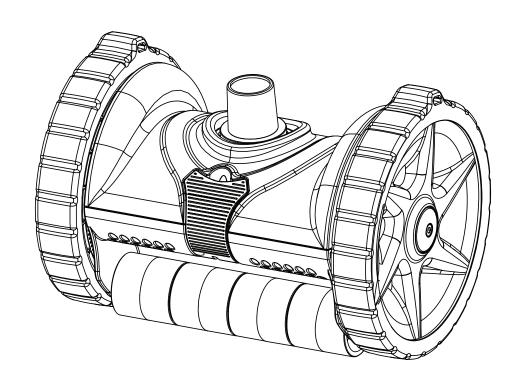


# REBEL™ SUCTION SIDE POOL CLEANER



# INSTALLATION AND USER'S GUIDE

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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# **IMPORTANT WARNING AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**



## **Important Notice:**

**Attention Installer:** This guide contains important information about the installation, operation and safe use of this product. This information should be given to the owner and/or operator of this equipment after installation of the pool cleaner.

**Attention User:** This manual contains important information that will help you in operating and maintaining this pool cleaner. Please retain it for future reference. Consult Pentair with any questions regarding this equipment.

**A**WARNING

Before installing this product, read and follow all warning notices and instructions which are included.

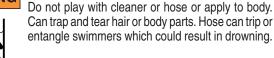
Failure to follow safety warnings and instructions can result in severe injury, death, or property damage. Call (800) 831-7133 for additional free copies of these instructions.

#### Consumer Information and Safety

This pool cleaner is designed and manufactured to provide many years of safe and reliable service when installed, operated and maintained according to the information in this manual. Throughout the manual, safety warnings and cautions are identified by the " $\triangle$ " symbol. Be sure to read and comply with all of the warnings and cautions.

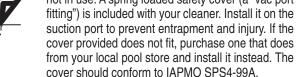


#### HAZARDOUS SUCTION.





SUCTION ENTRAPMENT, INJURY, AND DROWNING HAZARD. If your pool has a dedicated suction port ("vac port") for vacuuming or for an automatic pool cleaner, it must be covered when not in use. A spring loaded safety cover (a "vac port fitting") is included with your cleaner. Install it on the suction port to prevent entrapment and injury. If the





**Stop pump** before attempting to clean unit. Do not allow swimmers in pool while pool cleaner is operating.



To reduce the risk of injury, do not let children use or play with pool cleaner.



Do not allow swimmers in the pool while pool cleaner is operating. Hose can trip or entangle swimmers which could result in drowning.



Moving parts may injure hands or fingers. Stop pump before attempting to clean out pool cleaner head.



#### **General Installation Information**

#### **Pre-Installation Check List**

Before installing your cleaner, review and understand all warnings and safety information in this guide. Failure to follow these instructions or improper installation of the cleaner can result in damage to the pool finish or the vinyl liner, Pentair Water Pool and Spa, Inc. disclaims any liability for repairs or replacement to any of these structures or components of the customer's pool.

#### Before installing the cleaner in a vinyl liner pool:

Check liner closely for signs of deterioration or damage from age, chemicals, pool wall damage, etc. If any damage is found, have a qualified pool professional make all the necessary repairs. Also, if there are stones, roots, etc., under the liner, remove them before installing the cleaner.

# Before installing the cleaner in a gunite pool or a pool that is partially or completely tiled:

Repair loose tiles and tighten any loose light rings.

#### Before installing the cleaner, clean your filter system:

Make sure you have cleaned the filter, including backwashing, rinsing, and emptying all baskets. A clean system is necessary for proper cleaner operation and coverage.

#### Before installing the cleaner, understand cleaner coverage:

The cleaner is designed to rid your pool of debris in approximately 4-6 hours. Less time could be needed, depending on the pool size. The cleaner was not designed to automatically clean steps or swimouts or to work under a solar cover. It was also not designed to do initial cleanup for a new pool or when opening your pool for the season.

# AFTER installing the cleaner, make sure the cleaner is operating correctly:

The cleaner may need some minor adjustments to make sure it is operating properly so there is no damage to the pool finish. Certain vinyl liner patterns are particularly susceptible to surface wear, pattern removal, ink rubbing off of, or serious scratches to the pattern caused by objects coming into contact with the vinyl surface, including automatic pool cleaners. Pentair Water Pool and Spa, Inc. is not responsible for any pattern removal, abrasions or markings on vinyl liners.

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# **IMPORTANT WARNING AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

# Disclaimer of Liability About your Pool and Cleaner

There are a multitude of factors that contribute to the life of your pool. The pool cleaner is a very passive product that will have no impact on pool life.

Please be aware that over time, deterioration, discoloration and brittleness of any pool finish can be caused separately by, or in combination with, age, an imbalance in pool water chemistry, improper installation and other factors. Suction side pool cleaners, such as the pool cleaner, will not remove or cause wear on "good" pool plaster. In fact, the opposite is true–pool plaster will eventually cause wear on the cleaner.

The same situation holds true for vinyl-lined in-ground swimming pools, because vinyl liners are also affected by the environment and factors such as pool water chemistry, sunlight and the pool's surroundings. Therefore over time, vinyl can become brittle and weak. In addition, vinyl-lined pools are affected by the workmanship, composition and installation of the liner and the workmanship and quality of construction of the supporting walls and pool base. These are all factors which can contribute to liner failure. The existence of any of these type of conditions in your pool is not caused by the use or operation of the pool cleaner. The manufacturer disclaims any liability for repairs or replacement to any of these structures or components of the customer's pool.

The pool owner must assume all responsibility for the condition and maintenance of the pool's surface, water and deck.

Before the cleaner is installed, please take a moment to record the serial number. This number is located under the rear handle of your cleaner. You will be asked for this number when you contact our Technical Support Department.

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## **POOL PREPARATION**

#### **Pool Preparation**

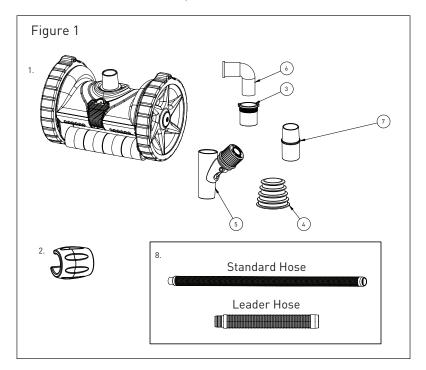
Before installing the Rebel™ Suction Side Pool Cleaner, your pool should be clean and algae-free so as to not inhibit the cleaner's traction. If necessary, make the following preparations before proceeding:

- 1. Chemically balance the pool water.
- 2. Brush pool and let the debris settle.
- 3. Hand vacuum thoroughly.
- 4. Clean filter and pump strainer basket.

#### **Cleaner Components**

Remove the cleaner and all parts from the box. Check to be sure all components are included.

- 1. Rebel cleaner body
- 2. Hose float
- 3. Threaded Adaptor
- 4. Reducer Cone
- 5. Regulator valve
- 6. Elbow
- 7. Flow gauge
- 8. Hose Set 11 Sections
  - -10 Standard Hoses
  - -1 Leader Hose



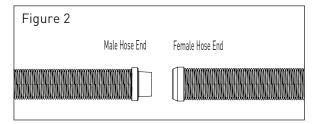
#### ASSEMBLING THE CLEANER

The Rebel™ Suction Side Pool Cleaner body is shipped as one piece, making cleaner assembly a simple and quick process.

#### **Hose Assembly**

For best results and to maintain proper operation, use only original Pentair parts and hoses.

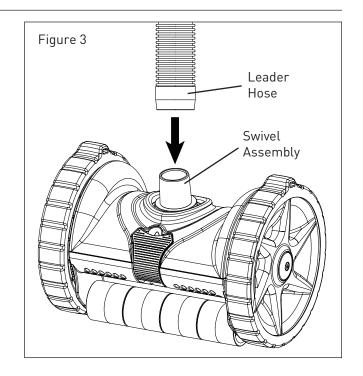
 To connect the hose sections, wet the ends in the pool water, then twist and push the female ends onto the male ends.

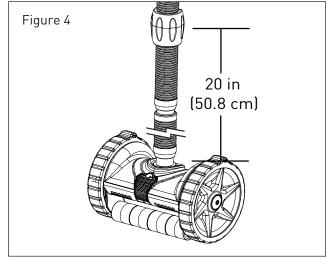


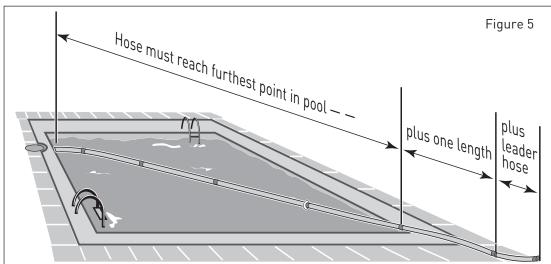
2. Connect the leader hose to the cleaner swivel. See Figure 3.

Note: The leader hose is 12 inches (30.5 centimeters) in length and shorter than the other sections included in the hose set. The leader hose is also marked with a red sticker. Failure to use this leader hose section will hinder cleaner performance

- 3. The hose should reach from where the cleaner is connected to the farthest point of the pool, plus one section and the leader hose.
- 4. Install the hose float onto the second length of hose. The float should be placed 20 inches (50.8 centimeters) above the cleaner. See Figure 4.
- 5. Make sure that all connections are snug.
- 6. The overall length of hose needed will be determined by the distance from the point at which you attach the hose to the suction port to the furthest point in the pool, plus one length and the leader hose. Refer to Figure 5.







## INSTALLING THE CLEANER

#### Standard Installation

- 1. Turn the pool pump off.
- 2. Close the main drain.
- 3. Connect the hose to the skimmer vac plate as per below instructions:









Waterco Skimmer Box

Screw in the threaded adaptor from the top of the skimmer plate

#### **Poolrite Skimmer Box**

Screw in the threaded adaptor from the bottom of the skimmer plate

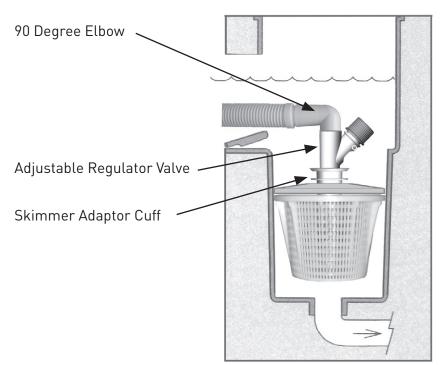
#### **Quiptron Skimmer Box**

Screw in the threaded adaptor from the top of the skimmer plate

#### Different brands of skimmer box

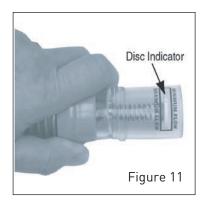
Attach; Skimmer Adaptor Cuff into skimmer plate, then attach Adjustable Regulator Valve & 90 Degree Elbow to skimmer plate. Then connect one end of submerged hose into the 90 Degree Elbow.





#### Adjusting Flow to the Cleaner With the Flow Gauge

- 1. Turn the pool pump off.
- 2. Disconnect the Rebel™ Suction Side Cleaner from the leader hose and connect the flow gauge.
  - Note: Make sure the hose remains submerged to prevent suction of air.
- 3. Turn the pump on.
- 4. Turn the regulator valve adjustment knob clockwise to increase flow or counterclockwise to decrease flow, until the disc indicator in the flow gauge settles between "Maximum" and "Minimum" flow. SeeFigure 11.
- 5. Turn the pool pump off and remove the flow gauge and reconnect the cleaner.
- 6. Lower the cleaner in to the pool and allow it to drop to the pool floor.
- 7. Turn the pool pump on.



#### Calculating Cleaner Speed (RPM) Without the Flow Gauge

If you do not have the flow gauge originally included with your cleaner, following the steps below will allow you to calculate the cleaner speed and adjust RPM as needed.

- 1. While the cleaner is running, bring the cleaner up to just beneath the pool's water surface.
  - Note: Be sure to keep the cleaner submerged while the pump is operating. This prevents the cleaner from pulling air into the pool system.
- 2. Count the number of full rotations made by the wheel over a period of one minute. The number of rotations will give you the revolutions per minute; or RPM's. An easy way to be sure you are counting full rotations is by counting the number of times the wheel hump passes by the swivel assembly.
- 3. For proper performance, the Rebel cleaner operates between 11-13 RPM.
  - If the RPM is below 11 adjust the regulator valve (rotate adjustment knob clockwise) and repeat steps 1-2 until the RPM falls back into the optimal range.
  - If the RPM is higher than 13 adjust the regulator valve (rotate adjustment knob counterclockwise) and repeat steps 1-2 until the RPM falls back into the optimal range.

### **CLEANER ADJUSTMENTS AND OPERATION**

After installation, turn the pool pump on. The Rebel™ Suction Side Pool Cleaner should be moving about the pool at a rate of 2.5-3.5 metres per minute. Be sure to check each of the following initial adjustments.

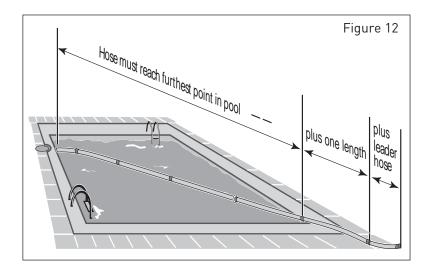
#### Hose Length

Note: The pump must be on when you check the hose length. The hose contracts when the pump is operating and will be longer when the pump is off.

While the cleaner is operating:

- Position cleaner at the furthest point of the pool from where it's attached. Use a pool pole and brush to easily position the cleaner in the pool.
- 2. The hose should be long enough to reach the end of the pool, plus one hose section and the leader hose. See Figure 12.
- 3. Remove any excess hose lengths from the middle of the hose assembly. This will ensure you do not alter the position of the hose float.
- 4. Save extra hose sections for use as needed for replacement.

Note: Turn pool pump off when adding or removing hose sections.



#### **Eyeball Diverter Positions**

Position the diverter opening to redirect the return line water flow so it does not interfere with the cleaner's movement. Try different positions to see which works best in your pool:

- flow directed along the side of pool (the tile line).
- flow directed downward.
- flow directed against the hose will help steer the cleaner away from obstructions such as stairs and ladders.

After installing the eyeball diverter, turn the pool pump on. The cleaner should begin moving across the pool floor vacuuming up debris in its path.

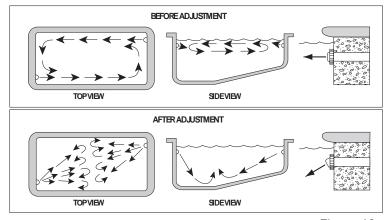


Figure 13

#### **MAINTENANCE**

The Rebel™ Suction Side Pool Cleaner requires almost no maintenance. Visually inspect your cleaner from time to time to make sure that:

- The turbine is moving freely and is not obstructed by debris. See "Removing Debris from the Turbine" below.
- The tires are not excessively worn. See Figure 17 on the next page.

We recommend that you leave the cleaner in your pool, except during chemical shock treatments.

- During swimming it is easy to unplug the cleaner and pull it to one side.
- Note: When storing the cleaner, do not coil the hose. Lay the hose flat in an area protected from direct sunlight.

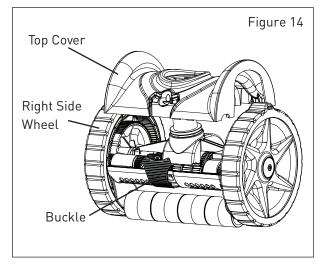
This cleaner's hose is specially designed to ensure optimum cleaner performance. Should replacement be required, insist on genuine Pentair cleaner hose.

#### Removing Debris from the Turbine

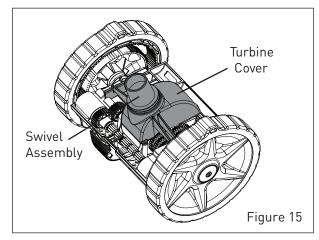
- 1. Be sure the pool pump is off. Remove the cleaner from the pool and disconnect the cleaner from the leader hose.
- Check to see if anything is clogged inside the cleaner. Do
  this by positioning the cleaner with the buckle facing you
  and attempt to rotate the right side wheel forward. If the
  wheel rotates smoothly there probably is no obstruction. If
  it won't rotate there is an obstruction.
- 3. Place the cleaner on a flat work surface. Open the buckle on the front of the cleaner by pulling it out and down. Lift the front of the top cover up and then firmly pull it forward. This will separate the top cover from the cleaner body and you will now be able to lift the top cover straight up from the cleaner body (see Figure 14 ). Set the cover aside.

Note: The top cover is designed to fit tightly so you may have to wiggle it a little.

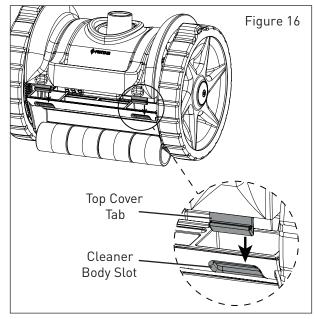
- 4. Pull the turbine cover straight up and off of the cleaner body. Set the turbine cover aside. See Figure 15.
- 5. Remove any visible obstructions from the turbine and turbine cover.
- 6. Replace the turbine cover with the swivel assembly oriented towards the front of the cleaner. See Figure 15.
- 7. Visually inspect the rest of the cleaner and remove any debris that may be in the gears, drive shafts, swivel assembly, etc.
- 8. Repeat step 2 (turning the right wheel) to ensure that the cleaner runs smoothly.
- 9. Place the top cover over the swivel assembly.
- 10. Place the tabs on the back side of the top cover into the slots on the back side of the cleaner body (see Figure 16). Once these tabs are seated in the slots the front of the cover will fall into place.
- 11. Lock the top cover onto the cleaner body with the locking buckle on the front of the cleaner.



Removal of Top Cover



Swivel Assembly and Cleaner Internals



Cover Tabs and Corresponding Body Slots

#### Tire Replacement

After prolonged use it may become necessary to replace the Rebel<sup>TM</sup> Suction Side Pool Cleaner's rubber tires. When the tire surface has worn into the tire's grooves the tire is in need of replacement. See Figure 17.

#### To remove the cleaner tire:

- 1. Turn the pool pump off and remove the cleaner from the pool.
- 2. Disconnect the cleaner from the leader hose.
- 3. Place the cleaner on a flat work surface and fold the tire off of the wheel from top to bottom.

Note: Remove the tire by hand. Using other objects (screwdrivers, Allen keys, etc.) to remove the tire may damage the wheel.

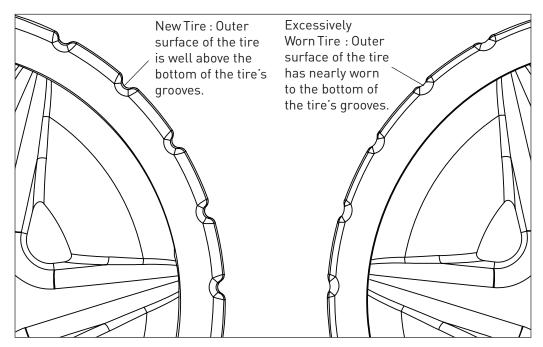


Figure 17: Tire Wear Comparison

#### To install the replacement tire:

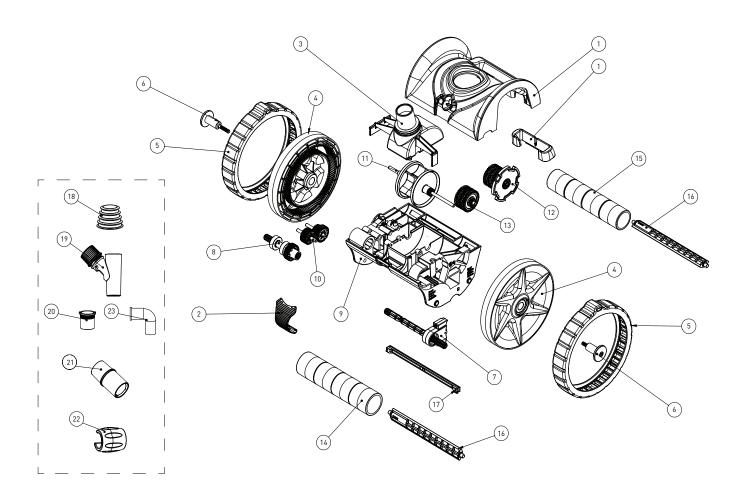
- 1. Place the cleaner on a flat work surface and seat the top of the rubber tire onto the top of the wheel. Be sure that the back lip of the tire is resting flat on the inside edge of the wheel.
  - Note: Replace the tire by hand. Using other objects (screwdrivers, Allen keys, etc.) to replace the tire may damage the wheel.
- 2. Stretch the bottom of the tire over the bottom of the wheel. Be sure that the back lip of the tire is resting flat on the inside edge of the wheel.
- 3. Fold the back lip of the tire onto the back of the cleaner wheel along the entire cleaner wheel. The tire should lie flat on the top surface of the wheel.

# **TROUBLESHOOTING**

Because of the individual characteristics of your pool, some additional adjustments may be required to get the best performance from your Rebel™ Suction Side Pool Cleaner. Use the following information to resolve possible issues.

PROBLEM	CORRECTIVE ACTION				
Cleaner is not moving or is moving too slowly	Check flow with flow gauge included or by calculating the cleaner RPM and adjust the flow if necessary using the regulator valve. See page 4.				
	Check for debris inside the cleaner itself. See page 6.				
	Check to be sure the pump has primed. Check for leaks in the system that may prevent proper priming.				
	There may not be enough flow through the system. The filter may need backwashing.				
	Check to be sure that the main drain and all suction lines are closed, except for the suction line to which the cleaner is attached.				
	Check for obstructions in the system (e.g. debris in the filter, pump basket or pump impeller).				
	Pool pump and filter system may be too small to provide proper water flow. Consult your pool professional.				
Cleaner's right wheel will not turn when rotated by hand.	Check for obstructions inside the cleaner itself. See page 6.				
Cleaner stays in one end of the pool.	Check flow with flow gauge included or by calculating the cleaner RPM and adjust the flow if necessary using the regulator valve. See page 4.				
	Check the return line water flow and redirect as necessary with the included eyeball diverter. See page 5.				
	Check that hose is long enough to reach the furthest point in the pool. See page 5.				
	Check for proper hose float placement. The float may be in the wrong position. See page 2.				
	Be sure that the swivel assembly (at top of cleaner) rotates smoothly. If not, the swivel assembly may be dirty and require cleaning.				
Cleaner climbs the wall too much or climbs out of pool.	Check flow with flow gauge included or by calculating the cleaner RPM and adjust the flow if necessary using the regulator valve. See page 4.				
Cleaner won't climb the pool walls.	Check to be sure that the cleaner tires are not excessively worn. See page 7. Excessively worn tires will not provide the grip necessary for your cleaner to climb pool walls.				
	Check flow with flow gauge included or by calculating the cleaner RPM and adjust the flow if necessary using the regulator valve. See page 4.				
	Check to be sure that the leader hose has been installed and is in the correct location. See page 2.				
	Check for proper hose float placement. The float may be in the wrong position. See page 2.				
Cleaner stays on the main drain	Check to be sure that main drain is closed. May need assistance from a pool professional.				
	Check to be sure a main drain grate is installed.				
Cleaner falls on its side and takes too long to	Check for proper hose float placement. The float may be in the wrong position. See page 2.				
recover.	Check to be sure that the leader hose has been installed and is in the correct location. See page 2.				
	Check that the hose is long enough to reach the furthest point in the pool. See page 5.				
	The return eyeball fittings may be pushing the cleaner hoses away. See page 5.				

# **REPLACEMENT PARTS**



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1	360283	Top Cover Kit	15	360297	Rear Roller Kit
2	360284	Buckle Kit	16	360298	Roller Bar Kit
3	360285	Swivel Kit	17	360299	Wear Bar Kit
4	360286	Wheel Kit	18	K1023	Reducer Cone
5	360287	Tire Kit	19	K1026	Regulator Valve
6	360288	Wheel Hub Kit	20	K1062	Threaded Adaptor
7	360289	Left Drive Kit	21	K1027	Flow Gauge
8	360290	Right Drive Kit	22	360300	Hose Float
9	360291	Bottom Cover Kit	23	K1061	Elbow
10	360292	Drive Gear Kit	Not Shown	BS59610	Sectional Hose
11	360293	Turbine Kit	Not Shown	GW7911	Leader Hose
12	360294	Cam Kit			
13	360295	Cam Gear Kit			
14	360296	Front Roller Kit			

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