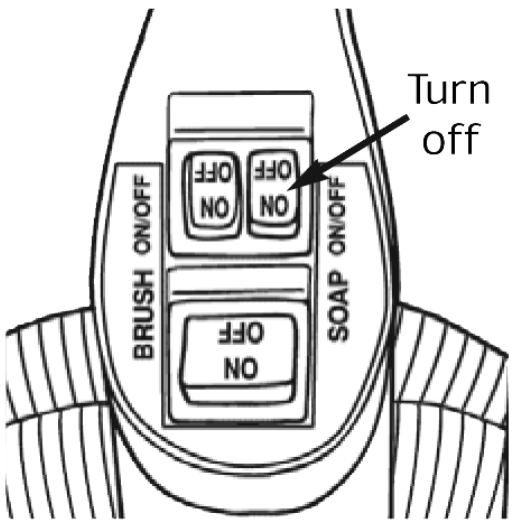

To rinse your carpet, turn the soap switch to the OFF position. Repeat the same process (as in step 3)

Power	Brush	Soap	Result
ON	ON	ON	Vacuum, pump, brushbar and soap are turned on. Used to wash carpets.
ON	ON	OFF	Vacuum, pump, brushbar are turned on. Used to rinse carpets.
ON	OFF	ON	Vacuum, pump and soap are turned on. Used for cleaning through attachments.
ON	OFF	OFF	Vacuum and pump turned on. Used for rinsing through attachments or dirty water pick-up with brushbar off.
OFF	ON/OFF	ON/OFF	No power to vacuum, pump, brushbar and soap. The power switch must be on for any motors to function.

How to carry your cleaner

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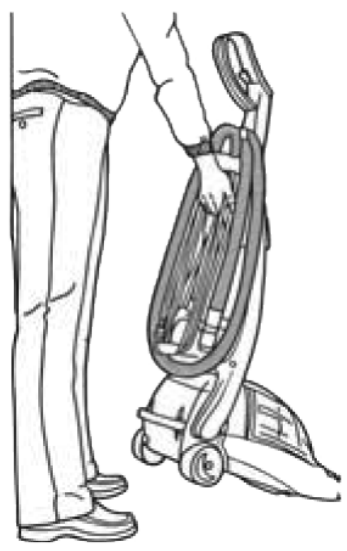

Grab the carrying handle on the back of the cleaner to transport from room to room.
Do not pick the cleaner up by the clean water tank handle.

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Hose attachments

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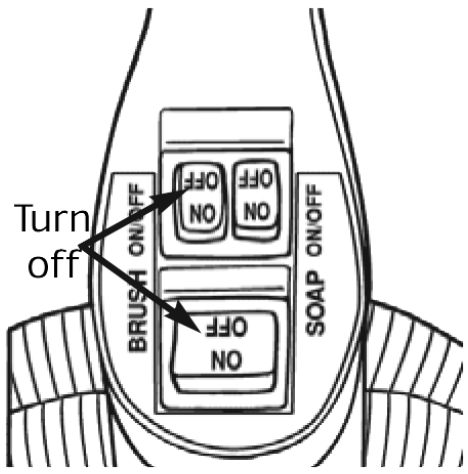

Put the cleaner in its upright position. Turn the brush switch and power switch to the off position.

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Remove the hose from its stored position on the back of the cleaner. Lift the hose attachment cover located on the top of the dirty water tank.

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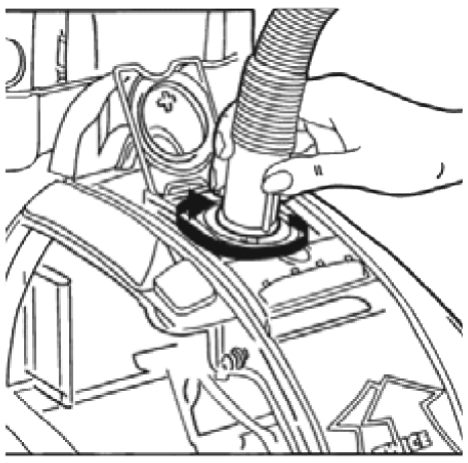

Insert the end of the hose into the tool opening and twist clockwise until it locks into place.

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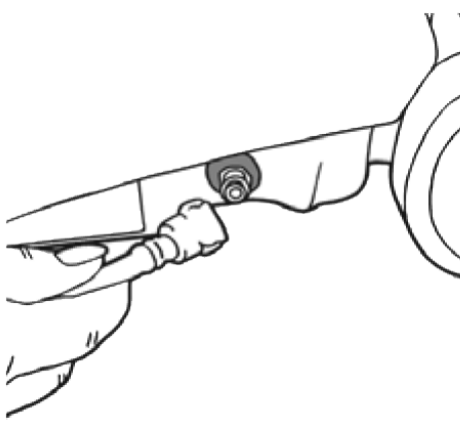

Attach the water supply connector to the water supply port and press firmly until it locks into place.

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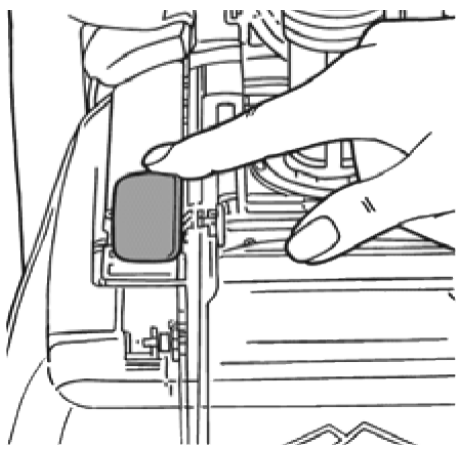

Move the floor/tools selector to the tools (upward) position.

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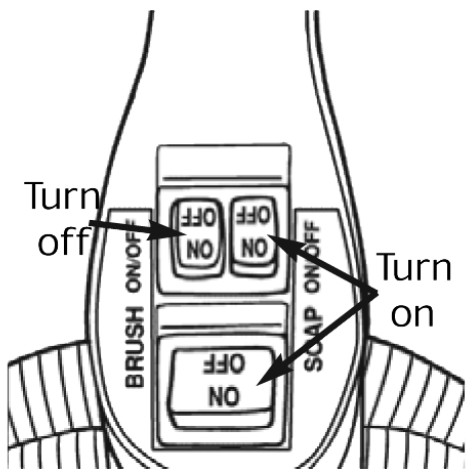

To wash upholstery, be sure that the brush switch is OFF and that the power and soap switches are turned ON.

Note: Do not allow upholstery to become too wet.

Hose attachments

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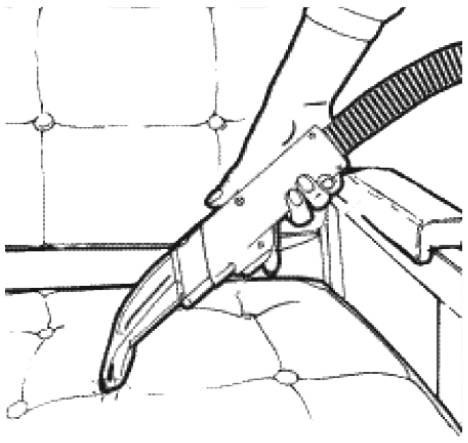

While depressing the blue solution spray trigger, pull the attachment in a downward motion. Release the trigger and push the attachment forward in the same path to remove dirty water and solution from upholstery. For heavily soiled areas, repeat if necessary. To rinse, remember to turn the soap switch to the OFF position and repeat process.
Note: Make sure upholstery is thoroughly dry before using.

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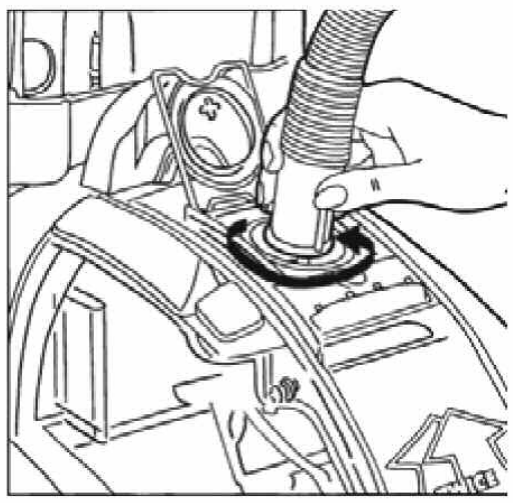

Remove the hose from the fitting by twisting it counterclockwise to unlock. Close the hose attachment cover until it snaps into place.

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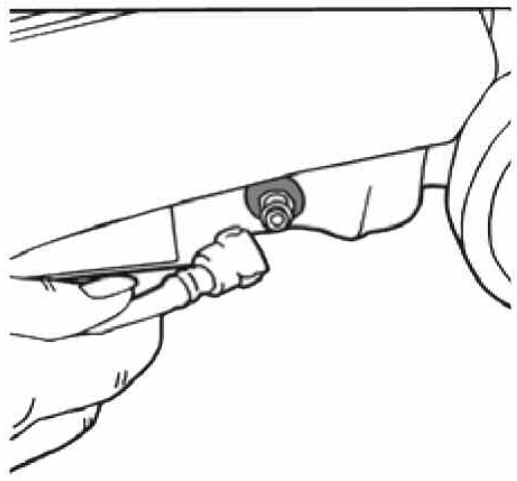

Disconnect water supply connector from the water supply port by pressing the grey button and pulling.

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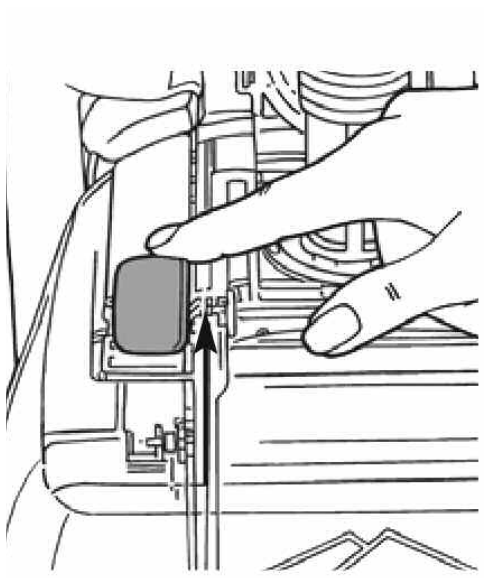

Move the tool/floor selector to the floor position (upward).

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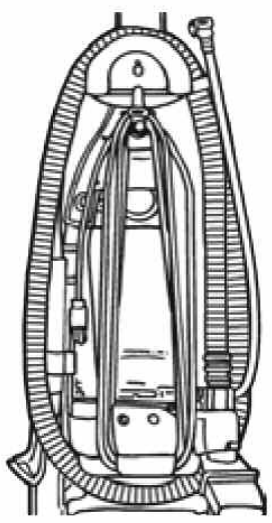

Return tools to their storage position on the back of the cleaner.

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Emptying the dirty water tank

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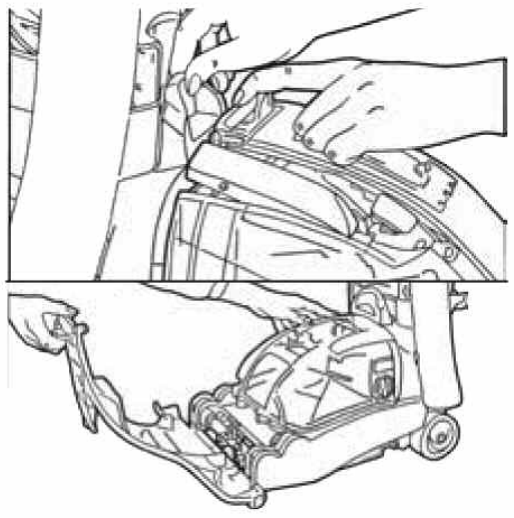

Depress the dirty water tank latch and simultaneously pull the dirty water tank nozzle tab up and away from the cleaner.

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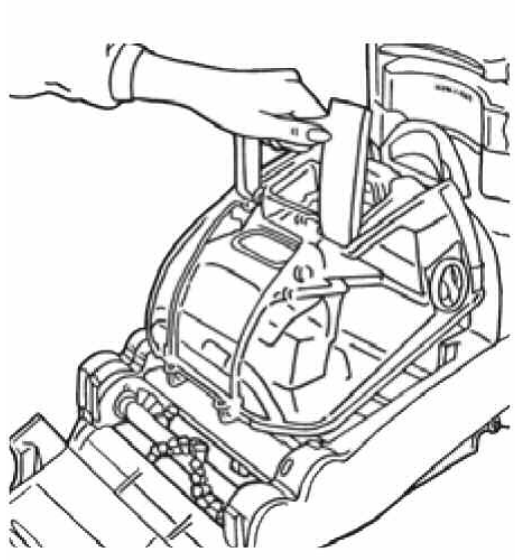

Remove the dirty water tank by lifting the dirty water tank handle and pulling the tank out of the base.

Note: The nozzle does not need to be completely removed to empty the dirty water tank.

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Place the dirty water tank over a large sink and remove the dirty water tank cap by twisting it to the left (counterclockwise) and out in a safe place. Empty the water into the sink.

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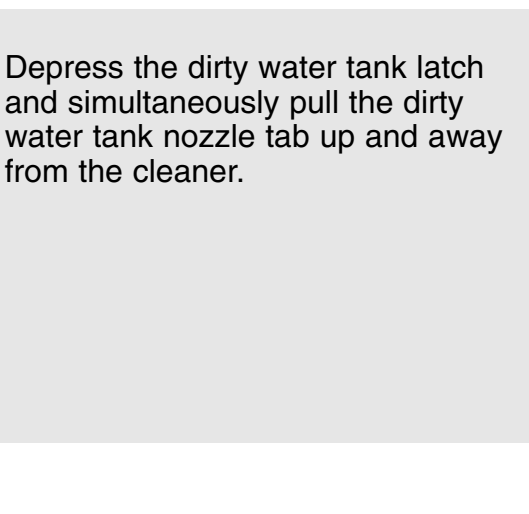

Dirty water tank can be rinsed out with hot tap water to remove any remaining debris. Wipe and let dry thoroughly before storing to prevent mildew from forming.

Note: Do not use any chemicals when cleaning.

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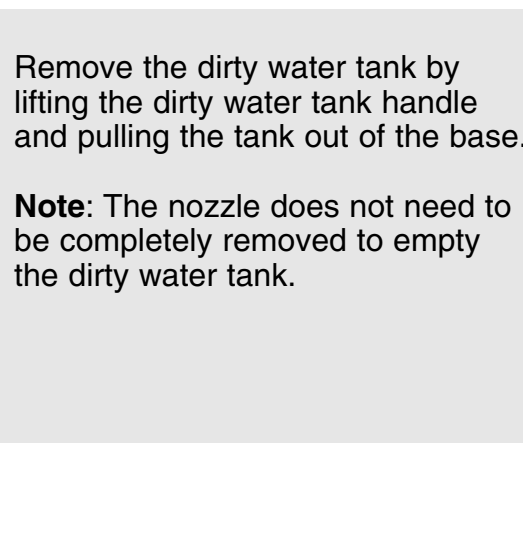

Return the dirty water tank cap.

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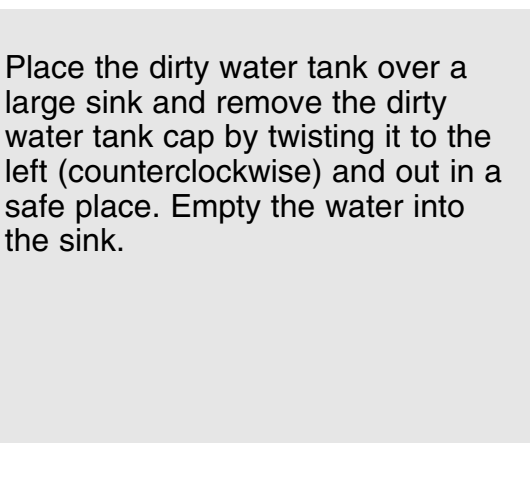

Lift the dirty water tank handle and pull out the filter to clean. Rinse under hot water and return to the dirty water tank.

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Emptying the dirty water tank

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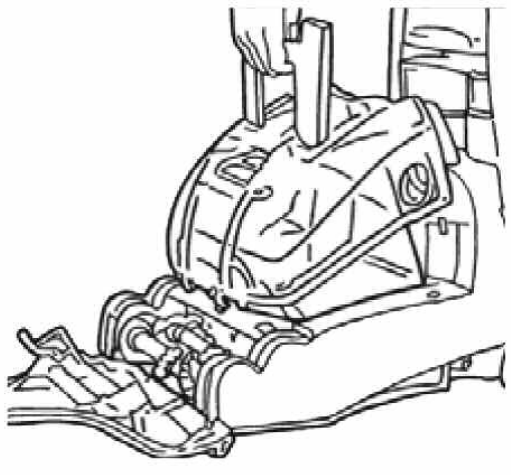

Return dirty water tank to the base of the cleaner by tipping the nozzle down into the basin and dropping it into place.

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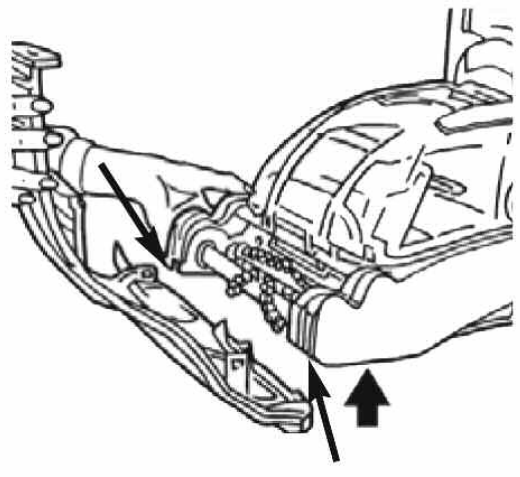

Lift the front of the cleaner base off the carpeting with one hand. Line up the black tabs with the grooves of the front nozzle. Lift the front nozzle upwards towards the cleaner and press under the latch until it locks into place.

Belt or brush removal and replacement

Phillips screwdriver required

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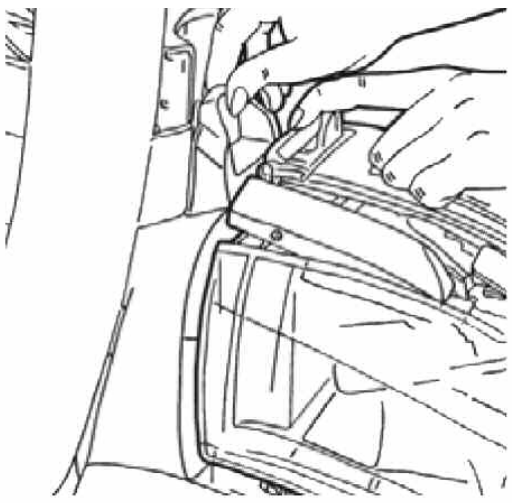

Remove dirty water tank and front nozzle (see page 20) put them to one side.

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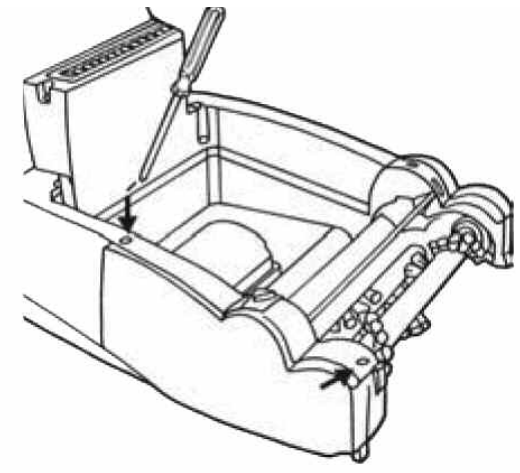

Use a Phillips screwdriver to remove two (2) screws.

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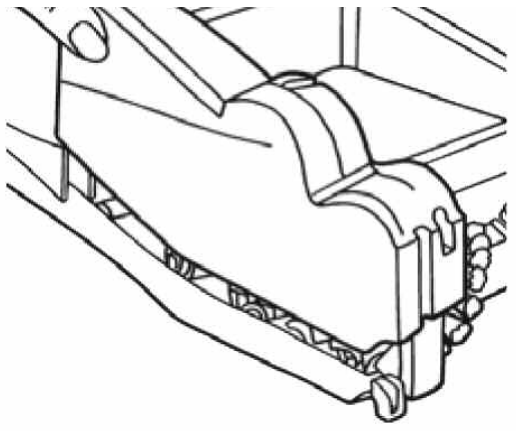

Remove the belt cover. Remove the broken belt.

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Belt or brush removal and replacement

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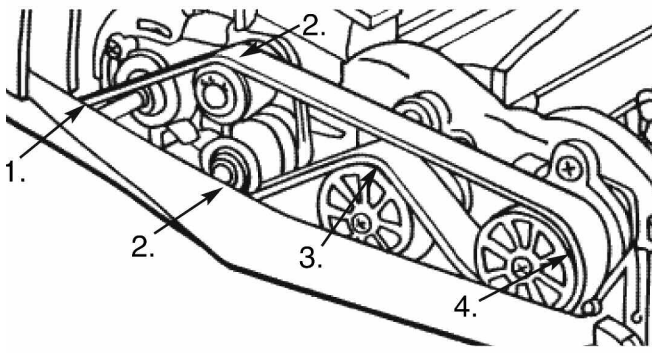

1. Loop the belt around the rear shaft.
2. Loop the top of the belt above the small pulley and the bottom of the belt around the lower small pulley.
3. Feed the entire belt over the first large pulley.
4. Loop the belt around the front large pulley and rotate the front brushbar forward until the belt is in place.

Note: Make sure the entire belt stays on top of the first large pulley by lightly placing a finder on top to guide it.

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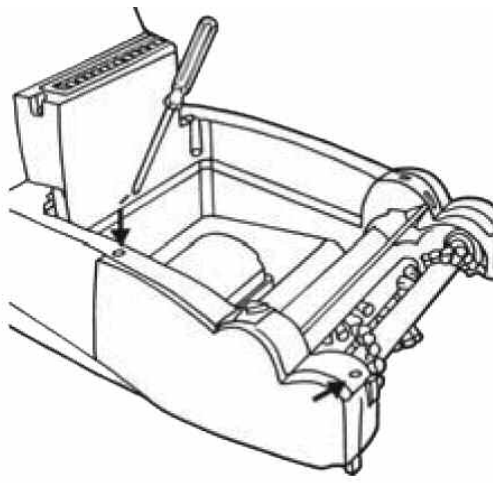

Return the nozzle cover to the original position.
Secure by replacing the two (2) screws.

Belt or brush removal and replacement

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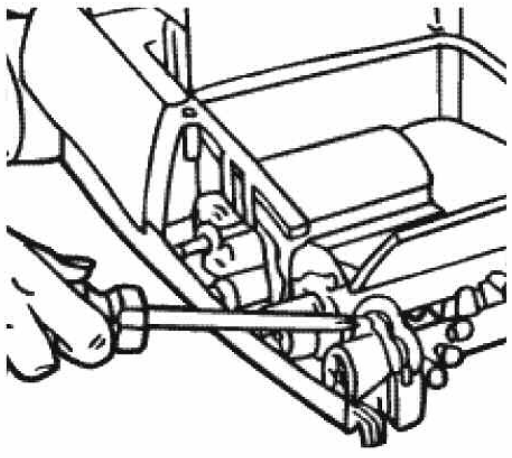

Remove the screw that holds the brushbar in place.

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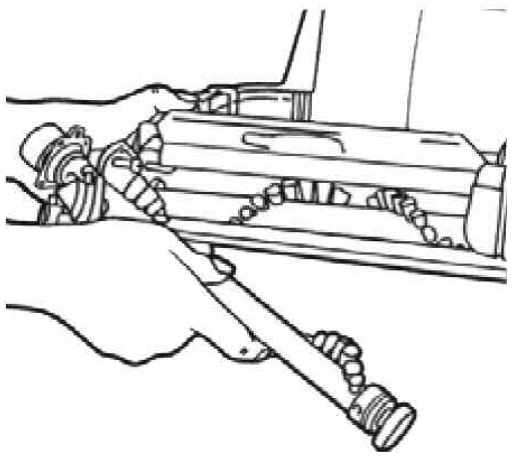

Tilt cleaner off the carpet. Grasp the brush bar and pull the right side of its chamber.
Tilt the brushbar down to the ground and remove the silver cap. Slide the worn brushbar out of the cleaner.

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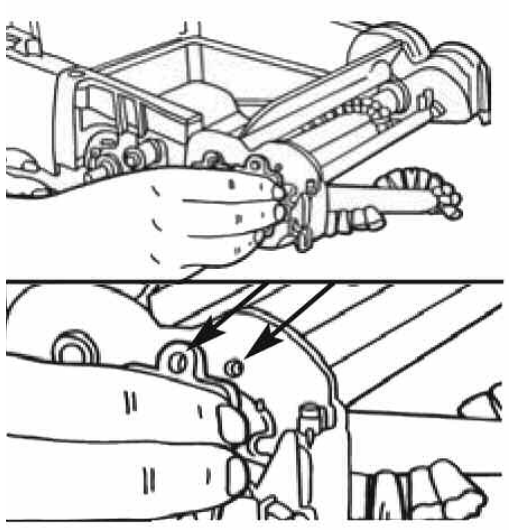

To install a new brushbar. Feed the brushbar through the opening until the screw plate and screw hole are lined up (as above).

Note: The black cap behind the silver screw plate will be through the hole.

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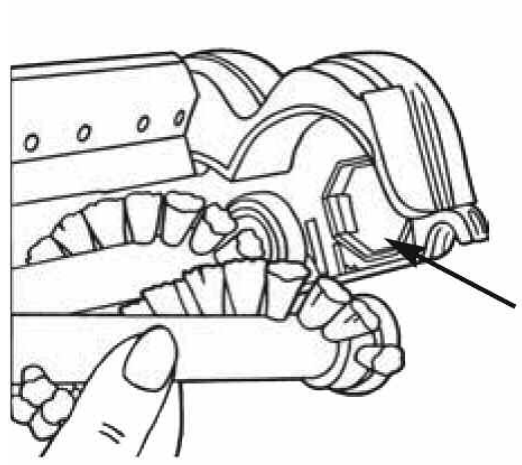

Replace the silver cap to right side of the brushbar. Lift the brushbar up and align with the brushbar chamber. Push the screw plate towards the screw hole until the flush and replace the screw.

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Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Possible solution
Cleaner won't run	• Power cord not firmly pushed into a mains socket. • Blown fuse or tripped circuit breaker.	• Plug cord in firmly. • Check fuse/breaker. Replace fuse or reset breaker.
Vacuum won't pick up/loss of suction	• Nozzle hose attachment cover not closed. • Dirty water tank is not installed correctly. • Nozzle not installed correctly. • Floor/Tool selector in wrong position. • Dirty water tank is full. • Brushbar worn. • Broken or worn belt. • Nozzle/Dirt passage clogged. • Clogged hose inlet.	• Close the hose attachment cover. • See 'Emptying the dirty water tank' • See 'Emptying the dirty water tank'. • Move selector to the correct position. • Empty dirty water tank. • Replace the brushbar. • Replace the belt. • Remove hose, remove obstruction. • Remove hose, clean inlet. • See 'How to operate your cleaner'.
Water escaping from the Vacuum	• Dirty water tank is full. • Dirty water tank not installed correctly • Hose not installed correctly. • Solution tank not installed correctly.	• See 'Emptying the dirty water tank'. • See 'Emptying the dirty water tank' • See 'Hose attachments'. • See 'How to operate your cleaner'.
Cleaner attachments won't spray	• Water supply hose not connected properly	• See 'Hose attachments'.
Cleaner won't dispense solution	• Solution tank not installed correctly	• See 'How to operate your cleaner'.
No soap dispensing	• Pick up tube blocked. • No soap. • Soap switch off.	• Clean pick up tube by soaking in water • Fill soap tank with Vax AAA Carpet Cleaner. • Turn soap switch on.
Will not dispense water	• Soap tank empty with soap power ON	• Fill soap tank or shut soap power OFF.

Safety

- Do not leave the appliance when plugged in. Unplug it from socket when not in use.
- To prevent electric shock do not use outdoors
- Not to be used as a toy. Close supervision is necessary when used by or near children or the infirm.
- Use only as described in this user guide.
- Do not use with a damaged cord or plug.
- Do not pull or carry by the cord, use the cord as a handle, allow the cord to come into contact with hot or sharp surfaces or close a door on the cord.
- Do not unplug by pulling on the cord.
- Do not handle the plug or appliance with wet hands.
- Do not put any objects into openings or operate with openings blocked, keep them free of anything that may reduce airflow.
- Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers, and all parts of the body away from openings and moving parts.
- Do not vacuum any glowing, burning or smoking particles.
- Do not use without the solution reservoir and dirty water tank in place.
- Turn off all controls before unplugging.
- Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids such as petrol, or use in areas where they may be present.
- Keep the carpet washer on the floor.
- Do not use an extension cord with this carpet washer.
- Do not attempt to remove blockages with sharp objects as they may cause damage.
- Store the carpet washer indoors. Put the carpet washer away after use to prevent tripping accidents.
- Using improper voltage may result in damage to the motor and possible injury to the user. The correct voltage is listed on the ratings plate.
- If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer, its service agent or similarly qualified persons in order to avoid hazard.
- This carpet washer is intended for household use only.
- The appliance must be unplugged from the mains socket outlet after use, and before cleaning or maintaining the appliance.
- A hazard may occur if the appliance runs over the power supply cord.
- **Carpets should be dry vacuumed thoroughly before washing with the Rapide XL and Rapide XL Pro.**

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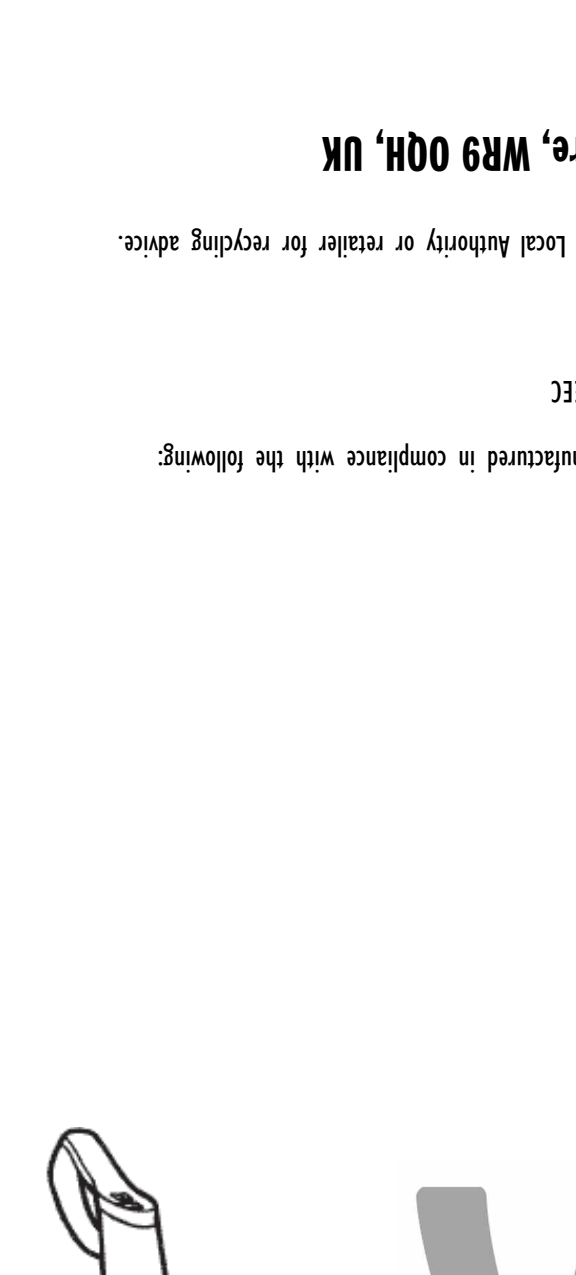

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