

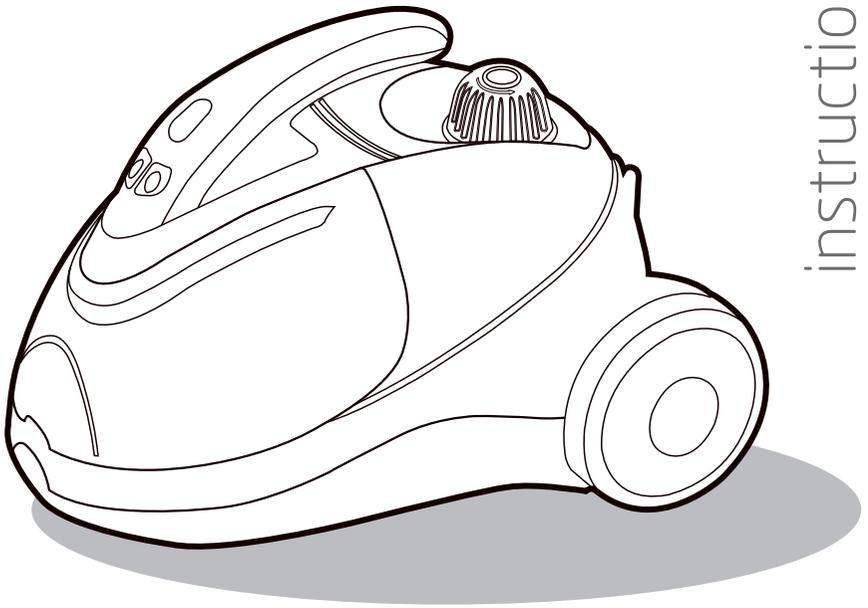


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# Steam cleaner

steam  
compact steam cleaner

Vax model number:  
V-085 Series



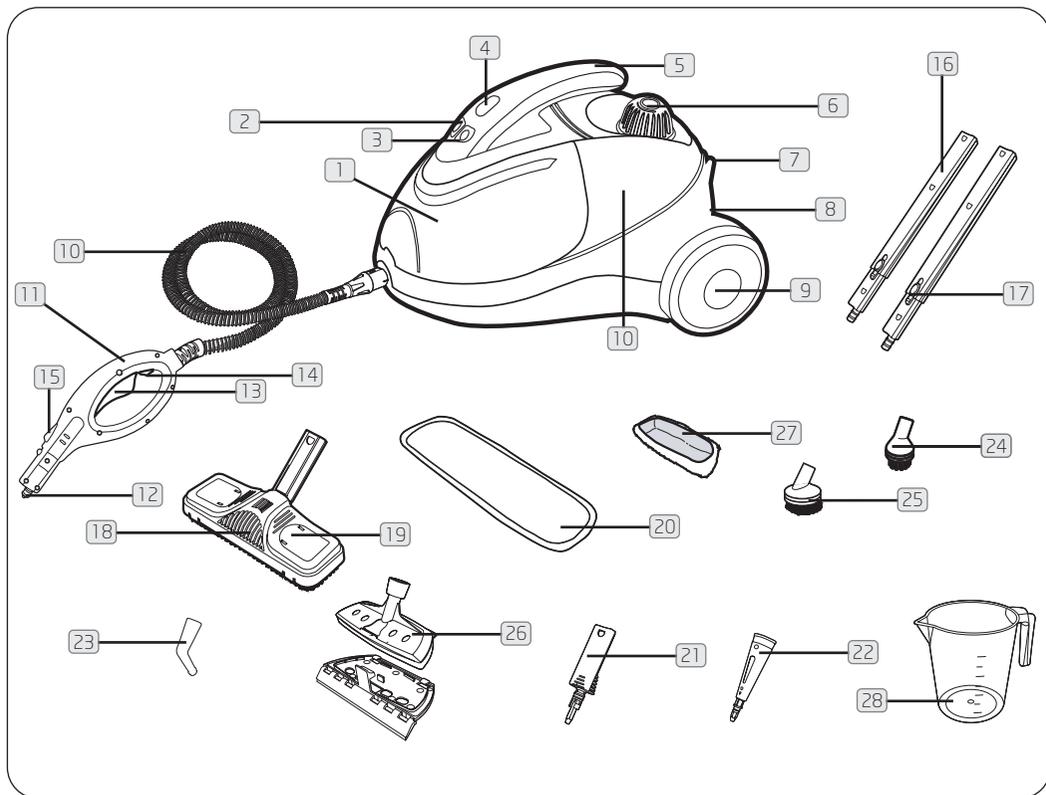
instruction manual

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Please read carefully before using this cleaner.  
Always fully extend the mains cable before use.  
Retain for future reference.

## 1. Diagram



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| 1 Accessory storage            | 17 Release button   |
| 2 Power indicator light (red)  | 18 Floor nozzle   |
| 3 Steam ready light (yellow)   | 19 Cloth holder   |
| 4 On/off switch                | 20 Large cloth  |
| 5 Carry handle                 | 21 Accessory adaptor  |
| 6 Tank safety cover            | 22 Concentration nozzle   |
| 7 Tool parking slot            | 23 Jet nozzle attachment  |
| 8 Power cable                  | 24 Round brush (plastic bristles)   |
| 9 Wheel                        | 25 Round brush (metal bristles)   |
| 10 Hose                        | 26 2-in-1 combi-attachment -<br>Rectangular steam nozzle and window<br>attachment |
| 11 Steam gun                   | 27 Cotton cover   |
| 12 Connection nozzle           | 28 Measuring jug  |
| 13 Steam switch                |   |
| 14 Lock (child safety)         |   |
| 15 Accessory attachment button |   |
| 16 Extension tubes             |   |

## 2. Safety Information

### FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY.



**When using the steam cleaner, basic safety precautions should always be observed, including the following:**

1. Do not leave the steam cleaner unattended when plugged in. Unplug it from socket when not in use.
2. To prevent electric shock do not use outdoors.
3. Not to be used as a toy. Close supervision is necessary when used near children or the infirm.
4. Use only as described in this manual.
5. Do not use the vacuum cleaner if it has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors or dropped into water. Do not use the vacuum cleaner with a damaged cord or plug. If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer or a recommended Service Agent to avoid hazard and invalidating the guarantee.
6. Do not pull or carry by the cord, use the cord as a handle, allow the cord to come into contact with hot or sharp surfaces or close a door on the cord.
7. Do not unplug by pulling on the cord.
8. Do not handle the plug or steam cleaner with wet hands.
9. Do not put any objects into openings or operate with openings blocked.
10. Do not use without the tank cap in place.
11. Turn off all controls before unplugging.
12. Keep the steam cleaner on the floor.
13. Do not use an extension cord.
14. Do not attempt to remove blockages with sharp objects as they may cause damage.
15. Store indoors, put away after use to prevent tripping accidents.
16. Using improper voltage may result in damage to the steam cleaner and possible injury to the user. The correct voltage is listed on the rating label.
17. This steam cleaner is intended for household use only.
18. A hazard may occur if the steam cleaner runs over the power supply cord.
19. The steam cleaner must be kept level during operation.
20. Never immerse the steam cleaner in water or other liquids.
21. Keep the steam cleaner away from rain and moisture. The steam cleaner is not suitable for outdoor use.
22. Do not operate the steam cleaner without water in the tank. Always top up with water in good time.
23. Empty the water tank when the steam cleaner is not in use.
24. Never fill the tank with anything other than water. Never put additives (such as perfume, stain remover or products containing alcohol) in the water as they may damage the steam cleaner or make it dangerous to use.
25. Always remove the mains plug from the socket and allow this steam cleaner to cool down completely before topping up with water.
26. Do not over fill the tank. Do not exceed the maximum prescribed filling level. Please use the measuring jug and funnel included.
27. Ensure that the water tank's closure cap has been screwed down fully before use.
28. Only carry the steam cleaner by the carry handle.
29. Do not touch any hot areas on the steam cleaner. It is normal for the steam cleaner to heat up during operation.
30. Do not use the steam cleaner to treat any items of clothing that are still being worn on the body.
31. The force and heat of the steam may have an adverse effect on some materials. Always check whether a surface is suitable for treatment with the steam cleaner by carrying out a test beforehand on a concealed area.
32. Always include these operating instructions if passing the steam cleaner on to a third party.
33. Never aim the steam cleaner at people, animals or plants (risk of scalding)! Do not aim the steam cleaner at electrical systems or wires.
34. Do not operate the steam cleaner without supervision. Please always switch the appliance off and remove the mains plug from the socket if leaving the work area.
35. The steam cleaner is fitted with a thermostat and a thermal cut-out as protection against overheating.
36. Accessories become hot during use - allow them to cool down before handling.
37. Please ensure all parts are correctly fitted before using the product.
38. Do not use your steam cleaner if damaged/ faulty. Please call our Vax Careline on 0844 412 8455.

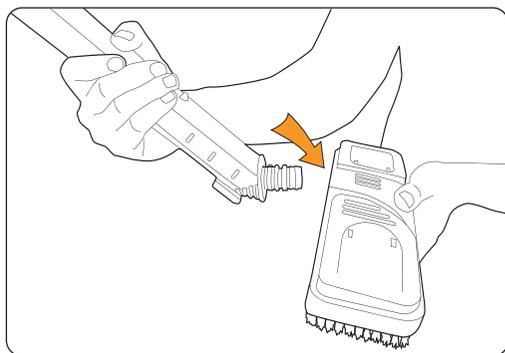
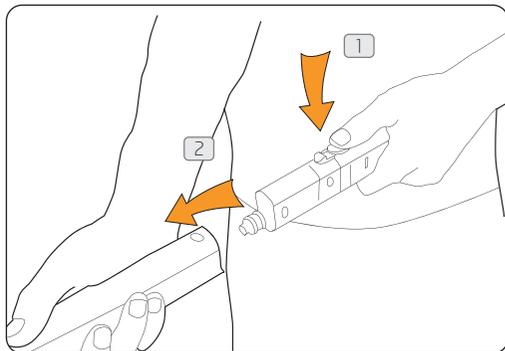
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## 3. Assembly

### Extension tubes

To choose the correct length for the task, you can fit one or two of the extension tubes.

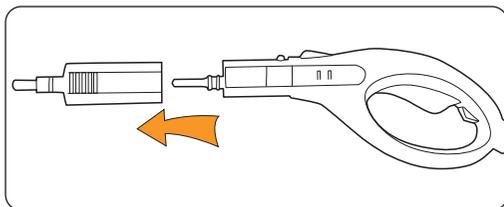
Push the extension tube onto the connection nozzle as far as it will go until you hear it click into place. Then fit the floor nozzle.



**⚠ WARNING:** Remove the plug from the socket before fitting or changing accessories. The accessories will become hot during use - allow them to cool down before replacement.

### Accessory adaptor

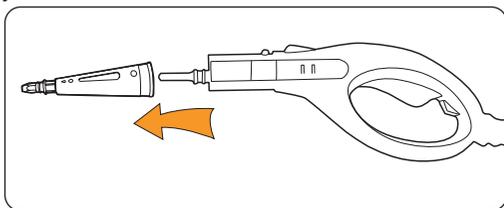
Push the accessory adaptor as far as it will go onto the connection nozzle of the steam gun until you hear a click. The accessory adaptor can be removed again by pressing the accessory connection button and pulling the adaptor off. Allow to cool before removing.



### Concentration nozzle

The concentration nozzle is pushed directly onto the accessory adaptor until it clicks into place. It can be used with various fittings (jet nozzle attachment, brush attachment, 2-in-1 combi-nozzle) depending on the task.

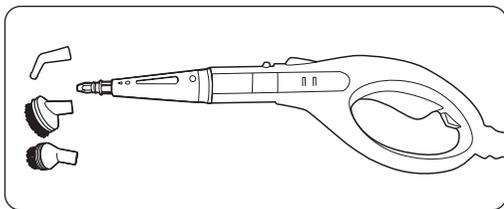
### Jet nozzle attachment



The jet nozzle attachment can be fitted directly to the concentration nozzle. Push and twist to fit. Ideal for hard to reach places such as corners and joints.

### Brush attachments

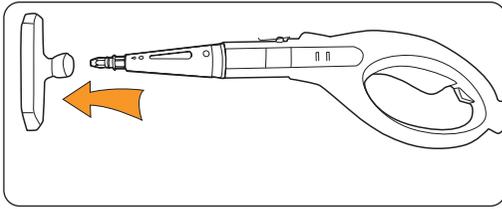
Ideal for removing stubborn dirt from surfaces, the brush attachments can be fitted directly to the concentration nozzle. Push and twist to fit.



### 2-in-1 combi-attachment

**Rectangular steam nozzle** - the hand nozzle can be fitted directly to the concentration nozzle. Push and twist to fit. The rectangular steam nozzle can be used either with or without the cotton cover, depending on cleaning requirements.

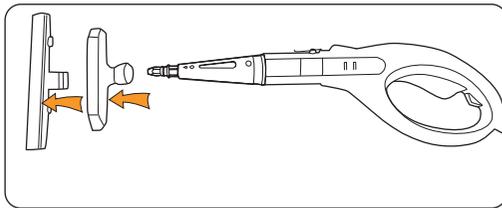
Ideal for cleaning kitchen work surfaces. Add cotton cover for extra protection.



**Window attachment** - Push the window attachment onto the rectangular steam nozzle until you hear it click into place. You can fit the window attachment to the concentration nozzle by pushing it into place.

Perfect for cleaning windows, mirrors, ceramic tiles and surfaces and other non-porous, smooth surfaces.

Apply the steam evenly to the glass surface from a



distance of about 20cm. Switch the steam off and wipe the moisture off the glass top to bottom in strips using the rubber squeegee. Wipe the rubber squeegee and the lower edge of the window dry after every strip.

**WARNING:** Glass surfaces can be shattered by the sudden application of excessive heat. Before cleaning such glass surfaces with the steam cleaner, warm them up by applying steam to the surface from a distance of 20-25cm. Continue by applying steam from a distance of 10-15cm.



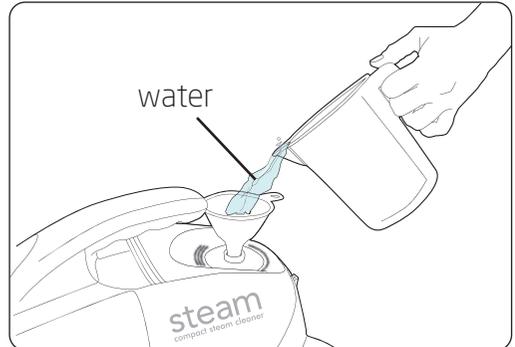
## 4. How to Operate

### Over-heating protection

The steamer is equipped with protection against over-heating. The cleaner will switch itself off automatically on reaching a temperature of 180°C, in order to prevent over-heating. In this event, please remove the plug from the socket immediately. Allow the cleaner to cool down for 30 minutes before resuming work.

### Filling the water tank

Always ensure that the plug of the steamer is removed from the socket before filling or refilling the cleaner with water. Remove the cover of the water tank by pressing it down and turning it anti-clockwise. Fill the tank with 1.4L of water using the measuring beaker. Replace the cover and close it tightly by turning in the clockwise direction. The water tank should be emptied after use. Allow the inside of the water tank to dry out before replacing the cover.



If the water tank needs to be refilled during use, first switch the cleaner off and remove the plug from the socket. Before opening the tank cover to refill the tank, release the steam switch on the steam gun or allow the cleaner to cool down completely.

**WARNING:** Even after a cooling period of 5 minutes, the remaining water in the tank and the tank cover locking screw will still be hot. Always take care when removing the tank cover locking screw, since hot steam may be emitted and the thread can still cause burns. The filler opening of the cleaner must never be opened during use (CONTAINER UNDER PRESSURE).

**WARNING:** Never fill the tank with anything but cold water. The use of any other fluids can be dangerous, and can lead to damage of the heating element.

### Power indicator light / On/off switch

When the water tank has been filled, insert the plug into the socket. Switch the cleaner on by pressing the on/off switch to on. The power indicator light (red) should then come on, indicating that the cleaner is being supplied with power.

### Ready display

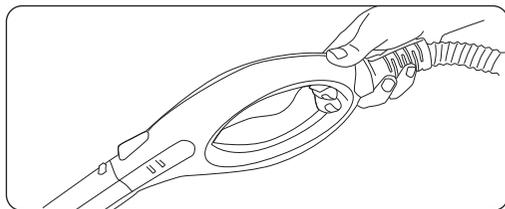
The steam ready light (yellow) will come on, indicating that the steam cleaner is ready to use. The operating temperature will be reached after about 11 minutes (steam ready light (yellow) goes out). The steamer is now ready for use.

**WARNING:** In order to avoid injury, the steam should be switched off during breaks or pauses during work by pressing the on/off switch to off. If you leave the working area, please switch the cleaner off and remove the plug from the socket (by pulling on the plug, and not on the power supply cable).

### Steam gun

The cleaner is ready for use when the yellow steam ready light goes out. Ensure that the child safety lock on the steam gun is off. When the steam switch is pressed, steam will be emitted from the nozzle. Direct the steam gun at a cloth first, until the steam is emitted evenly.

Keep the steam switch depressed, and direct the steam jet at the surface to be cleaned, removing the dirt by moving the steam jet to and fro over the surface. The



steam jet will stop as soon as the steam switch is released.

**NOTE:** When the lock is pushed to the forward position, the steam switch cannot be pressed. Push the lock to the rear position to release the steam switch.

**NOTE:** In order to ensure safe use, even in the case of accidental contact with liquids, the steam gun is insulated from the electrical power supply (zero volt system).

**WARNING:** When cleaning surfaces with the steam gun, wipe the surface dry afterward using a micro-fibre or cotton cloth if necessary; this will also remove any excess moisture for thorough cleaning. In order to control the steam temperature and cleaning power at the surface, move the steam gun closer to or further away from the surface.

### After use

**WARNING:** Before opening the tank cover to empty the tank, release the steam pressure by pressing the steam switch on the steam gun, or allow the cleaner to cool down completely.

Switch the cleaner off and remove the plug from the socket. Wait until the cleaner has cooled down completely. Empty the water tank. Allow the inside of the water tank to dry out before replacing the cover. Store the steamer in a dry area safely out of the reach of children.

### Rinsing out the water tank

To clean the water tank, we recommend that you fill it with water and shake vigorously. This will release any limescale deposits that have collected on the bottom of the tank. Pour the water out while holding the cleaner upside down to rinse out any limescale deposits. In hard water areas it is recommended to use distilled/bottled water to avoid limescale deposits.

## 5. Cleaning and Maintenance

Cleaning and maintenance work on the cleaner must only be carried out when the plug has been removed from the socket.

Allow the cleaner to cool down completely before putting it away or carrying out any cleaning.

Clean the steam cleaner and accessories only with a slightly damp cloth.

**NOTE:** In order to prolong the working life of the cleaner, you should descale the steam tank about every 6 months. Switch the cleaner off, remove the plug from the socket and empty the remaining water as described above.

Fill the tank with 1L of warm water at about 50°C and add 1 or 2 descaling tablets to the tank. Leave the tablets to work for about 30 minutes, and then empty the tank of the water and limescale deposits. This procedure can be repeated if required.

## 6. Troubleshooting

 **WARNING:** To reduce the risk of personal injury, unplug the steam cleaner before performing maintenance or troubleshooting checks.

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### PROBLEM: Operating pilot lamp fails to light.

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**Cause:** The steam cleaner is not plugged into a socket or is not switched on.

**Solution:** Insert the mains plug into a socket or switch the steam cleaner on.

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**Cause:** The socket is faulty.

**Solution:** Check the socket by unplugging the steam cleaner and plugging in a different appliance.

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**Cause:** The power cable is damaged.

**Solution:** Have the cable replaced by a Vax Service Agent.

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### PROBLEM: No steam is emitted when the steam button is pressed.

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**Cause:** The childproof lock is preventing the release of the steam button.

**Solution:** Push the pin on the right-hand side of the steam gun inwards and to the left.

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**Cause:** The water tank is empty.

**Solution:** Top up with water.

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### PROBLEM: Only a very small amount of steam flows out.

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**Cause:** The steam controller is set to minimum.

**Solution:** Turn the steam controller anticlockwise until sufficient steam is emitted.

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### PROBLEM: The steam cleaner takes a very long time to heat up.

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**Cause:** The water tank is furred up.

**Solution:** Descale the water tank.

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## 7. UK Service & Help

Vax Careline:

(UK) 0844 412 8455

(ROI) 1-800 928 308

Monday-Friday 8.30am to 6.30pm

Saturday-Sunday 9.00am to 5.00pm

Any queries or concerns about using your Vax, call the Vax Careline. Calls are charged at the UK national rate.

Please make a note of the serial number and model number of the carpet cleaner before calling. For the nearest Service Agent, please call the Vax Careline or visit [vax.co.uk](http://vax.co.uk).

## 8. Technical Specification

Voltage: 220-240V ~50Hz

Wattage: 1600W

Steam pressure: 3.5bar (max.)

Capacity: 1.4L (max.)

Weight: 4.5kg (without accessories)

Subject to technical change without notice.





## EEC STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Manufacturer/EEC importer: Vax Limited, hereby on our own responsibility, declare that the V-085 Series is manufactured in compliance with the following Directives:

**Safety:** 2006/95/EC Low Voltage Directive

**EMC:** 2004/108/EC Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive



Waste electrical products should not be disposed of with household waste. Please recycle where facilities exist. Check with your Local Authority or retailer for recycling advice.