

CLAIMS

1. A dental cleaning appliance comprising:
5 a handle;
a fluid reservoir for storing a working fluid;
a fluid delivery system for receiving working fluid from the reservoir, and for delivering working fluid to the oral cavity of a user;
a brush unit comprising a bristle carrier and a plurality of bristles mounted on
10 the bristle carrier; and
a drive unit for driving movement of the bristle carrier relative to the handle, the drive unit comprising a motor;
wherein the handle comprises a grip section which is grasped by a user during use of the appliance, and an end section proximate to the brush unit, and wherein the
15 end section of the handle houses the motor;
and wherein the fluid reservoir extends about the motor.
2. An appliance according to claim 1, wherein the fluid reservoir encloses the end section of the handle.
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3. An appliance according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the end section of the handle has a reduced cross-section relative to the grip section of the handle.
4. An appliance according to any preceding claim, comprising a stem extending
25 between the brush unit and the handle, and wherein the drive unit is arranged to move the stem relative to the handle.
5. An appliance according to claim 4, comprising a transmission unit upon which the stem is mounted, and wherein a portion of an external wall of the fluid reservoir
30 defines an aperture through which the transmission unit passes.

6. An appliance according to claim 5, wherein the external wall of the fluid reservoir has a curvature which is substantially spherical or spheroidal
7. An appliance according to claim 5 or claim 6, wherein the transmission unit
5 houses part of the fluid delivery system.