Installation, Operation & Maintenance Guide

# Model# 540565





Thank you for purchasing an Aquatic Life **Deionized Spot-Free** Car Rinse Unit.

When maintained properly, this unit will provide you with years of high-quality filtered water.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Water quality is often measured by the amount of total dissolved solids (TDS) in the water. It is the TDS in the water that leaves spots on a vehicle when the water evaporates. By removing the TDS, a spot-free rinse is achieved.

Removing TDS is accomplished by filtering the water through a resin that is charged with Cation and Anion resins (H+ and OH-). As the resin absorbs the TDS, it will change color. When the entire resin has changed color, it is time to replace the DI cartridge.





# **OPERATING GUIDELINES**

The maximum incoming water pressure for the unit is 80 PSI. If the pressure is more than 80 PSI, a pressure regulator is required.

Deionized water should not be run through a copper tube. The pure DI water can leach copper from the pipe, eventually leading to holes in the pipe.

**DO NOT** pressurize and operate the unit unattended.



NOTE: Filter cartridge life will vary based on local water conditions & amount of use.

For technical assistance or warranty issues, contact Aquatic Life at customersupport@aquaticlife.com

#### HOW TO USE

Failure to follow these steps will deplete your cartridges quickly and cost you extra money. Follow these simple steps for best results:



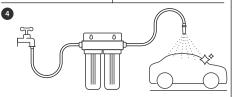
Wet vehicle with tap water







Rinse soap off vehicle with tap water



Spray vehicle with fine mist of DI Spot-Free Rinse water

The spot-free rinse is what is important to ensure spots do not form on the vehicle. **DO NOT** use the spot-free rinse for steps 1-3.

Recommended Installation Tools			
Adjustable Wrench		Phillips Screwdriver	
Contents (Model #540565)			
1	Dual DI Unit Housing with Mounting Bracket	2	Color-changing Deionization Cartridges
1	Plumber's Pipe Tape	1	Canister Wrench
1	Brass ½" MPT x Female Garden Hose Adapter	1	Installation, Operation & Maintenance Guide
1	Brass ½" MPT x Male Garden Hose Adapter	1	Misting Nozzle
2	½" Rubber Washers	1	3/4" Rubber Washer





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### **INSTALL THE ADAPTERS**

**Step 1** – Apply three wraps of the pipe tape to each of the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " MPT fittings.



**Step 2** – Insert a ½" rubber washer into the side labeled **SUPPLY** then thread the **FEMALE** hose fitting into that side.



**Step 3** – Insert a ½" rubber washer into the side labeled **FILTERED** then thread the **MALE** hose fitting into that side.



**Step 4** – Tighten both brass fittings with a wrench. **Do not over-tighten.** 



# MOUNTING THE UNIT



**WARNING: DO NOT** mount the unit outside or in a direct sunlight area. This will affect the performance of the unit.

Mount to a secure surface so the cartridges can be easily replaced as needed.

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Use screws designed for the type of surface that the DI unit will hang on. Leave the screws extending about 1/8" from the surface then hang the metal bracket on the screws.



### **INSTALLING THE CARTRIDGES**

Remove the resin cartridges from the wrappers and center them in the clear canisters. Hand-tighten the canisters to canister heads and use the canister wrench to tighten approximately another 1/4 turn.





#### **HOSE INSTALLATION**

Use a hose with standard garden hose threads to connect the **SUPPLY** side of the deionization unit to a water supply.

Use a second hose to connect to the **FILTERED** side of the deionization unit. For this connection, a smaller diameter hose is recommended to reduce the amount of filtered water sitting in the hose. This is the hose to use for rinsing your vehicle (hose not included).



**IMPORTANT:** For best results, use the included adjustable rinsing nozzle. This nozzle provides the proper final misting for the optimal spot free rinse.



#### **UNIT STORAGE**

Between use, it is important for the resin to remain wet. Ideal storage would be leaving the water hoses attached and canisters filled with water. If you remove the water hoses from the ends of the Spot Free Rinse, ensure that the water in the canisters is not allowed to evaporate.

Avoid storing in an area that could freeze or temperatures could raise above 100°F. Never store the unit in direct sunlight.













#### **UNIT MAINTENANCE**

The deionization cartridges are designed to change color when the resin inside is exhausted. When the entire cartridge has changed color, it is time to replace.



**NOTE:** When changing the exhausted cartridge, move the second cartridge to the first position & install the new cartridge in the second position. This will maximize the use of the resin.



Cartridge #2 only partially exhausted. Move to #1 location

Cartridge #1 exhausted. Remove and place new cartridge in #2 location

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**5L Bulk Resin** Fills about 6 cartridges





Cartridge 3-Pack



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# **OPERATION & CONSIDERATIONS**

- Clear canisters have a limited life and should be replaced on an annual basis to prevent possible failure.
- Operating pressure greater than 80 PSI requires a pressure regulator.
- With initial operation, check for leaks.
   If a leak is observed, verify there is enough
   plumber's tape on the brass fittings and
   the 1/2" rubber washers are installed.
   Also check that the canisters and caps are
   sealed properly with their o-rings.
- Most of the components in the deionization unit are plastic and subject to damage by ultraviolet light.
- Never store or operate the unit in direct sunlight or other bright lights.
- Do not store or operate the unit in temperatures above 100°F.
- Do not store or operate the unit in freezing temperatures.
- Do not leave the unit unattended while connected to a water supply.
- Do not operate unit if canisters or other components show any signs of damage.

#### TROUBLESHOOTING

#### O. Water is leaking?

A. The most common point of water leak is where the clear canisters screw onto the heads. Each canister includes an O-ring. It is important the O-ring is seated properly to prevent leaks. Do not over-tighten the canisters as this will not fix a leaking seal.

# Q. Why does my DI Cartridge not last as long as the next guy?

A. The resin in DI cartridges remove a set amount of TDS from water. The higher the TDS going into the DI cartridge, the quicker the resin will be depleted. For example, if the water going into your DI cartridge is 100 TDS and your neighbor has water with 200 TDS, your DI cartridge will last two times longer than your neighbors.

#### 1-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

Lifetime Products LLC warrants that this Dual Deionization Unit (excluding cartridges) shall be free from defective components and leaks or cracks due to defects in materials or workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase. If a defect is shown, Lifetime Products LLC will, at Lifetime Product's sole discretion, either repair or replace the product without charge.

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This warranty does not apply to damage resulting from accident, misuse, abuse, lack of reasonable care, failure to follow safety and installation instructions.

This warranty will be void if defects occur due to failure to observe the following conditions:

The Aquatic Life unit should only be connected to a potable municipal or potable well cold water supply.

Do not use with water that is of unknown quality without adequate disinfection before or after the unit.

- Incoming water to the DI unit cannot exceed 100°F.
- Incoming water pressure must be between 40 and 80 PSI.
- Do not store in direct sunlight or subject to freezing temperatures.

This warranty will not be effective unless and until the Aquatic Life product is shown to have been used in accordance with the installation and maintenance instructions accompanying the product.

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