

# pondXpert EasyFilter



PXPF04500 – PXPF12000



PXPF20000, PXPF30000



## UV Biological Pond Filter

Model	Power Rating	Dimensions Diamtr x hght	Inlet /Outlet Size	Max Pond Vol. (Ltrs)	Rec. Pump
PXEF04500	7W	270 x 370	12/20/25mm	4,500	PXFP03000
PXEF09000	9W	340 x 440	20/25/32/40mm	9,000	PXFP06000
PXEF12000	11W	340 x 520	20/25/32/40mm	12,000	PXFP08000
PXEF20000	18W	413 x 694	20/25/32/40mm	20,000	PXFP12000
PXEF30000	24W	413 x 694	20/25/32/40mm	30,000	PXFP15000

All UV filters have a rated voltage of 220-240V, 50Hz

### Introduction

Congratulations on the purchase of your pondXpert filter. Once your filter is connected you can look forward to many years of healthy pond water.

Your filter is pump fed so must be connected to a suitable pond pump in order to work correctly. Ideally a solids-handling pump will be used as this will push dirty waste and debris into the filter. PondXpert filters are carefully inspected and tested to ensure both safety and operating performance. However, failure to follow the instructions and warnings in the manual may result in product damage and/or serious injury. Be sure to read and save this manual for future reference.

### General safety Instructions

Read and observe all of the instructions before installing, connecting and operating.

Make sure the filter is securely and correctly installed before switching on.

Always disconnect the UV when not in use and when carrying out maintenance.

Always disconnect all equipment in the pond before starting to handle, maintain, repair or install any pond equipment.

The appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.

Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.

For safety reasons, servicing or repair of this item should only be carried out by PondXpert. Never hang or carry the pump by the power cord. Do not operate the pump with a damaged cord or plug. The supply cord of the appliance cannot be replaced.

**If the electrical cord is damaged the product should be scrapped..**

### **Safety and Electrical Connections**

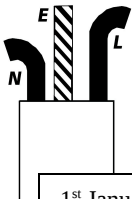
This unit is designed for outdoor use only. It is weatherproof and should be situated safely pondside. The filter should be sited where it cannot fall into the water or become waterlogged.

**NO PART OF THIS UNIT SHOULD EVER BE SUBMERGED IN WATER.**

Direct exposure to UVC light can damage the eyes and skin. NEVER look directly at the UV when switched on. The translucent inlet will illuminate showing that the UV is working. Always disconnect all equipment in the pond before starting to handle, maintain, repair or install any pond equipment.

The ultra violet clarifier housed within the filter is electrically operated so great care must be taken during installation and operation. The following electrical and safety guidelines must be carefully followed.


Each filter is supplied with a length of 3 core electrical cable which is permanently connected to the ultra violet clarifier unit housed inside the filter.



The wires in the mains electrical lead are coloured in accordance with the following code:

BLUE – Neutral (marked with an “N” in most terminal connections)

BROWN – LIVE (marked with an “L” in most terminal connections)

GREEN/YELLOW – EARTH (marked “E” or  in most terminal connections)

1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 revised Building Regulations for England and Wales  
Installing this product in the garden is classified as ‘notifiable’. The Regulations now require you to tell your local authority building control department that you intend to install this product before installation. Your local authority will let you know how you can get your installation approved

The termination to the mains supply should be permanent, inside a dry weatherproof enclosure, through a double pole switched fused spur with a minimum contact gap of 3mm – (disconnected) to BS 3676 – and fitted with a 3 or 5 amp fuse.

Exposed cable runs should be sensibly positioned, and protected if necessary by armoured conduit.

A 10mA or 30mA Residual Current Circuit Breaker (RCD) MUST be fitted to the mains supply.

Permanent installations to the mains supply (hard wiring) must comply with the regulations of the local electricity authority which may stipulate the use of metal or plastic conduit to protect the cable.

If in any doubt about wiring to the mains supply contact a qualified electrician or your local electricity authority.

Protect from frost. In cold winter weather (when fish are inactive and algae growth ceases) the unit may be switched off. It should then be drained of water, removed (if possible) from its installation and stored in a dry, frost-protected area.  
The supply cable cannot be replaced. If the cable is damaged, the unit must be discarded.

## **Directions for use**

### **Installation**

Once installed and connected to a suitable pump the pond water will flow through the filter. As this is a 'Pressure Filter' the filter is sealed shut meaning the filtered water leaves the filter still under pressure. This means that you have maximum opportunity in positioning your filter as it can be buried up to its hinged lid and below the water exit point.

PondXpert filters are pump-fed, external filters with an integral UVC unit.

Your filter is supplied with a black hosetail. This should be screwed into the threaded filter inlet. Pond hose size 20-40mm (3/4" to 1 1/2") can be attached to the inlet hosetail. Your pump and filter outlet should be positioned at opposite ends of the pond to promote maximum circulation.

Cut the inlet hose to the size appropriate to the size of hose you are using. Then connect the hose from your pump to this inlet hosetail and secure with hose clips.

The translucent hosetail should be connected to the filter outlet as described above.

### **Maturation of the Filter**

Your filter comes complete with mechanical and biological filter media. The filter foam acts as a mechanical barrier to pick up solids whilst the bioball media housed at the bottom of the unit helps to develop 'friendly' bacteria. These friendly nitrifying bacteria help to convert harmful fish waste and other organic waste (ie, ammonia, nitrite) into harmless nitrate. This 'biological maturation' process usually takes 6-8 weeks. It is recommended that you do not switch on your UVC during this period.

### **Maintenance**

As the filter does its job the foam filters will block up reducing water flow. If the pond is very dirty then the foams may need cleaning every couple of days or so at first.

### **"Full Clean" Cleaning Procedure:**

The filter requires minimum maintenance. If your pond is very dirty, initially you may need to clean the filter every couple of days. When the filtering process kicks in your water will become clearer and there will be less waste to remove. The red domed indicator turns completely red when pressure builds inside the filter suggesting that cleaning is necessary. Switch off any electrical connected to the pond (including the filter itself).

Access to the filter can be gained simply by unlocking the securing clamping bracket around the rim (locking catches on smaller models). You can then simply lift the lid.

Take the foam filters out of the unit and carefully wash away any solids using a bucket of POND WATER. Once clean replace the foams back in position.

The bacterial chamber at the bottom of the unit should not be cleaned unless they are highly contaminated and should only be cleaned with pond water to preserve the microorganisms that keep your filter biologically active.

### Quick Easy Clean Backflush

Turn to the 'clean' position, the water flow is reversed and exits through the waste outlet. This waste water should run to waste by attachment of a suitable length of hose.



The movement of the cleaning handle from 'work' to 'clean' on PXPFF04500 to PXPFF12000



PXPFF20000 to PXPFF30000, triangle graphic on handle set to 'FILTER', to clean push handle down and turn handle round so triangle graphic is at 'CLEAN' position

Turn the handle back once the water from the filter runs clear (about 30 seconds).

Note: if water continues to leak from discharge pipe unscrew the plate on the underside of the lid and reposition the disc inside – a smear of Vaseline may help the seal.

If your filter is ever taken away from the pond (ie-winter storage) then all of the filter media (foams and biomedica) must be thoroughly cleaned before restarting. Your filter will then need to undergo the 'maturation' procedure phase as described above.

Note: Take care to ensure rubber O ring is correctly positioned between lid/unit after opening. Failure to do so will lead to leaks (a smear of Vaseline around this ring may help keep the seal watertight).

## Filtration Spares and consumables

The filter is supplied with everything you need to get started (including filter media, UV bulb and quartz tube for the UV). Over time these parts may need replacing and can be purchased from your retailer.

## Periods of operation

Maintain filtration 24 hrs a day through the fish feeding season (typically early March-October when the water temperature is above 10 degrees C), but preferably all year round. In the winter operating the pump and filter will maintain a background level of friendly bacteria in the filter and help prevent the pond icing up in all but the severest weather conditions.

## Changing the UV Bulb

The UV bulb should be changed at the beginning of every new season. The lamp may look like it is working but the levels of effective UV radiation decrease over time.

First disconnect the unit from the electricity supply.

At the time of writing access to the bulb in the PXPFO4000 could be achieved internally.

The larger units required the screws to be removed from the housing on the lid dome. If you are having problems please call 01642 370888 for advice.

Remove the UV bulb by gently pulling out of the electrical connection.

Insert a new UV bulb by gently pushing into the electrical connection then reassemble.



PXPFO2000/3000 is easy to access and change – but be careful when lifting out as bulb can displace easily



Smaller models require removal of four screws from lid to access the twist cap UVC

## Limited Warranty

This product is guaranteed for a period of 12 months from the date of purchase for material or manufacturing defects. The guarantee covers the substitution of defective parts. However, the guarantee is considered null and void in the case of improper use, improper handling or negligence on the part of the buyer. The UV bulb is not guaranteed. If your pondXpert filter fails please take it back to the retail outlet from where it was purchased. You will be required to provide your receipt/proof of purchase. This does not affect your statutory rights.

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