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# User manual

## Basic drum 25 (gravity)

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# Introduction

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## Introduction

This is the user manual for the Basic drum 25 (gravity).

By purchasing this Filtreco filter, you have made an excellent choice. Please read this user manual carefully before you start using this system. This will enable you to familiarise yourself with the system first. Any work carried out on or with this system must always be performed in strict accordance with this user manual.

To ensure safe, proper use, always adhere fully with the safety guidelines. Please keep this user manual in a safe place and transfer it to the new owner in the event that the system changes ownership.

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## 1. What's included

- PP basin
- PP drum
- 70 micron stainless steel panel
- PP duct
- Water level meter with 3 pins
- Drum motor
- High-pressure pump
- Spray tube with 4 sprayers (the first of which has a higher flow)
- 2x 110 mm inlets
- 2x 110 mm outlets
- 2x 110 mm drum bypasses
- 1x 1 1/2" drain with ball valve
- Control box
- Cover with safety lock

## 2. Product description

The basis of this drum filter is a tank made of high-quality polypropylene (PP). A PP drum with a coated mesh is incorporated in this tank. The drum filter is placed gravitationally in a drain beside the pond. The inlets are below the water surface level, and the dirty water flows gravitationally through the floor drains or skimmers into the first filtration chamber. On the outflow side, the water is sucked out of the drum. Because the dirty water flows through the drum, contaminants in the water cling to the interior of the drum. As a result, less water can flow through the mesh and the water level on the outside of the drum sinks. The water level meter detects this and initiates the flush cycle. This cycle consists of activating the drum motor and spray pump. This causes the drum to rotate while the sprayers rinse the mesh clean. The flush water then flows into the sewage along with the waste. The cycle repeats as often as necessary.

## 3. Assembling the filter

The housing of the filter consists of a PP tank with one partition. The partition is fitted with a silicone sealing strip at the flange which separates dirty water from clean. There are also 2 holes in the partition which are covered with a cap. In case of a breakdown in the drum control, the covers can be removed to enable the water to bypass the drum and flow past it without being filtered. This enables you to still use the biological filtration segment of your filtration set-up.

The drum filter is fitted with a removable waste drain. The inclined surface accelerates the water flow, causing the waste to be carried along with it into the drain. The drum filter is fitted with a removable PP spray tube equipped with flat-jet sprayers. The sprayers feature a quick-release system, making them easy to remove for cleaning. The water level meter inside the basin consists of 3 electrodes:

1. flush cycle off (s)
2. flush cycle on (l/h)
3. common electrode (c)

The water level for initiating the flush cycle is adjustable. You connect a high-pressure water pump which supplies the sprayers with water under high pressure during the flush cycle.

The drum motor is installed on the outside of the drum filter and the shaft is enclosed in the assembly plate via a retaining ring. The shaft connects to the drum via a flange with a pipe. To remove the drum, you can simply detach this pipe-shaft connection, after which the drum can be taken out. You do not have to disassemble the motor to do this. The screens can be removed by detaching the tension straps and unscrewing the cover panel to remove it.

## 4. Instructions for use

The Filtreco drum filter and all parts and accessories that it comes with may only be used as follows:

- for cleaning garden ponds
- according to the user manual and technical specifications
- only with water temperatures between +4 °C and +35 °C.
- only suitable for transporting water
- not for commercial or industrial purposes
- not suitable for salt water
- never use without running water
- never use in combination with chemicals, foods or flammable/explosive liquids

## 5. Safety instructions

This system may cause bodily harm or damage to property if you do not use it properly and in accordance with all safety guidelines, or if you attempt to use it for any purpose other than that for which it was designed. This system must never be operated by children or anyone under the age of 16, or by anyone who has a physical, mental or sensory impairment or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they are under supervision and have been instructed on the safe usage of the system and informed of the dangers associated with it. Children must be made aware that this system is not a toy. Cleaning and maintenance must be performed by an adult user. This must never be performed by a child, even if they are under supervision.

### 5.1 Danger of electrical shock in contact with water

If your system has not been connected properly and in accordance with the safety guidelines, and a live electrical current comes into contact with water, this can result in electrical shock, causing serious injury and even death. Always switch off the current on any water-bearing equipment before you come into contact with the water.

### 5.2 Guidelines for electrical installations

The electrical installation must be carried out in accordance with all national legislation and may only be performed by a nationally certified electrician. A person is considered an electrician if they have the appropriate training, knowledge, experience and certification, and are capable of assessing and conducting the necessary work. The job of an electrical specialist also includes recognising any possible hazards and complying with all applicable regional and national standards, regulations and provisions of law.

- For your own safety, always consult a professional electrician in case of any problems.
- This system can only be connected to a power supply that matches its electrical specifications. All specifications for this system can be found in this user manual.
- The system must be protected by a residual current device with a fixed residual current of max. 30 mA.
- Use only extension cables and power dividers that are splash-proof and whose cable diameters are the same as the ones supplied with the system.
- Do not allow the plug connections to come into contact with water or moisture.
- Connect the system only to a power outlet that has been installed according to industry standards and does not contain a dimmer.

### 5.3 Safe use

- Never use this system in connection with faulty electrical cables or a defective housing.
- Never pull on the cables to adjust the placement of the system. Ensure that the electrical cables are not pulled tightly.
- Lay the cables through a secure duct to avoid damage and make sure no one can trip or fall over them.
- Only open the housing of the motor or other electrical components if this is necessary as instructed by the user manual.
- Only perform maintenance and other tasks on the system as described in this user manual.
- In case of any problems that you are unable to resolve, please contact Filtreco.
- Only use original spare parts in combination with this system.
- Do not attempt to modify the technical features or specifications of this system in any way.
- The connector cables cannot be replaced. In case of a broken cable, the entire system or affected part must be replaced entirely.
- When using in the open air, a roof must be placed above the control box and a rain-proof cover must be placed above the motor.
- Over-voltage in the mains can cause the system to malfunction.
- Do not inhale the spray mist from the sprayer system. The spray mist may contain harmful bacteria.
- Once the flush cycle has completed, allow some time before opening the cover.

## 6. Placement and setup



If you plan to install this system in a way that deviates significantly from the recommendations in this user manual, allow for a specialist to inspect the installation to ensure that all technical specifications have been met.

The combi drum filter must always be placed in a level position on a smooth, flat subfloor. This subfloor must support the entire bottom of the drum filter. It is recommended to place the system on a flat cement floor. When positioning the filter, ensure that there is adequate space on all sides so that you have room to perform maintenance. The water level at which the filter must be placed is indicated by an arrow in the first filtration chamber. To ensure that the filtration system functions properly, the water level must be kept constant and must not deviate from the required levels. Any greater deviation will result in an inaccurate measuring of the water level. If the water level rises by more than 2 cm, the water will overflow via the duct into the sewage system. To maintain a constant water level, you can install an automatic filling station with overflow function for your pond.

For optimal water flow, use both inlet connections. It is recommended to use flexible rubber sleeves and joints when connecting the water lines. These can compensate for small differences in dimensions and also absorb vibration.

Install slide valves or ball valves in front of and behind the filter, so that the filter can be emptied during maintenance.

Maintain enough distance between the wall and the drain so that you can remove the drain.

The drainage duct can be connected to a sewage connection with a 110 mm diameter. Make sure that the duct is positioned at an adequate incline. It is recommended to install a pipe with a flexible rubber sleeve. These can compensate for small differences in dimensions and also absorb vibration. They can also be detached to remove the drainage duct.

Always use high-quality pipes with an adequate wall thickness.

Ideally, use 45 degree elbow connectors.

Lay the pipes at a downward angle so that they can be fully emptied during the winter to protect them against frost.

Note! Electrical shock hazard. Use of this electrical system or installation in connection with a (swimming) pond may result in severe injury or death.

Only use this system in accordance with national and regional regulations.

Always use suitable transport and lifting equipment when transporting and assembling this system.

### 6.1 Connecting the control box



Ensure that the control **box is not plugged in to the main power supply when you open the control box!**

Hang up the box on 2 screws aligned with the grooves on the back of the box. Space between the holes in the wall:  $b = 100 \text{ mm}$ . Remember that the length of the cable for the electrical equipment is 3 metres. Be careful when opening the box and remember that the screws you must loosen to open the door should not protrude when you turn the box open. The same goes for when you close the box.

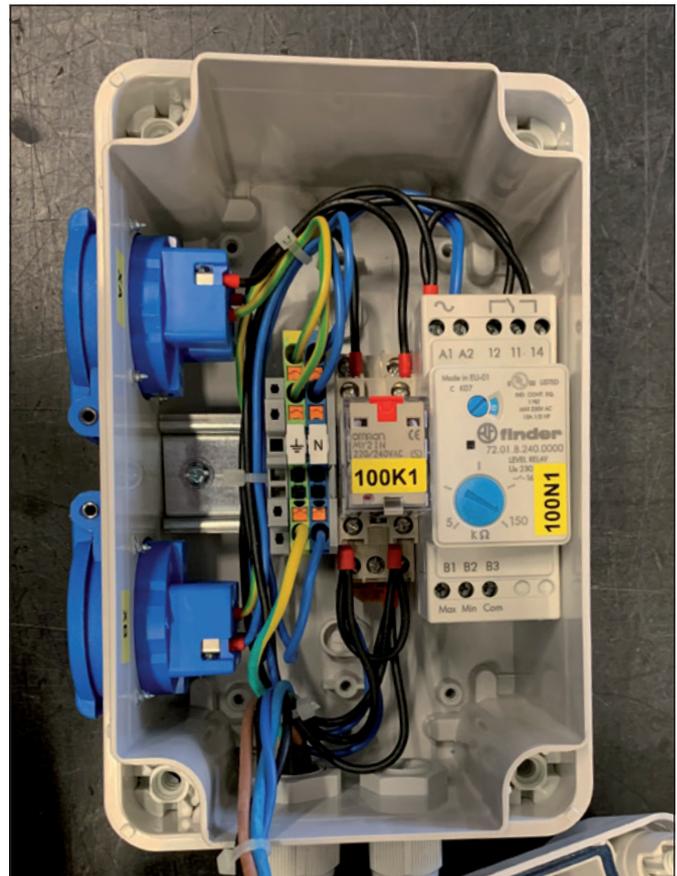
### 6.2 Connecting the electrodes and water level meter



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Turn the gland caps on the side of the box and slide them over the corresponding cable. Run the cable through the cable gland into the box, leaving adequate length. Then twist the gland caps closed again. Connect the electrodes as shown below using a suitable screwdriver. The labels on the electrodes match the codes on the connection inside the box.

- the L/h cable goes into the B2 connection
- the S cable goes into the B1 connection
- the C cable goes into the B3 connection



## 7. First use

Before using the drum filter for the first time, it is advisable to thoroughly clean the pond manually and flush the pipelines if possible. This will prevent the newly started filter from having to repeat multiple flush cycles in a row.

### Note! Electrical shock hazard.



- Always switch off the current to the system before coming into contact with the pond water.
- Secure the system to prevent it from unintentionally being switched on.
- Never connect the system to a power supply that is fitted with a dimmer.
- Do not use the system in combination with a switch that has a timer function.
- Only switch on the control box if the submersible pump is below the water level and the electrodes are below the surface.

### 7.1 Sequence for first use

- Remove the cover from the filter.
- Check all the water inlet and outlet connections.
- Check the line from the pump to the spray tube to ensure it is hand-tight.
- Open the valves on the outflow side.
- Open one valve in the in-flow line.
- Fill the pond and filter until the maximum water level is reached.
- Adjust the placement in case the water level is not reached.
- Check all the water inlet and outlet connections again.
- Plug the connectors into the corresponding power sockets:

The plug for the spray pump goes into the connection point labelled "pump".

The plug for the drum motor goes into the connection point labelled "motor".

### 7.2 Adjusting water level meter

The water level meter consists of 3 stainless steel electrodes:

- The "flush cycle off" electrode (the short coated electrode)
- The low-level/"flush cycle on" electrode (the long coated electrode)
- The common electrode (the long uncoated electrode)

The flush-cycle electrodes are set to the highest level by default. This means that the filter is flushed whenever the water surface level drops by about 220 mm.

The flush cycle ends as soon as the water level rises back to the high-level electrode.

If you would like for the flush cycle to take place sooner, you can unscrew the cable gland and place the electrode higher. Afterwards, tighten the cable gland again.

### Note!

**The short electrode must always be approximately 20 mm below the surface of the water, measured when the water pumps are switched on! If this is not the case, then there is a risk that the water level will not rise to reach the short electrode after the flush cycle completes. As a result, the filter will continue to flush and the water level of the pond will drop significantly!**

**To prevent this from happening, the short electrode must be deep enough in the water and you must ensure that the incoming water flow is sufficient to feed the pump that is sucking the water out.**

If the pond's water quality is such that the time between flush cycles lasts less than 3 minutes, then the flow into the water inlet must be reduced to ensure that the cycle lasts for more than 3 minutes. After the contamination in the pond has decreased, the throttling in the inlet line can be gradually reduced as long as you allow for the flush cycle time mentioned above.



## 8. Control box

The control box consists of a housing with:

- 2 power sockets, namely:
  - Pump for the high-pressure submersible pump
  - drum motor for the drum motor
- 3 buttons:
  - Manual: for a manual flush cycle.
  - Main Switch: to switch the power supply to the box on and off.
  - Reset: for replacing a fuse.

The control box also includes 2 cable glands for the power supply cable and the throughput for the cable for the water level meter.



## 9. Cleaning and maintenance

**Note! Electrical shock hazard! This can result in severe injury or death.**

When performing cleaning and maintenance, always take the following measures:

- Always switch off the power supply and secure it from being accidentally switched back on before you come into contact with the water or perform any maintenance work on the system.
- **General cleaning - 1x each month:**
  - Switch off the "Main switch" and unplug the system from the main power supply.
  - Remove any coarse waste (such as algae) on the inside of the drain.
  - Clean the inside of the drum.
  - Clean the door security blocks.
  - Clean the water level meter electrodes.
- **Cleaning the sprayer heads - 2x per month:**
  - Remove the sprayer head by turning it to the left to unscrew it from the quick-release fastener.
  - Remove the gasket from the holder.
  - Remove the right-angle sprayer from the connector.
  - Clean it.
  - Install the gasket and sprayer back into the holder.
  - Turn the holder onto the clamp bracket.



- **Complete cleaning:**
  - Switch off the "Main switch" and unplug the system from the main power supply.
  - Close the inlet and outlet spouts and drain the water through the valve until the filter is empty.
  - Remove the drain and clean it thoroughly.
  - Remove the drum and brushes and clean them under running water.
  - Remove the spray pump and clean it thoroughly.
  - Clean the entire inside of the filter.
- **Disassemble the drum as follows:**
  - Disassemble the spray tube by unscrewing the connector and removing the drain from the tube clamp.
  - Disassemble the drain by loosening the bolts. Be careful not to lose the gasket and gasket rings!
  - Turn the drum until the bolt from the shaft connection is on top. Remove this bolt.
  - Slide the drum slightly towards the partition until the tube is separated from the shaft and then carefully lift the drum at an angle upwards out of the silicone seal. Lift the drum out of the filter basin. Carefully set the drum down to prevent damage to the screen.
- **Assemble the drum as follows:**
  - Carefully lower the drum into the filter and set its flange on the shafts of the partition.
  - Press the silicone seal into the flange of the drum on all sides, using your hand.
  - Slide the drum with the flange side over the shaft.
  - Turn the drum around the shaft until the hole in the shaft is positioned underneath the hole in the tube. Reinsert the M8 x 15 bolt and screw it tightly.

## 10. Troubleshooting

The following issues may occur:

- No water flow:
  - Check whether the (slide) valves are open.
  - Check whether the water pumps are connected.
  - Check whether the inlet or outlet is clogged.
- Insufficient water flow:
  - Check whether the inlet or outlet is clogged.
  - There are not enough inlet connections installed.
  - The circulation pump does not have enough capacity.
  - There are dirty water particles on the outside of the drum. Check the seal between the partition and the drum.
  - A fuse has blown. Turn the Reset knob and replace the fuse if necessary.

## 11. Winterising

To ensure proper functioning of the system, do not allow the water temperature to decrease below +4 degrees Celsius.

Measures that you can take:

- Place a cover or lid over the drain.
- The control and motor cannot withstand freezing temperatures. Be sure to place them in a location that is protected from rain and frost.

In case water temperatures drop below +4 degrees Celsius or there is a chance of freezing, discontinue using the system.

- Drain the system and clean it according to the instructions
- Allow the surrounding pipes to drain
- Leave the valves open
- Protect the pipes and other components from frost if necessary.

## 12. Wear parts

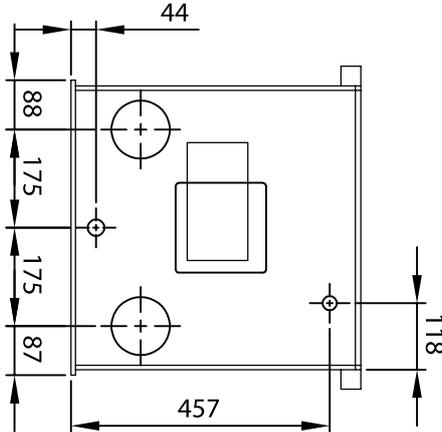
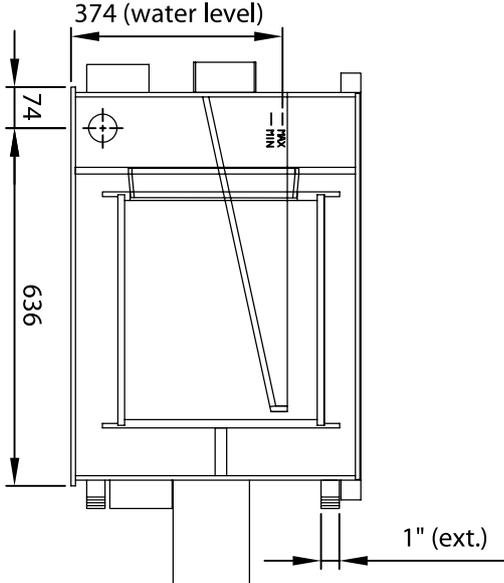
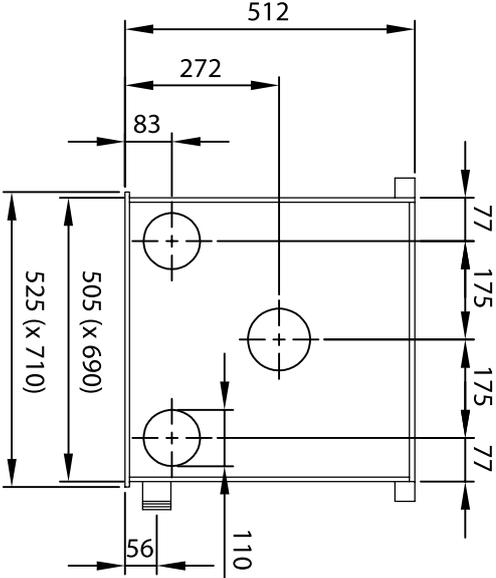
The following parts may be subject to wear:

• Silicone drum seal	Order number	100744
• Retaining ring	Order number	100757
• Drum screens	Order number	100700

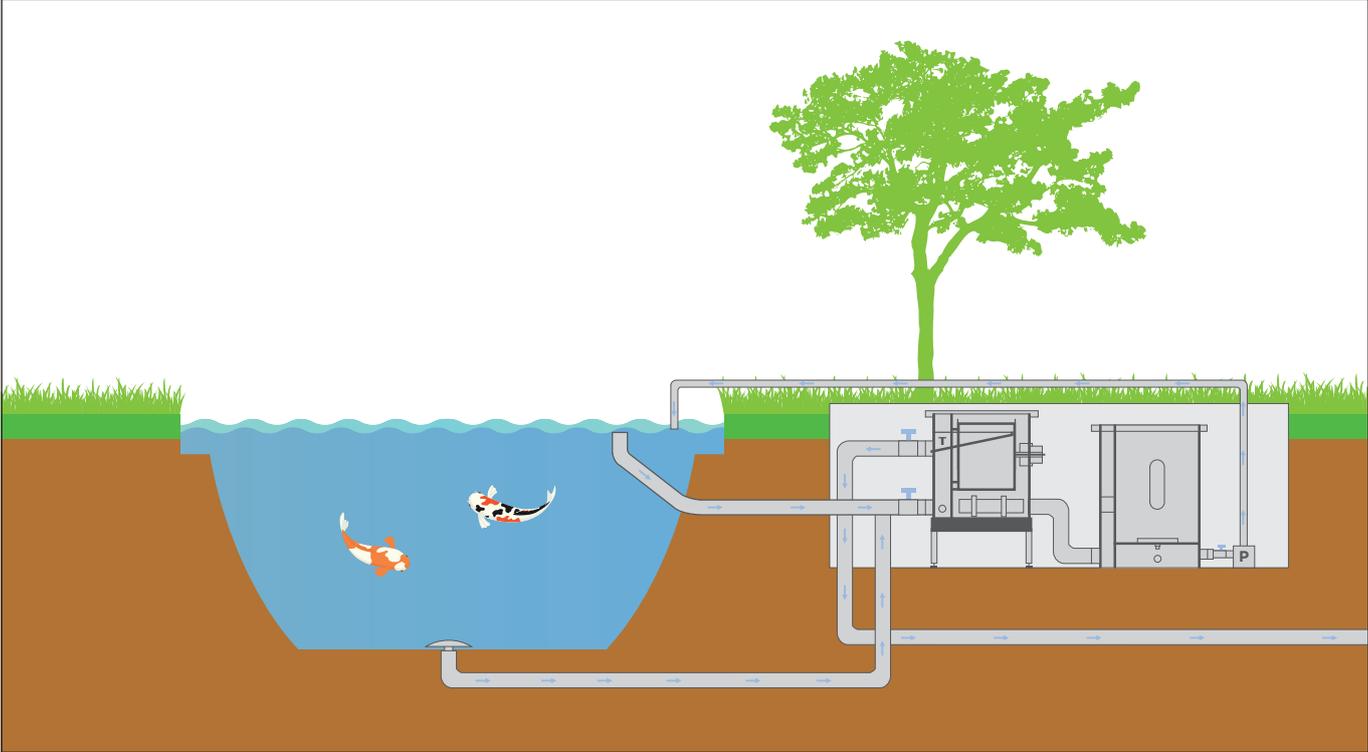
## 13. Technical specifications

• Operating voltage:	Vac 230V
• Plug:	16 A Euro plug
• Total power output:	800 Watts
• Cable length:	3 m
• Drum diameter:	40 cm
• Drum length:	40 cm
• Max. flow:	25 m <sup>3</sup> /h
• Weight:	40 kg
• Height above water level:	140 mm
• Min. water level:	20 mm below the line of the arrow
• Max. water level:	10 mm above the line of the arrow
• Number of panels:	1
• Number of sprayers:	4
• Min. time between 2 flush cycles:	3 minutes (otherwise the motor will overheat)

## 14. Technical diagram



15. Diagram for assembly in a pond



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