TOOLS REQUIRED
Phillips Screwdriver
Flat Head Screwdriver
O-Ring Lube
PARTS FOR #71225 SAND FILTER

See breakdown on following page for model specific parts list

Filter tank
4 way valve
Hose clamps (6)
2’ filter hose (1)
6’ filter hose (2)
Drain plug
Filter base
Pressure gauge
Flange clamp
Standpipe
Valve o-ring
Hose clamps (6)
Pressure gauge
Straight fitting
Teflon tape
2’ filter hose (1)
## Parts for #71225 Sand Filter by Number

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NOTE: Filter may be partially assembled; however, nothing has been properly tightened. DO NOT operate filter system without completing assembly instructions!

STEP ONE - GETTING STARTED

- Remove the valve (Fig. 1) from the box and place it to the side until instructed to attach it.

- Inside the tank you will find the standpipe (Fig. 2) and a plastic bag containing various parts. Remove from tank and set aside.
STEP TWO - ATTACH DRAIN ASSEMBLY

If drain assembly (Fig. 3) is all together, take it apart. Take one rubber gasket and put over threaded part of the drain assembly. Flat part of gasket must be flush against sealing plate.

From inside the tank, insert drain assembly through hole in bottom of tank. (Fig. 4)
You will see the threaded part of the drain assembly on the outside of the tank.

Place other gasket on threaded part of the drain assembly that is outside of tank, flat side to the tank. (Fig. 5)

Place locking nut on threaded part and thread until snug. Hand tighten only!
Be sure to hold drain assembly from inside the tank while hand tightening locking nut. (Fig. 6)

Place drain cap over threaded part on outside of the tank. (Fig. 7)
Hand tighten only!
STEP THREE - ATTACH THE PUMP

The filter and pump should be attached to the base prior to filling the tank with sand as it will be difficult to maneuver after the tank is full.

- Align the pump motor with the four holes that match up to the filter base. This will require the use of four mounting bolts & nuts from the hardware supplied with the base. (Fig. 8)

- Cover the threads of each straight fitting with teflon tape and thread one fitting into the front of the pump and one fitting into the top of the pump.

- Attach the hose with a clamp on each fitting. (Fig. 11)

- Bolt the housing of the pump through the base & tighten securely. (Fig. 10)

- Place bolts underneath the base in the properly aligned mounting hole. (Fig. 9)
STEP FOUR - ADDING SAND

- Before filling tank with sand, align nub on bottom of tank into notched out piece of the base, twist to the right til snug. (Fig. 12)

- Place standpipe inside the filter, cover standpipe with the round plastic standpipe protector device to prevent sand from entering the standpipe. (Fig. 13)

- Add filter grade sand (sold separately) to filter tank around standpipe. Your tank should use 42 Lbs. of sand. Remove plastic standpipe protector and fill tank with water until the tank is filled right below opening of standpipe. (Save the standpipe protector for future use.)

NOTE: Sand should be filled no LESS than 1/2 way up the tank and no MORE than 3/4 up the tank. OVERFILLING WILL RESULT IN PERMANENT DAMAGE TO YOUR FILTER SYSTEM!

STEP FIVE - INSTALLING VALVE

- Lubricate O-Ring (3) in bag with various parts.
- Lubricate with O-Ring lube to ensure proper seal on tank. (O-Ring lube not included)
- Push O-Ring against the lip of the valve. It MUST sit flat against the lip to protect from leaking at the valve. (Fig. 14)
• Clean off any sand or debris on top of filter and position valve over the opening of the standpipe. Valve will slide **ONTO** standpipe when positioned properly in tank (Fig. 15). Push down firmly to make sure valve slides on all the way.

**NOTE:**
You **CANNOT** pull standpipe up to secure the valve. Pulling up can damage the filter and cause sand to get sent back with water flow into the pool!

• Place valve so that pump port is directly over the pump. (Fig. 16)

• Once valve is in place, hold clamp as shown and position clamp around lip of tank and over edge of valve. 2 long screws and nuts are provided to secure clamp. (Fig. 17)
STEP FIVE - INSTALLING VALVE (continued)

- The clamp should sit flat around the lip of the tank and edge of valve. If it is not sitting flat the clamp will leak. (Fig. 18)

- Make sure that the screws of the clamp are lined up with the seams of the tank. Tighten two screws on clamp a little at a time. Alternate from side to side so that both sides are tightened equally. Failure to tighten correctly will result in a leak at the clamp. (Fig. 19)

- Cover threads of pressure gauge with Teflon tape. Remove temporary plug from valve and thread gauge into opening. (Fig. 20)

STEP SIX - CONNECT HOSES

- The valve ports are labeled “RETURN”, “PUMP” and “WASTE” with raised letters next to or on the openings. Attach one 6’ hose to the bottom of your through-wall skimmer and to the front of the pump with hose clamps on each fitting. Attach second 6’ hose to the fitting on the “RETURN” valve port and to the pools return fitting with hose clamps on each fitting. “WASTE” port will accept a standard fitting and a backwash hose (Sold separately) which will be used during maintenance.
- Check drain plug at bottom of filter to ensure that it is screwed on tight.
STEP SEVEN - OPERATING THE FILTER

NOTE: Your filter cannot be run if the water is not at the proper level in the pool. Running the filter without water can cause serious damage to your pump and filter system.

- Prime filter prior to starting up filter system. **DO NOT** turn pump on until system has been primed, you can damage your pump.
- Make sure water in pool is up to middle of skimmer(s) and that there is nothing blocking water flow from return(s) and skimmer(s) (i.e. plug, plate, etc.).
- Push down selector handle on valve and turn to notch labeled BACKWASH. Let go of handle and the valve is now in backwash position. Make sure backwash hose (sold separately) is attached to the WASTE port so water will not spray all over you once pump is started.
- Be sure skimmer and return lines are filled with water. When water level is at proper height in pool this should happen naturally.
- Plug in and switch on pump. When pump starts up, water will come out through backwash hose.
- When all air is purged from the system, turn pump off. If all air is not purged out of system, double check all connections to make sure they are properly tightened and try again.
- To use filter, with pump **OFF**, push down on selector handle on valve and turn to notch labeled FILTER.
- Connect pump to power to start filter operation.
- **Note pressure gauge reading at this time.**
- When pressure through return fades and pressure gauge reads 5 psi above starting pressure, you will need to backwash the filter system to remove debris.
- Turn pump off before moving selector to BACKWASH position. Once in backwash, turn pump back on.
- Water will come out through Waste port, so position backwash hose where you would like water to run out.
- **NEVER** backwash for longer than **ONE MINUTE** at a time! Backwashing longer than one minute will cause sandblasting of internal components and can lead to damage of the standpipe and/or hub and **VOIDS WARRANTY.**
- Turn pump off and move selector to RINSE position. Rinse will allow water to flow through to clear out the lines and prevent a puff of sand or debris back into pool after backwashing.
- Rinse for approximately 15 seconds and turn off pump again. Move selector back to FILTER and turn pump back on. You are now filtering water.
- The WASTE position does not allow water to pass through filter. If there is a need for you to take water directly out of pool, WASTE is the position to do so. You may also vacuum on waste to remove serious debris. Remember, this will reduce water level. If water level drops below skimmer level you **MUST** turn pump **OFF!**
- **NEVER MOVE SELECTOR HANDLE WHEN PUMP IS ON! PUMP MUST BE OFF.** Failure to do so will cause damage to valve and will void WARRANTY!
## TROUBLESHOOTING

### LOW WATER FLOW
1. Check skimmer basket for excess debris
2. Check for restrictions in intake and discharge lines
3. Check for air leak in intake line (Indicated by bubbles returning to pool)

### SHORT FILTER CYCLES
1. Check for algae in pool and superchlorinate as required.
2. Be sure chlorine and pH levels are in proper range. Adjust as required.
3. Check surface of filter sand for crusting or caking. Remove 1” of sand if necessary.

### CLOUDY WATER
1. Check chlorine, pH and total alkalinity levels and adjust as required.
2. Be sure flow rate through filter is sufficient.
3. Operate filter for longer periods.
4. Be sure valve is set to “Filter” position.
5. Be sure sand is between 1/2 and 3/4 full in tank.

## WINTERIZING

**NOTE:** Failure to winterize your filter properly may result in damage to the system which is NOT covered under any warranty.

- At the end of the season once you disconnect filter system, remove the valve from the tank. Valve selector handle should be positioned **BETWEEN** any of the notches to allow for air ventilation through the valve to protect from cracking.
- Remove drain plug from bottom of filter tank to drain water out of the filter. Keep this plug off for the winter to allow any potential moisture build up to escape from tank.
- Empty **ALL** sand from the filter system and dispose of. It is recommended to replace sand **EACH** season.
- Rinse out inside of tank and air dry. Remove standpipe from tank.
- Store tank in an area where it will be protected from the elements and keep valve and tank stored **APART** to protect from condensation forming and causing cracks in the tank or valve.
- Run clean water (Not chlorinated water) through pump to rinse out and store in a warm, dry place for the winter.