Technical Description of a Broom

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Definition

The broom is a tool used to sweep dust and dirt on indoor and outdoor floors. This is very popular and common and although the vacuum cleaner already exists, its use has not declined since it is very cheap and accessible, but the broom was not always as we see it in figure 1.

Origin of the broom



Figure 2. (Curiosfera-history, 2021)

There are objects that are the result of the sum of collective knowledge. They are tools and utensils born from the thought of the human race, one of them is the broom. Its origins date back to the birth of societies, since even in the time of the pharaohs in Egypt some were made with dry branches that allowed cleaning specific areas of land and temples.

The term broom comes from the Latin “escopae” which means blades of plants used to sweep. The broom has undergone significant changes in its construction. At first, it was just a bunch of branches or different natural fibers tied at one end. For its manufacture the broom, the taray or the tamujo branch were used. Around the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, the broom was a cleaning object that was as widely used and popular as it is now. There was no former stable that did not have one. There were brooms for various purposes. Some brooms were made of holly. This was widely used in the field to sweep leaves, manure, and firewood. The masons of the 18th century used a very small broom without a handle to fill in the gaps of works that were going to be received with plaster. By the end of the 18th century, a broom made from palm fronds was being used to sweep the street. (Origin of the Broom - inventor and evolution: Curiosfera-history.com, 2021).

Parts of the broom

Brush

The brush of a broom is the part that is in contact with the ground when sweeping.

It has bristles that, in traditional brooms, can be made of corn fiber or horsehair, but in modern brooms, they are usually made of synthetic material. The design of the brush and the way it is made play an important role in the effectiveness of the broom. The brush must have sufficiently attached bristles so that they do not come off with frequent and continued use.



Figure 3. (Curiosfera-history, 2021)

Handle or broomstick

A broom handle is the long stick that runs from the brush to the handle. Outdoor brooms typically have a wooden handle, just like traditional brooms. Modern brooms and those intended for indoor use often have a plastic handle.



(Efficient Cleaning, 2022)

Grip

The grip on a broom is located at the top of the handle and is where the user often places their hand to hold the broom. On modern indoor brooms, the handle is made of plastic and has a hole so that the broom can be easily hung from a hook or nail when stored. (Efficient Cleaning, 2022).



(Efficient Cleaning, 2022)

Conclusion

The broom is a tool in great demand due to its great utility. This, like many utensils, has undergone a great transformation over the years, but both before and now the union of a brush, a stick or handle and a grip have given the world a great utensil, always seen as one of the greatest facilitators of cleaning.

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