

Dirt Devil 08240

Dirt Devil 08240 Platinum Force Hand Vac User Manual

Model: 08240

1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing the Dirt Devil 08240 Platinum Force Hand Vac. This powerful, bagless handheld vacuum is designed for efficient cleaning of various surfaces, including stairs, upholstery, and auto interiors. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating your new vacuum cleaner to ensure safe and effective use.

2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

When using an electrical appliance, basic precautions should always be followed, including the following:

- Read all instructions before using this appliance.
- Always unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning or servicing.
- Do not use outdoors or on wet surfaces.
- Do not allow to be used as a toy. Close attention is necessary when used by or near children.
- Use only as described in this manual. Use only manufacturer's recommended attachments.
- Do not use with damaged cord or plug. If appliance is not working as it should, has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors, or dropped into water, return it to a service center.
- Do not pull or carry by cord, use cord as a handle, close a door on cord, or pull cord around sharp edges or corners. Do not run appliance over cord. Keep cord away from heated surfaces.
- Do not unplug by pulling on cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.
- Do not handle plug or appliance with wet hands.
- Do not put any object into openings. Do not use with any opening blocked; keep free of dust, lint, hair, and anything that may reduce air flow.
- Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers, and all parts of body away from openings and moving parts.
- Do not pick up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches, or hot ashes.
- Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids, such as gasoline, or use in areas where they may be present.
- Do not use without dust cup and/or filters in place.
- Turn off all controls before unplugging.

- Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.

3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Dirt Devil 08240 Platinum Force Hand Vac is a compact and powerful cleaning tool. Familiarize yourself with its main components:



Figure 3.1: Dirt Devil 08240 Platinum Force Hand Vac, showing the main body, flexible hose, and power reach nozzle.

Key Components:

- **Main Unit:** Houses the powerful 720-watt motor and the transparent bagless dirt container.
- **Power Reach Nozzle:** Detachable nozzle with a powered brush roll for deep cleaning.
- **Flexible Hose:** Stretches to provide extended reach for cleaning difficult areas.
- **Dirt Container:** Transparent, bagless container that releases with a push of a button for easy emptying.
- **Crevice Tool:** Stored onboard, this tool attaches to the hose for precise cleaning in tight spaces.
- **20-foot Power Cord:** Provides ample reach for cleaning large areas without frequent unplugging.

4. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

The Dirt Devil 08240 Platinum Force Hand Vac requires minimal assembly before first use.

1. **Unpack:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Retain packaging for future storage or transport.
2. **Inspect:** Check the vacuum cleaner and all accessories for any signs of damage. Do not use if damaged.
3. **Attach Nozzle (if detached):** Ensure the power reach nozzle is securely attached to the main unit. It should click into place.
4. **Locate Crevice Tool:** The crevice tool is typically stored in a slot on top of the vacuum. Remove it for use with the hose when needed.
5. **Power Connection:** Unwind the 20-foot power cord and plug it into a standard electrical outlet.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Dirt Devil 08240 Platinum Force Hand Vac is designed for versatile cleaning.

5.1. Basic Operation

1. **Power On:** Plug the vacuum into a suitable electrical outlet. Locate the power switch (control method: Touch) and turn the unit ON.
2. **Vacuuming Surfaces:** For general cleaning of carpets and hard floors, use the main power reach nozzle. The two-motor system provides strong suction and powers the brush roll for effective dirt removal.
3. **Using the Flexible Hose:** For cleaning stairs, upholstery, or tight spaces, detach the power reach nozzle. The flexible hose can be stretched to reach these areas.
4. **Using the Crevice Tool:** Attach the crevice tool to the end of the flexible hose for precise cleaning in corners, crevices, and along edges.
5. **Power Off:** When finished cleaning, turn the unit OFF and unplug it from the electrical outlet.

5.2. Bagless Dirt Container

The vacuum features a transparent, bagless dirt container for easy monitoring and emptying.

- **Monitoring:** The transparent design allows you to see when the dirt container is full and needs emptying.
- **Emptying:** To empty, ensure the vacuum is turned OFF and unplugged. Locate the release button for the dirt container, press it, and carefully remove the container. Empty contents into a waste bin.
- **Reattaching:** Once emptied, securely reattach the dirt container to the main unit until it clicks into place.

6. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Regular maintenance ensures optimal performance and extends the life of your Dirt Devil 08240 Platinum Force Hand Vac.

6.1. Cleaning the Dirt Container and Filter

The bagless dirt container and foam or cloth filter should be cleaned regularly.

1. **Unplug:** Always ensure the vacuum is unplugged before performing any maintenance.
2. **Remove Dirt Container:** Press the release button and remove the transparent dirt container.
3. **Remove Filter:** Carefully remove the foam or cloth filter from the dirt container.
4. **Clean:** Tap the filter over a waste bin to remove loose dirt. If necessary, the filter can be rinsed with water. Allow it to air dry completely before reinserting. The dirt container can also be wiped clean with a damp cloth.
5. **Reassemble:** Once the filter is completely dry, reinsert it into the dirt container, then reattach the dirt container to the vacuum until it locks securely.

6.2. Brush Roll Maintenance

Periodically check the brush roll in the power reach nozzle for tangled hair or debris. Use scissors to carefully cut away any tangled material. The permanent drive belt for the brush roll never needs replacing.

6.3. Exterior Cleaning

Wipe the exterior surfaces of the vacuum with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use harsh cleaners or solvents.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you experience issues with your Dirt Devil 08240 Platinum Force Hand Vac, refer to the following common problems

and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Vacuum does not turn on.	Not plugged in; Power outlet not working; Power switch is OFF.	Ensure plug is securely in outlet; Check circuit breaker; Turn power switch ON.
Loss of suction.	Dirt container is full; Filter is clogged; Hose or nozzle is blocked.	Empty dirt container; Clean or replace filter; Check hose and nozzle for obstructions and clear them.
Brush roll not spinning.	Brush roll is jammed with debris.	Turn off and unplug vacuum. Remove any hair or debris wrapped around the brush roll.
Unusual noise.	Obstruction in hose or nozzle; Damaged motor (rare).	Check and clear any obstructions. If noise persists, contact customer support.

If the problem persists after trying these solutions, please contact Dirt Devil customer support.

8. PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	08240
Brand	Dirt Devil
Power	720 watts (0.965 horsepower)
Type	Handheld, Bagless, Corded
Filter Type	Foam or Cloth
Included Components	Brush, Crevice Tool
Recommended Uses	Upholstery, Car, Stairs
Color	Blue
Noise Level	75 dB
Control Method	Touch
Portability	Portable
Dimensions (L x W x H)	17.2 x 9.3 x 6.9 inches
Item Weight	6.45 pounds
Power Cord Length	20 feet
UPC	046034885886

9. WARRANTY AND CUSTOMER SUPPORT

The Dirt Devil 08240 Platinum Force Hand Vac comes with a**2-year limited warranty** against defects in material and

workmanship from the date of purchase.




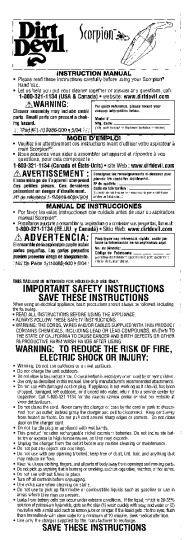
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