

POWER HEAD PUMP™

Instruction Manual



Operates
IN
the water!



•P280

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LIMITED 3 YEAR WARRANTY

At their own discretion, Alpine Corporation will repair or replace any pump found to have Manufacturer's defects as follows: Pump body, cover, filter and accessories within three years of original purchase. Impeller and internal moving parts are warranted for one year of original purchase. This warranty does not cover any replaceable filtering material supplied with the pump or filter as it is considered expendable. Proof of purchase is required. Warranty does not cover damage resulting from negligent handling, misuse or lack of reasonable maintenance or care. Warranty is valid against defects due to material and the company's workmanship only. The sole obligation is at Alpine's discretion to replace/repair the defective unit with a suitable replacement part. Units should be checked for proper operation prior to returning as defective. No liability for loss or damage of any nature or kind, whether arising out of or from the use of the product, whether defective or not defective, is assumed by Alpine Corporation or its affiliates. Damaging, cutting or altering power cord, removing or defacing product labels voids any warranty consideration. Damages or injuries resulting from negligence or misuse of the product are not covered by warranty.

INTRODUCTION

The Power Head Pumps are ideally suited for replacement pumps in concrete and resin statuary and birdbaths utilizing moving water. The larger statuary water gardening pumps feature a non-clogging, built-in prefilter and higher head height for servicing taller fountain, statues and all water gardening applications. These energy efficient pumps come with a flow control and up to a three year warranty.

For a car to stay in great condition, proper maintenance is required. Therefore, Alpine suggests that once a week, you verify that the pump is performing satisfactorily. If you detect a drop in pump performance (such as a decrease in water flow from the pump or to the waterfall), first clean the pump's pre-filter cage and the tubing connected to the pump. If the water flow is still not fully restored to its original performance, simply clean the impeller and internal pump body. (See page 5-6 for maintenance instructions)

SAFETY INFORMATION

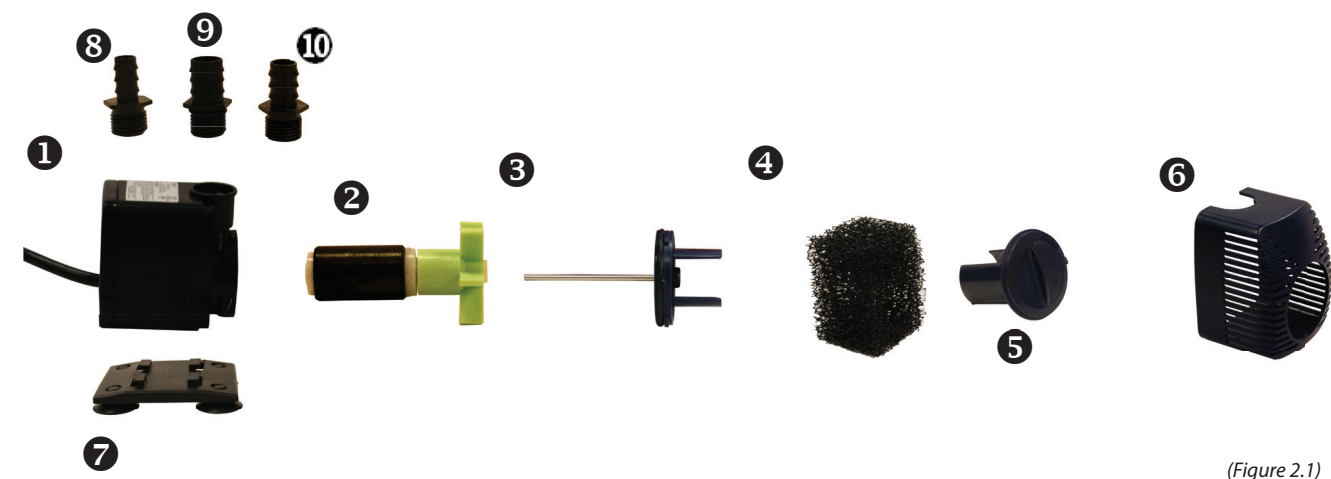
- ! WARNING:** Risk of electric shock – This pump has not been approved for use in swimming pool or marine areas
- ! WARNING:** To provide continued protection against risk of electric shock, connect to properly grounded, ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) outlets only, using the following guidelines:
 - (A) Read and follow all safety instructions and all the important notices on the appliance before using the pump. Failure to do so may result in loss of fish life and/or damage to this appliance.
 - (B) Have a qualified electrician install a properly grounded receptacle outlet, acceptable for outdoor use and protected from snow and rain.
 - (C) Any wiring of pumps should be performed by a qualified electrician to ensure code compliance and user safety.
 - (D) This is a pond pump. This pump has been evaluated for use with water only. Do not use this pump for other than intended use (*i.e.: do not use in swimming pools, aquariums, etc. Not to be used as a sump pump.*)
 - (E) Do not use this pump in swimming pools or other situations where people are immersed
 - (F) If an extension cord is necessary, ensure connection is watertight and dust proof. A cord with proper rating should be used. A cord rated for less amps or watts than the appliance rating may overheat. Care should be taken to arrange the cord so that it will not be tripped over or pulled. The connection should be carried out by a qualified electrical installer.
 - (G) Unplug pump at receptacle outlet when not in use or before removal from pond.
 - (H) To reduce risk of electrical shock, all wiring and junction connections should be made per local codes. Requirements may vary depending on usage and location.
 - (I) Inspect the power cable before using. The power cable should be protected at all times to avoid punctures, cuts, bruises and abrasions. Never cut the cord.
 - (J) Never handle power cords with wet hands.
 - (K) To avoid injury, do not touch moving or hot parts.
 - (L) Do not use power cable to lift pump. (*Figure 1.1*)



Figure 1.1

- ! IMPORTANT:** Alpine Corporation is not responsible for losses, injury, or death resulting from a failure to observe these safety precautions, misuse or abuse of pumps or equipment.

COMPONENTS AND PUMP PARTS



(Figure 2.1)

1 Pump Body		6 Pre Filter Cage	
2 Impeller		7 Base Plate Holder	
3 Steel Impeller Shaft		8 Multi-Hose Adapter- 1/2"	
4 Sponge		9 Multi-Hose Adapter- 3/4"	
5 Flow Regulator		10 Multi-Hose Adapter- 2/3"	

(Chart 1.1)

PUMP INFORMATION

ALPINE ITEM #	WATTS (MIN-MAX)	MAX FLOW	MAX HEIGHT	OUTLET CONNECTION	CORD LENGTH	FILTER	GPH FLOW RATE		
							2ft	4ft	6ft
P280	17	280	5'9"	1/2"	16'	Yes	201	141	39

(chart 3.1)

INSTALLATION

•Only operate the pump when it has water running through it. Failure to do so will overheat the pump and cause it to fail, thus voiding the warranty. DO NOT OPERATE DRY! Remember, running a Tornado pump dry voids the warranty!

•Be sure that the pre-filter cage is fully snapped shut. Failure to operate the pump without the pre-filter cage on will allow large debris to enter the pump, causing the pump to fail and voiding the warranty. To protect your fish or other pond wildlife from being sucked into the pump, it is highly recommended to not operate the pump without the pre-filter cage on.



(Figure 3.1)

- Do not wear loose clothing that may become entangled in the impeller or other moving parts during installation.
- Keep clear of suction and discharge openings. DO NOT insert fingers in pump with power connected.
- Do not pump hazardous materials or liquids, such as oil, saltwater or organic solvents.
- Be sure no debris will block or restrict the pre-filter cage from water entering.

REPLACEMENT PART LIST FOR POWER HEAD PUMPS

Alpine Pump SKU#	Alpine Replacement Parts	Description
Impeller		
P280	P280-IMP	Impeller for P280

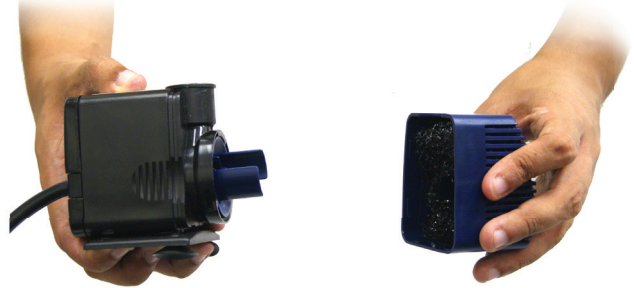
(Chart 4.1)

REPLACING THE IMPELLER

If you have thoroughly cleaned the pre-filter cage and still have diminished flow rates, then you will need to remove and inspect the impeller and internal pump body.

- 1** Gently pull and remove the pre-filter cage from the pump body.

(Figure 5.1)



- 2** To remove the steel impeller shaft, Push in and turn counter clockwise until it pops out.

(Figure 5.2)



- 3** Pull the impeller out of the impeller housing.

(Figure 5.3)



- 4** If your impeller and impeller housing have excessive scale build-up, clean with a mild acid, such as white vinegar or non-abrasive calcium, lime and rust remover product using a sponge or soft-bristled brush that won't scratch the stainless steel. Removing scale build-up will allow your pump to run like new again.

(Figure 5.4) (Figure 5.5)



(Chart 6.1)

5 After the impeller and impeller housing are cleaned, place the impeller back into the impeller housing. Twist the impeller to either the left or right until it clicks into place.

(Figure 5.5)



6 Slide steel impeller shaft into impeller. Press down, then turn clockwise to lock in to place.

(Figure 5.6)



7 Align the pump body, sponge, and pre-filter cage.

(Figure 5.7)



8 Press pre-filter cage and pump body together until it clicks.

(Figure 5.8)



OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE



WARNING: Always unplug or disconnect all appliances in the pond from the electrical supply before installing, repairing, maintaining or handling the equipment in the water.

To avoid shortening the life of the pump, follow these simple maintenance procedures:

-Once a week, verify that the pump performance is satisfactory. If you detect a drop in pump performance (such as a decrease in water flow from the pump or to the waterfall) first clean the pump's pre-filter cage and tubing. If the water flow is still not fully restored to its original performance, clean the impeller and internal pump body.

-The pump impeller includes a high quality ceramic shaft that provides long-lasting, reliable performance when properly maintained. However, extreme care should be taken when handling the shaft during maintenance. Avoid dropping or pressing too hard on it to avoid breakage or hairline fractures, which may cause the shaft to snap while in operation.

-This pump is suitable for use in water temperatures from 32 degrees Fahrenheit (0 degrees Celsius) to 95 degrees Fahrenheit (35 degrees Celsius).

-To keep the pump in long lasting working conditions, always replace any worn parts.

Pump Pre-Filter Cage

Do not remove the pump's pre-filter cage while operating the pump. Failure to operate the pump without the pre-filter cage or operating the pump with a broken cage will allow large debris to enter the pump causing damage to the pump, thus voiding the warranty.



(figure 4.1)

Pump Pre-Filter Cleaning

We recommend inspecting your pump on a regular basis to ensure it is functioning properly. If you notice the water flow rate diminish, it may be due to the pump's pre-filter cage being blocked with debris. In many cases, the clogged filter cage can be cleaned by reaching into the pond and pulling the pump out of the water to remove the debris from the filter cage.

Important Note: Always disconnect the power before performing maintenance on the pump. Pull off any debris stuck to the pump pre-filter cage and/or use a garden hose to spray off any debris stuck to the filter cage.

WINTER PUMP CARE

In cold climates, Alpine highly recommends to store your pump inside during the coldest months of the year. You may still use your Power Head pump during the winter time, but the Power Head pump cannot be used in below freezing temperatures. This pump is suitable for use in water temperatures from 32 degrees Fahrenheit (0 degrees Celsius) to 95 degrees Fahrenheit (35 degrees Celsius).

Please follow the steps below:

1. Disconnect the plug cord from the power supply.
2. Disconnect the tubing connected to the fitting.
3. Clean the pump and pre-filter with fresh water and store the pump in a frost-free location.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Solutions
1. If your pump has reduced water flow	A. Pump or tubing may be clogged, check area around pump to be sure there is no debris blocking water from entering into the pump. B. It may be necessary to clean the pump pre-filter and impeller. For instructions on how to clean your pump please turn to page 5-6. C. If none of the above solve your issue, the impeller needs to be replaced.
2. If your pump hums and doesn't push water	A. Pump or tubing may be clogged, check area around pump to be sure there is no debris blocking water from entering into the pump. B. It may be necessary to clean the pump pre-filter and impeller. For instructions on how to clean your pump please turn to page 5-6. C. Make sure the pump is receiving the correct voltage. D. If none of the above solve your issue, the impeller needs to be replaced.
3. If your pump has completely shut-off	A. The ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) may have tripped. B. Check the temperature of the water to ensure it's within the working temperatures. C. It may be necessary to clean the pump pre-filter and impeller. For instructions on how to clean your pump please turn to page 5-6. D. If none of the above solve your issue, the impeller needs to be replaced.
4. If your pump turns on and off	A. Pump or tubing may be clogged, check area around pump to be sure there is no debris blocking water from entering into the pump. B. It may be necessary to clean the pump pre-filter and impeller. For instructions on how to clean your pump please turn to page 5-6. C. Check the temperature of the water to ensure it's within the working temperatures. D. If none of the above solve your issue, the impeller needs to be replaced.

(Chart 5.1)