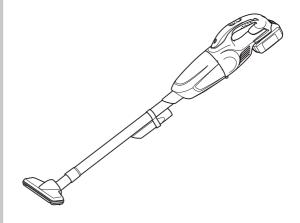
INSTRUCTION MANUAL



Cordless Cleaner DCL181F



Read before use.

WARNING

- 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.
- See the chapter "SPECIFICATIONS" for the type reference of the battery.
- See the section "Installing or removing battery cartridge" for how to remove or install the battery.
- When disposing the battery cartridge, remove it from the tool and dispose of it in a safe place. Follow your local regulations relating to disposal of battery.
- If the tool is not used for a long period of time, the battery must be removed from the tool.
- Do not short the battery cartridge.
- See the chapter "MAINTENANCE" for the appropriate details of precautions during user maintenance.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model:		DCL181F	
Capacity		650 mL	
Continuous use (with battery BL1830B)	HIGH	Approx. 20 min	
	LOW	Approx. 40 min	
Overall length		999 mm	
Rated voltage		D.C. 18 V	
Net weight		1.2 - 1.5 kg	

- Due to our continuing program of research and development, the specifications herein are subject to change without notice.
- Specifications may differ from country to country.
- The weight does not include accessories but battery cartridge(s). The lightest and heaviest combination weight of the appliance and battery cartridge(s) are shown in the table.

Applicable battery cartridge and charger

Battery cartridge	BL1815N / BL1820B / BL1830B / BL1840B / BL1850B / BL1860B	
Charger	DC18RC / DC18RD / DC18RE / DC18SD / DC18SE / DC18SF /	
	DC18SH / DC18WC	

 Some of the battery cartridges and chargers listed above may not be available depending on your region of residence.

AWARNING: Only use the battery cartridges and chargers listed above. Use of any other battery cartridges and chargers may cause injury and/or fire.

Symbols

The followings show the symbols which may be used for the equipment. Be sure that you understand their meaning before use.



Read instruction manual.



Only for EU countries

Due to the presence of hazardous components in the equipment, waste electrical and electronic equipment, accumulators and batteries may have a negative impact on the environment and human health. Do not dispose of electrical and electronic appliances or batteries with household wastel

In accordance with the European Directive on waste electrical and electronic equipment and on accumulators and batteries and waste accumulators and batteries, as well as their adaptation to national law, waste electrical equipment, batteries and accumulators should be stored separately and delivered to a separate collection point for municipal waste, operating in accordance with the regulations on environmental protection.

This is indicated by the symbol of the crossed-out wheeled bin placed on the equipment.

Intended use

The tool is intended for collecting dry dust.

SAFETY WARNINGS

Cordless cleaner safety warnings

AWARNING: IMPORTANT! READ CAREFULLY all safety warnings and all instructions BEFORE USE. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electric shock, fire and/or serious injury.

- 1. Do not expose to rain. Store indoors.
- Do not allow to be used as a toy. Close attention is necessary when used by or near children.
- Use only as described in this manual. Use only manufacturer's recommended attachments.
- Do not use with damaged battery. If the appliance is not working as it should, has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors, or dropped into water, return it to a service center.
- 5. Do not handle the appliance with wet hands.
- Do not put any object into openings. Do not use with any opening blocked; keep free of dust, lint, hair, and anything that may reduce air flow.
- Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers, and all parts of body away from openings and moving parts.
- Turn off all controls before removing the battery.
- 9. Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.
- Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids, such as gasoline, or use in areas where they may be present.
- Use only the charger supplied by the manufacturer to recharge.
- Do not pick up anything that is burning or smoking, such as cigarettes, matches, or hot ashes

- Do not use without dust bag and/or filters in place.
- 14. Do not charge the battery outdoors.
- 15. Recharge only with the charger specified by the manufacturer. A charger that is suitable for one type of battery pack may create a risk of fire when used with another battery pack.
- Use appliances only with specifically designated battery packs. Use of any other battery packs may create a risk of injury and fire.
- 17. When (the) battery pack is not in use, keep it away from other metal objects, like paper clips, coins, keys, nails, screws or other small metal objects, that can make a connection from one terminal to another.
- Under abusive conditions, liquid may be ejected from the battery; avoid contact. If contact accidentally occurs, flush with water.
- Do not use a battery pack or appliance that is damaged or modified. Damaged or modified batteries may exhibit unpredictable behaviour resulting in fire, explosion or risk of injury.
- Do not expose a battery pack or appliance to fire or excessive temperature. Exposure to fire or temperature above 130 °C may cause explosion.
- 21. Follow all charging instructions and do not charge the battery pack or appliance outside the temperature range specified in the instructions. Charging improperly or at temperatures outside the specified range may damage the battery and increase the risk of fire.
- 22. Do not let familiarity gained from frequent use of tools allow you to become complacent and ignore tool safety principles. A careless action can cause severe injury within a fraction of a second

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

ADDITIONAL SAFETY RULES

This appliance is intended for household use.

- Read this instruction manual and the charger instruction manual carefully before use.
- 2. Do not pick up the following materials:
 - Hot materials such as lit cigarettes or spark/metal dust generated by grinding/ cutting metal
 - Flammable materials such as gasoline, thinner, benzine, kerosene or paint
 - Explosive materials like nitroglycerin
 - Ignitable materials such as Aluminum, zinc, magnesium, titanium, phosphorus or celluloid
 - Wet dirt, water, oil or the like
 - Hard pieces with sharp edges, such as wood chips, metals, stones, glasses, nails, pins or razors
 - Powder to clot such as cement or toner
 - Conductive dust such as metal or carbon
 - Fine particle like concrete dust
 Such action may cause fire, injury and/or property damage.

- Stop operation immediately if you notice anything abnormal.
- If you drop or strike the cleaner, check it carefully for cracks or damage before operation.
- Do not bring close to stoves or other heat sources.
- 6. Do not block the intake hole or vent holes.

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Important safety instructions for battery cartridge

- Before using battery cartridge, read all instructions and cautionary markings on (1) battery charger, (2) battery, and (3) product using battery.
- Do not disassemble or tamper with the battery cartridge. It may result in a fire, excessive heat, or explosion.
- If operating time has become excessively shorter, stop operating immediately. It may result in a risk of overheating, possible burns and even an explosion.
- If electrolyte gets into your eyes, rinse them out with clear water and seek medical attention right away. It may result in loss of your eyesight.
- 5. Do not short the battery cartridge:
 - (1) Do not touch the terminals with any conductive material.
 - (2) Avoid storing battery cartridge in a container with other metal objects such as nails, coins, etc.
 - (3) Do not expose battery cartridge to water

A battery short can cause a large current flow, overheating, possible burns and even a breakdown.

- Do not store and use the tool and battery cartridge in locations where the temperature may reach or exceed 50 °C (122 °F).
- 7. Do not incinerate the battery cartridge even if it is severely damaged or is completely worn out. The battery cartridge can explode in a fire.
- Do not nail, cut, crush, throw, drop the battery cartridge, or hit against a hard object to the battery cartridge. Such conduct may result in a fire, excessive heat, or explosion.
- 9. Do not use a damaged battery.
- 10. The contained lithium-ion batteries are subject to the Dangerous Goods Legislation requirements

For commercial transports e.g. by third parties, forwarding agents, special requirement on packaging and labeling must be observed.

For preparation of the item being shipped, consulting an expert for hazardous material is required. Please also observe possibly more detailed national regulations.

Tape or mask off open contacts and pack up the battery in such a manner that it cannot move around in the packaging.

 When disposing the battery cartridge, remove it from the tool and dispose of it in a safe

- place. Follow your local regulations relating to disposal of battery.
- Use the batteries only with the products specified by Makita. Installing the batteries to non-compliant products may result in a fire, excessive heat, explosion, or leak of electrolyte.
- 13. If the tool is not used for a long period of time, the battery must be removed from the tool.
- During and after use, the battery cartridge may take on heat which can cause burns or low temperature burns. Pay attention to the handling of hot battery cartridges.
- Do not touch the terminal of the tool immediately after use as it may get hot enough to cause burns.
- 16. Do not allow chips, dust, or soil stuck into the terminals, holes, and grooves of the battery cartridge. It may cause heating, catching fire, burst and malfunction of the tool or battery cartridge, resulting in burns or personal injury.
- 17. Unless the tool supports the use near high-voltage electrical power lines, do not use the battery cartridge near high-voltage electrical power lines. It may result in a malfunction or breakdown of the tool or battery cartridge.
- 18. Keep the battery away from children.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

ACAUTION: Only use genuine Makita batteries. Use of non-genuine Makita batteries, or batteries that have been altered, may result in the battery bursting causing fires, personal injury and damage. It will also void the Makita warranty for the Makita tool and charger.

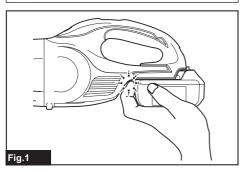
Tips for maintaining maximum battery life

- Charge the battery cartridge before completely discharged. Always stop tool operation and charge the battery cartridge when you notice less tool power.
- Never recharge a fully charged battery cartridge. Overcharging shortens the battery service life.
- Charge the battery cartridge with room temperature at 10 °C 40 °C (50 °F 104 °F). Let a hot battery cartridge cool down before charging it.
- When not using the battery cartridge, remove it from the tool or the charger.
- Charge the battery cartridge if you do not use it for a long period (more than six months).

FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION

ACAUTION: Always be sure that the tool is switched off and the battery cartridge is removed before adjusting or checking function on the tool.

ACAUTION: Take care not to trap finger(s) between cleaner and battery as shown in diagram when loading battery. Trapping finger(s) may cause injury.



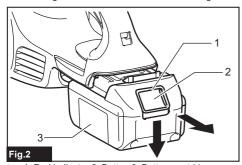
Installing or removing battery cartridge

ACAUTION: Always switch off the tool before installing or removing of the battery cartridge.

▲ CAUTION: Hold the tool and the battery cartridge firmly when installing or removing battery cartridge. Failure to hold the tool and the battery cartridge firmly may cause them to slip off your hands and result in damage to the tool and battery cartridge and a personal injury.

To install the battery cartridge, align the tongue on the battery cartridge with the groove in the housing and slip it into place. Insert it all the way until it locks in place with a little click. If you can see the red indicator as shown in the figure, it is not locked completely.

To remove the battery cartridge, slide it from the tool while sliding the button on the front of the cartridge.



▶ 1. Red indicator 2. Button 3. Battery cartridge

ACAUTION: Always install the battery cartridge fully until the red indicator cannot be seen. If not, it may accidentally fall out of the tool, causing injury to you or someone around you.

ACAUTION: Do not install the battery cartridge forcibly. If the cartridge does not slide in easily, it is not being inserted correctly.

Battery protection system

The tool is equipped with a tool/battery protection system. This system automatically cuts off power to the motor to extend tool and battery life. The tool will automatically stop during operation if the tool or battery is placed under one of the following conditions.

Overloaded:

The tool is operated in a manner that causes it to draw an abnormally high current.

In this situation, turn the tool off and stop the application that caused the tool to become overloaded. Then turn the tool on to restart

If the tool does not start, the battery is overheated. In this situation, let the battery cool before turning the tool on again.

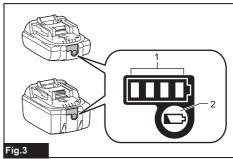
Low battery voltage:

The remaining battery capacity is too low and the tool will not operate. In this situation, remove and recharge the battery.

Indicating the remaining battery capacity

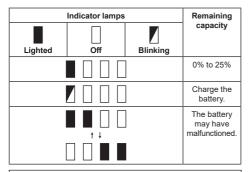
Only for battery cartridges with the indicator

Press the check button on the battery cartridge to indicate the remaining battery capacity. The indicator lamps light up for a few seconds.



▶ 1. Indicator lamps 2. Check button

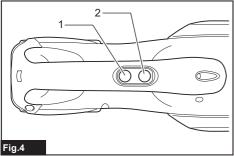
Indicator lamps			Remaining
Lighted	Off	Blinking	capacity
			75% to 100%
]	50% to 75%
]	25% to 50%



NOTE: Depending on the conditions of use and the ambient temperature, the indication may differ slightly from the actual capacity.

NOTE: The first (far left) indicator lamp will blink when the battery protection system works.

Switch action

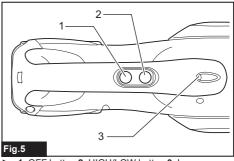


1. OFF button 2. HIGH/LOW button

To start the cleaner, simply press the "HIGH/LOW" button. To switch off, press the "OFF" button. To change the cleaner speed, press the "HIGH/LOW" button. The first press on this button is for high speed and the second press for low speed and then each press on this button repeats the high/low speed cycle alternatively.

Lighting the lamp

ACAUTION: Never look into the light directly. Direct light causes damage to your eyes.



1. OFF button 2. HIGH/LOW button 3. Lamp

To turn on the lamp, simply press the "HIGH/LOW" button. To turn off the lamp, press the "OFF" button.

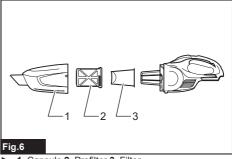
ASSEMBLY

ACAUTION: Always be sure that the tool is switched off and the battery cartridge is removed before carrying out any work on the tool.

ACAUTION: Be sure to attach filters to the cleaner properly. Filters with holes or those not properly attached may allow dust to enter the motor housing. This may cause motor failure or fires.

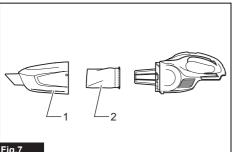
Type of filter

Normal filter



1. Capsule 2. Prefilter 3. Filter

High performance filter



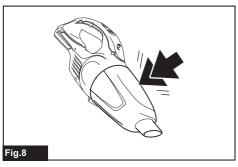
1. Capsule 2. High performance filter

Disposing of dust

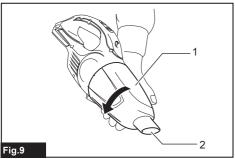
ACAUTION: Empty the cleaner before it becomes too full, or the suction force weakens.

ACAUTION: Be sure to empty out the dust inside the cleaner itself. Failure to do so may cause the filter to be clogged or the motor to be damaged.

In order to drop dust sticking on the filter in the capsule, tap the capsule 4 or 5 times with your hand.



Point the suction inlet downwards, turn the capsule in direction of the arrow as illustrated, and disconnect the capsule slowly and straight.



1. Capsule 2. Suction inlet

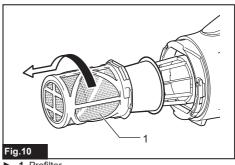
Remove dust accumulated inside the capsule.

NOTE: Dust may spill out when capsule is opened, so be sure to set a garbage bag beneath capsule.

Cleaning filters

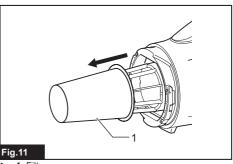
Normal filter

Turn the prefilter in the direction of the arrow to detach it from the cleaner. Then clean fine dust off the prefilter.



1. Prefilter

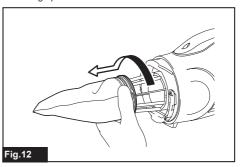
Pull off the filter and lightly tap it to remove dust.



1. Filter

High performance filter

Turn the high performance filter in the direction of the arrow to detach it from the cleaner. Then clean fine dust off the high performance filter.



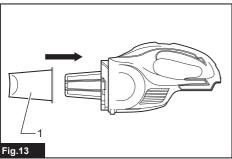
Reassembly

NOTICE: Install filters as instructed in this manual before operation. If the problems as following described occur, reposition the filters correctly to rectify the problems.

NOTE: Always remove dust ahead of time, as the suction power will be reduced if there is too much dust in the cleaner.

Normal filter

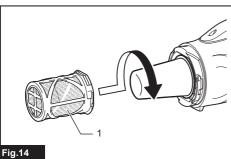
1. Put on filter until it is fully in position on the cleaner unit.



1. Filter

NOTICE: Install the filter straight onto the stay. Be sure to smooth the filter evenly across the stay, and do not let it loose or wrinkle and affect the use.

Install the prefilter. Turn the prefilter in the direction of the arrow until it stops.

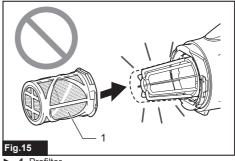


1. Prefilter

NOTE: Make sure that securing lips are firmly locked in the cleaner unit.

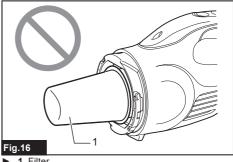
Problem Examples

Example 1: Only the prefilter has been attached (no filter)



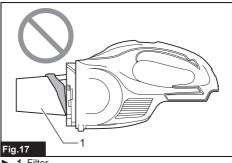
1. Prefilter

Example 2: Only the filter has been attached (no prefilter)

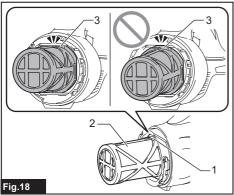


1. Filter

Example 3: The filter has been placed wrinkled or loose.



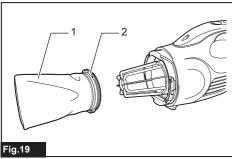
Example 4: Prefilter's securing lip is not firmly locked into groove of cleaner housing



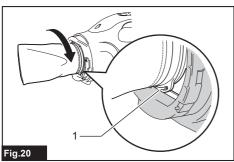
1. Groove of cleaner housing 2. Prefilter 3. Securing

High performance filter

Connect high performance filter. Turn the high performance filter to hold the securing lips into the grooves in the cleaner housing.



1. High performance filter 2. Securing lip

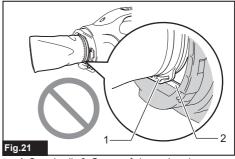


1. Securing lip

NOTE: Make sure that the high performance filter is secured in the cleaner unit.

Problem Examples

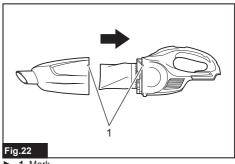
Securing lip of high performance filter is not firmly locked into groove of cleaner housing.



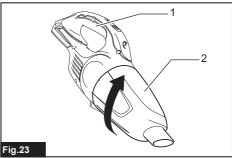
1. Securing lip 2. Groove of cleaner housing

Closing the capsule

Align the mark on the capsule with that near the handle, and then turn the capsule in direction of the arrow until it is secured in place.



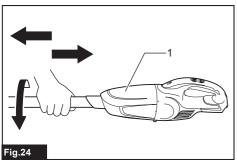
1. Mark



1. Handle 2. Capsule

OPERATION

ACAUTION: To connect attachments, such as nozzle, twist and insert the attachment in direction of the arrow to secure the connection during use. To disconnect the attachments, twist and extract it also in direction of the arrow. If an attachment is twisted in the opposite direction when being connected or disconnected, the capsule may become loose.

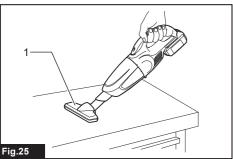


▶ 1. Capsule

Cleaning (Suction)

Nozzle

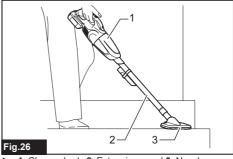
Attach the nozzle to clean off tables, desks, furniture, etc. The nozzle slips on easily.



1. Nozzle

Nozzle + Extension wand (Straight pipe)

The extension wand fits in between the nozzle and the cleaner itself. This arrangement is convenient for cleaning a floor in a standing position.



1. Cleaner body 2. Extension wand 3. Nozzle

Corner nozzle

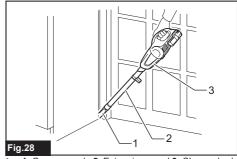
Fit on the corner nozzle for cleaning corners and crevices of a car or furniture.



▶ 1. Corner nozzle 2. Cleaner body

Corner nozzle +Extension wand (Straight pipe)

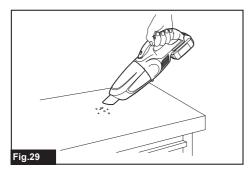
In tight quarters where the cleaner itself cannot squeeze in, or in high places hard to reach, use this arrangement.



▶ 1. Corner nozzle 2. Extension wand 3. Cleaner body

Cleaning without nozzle

You can pick up powder and dust without nozzle.



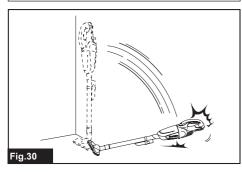
MAINTENANCE

ACAUTION: Always be sure that the tool is switched off and the battery cartridge is removed before attempting to perform inspection or maintenance.

ACAUTION: Be sure to attach filters to the cleaner properly. Filters with holes or those not properly attached may allow dust to enter the motor housing. This may cause motor failure or fires.

After use

ACAUTION: Putting the cleaner against the wall without any other support may cause the cleaner to fall down, resulting in personal injury or damage to the cleaner.



Cleaning

NOTICE: Never use gasoline, benzine, thinner, alcohol or the like. Discoloration, deformation or cracks may result.

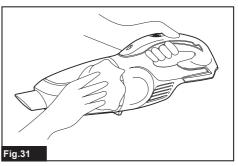
NOTICE: Do not blow dust sticking on the cleaner and filters by air duster. It brings dust into the housing and causes failure.

NOTICE: After washing filters, dry them thoroughly before use. Insufficiently dried filters may cause poor suction and shorten the service life of the motor.

NOTICE: After cleaning filters and sponge filter, be sure to re-install them before use. If you use the cleaner without filters and sponge filter, dust comes into the motor housing and cause malfunction.

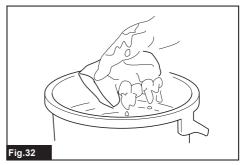
Cleaner body

From time to time wipe off the outside (cleaner body) of the cleaner using a cloth dampened in soapy water. Clean out also the suction opening and filter mounting area.



Filter

Wash the filter in soapy water when it is clogged with dust and the cleaner power becomes weak. Dry it out thoroughly before use.

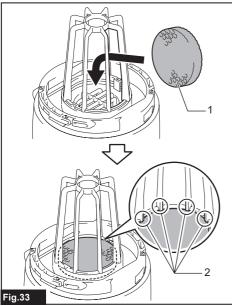


Sponge filter

When the sponge filter becomes dirty, clean it as follows.

1. Remove the filter.

- 2. Pull out the sponge filter from between the pillars.
- **3.** Clean the sponge filter by tapping or washing. If you wash it, dry it out thoroughly before use.
- 4. Insert the sponge filter from between the pillars and set it in the original position. Make sure that each bottom edge of the pillar holds down the sponge filter, and there is no gap between the sponge filter and suction opening.



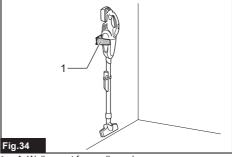
▶ 1. Sponge filter 2. Bottom edge of pillar

Wall mount for cordless cleaner

Optional accessory

NOTE: The screw to mount the holder is not included. Prepare a screw which fits with the material to screw into.

Attach the wall mount for cordless cleaner to a hard wooden wall, beam or column, where the wall mount for cordless cleaner can be firmly secured. Always be sure that the wall mount for cordless cleaner is securely attached before hanging the cleaner.



▶ 1. Wall mount for cordless cleaner

ACAUTION: Do not hang the cleaner to the wall mount violently or hang other appliances than the cleaner.

Troubleshooting

Before asking for repairs, check the following points.

Symptom	Area to be investigated	Fixing method
Weak suction power	Is the capsule full of dust?	Empty the capsule of dust.
	Is the filter clogged?	Clean or wash the filter.
	Is the battery cartridge discharged?	Charge the battery cartridge.
Not working	Is the battery cartridge discharged?	Charge the battery cartridge.

ACAUTION: Do not attempt to repair the cleaner by yourself.

To maintain product SAFETY and RELIABILITY, repairs, any other maintenance or adjustment should be performed by Makita Authorized or Factory Service Centers, always using Makita replacement parts.

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

ACAUTION: These accessories or attachments are recommended for use with your Makita tool specified in this manual. The use of any other accessories or attachments might present a risk of injury to persons. Only use accessory or attachment for its stated purpose.

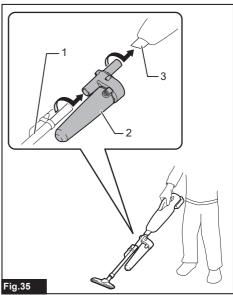
If you need any assistance for more details regarding these accessories, ask your local Makita Service Center.

- Extension wand (Straight pipe)
- Nozzle
- Nozzle for carpet
- Shelf brush
- · Corner nozzle
- Round brush
- Flexible hoseFree nozzle
- Filter
- Prefilter
- High performance filter
- Wall mount for cordless cleaner
- Cyclone attachment
- Makita genuine battery and charger

NOTE: Some items in the list may be included in the tool package as standard accessories. They may differ from country to country.

Cyclone attachment

Optional accessory



Straight pipe 2. Cyclone attachment 3. Suction inlet

About the cyclone attachment

Using the cleaner with the cyclone attachment installed reduces the amount of dust that enters the capsule, which helps to prevent the suction force from weakening. In addition, cleaning after use is also simple.

ACAUTION: Always be sure that the tool is switched off and the battery cartridge is removed before carrying out any work on the tool. If the battery cartridge is left inserted, the cleaner may start unexpectedly and result in injury.

ACAUTION: Clean the mesh filter of the cyclone attachment and the filters of the cleaner unit when they become clogged. Continued use in the clogged condition may result in heating or smoke.

NOTICE: When the cyclone attachment is attached, do not use the cleaner in the horizontal or upward facing condition. Doing so may cause the mesh filter to become clogged.

NOTICE: Always use the cleaner with the filters installed, even when using the cyclone attachment. Using the cleaner without the filters installed may result in a motor malfunction.

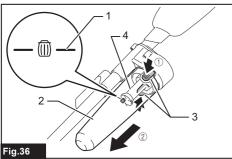
NOTE: Check that the cyclone attachment, cleaner, and straight pipe are locked properly before use.

NOTE: Empty the dust case of the cyclone attachment and the capsule of the cleaner when dust has accumulated. Continued use will result in weakened suction force.

Disposing of dust

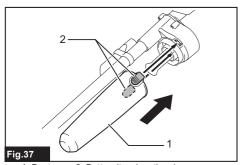
When dust has accumulated up to the full line of the dust case, follow the procedure below and dispose of the dust.

1. Hold the dust case firmly, press and hold the two buttons, and remove the dust case.



1. Full line 2. Dust case 3. Button (two locations)
 4. Mesh filter

- 2. Dispose of the dust inside the dust case and remove any dust and powder adhered to the surface of the mesh filter.
- 3. Insert the dust case all the way until the two buttons lock with a click.



▶ 1. Dust case 2. Button (two locations)

NOTE: Check that the cyclone attachment, cleaner, and straight pipe are all firmly connected before restarting operation.

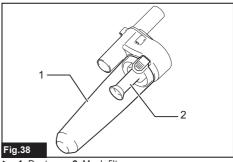
NOTE: If the suction force does not recover even after disposing of the dust and cleaning the mesh filter, check whether dust has accumulated in the capsule of the cleaner or clogging has occurred.

NOTE: The dust may fly up when disposing from the cyclone attachment. Be careful not to let dust get into your eyes.

Cleaning

When the dust case becomes dirty or the mesh filter is clogged, remove and wash them with water. (Refer to "Disposing of dust" for the removal procedure.)

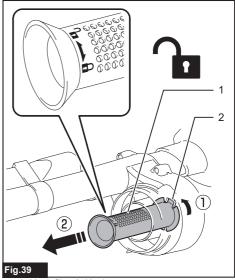
Dry the parts thoroughly before reinstallation and use.



1. Dust case 2. Mesh filter

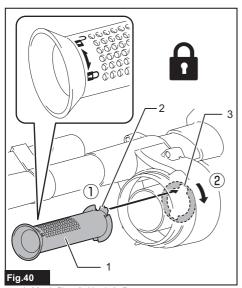
When the mesh filter gets dirty badly, clean it in the following procedures.

1. Turn the mesh filter counterclockwise and remove it while the hooks are unlocked.



1. Mesh filter 2. Hook

- **2.** Remove the dust on the mesh filter and then wash it with water. After that, dry it thoroughly.
- 3. Insert the mesh filter into the base while the hooks are aligned with the port. Turn the mesh filter clockwise until the hooks are locked with a click. Make sure that the mesh filter is installed securely.



▶ 1. Mesh filter 2. Hook 3. Port

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