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Model: **V4500** | Brand: **Vicks**

1. IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Please read and save these important safety instructions before using your humidifier. Failure to follow these instructions may result in electric shock, fire, or serious injury.

- Always place the humidifier on a firm, flat, level, water-resistant surface at least 12 inches (30 cm) away from walls and 3 feet (0.9 m) from heat sources such as stoves, radiators, or heaters.
- Do not place the humidifier directly on carpet, towels, or other absorbent surfaces.
- Do not operate the humidifier without water in the tank.
- Always unplug the humidifier from the electrical outlet before filling, cleaning, or moving it.
- Keep the humidifier out of reach of children and pets.
- Do not block air vents or mist outlet.
- Do not add essential oils, medications, or other additives directly into the water tank or base unless specifically designed for this unit's scent pad tray.
- Use clean, cool tap water. Distilled or demineralized water is recommended in hard water areas to minimize mineral dust.

2. PRODUCT FEATURES

The Vicks V4500 FilterFree Humidifier is designed to provide comfortable moisture to your environment with ease of use and minimal maintenance.

- **FilterFree Operation:** No filters to buy or replace, ever.
- **Whisper Quiet Operation:** Designed for quiet performance, suitable for bedrooms.
- **Vicks Vapor Therapy:** Integrated scent pad heater for use with Vicks VapoPads (sold separately).
- **Easy Clean Tank:** Large, open tank design for convenient cleaning.
- **Adjustable Mist Intensity:** Control the level of moisture output.
- **Protec Ball Compatible:** Designed to work with Protec Cleaning Balls for extended freshness (sold separately).



Image of the Vicks V4500 FilterFree Humidifier, showing its compact design and transparent water tank.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all components are present in your package:

- Humidifier Base
- Water Tank
- Scent Pad Tray (integrated)

4. SETUP

1. **Placement:** Place the humidifier on a firm, level, water-resistant surface. Ensure it is at least 12 inches (30 cm) from walls and 3 feet (0.9 m) from heat sources.
2. **Filling the Water Tank:**
 - Remove the water tank from the humidifier base.
 - Turn the tank upside down and unscrew the tank cap.
 - Fill the tank with cool, clean tap water. For best results and to minimize mineral dust, use distilled or demineralized water, especially in hard water areas.

- Securely replace the tank cap, ensuring it is tightened to prevent leaks.
- Place the filled water tank back onto the humidifier base, ensuring it is seated correctly.

3. **Power Connection:** Plug the power cord into a 120V AC electrical outlet.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Power On/Off:** Turn the control knob clockwise to the 'ON' position to start the humidifier. Turn it counter-clockwise to the 'OFF' position to turn it off.
2. **Adjusting Mist Intensity:** Rotate the control knob to adjust the mist output from low to high. Start with a lower setting and adjust as needed to achieve your desired humidity level.
3. **Using Vicks VapoPads (Optional):**
 - Open the scent pad tray located on the humidifier base.
 - Insert one Vicks VapoPad (VSP-19) into the tray. Do not tear or open the pad.
 - Close the scent pad tray. The humidifier's heat will activate the soothing vapors.
 - Replace VapoPads after 8 hours of use or when the scent is no longer noticeable.
4. **Automatic Shut-off:** The humidifier will automatically shut off when the water tank is empty. Refill the tank to resume operation.

6. MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING

Regular cleaning is essential for optimal performance and to prevent mineral buildup and bacterial growth. Always unplug the humidifier before cleaning.

Daily Maintenance:

- Empty any remaining water from the tank and base.
- Rinse the water tank and base thoroughly with cool water.
- Allow all parts to air dry completely before reassembling or storing.

Weekly Cleaning (Descaling):

1. **Unplug and Disassemble:** Unplug the humidifier and remove the water tank. Empty any water from the tank and base.
2. **Clean Water Tank:** Fill the water tank with 1 cup (250 ml) of undiluted white vinegar. Swish the vinegar around in the tank to coat all interior surfaces. Let it soak for 20 minutes.
3. **Clean Base:** Pour 1/2 cup (125 ml) of undiluted white vinegar into the base. Gently wipe the interior surfaces of the base with a soft cloth or sponge soaked in vinegar. Pay special attention to the water pick-up tube and transducer (the small disc that produces mist). Let it soak for 20 minutes.
4. **Remove Water Pick-up Tube:** For thorough cleaning, carefully remove the water pick-up tube from the bottom of the motor housing and soak it in vinegar for 5 minutes. This step is crucial for proper humidistat function.
5. **Rinse:** After soaking, thoroughly rinse the water tank, base, and water pick-up tube with clean, cool water until the smell of vinegar is gone. Ensure no vinegar residue remains.
6. **Disinfect (Optional):** For disinfection, mix 1 teaspoon of bleach with 1 gallon of water. Fill the tank with this solution and pour some into the base. Let it stand for 20 minutes, then rinse thoroughly until the bleach smell is gone.

7. **Dry:** Allow all parts to air dry completely before reassembling. It is beneficial to let the unit dry out for 2-3 hours after use, especially if used continuously.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No mist or very little mist	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No water in tank• Unit not plugged in• Mineral buildup on transducer• Water pick-up tube clogged	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refill water tank• Ensure power cord is securely plugged in• Clean transducer and base as per weekly cleaning instructions• Clean water pick-up tube as per weekly cleaning instructions
White dust around humidifier	Hard water used	Use distilled or demineralized water. Clean unit regularly to remove mineral deposits.
Water leaking from unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tank cap not tightened• Tank not seated correctly• Crack in tank	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tighten tank cap securely• Ensure tank is properly seated on the base• Inspect tank for damage; replace if cracked
Unusual odor	Dirty water or mineral buildup	Clean the humidifier thoroughly as per weekly cleaning instructions. Use fresh water daily.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Model Number:	V4500
Brand:	Vicks
Product Dimensions:	15.28 x 10 x 11.22 inches
Item Weight:	1 Pound
Capacity:	1 Liter (approximate)
Special Feature:	Quiet Operation, Filter-Free
Room Type:	Bedroom, Living Room, Office
Manufacturer:	Vicks

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information or customer support, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Vicks website. You may also contact Vicks customer service directly for assistance with

your V4500 FilterFree Humidifier.

Please have your model number (V4500) and purchase date available when contacting support.

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