

HydraMaster Corporation

I can do it better

If the truckmount carpet cleaning industry has ever produced an icon, it would have to be Michael C. Palmer, the founder of [HydraMaster](#). Palmer, a former carpet cleaner, started the company in his garage more than 40 years ago after seeing a crude truckmount system. Telling himself, "I can do it better," he set out to do just that — and the rest, as they say, is history.

Today, HydraMaster has not only become one of the largest and most well-respected manufacturers of truckmount carpet cleaning equipment in the industry, but one of the most innovative as well. Its CDS OverDrive™ 4.6 and 4.8 clutch-drive systems prove this once again, leading the company to even greater success.

What is CDS?

CDS systems are not just another truckmount machine — they are an entirely new concept in truckmount carpet cleaning technology. Instead of having their own independent motor, vacuum system and heat source — which all add to the cost of a conventional truckmount — CDS systems transform your van into a rugged and reliable carpet cleaning system with the turn of a key — literally.



The unit, which employs a much more flexible clutch drive shaft system than direct-drive systems, is powered by the host vehicle; it also uses the heat generated by the host vehicle to heat the cleaning solutions. The system is designed to utilize the space between the driver and passenger seats. This preserves ample cargo space and creates ideal weight distribution for better passenger safety, vehicle handling and performance.

With technological advances such as electronic speed control™ (ESC) technology, the CDS 4.6 (with a 4005 tri-lobe vacuum blower) and 4.8 (with

a 4007 tri-lobe vacuum blower) systems have been able to enhance operating performance by as much as 25 percent while reducing overall fuel consumption by about 30 percent. The system uses about 1½ gallons of gasoline per hour, compared to the two or more gallons used per hour by a conventional truckmount system.

And, helping to reduce fuel consumption even further, the system now has a three-speed control setting: Upholstery, single and dual wand. With the lower setting, even less fuel is used.

ESC technology, along with a new stainless steel chemical pump that is corrosion resistant, and the new General Emperor Series pump that provides greater durability, as well as increased pressure up to 1,200 PSI, means that the CDS system is more durable and more powerful, resulting in cleaner carpets, faster drying and happier customers.

What can CDS do for me?

The many benefits of CDS systems over conventional truckmount technology are obvious. But what may not be clear is what this means for you, the carpet cleaning professional. The best way to answer this is to hear what carpet cleaners who have used CDS systems have to say.

"You arrive at the location ready to clean," says one CDS enthusiast. "The system is simple to use, there's not a lot of setup, the unit requires less maintenance and it costs less to operate overall than conventional truckmount systems."

About the solution heating system, which improves the effectiveness of the cleaning chemicals, another CDS user says, "It runs all day at 225 to 230 degrees Fahrenheit ... I love it. It's a no-brainer when it comes to training my



techs on how to use it. This makes all of our jobs easier so we can concentrate on the job at hand."

And finally, one carpet cleaner says the only word that describes the CDS system is wow. "I've been a carpet cleaner for 34 years and have owned many HydraMaster systems," he says. "But the CDS systems are [even more] dependable, reliable and low-maintenance. All I can say is wow. The CDS system has made a huge difference in [our] productivity and has better vacuum power and fuel economy."



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