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(54) Abstract Title: **Vacuum cleaner with openable lid**

(57) A surface cleaning apparatus is disclosed. Some embodiments of the surface cleaning apparatus comprise at least first and second adjacent housings, each housing having an upper portion. At least one openable lid is provided on the upper portions. The lid has an inner surface. A fluid flow path extends from a dirty fluid inlet to a clean air outlet of the surface cleaning apparatus and includes a suction motor. An air flow passage from the first housing to the second housing forming part of the fluid flow path and defined as a volume between the inner surface of the lid and the upper portions of the first and second housings. When the lid is opened, the airflow passage is accessible.

