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MODEL: FH52008GBX

Brand: Hoover

## INTRODUCTION

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This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the safe and effective operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Hoover SmartWash Automatic Carpet Cleaner Machine, Model FH52008GBX. Please read all instructions carefully before use to ensure optimal performance and product longevity.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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When using an electrical appliance, basic precautions should always be followed to avoid fire, electric shock, or injury. Read all instructions before using this appliance.

- Always connect to a properly grounded outlet. See grounding instructions.
- Do not leave 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 Hoover recommended attachments and cleaning solutions.
- 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 airflow.
- Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers, and all parts of body away from openings and moving parts.
- 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.
- Do not pick up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches, or hot ashes.
- Do not use without tanks in place.

## PRODUCT COMPONENTS

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The Hoover SmartWash Automatic Carpet Cleaner Machine comes with the following components:

- Hoover SmartWash Main Unit
- 2-in-1 Pet Tool
- 8 ft Hose
- Carpet Cleaner Formula Pods (sample 14-ct)
- Stair Tool
- Accessory Storage Bag
- Trial Carpet Cleaning Solution (bottle)



Image: Hoover SmartWash Automatic Carpet Cleaner Machine with its various accessories, including the main unit, hose, cleaning tools, and solution bottle.

## SETUP

1. **Assembly:** The unit is designed for easy assembly. Attach the handle to the main body until it clicks into place. Ensure all components are securely fastened.

2. **Fill Clean Water Tank:** Remove the clean water tank from the machine. Fill it with hot tap water (do not boil). Do not use cold water as it may reduce cleaning effectiveness.
3. **Add Cleaning Solution/Pods:**
  - For liquid solution: Fill the solution tank with Hoover carpet cleaning solution. The Auto Mix feature will precisely mix and dispense the correct amount.
  - For Paws & Claws Pods: Open the solution tank and drop one or more pods into the designated compartment. The machine will dissolve and dispense the solution automatically.



Image: A hand demonstrating how to place a cleaning pod into the solution tank of the Hoover SmartWash machine, simplifying the cleaning process by eliminating manual measuring.

4. **Attach Tanks:** Securely place both the clean water tank and the dirty water recovery tank back onto the machine. Ensure they are properly seated to prevent leaks and ensure proper suction.
5. **Power Connection:** Plug the machine into a grounded electrical outlet.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Pre-Vacuum:** For best results, thoroughly vacuum the carpet area to remove loose dirt and debris before using the carpet cleaner.
2. **Automatic Cleaning:**

- Turn on the machine. The SmartWash features automatic cleaning technology.
- **Wash Cycle:** Push the machine forward slowly. The machine will automatically dispense cleaning solution and scrub the carpet with its FlexForce PowerBrushes.
- **Dry Cycle:** Pull the machine backward slowly. The machine will automatically extract water and dirt from the carpet. HeatForce Technology assists in faster drying.



Image: The Hoover SmartWash machine illustrating its automatic wash-forward and dry-backward functionality, simplifying the carpet cleaning process.

### 3. Spot Cleaning with Attachments:

- To clean upholstery, stairs, or hard-to-reach areas, attach the 8 ft hose and the 2-in-1 Pet Tool or Stair Tool.
- Ensure the main unit is in the upright position.
- Follow the instructions provided with the specific attachment for its use.

# BREAKS DOWN ORGANIC PET MESSSES

## WITH DEEP ENZYMATIC CLEANING



Image: A user operating the Hoover SmartWash with its extended hose and spot cleaning attachment to clean carpeted stairs, demonstrating its versatility.

4. **Repeat Passes:** For heavily soiled areas, make multiple passes. Continue until the extracted water in the dirty water tank appears clear.
5. **Dry Only Mode:** After cleaning, you can engage the "Dry Only" mode (if available on your model) or make additional backward passes to extract as much moisture as possible, aiding in faster drying.
6. **Emptying Tanks:** When the dirty water tank is full, or the clean water tank is empty, turn off the machine and empty/refill as needed.

## MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your carpet cleaner.

1. **Empty and Rinse Dirty Water Tank:** After each use, remove the dirty water tank, empty its contents, and rinse thoroughly with clean water. Allow it to air dry before reattaching.
2. **Clean Brush Rolls:** The FlexForce PowerBrushes should be cleaned regularly.
  - Turn off and unplug the machine.
  - Remove the brush roll cover (refer to your specific model's diagram for exact removal).
  - Remove any hair, debris, or tangled fibers from the brush rolls. Rinse them under running water if

necessary.

- Ensure brush rolls are dry before reassembling.

3. **Clean Nozzle and Suction Path:** Check the nozzle and suction path for any blockages. Remove any debris that may impede suction.
4. **Wipe Down Exterior:** Use a damp cloth to wipe down the exterior of the machine.
5. **Storage:** Store the machine in a dry, indoor area. Ensure all tanks are empty and clean before storage. Use the accessory storage bag for tools.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Machine does not turn on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Not plugged in securely</li><li>• Power outlet not functioning</li><li>• Circuit breaker tripped</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure plug is fully inserted into a grounded outlet.</li><li>• Test outlet with another appliance.</li><li>• Reset circuit breaker.</li></ul>
No suction or poor suction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dirty water tank not seated correctly</li><li>• Dirty water tank full</li><li>• Nozzle or suction path clogged</li><li>• Clean water tank empty</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remove and re-seat the dirty water tank firmly.</li><li>• Empty the dirty water tank.</li><li>• Check and clear any blockages in the nozzle or suction path.</li><li>• Refill the clean water tank.</li></ul>
Machine not dispensing solution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solution tank empty</li><li>• Solution tank not seated correctly</li><li>• Solution line clogged</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Refill the solution tank.</li><li>• Remove and re-seat the solution tank firmly.</li><li>• Check for any blockages in the solution dispensing mechanism.</li></ul>
Brush rolls not rotating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Debris tangled in brush rolls</li><li>• Brush roll belt damaged</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Turn off and unplug. Remove brush roll cover and clear any obstructions.</li><li>• If belt is damaged, contact customer support for service.</li></ul>

## SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Hoover
Model Name	SmartWash+ Automatic and Pods Bundle
Item Model Number	FH52008GBX
Color	Turquoise
Item Weight	18.49 Pounds
Capacity	1 Gallon (Clean Water Tank)
Power Source	Corded Electric
UPC	073502054529
Package Dimensions	22.44 x 18.9 x 13.46 inches
Included Components	2-in-1 Pet Tool, 8 ft Hose, Carpet Cleaner Formula Pods, Stair Tool, Trial Carpet Cleaning Solution

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information, please refer to the warranty card included with your product at the time of purchase. For further assistance, technical support, or to purchase replacement parts and accessories, please contact Hoover customer service.

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