

# Owner's Manual & Safety Instructions

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# **PITTSBURGH®**

## **16 PC. BRAKE BLEEDER AND VACUUM PUMP KIT**



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### **⚠WARNING**

Read this material before using this product. Failure to do so can result in serious injury. **SAVE THIS MANUAL.**

## Specifications

Gauge Range	0-30 IN. of mercury (in Hg)
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## Important Safety Information

### WARNING!

#### READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL INSTRUCTIONS

Failure to follow instructions listed below may result in serious injury.

#### SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Keep bystanders, children, and visitors away while operating the Vacuum Pump.** Distractions can cause you to lose control. Protect others in the work area from injury.
- 2. Stay alert. Watch what you are doing, and use common sense when operating the Vacuum Pump. Do not use the tool while tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medication.** A moment of inattention while operating the tool may result in serious personal injury.
- 3. Dress properly. Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Contain long hair. Keep your hair, clothing, and jewelry away from moving parts.** Loose clothes, jewelry, or long hair can be caught in moving parts.
- 4. Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times.** Proper footing and balance enables better control of the tool in unexpected situations.
- 5. Use safety equipment.** Wear ANSI-approved safety glasses underneath a full face safety shield. Nonskid safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection must be used for appropriate conditions.
- 6. Do not force the tool. Use the correct tool for your application.** The correct tool will do the job better and safer at the rate for which it is designed.
- 7. Store idle tools out of reach of children and other untrained persons.** Tools are dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
- 8. Maintain tools with care. Keep tools dry and clean.** Properly maintained tools are less likely to bind and are easier to control. Do not use a damaged tool. Tag damaged tools "Do not use" until repaired.
- 9. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, breakage of parts, and any other condition that may affect the tool's operation. If damaged, have the tool serviced before using.** Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained tools.
- 10. Use only accessories that are recommended by the manufacturer for your model.** Accessories that may be suitable for one tool may become hazardous when used on another tool.

11. **Tool service must be performed only by qualified repair personnel.** Service or maintenance performed by unqualified personnel could result in a risk of injury.
12. **When servicing a tool, use only identical replacement parts. Follow instructions in the section of this manual.** Use of unauthorized parts or failure to follow maintenance instructions may create a risk of injury.
13. **Maintain a safe working environment.** Keep the work area well lit. Make sure there is adequate surrounding workspace. Keep the work area free of obstructions, grease, oil, trash, and other debris. Do not use this product in a damp or wet location.
14. **Maintain labels and nameplates on this product.** These carry important information. If unreadable or missing, contact Harbor Freight Tools for a replacement.
15. **Keep the handle dry, clean, and free from brake fluid, oil, and grease.**
16. **Before use read and understand all warnings, safety precautions, and instructions as outlined in the vehicle manufacturer's service manual.** Every vehicle has specific measurement values for vacuum related readings. It is beyond the scope of this manual to properly describe the correct procedure and test data for each vehicle.
17. **Carbon monoxide is produced while a vehicle's engine is operating and is deadly in a closed environment.** Early signs of carbon monoxide poisoning resemble the flu, with headaches, dizziness, or nausea. If you have these signs, the work area may not be vented properly. Get fresh air immediately.
18. **People with pacemakers should consult their physician(s) before use.** Electromagnetic fields in close proximity to heart pacemaker could cause pacemaker interference or pacemaker failure. Caution is necessary when near coil, spark plug cables, or distributor of running engine. Engine should be off during distributor adjustment.
19. **Prior to using the Vacuum Pump, place the vehicle's transmission in "PARK" (if automatic) or "NEUTRAL" (if manual). Then, block the tires with chocks.**
20. **Be alert for hot engine components to avoid accidental burns.**
21. **Use the Brake Bleeder only with brake fluid.** Do not attempt to use the tool to siphon any other liquids. Damage to the internal chamber and seal, or future brake fluid contamination may result.
22. **Follow guidelines for proper brake fluid disposal.** Used brake fluid should be removed from the vehicle and properly recycled. Many states require recycling. Contact your local solid/liquid waste authority for information on recycling. Do not reuse old brake fluid.
23. **Brake fluid may damage paint.** Clean up spilled fluid quickly.
24. The warnings, precautions, and instructions discussed in this manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. The operator must understand that common sense and caution are factors which cannot be built into this product, but must be supplied by the operator.

## Setup Instructions

1. Open the Cup (3).
2. Seat the O-Ring (11) completely into the groove in the top of the Cup.
3. Remove and discard the shipping spacer that prevents the Vacuum Pump (1) handle from moving through its full range.



4. Cover the inlet of the Vacuum Pump with something such as a plastic bag. **To prevent injury, DO NOT USE YOUR SKIN TO PLUG THE INLET.** Operate the pump several times to create the vacuum. The vacuum should not decrease quickly. If air is entering through the vacuum release valve, tighten it. After the pump properly holds a vacuum, press in the Pump's vacuum release valve to release the vacuum. Set the plastic bag aside.
5. The vacuum pump should now be ready for use.

## Operating Instructions



Read the **ENTIRE** IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION section at the beginning of this document including all text under subheadings therein before set up or use of this product.

### Vacuum System Testing

1. Position the vehicle in a flat, level outdoor area. Set the parking brake and chock the tires.
2. Attach a 23" Hose (4) to the Vacuum Pump (1).
3. Attach the other end of the Hose to the vacuum system. Keep clear of parts that will move or get hot while an assistant starts the engine. Wait until the vacuum reading stabilizes and compare it to the manufacturer's specification.
4. After obtaining a measurement, shut off the engine.
5. A low or unstable vacuum reading may mean a vacuum leak, vacuum line blockage, cylinder sealing problems, incorrect valve/ignition timing, or other issues.  
**Note:** Vehicle vacuum systems will differ. Consult the vehicle's service manual for proper testing procedures.
6. After testing is complete, disconnect the Vacuum Pump and Hose, remove any plugs or clamps and secure all vacuum lines.

## Brake Bleeding

1. Attach a 3" Hose (5) to the bottom of the Suction Lid (2a).
  2. Attach a 23" Hose (4) to the port on the top of the Suction Lid that does not have the 3" Hose attached, as shown in Figure A. Then, attach the other end of that 23" Hose to the Vacuum Pump (1).
  3. Make sure the O-Ring (11) is completely seated into the groove on the top of the Cup to provide a good seal. Firmly attach the Suction Lid to the Cup (3).
  4. Remove the cap from the vehicle's master cylinder, and make sure the master cylinder is full of brake fluid. If not full, fill the master cylinder to capacity with clean, new brake fluid. (Use only the kind of brake fluid recommended by the vehicle manufacturer.)
  5. Connect the other 23" Hose (4) to the remaining port on the Suction Lid.
  6. Insert the Tapered Hose Adapter (6) into the 23" Hose. Connect the other end of the Adapter to the Brake Bleed Screw Adapter (9).
  7. Attach Adapter to brake caliper bleed screw. Squeeze the Handle of the Vacuum Pump 10 to 15 times to create a vacuum in the Cup.
  8. Open the vehicle's brake caliper bleed screw, and allow brake fluid to flow into the Cup until fluid appears clear and free of bubbles. Then, retighten the bleed screw.
- Note:** The Gauge on the Vacuum Pump should read at approximately 10 inHg. Do not exceed 20 inHg. A greater vacuum could damage the vehicle's brake system.
- IMPORTANT:** If very small and evenly sized bubbles are coming through, the air is probably coming from within the system. These bubbles do not affect brake operation and need not be eliminated. Placing grease or Teflon tape around the bleed screw threads to act as a seal on the Brake Bleed Screw Adapter will generally eliminate these bubbles.

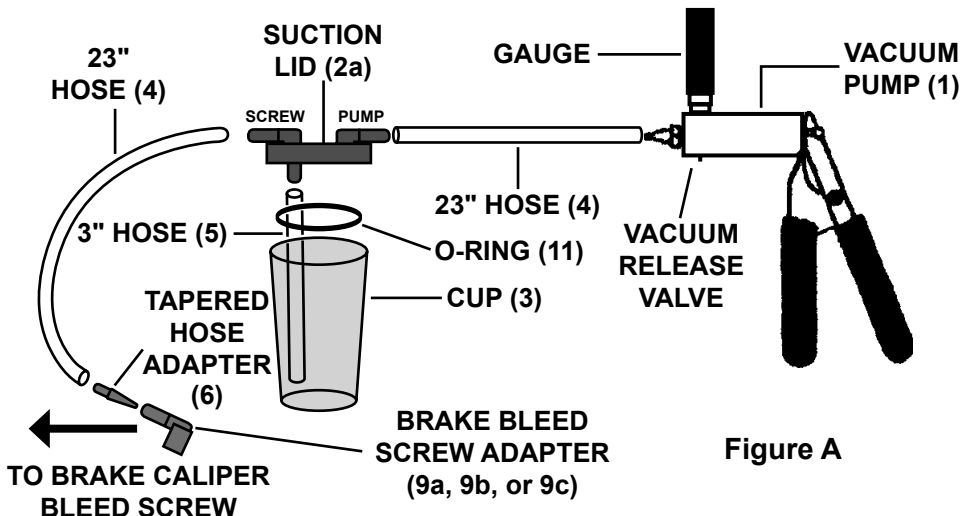


Figure A

9. Release the vacuum in the Vacuum Pump with the Vacuum Release Valve. Then, disconnect the Brake Bleed Screw Adapter from the vehicle's brake caliper bleed screw.
- Note:** Do not allow the cup to fill completely with brake fluid. When necessary, release the vacuum in the tool and empty its Cup of old brake fluid. To assist in transport, this set includes a Transport Lid (2b) without hose connections. After the brake fluid is disposed of properly, resume bleeding the brakes.
10. Remove the cap from the vehicle's master cylinder, and refill the master cylinder back to its normal capacity with clean, new brake fluid. Then, replace the cap on the master cylinder.
11. Proceed to the vehicle's next brake caliper, and perform the same steps as above.
12. When finished using the Vacuum Pump, clean the tool and store it in a clean, dry location out of reach of children.
13. **WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: Before driving the vehicle, carefully check for leaks and test for proper brake operation.**

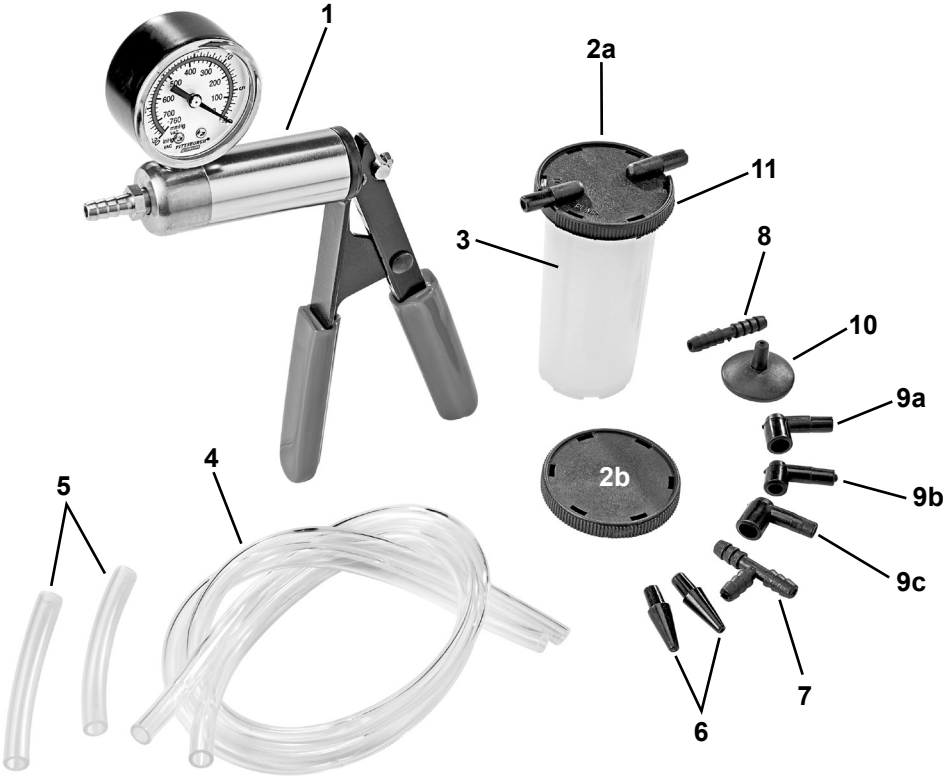
## Maintenance and Servicing

1. **Before each use:** Inspect the general condition of the Vacuum Pump. Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, cracked or broken parts, damaged Hoses, loose connections, and any other condition that may affect its safe operation. If a problem occurs, have the problem corrected before further use.  
**Do not use damaged equipment.**
2. **When cleaning:** Do not clean the Vacuum Pump with cleaners or other solvents. Use a clean, dry cloth. Do not immerse the Vacuum Pump in any liquid.
3. **When storing:** Do not store fluid in the Cup. Dispose of excess fluid properly, according to federal, state, and local guidelines. Store the Vacuum Pump in a clean, dry location out of reach of children.
4. **WARNING! TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY: All maintenance, service, or repairs not listed in this manual are only to be attempted by a qualified service technician.**

# Parts List and Diagram

Part	Description	Qty
1	Vacuum Pump	1
2a	Suction Lid	1
2b	Transport Lid	1
3	4 oz. Cup	1
4	1/4" x 23" Vacuum Hose	2
5	1/4" x 3" Vacuum Hose	2
6	Tapered Hose Adapter	2

Part	Description	Qty
7	"T" Hose Connector	1
8	Straight Hose Connector	1
9a	Brake Bleed Screw Adapter A	1
9b	Brake Bleed Screw Adapter B	1
9c	Brake Bleed Screw Adapter C	1
10	Universal Cup Adapter	1
11	Cup O-Ring	2



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This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

**Record Product's Serial Number Here:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** If product has no serial number, record month and year of purchase instead.

**Note:** Some parts are listed and shown for illustration purposes only, and are not available individually as replacement parts. Specify UPC 193175530509 when ordering parts.

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