

# ***Shark*** Navigator<sup>®</sup>

**Anti-Allergen Pet Plus  
Upright Vacuum with  
Self-Cleaning Brushroll**

ZU51 Series

**OWNER'S GUIDE**

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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY

## **⚠ WARNING**

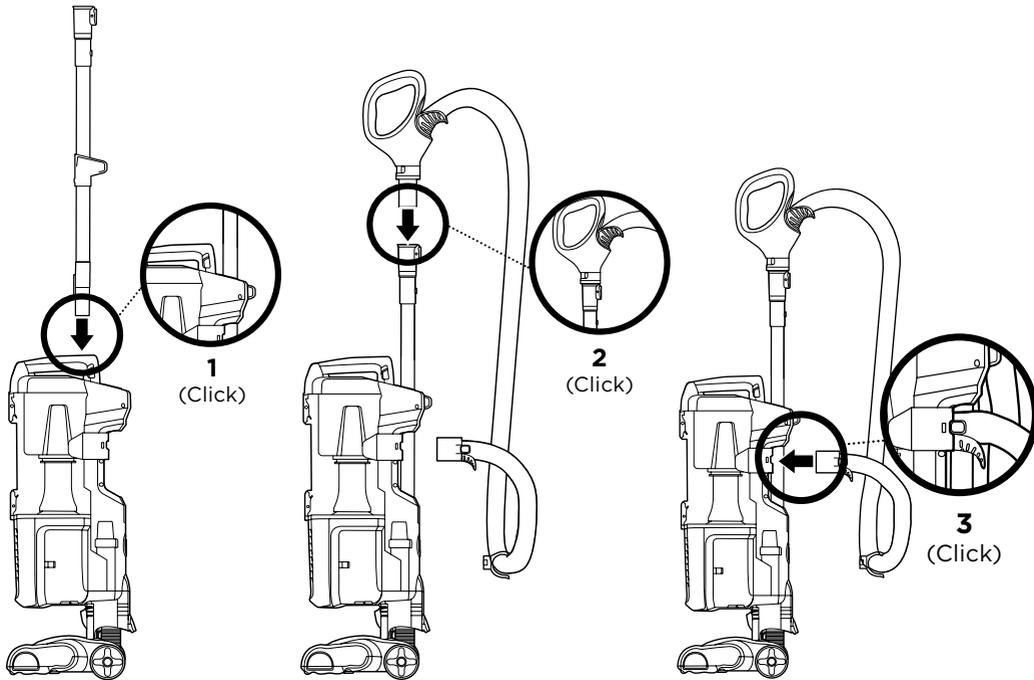
To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, injury, or property damage, when using an electrical appliance, basic precautions should always be followed, including the following:

### READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING THIS VACUUM

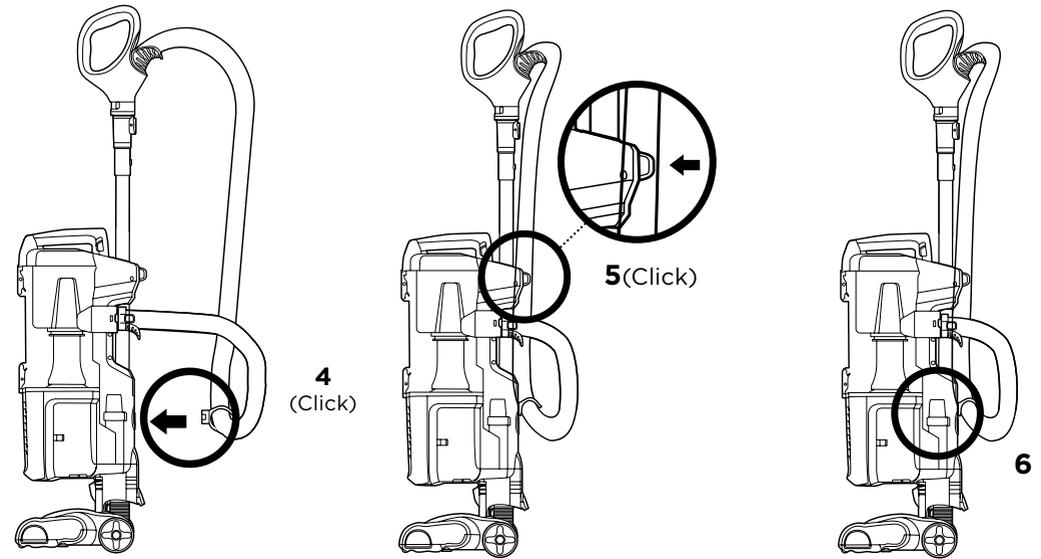
1. Inspect power cord and plug for any damage before use. **DO NOT** use vacuum cleaner with a damaged cord or plug. Turn off all controls before plugging in or unplugging the vacuum cleaner. Store your vacuum cleaner with the power cord secured around the two cord hooks. To minimize the risk of power cord damage, do not allow the motorized brush roll to ingest the cord. If this occurs, immediately shut off power to the vacuum and remove the cord.
2. This appliance has a polarized plug, if the plug does not fit fully into the outlet, reverse the plug (one blade is wider than the other). If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. **DO NOT** force into outlet or try to modify to fit.
3. Your vacuum cleaner may consist of a motorized nozzle, wand, hose, and/or vacuum pod. This device contains electrical connections, electrical wiring, and moving parts that potentially present risk to the user.
4. Use only identical replacement parts.
5. Carefully observe and follow the instructions provided below to avoid improper use of the appliance. **DO NOT** use the vacuum for any purpose other than those described in this manual.
6. Before use, carefully inspect all parts for any damage. **DO NOT** use if any parts are damaged.
7. The use of an extension cord is **NOT** recommended.
8. This vacuum cleaner contains no serviceable parts.
9. This appliance can be used by persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge if they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance in a safe way and understand the hazards involved. Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be made by children. Keep the appliance and its cord out of reach of children. **DO NOT** allow the appliance to be used by children. **DO NOT** allow to be used as a toy. Close supervision is necessary when used near children.
10. Always turn off the vacuum cleaner before connecting or disconnecting any motorized nozzles or other accessories.
11. **DO NOT** handle plug or vacuum cleaner with wet hands.
12. **DO NOT** use without filters in place.
13. Only use Shark® branded filters and accessories.
14. **DO NOT** damage the power cord:
  - a) **DO NOT** pull or carry vacuum cleaner by the cord or use the cord as a handle.
  - b) **DO NOT** unplug by pulling on cord. Grasp the plug, not the cord.
  - c) **DO NOT** run the vacuum cleaner over the power cord, close a door on the cord, pull the cord around sharp corners, or leave the cord near heated surfaces.
15. **DO NOT** put any objects into nozzle or accessory openings. **DO NOT** use with any opening blocked; keep free of dust, lint, hair, and anything that may reduce airflow.
16. **DO NOT** use if nozzle or accessory airflow is restricted. If the air paths or the motorized floor nozzle become blocked, turn the vacuum cleaner off and unplug from electrical outlet. Remove all obstructions before you plug in and turn on the unit again.
17. Keep nozzle and all vacuum openings away from hair, face, fingers, uncovered feet, or loose clothing.
18. **DO NOT** use if vacuum cleaner is not working as it should, or has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors, or dropped into water.
19. Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.
20. **DO NOT** leave the vacuum cleaner unattended while plugged in.
21. When powered on, keep the vacuum cleaner moving over the carpet surface at all times to avoid damaging the carpet fibers.
22. **DO NOT** place vacuum cleaner on unstable surfaces such as chairs or tables.
23. Your Shark® vacuum may not be designed to stand up on its own. When taking a break from cleaning, you may need to lean it against furniture or a wall, or lay it flat on the floor. Using the vacuum for an application where the unit lacks stability may result in personal injury.
24. **DO NOT** use to pick up:
  - a) Liquids
  - b) Large objects
  - c) Hard or sharp objects (glass, nails, screws, or coins)
25. **DO NOT** use in the following areas:
  - a) Poorly lit areas
  - b) Wet or damp surfaces
  - c) Outdoor areas
  - d) Spaces that are enclosed and may contain explosive or toxic fumes or vapors (lighter fluid, gasoline, kerosene, paint, paint thinners, mothproofing substances, or flammable dust)
26. Turn off all controls before plugging in or unplugging the vacuum.
27. Unplug from electrical outlet when not in use and before any maintenance or cleaning.
28. Hand wash with water only. Washing with cleaning chemicals could damage the unit.
29. During cleaning or routine maintenance, **DO NOT** cut anything other than hair, fibers, or string wrapped around the brushroll.
30. Allow all filters to air-dry completely before replacing in the vacuum to prevent liquid from being drawn into electric parts.
31. Make sure the dust cup and all filters are in place after routine maintenance.
32. If provided, secure the power cord around the two cord hooks during storage.
33. Large quantities of dust (drywall dust, fireplace ash, or embers). **DO NOT** use as an attachment to power tools for dust collection.
34. Smoking or burning objects (hot coals, cigarette butts, or matches)
35. Flammable or combustible materials (lighter fluid, gasoline, or kerosene)
36. Toxic materials (chlorine bleach, ammonia, or drain cleaner)

## SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

## ASSEMBLY



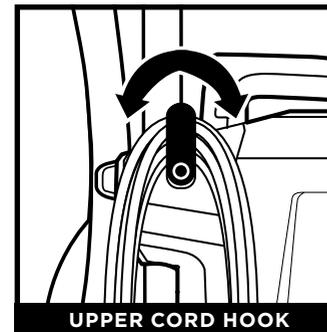
## ASSEMBLY



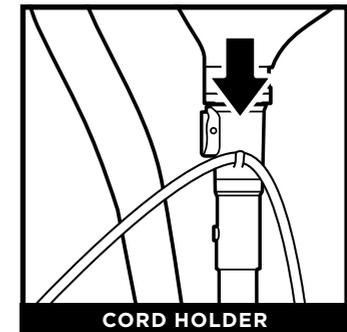
1. Insert the **Wand** into the **Pod**.
2. Insert the **Handle** into the top of the wand.
3. Connect the **Hose** to the back of the pod.
4. Insert the **C-clip** into the back of the pod.
5. Insert the **Hose** into **Hose Holder**.
6. Store **Accessories** on the **Tool Storage Posts**.

For proper operation, ensure all parts are firmly clicked into place.

## POWER CORD



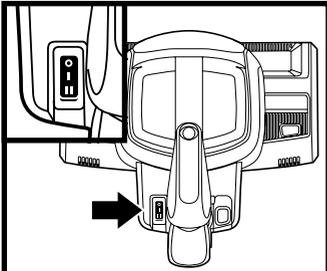
For cord access, rotate upper hook down and remove cord.



Use cord holder on the side of wand to hold cord in place while vacuuming.

## WHOLE-HOME CLEANING

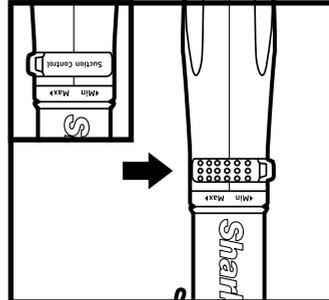
### SETTINGS



#### POWER/SURFACE SWITCH

Select surface setting:

- Off**
- I Hard Floor**  
For bare floors and area rugs, the brushroll will spin slowly.
- II Carpet**  
For carpets, the brushroll will spin quickly to pick up stuck on debris.

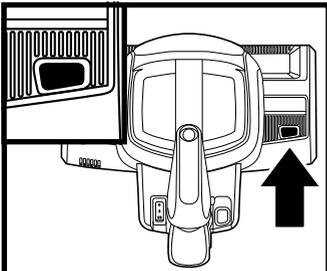


#### SUCTION CONTROL

The **Suction Control Slider** located on the handle allows you to adjust the suction depending on the floor type.

- MIN:** to reduce suction and increase maneuverability on carpets.
- MAX:** to increase suction on bare floors.

### BRUSHROLL INDICATOR LIGHT



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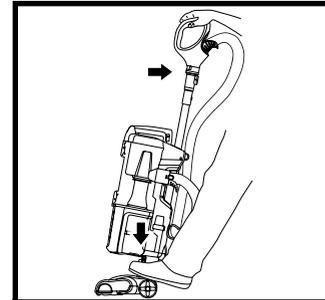
#### WHAT DOES THE BRUSHROLL INDICATOR LIGHT MEAN?

- Solid Green:** The brushroll is spinning and working as intended.
- Solid Red:** There is a jam in the brushroll area. Turn off and unplug the vacuum and remove any blockages in the nozzle.
- Flashing Red:** The motorized floor nozzle is overheating. Turn off the vacuum, unplug it, and remove any blockages. Let the vacuum cool down for at least 60 minutes before restarting. See Troubleshooting section for more information.

**NOTE:** For deep carpet cleaning per ASTM F608 (embedded dirt in carpets), set to **MAX** suction and use setting **II, Carpet**.

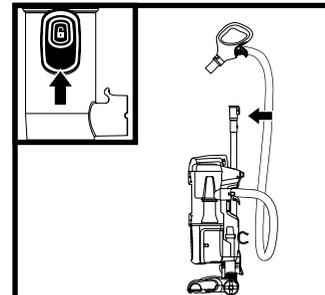
## WHOLE-HOME CLEANING

### CLEANING MODES



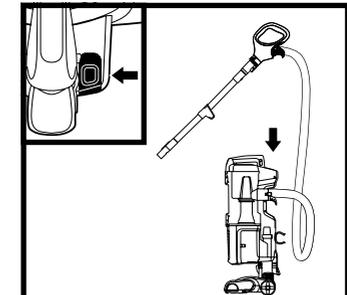
#### UPRIGHT MODE

To engage **Brushroll**, step on floor nozzle and tilt handle back firmly.



#### ABOVE-FLOOR—HANDLE

Press the **Handle Release** button and pull up on the handle to detach it from the wand. Attach a cleaning accessory to the handle.

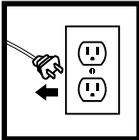


#### ABOVE-FLOOR—WAND

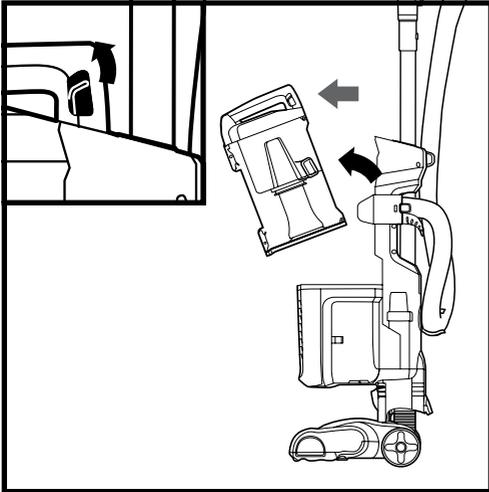
Press the **Wand Release** button and pull up on the wand to detach it from the pod. Attach a cleaning accessory to the wand.

**NOTE:** All accessories are compatible with both the wand and the handle.

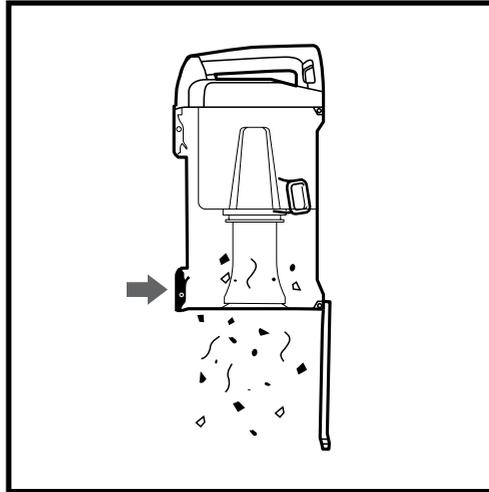
## EMPTYING THE DUST CUP



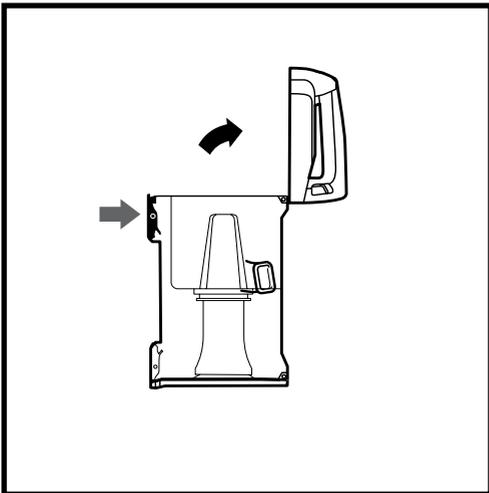
**IMPORTANT:** Unplug the power cord before performing any maintenance. Empty the dust cup each time you vacuum and periodically during cleaning, when debris in the dust cup reaches the MAX fill line.



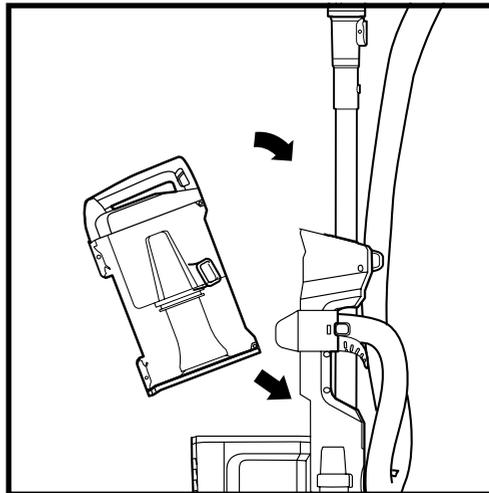
To remove **Dust Cup**, slide up the release button on the dust cup handle. Tilt dust cup forward, then lift to remove.



Press the release button to open bottom of dust cup.



To remove collected debris from **Lint Screen**, press the top release button and lift the handle to open the dust cup. Gently brush lint screen to clean.



To reinstall, place the bottom of dust cup onto the pod and then tilt until it clicks into place.

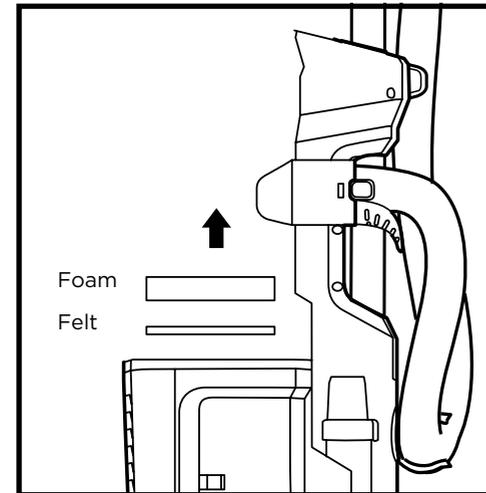
## CLEANING AND REPLACING THE FILTERS

### CLEANING FILTERS

**Regularly rinse and replace the filters to maintain your vacuum's suction power.**

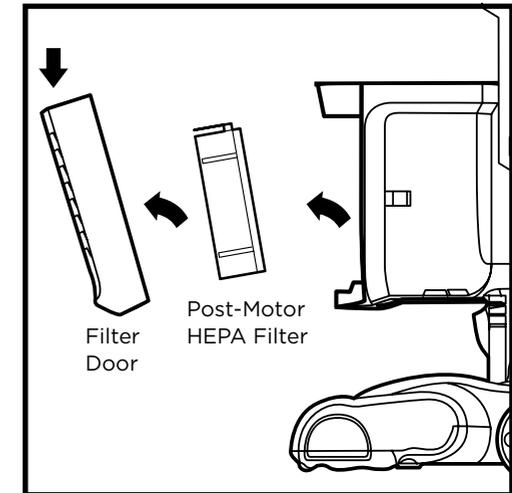
To prevent damage from cleaning chemicals, rinse filters with cold water only. Allow all filters to air-dry for at least 24 hours before reinstalling them to prevent liquid from being drawn into electronic parts.

**IMPORTANT: DO NOT** use soap when cleaning the filters.



RINSE PRE-MOTOR FILTERS EVERY MONTH

Remove **Dust Cup**, then lift out **Filters**.

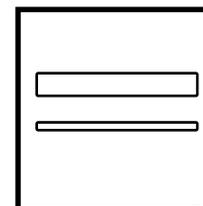


RINSE HEPA FILTER EVERY YEAR

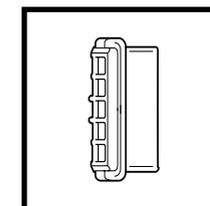
Remove dust cup, tilt **Filter Door** and firmly pull it off. Press tab at top of **HEPA Filter** and pull out filter. To reinstall, insert HEPA filter into unit and replace the filter door.

### REPLACING FILTERS

Follow the previous instructions for removing filters. The **Pre-Motor Filter** should be replaced every month. The **HEPA Filter** should be replaced every year.



**Replacement Pre-Motor Foam & Felt Filter Kit**  
1239FT60



**Replacement HEPA Filter**  
1238FT60

**NOTE:** To order replacement parts and filters, visit [sharkaccessories.com](http://sharkaccessories.com).

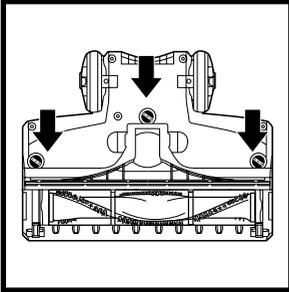
## MAINTENANCE

### CLEANING THE BRUSHROLL

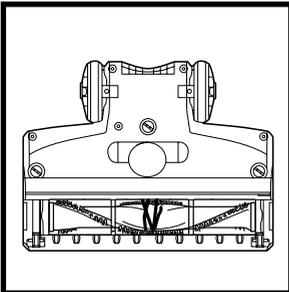
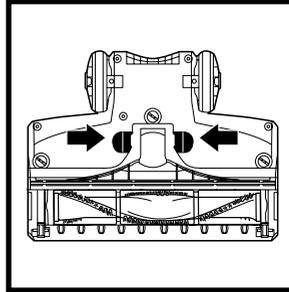
#### Self-Cleaning Brushroll

Shark's self-cleaning brushroll automatically removes hair wrap. If some hair remains wrapped around the brushroll, continue cleaning to give it time to make its way to the dust cup. If you run over a hard or sharp object or notice a noise change while vacuuming, check for blockages or objects caught behind the brushroll.

#### BRUSHROLL ACCESS



To access the brushroll, open the locks on the bottom of the nozzle. With a coin, turn the locks counterclockwise to open, then lift off the cover.

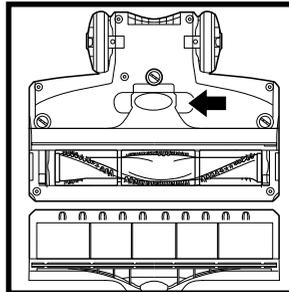


#### DEBRIS WRAPPED AROUND BRUSHROLL

Clean off any debris on the bristles.

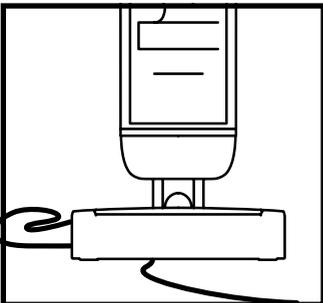
#### DEBRIS BEHIND BRUSHROLL

Clear away any dust, dirt, or blockages in **Debris Intake**. To close the cover, push down until it clicks into place, then close the locks with a coin.



**NOTE:** If any hair is wrapped around the brushroll, extending cleaning time will allow the self-cleaning brushroll to remove it for you. If some hair wrap remains after continued use, carefully remove it from the brushroll.

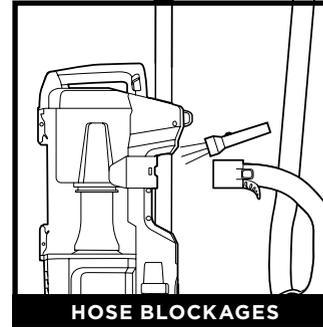
### CORD MAINTENANCE



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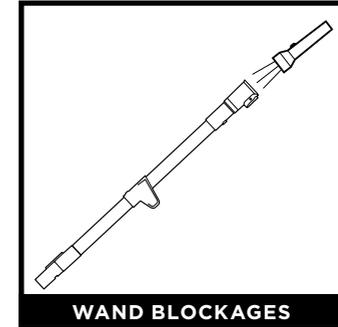
To minimize the risk of power cord damage, **DO NOT** run the vacuum over the power cord. If this occurs, immediately shut off power to the vacuum and remove the cord from the brushroll or nozzle.

## CHECKING FOR BLOCKAGES



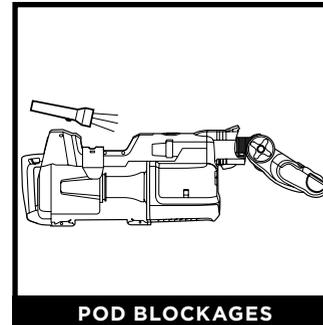
#### HOSE BLOCKAGES

Detach hose from vacuum pod, and check hose and opening on back of pod for blockages.



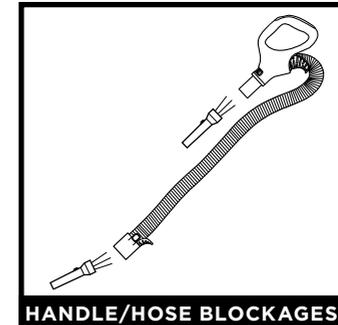
#### WAND BLOCKAGES

Detach wand from pod and handle, and check both ends for blockages.



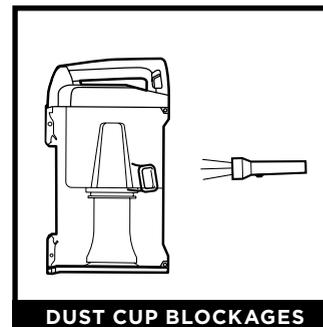
#### POD BLOCKAGES

Detach wand from pod, and check opening for blockages.



#### HANDLE/HOSE BLOCKAGES

Detach handle from wand and hose from vacuum pod, and check openings for blockages.



#### DUST CUP BLOCKAGES

Detach dust cup from vacuum pod. Empty dust cup, remove debris from lint screen, and check for blockages.

## AVAILABLE ACCESSORIES

### A Crevice Tool

This slim tool is great for cleaning in tight spaces, between couch cushions, and in hard-to-reach areas.

### B Upholstery Tool

Picks up pet hair, dust, and large debris from mattresses, couches, curtains, and other delicate upholstered surfaces.

### C Pet Multi-Tool

A single convertible tool for cleaning tough pet messes two ways: use the stiff bristle brush to clean stuck-on-debris, or take off the bristles to reveal an upholstery tool perfect for removing stubborn pet hair and large piles of debris.

### D Dusting Brush

This brush dusts and cleans delicate surfaces. Great for use on fans, blinds, lampshades, and keyboards.

### E Self-Cleaning Pet Power Brush

Tackles pet hair and ground-in dirt from above-floor areas like carpeted stairs and upholstery, while actively removing hair wrap as it cleans.

### F Under-Appliance Wand

Clean under and behind hard-to-move appliances and furniture with this adjustable 36" tool. Flip the extension piece over to clean the underside of appliances.

### G Anti-Allergen Dust Brush

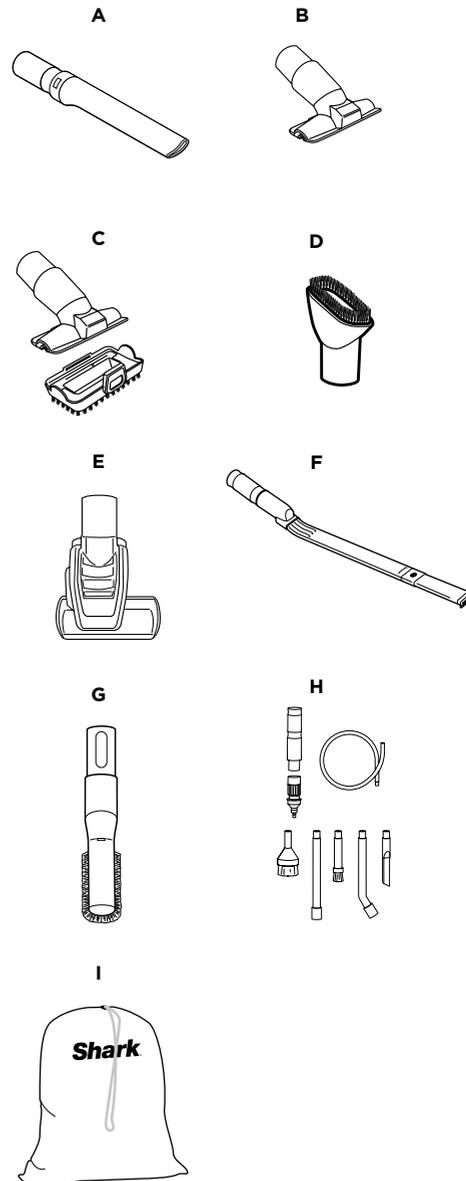
This brush features nylon fiber bristles specifically designed for removing fine dust and allergen particles from the most delicate surfaces.

### H Home & Car Detail Kit

Deep-clean your car like a professional detailer, or clean hard-to-reach areas in your home. Micro-sized tools let you clean around delicate objects and access the tightest spaces like car vents and computer keyboards.

### I Accessory Bag

This convenient accessory storage bag measures 32 cm x 70 cm and fits the Under-Appliance Wand. Smaller size available at [sharkaccessories.com](http://sharkaccessories.com).



## TROUBLESHOOTING

### Power cord caught in brushroll or floor nozzle.

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- Inspect power cord and plug for any damage before use. DO NOT use vacuum cleaner with a damaged cord or plug. Turn off all controls before plugging in or unplugging the vacuum cleaner. Store your vacuum cleaner with the power cord secured around the two cord hooks.

### Vacuum is not picking up debris. No suction or light suction.

- Check filters to see if they need cleaning. Follow instructions for rinsing and air-drying the filters before reinstalling.
- Dust cup may be full; empty dust cup.
- Clear any blockages in the hose, hose connections, nozzle, wand, pod, or accessories. See Checking for Blockages section for more information.
- If any hair is wrapped around the brushroll, continue vacuuming. This will allow the self-cleaning brushroll to remove the hair wrap and send it to the dust cup. If some fibers remain wrapped around the brushroll after continued use, open the brushroll cover to remove them.

### Vacuum lifts area rugs.

- Make sure Power/Surface switch is set to Hard Floor (setting I).
- Suction is powerful. Take care when vacuuming area rugs or rugs with delicately sewn edges.
- To minimize suction, set the suction control slider to MIN. See the Suction Control section for more information.

### Brushroll does not spin.

- If the brushroll indicator light turns red, immediately turn off and unplug the vacuum. Remove pod from floor nozzle and clear any blockages. Reconnect nozzle, plug in vacuum, and turn on power.
- With the power on, recline the handle, which will automatically turn on the brushroll.

### Vacuum turns off on its own or indicator light flashes red.

If your vacuum overheats, the thermostat will automatically turn off the motor. Follow these steps to restart:

- Turn vacuum off and unplug it.
- Empty dust cup and clean filters (see Emptying the Dust Cup and Cleaning the Filters).
- Check for blockages in hose, wand, nozzle, accessories, and inlet openings.
- Allow unit to cool for a minimum of 60 minutes.
- Plug in vacuum and turn it on.

**NOTE:** Not all accessories come with all units. For a list of the accessories included with this model, see the top inside flap of the box. To order additional accessories, visit [sharkaccessories.com](http://sharkaccessories.com).

For all other issues, please visit our website at [sharkclean.com/support](http://sharkclean.com/support).

## FIVE (5) YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

The Five (5) Year Limited Warranty applies to purchases made from authorized retailers of **SharkNinja Operating LLC**. Warranty coverage applies to the original owner and to the original product only and is not transferable.

SharkNinja warrants that the unit shall be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of five (5) years from the date of purchase when it is used under normal household conditions and maintained according to the requirements outlined in the Owner's Guide, subject to the following conditions and exclusions:

### What is covered by this warranty?

1. The original unit and/or non-wearable components deemed defective, in SharkNinja's sole discretion, will be repaired or replaced up to five (5) years from the original purchase date.
2. In the event a replacement unit is issued, the warranty coverage ends six (6) months following the receipt date of the replacement unit or the remainder of the existing warranty, whichever is later. SharkNinja reserves the right to replace the unit with one of equal or greater value.

### What is not covered by this warranty?

1. Normal wear and tear of wearable parts (such as foam filters, HEPA filters, pads, etc.), which require regular maintenance and/or replacement to ensure the proper functioning of your unit, are not covered by this warranty. Replacement parts are available for purchase at **sharkaccessories.com**.
2. Any unit that has been tampered with or used for commercial purposes.
3. Damage caused by misuse (e.g., vacuuming up water or other liquids), abuse, negligent handling, failure to perform required maintenance (e.g., not cleaning the filters), or damage due to mishandling in transit.
4. Consequential and incidental damages.
5. Defects caused by repair persons not authorized by SharkNinja. These defects include damages caused in the process of shipping, altering, or repairing the SharkNinja product (or any of its parts) when the repair is performed by a repair person not authorized by SharkNinja.
6. Products purchased, used, or operated outside North America.

### How to get service

If your appliance fails to operate properly while in use under normal household conditions within the warranty period, visit **sharkclean.com/support** for product care and maintenance self-help. Our Customer Service Specialists are also available at **1-800-798-7398** to assist with product support and warranty service options, including the possibility of upgrading to our VIP warranty service options for select product categories.

SharkNinja will cover the cost for the customer to send in the unit to us for repair or replacement. A fee of \$25.95 (subject to change) will be charged when SharkNinja ships the repaired or replacement unit.

### How to initiate a warranty claim

You must call **1-800-798-7398** to initiate a warranty claim. You will need the receipt as proof of purchase. A Customer Service Specialist will provide you with return and packing instruction information.

### How state law applies

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you also may have other rights that vary from state to state. Some states do not permit the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above may not apply to you.

## REGISTER YOUR PURCHASE

-  [registeryourshark.com](http://registeryourshark.com)
-  Scan QR code using mobile device



## RECORD THIS INFORMATION

Model Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Purchase: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Keep receipt)

Store of Purchase: \_\_\_\_\_

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Voltage: 120V,~ 60Hz

Watts: 700W

Benefits of registering your product and creating an account:

- Get easier, faster product support and access to warranty information
- Access troubleshooting and product care instructions
- Be among the first to know about exclusive product promotions

**TIP:** You can find the model and serial numbers on the QR code label on the bottom of the back of the vacuum pod.

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.**

This Owner's Guide is designed to help you get a complete understanding of your new Shark Navigator® Anti-Allergen Pet Plus Upright Vacuum with Self-Cleaning Brushroll.

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