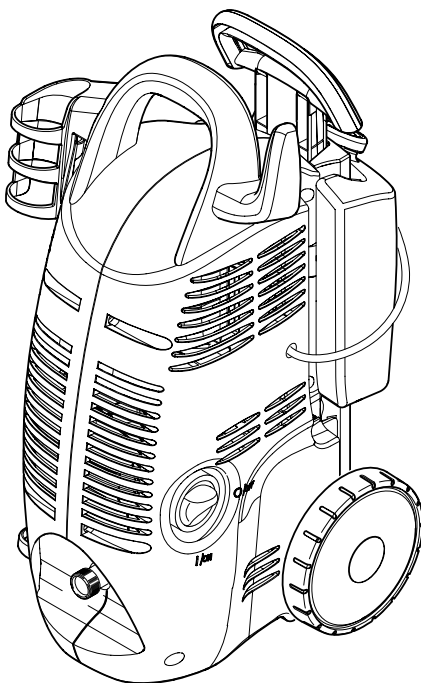




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Specifications

Max. Pressure	1500 PSI
Water volume	1.3 GPM
Amp draw	10 AMPS
Voltage	120 V
Part No.	1.601-352.0
Serial no.	

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Safety Alert Symbols

DANGER

indicates “an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.”

WARNING

indicates “a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or injury.”

CAUTION

indicates “a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury or in property damage incidents.”

Owner/User Responsibility

The owner and/or user must have an understanding of the manufacturer's operating instructions and warnings before using this pressure washer.

Warning information should be emphasized and understood.

If the operator is not fluent in English, the manufacturer's instructions and warnings shall be read to and discussed with the operator in the operator's native language by the purchaser/owner, making sure that the operator comprehends its contents.

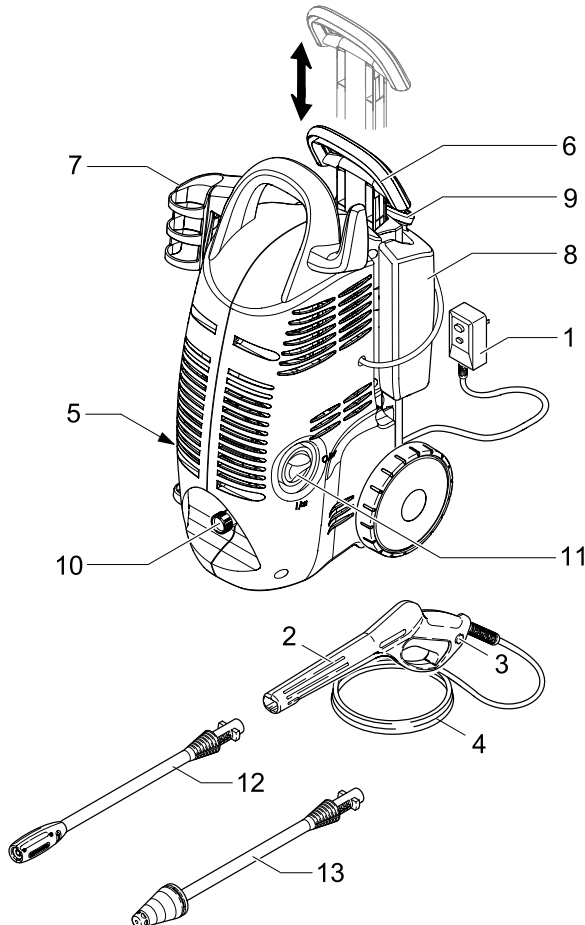
Owner and/or user must study and maintain for future reference the manufacturers' instructions.

MODEL OVERVIEW

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| 1 Power cord with Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) | 10 High pressure outlet |
| 2 Trigger gun | 11 ON/OFF switch |
| 3 Trigger gun safety lock | 12 Vario Power Spray wand |
| 4 High pressure hose | 13 Dirtblaster® (Rotary spray wand) |

⚠ CAUTION

This unit has been designed for use with cleaning detergents recommended by the manufacturer. The use of other cleaning detergents may affect the operation of the machine and void the warranty.



For household use only!

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS



WARNING!

When using this product basic precautions should always be followed, including the following:

- Read all the instructions before using the product.
- To reduce the risk of injury, close supervision is necessary when a product is used near children.
- Know how to stop the product and bleed pressures quickly. Be thoroughly familiar with the controls.
- Stay alert – watch what you are doing.
- Do not operate the product when fatigued or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Keep operating area clear of all persons.
- Do not overreach or stand on unstable support. Keep good footing and balance at all times.
- Follow the maintenance instructions specified in the manual.
- This Product Is Provided With A Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter Built Into The Power Cord Plug. If Replacement Of The Plug Or Cord Is Needed, Use Only Identical Replacement Parts.
- Risk of Injection or Injury – Do Not Direct Discharge Stream At Persons.
- High pressure jets can be dangerous if misused. The jet must not be directed at persons, animals, electrical devices, or the machine itself.
- Wear safety goggles.
- Do not use acids and solvents in this product. These products can cause

physical injuries to the operator and irreversible damage to the machine.

- To reduce the risk of electrocution, keep all connections dry and off the ground. Do not touch plug with wet hands.
- The Trigger Gun Safety Lock PREVENTS the trigger from accidentally being engaged. This safety feature DOES NOT lock trigger in the ON position.
- Do not use extension cord with this unit.

GROUNDING INSTRUCTIONS

This product must be grounded. If it should malfunction or breakdown, grounding provides a path of least resistance for electric current to reduce the risk of electric shock. This product is equipped with a cord having an equipment-grounding conductor and a grounding plug. The plug must be plugged into an appropriate outlet that is properly installed and grounded in accordance with all local codes and ordinances.

DANGER

Improper connection of the equipment-grounding conductor can result in a risk of electrocution. Check with a qualified electrician or service personnel if you are in doubt as to whether the outlet is properly grounded. Do not modify the plug provided with the product - if it will not fit the outlet, have a proper outlet installed by a qualified electrician. Do not use any type of adapter with this product.

GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER PROTECTION

This product is supplied with a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) built into the power cord plug. This device provides additional protection from the risk of electric shock. If power is interrupted in the line, the GFCI will automatically re-close the circuit to the load after power is restored. Depending on the GFCI model, it may be necessary to manually operate the reset button to restore power to the GFCI load circuit. If replacement of the plug or cord is needed use identical replacement parts.

WATER SUPPLY (Cold Water Only)

⚠ CAUTION

When connecting the water inlet to the water supply mains, local regulations of your water company must be observed. In some areas the unit must not be connected directly to the public drinking water supply. This is to ensure that there is no feedback of chemicals into the water supply. Direct connection via a receiver tank or backflow preventer, for example, is permitted.

Dirt in the feed water will damage the unit. To avoid this risk, we recommend fitting a water filter.

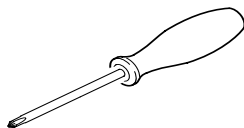
- Never use the pressure washer to draw in water contaminated with solvents, e.g. paint thinners, gasoline, oil, etc.
 - Always prevent debris from being drawn into the unit by using a clean water source.
- Garden hose must be at least 1/2 inch or 5/8 inch in diameter.
 - Flow rate of water supply must not fall below 2 GPM (gallons per minute).
 - Flow rate can be determined by running the water for one minute into an empty 5-gallon container.
 - The water supply temperature must not exceed 104°F/40°C.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS!!

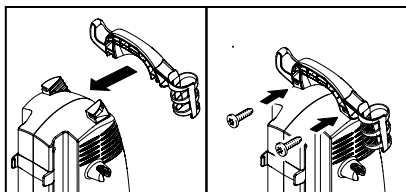
ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Required tools

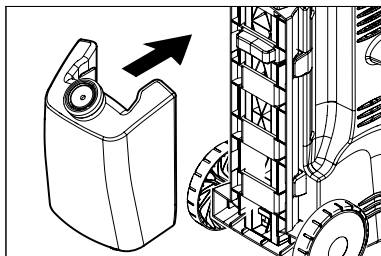
- A **Philips Screwdriver, medium size**
(not supplied)
for final assembling the unit.



→ STEP 1:



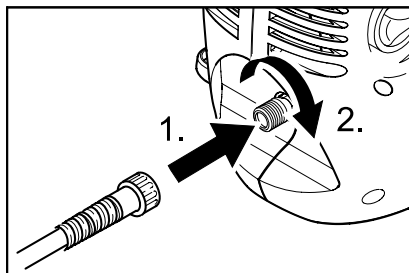
→ STEP 2:



OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

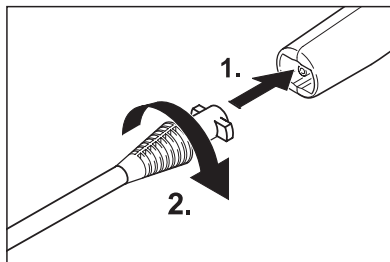
→ STEP 1:

Connect the high pressure hose to the unit's high pressure outlet.



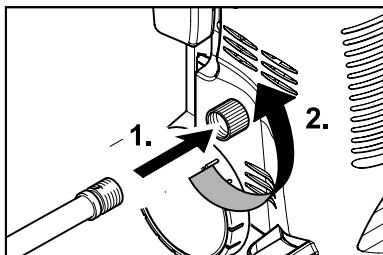
→ STEP 2:

Insert the spray wand of your choice into the trigger gun. Press in against the spring tension and twist into locked position.



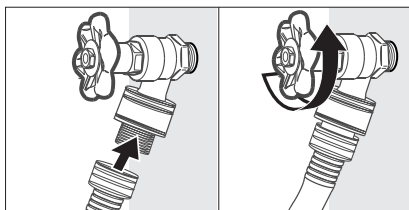
→ **STEP 3:**

Connect garden hose to unit's water inlet.



→ **STEP 4:**

Connect garden hose to the cold water source and turn water on completely.



→ **STEP 5:**

Plug the Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) into a receptacle.

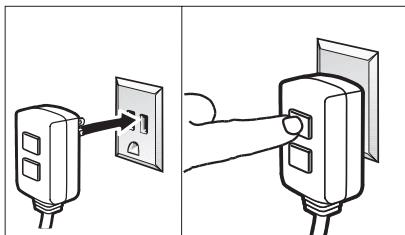
Press RESET button, indicator should be "ON".

Press TEST button, indicator should be "OFF".

Press RESET button for use.

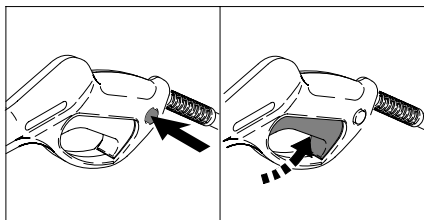
⚠ WARNING

Do not use if above test fails.



→ **STEP 6:**

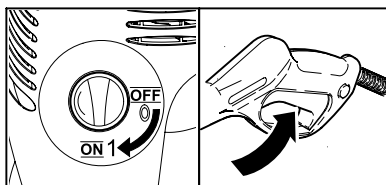
Unlock the trigger gun safety lock. Trigger the gun to eliminate trapped air, wait for a steady flow of water to emerge from the spray nozzle.



→ **STEP 7:**

Turn on the high pressure washer (I/ON).

The motor starts only if the trigger of the gun is pulled and shuts off when the trigger is released.



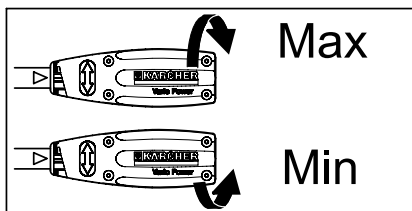
USING THE ACCESSORIES

⚠ WARNING

To avoid serious injury never point spray nozzle at yourself, other persons or animals.

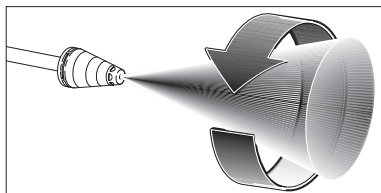
Vario Power Spray Wand

- The Vario Power Spray Wand allows you to adjust the cleaning pressure. To clean at maximum pressure, the wand must be positioned to the high pressure setting (Max). For lower pressure turn the wand collar in the minus (Min) direction. To apply detergent, the wand must be positioned to the lower pressure setting (Mix).



Dirtblaster®

- This nozzle features a 0° pencil jet which rotates 360° for maximum dirt cutting action, effectively increasing cleaning performance up to 50%. This nozzle combines the cleaning performance of a 0° pencil jet with the surface coverage of a wide angle nozzle.
- **Not recommended for soft materials, siding, painted surfaces, decks or autos.**
- Always test an inconspicuous area before cleaning with the Dirtblaster

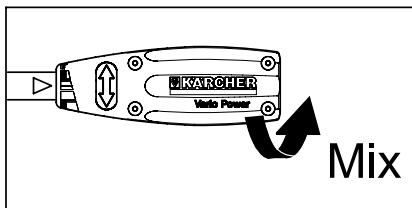


WORKING WITH DETERGENTS

Detergents can only be applied at low pressure (Min.).

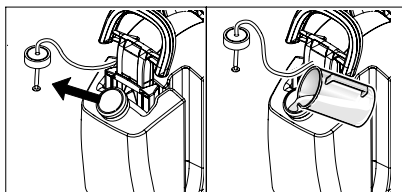
→ STEP 1:

Install the Vario Power Spray Wand. Set the spray wand to the low pressure setting (Mix).



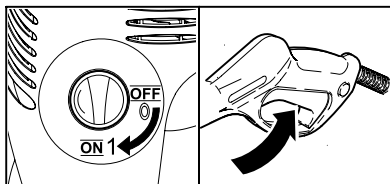
→ STEP 2:

Fill the Detergent Tank with the selected Ready To Use detergent.



→ STEP 3:

Turn on the pressure washer (I). Pull trigger to operate unit: Liquid detergent is drawn into the unit and mixed with water. Apply detergent to work area. Do not allow detergent to dry on surface.



→ STEP 4:

Cleaning up: Always draw fresh water through the detergent tank or siphon tube when done to flush any remaining detergents from the injection system.

For best results see Cleaning Tips for specific information on how to clean different surfaces.

Always Use Kärcher Detergent for Best Results

Kärcher biodegradable detergents are specially formulated to protect the envi-

ronment and your pressure washer. The special formula won't clog the suction tube filter and will protect the internal parts of the pressure washer for a longer life. For Kärcher Detergents, check your retailer or visit our website:

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The following Kärcher detergents are available:

One Gallon ready to use

- All Purpose & Vehicle Cleaner
- Deck & Patio Cleaner
- Heavy Duty Degreaser
- Exterior House Cleaner

⚠ CAUTION

Never use:

- Bleach, Chlorine products and other corrosive chemicals
- Liquids containing solvents (i.e., paint thinners, gasoline, oils)
- Tri-sodium phosphate products
- Ammonia products
- Acid-based products

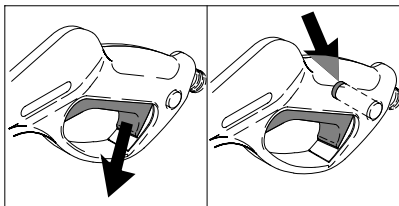
These chemicals will harm the unit and will damage the surface being cleaned.

Use of these items will void the warranty.

TAKING A BREAK ..five minutes or more

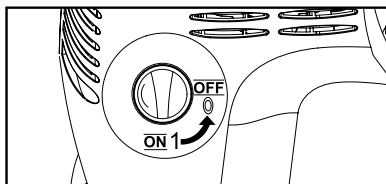
→ STEP 1:

Release trigger and engage gun safety lock.



→ STEP 2:

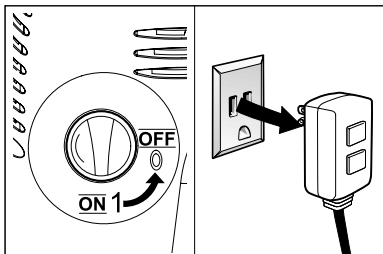
Turn pressure washer to OFF (0) position.



SHUTTING DOWN & CLEAN-UP

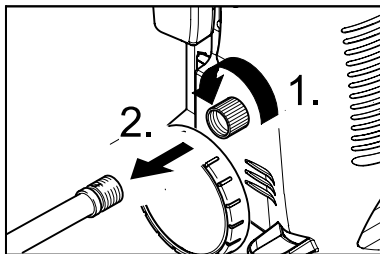
→ STEP 1:

Turn the switch to OFF (0) position and unplug cord from outlet.



→ STEP 5:

Disconnect the high pressure hose from the high pressure outlet.

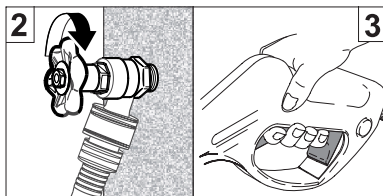


→ STEP 2:

Turn off the water source.

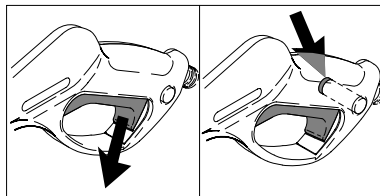
→ STEP 3:

Press trigger to release water pressure.



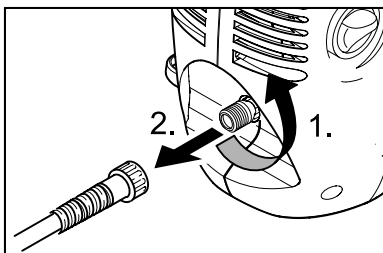
→ STEP 6:

Release trigger and engage gun safety lock.



→ STEP 4:

Disconnect the garden hose from the water inlet on the unit.



WINTERIZING AND LONG-TERM STORAGE

- **1:** Disconnect all water connections.
- **2:** Turn on the machine for a few seconds, until the water which had remained in the pump exits, turn off immediately.
- **3:** Do not allow high pressure hose to become kinked.
- **4:** Store the machine and accessories in a room which does not reach freezing temperatures. **DO NOT** store near furnace or other sources

of heat as it may dry out the pump seals.

⚠ **CAUTION**

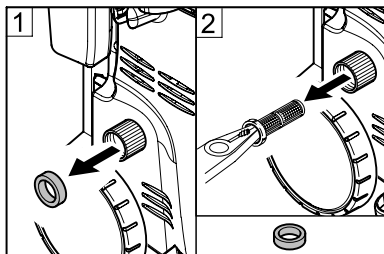
Failure to follow the above directions will result in damage to the pump assembly and accessories and will void the warranty.

Kärcher also recommends the regular practice of using a pump protector like "Kärcher Pump Guard" to prevent cold weather damage during storage in the winter months.

CARE AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Cleaning the water inlet filter

- **STEP 1:**
Pull out washer from the water inlet.
- **STEP 2:**
Pull out water inlet filter with flat-nose pliers.

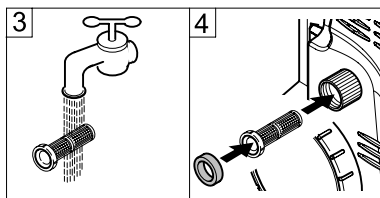


→ **STEP 3:**

Rinse out water inlet filter in warm water.

→ **STEP 4:**

Reinsert water inlet filter and washer into the water inlet.



Maintenance

The unit is maintenance-free.

CLEANING TIPS

Deck Cleaning

(with or without detergent). Pre-rinse deck and surrounding area with fresh water. If using Kärcher Deck Wash, apply to surface at low pressure. For best results, limit your work area to smaller sections of approximately 25 square feet. Allow Deck Wash to remain on surface 1-3 minutes. Do not allow detergent to dry on surface. Rinse at high pressure in a long sweeping motion keeping the spray nozzle approximately 3-6 inches from the cleaning surface. Always clean from top to bottom and from left to right. When moving on to a new section of the cleaning surface, be sure to overlap the previous section to eliminate stop marks and ensure a more even cleaning result.

House Siding

(with or without detergent). Pre-rinse cleaning surface with fresh water. If using Kärcher Pressure Wash, apply to surface at low pressure (for best results, limit your work area to sections of approximately 6 feet and always apply detergent from bottom to top). Allow Pressure Wash to remain on surface 1-3 minutes. Do not allow detergent to dry on surface, if surface appears to be drying, simply wet down surface with fresh water. If needed, use special wash brush attachment (not included) to remove stubborn dirt. Rinse at high pressure from top to bottom in an even sweeping motion keeping the spray nozzle approximately 6 inches from the cleaning surface.

Cement Patios, Brick and Stone

(with or without detergent). Pre-rinse cleaning surface with fresh water. If using Kärcher Pressure Wash or Degreaser, apply to surface at low pressure. For best results, limit your work area to smaller sections of approximately 25 square feet. Allow Pressure Wash or Degreaser to remain on surface 1-3 minutes. Do not allow detergent to dry on surface. Rinse at high pressure in a sweeping motion keeping the spray nozzle approximately 3-6 inches from the cleaning surface. Always clean from top to bottom and from left to right. For removing extremely stubborn stains, use the Dirtblaster Nozzle.

Cars, Boats & Motorcycles

(with or without detergent). Pre-rinse vehicle with fresh water. If using Kärcher Touchless Vehicle Wash, apply to surface at low pressure. For best results, clean one side of vehicle at a time and always apply detergent from bottom to top, do not allow detergent to dry on surface. If needed, use special wash brush attachment (not included) to remove stubborn dirt. Rinse at high pressure in a sweeping motion keeping the spray nozzle approximately 6-8 inches from the cleaning surface (distance should increase when rinsing pin-striping or other sensitive surfaces). Always clean from top to bottom and from left to right. For best results, wipe surface dry with a chamois or soft dry cloth.

Barbecue Grills, Outdoor Power Equipment & Gardening Tools

(with or without detergent). Pre-rinse cleaning surface with fresh water. If using Kärcher Pressure Wash or Degreaser, apply detergent at low pressure. Allow Pressure Wash to remain on surface 1-3 minutes. Do not allow detergent to dry on surface. Rinse at high pressure keeping the spray nozzle approximately 3-6 inches from the cleaning surface. For removing extremely stubborn dirt, it may be necessary to move the spray nozzle even closer to the surface for greater dirt cutting action.

Patio & Lawn Furniture

(with or without detergent). Pre-rinse furniture and surrounding area with fresh water. If using Pressure Wash, apply to surface at low pressure. Allow Pressure Wash to remain on surface 1-3 minutes. Do not allow detergent to dry on surface. If needed use special Wash Brush Attachment (not included) to remove stubborn dirt. Rinse at high pressure in a sweeping motion keeping the spray nozzle approximately 3-6 inches from the cleaning surface. For best results, clean from top to bottom and from left to right.

Recommendations

- Before cleaning any surface an inconspicuous area should be cleaned to test spray pattern and distance for maximum cleaning results.
- If painted surfaces are peeling or chipping, use extreme caution as pressure washer may remove the loose paint from the surface.
- When using on surfaces which might come in contact with food, flush surfaces with plenty of drinking water.
- For additional cleaning tips, visit our website at **www.karcher-usa.com/home**

TROUBLESHOOTING

⚠ CAUTION

Disconnect the machine from the power source before making any repair.

Symptom	Cause	Solution
Motor will not start	On/Off switch is in the "OFF" (0) position.	Turn switch to the "ON" (I) position
	Power cord is not plugged in.	Plug in power cord.
	Electrical outlet does not supply adequate power.	Try a different outlet.
	Tripped GFCI plug.	Press "RESET" button on GFCI plug.
	Tripped circuit breaker.	Switch off pressure washer. The reset comes automatically once the temperature of the unit drops.
Unit does not reach high pressure.	Diameter of garden hose is too small.	Replace with a 5/8 inch or larger garden hose.
	Water supply is restricted.	Check garden hose for kinks, leaks and blockage.
	Not enough inlet water supply.	Open water source full force.
	Water inlet filter is clogged.	Remove filter and rinse out in warm water.
	Spray wand is on low pressure position.	Turn spray wand to high pressure position.
Output pressure varies high and low.	Not enough inlet water supply.	Turn water on full force. Check garden hose for kinks, leaks or blockage.
	Pump is sucking air.	Check that hoses and fittings are air tight. Turn off machine and purge pump by squeezing trigger gun until a steady flow of water emerges through the nozzle.
	Water inlet filter is clogged.	Remove filter and rinse out in warm water.
	Discharge nozzle is obstructed.	Blow out or remove debris with a fine needle.
	Calcified gun, hose or spray wand.	Run distilled vinegar through detergent suction tube.

Symptom	Cause	Solution
No detergent.	Detergent suction tube not properly connected to the machine.	Check connection.
	Detergent is too thick.	Dilute detergent, for best results use Kärcher detergent.
	Filter on detergent suction tube is clogged.	Run warm water through filter to remove debris.
	Damaged or clogged detergent suction tube.	Remove obstruction or replace detergent suction tube.
	Spray wand is in high pressure position.	Turn spray wand tip to low pressure position.
	Discharge nozzle is obstructed.	Blow out or remove debris with fine needle.
Garden hose connection leaks.	Loose fittings.	Tighten fittings.
	Missing/worn rubber washer.	Insert new washer.
Spray wand leaks.	Spray wand not properly attached.	Insert the spray wand into the trigger gun. Carefully press in against the spring tension and twist into the locked position.
	Broken o-ring or plastic insert.	Call Customer Support
Pump is noisy.	Pump is sucking air.	Check that hoses and fittings are air tight. Turn off machine and purge pump by squeezing trigger gun until a steady flow of water emerges through the nozzle.
Water leaks from pump (up to 10 drops per minute is permissible).	Loose fittings.	Check that all fittings are tight.
	Water seals are damaged or worn.	Call Customer Support
Oil Drip.	Oil seals are damaged or worn.	Call Customer Support

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