

**WET VACUUM CLEANER - (110/230v)****SAFETY PRECAUTIONS & WARNINGS**

It is in the interests of those operating this equipment, and for the safety of others, that these **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS & WARNINGS** are carefully read and understood before operating this equipment.

**PURPOSE**

1. This equipment is designed for removing and collecting water and other similar liquids from floors and other similar surfaces and places.

**PERSONAL SAFETY**

2. This equipment is designed for operation by an able bodied adult. Anyone with either temporary or permanent disability must seek expert advice before using it. It must not be operated by minors, or by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
3. If the equipment is not used in a safe, careful and controlled way, personal injury or injury to others may result.
4. Before attempting to operate this equipment you must familiarise yourself with the equipment, its controls and operating characteristics.
5. Before starting your work, think and plan ahead to ensure you, and others around you, will be working in a safe environment.
6. With regard to electrical safety implications when using this equipment, see the section on 'ELECTRICAL SAFETY' below.

**ELECTRICAL SAFETY**

7. The operating voltage of this equipment may be either 110v (yellow industrial plug connector), or 230v (square pin or blue plug connector).

**110v WET VACUUM CLEANERS (Yellow Plug)**

8. Only use a portable transformer and only plug the transformer directly into the 230v socket.
9. Only suitably rated, heavy-duty 110v extension cable, not longer than 50m (160ft), must be used between the transformer and the equipment. Do not use 230v extension cables.
10. When routing the extension cable, avoid immersion in liquids and trapping the cable in windows, doorways and other areas that could cause damage to the cable. Avoid laying the cable in areas that are subject to site traffic. Ensure all connections are kept dry.

**230v WET VACUUM CLEANERS (Square Pin or Blue Plug)**

11. To safeguard against electrical shock, always connect the equipment into a residual current device (RCD) that in turn is connected to a 230v socket.
12. Before using the equipment, press the 'RED' test button on the RCD to ensure that it is working. Re-set the RCD according to the instructions provided.
13. Only suitably rated, heavy-duty 230v extension cable, not longer than 50m (160ft), must be used between the mains (RCD) and the equipment.

14. When routing the extension cable, avoid immersion in liquids and trapping the cable in windows, doorways and other areas that could cause damage to the cable. Avoid laying the cable in areas that are subject to site traffic. Ensure all connections are kept dry.

**OPERATING AREA SAFETY**

15. Before commencing work, ensure that the area you are to operate the equipment in is a safe environment. Erect safety barriers and warning signs as necessary.
16. Make sure that the work area is clear of obstructions and hazards (projections, cables, pipes, etc.).
17. Before commencing work, warn others who may be working in the vicinity of the equipment, to keep clear. If possible place safety barriers around your work area.
18. Do not operate this equipment in the rain.
19. Protect others from noise.
20. Do not use this equipment where there is a danger of igniting fumes from petrol, or gas cylinders.

**BEFORE OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT****SAFETY CHECKS**

21. Visually inspect the equipment and all its accessories (machine, cables, plugs, safety barriers, etc.) for serviceability (completeness, signs of damage, undue wear, etc.). Do not use the equipment if found damaged or worn - contact the hire company immediately.
22. Before attempting to operate the equipment, familiarise yourself with the equipments controls. Make sure you understand their purpose and function.
23. Before you start the equipment, you must know how to **STOP** it in an emergency.

**OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT****USING THE EQUIPMENT**

24. Do not use this equipment to collect flammable, toxic or corrosive liquids.
25. Do not use this equipment to collect dry materials or debris. This equipment is not suitable for collecting asbestos debris or other hazardous materials.
26. Ensure the area to be work on is free from nails, screws, etc. and there are no obstructions in the path of the machine.
27. Keep the equipments electrical cable behind you and clear of the machine. Be aware of sharp corners and edges.
28. Periodically empty the waste container; never allow it to become full. Discard waste liquid in a safe and environmental friendly manner.
29. Stop working and switch-off the machine if someone approaches you.
30. Stop the equipment and un-plug it before making any adjustments or emptying the waste container.

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**SECURITY AND MAINTENANCE**

31. Visually check the condition of the equipment at the start of each day.
32. If the equipment operates erratically, or incorrectly, do not use and do not attempt to repair it. Inform the hire company.
33. On completion of task, thoroughly rinse and clean out the inside of the waste container.
34. Periodically clean the equipment to ensure it is free from dust, dirt and other debris.
35. When the equipment is left unattended for long periods (i.e. overnight), ensure it is made secure to prevent unauthorised use or loss.

**COLLECTION & PICK-UP**

36. For safety reasons this equipment requires you to use a **VAN** or an **ESTATE**.

