

# FT-153 Fountain Assembly Instructions



## Fountain Information:

- Professional installation is recommended for this fountain!
- This fountain holds approximately 240 gallons of water.
- This fountain uses a medium fountain cover but does not cover the basin:  
FTNCOV-MED
- Compatible with #10 Refill Device and LED kit
- A different style stopper may be requested for the refill kit.

## Pump Information:

OEMPP800 - 800 GPH Pump (16 ft. cord length)  
 OEMPF525 - 525 GPH Pump (16 ft. cord length)

## Tools Required:

Bubble Level  
 Screwdriver  
 Tape Measure



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| Fountain Components                                                                 |                                 |                  |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| Image                                                                               | Item Description                | Component Item # | Quantity |
|     | Round 7.5' Fiberglass Ftn Basin | FGB-2020         | 1        |
|   | Wiltshire Fountain Finial       | FT-305A          | 1        |
|   | Vicobello Ftn - Middle Bowl     | FT-114D          | 1        |
|  | Vicobello Ftn - Pump Door       | FT-114F          | 1        |
|  | Vicobello Ftn - Large Bowl      | FT-114G          | 1        |
|  | Vicobello Ftn - Large Pedestal  | FT-114H          | 1        |
|  | Newport Ftn - Coping            | FT-124K          | 8        |
|  | Longvue Estate Ftn - Base       | FT-239J          | 1        |
|  | Longvue Estate Ftn - Pump Cover | FT-239L          | 1        |
|  | Wiltshire Ftn - Pump Cover      | FT-305C          | 1        |

| Pump Kit Parts List                                                                  |                                                                   |          |
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| Image                                                                                | Component                                                         | Quantity |
|    | PK800 Pump                                                        | 1        |
|   | PK500 Pump (use adapter indicated)                                | 1        |
|   | #10 Stopper with double hole                                      | 1        |
|   | #7 Drain Stopper                                                  | 1        |
|                                                                                      | Metal plug for hole in side of basin (already installed in basin) | 1        |
|  | 2.8 oz. tube of silicone                                          | 1        |
|  | Approx. 3" length of 3/4" clear vinyl tubing                      |          |
|                                                                                      | Approx. 3" length of 5/8" clear vinyl tubing                      |          |
|                                                                                      | Approx. 60" length of 1/2" black non-kink tubing                  | 2        |
|  | Approx. 60" length of 1/2" black non-kink tubing                  | 1        |
|  | 9" length of 1.5" Pvc "Stand Pipe"                                | 1        |
|  | Rubber Band                                                       | 1        |
|   | Wedges                                                            | 22       |
|   | Wood Spacers of installation                                      | 8        |

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## Fountain Set-Up:

**Assembly & Installation** - A fountain can be difficult to install without knowing and understanding the steps involved. To ensure your fountain is installed properly, please read our instructions and tips before you begin.

**Step 1 - Seek Professional Help:** Check if professional installation is recommended for your fountain.

**Step 2 - Check Foundation:** Place your fountain on a level surface. It is recommended to place your fountain on concrete or a hard packed gravel pad. If the base is level but some components seem off, rotate components or use wedges to level them.

**Step 3 - Create a Drip Loop:** To prevent water from dripping down the cord and damaging the electrical socket, create a drip loop by allowing the pump power cord to fall below the wall outlet.

**Step 4 - Use a GFCI Outlet:** Use only a GFCI outlet when running a fountain.

**Assemble your fountain on a level surface capable of holding a minimum of 3457 lbs with an approximate 75 sq. ft. footprint (actual dimensions 103" Diam.).**

**Step 1** - Place the fiberglass basin where the fountain is to be installed.



FGB-2020 (260 lbs)  
90"W x 10"H

**1a** - Be sure to check that each part is level and centered during the assembly of this fountain.

**Step 2** - Spread a thin amount of silicone on both pump cords approximately 3 feet from the pumps and fit them into the double holed stopper.

**Step 3** - Feed the pump cords through the hole in the basin.

**Step 4** - To ensure a level installation, make sure that you run the remaining cord through the channel in the bottom of the basin.

**Step 5** - Press stopper firmly and evenly into the hole of basin.

**Step 6** - Spread a thin bead of silicone around the perimeter of the stopper, slit in the stopper, and around the pump cords.

**Step 7** - Loosely wrap cords up in the center of the basin.



FT-239J (242 lbs)  
20"L x 20"W x 12"H

**Step 8** - Place the fountain base (FT-239J) over the pumps and the cords.



FT-114H (150 lbs)  
15.5"L x 15.5"W x 18"H

**Step 9** - Place the large pedestal (FT-114H) on top of the base.

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**Step 10** - Place the large bowl (FT-124F) on top of the large pedestal.

**Step 11** - Place the standpipe inside the hole of the large bowl.

**Step 12** - Loosely secure a hose clamp to the non-kink end of the tubing assembly with the clear tubing attached.

**Step 13** - Feed the end of each tubing assembly down through the standpipe, large bowl (FT-124F), and large pedestal (FT-114H) and into the basin.

**13a** - The assembly with the clear tubing attached should be fed through with the clear end down and the hose clamp up.

**Step 14** - Connect the clear vinyl tubing onto the pump water outlet of the PK800 pump.

**Step 15** - Using a hose clamp, secure the other piece of non-kink tubing to the PK500 pump.

**Step 16** - Fold the end of the tubing connected to the PK500 pump (the tubing without the hose clamp at the top) down over the edge of the standpipe and secure with a rubber band.

**Step 17** - Insert the #7 Drain Stopper into the small drain hole of the large bowl (FT-124F).

**Step 18** - Position the medium pedestal (FT-305C) over the standpipe.

**Step 19** - Feed the tubing assembly not secured to the standpipe up through the medium pedestal (FT-305C).

**Step 20** - Using the hose clamp already attached to the tubing assembly, connect the tubing to the bottom of the middle bowl (FT-114D). Tighten the hose clamp to ensure a good seal.

**Step 21** - Place the middle bowl down onto the middle pedestal.

**Step 22** - Place the finial (FT-305A) in the small bowl by lowering the hole over the copper pipe protruding from the bowl.



FT-124F (327 lbs)  
47"W x 6.5"H



FT-305C (52 lbs)  
12.5"W x 16.25"H



FT-114D (116 lbs)  
32"W x 9.5"H



FT-305A (37 lbs)  
7.75"W x 16.5"H

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FT-114F (3 lbs)  
5.25"W x 4"H

**Step 23** - Cover the middle pedestal pump access with the pump cover door (FT-114F).



FT-239L (8 lbs)  
8.25"L x 1.75"W x 6.5"H

**Step 24** - Cover the pump access in the bottom base with the pump cover door (FT-124J).

**Step 25** - Place 1 piece of coping (FT-124K) directly against the fiberglass basin (FGB-2020).

**Step 26** - Place 1 wood spacer against the bottom outer edge of the first piece of coping.

**26a** - Leave about 1" of the spacer sticking out for easy removal.

**Step 27** - Position the second coping against the wood spacer and basin.

**Step 28** - Repeat steps 30 and 31 until only 1 piece of coping is not in place. There should be a gap between copings where the inside corners meet.



FT-124K (282 lbs each)  
38"L x 9"W x 15"H

**Step 29** - Insert 1 plastic wedge about 3" from each edge of the 7 copings already installed. (This reduces the gap in the inner circle of the coping).

**Step 30** - Carefully push the final piece of coping into place and place the 2 wedges under.

**30a** - Adjust the other copings as needed to form a circle.

**Step 31** - Remove the wood spacers.

**Step 32** - Let the silicone set for 24 hours before filling the fountain with water.

## Maintenance:

**Pump Care** - The fountain relies heavily on the quality of the pump. A well-maintained pump can last several years.

- Step 1 - Fully submerge:** Ensure the pump is fully submerged at all times to avoid damage.
- Step 2 - Ensure water level is sufficient:** Check water levels regularly as water may evaporate over time, and periodically change water to avoid algae buildup.
- Step 3 - Clean pump:** Use soap and water, or white vinegar and water, with a small, soft brush to clean the pump of debris, dirt, and algae buildup. This should be done every 2-3 months.

**Surface Care** - Paints and finishes may fade over time due to weathering. By following these tips, you will be able to maintain your fountain's surface.

- Step 1 - Control Algae and White Scale:** Due to water evaporation, you may see white residue on your fountain surface from the mineral content in your water supply. Algaecides and cleansers can help prevent buildup that occurs from minerals and hard water.
- Step 2 - Protect and Refinish:** Depending on the material of your fountain, protectants and sprays may prolong the appearance of the surface. Paint and refinishing kits can be used for touch-up.

**Winter Care** - Many materials used to produce fountains can expand and contract in different temperatures/humidity levels. If the temperature falls below 32°F or humidity levels change drastically, follow the steps below to protect your fountain.

- Step 1 - Bring inside:** If possible, bring your outdoor fountain inside for the winter.
- Step 2 - Store in dry location:** If unable to bring inside, store your fountain in a dry and covered location.
- Step 3 - Bring components inside:** Move all internal components (stoppers, tubing, lights, pump, etc) inside. *A pump can stay in a fountain for the winter, but if you choose to leave it in, it must be completely dry and insulated with plastic bags and towel to ensure it stays dry. However it is recommended to bring it inside.*
- Step 4 - Completely drain:** It is important to prevent water from accumulating anywhere, as freezing and thawing of water can cause pump damage and cause cracks to form in your fountain. Remove the drain plugs.
- Step 5 - Elevate Fountain:** Fountains may freeze to the ground and cause cracking in the base if left outside in the winter. If unable to store inside or in a dry covered location, try to raise your fountain above ground.
- Step 6 - Cover Fountain:** Make sure to use a breathable material when covering. **DO NOT COVER IN PLASTIC!** Make sure the fountain cover is taut so that no snow or water can pool in the cover. Tie the opening at the bottom of the cover around the fountain.

## Troubleshooting:

**Pump Not Working** - When operating the pump for the first time, it can take a few minutes before water begins to flow properly. If it is still not working after a few minutes, please follow our troubleshooting tips below. **Before troubleshooting, UNPLUG YOUR PUMP.**

- Step 1 - Submerge Pump:** Ensure your pump is fully submerged in water at all times to avoid pump damage.
- Step 2 - Manual Check:** If the pump cover is removable, try removing the cover to access the impeller area. Turn the rotor to ensure it is not broken or jammed.

**Pump Noise** - Some sound from the pump may be normal, but you can follow these tips to reduce sound or resolve abnormal noises.

- Step 1 - Submerge Pump:** Ensure your pump is fully submerged at all times and clean of debris, dirt and algae buildup.
- Step 2 - Check Location:** You may hear the vibration of the pump touching the side walls of the fountain. Make sure the pump is only touching the bottom.
- Step 3 - Check Flow Rate:** Too low of a flow rate might cause spews or burps.

**Water Flow Rate** - Some fountains come with a dial or valve to adjust the flow rate, but if you do not have this option or if you are still unsatisfied with your flow rate after changing the settings, check out our tips below.

- Step 1 - Adjust the Water Level:** Insufficient water levels can affect water intake by the pump. Check the fountain instructions to ensure the appropriate water capacity for your fountain.
- Step 2 - Check for Kinks:** Check to make sure the tubing is not kinked. Kinks in the tubing can slow or halt the flow of water.
- Step 3 - Clamp the Hose:** To slow the water flow, try clamping the hose with a hose clamp or zip-tie.

**Splashing** - Having trouble with splashing? Some splashing is inevitable, especially when you first turn on your fountain, but if you are experiencing excessive splashing, try our troubleshooting tips below.

- Step 1 - Adjust the Water Level:** Ensure the pump is fully submerged, but avoid overfilling your fountain.
- Step 2 - Flow Rate:** If your pump includes a dial or valve to adjust the flow rate, try changing the settings to see if it affects splashing. If your pump is not adjustable, check our Flow Rate section to learn about other ways to change the flow rate.
- Step 3 - Adjust Position:** Try arranging stones or placing a splash guard, at the fountain base. You can also place a screen in the basin.

**Leaking** - If your fountain is leaking, check these quick tips on how to fix it.

- Step 1 - Adjust the Water Level:** Your fountain may leak if it is too full.
- Step 2 - Check Tubing:** Check that the tubing is attached completely and correctly.
- Step 3 - Check Stopper:** Ensure stopper is completely seated in the fountain. You can also use 100% pure clear silicone to ensure a proper seal is achieved.
- Step 4 - Cracking:** Your fountain may be cracked from improper winter care; see Winter Care in Maintenance Tips.