

Sludge Muncher Electric Vacuum Cleaner



Introduction

Congratulations on the purchase of your PondXpert Sludge Muncher Vacuum Cleaner. This vacuum will help you to achieve a cleaner and healthier pond.

Please ensure that you fully read these instructions prior to use and whilst using the unit adhere to the safety information

Intended use

The Sludge Muncher; termed unit in the following text is a vacuum that can be used either 'wet' within the pond or 'dry' outside of the pond.

It is dangerous to use the unit for anything other than its intended purpose

This unit body must not be submerged in the pond

The unit can be used for wet and dry cleaning with separate settings

Please check the provided contents list to ensure you have all parts before proceeding to use the unit

Use other than intended

Not using the unit for its intended purpose or within a safe manner can cause serious harm

Furthermore, the warranty will become null and void

Product specification

Dimensions: 550x350mm

Rated voltage: 230-240v / 50 Hz

Power consumption: 1400w

This conforms to the EMC directive (89/336/EEC) and the low voltage directive (73/23/EEC)

Safety Information

- Please keep these instructions in a safe place for future reference
- Ensure that this unit is only used as intended and as described within these instructions
- Do not enter the water when operating the unit, always unplug before entering
- Care must be taken when operating electrical units near water
- Ensure the power plug and connection points are kept dry
- Do not operate or leave the unit outside in rain
- Do not carry or pull the unit by the electrical cable
- Only use original spare parts or accessories for the unit
- Do not use the unit to vacuum flammable, hot or toxic substances

Your unit must always be switched off at the mains before removing the lid or performing any maintenance

Installation

It is important to check that all contents are located within the box and the instructions are read prior to first usage
Loosen the blue clamps to the side of the main unit; this will allow the motor head to be removed, remove contents
Inside the main body of the unit you will find the hose and accessories as shown on page*****
Firstly, ensure that the foam collar is placed over the motor housing; as shown below*****

- Replace the lid and refix blue clamps
- Push the inlet hose into the connection on the main body as shown on page *** number 7
- Fit black and clear extension hoses (number 10) to the inlet pipe as required
- Select a nozzle as required to attach (11, 12 & 17)
- Push the open end of the discharge pipe into the rear connection to the bottom of the main unit
- Ensure the non-return valve at the end of the discharge hose is facing away from the main unit
- The mesh bag can be tied to the end of the discharge hose to collect larger debris

The positioning of the unit is very important as the discharge works on gravity. It is advised to position the vacuum higher than the pond to allow the contents to drain correctly

Operation

Once set up and positioned the unit should be connected to the mains power supply

The switch to the front of the unit has 3 positions:

- Position 0: the unit is switched off
- Position I: manual mode to be used for dry vacuuming
- Position II: automatic mode to be used for pond cleaning

During dry vacuuming the motor and suction will run continuously

The drainage hose will not be used and the blue cap will remain in place

The supplied dust bag should be attached inside the main unit via the inlet connection

Whilst using the vacuum for pond cleaning the vacuum will run and every 20 seconds between suction and drainage

The drainage hose should be connected to the bottom outlet of the main unit and the blue cap will be removed

Maintenance & Cleaning

Ensure the vacuum is switched off at the mains and the power plug is removed

Remove all hoses and motor head

Rinse through the main unit container, hoses and accessories

Remove the foam collar from the motor head and rinse, check for any damage to the foam and replace if necessary

Check the float switch for ease of movement and to ensure there is no debris caught in the cage

When storing remove any debris from the unit after use, ensuring the unit is dry

Troubleshooting

ISSUE	CAUSE	REMEDY
Lack of suction	Blockage Float switch jammed	Remove hose to check for blockages Remove foam collar to check float switch
Suction does not switch off automatically	Float switch jammed Using wrong setting	Remove lid and foam sleeve to ensure there is no blockage preventing free movement of float switch Ensure correct setting is used for wet/dry usage
Unit fills but does not drain	Unit in incorrect position Using wrong setting	Ensure that the unit is positioned higher than the pond level to allow drainage Ensure correct setting is used for wet/dry usage
Suction drainage cycle too short	Float switch stuck	Remove lid and foam sleeve to ensure there is no blockage preventing free movement of float switch
Unit not switching off	Motor issue	Please contact the company where the vacuum was originally purchased

Disposal

Do not dispose of this product in the general waste stream
Please take to your nearest recycling centre or check with local legislation

