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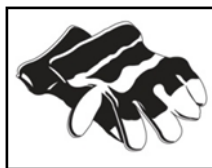
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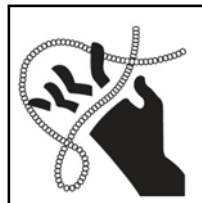
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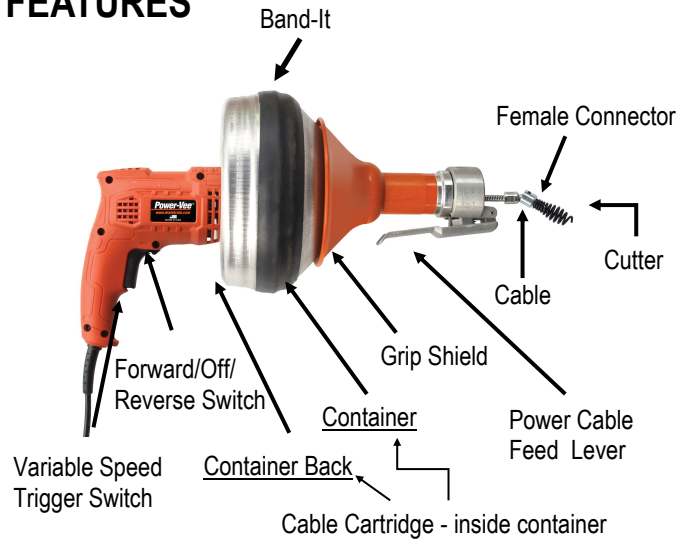


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- Plug machine into a properly grounded outlet.
- Insert the cable into the drain opening as far as it will go.
- Be sure the Forward/Off/Reverse switch is in the **FORWARD** position.
- Gently squeeze the motor trigger. Then, squeeze the power cable feed lever to feed cable into the line. **DO NOT FORCE THE CABLE.** The job won't go any faster and you could kink the cable.

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- Use the variable speed trigger to adjust the feed rate to the resistance met. Do not force the cable or feed faster than the cable can go into the drain.
- Do not leave too much slack in the cable since this will cause whipping. If the cable starts to bend or build up too much twist, release the trigger. Push any excess cable back into the drum and then continue.

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- When the cable reaches the stoppage, put feed in neutral by releasing feed lever. Move the machine back and forth as the cable is rotating until the stoppage has been cleared. Slight feed lever pressure may be applied as required to maintain contact with the stoppage.

Hint: It's often helpful to have a small stream of water running in the line to wash the cuttings away while the machine is in operation and after.

- To retract the cable, put Forward/Off/Reverse switch in the **Reverse** position and press the feed lever and motor trigger.
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TO CHANGE CABLE CARTRIDGES

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- Remove the cutter and connecting screw from the cable, if one is attached.
- Swing the Feed Lever Assembly open.
- Loosen three screws that hold front and back of container together. Pull the container front off of the machine, revealing the cable cartridge within.
- Remove the cable cartridge.



5. Press replacement cartridge *firmly* into back of container. Make sure to line up the grooves in the cartridge with the slots in the container back.
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TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE (TABLE 3)

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Failure to feed.	Feed Rollers frozen.	Clean and lubricate feed rollers regularly. Replace worn rollers.
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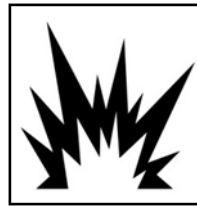
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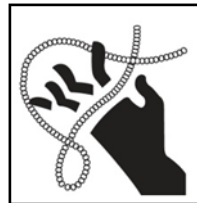
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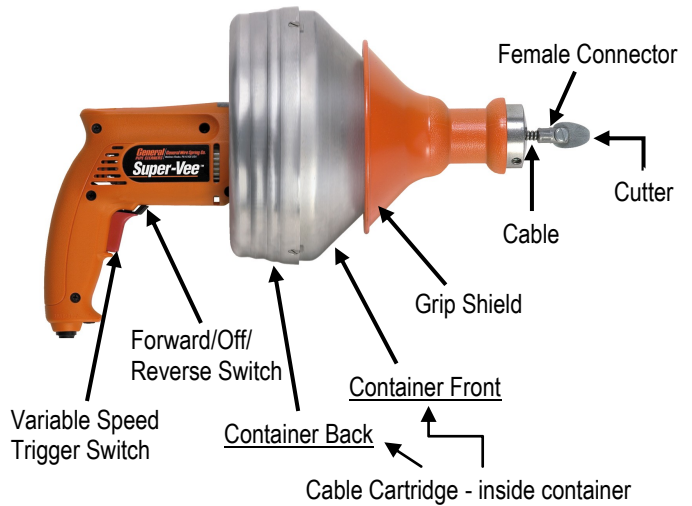


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- Move the motor switch to the **forward** position.
- Slide the grip shield forward to release cable. Place the cable in the drain by hand as far as it will go.



DO NOT ALLOW TOO MUCH SLACK IN THE CABLE BETWEEN MACHINE AND DRAIN OPENING SINCE THIS CAN CAUSE CABLE WHIPPING.

- Slide the grip shield back to grip the cable. Be sure the Forward/Off/Reverse switch is in the **FORWARD** position.



- Gently squeeze the trigger and move the machine toward the drain opening. **DO NOT FORCE THE CABLE.** The job won't go any faster and you could kink the cable.

DO NOT USE TOO MUCH FORCE – LET THE CUTTER DO THE WORK.

- After the cable has fed into the drain, release the trigger.
- Slide the grip shield forward to release the cable. Pull the Super-Vee back while holding the cable in place. After you are past the first bend, you probably will not have to hold the cable as you pull the machine back.
- Slide the grip shield back, squeeze the trigger and move the machine toward the drain again. Slide the grip shield forward and pull the machine back. Be sure to allow no more than six inches of cable between the machine and drain opening. Too much slack in the cable can cause it to tangle and kink.
- Repeat procedure until you have worked through the stoppage.

Hint: It's often helpful to have a small stream of water running in the line to wash the cuttings away while the machine is in operation and after.

- Reverse the procedure to pull the cable out of the line.
- When you hear the end of the cable near the drain opening, take your finger off of the trigger switch to stop cable rotation. Never retract the cutter from the drain opening while the cable is rotating. The cable could whip and cause serious injury.

TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE (TABLE 3)

Problem	Probable Cause	Solution
Cable kinks or breaks.	Operator forcing the cable.	Do not force the cable. Let the cutter do the work.
	Too much slack between machine and drain.	Do not allow more than six inches between machine and drain.
	Cable used in wrong size drain line.	A cable that is too large or too small in diameter for a line is more likely to kink. (Consult Table 1—Cable Applications.)
	Cable exposed to acid	Clean and oil cables regularly.
Cable tangles in container.	Operator forcing the cable.	Do not force the cable. Let the cutter do the work.
Motor does not run.	Trigger in neutral (off) position.	Switch Trigger to either Forward or Reverse.
Motor turns in one direction but not other.	Reverse switch failure.	Replace reverse switch.