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Model: VF1500

1. INTRODUCTION

The RIDGID HEPA Media Filter VF1500 is specifically designed to enhance the filtration capabilities of your RIDGID DV0500 Ash Vacuum. This filter is engineered to capture ultra-fine dust and ash particles, preventing them from recirculating into the air. It achieves 99.97% efficiency in filtering particles as small as 0.3 microns, making it ideal for environments where fine dust from pellet stoves, fireplaces, grills, or smokers is present.

2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

- Always ensure the ash vacuum is unplugged from the power source before installing, removing, or cleaning the filter.
- Do not vacuum hot ash or embers. Ensure all ash is completely cool before vacuuming to prevent fire hazards.
- Inspect the filter for any damage (tears, holes) before each use. A damaged filter will not provide adequate filtration.
- This filter is for dry pick-up only. Do not use for wet materials.

3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The VF1500 HEPA Media Filter is a crucial component for maintaining clean air when using your RIDGID DV0500 Ash Vacuum. Its pleated design maximizes surface area for efficient particle capture. This filter is reusable and can be cleaned for extended life.



Only Fits the RIDGID DV0500/DV0510 Ash Vacuum

Figure 1: RIDGID DV0500 Ash Vacuum with the HEPA filter installed, showing compatibility. This image displays the RIDGID DV0500 Ash Vacuum, highlighting its compatibility with the HEPA Media Filter. The filter is designed specifically for this model.

4. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Follow these steps to properly install the HEPA Media Filter into your RIDGID DV0500 Ash Vacuum:

1. **Prepare the Vacuum:** Ensure the ash vacuum is unplugged. Unlatch the lid clamps and carefully remove the motor head from the collection drum.
2. **Access Filter Compartment:** Locate the filter cage inside the vacuum. The filter cage is a separate component and is **NOT** included with the VF1500 filter.



Figure 2: Hands removing the vacuum lid, showing the filter compartment and a note that the filter cage is not included. This image illustrates the process of accessing the filter compartment of the ash vacuum. It clarifies that the filter cage, which holds the HEPA filter, is a separate component and is not included with the HEPA filter purchase.

- 3. Install the Filter:** Carefully slide the new VF1500 HEPA filter onto the existing filter cage. Ensure it is seated firmly and evenly, creating a tight seal around the cage.



Figure 3: Hands installing the pleated HEPA filter onto the mesh filter cage inside the ash vacuum. This image demonstrates the correct method for installing the HEPA Media Filter onto the existing filter cage within the RIDGID DV0500 Ash Vacuum. Ensure the filter is seated properly for optimal performance.

4. **Reassemble Vacuum:** Place the motor head back onto the collection drum, ensuring it aligns correctly. Secure the lid clamps.

5. OPERATING GUIDELINES

Once the filter is installed, operate your RIDGID DV0500 Ash Vacuum according to its primary instructions. The VF1500 filter will automatically provide enhanced filtration during dry ash collection. Monitor the vacuum's suction power; a decrease may indicate a clogged filter requiring cleaning.

6. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance of your HEPA filter ensures optimal performance and extends its lifespan.

Cleaning the Filter

- Remove the filter from the vacuum as described in the installation section.
- Gently tap the filter against a hard surface to dislodge accumulated ash and dust. Perform this outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.

- A soft brush can be used to carefully brush off stubborn debris from the pleats.
- Do not wash the filter with water, as this can damage the HEPA media.
- Ensure the filter is completely dry before reinstallation if it accidentally gets damp.

Filter Replacement

Replace the filter when it shows signs of damage (tears, holes), or if cleaning no longer restores adequate suction power. The lifespan of the filter depends on usage frequency and the type of material vacuumed.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Reduced Suction:** Check if the filter is clogged with ash. Clean the filter as per the maintenance instructions. Ensure the filter is properly seated and the vacuum lid is securely latched.
- **Dust Escaping Vacuum:** Verify that the filter is correctly installed and not damaged. A damaged filter or improper installation can lead to dust leakage.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Model Number	VF1500
Material	HEPA Media
Compatibility	RIDGID DV0500 Ash Vacuum
Reusability	Reusable
Included Components	1 HEPA Filter
Item Weight	11.2 ounces (approx. 317.5 grams)
Package Dimensions	5.7 x 5.5 x 4.1 inches (approx. 14.5 x 14 x 10.4 cm)

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Specific warranty information for the RIDGID HEPA Media Filter VF1500 is not provided in this document. For warranty details or technical support, please refer to the documentation included with your RIDGID DV0500 Ash Vacuum or visit the official RIDGID website.