

# FilterFree Plus

**Cool Mist Humidifier** 

**Use and Care Manual** 



IMPORTANT!
READ AND SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

VUL565WAU



### riangle Important Safety Instructions

#### READ AND SAVE THESE IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS **BEFORE USING THIS HUMIDIFIER**

#### WHEN USING ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES, BASIC PRECAUTIONS SHOULD ALWAYS BE FOLLOWED TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE, ELECTRICAL SHOCK AND INJURY TO PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

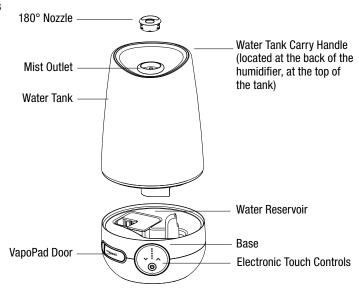
- 1 The humidifier should **ALWAYS** be placed on a firm, flat, waterproof surface at least four feet (1.2m) away from bedside. 12 inches (30cm) from the wall and out of reach of children and pets. Be sure the humidifier is in a stable position and the power cord is away from heated surfaces and out of the way to prevent the humidifier from being overturned.
- 2. The humidifier is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities. or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the humidifier by a person responsible for their safety. Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the humidifier.
- 3 The humidifier should not be left unattended in a closed room since air could become saturated and could cause personal injury or property damage. Condensation can form on the front of the humidifier, on walls and furniture. I eave the room door partly open. **DO NOT** aim Mist Outlet directly at children, walls or furniture.
- 4. Before using the humidifier, extend the cord and inspect for any signs of damage. **DO NOT** use the humidifier if the cord has been damaged. **DO NOT** operate with power cord coiled or with twist tie in place.
- 5. **CAUTION:** To avoid fire or electric shock hazard, plug the humidifier directly into a 230V AC electrical outlet. To avoid risk of fire, electric shock or personal injury, **DO NOT** use an extension cord or power strip.
- 6. The humidifier should **ALWAYS** be unplugged and emptied when not in operation or while being cleaned. Use

- two hands to carry humidifier. One hand on the tank carry handle and one hand underneath the base. Shut off and unplug humidifier before moving. **DO NOT** move or tilt humidifier while humidifier is in operation. Plug and unplug humidifier with dry hands. **NEVER** pull by cord.
- 7. If the supply cord is damaged, **DO NOT** use the humidifier.
- 8. Unplug the humidifier during filling and cleaning.
- 9. **DO NOT** operate the humidifier without water. Turn off and unplug humidifier when tank is empty.
- **10.** Humidifier requires regular cleaning. Refer to and follow cleaning instructions.
- 11. **DO NOT** operate outdoors; this humidifier is intended for indoor residential use only.
- **12. DO NOT** cover or insert objects into any openings on the humidifier.
- **13. DO NOT** block intake or output vents.
- **14. DO NOT** attempt to repair or adjust any electrical or mechanical functions on this humidifier. Doing so will void your warranty.
- **15. DO NOT** place in direct sunlight, high temperature areas or near computers or sensitive electronic equipment.
- **16. DO NOT** touch the nebulizer while the humidifier is plugged in as burns could result.
- 17. **DO NOT** touch skin with exposed VapoPad or place VapoPad on furniture, fabric, bedding or plastic.
- **18. DO NOT** add essential oils or inhalant to the Mist Outlet, Base, Water Reservoir or Water Tank as these will damage the humidifier and void the warranty.

#### How it Works

Water is released from the Water Tank into the Reservoir. A Nebulizer vibrates at ultrasonic frequency, breaking the water into a fine mist. The mist is quietly propelled by a fan up a vertical Mist Chamber to the Mist Outlet where the cool, visible mist enters the room. This humidifier will shut off when the water level is low or when the Tank is removed from the Base.

#### **Components**



#### Accessories

Vicks VapoPads (Two VapoPad samples included)

Use Vicks VapoPads with your humidifier for soothing vapors. Enjoy up to 8 hours of soothing comfort per pad.

# Setting Up Your Humidifier

- 1. Remove packaging materials. **Keep instructions**.
- 2. Remove twist tie and extend power cord.
- **3.** Place on a firm, level, water resistant surface a minimum of 30cm from any walls.



#### Water Quality and Your Humidifier

High mineral content in your water, also known as hard water, may cause a white mineral residue to accumulate on surfaces in the room near the humidifier. This mineral residue is commonly referred to as white dust or scale (mineral build up). The higher the mineral content or hardness of your water, the greater the potential that you may have scale. Scale (mineral build up) is not a result of a defect or flaw in the humidifier. It is a result of the amount of minerals suspended in the water you are using. If you live in a hard water area, the use of distilled water will minimise the production of scale (mineral build up).

## Filling/Refilling

**NOTE:** humidifier should be carried using two hands, in the carry handle located on Tank Top and the other hand supporting the base of the Tank. **Manufacturer and Distributor will not accept responsibility for property damage caused by water spillage.** 

- 1. Remove Tank and turn upside down.
- **2.** Turn Tank Cap in the direction of the open lock symbol to remove cap.
- Fill Tank with cool water. DO NOT fill with warm or hot water.
- **4. Securely** replace Tank Cap, aligning arrow to lock symbol.
- **5.** Place Tank back on Base.

ACAUTION: USE CARE WHEN HANDLING WATER TANK TO AVOID UNNECESSARY IMPACT. BANGING OR DROPPING THE WATER TANK COULD RESULT IN DAMAGE TO THE TANK THAT WILL CAUSE LEAKING.











## Operating Humidifier

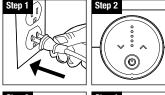
- I. Plug the humidifier in. Power on by pressing the power icon. The humidifer will default to high output, continuous humidity setting. Press again to turn off. The humidifier has a memory function and will revert to the last setting each time you power on. ▲ CAUTION: TO AVOID ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT PLUG HUMIDIFIER INTO AN OUTLET WITH WET HANDS. Unplugging the humidifier resets to default settings.



- 3. Position humidifier to direct mist output away from children, walls or furniture.
- **4. Humidity Level:** When a comfortable humidity level is reached, lower the output setting. A comfortable humidity level is between 40-60%.

If you notice condensation on the walls, windows or around humidifier, your humidity level is too high. Turn humidifier off.

NOTE: IF THE POWER ICON ((a) CHANGES TO AN AMBER COLOR, THE TANK IS EMPTY. TURN THE POWER OFF, REFILL AND REPLACE THE TANK AND TURN THE POWER BACK ON TO CONTINUE TO USE THE HUMIDIFIER.







### Using Vicks VapoPads



Your humidifier can be used with Vicks VapoPads to provide up to 8 hours of soothing vapors. Two samples of the VapoPad are included with your humidifier. To use your humidifier with Vicks VapoPads:

- **1.** Open VapoPad Door by pressing the button.
- **2.** Open VapoPad by tearing notch on pad bag. **DO NOT** touch pad with hands. If pad is touched **DO NOT** rub face or eyes as it may cause irritation.
- **3.** Insert Vicks VapoPad with angled end facing towards the product. Up to two VapoPads can be inserted. Close door.
- **4.** After 8 hours, discard scent pad. To remove the scent pad(s) open the VapoPad Door by pressing the button on the left side of the Scent Pad area and the VapoPad will eject slightly to be removed.

To continue using scent pads, repeat steps 1-4.

### VapoPad Recommended Usage:

- Not recommended for infants under 10 lbs (4.5 kg).
- For children between 10-22 lbs (4.5-10 kg) do not use more than 2 pads in a 24 hr period. Sample VapoPad ingredients: Eucalyptus Oil, Menthol, Glycol, Cedar Leaf Oil & Others.

  NOTE: ALWAYS reference VapoPad packaging for recommended usage instructions and warnings.

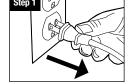
# Weekly Cleaning

It is recommended that you empty the Water Tank and Reservoir when the humidifier is not in use and let them air dry. To keep your humidifier running efficiently, clean it regularly. Weekly cleaning is recommended. To properly clean your humidifier we recommend the separate processes of Scale Removal and Disinfecting shown below. **These two processes must be performed separately.** 

CAUTION: BEFORE MOVING HUMIDIFIER BASE, TURN OFF, UNPLUG AND EMPTY THE TANK. All maintenance should be done in the kitchen or bathroom on a water resistant surface near a faucet. DO NOT wash any components of this humidifier in the dishwasher. DO NOT clean VapoPads.

#### Instructions for Scale Removal

- 1. Turn off and unplug the humidifier.
- 2. Remove Water Tank from Base. Remove Tank Cap, taking care that the rubber Gasket does not come off. Empty water from Water Tank and Base.





3. Add 2 cups of undiluted, distilled white vinegar to Water Tank. Replace Tank Cap and swish vinegar solution around in Tank. Place Tank on Base. Vinegar solution will drain into Water Reservoir and loosen mineral buildup (scale) on Nebulizer as it soaks in the solution. It will also loosen scale on bottom of Water Tank. **DO NOT** run humidifier with vinegar solution.



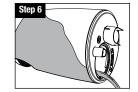
- 4. Soak for 15-20 minutes
- **5.** After soaking, unlock Tank Cap from Water Reservoir and pour solution out in sink. Wipe Nebulizer with soft cloth to remove loosened mineral deposits.





**6.** Rinse Water Reservoir and Water Tank until smell of vinegar is gone. Avoid getting water into any openings on the humidifier base.

**CAUTION: DO NOT** submerge Base in water. Doing so will damage the humidifier and void the warranty.

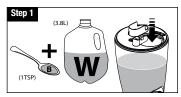


#### Instructions for Disinfecting

Follow Steps 1-3 in Scale Removal Instructions in previous section.

**NOTE**: Bleach may stain clothes. It is recommended that you wear rubber gloves during this process to protect your hands.

Add 1 tsp. of bleach to 3.8L of water and add to Water Tank. Replace Tank Cap. Swish solution around in Tank. Place Tank on Base. Bleach solution will drain into Water Reservoir and will disinfect Water Reservoir.



**NOTE:** Using more than 1 tsp. of bleach per 4.5L of water may result in damage to your humidifier.

- 2. Soak for 15-20 minutes
- **3.** Unlock Tank Cap and pour solution out in sink. Pour solution from Water Reservoir out in sink. Wipe Nebulizer and nozzle with a soft cloth.
- **4.** Rinse Water Reservoir and Water Tank until smell of bleach is gone. Avoid getting water into any openings on the humidifier base.



**NOTE: DO NOT** mix vinegar and bleach solutions together. **Scale Removal and Disinfecting must be done separately.** 

To clean the VapoPad area, gently wipe out scent pad heater area with a soft damp cloth. **DO NOT** USE VINEGAR OR BLEACH SOLUTION TO CLEAN THIS AREA.

## **End-of-Season Care and Storage**

Follow the **CLEANING** instructions when the humidifier will not be used for at least one week, or it is the end of the season. At the end of the season, allow the humidifier to dry completely before storing.

**DO NOT** store with water inside the Base, Water Reservoir or Tank.

Pack humidifier safely and store in a cool, dry location.

### **Troubleshooting**

If your humidifier is not working properly, refer to the following:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Power button has been pressed but the control panel lights are off.	<ul><li> Humidifier not plugged in</li><li> No power at outlet</li></ul>	<ul><li>Plug humidifier in</li><li>Check home circuits, fuses; test outlet</li></ul>
Power is on and little or no mist is produced	<ul> <li>No water in tank</li> <li>Humidifier is not level</li> <li>Mineral deposits on Nebulizer</li> <li>Power setting may be too low</li> <li>Water Tank or Base were washed with detergent</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fill Water Tank with cool water</li> <li>Place on a level surface</li> <li>Clean Nebulizer (refer to Weekly Cleaning instructions)</li> <li>Press the 'up' arrow to increase output</li> <li>Rinse thoroughly with clean water until there is no foam or smell of cleaning solution</li> </ul>
Water overflows from Reservoir	<ul><li> Tank may be damaged</li><li> Tank Cap is not tight</li><li> Tank Gasket may be missing</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Check the Tank for any cracks or damage</li> <li>Close Tank Cap to lock position</li> <li>Check to see if Gasket is attached to Tank Cap.</li> </ul>
Condensation forms around humidifier or on windows and walls	<ul> <li>Mist Intensity is set too high for room size or pre-existing humidity level</li> <li>Humidifer may be too close to wall or window</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Turn off humidifier or decrease mist output to lower setting or open door to the room</li> <li>Move humidifier away from wall or point Mist Outlet away from wall or window</li> </ul>

**NOTE:** Failure to keep this humidifier clean from mineral deposits normally contained in any water supply will affect the efficiency of operation of this humidifier. Customer failure to follow these instructions may void the warranty.

### **Electrical Ratings**

The Vicks VUL565WAU is rated at 220-240V~50-60Hz, 25W.

#### CONDITION OF SALE

As a condition of sale, the purchaser assumes responsibility for the proper use and care of this humidifier in accordance with these printed instructions. The purchaser or user must judge himself or herself when to use the humidifier and the length or use.

NOTE: IF YOU EXPERIENCE A PROBLEM WITH YOUR HUMIDIFIER PLEASE SEE WARRANTY FOR INSTRUCTIONS. PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REPAIR THE HUMIDIFIER YOURSELF. DOING SO WILL VOID THE WARRANTY AND COULD CAUSE DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY.

Technical specifications are subject to change.

#### Warranty

This product has been produced with the greatest care for normal, household use. Following directions carefully will ensure dependable operation. If your Vicks Humidifier is found to be defective (other than through misuse), we will repair or replace it at no charge during the 2 year warranty period. Modification to the product by the consumer is not authorised and voids the warranty.

If you experience unsatisfactory operation, please contact Felton Grimwade & Bosisto's as per below. If repair is required under the warranty period, the product should be returned with proof of purchase to Felton Grimwade & Bosisto's service centre.

The purchaser assumes responsibility for the proper care and use of the product in accordance with the printed operating manual. The purchaser or user must make his or her judgment as to when to use the product and the length of use. Keep the operation manual available as it is your guide to safe, efficient operation. Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law.

You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and for compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure.

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