

## Preventative Maintenance for Felt Filter Bags (Zipperless)

**Break-in the bag.** Run engine at ½ throttle for first ½ hour to condition a **new** bag. This must be done with the machine sitting over a clean surface.

**WHY?** A new or washed bag requires a break-in period to condition the pores against premature blockage. **Note:** It is not necessary to do this on the nylon mesh sided bag.

**Frequently empty debris** to prevent overloading. Depending on debris being collected, bag should be emptied when ½ to 2/3 full to help prevent damage to the bag and to maintain maximum airflow through the bag. **Vacuuming mostly fine dust and dirt is not a good application and will plug the pores in the material causing loss of suction.**

**WHY?** To insure good vacuum performance air must be able to pass through the bag. If the bag is completely full, the decreased surface area reduces airflow, which results in decreased suction. Be sure to empty bag after each use. Keep entire bag clean. Turn bag inside out. Use garden hose or pressure washer to flush out debris lodged in fabric. **Make sure bag is completely dry before reusing.** Best to hang bag over a clothesline and let air-dry. The bag can also be dried on the unit as done in the break-in just make sure it is completely dry before picking up any debris.

**NOTE:** When vacuuming lighter debris with a lot of dust the RPM of the engine can be lowered to help reduce the level of dust forced through the bag.