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DEWALT DXV12P-QTA

DEWALT 12 Gallon STEALTHSONIC Ultra Quiet Poly Wet Dry Vacuum (DXV12P-QTA) Instruction Manual

Model: DXV12P-QTA

1. Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the safe operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your DEWALT 12 Gallon STEALTHSONIC Ultra Quiet Poly Wet Dry Vacuum, model DXV12P-QTA. Please read these instructions thoroughly before using the product and retain them for future reference.

The DEWALT DXV12P-QTA is designed for both wet and dry cleanup tasks in various environments, including jobsites and workshops. It features STEALTHSONIC technology for reduced noise operation.



Image: The DEWALT 12 Gallon STEALTHSONIC Ultra Quiet Poly Wet Dry Vacuum, model DXV12P-QTA, in its assembled state.

2. Safety Information

WARNING: To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury, read and understand all instructions before using this appliance.

- Do not leave the appliance unattended 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 filter in place.
- Turn off all controls before unplugging.
- Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.
- Do not use to pick up toxic, carcinogenic, combustible or other hazardous materials such as asbestos, arsenic, barium, beryllium, lead, pesticides or other health endangering materials.

3. Package Contents

Verify that all items listed below are included in your package:

- DEWALT Wet / Dry Vac (DXV12P-QTA) x 1
- 2-1/2 inch x 7 ft Hose x 1
- Extension Wands x 2
- Floor Nozzle x 1
- Round Brush x 1
- Accessory Bag x 1
- Disposable Dust Bag x 1
- Utility Nozzle x 1
- Washable Cartridge Filter x 1
- Crevice Nozzle x 1



Image: The DEWALT DXV12P-QTA wet/dry vacuum shown with its full set of included accessories, including the hose, extension wands, various nozzles, and filters.

4. Assembly and Setup

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Ensure all listed parts are present.
2. **Caster Installation:** Turn the collection tank upside down. Insert the four casters into the designated slots on the base of the tank. Press firmly until they click into place.
3. **Filter Installation (Dry Vacuuming):** For dry pickup, ensure the washable cartridge filter is securely installed over the filter cage. If using a disposable dust bag, install it inside the tank, ensuring the opening aligns with the inlet port.
4. **Hose Connection:** Attach the 2-1/2 inch x 7 ft hose to the inlet port on the front of the collection tank. Twist clockwise to secure.
5. **Accessory Attachment:** Connect the desired extension wands and nozzles (floor nozzle, utility nozzle, crevice nozzle, round brush) to the end of the hose for specific cleaning tasks.

6. **Power Cord Management:** The top handle and side wraps are designed for convenient organization of the hose and power cord. Wrap the power cord around the designated areas when not in use.



Image: The DEWALT DXV12P-QTA wet/dry vacuum being used to clean debris on a jobsite, demonstrating its maneuverability and long reach.

5. Operating Instructions

5.1 Dry Vacuuming

1. Ensure the washable cartridge filter is clean and properly installed. A disposable dust bag can also be used for easier debris disposal.
2. Connect the hose and desired attachment.
3. Plug the power cord into a suitable electrical outlet.
4. Turn the vacuum ON using the waterproof switch located on the powerhead.

5. Begin vacuuming dry debris.
6. When finished, turn the vacuum OFF and unplug it.

5.2 Wet Vacuuming

1. **Remove Dry Filter:** Before wet vacuuming, remove the washable cartridge filter and any disposable dust bag. Failure to do so will damage the filter and reduce suction.
2. Connect the hose and desired attachment.
3. Plug the power cord into a suitable electrical outlet.
4. Turn the vacuum ON using the waterproof switch.
5. Begin vacuuming liquids. The vacuum will automatically shut off when the liquid reaches a predetermined level in the tank.
6. When finished, turn the vacuum OFF and unplug it.
7. **Emptying Liquids:** To empty the tank, remove the drain plug located at the bottom of the tank and allow liquids to drain into a suitable receptacle.



Image: A close-up view of the drain plug at the bottom of the vacuum's tank, used for easily emptying collected liquids.

6. Maintenance

6.1 Emptying the Collection Tank

- Always unplug the vacuum before emptying.
- For dry debris, unlatch the powerhead and lift it off the tank. Carefully remove the filter and dispose of debris.
- For liquids, use the drain plug at the bottom of the tank for convenient emptying.

6.2 Filter Cleaning and Replacement

- **Washable Cartridge Filter:** For optimal performance, clean the filter regularly. Remove the filter and gently tap it to dislodge loose dirt. For thorough cleaning, rinse the filter under running water. Allow it to air dry completely before reinstallation. Do not use the vacuum with a wet filter for dry pickup.
- **Disposable Dust Bag:** Replace the disposable dust bag when it is full or when suction power decreases significantly.



Image: A clean, washable cartridge filter, ready for installation or after being cleaned and dried, essential for dry vacuuming.

6.3 Hose and Accessory Care

- Inspect the hose and accessories for blockages or damage before and after each use. Clear any obstructions.
- Clean accessories with mild soap and water as needed.
- Store the hose and power cord neatly using the integrated wraps to prevent kinks and damage.

7. Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution

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Vacuum does not start.	No power to outlet; Power switch OFF; Faulty cord/plug.	Check power outlet; Ensure switch is ON; Inspect cord/plug for damage.
Reduced suction power.	Clogged filter; Full collection tank; Hose/attachment blockage; Improperly sealed lid.	Clean/replace filter; Empty tank; Clear blockages; Ensure lid is latched securely.
Motor stops during wet pickup.	Collection tank is full (float mechanism activated).	Empty the collection tank.
Dust escapes from exhaust.	Missing or damaged filter; Improperly installed filter.	Install or replace filter; Ensure filter is seated correctly.

8. Specifications

- **Model:** DXV12P-QTA
- **Capacity:** 12 Gallons
- **Peak Horsepower:** 5.5 HP
- **Air Flow (CFM):** 105 CFM
- **Hose Length:** 2.1 meters (7 ft)
- **Power Cord Length:** 20 ft (provides 30 ft reach with hose)
- **Filter Type:** Washable Cartridge Filter
- **Special Features:** STEALTHSONIC Ultra Quiet Technology, Large Drain Port, Accessory Storage
- **Dimensions:** 19.09 x 26.65 x 22.59 inches
- **Item Weight:** 31.3 pounds
- **Noise Level:** Approximately 65 dB(A) (STEALTHSONIC mode)



Image: An exploded diagram of the DEWALT DXV12P-QTA, illustrating key components such as the powerhead, motor, filter, and collection tank with drain port and casters.

9. Warranty and Support

For warranty information and customer support, please refer to the official DEWALT website or contact DEWALT customer service directly. Retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

Protection Plans: Extended protection plans may be available for purchase. Refer to your retailer for details on 2-Year or 3-Year Protection Plans.

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