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Vacuum cleaner

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Staubsauger

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Abstract (en)  
A vacuum cleaner 2 has a housing 4 having primary air outlets 20 defined in a bottom surface of the housing 4 to direct air downwardly and rearwardly of the housing. A fan 26 draws dirty air into the inlet 38, through a filter and most of the filtered air passes out of primary outlets 20. As a result, the air is not vented on to the face and hands of the user, and at the same time avoids disturbing dirt on the surface to be cleaned. A small amount of the air passes between the clamshell halves 10, 12 that make up housing 4, and out of the secondary outlets 28 in the side surfaces of the body portion 6. This air is used to cool the motor, but the rate of air flow out of the secondary outlets is insufficient to cause irritation to the user. The cleaner (2) has a housing (4) with a primary air outlet (20) defined in a bottom surface of the housing to direct air downwardly and rearwardly of the housing. A fan draws dirty air into an inlet (38) through a filter, and most of the filtered air passes out of the primary air outlet. The dirty air is passed through the filter located in the outlet, such that the filter acts as a baffle.

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