IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS
FOR HOUSEHOLD USE ONLY • PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE USE

If the plug does not fit fully into the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician. DO NOT force into outlet or try to modify to fit.

WARNING
To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, injury, or property damage:

GENERAL WARNINGS
1. Your vacuum cleaner may consist of a motorized nozzle, wand, hose, and/or vacuum pod. This device contains electrical connections, electrical wiring, and moving parts that potentially present risk to the user.
2. Use only identical replacement parts.
3. Carefully observe and follow the instructions provided below to avoid improper use of the appliance. DO NOT use the vacuum for any purpose other than those described in this manual.
4. Before use, carefully inspect all parts for any damage. DO NOT use if any parts are damaged.
5. The use of an extension cord is NOT recommended.
6. This vacuum cleaner contains no serviceable parts.

USE WARNINGS
7. DO NOT allow the appliance to be used by children. Close supervision is necessary when used near children. This is not a toy.
8. Always turn off the vacuum cleaner before connecting or disconnecting any motorized nozzles or other accessories.
9. DO NOT handle plug or vacuum cleaner with wet hands.
10. DO NOT use without filters in place.
11. Only use Shark® branded filters and accessories. Failure to do so will also void the warranty.
12. DO NOT damage the power cord: a) DO NOT pull or carry vacuum cleaner by the cord or use the cord as a handle. b) DO NOT unplug by pulling on cord. Grasp the plug, not the cord. c) DO NOT run the vacuum cleaner over the power cord, close a door on the cord, pull the cord around sharp corners, or leave the cord near heated surfaces.
13. DO NOT put any objects into nozzle or accessory openings. DO NOT use with any opening blocked; keep free of dust, lint, hair, and anything that may reduce airflow.
14. DO NOT use if nozzle or accessory airflow is restricted. If the air paths or the motorized floor nozzle become blocked, turn the vacuum cleaner off and unplug from electrical outlet. Remove all obstructions before you plug in and turn on the unit again.
15. Keep nozzle and all vacuum openings away from hair, face, fingers, uncovered feet, or loose clothing.
16. DO NOT use if vacuum cleaner is not working as it should, or has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors, or dropped into water.
17. Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.
18. DO NOT leave the vacuum cleaner unattended while plugged in.
19. When powered on, keep the vacuum cleaner moving over the carpet surface at all times to avoid damaging the carpet fibers.
20. DO NOT place vacuum cleaner on unstable surfaces such as chairs or tables.
21. Your Shark® vacuum may not be designed to stand up on its own. When taking a break from cleaning, you may need to lean it against furniture or a wall, or lay it flat on the floor. Using the vacuum for an application where the unit lacks stability may result in personal injury.
22. DO NOT use to pick up: a) Liquids b) Large objects c) Hard or sharp objects (glass, nails, screws, or coins) d) Large quantities of dust (drywall dust, fireplace ash, or embers) DO NOT use as an attachment to power tools for dust collection. e) Smoking or burning objects (hot coals, cigarette butts, or matches) f) Flammable or combustible materials (lighter fluid, gasoline, or kerosene) g) Toxic materials (chlorine bleach, ammonia, or drain cleaner)

23. DO NOT use in the following areas: a) Poorly lit areas b) Wet or damp surfaces c) Outdoor areas d) Spaces that are enclosed and may contain explosive or toxic fumes or vapors (lighter fluid, gasoline, kerosene, paint, paint thinners, mothproofing substances, or flammable dust)

24. Turn off all controls before plugging in or unplugging the vacuum.
25. Unplug from electrical outlet when not in use and before any maintenance or cleaning.
26. Hand wash with water only. Washing with cleaning chemicals could damage the unit.
27. During cleaning or routine maintenance, DO NOT cut anything other than hair, fibers, or string wrapped around the brushroll.
28. Allow all filters to air-dry completely before replacing in the vacuum to prevent liquid from being drawn into electric parts.
29. Make sure the dust cup and all filters are in place after routine maintenance.
30. If provided, secure the power cord around the two cord hooks during storage.

To reduce the risk of electric shock, this appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). This plug will fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install the proper outlet. Do not change the plug in any way.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS
1. Place motorized floor nozzle on floor and insert wand, pressing it in until it clicks securely into place.
2. Place pod onto wand and slide down to connect.
3. Insert handle into wand, pressing it in until it clicks securely into place.
4. Connect hose into back of pod, pressing it in until it clicks securely into place.
5. Store included accessories on the accessory posts on the pod.

**IMPORTANT:** For proper operation, ensure all connections are securely clicked into place.
WHOLE-HOME CLEANING

SETTINGS

- **POWER SWITCH**: Press power button to turn on vacuum. Please note the brushrolls will not spin unless the wand is reclined.

- **SURFACE SELECTOR**:
  - **Thick Carpet & Area Rug Cleaning**: Set surface selector to Thick Carpet/Area Rug.
  - **Carpet & Low Pile Cleaning**: Set surface selector to Carpet/Low Pile to increase the speed of your brushrolls and to help remove stuck-on dust and debris.
  - **Hard Floor Cleaning**: Set surface selector to Hard Floor.

BRUSHROLL INDICATOR LIGHT

- **INDICATOR LIGHT**:
  - **Solid Green**: The brushrolls are spinning and working as they should.
  - **Solid Red**: There is a jam in the brushroll area. Turn your vacuum off and remove any blockages in the nozzle.
  - **Flashing Red**: The motorized floor nozzle is overheating. Turn off your vacuum and wait for it to cool down. After vacuum has cooled, move surface selector switch to Thick Carpet/Area Rug mode, then press Power button to turn vacuum back on.

NOTE: For deep cleaning per ASTM F 608 (embedded dirt in carpets) please set to Carpet/Low Pile. NOTE: For particularly stubborn stuck-on dust messes, set to Carpet/Low Pile mode.

WHOLE-HOME CLEANING

CLEANING MODES

- **UPRIGHT**: To engage brushroll, place foot on floor nozzle and tilt handle back.

- **ABOVE-FLOOR—HANDLE**: Press the Handle Release latch to detach the handle from the wand.

- **LIFT-AWAY®**: Press the Lift-Away button to detach the pod from the floor nozzle.

- **ABOVE-FLOOR—WAND**: Press the Wand Release button to detach the wand from the pod.

- **LIFT-AWAY®**: With pod removed, press the Wand Release button to detach the wand from the floor nozzle.

NOTE: All accessories attach to either the wand or the handle.
EMPTYING THE DUST CUP

**IMPORTANT:** Unplug the power cord before performing any maintenance.

To remove **Dust Cup**, press button on top of dust cup. Tilt dust cup forward, then lift to remove.

To empty debris into trash, press lower release button and bottom of dust cup will drop open.

To reinstall, place bottom of dust cup into pod and then tilt back until it clicks into place.

To remove collected debris from **Lint Screen**, press top release button and lift handle to open. Gently brush lint screen to clean.

CLEANING AND REPLACING THE FILTERS

CLEANING FILTERS

Regularly clean and replace your filters to keep your vacuum’s suction power optimal.

To clean filters, rinse with cold water only to prevent damage from cleaning chemicals. Allow all filters to air-dry for at least 24 hours before reinstalling them to prevent liquid from being drawn into electric parts.

**IMPORTANT: DO NOT** use soap when cleaning the filters.

**IMPORTANT:** Unplug the power cord before performing any maintenance.

CLEAN PRE-MOTOR FILTERS EVERY 3 MONTHS

Remove **Dust Cup**, then lift out **Filters**.

CLEAN HEPA FILTER EVERY YEAR

Press button at bottom of **Filter Door**. Tilt **Filter Door** and lift out. Remove **HEPA Filter**. To reinstall, insert HEPA filter into unit and replace the filter door.
**Zero-M™ Technology**

Zero-M Technology™ actively removes hair wrap from your brushroll while you vacuum. If you run over a hard or sharp object or notice a noise change while vacuuming, check for blockages or objects caught in the brushroll.

**NOTE:** Do not be alarmed if there is visible hair at any given time, as it will eventually make its way to the dust cup.

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**CLEANING THE BRUSHROLL**

To open the brushroll garage, slide both release buttons on the floor nozzle away from you, towards the back of the nozzle, then lift off the lid. Clear away any objects or debris.

To close the brushroll garage, insert the 3 tabs on top of lid into the 3 slots in the nozzle, then push down on both sides of lid until it clicks securely into place.

**NOTE:** If any hair is wrapped around the brushroll, extending cleaning time will allow Zero-M™ technology to remove it for you. If some fibers remain wrapped around brushroll after continued use, carefully cut debris with scissors and remove from brushroll.

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**CLEANING THE SOFT ROLLER**

To remove the Soft Roller from the nozzle, lift it out by the pull tab. Tap loose debris off the Soft Roller. Use a dry towel to wipe the Soft Roller clean, or to remove any debris caught in the teeth behind the Soft Roller.

Hand wash the Soft Roller as needed. Use only water, and let air-dry completely for at least 24 hours. Reinsert the Soft Roller under the rubber bumper in the front of the nozzle until it clicks into place.

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**CHECKING FOR BLOCKAGES**

- Detach hose from vacuum pod, and check hose and opening on back of pod for blockages.
- Detach wand from floor nozzle and handle, and check both ends for blockages.
- Detach wand from floor nozzle, tilt nozzle neck back, and check opening for blockages.
- Detach handle from wand and hose from the vacuum pod, and check openings for blockages.
### AVAILABLE ACCESSORIES

#### 12” Crevice Tool
- Clean in corners and other tight spaces or reach baseboards and ceilings with this slim crevice tool.

#### Pet Multi-Tool
- Two tools for cleaning tough pet messes: first, a stiff bristle brush for cleaning stuck-on debris. Then remove the bristles to reveal an upholstery tool for cleaning stubborn pet hair.

#### Anti-Allergen Dust Brush
- Features specially designed nylon fiber bristles for removing fine dust and allergen particles from the most delicate surfaces.

#### Onboard Motorized Pet Tool
- Compact motorized brush powerful enough to remove deeply embedded allergens, dirt, and pet hair from multiple surfaces. Stores onboard for your convenience.

#### Under-Appliance Wand
- Clean under and behind hard-to-move appliances and furniture with this adjustable 36” tool. Flip the extension piece over to clean the underside of appliances.

### TROUBLESHOOTING

#### Vacuum is not picking up debris. No suction or light suction.
- Check filters to see if they need cleaning. Follow instructions for rinsing and air-drying the filters before reinserting in the vacuum.
- Dust cup may be full; empty dust cup.
- Check hose, hose connections, nozzle, wand, pod, and accessories for blockages. Clear any blockages found.

(Refer to Checking for Blockages section for more information.)
- If any hair, string, or carpet fibers are wrapped around the brushroll, extend cleaning time to allow Zero-M™ technology to remove them.
  - If some hair or fibers remain wrapped around brushroll after continued use, remove the floor nozzle cover and carefully cut debris with scissors and remove from brushroll. See Cleaning the Brushroll section for more information.

#### Vacuum lifts area rugs.
- Make sure Surface Selector switch is set to Hard Floor (setting I).
- Suction is powerful. Take care when vacuuming area rugs or rugs with delicately sewn edges.
- To minimize suction, refer to Suction Control section for more information.

#### Brushrolls do not spin.
- If the Brushroll Indicator Light turns red, immediately turn off and unplug the vacuum. Remove pod from floor nozzle and clear any blockages. Reconnect nozzle, plug in vacuum, and turn on power.
- With the power on, recline the handle, which will automatically turn on the brushrolls.
- Ensure that the Surface Selector switch is set to Carpet (position II) for brushrolls to spin.

#### Vacuum turns off on its own or indicator light flashes red.
- This vacuum is equipped with a motor-protective thermostat. If your vacuum overheats, the thermostat will automatically turn the suction motor off. Perform the following steps to restart the thermostat:
  1. Turn vacuum off and unplug it.
  2. Empty dust cup and clean filters (see Emptying the Dust Cup and Cleaning the Filters).
  3. Check for blockages in hose, accessories, and inlet openings.
  4. Allow unit to cool for a minimum of 45 minutes.
  5. Plug in vacuum and turn it on.
  6. Restart the unit with the Power switch.

For all other issues, please call Customer Service 1-800-798-7398.
The 5-Year Limited Warranty applies to purchases made from authorized retailers of SharkNinja Operating LLC. Warranty coverage applies to the original owner and to the original product only and is not transferable. SharkNinja warrants that the unit shall be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of 5 years from the date of purchase when it is used under normal household conditions and maintained according to the requirements outlined in this instruction manual, subject to the following conditions and exclusions.

What is covered in my warranty?
1. The original unit and/or non-wearable components deemed defective, in SharkNinja’s sole discretion, will be repaired or replaced for up to 5 years from the original purchase date.
2. In the rare event that a replacement unit is issued, the warranty coverage ends six months following the receipt date of the replacement unit or the remainder of the existing warranty, whichever is greater. If the unit is replaced, SharkNinja reserves the right to replace the unit with one of equal or greater value.

What is not covered in my warranty?
1. Normal wear and tear of wearable parts such as foam filters, HEPA filters, pads etc., which require regular maintenance and/or replacement to ensure the proper functioning of your unit are not covered by this warranty.
2. Any unit that has been tampered with or used for commercial purposes.
3. SharkNinja will cover the cost for the customer to send in the unit to us for repair or replacement. A fee of $19.95 for return shipping costs will be charged at the time of return shipment of the repaired or replacement unit. Shipping fee subject to change.
4. Damage caused by misuse, abuse, or negligent handling, or damage due to mishandling in transit.
5. Consequential and incidental damages.
6. Defects caused by or resulting from damages from shipping or from repairs, service or alteration to the product or any of its parts which have been performed by a repair person not authorized by SharkNinja.
7. Products purchased, used or operated outside of North America.

Problems with your unit/How to get service
If your appliance fails to operate properly while in use under normal household conditions within the warranty period, visit sharkclean.com/support for product care/maintenance self-help. Our Customer Service and product specialists are also available at 1-800-798-7398 to assist with product support and warranty service options.

How to initiate a warranty claim
You can call 1-800-798-7398 to have a Customer Service specialist assist you. Please note you must call 1-800-798-7398 to initiate a warranty claim. Return and Packing Instruction information will be provided at that time.

TIP: You can find the model and serial numbers on the QR code label which is located on the bottom of the back of the vacuum pod.

Benefits of registering your product and creating an account:
• Get easier, faster product support and access to warranty information
• Access troubleshooting and product care instructions
• Be among the first to know about exclusive product promotions

REGISTER YOUR PURCHASE
registryyourshark.com
Scan QR code using mobile device

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
Voltage: 120V, 60Hz
Watts: 1350W
Amps: 11.3A
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

This Owner's Guide is designed to help you get a complete understanding of your new Shark® APEX® DuoClean® with Zero-M™ Powered Lift-Away® Upright Vacuum.

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