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SteamSwitch

CHANGE THE WAY  
YOU STEAM CLEAN

LET'S GET STARTED.



S84-P1-B

## Let's talk safety



### Basic safety precautions

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

Only use the steamer indoors and keep the area you're cleaning well lit. Keep fingers, hair and loose clothing away from moving parts and openings whilst using the steamer.

- This appliance can be used by 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.

- Please refer to floor manufacturer's care recommendations before use, and test your flooring/carpet/rugs/surfaces by running the steamer over a small hidden area, if no pile distortion or no damage occurs continue cleaning. Not suitable for use on wax polished floors or furniture, acrylic surfaces and synthetic, velvet or steam/water sensitive materials.
- This steamer should not be used to clean electrical appliances such as microwaves, televisions and electrical heating systems etc.
- Only Vax recommended cloths and accessories should be used with this steamer.



### Don'ts

- Don't touch any hot areas/accessories on your steamer. It's normal for the steamer and accessories to heat up during use, always allow them to cool down before handling.
- Don't leave the steamer turned on when unattended.
- Don't use the steamer if it has been dropped, damaged, immersed in water or left outdoors.
- Don't run over the power cord or use steamer if the power cord or plug is damaged. Please contact our Customer Care Line (UK) 0330 026 8455(ROI) 1-800 928 308.
- Don't handle the plug or use the steamer with wet hands.
- Don't pull or carry the steamer by the power cord.

- Don't use the power cord as a handle, pull the power cord around corners or sharp edges or close a door over the power cord. Don't unplug the steamer by pulling on the power cord.
- Don't attempt to remove blockages with sharp objects as this may cause damage to the steamer, remove blockages only as instructed in this guide.
- Don't aim the steam cleaner at people, animals, plants and electrical components or wires. Never touch the steam jet (there is a risk of scalding).
- Don't use the steamer 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 use the steamer to clean or refresh any items of clothing that are still being worn on the body.



### Do's

- Always make sure the 360° Connector and accessories are securely connected to the handheld before use.
- Always fill the tank with water only. Never add perfume, stain remover or products containing alcohol. Filling the tank with hot or boiling water will damage the steamer and invalidate the guarantee.
- Always make sure the tanks are fitted correctly before using the steamer.
- Always vacuum your carpets thoroughly and ensure hard floor areas are free from grit and debris before using your steamer.
- Always carry the steamer by the handle.
- Always unplug the steamer before carrying out any maintenance or when unattended.

- Turn off all controls on the steamer before disconnecting or connecting the power cord, after use always wrap the power cord around the cord clips provided.
- Take extra care when cleaning on the stairs.
- Always replace the fuse in the plug with a British 13amp fuse.
- Always protect the power cord from heated surfaces and near open flames.
- Use only CE approved 13amp extension cords, non-approved extension cords can overheat. Care should be taken to arrange the extension cord as it could be a trip hazard.
- Store the steamer in a cool, dry area away from children. Before storing the steamer please make sure the tank is thoroughly empty and clean.

**PLEASE KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FURTHER USE AND USE ONLY AS INSTRUCTED IN THIS GUIDE.**

# Thank you for buying this Steam Switch

## Taking care of your sealed hard floors and surfaces

The Steam Switch is designed to make the regular cleaning of your home as effective and efficient as possible. This user guide will help you get the most out of your machine.

Maintaining your home with the Steam Switch will ensure it is kept looking beautiful and is hygienically clean.

## Taking care of your Steam Switch

Also inside this guide are instructions on maintaining your new machine, so that it is always ready to tackle your home when you are.

## Taking care of you

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Monday-Friday 8:30am to 6:30pm, Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm

Calls are charged at the UK local rate. Please make a note of the serial number and model number of the product before calling.

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## Steam Switch

### Included with your machine

-  Microfibre Pad
-  Carpet Glider
-  Accessory Bag
-  360° Connector
-  Precision Tool
-  Soft Scrub Brush

## Getting to know your machine



### Technical Specification

Name **Steam Switch**  
 Voltage **Please refer to product rating label**  
 Wattage **Please refer to product rating label**  
 Water tank capacity **0.36L**  
 Cord length **7m**  
 Weight **3.5kg**

Subject to technical change without notice.

### Accessories & Consumables\*

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Clean & Scrub Kit (Type 1)<br><b>1-1-137101</b> | 360° Scrub Pads<br><b>1-1-137251</b>            |
| Multi-Surface Kit (Type 1)<br><b>1-1-137103</b> | 360° Flexi-Tool Socks<br><b>1-1-137250</b>      |
| 360° Window Pads<br><b>1-1-137252</b>           | Hard Water Filter (Type 7)<br><b>1-1-136462</b> |

\*To purchase consumables and accessories, please visit [vax.co.uk](http://vax.co.uk)

## Getting started

### Before you Begin

**CAUTION:** The steamer and accessories get very hot during use, always allow them to cool down before handling. Always unplug the steamer when assembling. Always unplug the steamer before emptying the tank or changing the cloths/accessories.

**IMPORTANT:** Please refer to floor/surface manufacturer's care recommendations before use and test the steamer on a hidden area to begin with. Test for colour fastness in a small hidden area of upholstery/fabric to check for colour removal before use. When using the steamer, basic safety precautions should always be observed.

Don't aim the steamer at people, animals, plants and electrical components or wires. Never touch the steam jet or floorhead from a short distance (there is a risk of scalding). The steamer is equipped with a thermostat and a thermal cut-out. If for any reason the steamer overheats it will switch off. If this happens unplug the steamer, allow to cool for a least 2 to 4 hours and re-try.

### Assembling the steamer



Push the main body down into the floorhead until it clicks into place.



Stand the stick steamer upright by pushing the main body forward to lock into position.



Push the handle into main body until it clicks into place.

## Using your machine

**IMPORTANT:** Don't over fill the tank. Don't use the steamer without water in the tank. Always top up with water in good time.

### Filling the tank



Grip the handle press the tank release buttons and pull the tank to remove.



Pull the tab on the tank cap to open. Fill the tank with water. Replace the cap and push firmly to close.



Before replacing the tank make sure the hard water filter which is located behind the tank is in place.



Line up the tank with the machine, push the tank until it clicks into place.



**Important:** If the tank is not fitted correctly there will be a reduction in the amount of steam produced.

## Using your machine

**WARNING:** Always unplug the steamer when fitting the microfibre cleaning pads.

**IMPORTANT:** Never use the steamer without a cleaning pad attached to the floorhead. Never leave the steamer on one spot for an extended period of time or with a damp or wet microfibre pad attached as this may damage the floor surface.

### Using the steam mop



Place the microfibre pad on the floor with the tab side facing up. Place the floorhead onto microfibre pad making sure the microfibre pad covers the entire floorhead.



Plug into mains. The blue light will illuminate to indicate power on. The green light will illuminate to indicate the steamer is ready to use.



Place your foot onto the floorhead and pull the handle backwards to recline.



To produce steam squeeze the trigger in short bursts. Don't hold the trigger continuously to prevent over wetting floors.



Move the steamer slowly backwards and forwards across the floor paying particular attention to high traffic areas. Squeeze/release trigger as required.



After cleaning, return steamer to upright position, lock into place and unplug the steamer. Allow the steamer to cool down. Hold the corner of the microfibre pad down with your foot and lift steamer to peel away.

If the area you are cleaning is becoming too wet, squeeze the trigger in short bursts.



## Using your machine

**IMPORTANT:** When using on carpets, always make sure the microfibre cleaning pad is used and covers the floorhead entirely before using the carpet glider. Only use the carpet glider when refreshing carpets.

### Refreshing carpets



Place the microfibre pad on the floor with the tab side facing up. Place steamer onto the pad making sure the entire pad covers the floorhead.



With microfibre pad attached, push the floorhead into front of the carpet glider, then place back of the floorhead into the clip. The carpet glider should only be used when refreshing carpets.



Plug into mains. The blue light will illuminate to indicate power on. The green light will illuminate to indicate the steamer is ready to use.



Place your foot on floorhead and pull handle backwards to recline.



To produce steam squeeze the trigger in short bursts. Don't hold the trigger continuously to prevent over wetting carpet.



Move the steamer slowly backwards and forwards across the carpet paying particular attention to high traffic areas. Squeeze/release trigger as required.



To release the carpet glider, place your foot on clip and push down. Lift steamer to remove.

If the area you are cleaning is becoming too wet, squeeze the trigger in short bursts.



## Using your machine

**WARNING:** Always unplug the handheld before attaching/detaching the 360° connector and tool to the handheld. The steamer and accessories get very hot during use, always allow them to cool down before handling.

**IMPORTANT:** Always check the tools are clean and free from debris, don't use if damaged, broken or worn.

### Using the handheld steamer



Press the handheld release button and gently pull the handheld from the main body.



Before use, remove tank, fill with water and replace tank to handheld unit.



Choose a tool.



Attach the chosen tool to the 360° connector before attaching both the connector and tool to the handheld.



Line up the edge of tool with the 360° connector. In a hinge like manner, push tool on to 360° connector until it clicks securely into place.



Push the 360° connector with tool attached into the handheld nozzle until it clicks into place. Make sure the locking clip is securely attached by gently pulling the 360° connector.



Plug into mains. The blue light will illuminate to indicate power on. The green light will illuminate to indicate the steamer is ready to use.



To produce steam squeeze the trigger.

## Using your machine

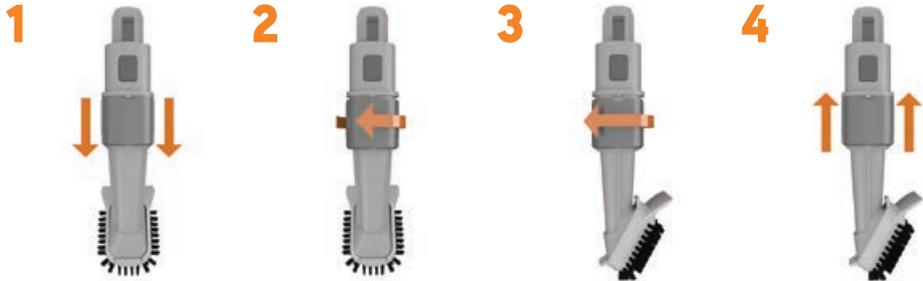
**CAUTION:** Always ensure machine is off before attaching/detaching the, floorhead, accessories and tank.  
The steamer and accessories get very hot during use, always allow them to cool down before handling. Taps should be turned off when steaming around them and sinks should be empty. Don't steam clean ovens, oven surfaces or grills when hot, allow to cool to room temperature first.

### Attaching and detaching handheld tools



Attach the chosen tool to the 360° connector before attaching both connector and the tool to the handheld.

Hook tool onto 360° connector. In a hinge like manner, attach tool to 360° connector until it clicks securely into place.



Push and twist the rotation collar to select the most suited cleaning angle for the chosen tool. There are four positions on the rotation collar for easier cleaning.



To remove the tool from the 360° connector lift and push the clip on the top of the tool (The tools get very hot during use, always allow them to cool down before handling).



Press the unlocking button on the 360° connector and pull to remove from handheld.

### Reattaching handheld



To re-attach the handheld, insert nozzle in to main body of the steamer. Slide the handheld back into the main body until it clicks into place taking care not to trap the power cord.

## Taking care of your machine

### Using Tools



#### Precision Tool

Ideal for hard to access areas such as in corners or around taps. The concentrated jet of steam penetrates heavily soiled areas removing soap scum in baths and shower enclosures and blasting away grease and grime from hobs and cookers.



#### Soft Scrub Brush

Agitates dried on grease and grime and removes build up of dirt. Perfect for use on cookers and hobs, sinks, taps, worktops and more with minimal effort. The soft bristles tackle dirt and are ideal for more delicate surfaces. The integrated scraper edge helps remove stubborn dried on stains without having to change the tool.

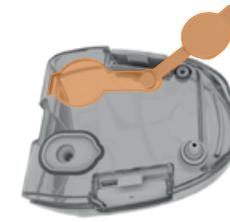
See the accessories section for additional tools and accessories.

**IMPORTANT:** Allow the steamer to fully cool down before performing any maintenance or troubleshooting checks. Don't leave water in the tank between uses, as this can effect the steamer's performance, the tank should be emptied and rinse with clean water after each use.

### Emptying the tank



Grip the tank press the tank release buttons and pull the water to remove.



Pull the tab on the tank cap to open. Empty any excess water in the sink.



Rinse the tank with clean water and replace cap, pushing firmly to close before replacing the tank back onto the steamer.

### Cleaning the microfibre cleaning pad

**IMPORTANT:** Don't use bleach or fabric softener when washing the microfibre cleaning pad. Always allow the steamer to fully cool down before removing the microfibre cleaning pad.



Max 40°C



Hold the corner of the microfibre pad down with your foot and lift steamer to peel away.

The microfibre pad is machine washable (Max 40°C), allow to fully dry before use.

**IMPORTANT:** Don't operate the steamer without hard water filter in place. The condition of the filter affects the performance of your steamer, check and change filter periodically. Depending on water hardness and frequency of use, the filter should be changed every 2-3 months.

### Replacing the hard water filter



Grip the tank press the tank release buttons and pull the tank to remove.



Pull to remove the hard water filter, located on side, behind tank where the tank would sit.



The hard water filter should be replaced every 2-3 months.

**WARNING:** Unplug steamer, allow to fully cool down before performing maintenance or troubleshooting checks.

**WARNING:** To prevent damaging the steamer DO NOT insert any sharp implements into the nozzle on the handheld unit.

### Blockages



Water may be released through the bleed valve located on the back of the handheld when there is a blockage. If this occurs, refer to the section 'What to do if it goes wrong'.

## Also available 360° Steam Tools

Order at: [www.vax.co.uk/spares-and-solutions](http://www.vax.co.uk/spares-and-solutions)

360° Steam tools provide everything you need to clean a multitude of surfaces – rotating at 4 angles through 360°, they do the twisting so you don't have to.

Below is a selection of other 360° steam tools for you to enhance your steam cleaning experience. We have also put together some handy tool kits on the next few pages.

### The Pads

Tackle everyday surfaces easily with the 360° cleaning pads. Both are easy to attach and detach, and machine-washable for re-use.

#### Microfibre Pad

The microfibre pad captures dirty water and spills, and is ideal for cleaning a variety of surfaces.

**Uses:** worktops, sinks, cupboards, tables, doors, shelves and much more.



#### Pro Cleaning Pad

The pro cleaning pad has a textured surface to tackle stuck-on dirt, and is ideal for those grimmer jobs.

**Uses:** oven doors, hobs, tiles, baths, child seats, work surfaces and much more.



### The Brushes

The 360° steam brushes help you tackle dirt and grime. They are easy to attach and detach, with a rounded bristle head that makes reaching awkward angles and small crevices even easier.

#### Deep Scrub Brush

The deep scrub brush has tough, strong bristles that help tackle more stubborn dirt and grime. The specially designed 'scraper edge' helps you to remove stuck-on dirt without changing tools.

**Uses:** oven doors and hobs, grills, taps, work surfaces and much more.



#### Grout Brush

The grout brush is the tool you need for tackling dirt, mould and mildew on tile grout. The slim bristle head design means you can target the grout line with ease.

**Uses:** tile grout in all areas.



## The Window Tool

The window tool is perfect for cleaning glass and other mirrored surfaces. It is designed to give edge to edge steam distribution, for a more even steam clean. Use with the squeegee side first to clean and wipe away excess water, and then rotate to use the window pad to dry the surface. The pad is easy to attach and detach, and machine-washable for re-use.

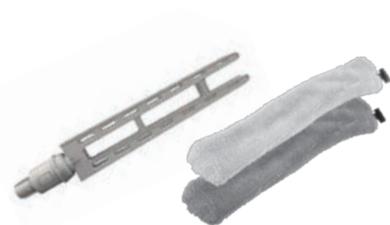
**Uses:** windows, shower screens, tiles, mirrors and other similar surfaces.



## The Flexi-Tool

The flexi-tool is our ultimate steam cleaning tool for a multitude of tasks. The long, thin, flexible design helps to reach into crevices or tackle large flat surfaces quickly. It comes with 2 coloured Microfibre Socks (one for upholstery and one for hard surfaces), allowing you to easily switch between cleaning tasks.

**Uses:** between blinds, kitchen appliances and cupboard door handles, as well as worktops, cupboards, curved shower screens, curtains, car seats and much more.



**IMPORTANT:** Always support the handheld by the handle when using the hose.

## The Flexible Extension Hose

The flexible extension hose attaches to your handheld to provide some extra cleaning reach. Use with the 360° connector and steam tools for high or hard to reach areas.



## Attaching and detaching the hose



Push the end of the hose with the locking clip into the handheld nozzle until it clicks into place. Make sure the locking clip on the flexi-hose is securely attached by gently pulling the flexi-hose.



Push and attach the 360° connector with tool attached into the other end of the flexi-hose until it clicks into place. Make sure the locking clip is securely attached by gently pulling the 360° connector.



Press the unlocking button on the flexi-hose and pull to remove the hose from handheld.

## 360° Steam Tools

### Clean & Scrub Kit (Type 1)

1-1-137101

All you need to clean and scrub at all angles. 360° Steam Tools provide full rotational cleaning. This kit includes: 1 x Pro Clean pad and 1 x Microfibre pad for general cleaning, 1 x Deep Scrub Brush, 1 x Soft Scrub brush and 1 x Grout Brush for cleaning tough stains around the home. A free accessory bag is also included.



### Multi-Surface Kit (Type 1)

1-1-137102

All you need to tackle awkward crevices and a multitude of surfaces around the home. 360° Steam Tools provide full rotational for cleaning at all angles. The kit includes: 1 x Window tool and pad (for glass, mirrored or shiny surfaces), 1 x Deep Scrub Brush and 1 x Grout Brush, 1 x Extension Hose (for extra flexible reach) and 1 x Flexi-Tool with 2 x Microfibre Socks (for tackling a multitude of surfaces and awkward nooks and crannies). A free accessory bag is also included.



### 360° Window Pads

1-1-137252

Contains 4 x replacement window pads for your 360° Window Tool. Pads are machine washable.



### 360° Scrub Pads

1-1-137251

Contains 4 x replacement Microfibre Pads and 4 x replacement Pro Cleaning pads. Pads are machine washable.



### 360° Flexi-Tool Socks

1-1-137250

Contains 2 x replacement Microfibre Socks for your 360° Flexi-Tool. Socks are machine washable.



**PLEASE NOTE:** Actual colours of accessories may vary.

# Don't forget your accessories!

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## 2x Microfibre Cleaning Pads (Type 1)

1-1-131448

Microfibre cleaning pads, are ideal to remove dirt and grime. These cleaning pads attach to the base of the steam mop, so it's quick and easy to fit and remove. They capture spillages and are machine washable.



## Steam Mop Cleaning Pads

1-1-131864

2x microfibre cleaning pads, Ideal for removing dirt and grime.  
2x coral cleaning pads textured surfaces.  
Both are super absorbent and ideal for removing stubborn stains. They are also machine washable.



## 2x Microfibre Pet Pads (Type 9)

1-1-133265

Microfibre pet pads. Super absorbent and ideal for picking up pet hairs. These cleaning pads attach to the base of the steam mop, so they are quick and easy to fit and remove. They are also machine washable.



## Total Home

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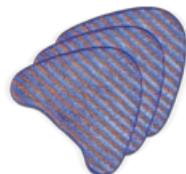
8x microfibre cleaning pads. Avoid cross contamination between different areas of your home with this Total Home Cleaning Kit. Kit contains 8 x coloured machine washable microfibre cleaning pads for all areas of your home. Kit also contains a free wash bag worth £9.99.



## Pro Cleaning Pads (Type 6)

1-1-132319

3x Pro Cleaning pads. Their textured surfaces is ideal for stubborn stain removal throughout your home. These cleaning pads attach to the base of the steam mop, so they are quick and easy to fit and remove. They are also machine washable.



## Hard Water Filter (Type 7)

1-1-136462

3x hard water filters to prevent the build-up of lime scale deposits in ideal for hard water areas. Replace filters regularly to maintain optimum performance.



## Problem

## Solution

There is an accessory missing

- Check the 'This pack contains' panel on the box to make sure the part is included with your machine.

The steamer has no power

- The plug may not be fully pushed into the electrical socket.
- Check the fuse in the plug to see if it needs replacing. Always replace with a British 13amp fuse.

Why is the steamer not producing steam?

- There may be no water in tank, fill the tank.
- Check the tank is correctly fitted. Go to 'Using your machine'.
- The water may not yet be at temperature, the green indicator light will illuminate when it is ready.
- Trigger on handle has not been pressed in mop mode. Go to 'Using your machine'.
- Check the hard water filter is in place, not damaged or needs replacing. Go to 'Taking care of your machine'.
- The water pipe on tank may be stuck. Shake handheld to release.
- Tools/accessories not correctly fitted. Go to 'using your machine'.

Why won't the cleaning pad pick up dirt?

- The cleaning pad may already be saturated or dirty, wash the cleaning pad. Go to 'Taking care of your machine'.

Why is water being released from the back of the handheld unit?

- May be a blockage in the handheld.
- Check the tools are clean and free from debris. Rinse tools under running water. Retry machine. If water continues to be released, contact us.

**Caution:** Always unplug the steam cleaner and allow to cool before performing maintenance/troubleshooting checks.



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