

Sanitaire SC688B

Sanitaire Tradition Commercial Bagged Upright Vacuum SC688B User Manual

Model: SC688B

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Sanitaire Tradition Commercial Bagged Upright Vacuum, model SC688B. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the appliance and retain it for future reference.

The Sanitaire Tradition SC688B is designed for commercial cleaning applications, featuring a durable construction and an extended-life motor for reliable performance. Its polycarbonate hood protects the machine in tough environments, and the large-capacity disposable bag holds up to 6.1 quarts of dirt and debris for less interruption during cleaning.

2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING: To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury, read and follow all instructions carefully before use.

- Always unplug the vacuum cleaner from the electrical outlet before servicing or cleaning.
- 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 vacuum cleaner 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 airflow.
- 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 without dust bag and/or filters in place.
- Turn off all controls before unplugging.
- Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.
- Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids, such as gasoline, or use in areas where they may be present.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all components are present and in good condition:

- Sanitaire Tradition Commercial Upright Vacuum Unit (SC688B)
- Hose
- Extension Wands
- Round Dust Brush
- Crevice Tool
- Floor Nozzle
- Pre-Filter
- Dust Collection Bag
- HEPA Filter
- Power Cord (attached)
- User Manual (this document)





Figure 1: Sanitaire Tradition Commercial Bagged Upright Vacuum SC688B, front view.

4. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

The Sanitaire SC688B typically requires minimal assembly. Follow these steps:

1. **Unpack the Unit:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging.
2. **Handle Assembly:** Insert the upper handle into the lower handle assembly. Secure it with the provided screws or bolts, ensuring a tight fit. Refer to the diagram below for proper alignment.
3. **Power Cord Management:** Wrap the 50-foot commercial-grade power cord around the cord hooks on the handle for organized storage.
4. **Bag Installation (if not pre-installed):** Open the bag compartment. Slide the cardboard collar of the disposable bag onto the bag inlet tube until it is securely seated. Close the compartment.



Figure 2: Illustration of the 50-foot commercial-grade detachable power cord, highlighting its length and potential cleaning area of 7,800 sq. ft.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these steps for effective cleaning with your Sanitaire SC688B vacuum:

1. **Plug In:** Insert the power cord into a suitable electrical outlet.
2. **Power On:** Locate the power switch (typically a foot pedal or switch on the main body) and press it to turn the vacuum on.
3. **Adjust Height:** The vacuum features multiple height adjustment settings for different carpet pile heights. Use the height adjustment knob on the front of the cleaner head to select the appropriate setting. Start with a higher setting and lower it until the brush roll makes contact with the carpet without being difficult to push.
4. **Begin Cleaning:** Push the vacuum forward and pull it back in overlapping passes. For best results, move at a moderate pace.
5. **Extended Motor Life:** The SC688B is equipped with an extended-life motor designed for over 2,000 hours of commercial cleaning performance, which is five times the motor life of an average household vacuum.



2,000 HOUR MOTOR LIFE

Figure 3: Operating the Sanitaire SC688B vacuum, emphasizing its 2,000-hour motor life for commercial use.



CRI SILVER CERTIFIED

Figure 4: The Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI) Silver Certification logo, indicating the vacuum's endorsement for exceptional cleaning performance.

6. MAINTENANCE

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

6.1. Replacing the Disposable Dust Bag

1. **Unplug the Vacuum:** Always disconnect the power cord from the outlet.
2. **Open Bag Compartment:** Release the metal clip bag release system to open the bag compartment.
3. **Remove Old Bag:** Carefully slide the full disposable bag off the inlet tube.
4. **Install New Bag:** Slide a new Sanitaire disposable bag onto the inlet tube, ensuring a secure fit.
5. **Close Compartment:** Close the bag compartment and secure the metal clip.



Figure 5: View of the large-capacity disposable bag compartment, designed for less frequent changes with its 6.1-quart capacity.

6.2. Cleaning the Brush Roll

The chrome brush roll with replaceable bristle strips should be inspected regularly for tangled hair, threads, or debris.

1. **Unplug the Vacuum:** Disconnect from power.
2. **Access Brush Roll:** Turn the vacuum over. The SC688B features tool-free brush roll access. Follow the instructions in the diagram below to release the brush roll cover.
3. **Clean Brush Roll:** Remove any tangled debris from the brush roll. If bristles are worn, replace the bristle strips.
4. **Reassemble:** Reinstall the brush roll and secure the cover.



TOOL-FREE MAINTENANCE

Figure 6: Underside view of the vacuum, illustrating the tool-free maintenance design for easy brush roll and belt replacement.

6.3. Belt Replacement

The drive belt may stretch or break over time. The SC688B allows for tool-free belt replacement.

1. **Unplug the Vacuum:** Disconnect from power.
2. **Access Belt:** Follow the same steps as accessing the brush roll.
3. **Replace Belt:** Remove the old belt and carefully stretch the new belt around the motor shaft and brush roll.
4. **Reassemble:** Ensure the belt is properly seated before reassembling the brush roll cover.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Before performing any troubleshooting, ensure the vacuum is unplugged from the power outlet.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
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Vacuum does not turn on.	No power to the unit.	Check if the power cord is securely plugged into a working outlet. Check the circuit breaker.
Loss of suction.	Full dust bag; clogged hose/nozzle; worn belt; clogged filter.	Replace dust bag. Check for and clear any blockages in the hose or nozzle. Inspect and replace the drive belt if worn. Check and clean/replace filters.
Brush roll not turning.	Belt broken or stretched; brush roll jammed with debris.	Replace the drive belt. Remove debris from the brush roll.
Vacuum is difficult to push.	Height adjustment too low for carpet type.	Adjust the height setting to a higher position.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model	SC688B
Brand	Sanitaire
Type	Commercial Bagged Upright Vacuum
Motor Life	2,000+ hours (Extended Life Motor)
Dust Bag Capacity	6.1 Quarts
Power Cord Length	50 feet
Construction	Polycarbonate hood, Chrome Brush Roll
Maintenance Features	Tool-free brush roll and belt replacement, metal clip bag release
Certification	CRI Silver Certified
Dimensions (L x W x H)	13.75 x 12.5 x 45 inches
Item Weight	17 pounds
Wattage	840 watts
Noise Level	79 Decibels



Figure 7: The durable construction of the Sanitaire SC688B, featuring a robust polycarbonate hood designed for tough environments.

9. WARRANTY AND CUSTOMER SUPPORT

For warranty information, service, or to purchase replacement parts and accessories, please contact Sanitaire customer support or visit their official website. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for warranty claims.

Sanitaire Customer Service: Refer to the contact information provided with your product packaging or visit www.sanitairecommercial.com for assistance.

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