



Instructions for use
VACUUM PUMP

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VM 400

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Congratulations

to purchase your VM 400 vacuum pump.

CATLER RECOMMENDS SAFETY FIRST

We understand the importance of safety and that's why we put your safety first from the initial design concept to the production itself. Nevertheless, we ask you to be careful when using electrical equipment and to observe the following guidelines:

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- This appliance may be used by children 8 years of age and older and by persons with physical or mental impairments or by inexperienced persons, if they are properly supervised or have been informed about how to use of the product in a safe manner and understand the potential dangers.
- Children must not play with the appliance.
- Cleaning and maintenance performed by the user must not be performed by unsupervised children.
- If the USB cable or power adapter is damaged, ask the authorised service for a replacement in order to prevent hazards. It is forbidden to use the appliance with a damaged cable or adapter.
- Only use the appliance with the power adapter and USB cable supplied with the appliance.

- Before operating your appliance, read all the instructions carefully and store them in a safe place for possible future reference.
- Prior to using for the first time, check that the voltage in your power socket corresponds to the voltage on the power adapter's rating label. In case of any doubt, contact a qualified electrician.
- Before using the appliance for the first time, please remove all packaging and ad stickers and discard them in an environmentally safe manner. Check the appliance for any defects. If your appliance is damaged, stop using it and contact the nearest authorized Catler centre. Do not repair the appliance by yourselves. The appliance does not include any user serviceable parts.
- Use the appliance on a flat, clean and dry surface. It's important that the appliance should be placed in a horizontal position. Do not use the appliance in humid or combustible environment or in environment containing explosives.
- Do not use the appliance or place it on or in the vicinity of hot surfaces or heat sources.
- Do not immerse the appliance, USB cable or adapter in water or other liquids.
- Use only the accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- Make sure that the appliance is switched off and cooled, and that it is disconnected from the power source if you need to move it, clean it or will not be using it. To disconnect from the mains socket, always pull the plug of the adapter, not the cable.
- This appliance has been designed for household use only. Do not use it outdoors or in a commercial environment.
- Do not handle the product if your hands are wet.
- The appliance has been designed for air vacuuming. Do not switch on the air extraction without the vacuum attachment properly fitted.
- Wait at least 5 seconds between individual vacuuming cycles to allow the appliance to cool down.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

- Fully unwind the USB cable before charging. Connect the adapter only to a properly grounded socket.
- Do not leave the USB cable hanging over the edge of a table or counter top or allow it to touch a hot surface or to become tangled up.
- For safety reasons, we recommend to connect the appliance in an independent electrical circuit separated from other appliances. Do not use adapter plugs or extension cords to connect the appliance to a power outlet.
- Do not use this appliance in moving vehicles or on boats, outdoors, or for any purpose other than intended. Otherwise, there is a risk of personal injury.
- Any maintenance other than standard cleaning must be performed at authorised Catler service centre. To avoid the risk of electric shock, do not repair and/or make any adjustments to the appliance by yourselves.

Instructions are also available at www.catler.eu.



FOR INDOOR USE ONLY.



THIS SYMBOL INDICATES THAT THE APPLIANCE HAS DOUBLE INSULATION BETWEEN THE DANGEROUS MAINS VOLTAGE AND THE PARTS ACCESSIBLE TO THE USER. IN CASE OF SERVICE, USE ONLY IDENTICAL SPARE PARTS.

FOR DOMESTIC USE ONLY.

KNOW YOUR VM 400 VACUUM PUMP



1. Vacuum button
2. Charging LED indicators
3. Removable vacuum attachment
4. Socket for connecting the charging cable (at the back)
5. Zip bag (10 pcs included, 21x22 cm)
6. Bag vacuum valve
7. Container lid
8. Container (1 pc included, 640 ml)
9. Box vacuum valve
10. Date selector
11. Air valve
12. Power adapter
13. USB cable

OPERATING YOUR VM 400 VACUUM PUMP

BEFORE FIRST USE

Before first use, remove all packaging and advertising labels / stickers from the appliance. Make sure you have removed all accessories from the package. Please check the appliance and all accessories for damage. Wipe the outer surface with a soft sponge lightly dipped in warm water with a small amount of kitchen detergent.

Wash the container with the lid in warm water with a little kitchen detergent. Rinse and wipe dry. The container is dishwasher safe. However, the lid is not dishwasher safe.

CHARGING

Before first use, the vacuum pump must be charged.

Insert the USB cable connector into the socket at the back of the vacuum pump and insert the other connector into the socket in the adapter. Plug the adapter into a power outlet. Charging starts automatically. As the vacuum pump charges, the LED indicators will gradually light up. When all four indicators light up, the vacuum pump is fully charged. Charging time is usually 3 hours.

Allow the vacuum pump to fully charge the first time you use it. Then allow it to fully discharge before recharging.

As soon as only one LED indicator lights up, the vacuum pump needs to be charged. Do not allow the battery to run down completely.

USE

Always make sure that the vacuum attachment is correctly fitted before each use. Never use the vacuum pump without the vacuum attachment.

VACUUM CONTAINER

1. Place the container on a dry, flat and clean surface.
2. Place food into the container. We recommend leaving at least 2 cm clear between the food and the lid. It is important that food does not touch the bottom of the vacuum valve.
3. Put the lid on and make sure it is correctly fitted. If necessary, apply slight pressure with both hands.
4. Check that the vacuum valve is properly clamped in the lid. Press it downwards to prevent air leakage.
5. Place the vacuum pump on the lid so that the vacuum attachment fits into the suction valve area. Press the vacuum pump firmly against the lid.
6. Press the vacuum button on the vacuum pump to start the air extraction process.



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7. The air extraction process stops automatically when the air is extracted.
8. The air valve drops into the lid. The air valve indicates the "airtight" status of the container. It drops into the lid when air is sucked in and rises when air flows into the container.

9. Set the date on the lid when the container was closed.
10. Store the container in the refrigerator, freezer or pantry. Store food in the pantry that is suitable for this purpose.
11. To release the vacuum in the container, gently release the vacuum valve and wait until the air valve rises and the lid is released.
6. The air extraction process stops automatically when the air is extracted.
7. Store the bag in the refrigerator, freezer or pantry. Store food in the pantry that is suitable for this purpose.
8. To release the vacuum in the bag, carefully unzip the zipper.

BAG WITH ZIPPER

Do not use the bag to store liquids (sauces, soups, etc.). Use a container to store liquids.

1. Place food into the bag. We recommend leaving at least 2 cm clear between the food and the vacuum valve. It is important that food does not touch the bottom of the vacuum valve. Make sure no food is trapped in the zipper.
2. Place the bag on a flat, dry surface with the vacuum valve pointing upwards.
3. Close the zipper. Make sure it is firmly closed.
4. Place the vacuum pump over the vacuum valve and then press the vacuum pump firmly against the valve.
5. Press the vacuum button on the vacuum pump to start the air extraction process.

NOTE:

During storage, moisture may form briefly on the walls of the container or in the bag. This is normal. If you have any doubts about the freshness of the food, release the vacuum and check the food. It is recommended to keep foods that are intended to be stored in the refrigerator for a maximum of one week. Check the condition of the food regularly. Do not store food for too long.

HEATING OF FOOD

It is forbidden to heat food in a bag or in a container with the lid on.

We recommend heating food in containers that are suitable for this purpose.

Food can be heated in the container **without the lid on**. The lid is not suitable for use in a microwave oven.

The bags are not suitable for cooking, sous-vide preparation, etc.

TIPS AND TRICKS

- Only use fresh food that is suitable for vacuuming.
- Vacuuming is not a substitute for heat preparation or cooling. Therefore, store food that is intended for cold storage in the fridge or freezer.
- Never store raw meat and fish longer than the use-by date.
- For hygiene reasons, do not reuse the bags.



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- Soft cheeses are not suitable for vacuuming. Place hard cheeses in a container and vacuum after each opening.
- Never heat food in the microwave if it is vacuumed in a container or bag. The pressure inside the container or bag may increase and an explosion may occur when opened or during heating.
- Only the container **WITHOUT THE LID ON** is suitable for microwave heating.

CARE AND CLEANING

Prior to cleaning, make sure the USB cable is disconnected and the vacuum pump is cool.



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OR USB CABLE IN
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LIQUIDS.**

Clean the vacuum attachment after each use. Remove it and wash it in warm water with a little washing-up liquid using a soft sponge. Rinse and wipe dry.

Make sure the vacuum attachment is clean and dry before fitting.

Wipe the outer surface of the vacuum pump with a soft sponge lightly dipped in warm water with a small amount of dishwashing liquid.

Wash the container and lid in warm water with a little washing-up liquid using a soft sponge. Rinse and wipe dry.

Never remove the air valve from the lid.

The container is dishwasher safe, but the lid is not dishwasher safe.

The bags are reusable but not dishwasher safe. Wash them in warm water with a little washing-up liquid using a soft sponge. Allow to dry freely before reuse. Make sure the zipper is clean and dry.

Never reuse bags if they have previously contained meat, fish or oily foods.

STORAGE

Store the vacuum pump in a dry and well-ventilated place in horizontal position. Do not put any items on it.

TROUBLESHOOTING

This chapter describes the most common problems you may encounter while using this appliance. If your problem is either not stated here or persists, stop using the appliance, unplug the power cord and contact your authorized service centre.

UNDER NO CONDITION SHOULD YOU REPAIR OR DISASSEMBLE THE APPLIANCE YOURSELVES. THE APPLIANCE CONTAINS NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS.

The Problem	Cause	Solution
The air extraction process cannot be stopped.	Check that the vacuum valve is not loose or not fully plugged.	Screw the vacuum valve into the lid and repeat the process.
	Check that there is not too much food in the bag to prevent the zipper from closing. Check that there is not too much food in the container to prevent the vacuum valve from clicking into place.	Remove the excess food. Wash the bag/container and try again.
	Check that there is no hole in the bag.	Use a new bag.
	Check the zipper or rim of the container for food residue, oil stains or liquid that would prevent the bag/container from closing.	Clean the zipper area/rim of the container and the underside of the lid. Try again.
	Check that the food in the bag does not have any sharp edges.	Cover the sharp edges of the food with a suitable material, e.g. paper towel.
	Check that the vacuum attachment is correctly attached to the container/bag lid.	Fit and press the vacuum attachment firmly against the container/bag lid.
	Check that the vacuum attachment is correctly fitted.	Place the vacuum attachment on the body of the vacuum pump.

The Problem	Cause	Solution
After the air has been sucked out, the bag is refilled with air.	Check the condition of the food for spoilage.	Perishable foods should be stored in the fridge or freezer. However, air extraction does not guarantee that it will not spoil. Check the condition of the food regularly. The recommended storage time in the refrigerator is one week.
	Check if you have vacuumed fresh fruit, vegetables or seeds.	Not all fruits, vegetables or seeds are suitable for vacuum sealing. Store them in the refrigerator and check their condition regularly.
The vacuum pump didn't start.	The vacuum pump is dead.	Recharge the vacuum pump. Recharge it whenever only one LED indicator is lit.

DISPOSAL OF THE BUILT-IN BATTERY



Ensure that the built-in battery is removed before disposing of the product or taking it to a designated collection point. Before removing the battery, the vacuum pump must be started and waited until the battery is fully discharged. The battery must only be removed by an authorised service centre.

Battery contains environmentally damaging compounds and therefore does not belong in standard household waste. Its proper disposal shall be ensured by the relevant collection point.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION ON DISPOSING OF USED PACKAGING MATERIALS

Dispose of used packaging material at a site designated for waste in your municipality.

DISPOSING OF USED ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT



This symbol on products or original documents means that used electric or electronic products must not be added to ordinary municipal waste. For proper disposal and recycling, take these products to designated collection points. Or in some European Union states or other European countries the products can be returned to the local retailer when buying an equivalent new product. Disposing of this product correctly helps save valuable natural resources and prevents damage to the environment by improper waste disposal. Ask your local authorities or collection facility for more details. In accordance with national regulations penalties may be imposed for the incorrect disposal of this type of waste.

For business entities in European Union states

If you want to dispose of electric or electronic devices, ask your retailer or supplier for the necessary information.

Disposal in other countries outside the European Union

This symbol is valid in the European Union. If you wish to dispose of this product, request the necessary information about the correct disposal method from the local council or from your retailer.



This product meets all the basic requirements of the applicable EU directives.

The text, design and technical specifications may be changed without prior notice and we reserve the right to make these changes.

The original version is in the Czech language.

Manufacturer's address: FAST ČR, a.s., U Sanitasu 1621, Říčany CZ-251 01

NOTES

Because of continuous improvement of design and other properties, your product may slightly differ from the one shown on the pictures in this manual.

Z důvodu neustálého zdokonaľování designu a dalších vlastností se může vámi zakoupený výrobek mírně lišit od výrobku uvedeného na obrázcích v tomto návodu.

Z dôvodu neustáleho zdokonaľovania dizajnu a ďalších vlastností sa môže vami kúpený výrobok mierne líšiť od výrobku uvedeného na obrázkoch v tomto návode.

A kivitel és más jellemzők állandó fejlesztése miatt a megvásárolt termék enyhén eltérhet az ezen útmutatóban található képeken mutatott terméktől.

Ze względu na ciągłe udoskonalanie designu i innych właściwości, zakupiony produkt może się nieznacznie różnić od produktu przedstawionego na rysunkach w niniejszej instrukcji.

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