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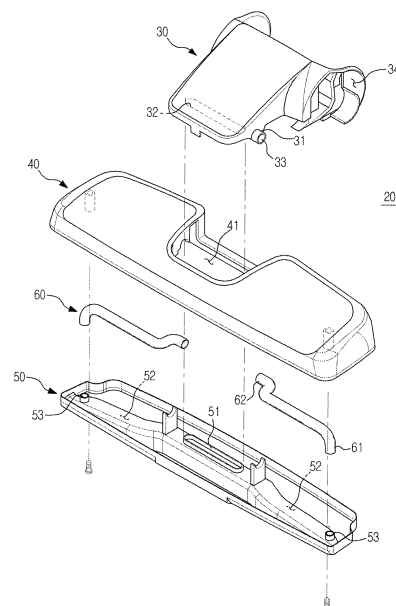
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(54) **Vacuum cleaner**

(57) Disclosed herein is a vacuum cleaner constructed in a structure to reduce the generation of noise due to air flowing along a guide channel. The vacuum cleaner includes a suction plate having a main suction port to suction dust from a surface to be cleaned and a guide channel to guide air to the main suction port, a suction duct communicating with the main suction port, and a connection unit to allow the guide channel to communicate with the suction duct such that some of the air introduced into the guide channel is bypassed to the suction duct.

FIG. 2





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1. claims: 1-6

A vacuum cleaner comprising a suction plate, a main suction port and a guide channel, in which a connection unit bypasses some air from the guide channel.

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2. claims: 7-9

A vacuum cleaner comprising a suction unit, a suction port and a guide channel, in which step protrusion are formed at the edge of the guide channel.

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3. claim: 10

A vacuum cleaner with a suction plate, a guide channel and a main suction port, in which the n suction port is formed in the middle of the guide channel, and having an auxiliary suction port, a suction duct having first and second openings.

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4. claims: 11, 12

A vacuum cleaner having a suction plate, a guide channel, a main suction port formed on the guide channel, a suction duct including an auxiliary port spaced apart a distance from the main suction port to reduce noise.

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