



Painting Fundamental - 10

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Care Checklist:

1. Electric cord and plug
 - a. No broken ground prong
 - b. Insulation on cord intact, no breaks or frays
2. Suction hose
 - a. No obstacles or debris causing loss of suction
 - b. No holes or cracks
3. Attachments
 - a. Wands
 - i. Make sure all necessary attachments are on hand
 - ii. No obstructions
 - iii. No cracks or broken pieces that could possibly cause scratches to surfaces
 - b. Floor brushes and dust brushes
 - i. Make sure it has enough bristles to dislodge the dust and debris but not scratch the surface you are trying to clean
 - ii. Clean lint and debris from brushes
4. Filter:
 - a. Clean enough for use to provide proper air flow
 - b. Make sure filter is installed properly and securely
5. Wheels
 - a. Check for proper rotation and swivel
6. Vacuum Bag (if applicable)
 - a. Ensure bag is properly sized for model of vacuum
 - b. Make sure bag is properly installed and secured
 - c. Don't overfill – replace as needed

CARE AND USE OF A VACUUM CLEANER or DUST EXTRACTOR

Procedure Steps:

Note: Be aware that vacuum exhaust may disturb dust and blow it around the area, therefore it is important to vacuum dust/debris that would be disturbed first.

1. Vacuum all horizontal surfaces including window sills, baseboards and floors first to remove the worst of the debris. This prevents you from kicking and disturbing the dust when walking around a work site.
2. Vacuum the ceiling if applicable.
3. Vacuum walls and trim from the top down. Re-vacuum all horizontal surfaces for additional dust that may have accumulated. Pay special attention to tops of doors, window casings and sills, baseboards and floors.

Attachments and their use:

Floor Brush – has longer bristles than carpet brush and most effective for wood and tile floors

Carpet Brush – short or no bristles

Wall Brush – very soft and long bristles

Crevice Tool – angled narrow hard plastic in varying lengths effective in hard to reach places and corners

Dust Brush (round with bristles) – most widely used tool for vacuuming trim

Wands – rigid cylindrical tube(s) that extend the reach of the attachments from the vacuum hose

Tips:

- A small air compressor can help to loosen dust prior to vacuuming
- Hand tools such as a duster brush (angled paint brush), putty knife or 5-in-1 can often be used in conjunction with a vacuum to dislodge debris/dust from corners and hard to reach areas
- Some manufacturers have distinct softer brushes designed for walls and ceiling
- Don't push too hard on a brush attachment otherwise the air flow will get blocked
- To prevent vacuum attachments from marking painted surfaces, wrap the end of the attachment with non-marking tape such as masking tape, red stucco tape or clear packing tape.
- Always have spare vacuum bags on a job site – one option is to place a second bag under the one in use.

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