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## SAFETY

This Stripper will remove multiple layers of wallpaper and painted Anaglypta, foils and flocks, also papers covered in paint, distemper or varnish.

1. For your safety it is recommended that a residual current circuit breaker (ground fault interrupter) is used with this product.
2. Ensure the electrical supply conforms to that detailed on data label of this product. If in doubt consult a qualified electrician. The supply cable must be earthed.
3. The steam generated by this product is DANGEROUS. Keep children well away from work site.
4. Ensure the steam hose is sound and securely fitted before use and that it is not kinked or becomes kinked or flattened in use.
5. NEVER remove filler cap on the steam tank when the steam stripper is in operation or attempt to adjust or tighten it if steam is seen to be escaping from around the filler cap area.
6. Disconnect from power supply, allow to cool for a MINIMUM OF 2 MINUTES then check and refit the cap.
7. DO NOT attempt to move the steam stripper to a new work site unless the power has been disconnected and the machine has been allowed to cool for a MINIMUM OF 5 MINUTES.
8. To move the steam stripper to a new work site lift by steam plate rails only.
9. Ensure adequate ventilation of work site.
10. Use clean WATER only to fill the steam tank.
11. NEVER operate the steam stripper without water.
12. Always disconnect from the power supply before filling with water or when not in use.
13. CAUTION: Read the following Safety and Operational notes before using your Wallpaper Stripper.  
Power Supply: 110/120 V~ or 220/250 V~ Check data plate. Heater Element: 1.4/1.6 kw or 2.2/2.5 kw. Water Tank: 7 litres (1.5 gallons) capacity. Weight Dry: 7.5 kg (16.5lbs).
14. Take care when stripping paper from ceilings, hot water may run from the steam plate.
15. DO NOT use a power socket directly below the area being stripped. Take precautions to prevent water entering power sockets and light switches.
16. The power cable and steam hose must be maintained in good condition.
17. Operate the steam stripper on a level surface
18. DO NOT use this product as a step.

## OPERATION

1. Set up by clearing furniture from the work area.

Prepare for slight spillage, carpets and floors must be protected. Roll carpets back or protect with plastic sheet and dust sheet. Layout tools required ready to start work.

2. Place steam stripper on floor or stable level work surface near to the area to be stripped.
3. Remove the steam plate and lay out the steam hose and power lead. DO NOT plug into power supply.
4. Remove the filler cap (see 11) and fill water tank with clean hot or cold tap water to a maximum of 5cm (2") from top of tank.

**DO NOT** over fill or cover rubber safety valve located at the base of the tank filling neck.

5. Replace the filler cap ensuring a correct fit. NEVER force or attempt to over tighten the filler cap (see 11).
6. Place the steam plate face up on the floor or work surface which should be protected from condensation when steam is first produced. Have a suitable container ready to collect water which will have condensed from the steam in the steam plate.
7. Plug in to a suitable power supply. The steam stripper will switch itself on automatically. Allow the steam stripper to heat the water until it turns to steam, 10 to 30 minutes.
8. When steady jets of steam are produced the steam stripper is ready to use. Lift the steam plate above the steam stripper this will allow water condensed in the steam hose from the steam to run back into the water tank.
9. Now begin stripping (see Stripping Technique).
10. Continue using the steam stripper until the steam stops, about 60 to 80 minutes. When the steam stops the steam stripper is ready to be refilled. The steam stripper will switch off automatically when a low water level is reached. Of course you can stop when ever you wish, just disconnect from the power supply to switch off.
11. Refilling - DISCONNECT power supply and then allow the steam stripper to cool down for a MINIMUM OF 2 MINUTES.

12. ENSURE that the steam outlet holes in the steam plate are clear and that the steam hose is not kinked or flattened otherwise steam pressure in the water tank will be maintained for a long period.
13. The filler cap will be **HOT**, use a glove and do not stand directly over the steam stripper when removing it. Remove the cap at arms length. Lift the filler cap lever and wait for excess steam to vent. Then turn the cap anti-clockwise a QUARTER of a turn only. If steam continues to escape wait until it stops. ONLY THEN push down the filler cap against spring pressure and turn anti-clockwise a further quarter turn and pull up gently to remove.
14. To refit cap push down against spring pressure and turn clockwise approximately half a turn to stop position. Lower filler cap lever to lock.
15. On finishing stripping allow the steam stripper to continue to run until it switches off automatically.

## TIPS

1. Use a suitable container to catch the steam as it condenses to water.
2. When the steam stripper switches off DISCONNECT power supply.
3. Before the steam stripper cools completely carefully wipe down the body, steam hose and steam plate to clean.
4. Now allow the steam stripper to cool completely, carefully store the steam hose and cable and replace the steam plate.

## FOR BEST RESULTS

1. Start at the top of the wall and work across and down-wards.
2. Place the steam plate against the surface of the covering to be stripped.
3. Wait about 15 seconds, then move the steam plate across the wall to the next area slightly overlapping the area just steamed.
4. Loosen the edge of the covering with a stripping knife. A broad blade knife is recommended for best results.
5. If the covering is difficult to strip allow a little longer to steam, you will quickly learn how long STRIPPING TECHNIQUE you need to steam the wallpaper to make it easy to strip.
6. Using the stripping knife in a downwards direction at a 45 angle towards the steam plate, begin to strip the covering from the top of the wall and downwards all the time moving the steam plate ahead of the area just stripped.
7. During stripping steam will be collecting in the trough at the bottom of the steam plate and condensing into water, which should be drained away from time to time.
8. On completion of stripping the wall or ceiling surface should be washed down to remove any remaining pieces of covering, sterilized and sealed ready for new decoration.
9. Use an Abrasive Sponge to complete the whole job in one action.



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10. Care should be taken to check the condition of the surface to be stripped.
11. Should plaster on the wall be loose, it is probable that when the covering is removed the plaster or parts will come away. Check by gently tapping the wall all over, a hollow sound will indicate that the plaster is loose. In such circumstances repairs should be made.
12. To help clean the steam stripper after use, use warm water to loosen pieces of covering stuck to the steam stripper, steam hose and steam plate.
13. When not in use ensure that the steam stripper is empty and dry. Always store in a dry place.

## ON COMPLETION

1. Allow the steam stripper to cool completely for a MINIMUM OF 4 HOURS.
2. Remove the steam cap, turn the machine over and drain off remaining water by depressing the rubber safety valve located at the base of the tank filler neck.
3. Replace cap, wipe down body and replace the steam hose, cable and steam plate. Store in a dry place.
4. IMPORTANT. The filler cap and filler neck must be maintained in good condition. Inspect both regularly and ensure that the filler cap locates properly and that both cap and filler neck are not worn or damaged in any way. If damage is noted do not use the steam stripper under any circumstances and return it to Northern Hire Group for service.