

CLAIMS

1. An attachment for a vacuum cleaning appliance, the attachment comprising:
5 a first part comprising a crevice nozzle, a brush section which is moveable relative to the crevice nozzle between a retracted position and a deployed position, and a first connector for releasably connecting the first part to a body of the appliance; and
a second part comprising a suction inlet and a second connector for releasably connecting the second part to the first part, and wherein the second part is arranged to
10 be push-fitted over the first part so that the crevice nozzle and the brush section are stored within the second part when the second part is connected to the first part.
2. An attachment according to claim 1, wherein the brush section comprises a
15 bristle sleeve which extends about the bristles.
3. An attachment according to claim 2, wherein the bristle sleeve is formed from a resiliently deformable material.
4. An attachment according to claim 2 or claim 3, wherein the bristle sleeve has a
20 free end, and the tips of the bristles protrude beyond the free end of the bristle sleeve.
5. An attachment according to claim 4, wherein no more than 20% of the length of the bristles protrudes beyond the free end of the bristle sleeve.
- 25 6. An attachment according to claim 4 or claim 5, wherein no more than 10% of the length of the bristles protrudes beyond the free end of the bristle sleeve.
7. An attachment according to any preceding claim, wherein the second part is
30 disposed in its retracted position.

8. An attachment according to claim 7, wherein the second part is arranged to move the brush section towards its deployed position as the second part is pulled away from the first part.

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9. An attachment according to claim 8, wherein the second part comprises a neck located at one end of the second part, the suction inlet being located at the other end of the second part, the neck being arranged to receive at least the brush section of the first part.

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10. An attachment according to claim 9, wherein the neck comprises a relatively wide internal section for receiving the brush section, and a relatively narrow internal section, located upstream from the relatively wide internal section, for receiving a front section of the crevice nozzle.

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11. An attachment according to claim 9 or claim 10, wherein the neck forms an interference fit with the brush section when the brush section is stored in the second part.

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12. An attachment according to any of claims 8 to 11, wherein the first part comprises a retention mechanism which is releasable to retain the brush section in its deployed position, and wherein the second part is arranged to release the retention mechanism as the second part is pulled away from the first part.

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13. An attachment according any preceding claim, wherein the first part includes a first guide mechanism for guiding movement of the brush section away from its retracted position, and a second guide mechanism for guiding movement of the brush section into its deployed position.

14. An attachment according to claim 13, wherein the second guide mechanism comprises a pawl located on the brush section and a channel located on the crevice nozzle which the pawl enters as the brush section moves towards its deployed position.

5 15. An attachment according to claim 14, wherein the first guide mechanism comprises a plurality of rails located on the crevice nozzle, and a plurality of channels located on the brush section which receive the rails as the brush section moves towards its retracted position, and wherein the channel is axially spaced from the rails.

10 16. An attachment according to any preceding claim, wherein the second part comprises a seal, and wherein the crevice nozzle comprises an annular mating surface for engaging the seal.

15 17. An attachment according to claim 16 when dependent from claim 15, wherein the mating surface is defined by an area of the external surface of the crevice nozzle which is located between the rails of the first guide mechanism and the channel of the second guide mechanism.

20 18. An attachment according to claim 17, wherein the seal comprises a first end which is retained by the neck, and a second end which is connected to a seal carriage which is moveable relative to the neck, and wherein as the second part is pushed over the first part, the ends of the rails urge the carriage to move towards the first end of the seal, deforming the seal so as to urge it into contact with the mating surface of the crevice nozzle.

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19. An attachment according to any preceding claim, wherein the second part comprises a wand for attachment to an auxiliary suction tool.

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20. A wand assembly for a vacuum cleaning appliance, the attachment comprising:
- a first part comprising a crevice nozzle, a brush section which is moveable relative to the crevice nozzle between a retracted position and a deployed position, and a first connector for releasably connecting the first part to a body of the appliance; and
 - 5 a second part comprising a wand and a second connector for releasably connecting the second part to the body of the appliance, and wherein the second part is arranged to be push-fitted over the first part so that the crevice nozzle and the brush section are stored within the second part when the second part is connected to the body of the appliance.