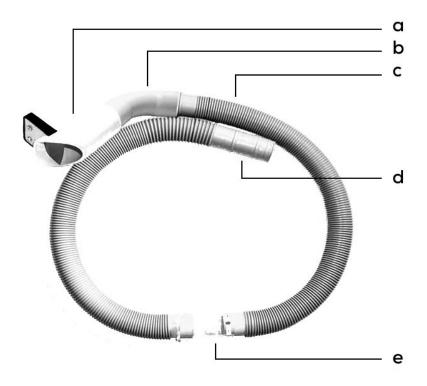
# Instructions



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# Identifying Parts



- a. Top comb section
- b. Handle
- c. Tube
- d. Tube base (for your vacuum nozzle)
- e. Filter section

## **Before Starting**

The hair should be washed with shampoo and, if possible, softened with hair conditioner. It must be completely dry, smooth and without tangles or knots. No oils, gels or sprays should be applied to the hair before vacuum combing.

## Sectioning Hair

If the hair is longer than about 17cm, it must be sectioned i.e. divided into different sections using hair bands or clips to hold each section. If it's not sectioned, too much surrounding hair will be sucked into the tube causing tangles and making the situation unworkable. For girls, the average number of sections required is about eight and depends on the length and volume of hair. <u>Sectioning the hair properly with straight dividing lines</u> is important to make the rest of the work easier.



## Vacuum Combing the Lice

After the hair is sectioned, the vacuum combing can start. The objective is to remove all the lice from each section. Start with the sections at the back of the head and work around to the sections at the front of the head. Place vacuum nozzle firmly into tube base & switch on your vacuum machine. Remove the hair band / clip from one of the hair sections. Let the hair get sucked in through the top comb section, comb with short repeated sequences in an anticlockwise circular motion, making sure the comb touches the scalp on the downwards movement. Finish the section by letting the comb run through the entire length of hair at least twice. It only takes a few minutes to vacuum comb each section but you must make sure to cover the entire area right up to the dividing lines. After vacuum combing a section, switch off your vacuum machine. If there are a lot of lice in the filter, vacuum comb the same section again & then tie up the hair in that section. The first round is complete once all sections have been vacuum combed. A minimum of two rounds is always required so just work on each section again as you did in the first round counting the lice and changing the filter when required. For info, professionals who use this equipment are able to extract about 90% of all the lice in the first round and the remainder in the second round.

## Vacuum Combing the Nymphs after 9 days

The 9 day pause is exactly the right amount of time to ensure:

a. All the remaining eggs will have hatched.

b. The newly hatched lice (nymphs) will not be adult enough to produce new eggs.

Make sure the hair is completely dry, without tangles or knots. Section the hair just as you did before and do one round of vacuum combing. If there are 10 or more nymphs in the first round, do a second round of vacuum combing. If you are confident that all the lice nymphs are out then the job is done.

If you want to reduce the number of nymphs after the 9 day pause, use a professional nit comb (e.g. LiceMeister, NittyGritty, Terminator Nit Comb etc.) to wet comb the hair immediately after vacuum combing the lice on the first day.

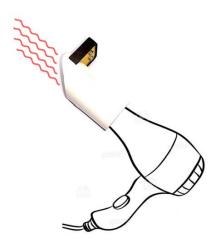
## **Replacing Nylon Filter**



- 1. Twist filter cover off white pipe (a).
- 2. Twist filter cover off white pipe (b), allowing old nylon filter with lice to fall into a white bowl
- 3. Place clean nylon filter over white pipe (b).
- 4. Carefully push filter cover over clean nylon filter and firmly back on white pipe (b)
- 5. Re-attach filter cover to top white pipe (a)

## Sterilizing Comb

Detach top comb section from the handle and blow hot air from a hair dryer (high heat) through the white pipe for about 15 seconds. Let it cool before use. Use an old toothbrush or toothpick to remove any dirt on the teeth of the comb. Professionals should also use cotton + 70% isopropyl alcohol (IPA) to manually wipe the comb teeth before each client. **Do not clean the equipment with water.** 



### Additional Notes

To create good suction power, the bag or collection area of your vacuum machine should be emptied / cleaned before starting the vacuum combing.

Dandruff or skin from the scalp etc can clog the nylon filter and reduce

vacuum suction power. If this happens, replace the nylon filter before continuing. The nylon filters can be washed with soap and water and re-used many times.

The comb section of each unit is tested with a 7kg weight pressed against the back of the teeth of the comb. This is strong enough to handle the toughest of hair conditions. However, if you notice any really big knots in the hair, we recommend switching off your vacuum machine and using a regular comb to untangle them before continuing.