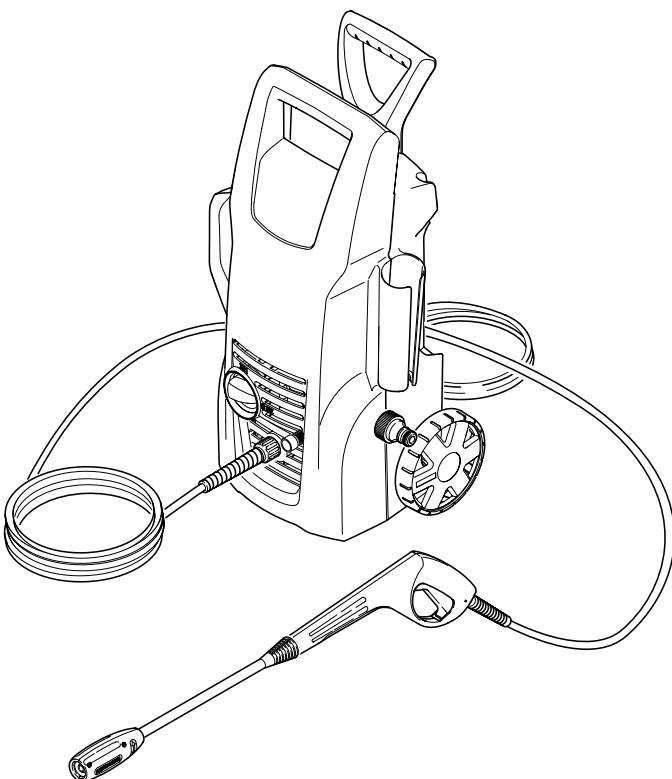




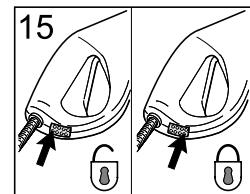
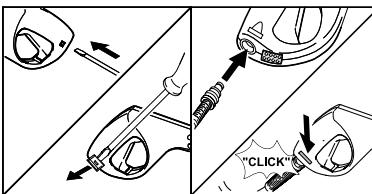
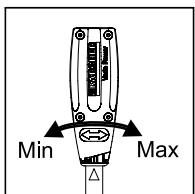
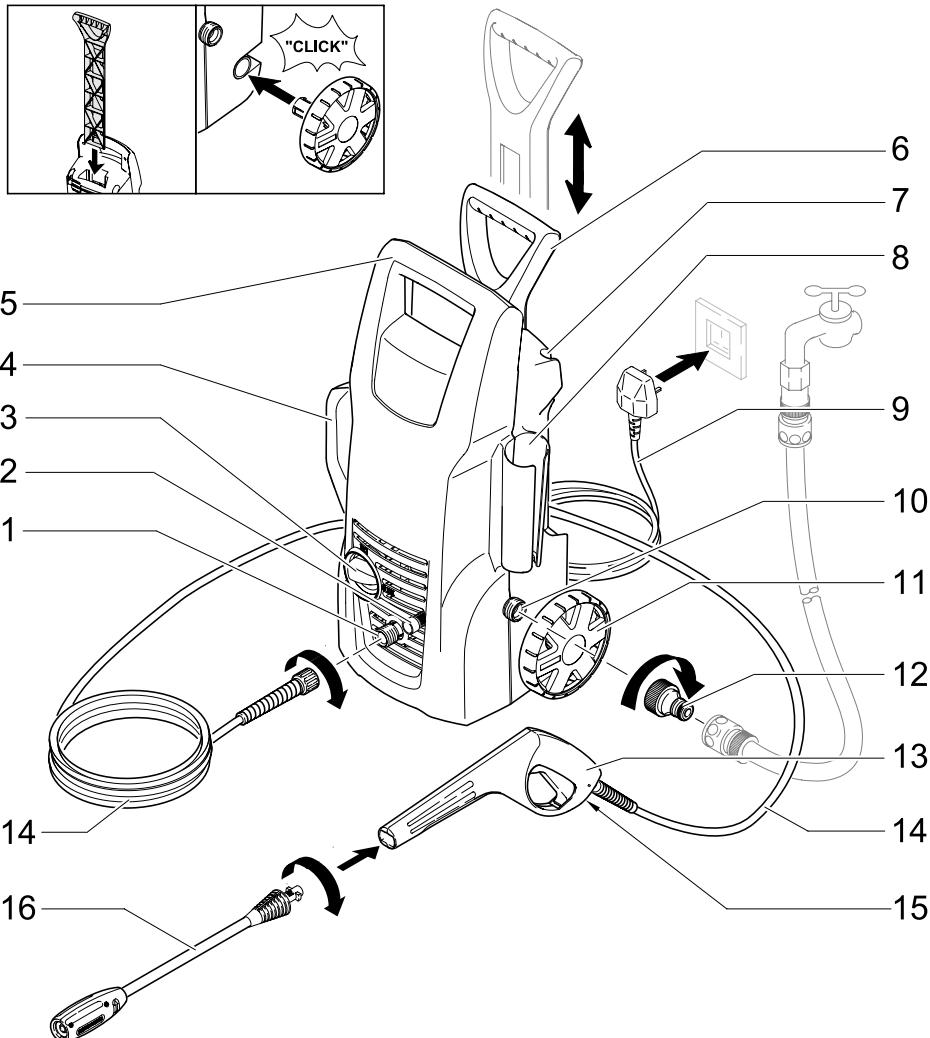
# K 2.54M

## Operating Instructions



Before first use of the unit  
read these operating  
instructions and act in  
accordance with them.





**Dear Customer,**



Please read and comply with these instructions prior to the initial operation of your appliance. Retain these operating instructions for future reference or for subsequent possessors.

## Description of the Appliance

When unpacking the product, make sure that no accessories are missing and that none of the package contents have been damaged. If you detect any transport damages, please contact your dealer.

## 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.

## Environmental protection



The packaging materials are recyclable. Please do not throw packaging in the domestic waste but pass it on for recycling.



Old units contain valuable recyclable materials. Batteries, oil and similar substances may not be released into the environment. Therefore please dispose of old units through suitable collection systems.

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- 11 Bearing wheel
- 12 Hosepipe connector
- 13 Spray gun
- 14 High pressure hose
- 15 Safety catch
- 16 Spray lance with Vario Power nozzle

## Warranty

The terms of the guarantee applicable in each country have been published by our respective national distributors. We will fix possible faults on your unit free of charge within the warranty period, insofar as the faults are caused by material defects or defective workmanship. Guarantee claims should be addressed to your dealer or the nearest authorized customer service centre, and supported by documentary evidence of purchase.

## Safety Instructions

- 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.
- The appliance must not be used if the power cord or important parts of the appliance, e.g. safety devices, high-pressure hoses, spray guns, are damaged.
- Check the power cord with mains plug for damage before every use. If the power cord is damaged, please arrange immediately for the exchange by an authorized customer service or a skilled electrician.
- **Warning:** 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.
- Check the high-pressure hose for damage before every use. Please arrange for the immediate exchange of a damaged high-pressure hose.
- The appliance must not be operated by children, or persons who have not been instructed accordingly.
- The operator must use the appliance properly. 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.
- **Warning:** High-pressure jets can be dangerous if improperly used. The jet may not be directed at persons, animals, live electrical equipment or at the appliance itself.
- The 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).
- **Warning:** 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 or tyre valves endanger life. Ensure that a distance of at least 30 cm is observed when cleaning with the jet!
- Cleaning operations which produce oily waste water, e.g. engine washes, under-body washes, may only be carried out using washing stations equipped with an oil separator.
- Observe a distance of at least 30 cm when using the jet to clean painted surfaces to avoid damaging paintwork.
- 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 aggressive towards the materials from which the appliance is made.
- Wear protective clothing and safety goggles to protect against back spray containing water or dirt.
- Never leave the appliance unattended when it is in operation.
- **Warning:** 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.



### ⚠ Electrical connection

- Make sure that the power cord or extension cables are not damaged by running over, pinching, dragging or similar. Protect the power cords from heat, oil, and sharp edges.
- Never use a defective power cord or extension cable! If the power cord is damaged it must be replaced with a special power cord available from the manufacturer or his customer service.

- Never touch the mains plug and the socket with wet hands.
- The connection between the power cord and extension cable must not lie in water.
- 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.
- The minimum fuse rating required at the socket outlet is 10 A (slow-blow).
- To avoid accidents due to electrical faults we recommend the use of sockets with a line-side current-limiting circuit breaker (max. 30 mA nominal tripping current).
- **Warning:** 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>
- The plug and coupling of the extension cable used must be watertight.
- Always fully unroll the extension cable from the cable drum.

## Safety Devices

Safety devices prevent injury and may not be modified or bypassed.

### Unit switch

The switch prevents unintended starting of the appliance. Stop the appliance during breaks or after operation.

### Safety catch

The safety catch on the spray gun prevents the appliance from being switched on unintentionally.

# Commissioning and operation

## Start up

### Initial start-up

- Insert the bearing wheels into the axle box and lock them.

When the appliance is delivered, the high pressure hose and spray gun are not attached, this prevents buckling. Please mount these before using the appliance for the first time.

- Push out the safety clip in the spray gun using e.g. a small screwdriver.
- Join high pressure hose and spray gun together.
- Push clip in until it engages and check that it is securely fastened by pulling on the high pressure hose.
- Remove cable tie and unroll high pressure hose.

### Water supply

#### Water supply from mains

For connection values, see type plate/technical data.

Observe regulations of water supplier.

- Use a fibre-reinforced hose (not included) with a standard coupling: - Minimum diameter, 1/2 inches (13 mm). - Minimum length, 7.5 m.
- Screw the hosepipe connector (supplied) to the inlet water connection on the appliance.
- Push the water supply hose onto the hosepipe connector, then connect it to the tap.

#### ⚠ Caution

*Never operate the high-pressure cleaner when the tap is turned off as dry running will damage the high pressure pump.*

*If the water supply is not clean, the Kärcher water filter must be used (special accessory - order No. 4.730-059).*

- Screw high pressure hose on to high pressure outlet on appliance.
- Push the appropriate spray lance on to the spray gun and fasten it by turning it to the right through 90°.
- Open tap.
- Plug in mains plug.
- Set main switch to "I/ON".
- Press safety catch on the spray gun to release it and pull lever.

## High pressure operation

#### ⚠ Risk of injury

*The spray 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 spray gun and spray lance firmly.*

#### Spray lance with Vario Power nozzle

Carrying out the most common cleaning tasks.

- Turn Vario Power nozzle between "Min" and "Max" to required high pressure setting.

### Operation with detergent

**Note:** Detergent can only be added when the appliance is being operated in low pressure mode.

*All washing brushes supplied by Kärcher are designed for- use with detergents.*

- Turn Vario Power nozzle until low pressure setting ("Mix") has been reached.

#### Detergent take-up from container

- Place the end of the detergent suction tube in a container with Detergent solution.

#### Recommended Cleaning Method

- 1 Spray a small dose of the detergent on the dry surface, and allow it to react (make sure the detergent does not dry up).
- 2 Wash off the loosened dirt using the high-pressure jet.

## Interrupting operation

- Release the lever on the spray gun.
- During breaks, use the safety catch to secure the spray gun lever.
- During longer breaks (more than 5 minutes), also turn the appliance off using the ON/OFF switch.

## Finish operation

- If detergent has been added: Suspend detergent suction tube 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 spray gun.
- Switch the appliance switch to "0/OFF".
- Turn off tap.
- Press the lever on the spray gun to release any remaining pressure in the system.
- Disconnect the appliance from the water supply.
- Detach spray lance from the spray gun.
- Briefly switch the appliance on ("I/ON"), press the spray gun lever until no further water is discharged (approx. 1 min).
- Switch the appliance switch to "0/OFF".
- Use the safety catch to secure the spray gun lever.
- Pull out the mains plug.
- Roll up the power cord and loop it e.g. round the handle.

## Storing the Appliance

### ⚠ Caution

*Frost can destroy an incompletely emptied unit. Store the appliance in a frost resistant room during winter.*

- Store the spray gun and the spray lances in the accessory mount.

## Special accessories

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

## Detergents

To ensure a trouble-free operation of the appliance and to match the individual cleaning task, we recommend our Kärcher detergent and maintenance agents. Please ask for our advice, or request information on the products.

## Maintenance and Care

### ⚠ Risk of electric shock

*Always switch off the appliance and pull out the mains plug before care and maintenance work.*

## Cleaning

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

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

## Maintenance

The appliance is maintenance-free.

## Spare Parts

Only use original Kärcher spare parts. You will find a list of spare parts at the end of this document.

## Faults

You can rectify many faults yourself with the help of the following overview.

If in doubt, please consult the authorized customer service.

### **⚠ Risk of electric shock**

Always switch off the appliance and pull out the mains plug before care and maintenance work.

### **⚠ Warning**

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

### **Machine does not start**

- Check whether the voltage indicated on the type plate corresponds to the voltage of the socket.
- Check the power cord for damage.

### **Pressure does not build up in the appliance**

- Evacuate air from the appliance: Switch on the appliance when the high pressure hose is not connected and allow it to run until the water which discharges from the high pressure outlet is free of bubbles. Then connect the high pressure hose again.
- Clean the filter in the water supply connection: This can be easily removed using flat-nose pliers.
- Check all supply lines to the high pressure pump for leaks or blockages.

### **Strong pressure fluctuations**

- Clean the high-pressure nozzle: Remove dirt and debris from the nozzle bore with a needle and rinse through with water towards the front.
- Check the volume of incoming water.

### **High pressure pump leaking**

- Slight leakage from the high pressure pump is normal. If the leakage increases contact the authorized customer service.

### **No detergent infeed**

- Clean the filter of the detergent suction tube.
- Detach the spray lance from the spray gun and work without the spray lance.

## Specifications

### **Power connection**

Voltage (1~50/60 Hz)	220-240 V
Connected load	1,6 kW
Mains fuse (slow-blow)	13 A
Protective class	2, IPX5

### **Water connection**

Max. feed temperature	40 °C
Min. feed volume	8 l/min
Feed pressure	0,2-1,2 MPa

### **Performance data**

Working pressure	9 MPa
Max. permissible pressure	10 MPa
Water flow rate	5,5 l/min
Detergent flow rate	0,4 l/min
Recoil force of spray gun	12 N
Hand-transmitted vibration (ISO 5349)	0,8 m/s <sup>2</sup>

Sound pressure level Lpa (EN60704-1)	74 dB(A)
Sound power level Lwa (2000/14/EG)	88 dB(A)

### **Dimensions**

Length	290 mm
Width	230 mm
Height	575 mm
Weight	4,9 kg

## CE declaration

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:** 1.672-xxx

**Relevant EU Directives:**

98/37/EG

73/23/EWG (+93/68/EWG)

89/336/EWG (+91/263/EWG, 92/31/EWG,

93/68/EWG)

2000/14/EG

**Applied harmonized standards:**

DIN EN 60 335 – 1

DIN EN 60 335 – 2 – 79

DIN EN 55014-1:2000 + A1:2001 + A2:2002

DIN EN 55 014 – 2: 1997+ A1:2001

DIN EN 61 000 – 3 – 2: 2000

DIN EN 61 000 – 3 – 3: 1995 + A1: 2001

**Applied conformity evaluation method:**

Appendix V

**Sound power level**

Measured: 87 dB(A)

Guaranteed. 88 dB(A)

Appropriate internal measures have been taken to ensure that the series appliances always comply with the requirements of the currently valid EU Directives and the applied standards. The signatories are acting on behalf of the management and have full power of attorney.

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## **Help-Line**

Karcher (UK) Limited operate a help-line allowing customers to discuss any problems experienced with our products.

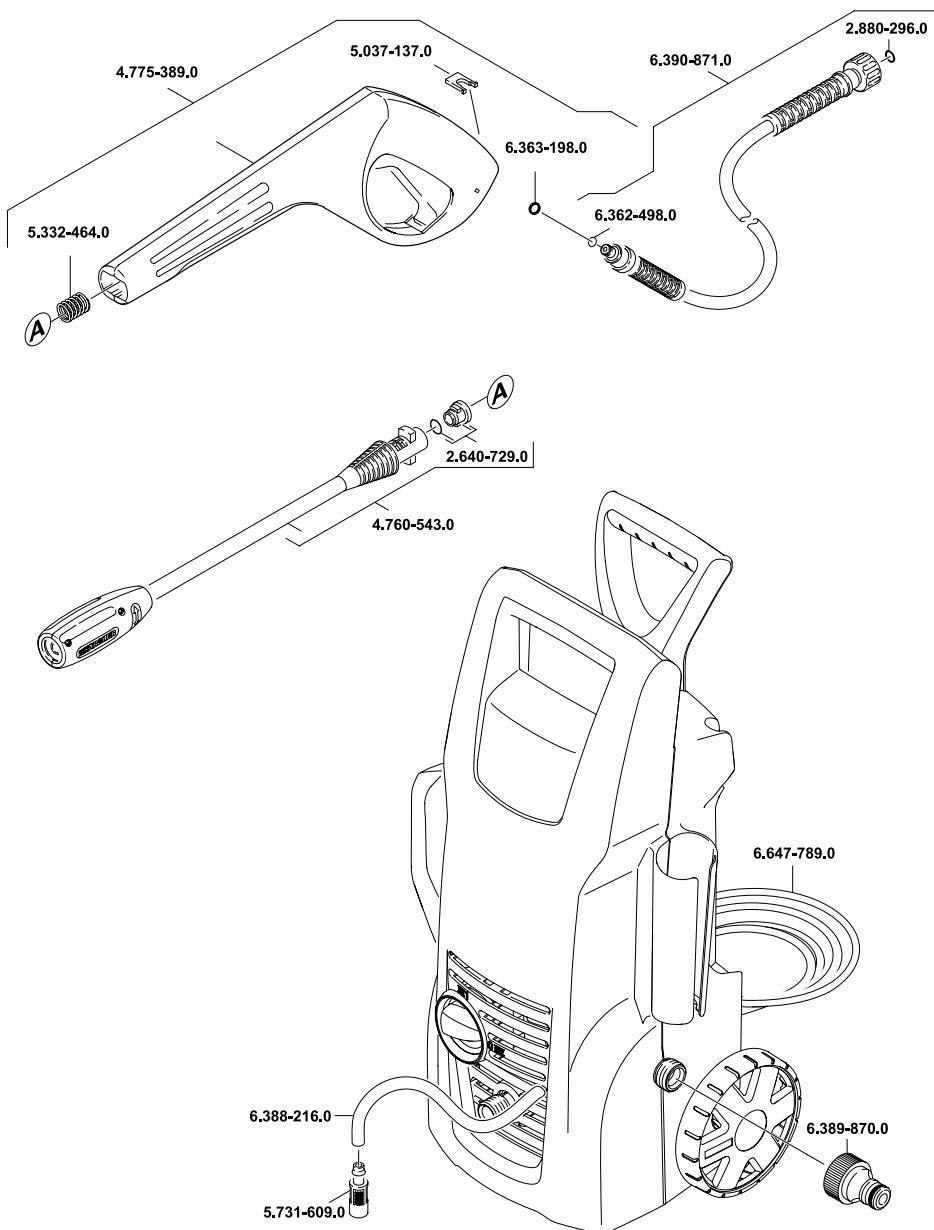
The help-line operates during normal business hours, if you have difficulty getting through, please understand that there are peak periods during the day when our consultants are unable to take all calls coming in. In these circumstances we would ask that you try to contact us again later in the day.

**The help-line number is 0906 6800632**  
(calls to this number are charged at 25p per minute) from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm Monday - Friday.

It helps us if you have the model number and data plate details to hand before making your call as there are very many different models of Karcher Pressure Washers in use.

Alternatively you may write or e-mail to the address below:

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