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Model: 75117

1. Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the proper use, installation, and maintenance of your POWERTEC CMXZVBE38735 Vacuum Bags and 17816 Cartridge Filters. These high-quality replacement components are designed to optimize the performance of compatible wet/dry vacuums, ensuring a cleaner working environment.

The cartridge filter is engineered to capture 95% of dust and debris down to 0.3-1 micron, while the fine dust collection vacuum bags are designed for dry materials and ultra-fine debris such as drywall dust, sanding particles, sawdust, dirt, and cold ashes.



Image: The POWERTEC Vacuum Bags and Cartridge Filter Kit, showing both the filter bag packaging and the blue pleated cartridge filter

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW & INCLUDED COMPONENTS

Your package includes the following high-performance replacement parts:

- (2) Replacement Cartridge Filters: Designed for superior filtration of fine dust and debris.
- (2) Filter Bags: Specifically for 12 Gallon Shop Vacuums, capturing fine particles and non-hazardous materials.



Image: A clear view of the two main components included in the kit: the POWERTEC filter bag and the blue cartridge filter.

3. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail	
Manufacturer	POWERTEC	
Part Number	75117	
Item Weight	1.01 pounds	
Country of Origin	China	
Material	Polyethylene terephthalate, Paper, Meltblown Nonwoven	
Item Package Quantity	1 (containing 2 filters & 2 bags)	

Feature	Detail
Special Features	Disposable
Filtration Level (Filter)	Captures 95% of dust and debris down to PM 0.3-1 (MERV 16)
Bag Capacity	12 Gallons



Image: Detailed dimensions of the POWERTEC 12 Gallon vacuum bag, showing its 3-inch opening and overall size.



Image: Illustration of the 2-layer filtration structure of the POWERTEC filter bag, highlighting the filter paper and meltblown nonwovens.



Image: Close-up view of the pleated filter material, demonstrating its two-layer high-quality construction for effective particle capture.

4. COMPATIBILITY

Cartridge Filter Compatibility:

This replacement cartridge filter is compatible with Craftsman models 17816, 9-17816, 17907 (551090107), 9-17907, 17912, and 9-17912. It is designed for most Craftsman 5 gallon and above wet/dry vacuums. Compatible Craftsman Model Numbers (prefixed by "113" or "125") include: 12004, 12005, 12006, 12007, 12008, 12009, 16825, 17608, 38907, 38909, 177825, 179100, 179155, 9-17066 (170660), 9-17741 (177415 / 177420), 9-17761 (177610), 9-17762 (177621), 9-17765 (177650 / 177611), 9-17784 (177846), 9-17967 (177060), and more.

Vacuum Bags Compatibility:

These replacement filter bags (CMXZVBE38735, 38735 / 9-38735) are specifically designed for Craftsman 12 Gallon models: CMXEVBE17606 and CMXEVBE17594.

5. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

Cartridge Filter Installation:

- 1. Ensure your wet/dry vacuum is unplugged from the power source before beginning installation.
- 2. Remove the vacuum's motor head and set it aside.
- 3. If an old filter is present, carefully remove it. Dispose of the old filter according to local regulations.
- 4. Place the new POWERTEC cartridge filter onto the filter cage, ensuring it sits securely and evenly.
- Secure the filter in place using the vacuum's original retaining nut or mechanism. Ensure a tight seal to prevent dust bypass.
- 6. Replace the motor head onto the vacuum tank, ensuring it latches securely.

Vacuum Bag Installation:

- 1. Ensure your wet/dry vacuum is unplugged from the power source.
- 2. Remove the vacuum's motor head.
- 3. Locate the vacuum port inside the tank.
- 4. Align the opening of the POWERTEC filter bag with the vacuum port.
- 5. Slide the bag's collar firmly onto the vacuum port. No tools are required for this step. Ensure the bag is fully seated to prevent dust leakage.
- 6. Distribute the bag evenly inside the tank.
- 7. Replace the motor head onto the vacuum tank, ensuring it latches securely.

6. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once the filter and/or bag are correctly installed, your vacuum is ready for operation. These components work together to efficiently capture various types of debris:

- Cartridge Filter: Provides advanced H10 filtration, making it ideal for tackling everyday dirt, workshop sawdust, and larger-scale woodworking cleanups. It effectively removes particles from the air stream before they reach the motor or are exhausted back into the environment.
- Vacuum Bags: Designed for dry material collection, including ultra-fine debris like drywall dust, sanding
 particles, and cold ashes. The outer layer captures large debris, while the inner high-density filter layer
 captures micro-particles, protecting your lungs from dust.

Always ensure the vacuum is used according to its manufacturer's guidelines. For optimal performance, regularly check the filter and bag for signs of wear or excessive accumulation.



Wide Range of Applications

Filtration Standard(US)	MERV 15	MERV 15	MERV 16	НЕРА Н13
Filtration Efficiency% (PM 0.3-1.0)	85~95%	85~95%	>95%	≥99.97%
Compatibility	for Shop Vac Most 4 Gal & Less	for Shop Vac Most 5 Gal & Above	for Craftsman Most 5 Gal & Above	for Craftsman 3-4 Gal
Replacement Model	Type AA (90398)	Type U (90304)	9-17816 9-17907 (9-17912)	9-16950 (9-17810)
POWERTEC SKU	75083	75082	75091	75090

Image: A visual comparison showing a filter before and after cleaning, demonstrating its effectiveness in removing particles from a shop vacuum.

7. MAINTENANCE

Cartridge Filter Maintenance:

The cartridge filter is designed for long life and easy cleaning. For dry debris, you can gently tap the filter to dislodge accumulated dust, or use a soft brush or compressed air to clean the pleats. For wet applications, allow the filter to dry completely before cleaning or storing. Regular cleaning extends the filter's lifespan and maintains vacuum efficiency. Replace the filter when it shows signs of damage, reduced performance, or cannot be effectively cleaned.

Vacuum Bag Disposal:

The vacuum bags are designed for easy disposal. Once full, simply remove the bag from the vacuum port and tie it off securely to contain the collected debris. Then, dispose of the sealed bag in the trash according to local waste disposal guidelines. This method helps keep your cylindrical filter clean and extends its life.

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Reduced Suction:** Check if the filter is clogged or the vacuum bag is full. Clean or replace as necessary. Ensure all connections (hose, filter, bag) are secure and free of leaks.
- **Dust Escaping Vacuum:** Verify that the filter is correctly seated and the retaining nut is tightened. Ensure the vacuum bag is fully attached to the vacuum port and not torn.
- Filter/Bag Does Not Fit: Double-check the compatibility information in Section 4 against your vacuum's model number. While these components are designed for wide compatibility, specific models may vary. Refer to your vacuum's original manual for exact part requirements.

9. SUPPORT & WARRANTY

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