CLAIMS

1. A handheld cleaning appliance (10) comprising a main body (12), a dirty air inlet (18), a clean air outlet (24) and a cyclonic separator (100) for separating dirt and dust from an airflow located in an airflow path leading from the air inlet to the air outlet, the cyclonic separator being arranged in a generally upright orientation, wherein a base surface (172) of the main body (12) and a base surface (174) of the cyclonic separator (100) together form a base surface of the appliance for supporting the appliance on a surface, wherein the base surface (172) of the main body (12) is substantially planar and the base surface (174) of the cyclonic separator (100) is also substantially planar and wherein the base surface (172) of the main body lies in the plane of the base surface (174) of the cyclonic separator and the width of the base surface (172) of the main body is at least one half of the width of the cyclonic separator (100).

2. A handheld cleaning appliance as claimed claim 1, wherein the base surface (172) of the main body (172) lies adjacent the base surface of the cyclonic separator.

3. A handheld cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the main body (12) includes a motor and/or a battery unit (14).

4. A handheld cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 3, wherein the motor and/or battery unit (14) is arranged above the base surface (172) of the main body.

5. A handheld cleaning appliance as claimed in claim 4, wherein the battery unit (14) is arranged immediately above the base surface (172) of the main body.

6. A handheld cleaning appliance as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the base surface (172) of the main body is substantially rectangular in shape.
7. A handheld cleaning appliance as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the width of the base surface (172) of the main body is at least one half of the width of the cyclonic separator (100).