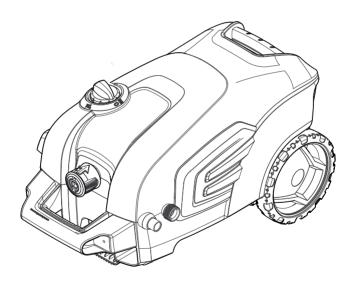
## K 4 Compact



## **Operating Instructions**

Please read the operating instructions carefully before using the unit.





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## **General information**

#### Dear Customer,

Please read and comply with these original instructions prior to the initial operation of your appliance and store them for later use or subsequent owners.

#### **Proper Use**

This high-pressure cleaner is designed for domestic use only:

- to clean machines, vehicles, buildings, tools, facades, terraces, garden equipment etc. using a high-pressure water jet (and detergents if required).
- with accessories, replacement parts and detergents approved by KÄRCHER.
  Observe the instructions provided with these detergents.

#### Scope of delivery

The scope of delivery of your appliance is illustrated on the packaging. Check the contents of the appliance for completeness when unpacking.

In the event of missing accessories or any transport damage, please contact your dealer.

#### Symbols on the machine

- 1 The high pressure jet may not be directed at persons, animals, live electrical equipment or at the appliance itself.
- Risk of damage! The appliance must only be operated laying down (horizontal).
- 3 Protect the appliance against frost.

# Symbols in the operating instructions

#### <sup>▲</sup> Danger

Immediate danger that can cause severe injury or even death.

#### **∆** Warning

Possible hazardous situation that could lead to severe injury or even death.

#### Caution

Possible hazardous situation that could lead to mild injury to persons or damage to property.

#### **Environmental protection**

 $\Sigma_{\chi}$  The packaging material can be recy-

cled. Please do not place the packaging into the ordinary refuse for disposal, but arrange for the proper recycling.

Old ter

Old appliances contain valuable materials that can be recycled. Please

 arrange for the proper recycling of old appliances. Please dispose your old appliances using appropriate collection systems.

Notes about the ingredients (REACH)

You will find current information about the ingredients at:

#### www.kaercher.com/REACH

#### Warranty

The warranty terms published by the relevant sales company are applicable in each country. We will repair potential failures of your appliance within the warranty period free of charge, provided that such failure is caused by faulty material or defects in manufacturing. In the event of a warranty claim please contact your dealer or the nearest authorized Customer Service centre. Please submit the proof of purchase.

### Safety instructions

#### ▲ Danger

- Never touch the mains plug and the socket with wet hands.
- The appliance must not be used if the power cord or important parts of the appliance, e.g. high-pressure hoses, trigger gun or safety devices are damaged.
- Check the power cord and mains plug for damage before every use. If the power cord is damaged, please arrange for it to be replaced immediately by an authorised repair agent or a skilled electrician.
- Check the high-pressure hose for damage before every use. Please arrange for the immediate replacement of a damaged high-pressure hose.
- The appliance may not be used in areas where a risk of explosion is present.
- If the appliance is used in hazardous areas (e.g. filling stations) the corresponding safety provisions must be observed.
- High-pressure jets can be dangerous if improperly used. The jet must not be directed at persons, animals, live electrical equipment or at the appliance itself.
- The high-pressure jet must not be directed at other persons or directed by the user at him/herself to clean clothing or footwear.
- Never use the appliance to clean objects containing hazardous substances (e.g. asbestos).
- Vehicle tyres or tyre valves are susceptible to damage from the high-pressure jet and may burst. The first indication of this is a discolouration of the tyre. Damaged vehicle tyres/tyre valves are highly dangerous. Ensure that a distance of at least 30 cm is observed when cleaning with the jet!
- Risk of explosion! Do not spray flammable liquids. Never draw in fluids containing solvents or undiluted acids and solvents! This includes petrol, paint thinner and heating

oil. The spray mist thus generated is highly inflammable, explosive and poisonous. Do not use acetone, undiluted acids and solvents as they are damaging to the materials from which the appliance is made.

#### **∆** Warning

- The mains plug and the coupling of an extension cable must be watertight and must never lay in the water.
- Unsuitable extension cables can be hazardous. Only use extension cables outdoors which have been approved for this purpose and labelled with a sufficient cable cross-section:

1 - 10 m: 1.5 mm<sup>2</sup>; 10 - 30 m: 2.5 mm<sup>2</sup>

- Always fully unroll electrical cables from the cable drum.
- High-pressure hoses, fixtures and couplings are important for the safety of the appliance. Only use high-pressure hoses, fixtures and couplings recommended by the manufacturer.
- This appliance is not intended for use by persons with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities. The appliance must not be operated by children or persons who have not been

instructed accordingly. Children should be supervised to pre-

vent them from playing with the appliance.

- Keep packaging film away from children - risk of suffocation!
- This appliance was designed to be used with detergents which are supplied or recommended by the manufacturer. The use of other detergents or chemicals may compromise the safety of the appliance.
- The operator must use the appliance correctly. When working with the appliance, he must consider the local conditions and pay due care and attention to other persons, in particular children, who are nearby.
- Do not use the appliance when there are other persons around unless they are also wearing safety equipment.

Wear protective clothing and safety goggles to protect against splash back containing water or dirt.

#### Caution

- Risk of damage! The appliance must only be operated laying down (horizontal).
- In case of extended downtimes, switch the appliance off at the main switch / appliance switch or remove the mains plug.
- Do not operate the appliance at temperatures below 0 °C.
- Observe a distance of at least 30 cm when using the jet to clean painted surfaces to avoid damaging paintwork.
- Never leave the appliance unattended when it is in operation.
- Make sure that the power cable or extension cables are not damaged by running over, pinching, dragging or similar. Protect the power cable from heat, oil, and sharp edges.
- All current-conducting parts in the working area must be protected against jet water.
- The appliance may only be connected to an electrical supply which has been installed in accordance with IEC 60364.
- The appliance may only be connected to alternating current. The voltage must correspond with the type plate on the appliance.
- For safety reasons, we recommend that you operate the appliance only via a earth-leakage circuit breaker (max. 30 mA).
- Cleaning operations which produce oily waste water, e.g. engine washes, underbody washes, may only be carried out using washing stations equipped with an oil separator.

#### **Safety Devices**

#### Caution

Safety devices protect the user and must not be modified or bypassed.

#### Power switch

The appliance switch prevents unintentional operation of the appliance.

#### Lock trigger gun

This lock locks the lever of the trigger gun and prevents the inadvertent start of the appliance.

#### Overflow valve with pressure switch

The overflow valve prevents the permissible working pressure from being exceeded. If the lever on the trigger gun is released the pressure switch turns off the pump, the high-pressure jet is stopped. If the lever is pulled the pump is turned on again.

# Prerequisites for the appliance's stability

#### Caution

Create stability for the appliance prior to all work on or with the appliance to prevent accidents or damage.

 The stability of the appliance is warranted when it is placed onto an even surface.

#### High pressure hose

The high pressure hose is specially constructed with reinforced walls to handle water pressure up to 13 MPa (1900 psi) - it can be easily damaged and should be stored carefully.

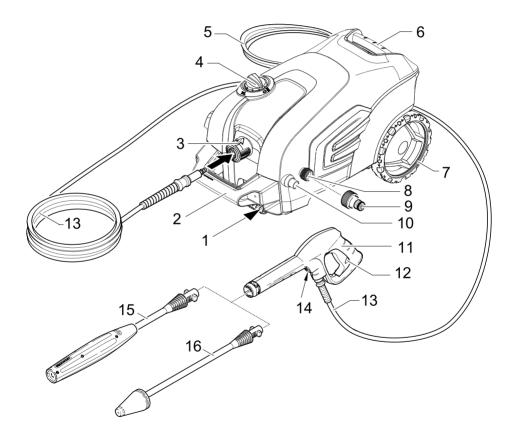
- Do not kink.
- Do not drive vehicles over the hose.
- Do not expose the hose to sharp edges or corners.

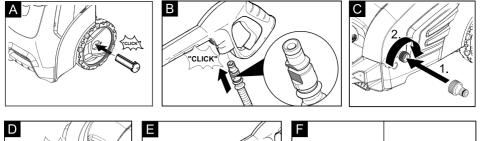
Misuse will lead to ballooning or premature failure and will invalidate warranty.

## **Description of the Appliance**

- 1 Storage for accessories
- 2 Transport handle, detachable
- 3 Quick coupling for high pressure hose
- 4 Appliance switch "0/OFF"/ "I/ON"
- 5 Mains cable with mains plug
- 6 Carrying handle
- 7 Wheels
- 8 Water connection with integrated sieve
- 9 Coupling element for water connection

- 10 Detergent suction hose (with sieve)
- 11 Trigger gun
- 12 Lock trigger gun
- 13 Key to detach the high pressure hose from the trigger gun
- 14 High pressure hose
- 15 Spray lance with pressure regulation (Vario Power)
- 16 Spray lance with Dirtblaster

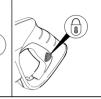


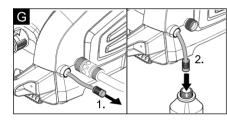


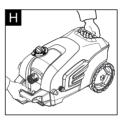




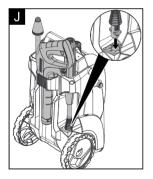












## Operation

#### **Before Startup**

#### Illustrations on Page 7 Illustration

→ During delivery the wheels are inserted into the casing. They must be secured with plugs or a wheel cover, depending on the model.

Illustration B

- Push the high pressure hose into the trigger gun until it locks audibly.
  Note: Make sure the connection nipple is aligned correctly.
- → Check the secure connection by pulling on the high pressure hose.

#### Water supply

According to the applicable regulations, the appliance must never be used on the drinking water supply without a system separator. Use a



suitable system separator manufactured by KÄRCHER; or, as an alternative, a system separator as per EN 12729 Type BA. Water flowing through a system separator is considered non-drinkable.

#### Caution

Always connect the system separator to the water supply, never directly to the appliance!

**Note:** Impurities in the water can damage the high-pressure pump and accessories. For protection, the use of the KÄRCHER water filter (optional accessory, order no. 4.730-059) is recommended.

#### Water supply from mains

Observe regulations of water supplier. For connection values, see type plate/technical data.

→ Use a fibre-reinforced water hose (not included) with a standard coupling. (Minimum diameter 1/2 inch (13 mm), minimum length 7.5 m).

#### Illustration C

→ Screw the coupling element to the water connection on the appliance.

Push the water supply hose onto the coupling unit, then connect it to the water supply.

**Drawing in water from open reservoirs** This high-pressure cleaner is suited to work with the KÄRCHER suction hose with backflow valve (Optional accessory, order no. 4.440-238) to draw in surface water, e.g. from water butts or ponds (see specifications for max. suction height).

- ➔ Fill the KÄRCHER suction hose with backflow valve with water, screw to water supply and hang into the water butt.
- ➔ Separate the high pressure hose from the high pressure connection of the appliance.
- ➔ Switch the appliance on (I/ON) for a max. of 2 minutes and wait until the water exits the high-pressure connection without bubbles.
- → Turn off the appliance "0/OFF".

#### Start up

#### Caution

Dry runs lasting longer than two minutes lead to damages to the high pressure pump. If the appliance does not build up pressure within two minutes, switch it off and proceed as instructed in the Chapter "Troubleshooting".

#### Illustration D

➔ Insert the high pressure hose tightly into the quick coupling on the appliance, it will lock in audibly.

**Note:** Make sure the connection nipple is aligned correctly.

Check the secure connection by pulling on the high pressure hose.

#### Illustration E

- Push the spray lance into the trigger gun and fasten it by turning it through 90°.
- → Completely open the water tap.
- → Insert the mains plug into the socket.
- → Turn on the appliance "I/ON".

#### Operation

#### Caution

#### Risk of damage! The appliance must only be operated laying down (horizontal).

#### 🛆 Danger

The trigger gun is subjected to a recoil force when the water jet is discharged. Make sure that you have a firm footing and are also holding the trigger gun and spray lance firmly.

#### Illustration F

- → Unlock the lever on the trigger gun.
- ➔ Pull on the lever of the trigger gun; the device will switch on.

**Note:** Release the lever of the trigger gun; the device will switch off again. High pressure remains in the system.

#### **Spray lance with pressure regulation** Carrying out the most common cleaning tasks. The work pressure can be infinitely

- regulated between "Min" and "Max".
- $\rightarrow$  Release the lever on the trigger gun.
- Turn the spray lance to the desired position.

#### Spray lance with Dirtblaster

For particularly dirty items or areas.

#### Caution

Car tyres, paint or sensitive surfaces such as wood should not be cleaned with the dirt blaster, as there is a risk of damage. Not suitable for use with detergents.

#### Working with detergent

Please use exclusively KÄRCHER detergents and care products to carry out the respective cleaning task, as these were specifically developed for your appliance. The use of other detergents and care products may lead to premature wear and can invalidate your warranty claims. Please obtain information at your local dealer or request information directly from KÄRCHER. Illustration **E** 

- ➔ Pull detergent suction hose as far as is required out of the housing.
- → Suspend end of detergent suction hose in a container filled with detergent.

- ➔ Use spray lance with pressure regulation (Vario Power).
- → Turn the spray lance to "Mix" position. Note: This will mix the detergent with the water stream.

#### **Recommended cleaning method**

- → Spray the detergent sparingly on the dry surface and allow it to react, but not to dry.
- → Spray off loosened dirt with the highpressure jet.

#### Interrupting operation

- → Release the lever on the trigger gun.
- → Illustration I Lock the lever on the trigger gun.
- → During longer breaks (more than 5 minutes), also turn the appliance off using the "0/OFF" switch.

#### **Finish operation**

#### Caution

Only separate the high-pressure hose from the trigger gun or the appliance while there is no pressure in the system.

- → After working with detergent, suspend detergent suction hose in a container filled with clear water, switch the appliance on for around 1 minute once the spray lance has been removed and rinse until water runs clear.
- → Release the lever on the trigger gun.
- → Turn off the appliance "0/OFF".
- → Turn off tap.
- ➔ Press the lever on the trigger gun to release any remaining pressure in the system.
- ➔ Detach the appliance from the water supply.

**Caution**: When disconnecting the supply or high pressure hose, warm water may leak from the connections after operation.

- → Lock the lever on the trigger gun.
- → Pull out the mains plug.

## Transport

#### Caution

In order to prevent accidents or injuries, keep in mind the weight of the appliance during transport (see Specifications).

#### When transporting by hand

#### Illustration 🔳

→ Lift appliance by the carrying handle and carry it.

#### Illustration

→ Pull the appliance by its transport handle.

#### When transporting in vehicles

→ Secure the appliance against shifting and tipping over.

## Storage

#### Caution

In order to prevent accidents or injuries, keep in mind the weight of the appliance when selecting a storage location for it (see Specifications).

#### Storing the Appliance

- → Park the machine on an even surface.
- Press the disconnect on the trigger gun and remove the high pressure hose from the trigger gun.
- ➔ Push the casing of the quick coupling for the high pressure hose toward the rear and disconnect the high pressure hose from the appliance.

#### Illustration J

Stow away the mains cable, the highpressure hose and accessory on the appliance.

Prior to extended storage periods, as during the winter, also observe the instructions in the Care section.

#### **Frost protection**

#### Caution

Protect the appliance and its accessories against frost.

The appliance and its accessories can get destroyed through frost if there are any water residues in them. To avoid damage to them:

- → Completely drain all water from the appliance: Switch the appliance on with detached high-pressure hose and detached water supply (max. 1 minute) and wait, until no more water exits at the high-pressure connection. Turn off the appliance.
- → Store the appliance and the entire accessories in a frost-free room.

### Maintenance and care

#### ▲ Danger

Turn off the appliance and remove the mains plug prior to any care and maintenance work.

#### Care

Prior to longer periods of storage, e.g. in the winter:

- → Remove filter from suction hose for detergent and clean under running water.
- Pull out the sieve in the water connection using flat-nose pliers and clean under running water.

#### Maintenance

The appliance is maintenance-free.

#### **Spare parts**

Use only original KÄRCHER spare parts. You will find a list of spare parts at the end of these operating instructions.

#### **Special accessories**

Special accessories expand the possibilities of using your appliance. Please contact your KÄRCHER dealer for further information.

### Troubleshooting

You can rectify minor faults yourself with the help of the following overview. If in doubt, please consult the authorized

customer service.

#### 🛆 Danger

Turn off the appliance and remove the mains plug prior to any care and maintenance work.

Repair works may only be performed by the authorised customer service.

#### Appliance is not running

- Check whether the voltage indicated on the type plate corresponds to the voltage of the mains supply.
- → Check the mains connection cable for damages.

# Pressure does not build up in the appliance

- ➔ Check setting at the spray lance.
- ➔ Appliance ventilation: Disconnect the high pressure hose from the hand spray gun. Switch the appliance on (for a max. of 2 minutes) and wait until the water exits at the high pressure hose without bubbles. Switch off appliance and reconnect hand spray gun.
- → Check the water supply.
- ➔ Pull out the sieve in the water connection using flat-nose pliers and clean under running water.

#### Strong pressure fluctuations

- → Clean high-pressure nozzle: Remove dirt and debris from the nozzle bore, using a needle and rinse through with water from the front.
- ➔ Check water flow quantity.

#### Appliance is leaking

 Slight leakage from the appliance pump is normal. If the leakage increases contact the authorized customer service.

#### No detergent infeed

- ➔ Use spray lance with pressure regulation (Vario Power).
  - Turn the spray lance to "Mix" position.
- → Clean the detergent suction hose filter.
- Check the detergent suction hose for kinks.

## Helpline

KÄRCHER UK Limited operates a helpline allowing customers to discuss any problems experienced with our products. The helpline operates during normal business hours and may be busy at peak periods. If you have difficulty getting through we would ask that you try to contact us again later in the day.

#### The helpline number is 01295 752200, open from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday.

It helps us if you have the model number and data plate details to hand before making your call so that we can assist you with your query more effectively.

## Alternatively you may write to us at the address below:

KÄRCHER UK Ltd Kärcher House Beaumont Road Banbury Oxon, OX16 1TB

## or E-mail us:

info@karcher.co.uk

## **Technical specifications**

Electrical connection		
Voltage	230-240 V	
	1~50 Hz	
Connected load	1,8 kW	
Protection class	IP X5	
Protective class	I	
Mains fuse (slow-blow)	13 A	
Water connection		
Max. feed pressure	0,8 MPa	
Max. feed temperature	40 °C	
Min. feed volume	10 l/min	
Max. Suction height	0,5 m	
Performance data		
Working pressure	11 MPa	
Max. permissible pressure	13 MPa	
Water flow rate	6,3 l/min	
Detergent flow rate	0,3 l/min	
Recoil force of trigger gun	15 N	
Dimensions and weights		
Length	516 mm	
Width	295 mm	
Height	282 mm	
Weight, ready to operate	12,2 kg	
with accessories		
Values determined as per EN 60335-2-79		
Hand-arm vibration value	<2,5 m/s <sup>2</sup>	
Uncertainty K	0,3 m/s <sup>2</sup>	
Sound pressure level L <sub>pA</sub>	75 dB(A)	
Uncertainty K <sub>pA</sub>	3 dB(A)	
Sound power level L <sub>WA</sub> +	91 dB(A)	
Uncertainty K <sub>WA</sub>		

#### Subject to technical modifications!

## EC Declaration of Conformity

We hereby declare that the machine described below complies with the relevant basic safety and health requirements of the EU Directives, both in its basic design and construction as well as in the version put into circulation by us. This declaration shall cease to be valid if the machine is modified without our prior approval.

Product: High-pressure cleaner Type: 1.637-xxx **Relevant EU Directives** 2006/42/EC (+2009/127/EC) 2004/108/EC 2000/14/EC 2011/65/EC Applied harmonized standards EN 50581 EN 55014-1: 2006+A1: 2009+A2: 2011 EN 55014-2: 1997+A1: 2001+A2: 2008 EN 60335-1 EN 60335-2-79 EN 61000-3-2: 2006+A1: 2009+A2: 2009 EN 61000-3-3: 2008 EN 62233: 2008 Applied conformity evaluation method 2000/14/EC: Appendix V Sound power level dB(A) Measured: 88 Guaranteed: 91

The undersigned act on behalf and under the power of attorney of the company management.

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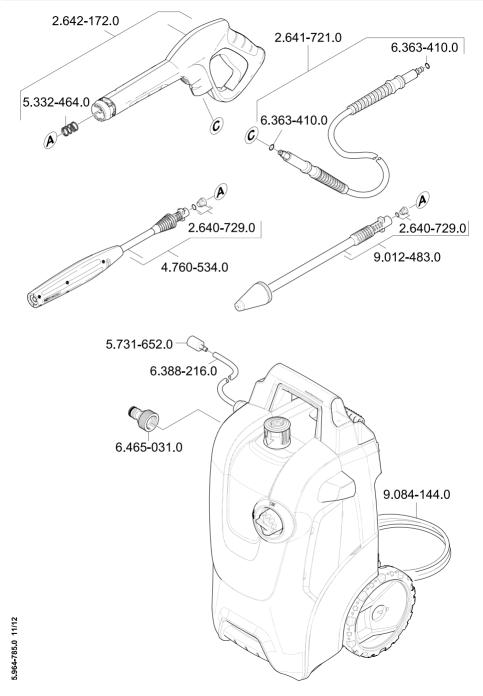
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## **Spare Parts**



Notes		