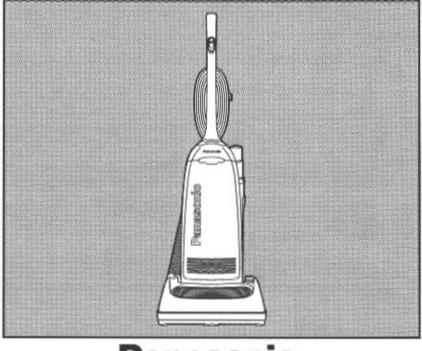
Operating Instructions

VACUUM CLEANER



Panasonic.

Before operating your vacuum cleaner, please read these instructions completely.

CONSUMER INFORMATION

Please read IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS on page 4 before use. Read and understand all instructions.

TO OUR VALUED CUSTOMER

We are very pleased to welcome you to the Panasonic family of products. Thank you for purchasing this product. Our intent is that you become one of our many satisfied customers.

Proper assembly and safe use of your vacuum cleaner are your responsibilities. Your cleaner is intended only for household use. The cleaner should be stored in a dry, indoor area. Read the Operating Instructions carefully for important use and safety information.

PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE WARNING AND CAUTION STATEMENTS THAT ARE FOUND THROUGHOUT THIS MANUAL.



WARNING statements are designed to alert you to the possibility of personal injury, loss of human life, and/or damage to the vacuum cleaner and/or personal property if the instructions given are not followed.



CAUTION statements are designed to alert you to the possibility of damage to the vacuum cleaner and/or personal property if the instructions given are not followed.

WARNING

TO AVOID ELECTRICAL SHOCK

Never vacuum damp or wet surfaces or liquids. Do not store machine outdoors. Replace worn or frayed power cord immediately.

TO AVOID ACCIDENTS

Except for hand-held cleaners, keep machine on floor - not chairs, tables, steps, stairs, etc. Store machine promptly after each use to prevent accidents such as tripping over power cord or machine. Use machine and accessories only in a manner intended by the manufacturer. The use of an extension cord is not recommended.

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

When using vacuum cleaner, basic precautions should always be followed, including the following.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING THIS VACUUM CLEANER

WARNING

To reduce the risk of fire, electrical shock, injury:

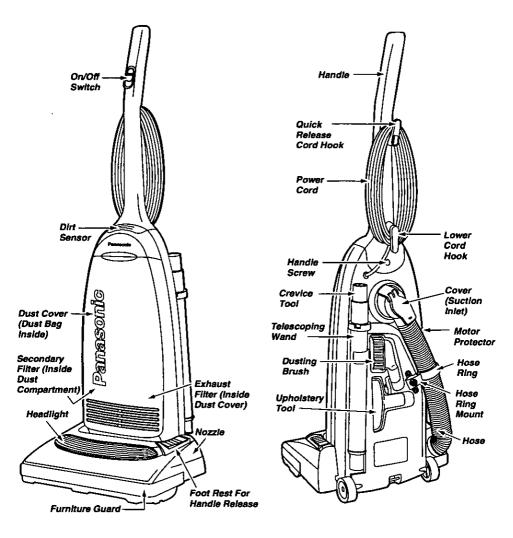
- 1. Do not leave vacuum cleaner when plugged in. Unplug from outlet when not in use and before servicing.
- 2. To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock Do not use outdoors or on wet surfaces.
- 3. Do not allow to be used as a toy. Close attention is necessary when used by or near children.
- 4. Use only as described in this manual. Use only manufacturer's recommended attachments.
- 5. Do not use with damaged cord or plug. If vacuum cleaner is not working as it should, has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors, or dropped into water, return it to an Authorized Panasonic Service Center.
- Do not pull or carry by cord, use cord as a handle, close door on cord, or pull cord around sharp edges or corners. Do not run vacuum cleaner over cord. Keep cord away from heated surfaces.
- 7. Do not unplug by pulling on cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.
- 8. Do not handle plug or vacuum cleaner with wet hands.
- 9. Do not put any objects into openings. Do not use with any opening blocked; keep free of dust, lint, hair, and anything that may reduce air flow.
- 10. Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers, and all parts of body away from openings and moving parts.
- 11. Do not pick up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches, or hot ashes.
- 12. Do not use without dust bag and/or filters in place.
- 13. Turn off all controls before unplugging.
- 14. Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.
- 15. Do not use cleaner to pick up flammable or combustible liquids such as gasoline or use in areas where they may be present.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

THIS VACUUM CLEANER IS INTENDED FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY

Notice: Before you plug in your Panasonic Vacuum Cleaner, make sure that the voltage indicated on the rating plate located at the back of the vacuum cleaner is the same as your local supply.

PARTS IDENTIFICATION



FEATURE CHART (PANASONIC UPRIGHT VACUUM CLEANER)

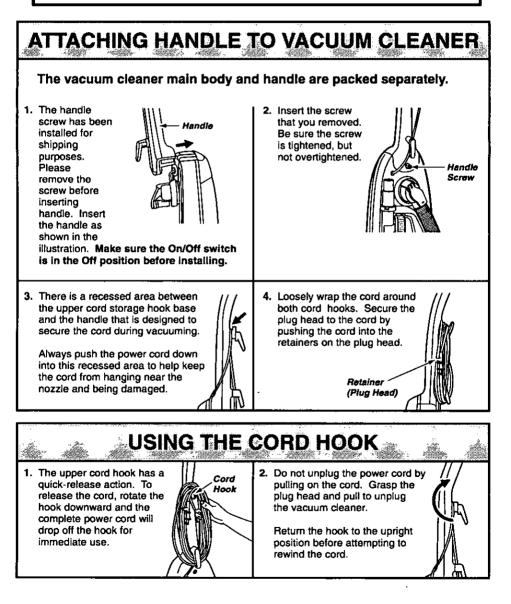
FEATURES	POWER	DIRT SENSOR	HEADLIGHT	CORD LENGTH (feet)
MC-V6970	120V. AC(60Hz) 12.0 Amps	Yes	Yes	30

TO ASSEMBLE CLEANER



WARNING Electrical Shock Hazard.

Do not plug into electrical supply until assembly is complete. Failure to do so could result in electrical shock or injury.



ATTACHMENT (Tools-on-Board) ASSEMBLY CAUTION Do not get the power cord caught under the nozzle when using the vacuum or attachments as it can be damaged by the agitator as it revolves. ATTACHMENTS Telescoping Wand Dusting AMAMMAN AND BELLE Brush Crevice Tool Uphoistery Tool The attachments should be conveniently positioned in the back of the cleaner for easy access. Assemble the hose and attachments to the cleaner as follows: Insert the crevice tool, cleaning end down, into the end of the telescoping wand nearest the locking ring. A slight twist of the crevice tool will lock it into place. Place the telescoping wand on the back of the cleaner with the locking ring and crevice tool up, and the bottom resting on the ledge near the wheel. The hose ring should be inserted into the slot to hold in place only when vacuuming areas below the upper cord hook. Crevice Tool Telescoping Wand

Dusting

Brush

Uphoister₎ Tool —— Hose

Ring

Hose

SPECIAL FEATURES OF CLEANER

AUTOMATIC SELF ADJUSTING NOZZLE

Your Panasonic upright vacuum cleaner is designed with an automatic self adjusting nozzle. No manual adjustments are required. The height of the nozzle is instantly and automatically adjusted to any carpet pile height. This self adjusting feature allows the nozzle to float evenly over all carpet pile surfaces.

> Deep Pile Carpet _ Shallow Pile Carpet

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Pivot

Point

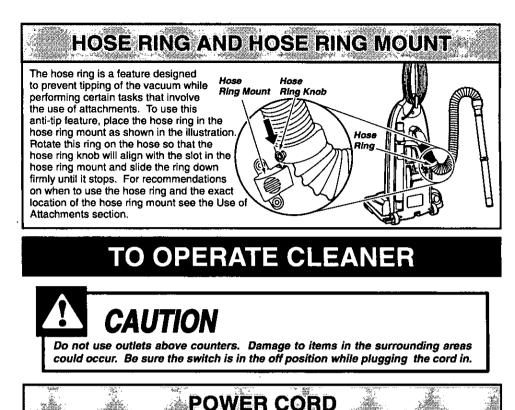
EDGE CLEANING FEATURE

The edge cleaning feature provides for improved cleaning of carpets near walls and furniture.



sensitivity switch are located on the topt of the switch cover. See the Dirt Sensor section under To Operate Cleaner section for operation.





NOTE: To reduce the risk of electrical shock, this vacuum 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.**

ON/OFF	SWITCH	
1. Plug the power cord into a 120V outlet.	Ш	
 To start the vacuum cleaner, push the switch to the ON position. 		
3. To stop the vacuum cleaner, pull the switch to the OFF position.		

OPERATION - As you vacuum, the red indicator light will come on and stay on as long as the sensor detects a high concentration of particles passing through the cleaner.

The green light indicates that most of the cleaning is complete.

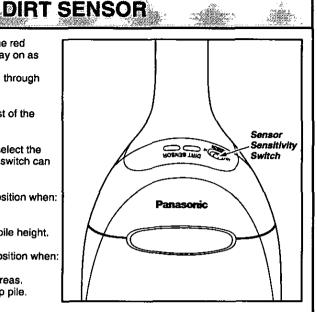
The sensor switch allows you to select the sensitivity of the dirt sensor. The switch can be set to Hi or Lo sensitivity.

Set the sensor switch to the Hi position when:

- Cleaning bare floors.
- Cleaning carpet with low pile height.

Set the sensor switch to the Lo position when:

- Cleaning heavily soiled areas.
- Cleaning carpet with deep pile.
- Cleaning new carpets.



Even with the sensor switch in the Lo position, the dirt sensor will detect carpet fuzz, especially on new carpet, which may cause the red light to remain on longer than expected.

HANDLE AD	JUSTMENTS
The handle may be lowered to any position required. Just step on the area, as indicated by the illustration, and lower the handle as desired.	1. Upright position The handle locks in this position for storage. The handle should always be in an upright position when the cleaning tools are used.
2. Middle position This position is for normal cleaning.	3. Low position This position is used for cleaning under furniture.

WARNING Personal Injury Hazard when Using Attachments.

DO NOT place hands or feet underneath the unit when using the attachment tools. The agitator assembly begins to revolve rapidly when using attachments.

USE OF ATTACHMENTS

CAUTION

When using the attachments, the agitator begins rotating. Do not allow the cleaner to remain in just one place for a period of time, as the agitator may damage the floor surface. Avoid placing the cleaner on furniture, the fringed area of rugs, deep pile carpeting, or carpeted stairs. The ideal position for the cleaner when using attachments is for the unit to be on a level area with the handle in the <u>full</u> <u>upright</u> position.

To remove the hose from the nozzle, grasp the lower end of the hose at the nozzle and twist as you pull out from the nozzle. Once the hose has been removed it can be used as is, or the telescoping wand can be used for further reach. Remove the telescoping wand from the storage position on the vacuum cleaner. Remove the crevice tool from the telescoping wand by pulling out while twisting slightly. To extend the wand, turn the locking ring to the UNLOCK position as indicated on the locking ring and pull it out to full length and lock the locking ring by turning it to the LOCK position. The crevice tool, dusting brush, or upholstery tool can be attached to the hose or the end of the wand. When connecting the attachments to the hose or wand, always twist as you push down. If additional reach is required, the dusting brush or upholstery tool can be attached to the crevice tool by simply sliding them over the narrow end. The attached hose end swivels at the back of the vacuum cleaner to make cleaning easier in all directions.

When using the attachments **DO NOT** overextend your reach with the hose as it could tip the cleaner over. To help prevent tipping of the vacuum when using the attachments to clean areas below the upper cord hook the hose ring should be placed in the hose ring mount. Above this level unhook the hose ring from the mount.

Store attachments in their proper positions as shown in the illustration and place the place the hose back into the nozzle.

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ATTACHMENT USE

	CLEANING AREA				
ATTACHMENT	Furniture*	Between Cushions*	Drapes*	Stairs	Walls
	X	X	X	X	x
DUSTING BRUSH 🖨	X		X	x	х
	X	X	х	X	

*Always clean attachments before using on fabrics. Attachments used in dirty areas (such as under a refrigerator) should not be used on other surfaces until they are washed. They could leave marks. (See the Cleaning Exterior and Attachments section.)

ROUTINE CARE OF CLEANER

Performing the following tasks will keep your new Panasonic vacuum cleaner operating at peak performance levels and will insure these high levels for years to come. Check the Before Requesting Service section in this manual for recommendations on performing some of these tasks to help solve various problems that may occur.

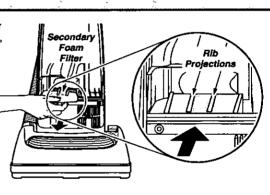


WARNING Electric Shock or Personal Injury Hazard.

Alway disconnect electrical supply before performing any service and/or cleaning of the vacuum cleaner. Failure to do so could result in electrical shock or personal injury from cleaner suddenly starting. Do not operate the cleaner without the secondary foam filter. Be sure the secondary foam filter is properly installed. Failure to do so could result in motor failure.

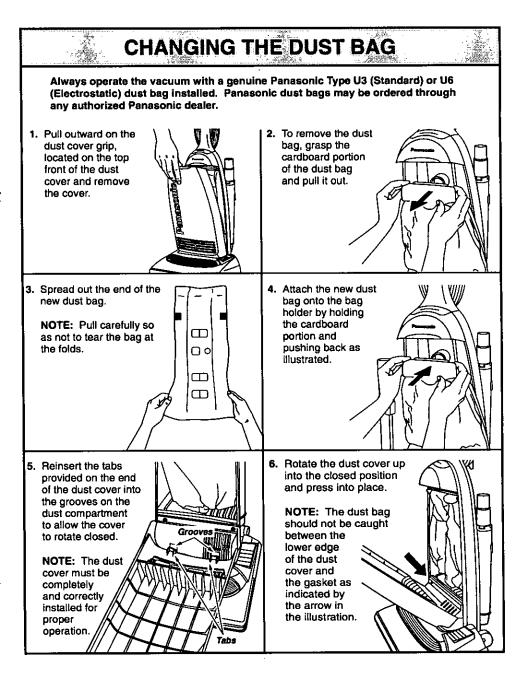
CLEANING SECONDARY FOAM FILTER

A secondary foam filter protects the motor from dirt. When installing a new dust bag, check the filter. Accumulated dirt in the dust compartment will collect on this filter and may restrict motor performance. When the filter becomes dirty, pull it from the bottom of the dust compartment and clean by rinsing it in water. When dry slide the filter back into place. Insert the secondary foam filter with a ruler or something flat. It should be fully inserted under the plastic rib projections all the way to the rear compartment wall.



REPLACING ELECTROSTATIC EXHAUST FILTER The exhaust filter is located inside the dust cover. The purpose of this filter is to remove dust and dirt from the Exhaust Filter (Electrostatic) recirculated air. When installing a new dust bag, and Frame check the filter. When the filter becomes dirty, Retainer pull the filter and frame from the bottom of the dust cover by pulling straight up on the two retainers - Retainer on the frame. Do one side at a time. Replace the filter. DO NOT CLEAN WITH WATER. Place the new filter in the frame with the four slots in the filter aligning **Dust Cover** with the four tabs on the frame. Place the frame and filter back into the dust cover making sure the rough side is facing up. Snap the frame the back into place by pressing down on the retainers.

This filter cannot be cleaned and should be replaced at least once each year if the cleaner is used at least one hour each week.



WARNING Electrical Shock or Personal Injury Hazard.

When the lower plate is removed for any reason, before reinstalling, be sure that all electrical wires are routed in a manner that prevents them from coming into contact with the lower plate, lower plate screws, or any moving parts. Be sure the wires are not pinched in any way when the lower plate is reinstalled.

REMOVING/INSTALLING THE LOWER PLATE

Three

Screws

Before replacing any parts, disconnect the vacuum cleaner from the electrical outlet.

Replacing some of the parts in this section involves the removal and installation of the lower plate. Lower Always place paper under nozzle anytime the lower Plate plate is removed to protect the floor surface.

To Remove Lower Plate.

Start by placing the handle in the low position. (See the Handle Adjustments section.) Turn the vacuum cleaner over, exposing the underside. Release the lower plate by removing the three (3) screws that secure the lower plate. Then remove the lower plate. Brush or remove any residue that may exist in the belt area.

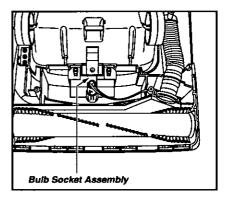
To Reinstall Lower Plate

Hook the front end of lower plate into the slots on the front end of the nozzle housing. Then press the lower plate into place and fasten it by replacing the three (3) lower plate screws.

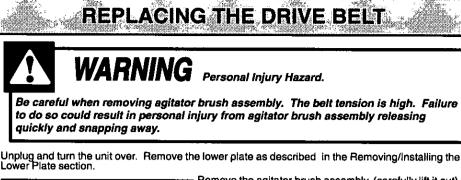
NOTE: To insure maximum cleaning efficiency, the belt should be checked regularly to make sure it is in good condition. Check to see if the belt is stretched, cracked, or if excessive slippage has occurred. Replace it if necessary.

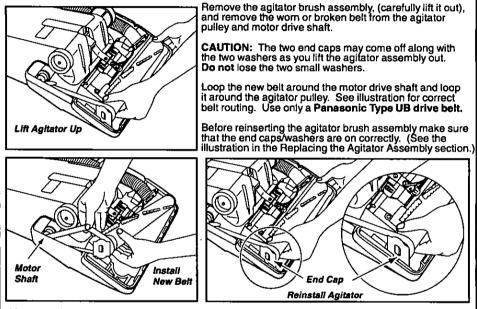
- REPLACING THE HEADLIGHT BULB
- 1. Remove the lower plate using the procedure in the Removing/Installing the Lower Plate section.
- Grasp the bulb socket, wiggle the socket back and forth while pulling it up out of the nozzle housing. To remove the old bulb, push it in toward the bulb socket while turning counterclockwise, then remove.
- 3. Install the new bulb by pushing it in toward the bulb socket and turning it clockwise. Use any standard bayonet base appliance bulb rated at 15 Watts.

Caution: Do not use a bulb rated over 15 W. During extended use, heat from the bulb could overheat surrounding plastic parts.

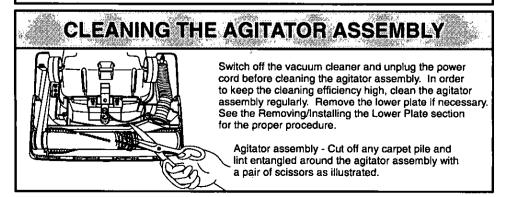


 Reinsert the bulb socket into the nozzle housing by pushing it back down into the slot. Replace the lower plate as outlined in the Removing/Installing the Lower Plate section.





After checking the end caps, reinstall the agitator brush assembly back into the housing grooves. After installing the agitator brush assembly, turn it by hand making sure that the belt is not twisted and all rotating parts turn freely. Replace the lower plate as described in the Removing/Installing the Lower Plate section.



REPLACING THE AGITATOR ASSEMBLY

Three

Screws

1. When to replace the agitator assembly.

The agitator assembly should be replaced when the brushes are worn. Brushes should be checked by holding a card across the lower plate (see illustration). If the bristles on the agitator assembly **do not** touch the card you **should** replace the agitator assembly for best cleaning results.

2. How to replace the agitator assembly.

Place the vacuum cleaner handle in the low position. (See the Handle Adjustments section.) Remove the lower plate

as outlined in the Removing/Installing the Lower Plate section. After the lower plate is removed, carefully lift up the agitator assembly until it clears both sides of the nozzle housing. While holding the agitator assembly up, remove the belt.

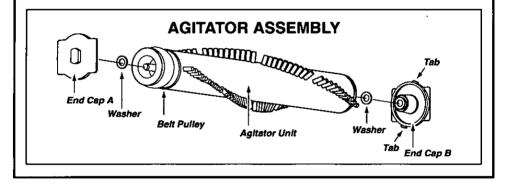
CAUTION: The two end caps may come off along with the two washers as you lift the agitator assembly out. **Do not** lose the two small washers. Look at the exploded view of the agitator assembly below for correct assembly of the parts.

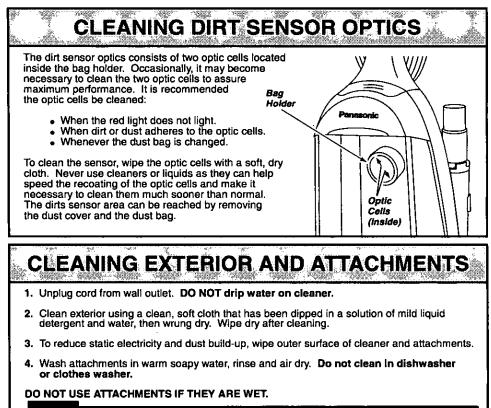
3. To replace the agitator assembly.

Place the belt over the belt pulley on the agitator unit. (NOTE: There is a place for the belt to fit on one end of the agitator assembly only.) Replace both washers and end caps (see illustration below for correct assembly). After assembling the belt, washers and end caps, place the agitator assembly back into the nozzle housing by aligning each end cap.

After completing the assembly, rotate the brush, turning it by hand to assure that it rotates smoothly and the part is assembled correctly.

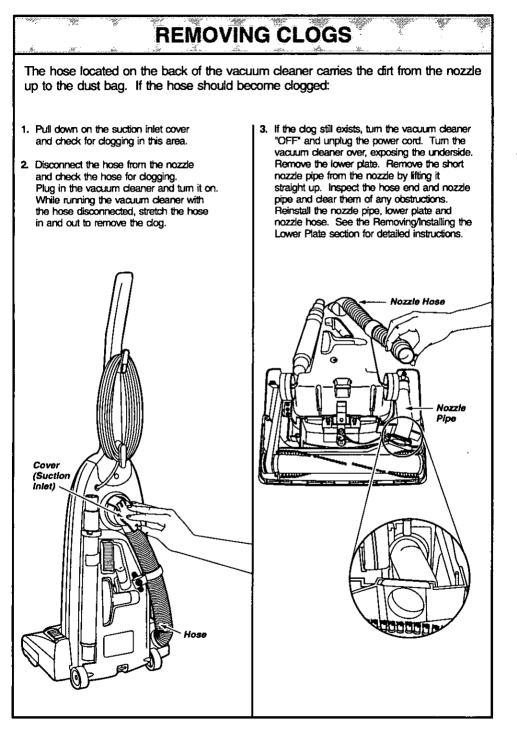
Replace the lower plate as outlined in the Removing/Installing the Lower Plate section.







Attachments used in dirty areas (such as under a refrigerator) should not be used on other surfaces until they are washed. They could leave marks.



BEFORE REQUESTING SERVICE



WARNING Electrical Shock or Personal Injury Hazard.

Disconnect the electrical supply before servicing or cleaning the unit. Failure to do so could result in electrical shock or personal injury from cleaner suddenly starting.

Review this chart to find do-it-yourself solutions for minor performance problems. Any service needed, other than those described in these Operating Instructions, should be performed by an authorized service representative.

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	POSSIBLE SOLUTION
Cleaner will not run.	1. Unplugged at wall outlet.	 Plug in firmly. Push On/Off switch to On.
	2. On/Off switch not turned on.	2. Push On/Off switch to On.
	3. Tripped circuit breaker/blown fuse at household service panel.	 Reset circuit breaker or replace fuse.
Poor job of dirt	1. Full or clogged dust bag.	1. Change bag.
pickup.	2. Broken belt.	2. Replace belt.
	3. Clogged nozzle.	3. Clean nozzle area.
	4. Hose not inserted fully.	4. Insert hose.
	5. Worn agitator assembly.	5. Replace agitator assembly.
	6. Hole in hose.	6. Replace hose.
	7. Dust cover improperly installed.	7. Properly install dust cover.
Light will not work.	1. Burned out light bulb.	1. Replace light bulb.
Dust escapes	1. Bag improperly installed.	1. Properly install bag.
the paper bag.	2. Bag torn.	2. Replace bag.
Dirt Sensor will not work.	1. Dirty optic cells.	1. Clean optic cells.

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Panasonic Vacuum Cleaner Limited Warranty

MATSUSHITA CONSUMER ELECTRONICS COMPANY OR PANASONIC SALES COMPANY (collectively referred to as the warrantor) will repair this product with new or refurbished parts free of charge, in the U.S.A. or Puerto Rico one (1) year from the date of original purchase in the event of a defect in materials or workmanship. Excluded are the following items which require normal replacement: Disposable Dust Bag, Filters, Belts, Light Bulb, Agitator Brushes and Battery (if supplied).

Carry-in service in the continental U.S.A. can be obtained during the warranty period from a Matsushita Services Company (MSC) Factory Servicenter. To locate an authorized MSC Servicenter call 1-800-545-2672 toll free. Service in Puerto Rico can be obtained during the warranty period by calling the telephone numbers listed in the Servicenter Directory. This warranty is extended only to the original purchaser. A purchase receipt or other proof of date of original purchase will be required before warranty performance is rendered.

This warranty only covers failures due to defects in materials or workmanship which occur during normal use and does not cover damage which occurs in shipment or failures which are caused by products not supplied by the warrantor, or failures which result from accident, misuse, abuse, neglect, mishandling, misapplication, alteration modification of the product, or commercial use such as hotel, office, restaurant or rent use of the product, or service by anyone other than an authorized Servicenter, or damage that is attributable to acts of God.

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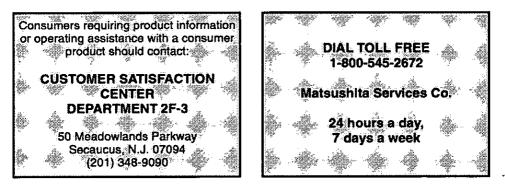
This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

If a problem with this product develops during or after the warranty period, you may contact your dealer or Servicenter. If the problem is not handled to your satisfaction, then write to the Customer Satisfaction Center at the listed address on the back cover.

WHAT TO DO WHEN SERVICE IS NEEDED

If your Panasonic Vacuum Cleaner needs service, look in the yellow pages of the telephone book under "Home Appliance Service" for your nearest Matsushita Service Company ("MSC") Factory Servicenter, or MSC authorized Servicenter, or call 1-800-545-2672, toll free to find a convenient servicenter. Do NOT send the product to the Executive or Regional Sales offices. They are NOT equipped to make repairs.

If you ship the product			
Carefully pack and send it prepaid, adequately insured and preferably in the original carton. Attach a postage- paid letter to the outside of the carton, which contains a description of your complaint. DO NOT send the product to the Executive or Regional Sales Offices. They are NOT equipped to make repairs.			
Customer's Record			
Model No	Dealer's Name		
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Date of Purchase			



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