

# vax™

**Gator**  
HANDHELD

**CORDLESS CONVENIENCE FOR  
QUICK EVERYDAY CLEAN UPS**



LET'S GET STARTED.

**H85-GA-B10**  
**H85-GA-P18**  
**HCGRV1B1**

## Let's talk safety



### Basic safety precautions

**This handheld is intended for household use only and NOT for commercial or industrial use.**

- This handheld is for indoor use only.
- For dry debris only - not to be used on wet surfaces.
- Keep fingers, hair and loose clothing from moving parts and openings whilst using the handheld.



### Don'ts

- Don't charge the handheld outdoors
- Don't use this handheld if it has been dropped, damaged, immersed in water or left outdoors.
- Don't run over the charger cord or use handheld if the charger cord or plug is damaged.
- Don't handle the plug or use the handheld with wet hands.
- Don't throw the handheld into fire or expose to high temperatures, as the handheld contains a rechargeable nickel cadmium battery which may cause damage or burst.
- Don't pull or carry this handheld by the charger cord.



### Do's

- Always make sure the filter and dirt container are fitted correctly before using your handheld.
- Always turn off the handheld and disconnect the charger before carrying out any maintenance.
- Turn off all controls on the handheld before disconnecting or connecting the charger.
- Take extra care when cleaning on the stairs.
- Always replace the fuse in the plug with a 13amp fuse.

- Only Vax recommend charger, tools and accessories should be used with this handheld.
- This appliance can be used by children aged from 8 years and above and persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities or lack of experience and knowledge if they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance in a safe way and understand the hazards involved. Children shall not play with the appliance. Cleaning and user maintenance shall not be made by children without supervision.

- Don't use the charger cord as a handle, pull the charger cord around corners or sharp edges, or close a door over the charger cord. Don't unplug handheld by pulling on the charger cord.
- Don't attempt to remove blockages with sharp objects as this may cause damage to your handheld.
- Don't use the handheld charger with incorrect voltage as this may result in damage or injury to the user. The correct voltage is listed on the ratings label.
- Don't vacuum up hot coals, cigarette butts, matches or smoking hot burning items or use in an area where there may be harmful fluids (chlorine, bleach, and ammonia drain cleaner).

- Always protect the charger cable from heated surfaces or near open flames.
- Use only CE approved 13amp extension cords, non-approved extension cords may overheat. Care should be taken to arrange the extension cord as it can be a trip hazard.
- Always carry the handheld by the handle.
- Store your handheld in a cool, dry area.

**PLEASE KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FURTHER USE.**

# Thank you for buying this Gator.

## Taking care of small cleaning tasks

The Gator range is designed to make cleaning as quick and convenient as possible and this user guide will help you get the most out of your machine.

The Gator range is perfect for small cleaning tasks on surfaces and upholstery.

## Taking care of your Gator

Also inside this guide are instructions on maintaining your new machine, so that it's always ready when you need to tackle those small jobs.

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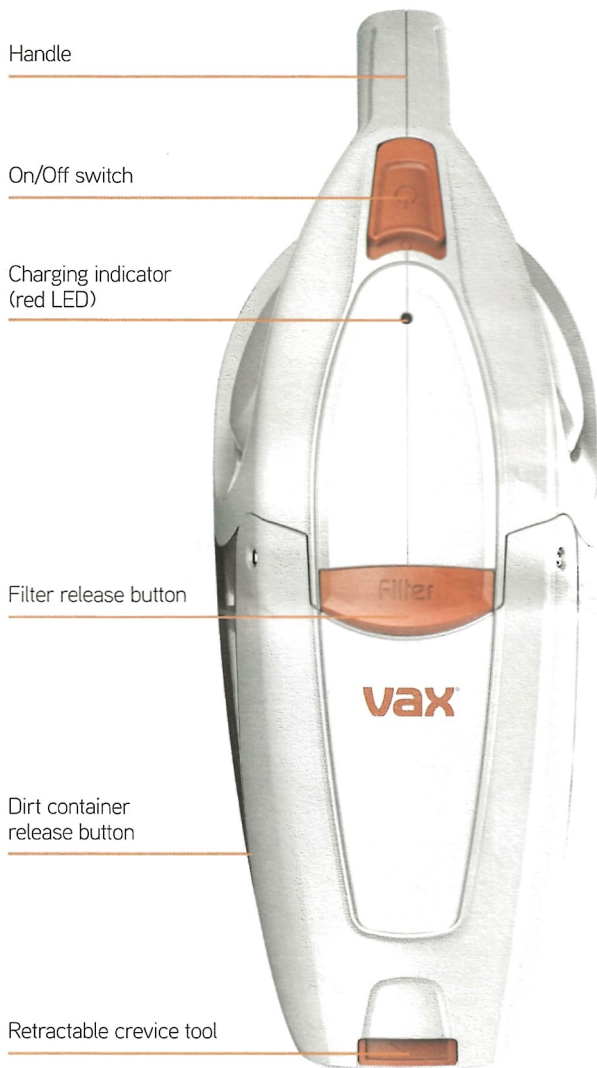
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Gator 10.8V

Included with  
your machine



Filter



Charger

Gator 18V



Motorised Tool

## Technical Specification

Name	Gator 10.8V	Gator 18V
Weight	1.24kg	1.8kg
Capacity	0.3L	0.3L
Cleaning Time	15 mins	20 mins
Charging Time	12 hrs	12 hrs

## Accessories & Consumables

Gator 10.8V	Gator 18v
Charger 1-5-131865-00	Charger 1-5-132794-00
Pre-motor Filter (Type 67) 1-7-131574-00	Pre-motor Filter (Type 67) 1-7-131574-00
	Motorised Turbohead 1-2-132797-00

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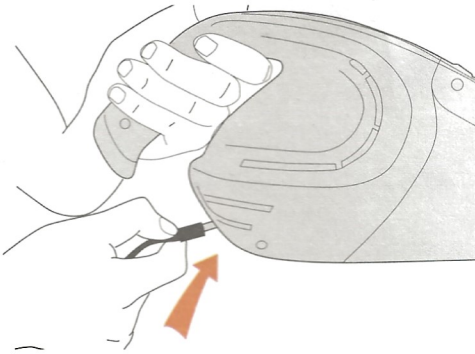
# Getting started

## PLEASE READ 'LET'S TALK SAFETY' AT THE BEGINNING BEFORE USE

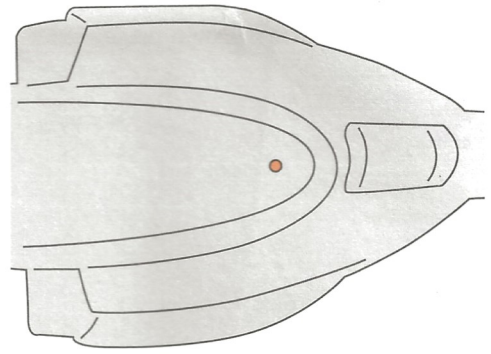
**CAUTION:** The battery used in this device may present a risk of fire or chemical burn if mistreated. Do not disassemble or heat above manufacturer's maximum temperature limit (60°C/140°F) or incinerate. Use of another battery may present a risk of fire or explosion. Dispose of used battery promptly. Keep away from children. Do not disassemble and do not dispose of in a fire. Do not attempt to disassemble the battery or remove any component projecting from the battery terminals. The battery and charger have no user serviceable parts. Fire or injury may result. Prior to disposal, protect exposed terminals with heavy insulating tape to prevent shorting. The battery is to be disposed of safely at your local battery recycling centre.

Do not attempt to recharge non-rechargeable batteries. The battery must be removed from the appliance before it is scrapped. The appliance must be disconnected from the charger/supply mains before use and when removing or installing the battery into the machine. In case of battery leakages avoid any contact with the skin.

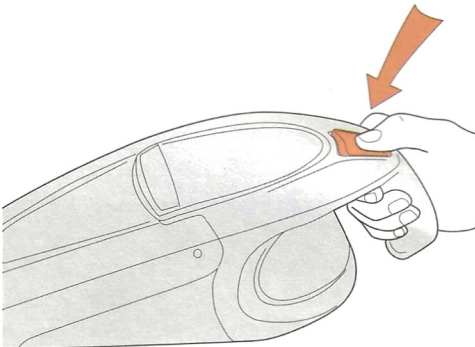
**NOTE:** The power switch must be in the off position to charge the battery. Only use the charger provided with your handheld to charge the battery.



Plug charger into the mains and insert lead into back of machine. Initial charging time is 24 hours.



The charging light will illuminate continuously whilst the charger is connected.



On/off switch:

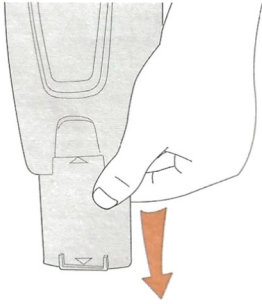
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Failure to initially charge the battery for 24 hours, may result in poor battery performance.

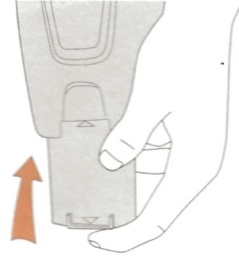
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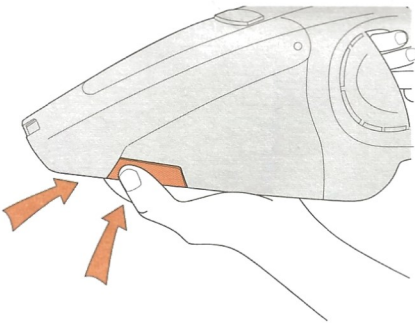
# Using your machine



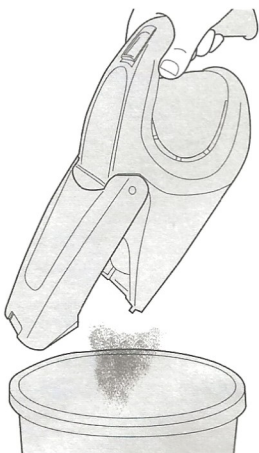
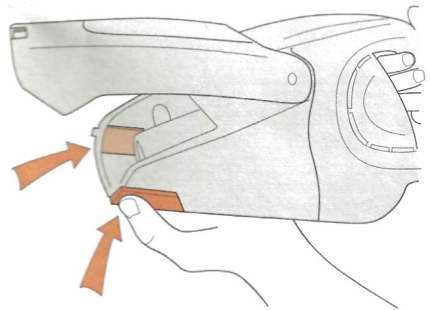
Gently pull the crevice tool.



Push the crevice tool to retract.



To empty the dirt container, press both buttons either side of the dirt container to release lid.



Empty dirt and debris over a bin.

We recommend to empty the dirt container after each use.



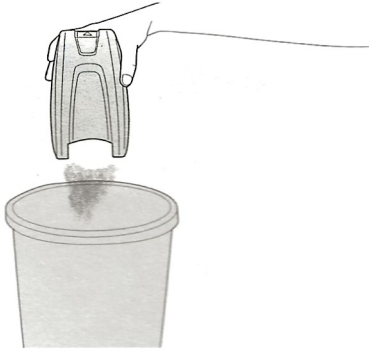
## Taking care of your machine



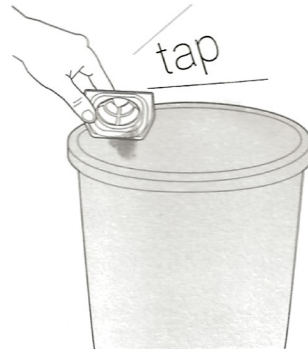
Press the filter removal button and pull dirt container from machine.



Whilst holding the dirt container over a bin, grasp the filter gently and pull out.



Shake any excess dirt or debris from the dirt container.



Tap filter against bin.



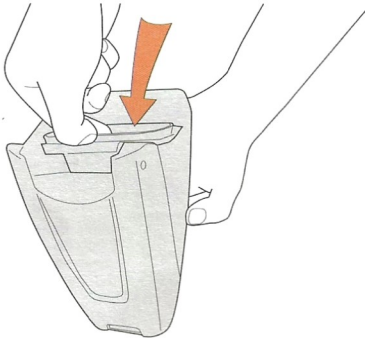
Wash the filter under running water and leave to fully dry for a least 24 hours before replacing.



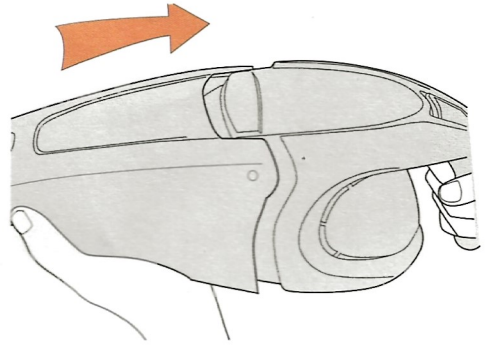
Do not use the handheld without the filter in place.



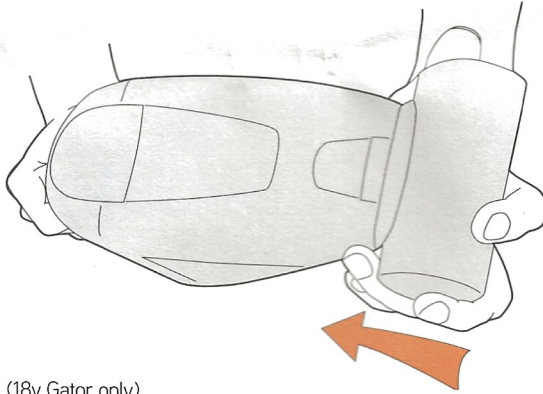
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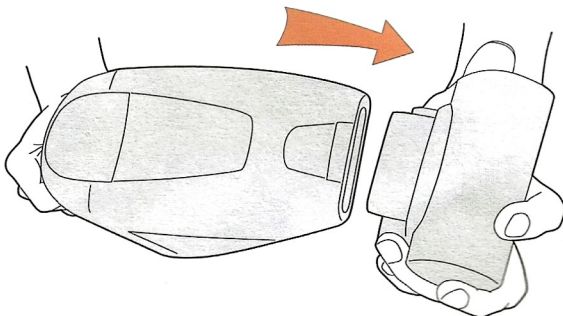
Gently push filter back into the dirt container.



To re-attach the dirt container, align bottom of the dirt container and push until it locks into place.



To attach the Motorised Tool (18v Gator only), align with dirt container and push until it locks in place.



To remove the Motorised Tool (18v Gator only) for cleaning or when not in use, gently twist down and pull to detach.

Always unplug the charging lead from the machine before carrying out any maintenance.





# What to do if it goes wrong

## Problem

Why does the handheld have no power?

## Solution

- Battery may not be fully charged. If using the handheld for the first time the initial charge should be 24 hours. The charging light will illuminate continuously when charger is connected.

Why won't the handheld pick up?

- The nozzle or crevice tool may be blocked, check and clear any blockage. The filter may be clogged, clean the filter. Go to 'Taking care of your machine' page\*. The battery is getting weak, let the battery run until it stops and recharge. The dirt container may be full, empty the dirt container. Go to 'Using your machine'.

Why won't the battery recharge?

- The charger may not be inserted correctly.

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