

Milwaukee 0880-20

Milwaukee M18 2 Gallon 18-Volt Cordless Wet/Dry Vacuum Instruction Manual

Model: 0880-20

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Milwaukee M18 2 Gallon 18-Volt Lithium-ion Cordless Wet/Dry Vacuum, Model 0880-20. This tool is designed for powerful and portable wet/dry clean-up applications. It features a high-performance motor for strong suction and a stackable design with organized on-board storage for attachments.

Please read this manual thoroughly before using the vacuum to ensure proper usage and to prevent potential hazards.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always observe basic safety precautions when using this vacuum to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury. Keep this manual for future reference.

General Safety Rules:

- **Read all instructions:** Familiarize yourself with the vacuum's operation and potential hazards.
- **Use appropriate battery:** This tool is designed for Milwaukee M18 REDLITHIUM batteries. Using other batteries may create a risk of injury and fire.
- **Avoid hazardous materials:** Do not vacuum flammable or combustible liquids, hot ashes, or sharp objects.
- **Maintain proper footing and balance:** Do not overreach.
- **Do not leave vacuum unattended:** Always turn off and remove the battery pack when not in use.
- **Keep work area clean:** Cluttered areas invite accidents.
- **Store idle tools:** When not in use, store the vacuum in a dry, high, or locked-up place out of reach of children.
- **Inspect for damage:** Before use, check for damaged parts. Any part that is damaged should be properly repaired or replaced by an authorized service center.

3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Milwaukee M18 Cordless Wet/Dry Vacuum is a versatile tool designed for various clean-up tasks. Its compact, toolbox-style design allows for easy transport and storage of the unit and its accessories.

Included Components:

- M18 2 Gallon Wet/Dry Vacuum (Tool-Only)
- Flexible Hose (1.8 meters)
- Crevice Tool
- Utility Nozzle
- HEPA Filter

Key Features:

- **Cordless Operation:** Powered by Milwaukee M18 REDLITHIUM batteries (sold separately).
- **Wet/Dry Capability:** Suitable for both liquid and dry debris clean-up.
- **HEPA Filtration:** Certified HEPA filter for fine dust collection.
- **On-Board Storage:** Integrated storage for hose and attachments.
- **Lightweight and Portable:** Designed for easy transport.



Image 3.1: The Milwaukee M18 2 Gallon Wet/Dry Vacuum shown with its flexible hose, crevice tool, and utility nozzle. The lid is open, revealing the internal storage compartment.



Image 3.2: Top view of the Milwaukee M18 2 Gallon Wet/Dry Vacuum with the lid fully open, showcasing the internal design and space for component storage.



Image 3.3: Side view of the Milwaukee M18 2 Gallon Wet/Dry Vacuum, illustrating the integrated hose storage solution around the unit's body.



Image 3.4: Front view of the Milwaukee M18 2 Gallon Wet/Dry Vacuum, showing the main body and the Milwaukee logo.



Image 3.5: Close-up view of the cylindrical HEPA filter used in the Milwaukee M18 Wet/Dry Vacuum.

4. SETUP

4.1 Battery Installation

1. Ensure the vacuum is turned off.
2. Open the battery compartment cover.
3. Align the Milwaukee M18 REDLITHIUM battery pack (sold separately) with the receptacle in the vacuum.
4. Slide the battery pack into place until it clicks securely.
5. Close the battery compartment cover.

4.2 Hose and Attachment Connection

1. Locate the suction port on the vacuum.
2. Insert the flexible hose into the suction port and twist clockwise to secure it.

3. Attach the desired accessory (crevice tool or utility nozzle) to the open end of the hose by pushing it firmly into place.

4.3 Filter Installation (Dry Vacuuming)

The HEPA filter is pre-installed for dry vacuuming. For wet vacuuming, the HEPA filter must be removed.

1. Open the vacuum's lid by releasing the latches.
2. Ensure the HEPA filter is securely seated over the motor housing.
3. Close the lid and secure the latches before operation.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Dry Vacuuming

1. Ensure the HEPA filter is installed.
2. Connect the hose and desired attachment.
3. Insert a charged M18 battery pack.
4. Press the power switch to the 'ON' position.
5. Direct the attachment over the dry debris to be vacuumed.
6. When finished, press the power switch to the 'OFF' position and remove the battery pack.

5.2 Wet Vacuuming

Important: Remove the HEPA filter before wet vacuuming to prevent damage to the filter and maintain suction performance.

1. Open the vacuum's lid and carefully remove the HEPA filter. Store it in a dry, clean place.
2. Close the lid and secure the latches.
3. Connect the hose and desired attachment.
4. Insert a charged M18 battery pack.
5. Press the power switch to the 'ON' position.
6. Direct the attachment over the liquid to be vacuumed. The vacuum will automatically shut off when the liquid reaches its maximum capacity.
7. When finished, press the power switch to the 'OFF' position and remove the battery pack.
8. Empty the liquid from the canister immediately after use.

6. MAINTENANCE

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

6.1 Canister Cleaning

1. Remove the battery pack.
2. Release the latches and remove the motor head.
3. Empty any dry debris or liquid from the canister.
4. Rinse the canister with water and mild detergent if necessary. Allow it to dry completely before reassembly.

6.2 HEPA Filter Cleaning and Replacement

For dry vacuuming, regularly inspect the HEPA filter for dirt and damage.

- **Cleaning:** Gently tap the filter against a hard surface to dislodge dust. For heavy dust, use compressed air to blow dust from the pleated side. Do not wash the HEPA filter with water.
- **Replacement:** Replace the HEPA filter if it is damaged, torn, or if suction performance significantly decreases after cleaning.

6.3 Hose and Attachment Care

Inspect the hose and attachments for blockages or damage. Clear any obstructions to maintain airflow. Rinse attachments with water if they become dirty, and allow them to dry.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

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

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Vacuum does not turn on	Battery not inserted correctly Battery discharged Power switch off	Ensure battery is fully seated Charge battery pack Turn power switch to 'ON'
Low suction power	Clogged hose or attachment Full canister Dirty HEPA filter (dry vac) HEPA filter installed (wet vac) Lid not properly sealed	Clear obstructions Empty canister Clean or replace HEPA filter Remove HEPA filter for wet vac Ensure lid latches are secure
Vacuum shuts off during wet use	Canister full of liquid	Empty the canister
Hose clogs frequently	Large debris being vacuumed Hose end connector restriction	Avoid vacuuming excessively large items. Inspect the hose end connector for internal restrictions and clear if possible.

If problems persist after attempting these solutions, contact Milwaukee customer support.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

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Brand	Milwaukee
Model Number	0880-20
Power Source	18-Volt Lithium-ion Battery (M18 series)
Capacity	2 Gallons
Filter Type	HEPA Filter
Hose Length	1.8 Meters
Item Weight	10.1 pounds
Product Dimensions	18"L x 14"W x 12"H
Amperage	2.8 Amps
Noise Level	80 dB
Flow Rate	45 Cubic Feet Per Minute
Special Features	HEPA, Lightweight, Portable, Wet/Dry

9. WARRANTY INFORMATION

The Milwaukee M18 2 Gallon 18-Volt Cordless Wet/Dry Vacuum (Model 0880-20) is covered by a **5 Year Limited Warranty**. For specific terms, conditions, and details regarding warranty claims, please refer to the official warranty documentation provided with your product or visit the official Milwaukee website.

10. SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical support, or service inquiries, please contact Milwaukee customer service. You can typically find contact information on the Milwaukee official website or within the product packaging.

When contacting support, please have your product model number (0880-20) and serial number (if applicable) readily available.

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