

Milwaukee 0880-20

Milwaukee 0880-20 18-Volt Cordless Wet/Dry Vacuum Instruction Manual

Model: 0880-20 | Brand: Milwaukee

1. INTRODUCTION

The Milwaukee 0880-20 M18 2-Gallon Wet/Dry Vacuum is a powerful and portable cleaning tool designed for both wet and dry applications. It features a high-performance motor, a stackable toolbox design for convenient transport and storage, and organized on-board accessory storage. This vacuum includes a flexible hose, crevice tool, utility nozzle, and a certified HEPA filter for efficient dust collection.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always read and understand all safety warnings and instructions before operating this product. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire, and/or serious injury.

- **Work Area Safety:** Keep your work area clean and well-lit. Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents.
- **Electrical Safety:** Do not expose power tools to rain or wet conditions. Water entering a power tool will increase the risk of electric shock.
- **Personal Safety:** Stay alert, watch what you are doing, and use common sense when operating a power tool. Do not use a power tool while you are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medication.
- **Tool Use and Care:** Do not force the power tool. Use the correct power tool for your application. The correct power tool will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it was designed.
- **Battery Tool Use and Care:** Recharge only with the charger specified by the manufacturer. A charger that is suitable for one type of battery pack may create a risk of fire when used with another battery pack.
- **Vacuum Specific Safety:** Do not vacuum toxic, carcinogenic, combustible, or other hazardous materials such as asbestos, arsenic, barium, beryllium, lead, pesticides, or other health-endangering materials.
- **Wet Operation:** Always remove the HEPA filter when vacuuming liquids to prevent damage to the filter and maintain suction efficiency.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

The Milwaukee 0880-20 Wet/Dry Vacuum package typically includes the following items:

- Milwaukee 0880-20 Wet/Dry Vacuum Unit
- Flexible Hose (6 feet long)
- Crevice Tool
- Utility Nozzle
- Certified HEPA Filter (pre-installed for dry use)

Note: Battery pack and charger are NOT included and must be purchased separately.

4. SETUP

Follow these steps to prepare your Milwaukee 0880-20 Wet/Dry Vacuum for use.

4.1. Battery Installation

1. Ensure the vacuum is turned off.
2. Locate the battery compartment on the vacuum unit.
3. Slide a charged Milwaukee 18V Li-ion or NiCd battery pack into the compartment until it clicks securely into place.

The battery compartment is designed for a snug fit to prevent movement during operation.

4.2. Hose and Accessory Attachment

The flexible hose and accessories can be easily attached for various cleaning tasks.

1. To attach the hose for vacuuming, insert the hose end into the intake port on the front of the unit and twist to secure.
2. To attach the hose for blower function, insert the hose end into the exhaust port on the side of the unit and twist to secure.
3. Attach the desired accessory (crevice tool or utility nozzle) to the free end of the hose.



Figure 1: The Milwaukee 0880-20 Wet/Dry Vacuum shown with its flexible hose, crevice tool, and utility nozzle. The main unit is red and black, designed for portability.

Video 1: A brief demonstration of attaching the hose and accessories to the Milwaukee 0880-20 vacuum. This video highlights the ease of setup for various cleaning tasks.

4.3. Filter Installation (Dry Use)

For dry vacuuming, ensure the certified HEPA filter is properly installed. The filter is typically pre-installed for dry use.



Figure 2: The Milwaukee 0880-20 vacuum with its top lid unlatched and lifted, revealing the internal HEPA filter. The filter is white and cylindrical, secured by a red ring.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Milwaukee 0880-20 offers versatile cleaning options.

5.1. Powering On/Off

Locate the power switch on the top of the unit. Flip the switch to the 'ON' position to start the vacuum and to the 'OFF' position to stop it.

Video 2: This segment demonstrates the power switch operation and shows the vacuum in action for both wet and dry cleaning scenarios.

5.2. Dry Vacuuming

For dry debris, ensure the HEPA filter is securely in place. Attach the hose to the intake port and use the desired accessory to collect dust, dirt, and other dry particles.

5.3. Wet Vacuuming

When vacuuming liquids, it is crucial to **remove the HEPA filter**. The vacuum is designed to collect liquids directly into the tank. Attach the hose to the intake port and proceed with liquid pickup. The vacuum features a float mechanism that will shut off suction when the tank is full to prevent overflow.

5.4. Blower Function

To use the vacuum as a blower, attach the flexible hose to the exhaust port located on the side of the unit. This allows you to clear debris from work surfaces or hard-to-reach areas.

Video 3: This video illustrates how to switch the hose to the exhaust port for the blower function, demonstrating its utility in clearing debris.

6. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures optimal performance and extends the life of your vacuum.

6.1. Emptying the Tank

1. Turn off the vacuum and remove the battery pack.
2. Unlatch the clips on the sides of the unit and lift the motor head assembly off the tank.
3. Carefully empty the contents of the tank into an appropriate waste receptacle.
4. Clean the inside of the tank with a damp cloth if necessary.
5. Reattach the motor head assembly, ensuring the clips are securely latched.

Video 4: This segment shows the process of unlatching the vacuum, separating the motor head from the tank, and emptying the collected debris.

6.2. Cleaning the HEPA Filter

The HEPA filter is washable and reusable. Clean it regularly to maintain suction power.

1. Turn off the vacuum and remove the battery pack.
2. Remove the motor head assembly as described above.
3. Carefully twist and pull the HEPA filter from its housing.
4. Tap the filter gently to dislodge loose debris.
5. Rinse the filter under running water until clean. Do not use hot water or detergents.
6. Allow the filter to air dry completely before re-installing. Do not use the vacuum with a wet filter.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your vacuum, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

- **No Suction or Low Suction:**

- Check if the tank is full (for wet use, the float may have activated).
- Ensure the hose and accessories are securely attached and free of blockages.
- Inspect the HEPA filter for excessive dirt or damage. Clean or replace if necessary.
- Verify the motor head assembly is properly seated and latched onto the tank.

- **Vacuum Not Turning On:**

- Ensure the battery pack is fully charged and correctly inserted into the compartment.
- Check the power switch position.

- **Water Leaking:**

- Ensure the motor head assembly is properly sealed to the tank.
- Check for cracks or damage to the tank or hose.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	Milwaukee
Model Name	0880-20 Cordless Lithium-Ion Wet/Dry
Power Source	Battery Powered (18V, Li-ion or NiCd)
Capacity	2 Gallons
Filter Type	Cartridge (Certified HEPA)
Hose Length	6 Feet
Maximum Suction	32 Inches
Flow Rate	45 Cubic Feet Per Minute
Item Weight	11.9 pounds
Product Dimensions	22.5"L x 11.5"W x 15.75"H
Special Feature	Built-in Blower Port

9. WARRANTY & SUPPORT

This Milwaukee 0880-20 Wet/Dry Vacuum comes with a **5-year limited warranty**. For detailed warranty information, service, or technical support, please contact Milwaukee Tool customer service directly or visit their official website. When contacting support, please have your product model number (0880-20) and date of purchase available.

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