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Model: SC889B

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

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This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Sanitaire Tradition SC889B Commercial Bagged Upright Vacuum Cleaner. The SC889B is designed for commercial cleaning tasks, featuring a two-speed motor and quiet operation at 69 dBA. It is LEED qualified and holds a Silver Certification from the Carpet and Rug Institute, indicating its effectiveness in cleaning performance. Key features include a durable chrome hood, an extended-life two-speed motor providing over 2,000 hours of operation, and a large-capacity 6.1-quart disposable bag. Maintenance is simplified with a chrome brush roll featuring replaceable bristle strips and a Quick Kleen™ Fan Chamber for easy clog clearing.



Figure 1: Front view of the Sanitaire Tradition SC889B Commercial Upright Vacuum Cleaner, showcasing its classic design and the Sanitaire branding on the bag.

## 2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

When using an electrical appliance, basic precautions should always be followed, including the following:

- Read all instructions before using this vacuum cleaner.
- Do not leave the appliance when plugged in. Unplug from outlet when not in use and before servicing.
- Do not use outdoors or on wet surfaces.
- Do not allow to be used as a toy. Close attention is necessary when used by or near children.
- Use only as described in this manual. Use only manufacturer's recommended attachments.
- Do not use with damaged cord or plug. If appliance is not working as it should, has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors, or dropped into water, return it to a service center.
- Do not pull or carry by cord, use cord as a handle, close a door on cord, or pull cord around sharp edges or corners. Do not run appliance over cord. Keep cord away from heated surfaces.
- Do not unplug by pulling on cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.
- Do not handle plug or appliance with wet hands.
- Do not put any object into openings. Do not use with any opening blocked; keep free of dust, lint, hair, and

anything that may reduce air flow.

- Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers, and all parts of body away from openings and moving parts.
- Do not pick up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches, or hot ashes.
- Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids, such as gasoline, or use in areas where they may be present.
- Do not use without dust bag and/or filters in place.
- Turn off all controls before unplugging.
- Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.

### 3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

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Upon opening the packaging, please ensure all components are present and undamaged. The package for your Sanitaire Tradition SC889B Commercial Upright Vacuum Cleaner should contain:

- Sanitaire Tradition SC889B Upright Vacuum Cleaner Unit
- Disposable Dust Bag (pre-installed or separate)
- Power Cord (detachable)
- User Manual (this document)

If any parts are missing or damaged, please contact Sanitaire customer support immediately.

### 4. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

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Your Sanitaire SC889B vacuum cleaner requires minimal assembly. Follow these steps to prepare your unit for first use:

1. **Attach the Handle:** Insert the upper handle assembly into the main body of the vacuum. Align the holes and secure it with the provided screws or locking mechanism. Ensure the handle is firmly in place.
2. **Install the Dust Bag:** If not already installed, open the bag housing cover. Carefully insert a new disposable dust bag, ensuring the cardboard collar is properly seated over the intake port. Close the bag housing cover securely.
3. **Attach the Power Cord:** Connect the detachable power cord to the designated receptacle on the vacuum cleaner. Wrap the cord around the cord hooks for organized storage when not in use.
4. **Inspect for Damage:** Before plugging in, visually inspect the vacuum cleaner and power cord for any signs of damage.



Figure 2: Side view of the Sanitaire Tradition SC889B, illustrating the handle, bag, and general upright structure.

## 5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps for effective and safe operation of your Sanitaire SC889B vacuum cleaner:

1. **Plug In:** Insert the power cord plug into a suitable electrical outlet. The 50-foot commercial-grade power cord provides a large cleaning radius, reducing the need to frequently switch outlets.
2. **Adjust Height:** Locate the height adjustment knob on the front or side of the vacuum head. Rotate the knob to select the appropriate cleaning height for your carpet type. For optimal cleaning, the brush roll should lightly agitate the carpet fibers. Ensure the vacuum is lifted slightly or tilted back when adjusting to prevent damage to the floor or vacuum.
3. **Power On:** Step on the foot pedal to recline the handle and then press the power switch, usually located on the main body or handle, to turn the vacuum on.
4. **Select Speed:** The SC889B features a two-speed motor. Select the appropriate speed for the cleaning task. Lower speed is suitable for lighter cleaning or noise-sensitive environments (69 dBA Quiet Clean operation), while higher speed provides maximum suction for heavy-duty cleaning.
5. **Vacuuming:** Push the vacuum forward and pull it back in overlapping passes. For best results, move at a steady pace.
6. **Power Off:** When finished, return the handle to the upright position, turn off the power switch, and unplug

the vacuum from the outlet.



Figure 3: Angled side view of the Sanitaire Tradition SC889B, highlighting the robust construction and cord management hooks.

## 6. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures optimal performance and extends the life of your Sanitaire SC889B vacuum cleaner. Always unplug the vacuum before performing any maintenance.

- **Dust Bag Replacement:**

The SC889B uses a large-capacity 6.1-quart disposable dust bag. Check the bag regularly and replace it when it is approximately two-thirds full or when suction power decreases. To replace, open the bag housing cover, remove the full bag, and dispose of it. Install a new Sanitaire ST bag or compatible replacement, ensuring it is properly seated.

- **Brush Roll Cleaning and Replacement:**

Periodically inspect the chrome brush roll for tangled hair, threads, or debris. Use scissors to carefully cut away any obstructions. The brush roll features replaceable bristle strips. If bristles become worn, they can be replaced without tools. Refer to the brush roll assembly for specific instructions on strip replacement.

- **Quick Kleen™ Fan Chamber:**

The Quick Kleen™ Fan Chamber is designed for easy access to clear clogs. If you experience a loss of

suction, check this chamber for blockages. Follow the instructions on the unit for opening and clearing the chamber. Ensure the vacuum is unplugged before accessing this area.

- **Filter Maintenance:**

The vacuum uses a cloth filter. Periodically check the filter for excessive dirt buildup. Depending on usage, the cloth filter may be cleaned by shaking or gently brushing off accumulated dust. Replace the filter if it is damaged or excessively clogged and cannot be cleaned effectively.

- **Cord Inspection:**

Regularly inspect the power cord for cuts, fraying, or damage. A damaged cord should be replaced by a qualified service technician to prevent electrical hazards.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your Sanitaire SC889B vacuum cleaner. If the problem persists after following these steps, contact customer support.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Vacuum does not turn on.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Not plugged in.</li><li>◦ Power outlet not working.</li><li>◦ Damaged power cord or plug.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Ensure power cord is securely plugged into a working outlet.</li><li>◦ Test the outlet with another appliance.</li><li>◦ Inspect cord and plug for damage. If damaged, seek professional repair.</li></ul>
Loss of suction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Dust bag is full.</li><li>◦ Hose or Quick Kleen™ Fan Chamber is clogged.</li><li>◦ Brush roll is obstructed.</li><li>◦ Filter is dirty.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Replace the dust bag.</li><li>◦ Clear any blockages from the hose or Quick Kleen™ Fan Chamber.</li><li>◦ Clean debris from the brush roll.</li><li>◦ Clean or replace the cloth filter.</li></ul>
Brush roll not spinning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Brush roll is jammed.</li><li>◦ Drive belt is broken or dislodged.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Remove any obstructions from the brush roll.</li><li>◦ Inspect and replace the drive belt if necessary (refer to maintenance section or service manual).</li></ul>

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

The following are the technical specifications for the Sanitaire Tradition SC889B Commercial Upright Vacuum Cleaner:

- **Model Number:** SC889B
- **Manufacturer:** Sanitaire
- **Product Dimensions:** 13.75 x 12.5 x 45 inches
- **Weight:** Approximately 16.2 Pounds
- **Special Features:** Bagged, Corded, Two-Speed Motor, Quiet Clean (69 dBA)
- **Filter Type:** Cloth
- **Dust Bag Capacity:** 6.1 Quarts
- **Power Cord Length:** 50 feet (detachable)
- **LEED Qualified:** Yes
- **CRI Certification:** Silver

## 9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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Specific warranty details for the Sanitaire Tradition SC889B Commercial Upright Vacuum Cleaner are not provided within this document. For information regarding warranty coverage, terms, and conditions, please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase or visit the official Sanitaire website.

For technical support, service, or to order replacement parts, please contact Sanitaire customer service directly.

Contact information can typically be found on the manufacturer's website or on the product packaging.

You can visit the Sanitaire Store for more product information: [Sanitaire Official Store](#)