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Briggs & Stratton 6188 Pressure Washer Replacement Hose

USER MANUAL

1. Product Overview

The Briggs & Stratton 6188 Replacement Hose is designed for use with cold water pressure washers, offering a durable and reliable solution for replacing worn or damaged hoses. This 30-foot hose features 1/4-inch PVC plastic construction and is equipped with female M22 threaded connectors on both ends, ensuring compatibility with a wide range of pressure washer brands that utilize male M22 pump and spray gun fittings.

It is engineered to safely maintain pressure and prevent leaks through its Dual O-Ring Sealing System, supporting pressure washers rated up to 3000 PSI and 2.5 GPM. The hose's black color may vary slightly.



Image 1.1: The Briggs & Stratton 6188 Replacement Hose, shown coiled with its M22 threaded connectors.

2. Safety Information

Always observe the following safety precautions when handling or using pressure washer hoses:

- **Cold Water Use Only:** This hose is designed exclusively for cold water pressure washers. Do not use with hot water pressure washers.
- **Pressure Rating:** Ensure your pressure washer's PSI and GPM ratings do not exceed the hose's maximum capacity (3000 PSI and 2.5 GPM). Exceeding these limits can cause hose failure and injury.
- **Inspect Before Use:** Before each use, inspect the hose for any signs of wear, cuts, abrasions, bulges, or damage to the connectors. Do not use a damaged hose.
- **Secure Connections:** Always ensure all connections are tight and secure before operating the pressure washer to prevent leaks and accidental disconnections under pressure.
- **Keep Away from Hot Surfaces:** Avoid contact with hot surfaces, such as engine components, which can damage the hose material.
- **Proper Handling:** Do not kink, twist, or drag the hose over sharp objects. This can compromise its integrity and lead to premature failure.

3. Product Features

Key features of the Briggs & Stratton 6188 Replacement Hose include:

- Replaces worn or damaged hoses, restoring pressure washer functionality.

- Designed for use with cold water pressure washers up to 3200 PSI (note: product description states 3000 PSI, refer to product labeling for exact rating).
- Equipped with a Dual O-Ring Sealing System for secure connections and leak prevention.
- 30-foot length provides extended reach for various cleaning tasks.
- Features female M22 threaded connectors on both ends, compatible with most brands of pressure washers utilizing male M22 fittings.
- Genuine OEM replacement part, ensuring quality and fit.
- Constructed from sturdy 1/4-inch PVC plastic.



Image 3.1: Visual representation of the hose's key benefits, including easy replacement, pressure maximization, broad compatibility, and versatility.



Image 3.2: A detailed view of the M22 threaded connector, highlighting the dual O-ring sealing system.

4. Setup and Installation

Follow these steps to properly install your Briggs & Stratton 6188 Replacement Hose:

1. **Ensure Power Off:** Before beginning, ensure your pressure washer is turned off, unplugged (if electric), and the water supply is disconnected. Relieve any residual pressure in the system by squeezing the spray gun trigger.
2. **Remove Old Hose:** Carefully unscrew the old hose from both the pressure washer pump outlet and the spray gun inlet. Be mindful of any remaining water.
3. **Connect to Pressure Washer:** Take one end of the new Briggs & Stratton 6188 hose. Align the female M22 threaded connector with the male M22 fitting on your pressure washer's pump outlet. Screw it on hand-tight, then use a wrench to gently tighten it further, ensuring a snug fit without overtightening.
4. **Connect to Spray Gun:** Take the other end of the new hose. Align its female M22 threaded connector with the male M22 fitting on your spray gun. Screw it on hand-tight, then gently tighten with a wrench.
5. **Check Connections:** Visually inspect both connections to ensure they are properly seated and tightened. The

Dual O-Ring Sealing System will help prevent leaks.

6. **Extension Use (Optional):** If using this hose as an extension, you will need a separate male-to-male M22 adapter to connect it to another hose. Connect one end of the 6188 hose to the adapter, and the other end of the adapter to your existing hose.

Once installed, you can reconnect the water supply and power on your pressure washer, checking for any leaks before full operation.

5. Operating Instructions

The Briggs & Stratton 6188 Replacement Hose functions as the conduit for high-pressure water from your pressure washer to the spray gun. Its operation is integral to the pressure washing process:

- **Water Flow:** Once connected, the hose carries the pressurized water from the pump to the spray gun.
- **Pressure Rating:** This hose is rated for cold water pressure washers up to 3000 PSI (or 3200 PSI, depending on specific product labeling). Always operate your pressure washer within this hose's specified pressure limits.
- **Avoid Kinks:** During operation, ensure the hose remains unkinked and untwisted to allow for optimal water flow and to prevent damage to the hose. The 30-foot length provides ample reach to minimize the need for repositioning the pressure washer.
- **Temperature:** Only use with cold water. Hot water can degrade the hose material and compromise its structural integrity.

6. Maintenance

Proper maintenance extends the life of your pressure washer hose:

- **Rinse After Use:** After each use, disconnect the hose and rinse it thoroughly with clean water to remove any chemical residues or debris.
- **Drain Water:** Before storage, ensure all water is drained from the hose. Hold one end up and allow water to flow out, or use compressed air if available and safe to do so.
- **Coil Neatly:** Coil the hose neatly for storage to prevent kinks and tangles. Avoid sharp bends.
- **Store Properly:** Store the hose in a cool, dry place, away from direct sunlight, extreme temperatures, and chemicals. Protect it from physical damage.
- **Regular Inspection:** Periodically inspect the hose for any signs of wear, cracks, bulges, or damage to the fittings. Replace the hose immediately if any damage is found.



Image 6.1: The hose coiled, demonstrating proper storage technique after use.

7. Troubleshooting

Here are some common issues and their solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Water leaking from connections	Loose connection; Damaged O-rings; Damaged threads	Tighten connections; Inspect and replace O-rings if worn; Inspect threads for damage, replace hose if necessary.
Hose appears kinked or twisted	Improper coiling or handling during use/storage	Straighten the hose; Ensure proper coiling technique for storage; Avoid dragging the hose.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Reduced pressure at spray gun	Hose kinked; Internal blockage; Hose damage	Check for kinks and straighten; Disconnect and flush hose to clear blockages; Inspect for internal damage, replace if compromised.
Hose bursts or ruptures	Exceeded pressure rating; Physical damage; Material fatigue	Ensure pressure washer PSI is within hose limits; Inspect hose regularly for damage; Replace burst hose immediately.

8. Specifications

Detailed specifications for the Briggs & Stratton 6188 Replacement Hose:

- **Brand:** Briggs & Stratton
- **Model Number:** 6188
- **Material:** PVC Plastic
- **Color:** Black (Color May Vary)
- **Item Length:** 30 Feet
- **Nominal Wall Thickness:** 0.07 inches
- **Maximum Pressure:** 3000 PSI (Pound per Square Inch) - Note: Some packaging may indicate up to 3200 PSI. Always verify with product labeling.
- **Fittings:** Female M22 threaded connectors on both ends
- **Compatibility:** For use with cold water pressure washers up to 2.5 GPM.
- **Item Weight:** Approximately 2.2 pounds (998 Grams)
- **UPC:** 011675751227



Image 8.1: Visual summary of key specifications including size (30-feet), material (plastic), and weight (2.2 lbs).

9. Warranty and Support

For specific warranty information regarding your Briggs & Stratton 6188 Replacement Hose, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Briggs & Stratton website. Warranty terms typically cover manufacturing defects under normal use.

For technical support, replacement parts, or further assistance, please contact Briggs & Stratton customer service through their official website or the contact information provided in your product packaging. When contacting support, please have your product model number (6188) and purchase details readily available.

You can find more information and support resources on the official Briggs & Stratton website: www.briggsandstratton.com

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