Dear Valued Customer,

Thank you for purchasing the **POPeeze™** ceiling texture removal tool. **POPeeze** is the fastest, safest, and cleanest method of popcorn ceiling removal on the market today. In order to make your project of removing popcorn ceilings as easy as possible, we have included the process shown to be the most efficient at ceiling texture removal (see below). Also, we have included some useful tips we have found during our development of the **POPeeze** tool. The equipment required, process steps, and useful tips are as follows:

Materials/Equipment Required:
- Drop cloth/blankets
- **POPeeze** popcorn ceiling removal tool (1 included)
- Spare **POPeeze** blades (2 included) - each blade will remove approximately 500 square feet before becoming worn. If necessary, additional blades can be purchased at *www.popeeze.com*
- Industrial Wet/Dry vacuum with 1-1/4 inch diameter attachment. Sufficient hose length will be required – typically about 10 feet for a standard 8-foot ceiling
- 1-2 gallon bug/garden sprayer (a plastic spray bottle will also suffice), filled with water
- Pole with universal "broom handle" threads, of sufficient length to reach the desired ceiling

Ceiling Texture Removal Process:
1. Cover any surfaces that you would like to protect with drop cloth/blankets. Although the **POPeeze** tool catches most of the debris, some minimal amount of debris will still fall. Drop cloths or blankets work well.
2. Attach the **POPeeze** tool to the pole and vacuum hose. In some instances an adapter may be needed to adjust the size to match the 1-1/4 inch size of the **POPeeze** tool. Adapters may be purchased on Amazon or are available at most home improvement/hardware stores.
3. Ensure that the filter in the wet/dry vacuum is clean and emptied of debris.
4. Attach the **POPeeze** blade to the **POPeeze** funnel (for first time use, your POPeeze tool comes with the blade pre-assembled in the center position). The blade should be in the center position for most of the room. Adjustment of the position of the blade to get the edges of the room will occur later.
5. Using the bug/garden sprayer or plastic spray bottle, spray an even mist over the entire ceiling. When done, the ceiling material should be saturated with water.
6. The ceiling is ready to be scraped. **POPeeze** is best used at approximately a 45 degree angle, as shown in Figure 1.
7. Turn on the vacuum system.
8. Once in position, push **POPeeze** across the ceiling in long strokes. The ceiling texture will come off easily and fall into the funnel to be captured by the vacuum. It is typical for new users to have to experiment with minor angle and pressure adjustment to optimize the process.
9. Scrape the center of the room, getting as close to the edges of the room as possible without contacting the walls with the **POPeeze** tool. Once complete, adjust the position of the blade either right or left such that the blade can reach the edge of the ceiling and complete the remainder of the room (See Figure 2). The edge scoops on the blade will help to divert the debris into the funnel.

10. Important: Empty the contents of the wet/dry vacuum filter frequently (it is recommended to clean or change the filter when the **POPeeze** blade is replaced after scraping approximately 500 square feet, or more frequently if you notice a loss of suction). Removal of textured ceilings produces a large volume of material. Failure to empty and clean the filter frequently may result in loss of suction and equipment damage.

Tips:

1. Instructional videos, frequently asked questions (FAQ's), and additional tips can be found at *www.popeeze.com*
2. Prior to priming/painting, the ceiling may need to be sanded to remove any remaining material. Prior to sanding, we have found it beneficial to scrape the ceiling a second time with **POPeeze** to remove any remaining ceiling texture. This second pass will go much quicker than the first. It may help to detach the vacuum hose and cover the opening with tape and then scrape the ceiling, as the volume of material removed on the second pass will be very small.
3. If your popcorn ceiling has been painted, then the use of **POPeeze** is not recommended. Some texture ceilings have been painted, which creates a hard coating and prevents the water from being able to penetrate the ceiling material. One can check to determine if the ceiling has been painted by rubbing a hand across the ceiling. If some of the material readily comes off then it is likely that the ceiling has not been painted.
4. In tight spaces, such as closets and small bathrooms, the use of a pole may not be possible. Simply remove the pole and use **POPeeze** manually with the integrated handle.
5. Caution: If your ceiling texture was applied before 1979, DO NOT attempt to remove the ceiling texture without having it tested for possible asbestos content. Contact your local Environmental Agency for more information.
6. In order to prevent clogging of the funnel with debris, the preferred configuration is a 2-1/2 inch diameter hose transitioned down to a 1-1/4 inch hose just prior to the funnel, as shown in Figure 3.
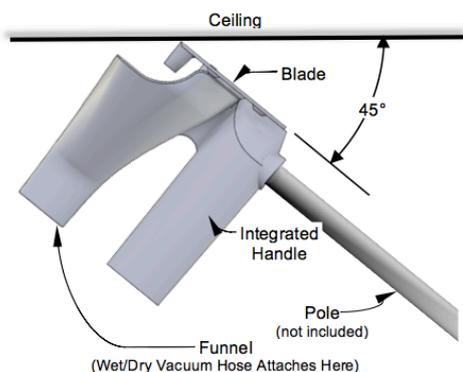

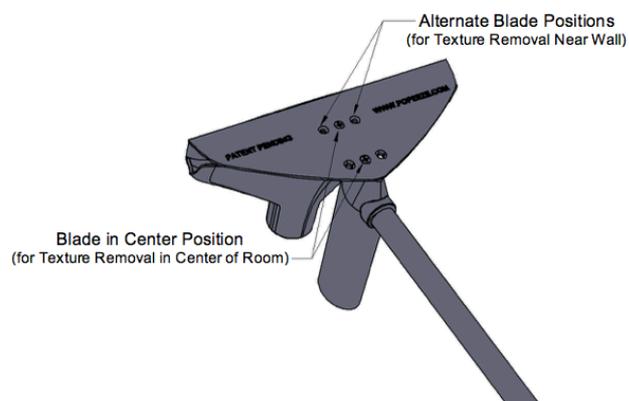Figure 1: **POPeeze** General Setup

Figure 2: Blade Position Diagram

Preferred Configuration: 2-1/2 inch hose adapted down to 1-1/4 inch hose just before the funnel

Figure 3: Preferred Hose Configuration