



SAFETY AND OPERATING MANUAL

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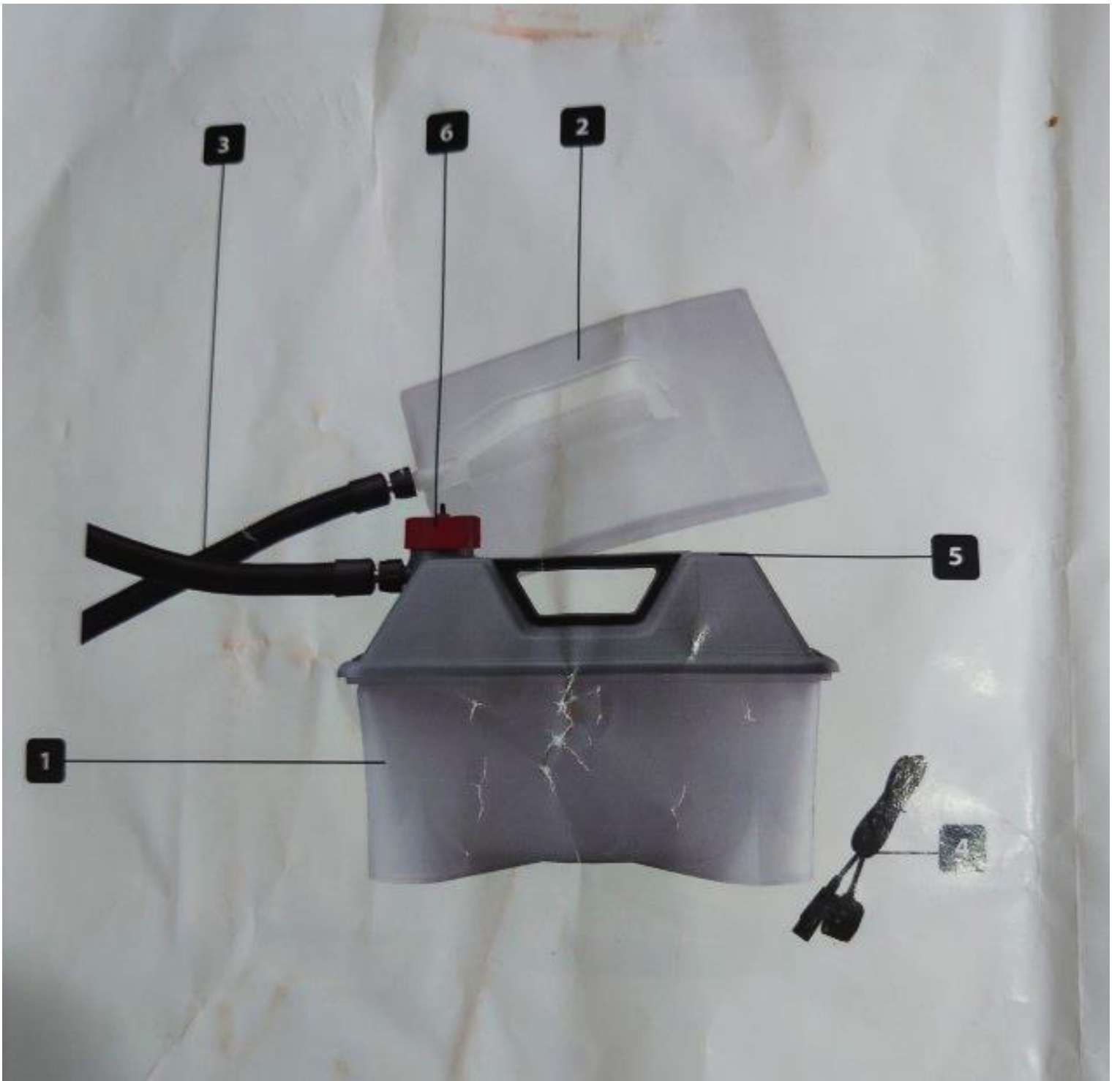
WALLPAPER STRIPPER

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Caution: Carefully read this entire Instruction Manual before using this product

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III – Safety instructions



GENERAL POWER TOOL SAFETY WARNINGS

- Keep equipment away from children and pets.
- Ensure boiler is placed on a flat level surface, and should the boiler become tilted in use - level again immediately. Failure to do so can result in severe overheating, complete element failure and void of your guarantee.
- Block boiler unit securely if using on stairs.
- The boiler becomes hot in use. Move only by using the carrying handle.
- Steam is produced at 100°C. Be careful, wear protective clothing and protect your hands with heat resistant gloves or mitts.
- Never point hose or steam plate at anyone.
- Always keep steam plate tilted away from face and body, beware of hot drips and regularly empty collected condensation from plate - especially when stripping ceilings and high areas.
- Never remove filler cap or detach hose whilst unit is operating.
- Never block the safety valve.
- Never use outside when raining.
- Switch off and wait for 2 minutes before removing filler cap to refill boiler.
- Do not overfill.
- Allow to cool completely before emptying boiler.
- Do not stand on boiler or hose.
- Do not drag or try to move boiler by pulling either the hose or the mains lead.
- Do not allow water or steam to enter light switches or power points.
- Do not leave unattended.
- Use only standard tap water. Never add detergents or chemicals.
- Extreme care must be taken if the unit is used in bathrooms. Always be aware of danger of electrocution from stored water in baths and sinks.
- Never change tools when the unit is operating.
- Always store upright.
- Do not overfill the reservoir.
- It is recommended that a RCD (residual current device) rated at 30mA is fitted into the mains supply socket for added protection against electric shock.
- Use only genuine manufacturer's parts.
- Warning: hot liquid or steam can burn. Steam may also condense into boiling droplets. Steam should not be directed towards electrical appliances (e.g. the inside of an oven).
- The equipment must be unplugged after use and before cleaning.

- This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.

CAUTION!

Check the state of your plaster before starting work. Steam can loosen weak, porous or poorly bonded plaster - which also loosens readily if cracked, holed or if the steam plate is held in one position for too long after the paper is soaked. Weak plaster can normally be detected by tapping a few areas of wall. A hollow sound indicates that you should proceed only with extreme care - stopping immediately if you hear a cracking sound or plaster starts to break loose. The steam stripper is safe for drywall/plaster board surfaces but whatever the material, it is always wise to check a small area before starting work properly.

PROTECT YOUR HOME

The heat generated by the boiler unit can mark carpets, soft furnishings, table tops, cabinets etc. To prevent this you should place the unit on a wooden board, tray or other barrier - making sure it will not slip off one side or tilt during use. Dust sheets or newspapers are not suitable - heat protectors for delicate surfaces.

SAFETY CUT-OUT

A safety cut-out is fitted to prevent overheating the element if the water boils low. If unit stops boiling during use this may be the cause. Wait for 2 minutes before removing filler cap then re-fill with water. The cut-out will self reset and steam be produced again within 5-15 minutes.

The cut-out will not protect the element if a part filled unit is tilted during use in a way which enables part of the element to be out of the water for longer than 15-20 seconds.

SYMBOLS

The rating plate and or tool may show symbols. These represent important information about the product or instructions on its use.



STEAM IS HOT!

Warning: hot liquid or steam can burn. Danger of scalding. Steam may also condense into boiling droplets. Steam should not be directed towards electrical appliances. Danger of scalding appears on the cap as this symbol.



Wear eye protection.



Conforms to relevant safety standards.



WARNING - To reduce the risk of injury, user must read instruction manual.



This symbol is known as the 'Crossed-out Wheelie Bin Symbol'. When this symbol is marked on a product or battery, it means that it should not be disposed of with your general household waste. Some chemicals contained within electrical/electronic products or batteries can be harmful to health and the environment. Only dispose of electrical/electronic/battery items in separate collection schemes, which cater for the recovery/recycling of materials contained within. Your co-operation is vital to ensure the success of these schemes and for the protection of the environment.



CAUTION

IV - Getting started

PREPARATION

To achieve fastest paper removal always gently score the areas to be stripped. With heavily embossed, vinyl coated or painted papers this is essential. Either use a proprietary perforator tool or alternatively score the paper with the edge of a wall scraper in a criss-cross pattern with 150mm (6 inch) spacing. As with all decorating work be sure to protect carpets and furniture with covers.

OTHER USES FOR THE STEAM PLATE

Vinyl Floor Tiles - Vinyl floor tiles can also be removed if the plate is left long enough for the heat to penetrate the adhesive. Once the adhesive is hot it softens and the tile can be peeled from the floor.

Sterilising Soil - To sterilise soil in seed trays or greenhouses rake the soil to obtain a fine surface. Leave the steam plate on each section, for 2 to 2.5 minutes which should ensure that the steam has penetrated through the surface.

Killing Weeds - Steam will kill weeds on paths and patios without the use of chemicals. You will need to steam the weeds for 1 to 1.5 minutes in order to kill them.

Furniture indents - remove indentations by steaming the carpet for 1 to 1.5 minutes.

V - Operation

The unit is designed for safe, fast removal of wallpaper but please be aware that steam is produced at 100°C - so be careful, wear protective clothing and protect your hands with heat resistant gloves or mitts.

FILLING THE STEAM WALLPAPER UNIT: Remove filler cap and fill unit to Max. level line or indicator with clean - preferably warm - water. Replace filler cap.

For a shorter steaming time use less water. Do not overfill the unit or hot water will be forced up the steam hose. Screw hose onto threaded outlets of boiler and steam plate, hand tight is sufficient. Do not over tighten but do check for hand tight fit from time to time during use. Connect mains lead from unit to power socket and switch on. It can take up to 15 mins (approx.) before steam is produced - depending on fill water quantity and temperature.

Do not leave unattended and keep children & pets out of the room.

Just before full steam production a small amount of bubbling and water will occur at the steam plate. Beware of hot water discharge prior to steam emission.

STRIPPING: Remember to check a small area first. Operation is simple for both right and left handed people. Simply hold the steam plate flat against the wallpaper for approx. 10 seconds. Now move the plate to the spot immediately next to the one just steamed - from which the paper should now easily come away with a little help from a wallpaper scraper. Working this way should enable continuous paper removal although it may be necessary to steam for longer periods with some papers, or if not completely removed first time. Operate steamer until water level is low, then unplug unit and allow to cool for at least 2 minutes before removing filler cap - Beware of steam - and re-filling unit. When finished, allow to cool completely and empty unit. Always store unit empty.

VI – Maintenance and repair

TROUBLE SHOOTING

- **Unit Fails to Boil**
The unit has probably not been left for long enough to cool - refer to section on safety cut-out. Check the fuse in the plug is sound and is rated at 13 amps.
If using an extension lead check that it is rated at a minimum of 10 amps and fully unwound.
- **Unit Leaks Steam from Pressure Relief Valve**
The pressure relief valve is a special low pressure valve and cannot be replaced by any other valve. If steam is leaking from the valve, the most likely cause is a blockage in the hose. Allow the unit to cool then remove the hose and check for any blockage. Always check the inlet in the tool you are using.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES FORCE THE VALVE SHUT. THIS IS OPERATING FOR YOUR PROTECTION.

DESCALING

To maintain peak performance of the unit, particularly in areas of hard water, it may be necessary to descale the element in the unit. Proprietary kettle descaling products can be used in your unit - always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

PLUG REPLACEMENT

WARNING - THIS APPLIANCE MUST BE EARTHED. If you are using an extension lead it must be rated at a minimum of 10 amps and fully unwound. Do not

operate with a lead rated at less than 10 amps as this will cause premature failure of the element which is not covered by the guarantee. As the colours of the wires in the mains lead of this appliance may not correspond with the coloured markings identifying the terminals in your plug, proceed as follows:

The wire which is coloured green and yellow must be connected to the terminal in the plug which is marked with the letter E or by the earth symbol, or coloured green or green and yellow.

The wire which is coloured blue must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter N or coloured black. The wire which is coloured brown must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter L or coloured red.



WARNING: Never connect live or neutral wires to the earth terminal of the plug.

Only fit an approved 13 Amp BS1363/A plug and the correct rated fuse. If in doubt, consult a qualified electrician.

NOTE: If a moulded plug is fitted and has to be removed take great care in disposing of the plug and severed cable, it must be destroyed to prevent engaging into a socket.

VII – Guarantee

1. This product has been manufactured to a high quality standard. It is guaranteed against faulty materials and workmanship for 24 months from purchase, please retain your till receipt as proof of purchase.
2. If the product is found to be defective within the relevant time period, we will either replace all defective parts or, at our discretion, replace the unit free of charge with the same item or items of a greater value and/or specification.
3. This guarantee does not cover defects caused by or resulting from:
 - (a) misuse, abuse or neglect;
 - (b) trade, professional or hire use;
 - (c) repairs attempted by anyone other than our authorized repair centre (call 0845 300 2577); or
 - (d) damage caused by foreign objects, substances or accident.
4. In the unlikely event that this product does develop a fault please call the Performance Power helpline on 0845 300 2577.
5. This guarantee does not affect your statutory rights. B&Q plc, Portswood House, 1 Hampshire Corporate Park, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh Hants, SO53 3YX (Registered in England under no. 973387)

Thank you for purchasing a Performance Power product. We are confident that this product will meet and exceed your expectations of quality and reliability. Please take the time to carefully read this entire instruction manual before using your new product, and take note of the basic safety precautions contained herein.