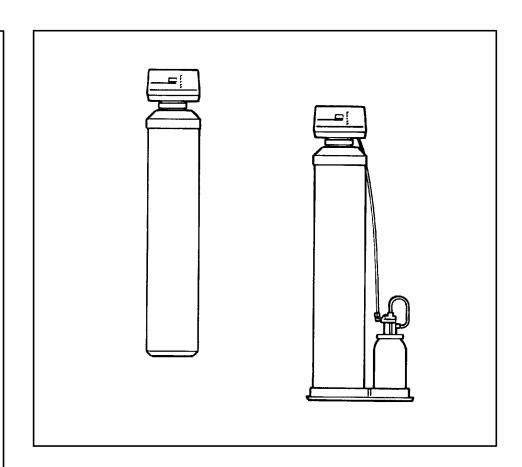
INSTALLATION MANUAL



Kenmore

Water Filters

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INTRODUCTION

This manual gives you the steps needed to install your new Sears Kenmore Water Filter. To better understand how the water filter is installed, and to know what you will need, please read this entire manual before beginning. After you have installed the water filer, the included Owners Manual tells you how to start, program, operate and maintain it. The owners manual also has the product warranty, and a listing or repair parts available from Sears.

Your Sears Water Filter will improve your water supply as described in your owners manual. It will not soften hard water, or remove iron (except for the Automatic Iron Filter that does remove iron). The filter will not purify contaminated water, or make other unsafe water safe to drink.

NOTE:

Sears recommends installing a water softener AFTER an Automatic Iron Filter. In addition to softening the water, the water softener will remove iron that may escape through the iron filter.

Sears sells a complete line of water treating equipment to correct various water problems. To be sure you have the proper type and size equipment, you must have your water tested. Your Sears store can give you water test results for hardness, iron and acidity and tell you what equipment you need. Simply take at least a 4 oz. sample of your water to Sears, and they will test it while you wait. To test for other elements, a qualified testing laboratory must test the water. IF YOU NEED HELP TO GET YOUR WATER TESTED, OR IF YOU HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR WATER, ASK AT YOUR SEARS STORE, OR CALL SEARS WATERLINE . . . 1–800–426–9345.

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1A. SAFETY GUIDES

▲ Read all steps, guides and rules carefully before installing and using your new water filter. Follow all steps exactly to correctly install. Failure to follow them could cause personal injury or property damage. Reading this book will also help you to get all of the benefits from your water filter.

▲ Your water filter will improve your water as described in your owners manual. It will not purify polluted water, or make it safe to drink. Also see the specifications page in the owners manual.

▲ Check with your local public works department for plumbing, electric and sanitation codes. You must follow their guides as you install your filter.

▲ Use only LEAD--FREE SOLDER AND FLUX, as required by Federal and State codes, when installing soldered copper plumbing.

▲ Protect the filter and piping from freezing. Damage from freezing voids the filter warranty. See how to protect from freezing in your owners manual.

PLEASE READ AND COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING GUIDES TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO THE FILTER OR OTHER PROPERTY, PERSONAL INJURY, OR POSSIBLE FATAL SHOCK.

▲ THIS FILTER WORKS ON 24 VOLTS ONLY. BE SURE TO USE THE TRANSFORMER INCLUDED, AND PLUG IT INTO A GROUNDED 120V OUTLET.

▲ Unplug the transformer right away if the power cable should become damaged or frayed. Make repairs before plugging back into the power outlet.

▲ Always unplug the filter from electrical power before removing outer valve covers.

1B. UNPACKING THE WATER FILTER

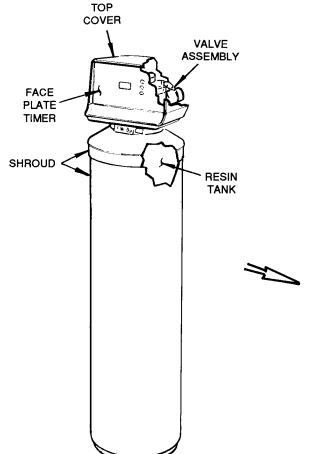
Packed with the filter are installation and owners manuals, an electrical transformer and a bag of several small parts. Automatic Iron Filter models also include a feeder valve and the other parts shown below. You will use all of these parts while installing the filter. So you don't lose any parts, keep in a safe place until you are ready to use them. Remove the filter from the master carton. Discard all cardboard and foam packing pieces.

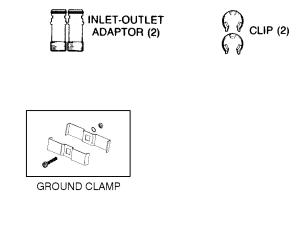
Check the filter for shipping damage. If you find damage, report it to your Sears store.

Use care when handling the filter. DO NOT turn upside down. DO NOT drop, or set on sharp objects that could make a hole in the bottom. The water filter is heavy and to avoid damage, or personal injury, do not try to lift it or move more than necessary. See page 13, when you are ready to move it into installation position.

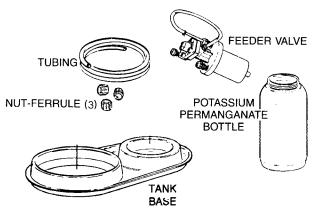
PARTS DESCRIPTIONS

SMALL PARTS





OTHER PARTS OF AUTOMATIC IRON FILTER **ONLY**



1C. WATER SYSTEM TESTS

HAS YOUR WATER SUPPLY HAD A CHEMICAL ANALY-SIS? Please see page 2.

CHECK YOUR WATER PRESSURE — For your filter to work correctly, a water pressure of no lower than 20 pounds per square inch (psi) is needed in the house water pipes. The highest pressure allowed in the water pipes is 125 psi. If pressure is over 125 psi, buy and install a pressure reducing valve in the water inlet pipe and pipe to the filter.

NOTE:

If water pressure during the day is 100 psi or more, pressure during the night may go over 125 psi...Adding a pressure reducing valve may reduce the flow.

If you have a well water system, look at the pressure gauge to find the water pressure. Call you local water department if you have city water. They will tell you what the water pressure is where you live.

CHECK YOUR WATER FLOW RATE – A water flow of 5-1/2 to 7 gallons per minute is needed. A lower flow will keep you filter from working as well as it should. To make an easy check of your flow rate, do the following. You will need a one gallon container (can, jar, pail, etc.).

- **1.** Fully open two cold water faucets close to the point water enters the house.
- **2.** With both faucets open, fill the gallon container at one faucet while looking at a watch or clock to see how many seconds it takes.
- **3.** Empty the container and go to the second faucet (be sure BOTH faucets are still on). Fill the gallon container at the second faucet and see how may seconds it takes.
- **4.** Turn off both faucets. Now add the number of seconds it took to fill the container at both faucets.
- **5.** A total of 35 seconds, or less, means the system flow rate is good.

FOR FUTURE REFERENCE, ENTER RESULTS OF YOUR WATER SYSTEM TESTS IN THE "FACTS AND FIGURES TO KEEP" TABLE IN YOUR OWNERS MANUAL.

FIG. 1

Filter, etc., as shown.

2A. WHERE TO INSTALL THE FILTER

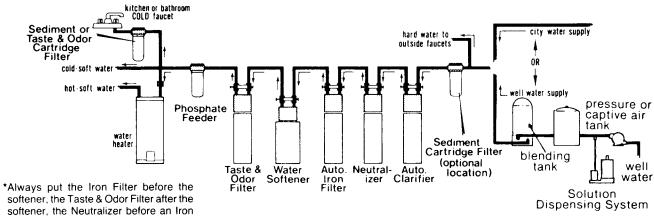
Think of the following points as you choose a place to put your filter (See Figure 1).

- Place as close as possible to the pressure tank (well water) or water meter (city water).
- Place as close as possible to a water drain such as a floor drain, laundry tub, sump or standpipe.
- Connect to the house main water pipe BEFORE THE WATER HEATER. Temperature of water going through the filter must not be more than 120°F (49°C).
- If a water softener, or other filter is installed, locate in the order shown in Figure 1, below.
- DO NOT install in a place where the filter could freeze. Damage caused by freezing voids the warranty by Sears, Roebuck and Co.

- Put the filter in a place water damage is lease likely to occur if it develops a leak. Sears or the manufacturer will not repair or pay for water damage.
- A 120V electrical outlet, to plug the transformer into is needed within 10 feet of the filter (the filter has a 10 foot power cable). Be sure the outlet and transformer are in an inside place, to protect from wet weather. So the filter always has electrical power, use a continuously "live", grounded outlet, that cannot be accidently switched off.
- When installing in an outside location, you must take the steps necessary to assure the filter, installation plumbing, and wiring, are as well protected from the elements, contamination, vandalism, etc., as when installed indoors.
- Keep the filter out of direct sunlight. The sun's heat can melt plastic parts.

THE PROPER ORDER TO INSTALL WATER TREATING EQUIPMENT

(Shows sequence of equipment only — seldom, if ever, would all items be needed)



2B. TOOLS, PIPE AND FITTINGS, OTHER MATERIALS NEEDED

You must first decide how to run in and out pipes to the filter. Look at you house main water pipe at the point you will connect the filter. Is the pipe soldered copper, glued plastic, or threaded galvanized or brass? What is the pipe size? What kind of pipe and fittings is it easiest for you to work with, and what tools do you have?

Now look at the common plans for in and out piping on page 9. Select the drawing best for you and use it as a guide to plan what materials you will need. As you plan your in and out piping, keep in mind the following check list. Then get all the materials you will need before you start.

- In and out pipes to the filter must be at least 3/4" size. Some local codes may tell you to use no less than 1" pipe size (see note, below).
- Use copper, brass, or galvanized pipe and fittings. Some codes may also allow CPVC plastic pipes.
- Copper and galvanized pipe corrode quickly when connected together. Use pipe and fittings of the same material.
- You can buy adaptors to go from a copper or threaded main water pipe to CPVC in and out pipe.
- Sears has kits and bypass valves you can buy to help make installing your filter easier...see page 9.
- ALWAYS install a bypass valve or valves. Either use three shut off valves, or Sears special valve. Bypass valves let you turn off water to the filter, but still have water in the house pipes.

✓ A drain hose is needed to carry away backwash discharge water, from the filter, to a drain point (see step 1 on page 14). The filter is factory equipped with a drain fitting that accepts either 5/8" inside diameter (I.D.) hose onto a barb, or a length of 5/8" minimum I.D. garden hose. You can buy a 15 ft. length of garden hose from Sears, Stock No. 42-3431.

NOTE: Flexible hose is not allowed by some codes. If a rigid drain is required, most hardware stores carry adaptors, garden hose on one end and sweat or pipe thread on the other.

- TOOLS NEEDED: Common and cross point (Phillips) screw drivers, slip joint pliers and a tape measure or rule.
 - ...for SOLDERED COPPER tubing cutter, propane torch. solid core LEAD FREE solder, paste flux, emery cloth, sandpaper or steel wool.
 - ...for THREADED PIPE hacksaw or pipe cutter, pipe wrenches, pipe threading tool, pipe joint compound approved for use on potable water.
 - ...for CPVC PLASTIC hacksaw, adjustable wrench, solvent cement approved for use on potable water, primer.

NOTE, FOR 1" PLUMBING CONNECTIONS

...SOLDERED COPPER – Buy two sweat adaptors (1" female thread x 1" sweat) and plumb directly to the inlet-outlet adaptors or bypass valve. Threads on the inlet-outlet adaptors and bypass valve are 1" pipe thread.

...see (A) and (B). Do not use the installation kit, Sears Stock No. 42–3441, or the flexible conntectors, Sears Stock No. 42–3440.

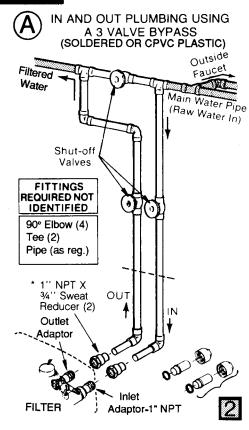
CAUTION:

DO ALL SOLDERING BEFORE CONNECTING SWEAT ADAPTOR TO INLET-OUTLET ADAPTORS OR BYPASS VALVE.

...THREADED PIPE – Use a 1" threaded straight connector in place of the reducer fitting shown in \bigcirc .

2C. TYPICAL IN AND OUT PIPES TO FILTER

FIG. 2



SEARS KITS AND VALVES TO MAKE INSTALLING YOUR FILTER EASIER

BYPASS VALVE (Plastic) Sears Stock No. 42-3437

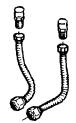
One, easy working valve takes the place of 3 separate valves.

INSTALLATION KIT Sears Stock No. 42-3441

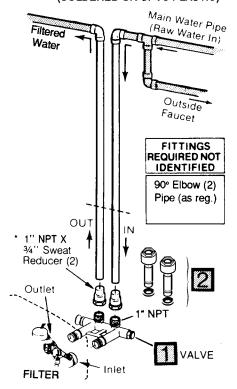
USE TO REPLACE THE 1" X 3/4" SWEAT ADAPTORS IN (A) AND (B) .

FLEXIBLE CONNECTORS Sears Stock No. 42-3440

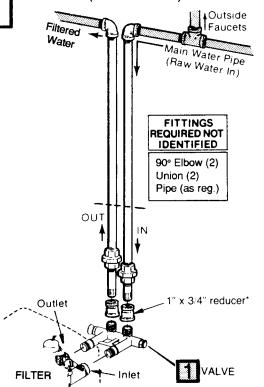
Allows easy hook up even if pipes are not exactly aligned. (CHECK LOCAL PLUMBING CODES)

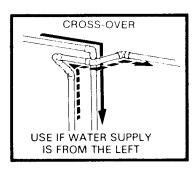


CONNECT FROM IN-OUT PIPES, AT DOTTED LINE, DIRECTLY TO THE INLET AND OUTLET ADAPTORS OR TO BYPASS VALVE 1. SEE A, B, AND . IN AND OUT PLUMBING
USING SEARS SPECIAL PLASTIC
BYPASS VALVE
(SOLDERED OR CPVC PLASTIC)



IN AND OUT PLUMBING USING SEARS PLASTIC BYPASS VALVE (THREADED PIPE)





3A. ASSEMBLE FEEDER VALVE AND BOTTLE, CONNECT TO MINERAL TANK

IF INSTALLING A CLARIFIER, NEUTRALIZER OR TASTE & ODOR FILTER, SKIP THIS PAGE AND GO TO PAGE 11.

1. At the location you have chosen to install the filter, lift and set the mineral tank assembly onto the larger end of the base (Figure 3).

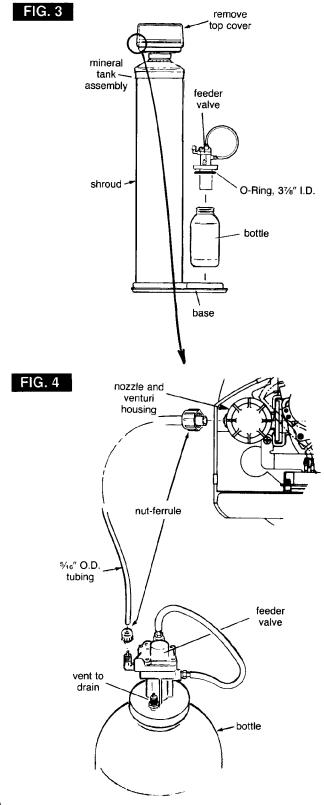
CAUTION: BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU LIFT THE TANK, AS IT IS HEAVY. **DO NOT** LIFT BY THE VALVE OR VALVE COVERS.

2. Check the feeder valve to be sure the large o-ring seal is in place on the underside. Then remove the cap from the bottle and carefully turn the valve into the bottle. After the o-ring just touches the top of the bottle, tighten another 1/8 turn. DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN OR THE BOTTLE WILL DEFORM AND LEAK.

WARNING: HANDLE THE BOTTLE CAREFULLY. THE POWDER (POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE) IN THE BOTTLE STAINS DEEPLY. KEEP IT AWAY FROM CHILDREN.

NOTE: The bottle is only partly filled with powder (about 6 lbs.). The empty part of the bottle is needed so it can fill with water to dissolve the powder.

- **3.** Shake the bottle to level the powder. Then set the bottle and feeder valve assembly into the base, next to the mineral tank (Figure 3). You can turn the base ro the bottle is on either side of the tank.
- **4.** Remove the filter top cover (held in place with four screws).
- **5.** Take the 4 ft. length of 5/16" O.D. plastic tubing and connect it to the feeder valve, and to the nozzle venturi housing on the filter (Figure 4). Tighten the nut-ferrules as tight as you can with your fingers.
- **6.** Carefully replace the top cover, aligning with the face-plate, and install the four screws.



4A. ASSEMBLE INLET-OUTLET ADAPTORS, OR PLASTIC BYPASS VALVE

- **1.** Close the shut off valve on the house main water pipe, near the water meter or pressure tank, to turn off the water.
- 2. Shut off the gas or electric supply to the water heater.
- **3.** Open the highest and lowest water faucets in your house to let water drain from the pipes. Close faucets after water has drained.
- **4.** INSTALL THE INLET AND OUTLET ADAPTORS OR SEARS BYPASS VALVE, SEARS STOCK NO. 42-3437 (FIGURES 6 & 7).

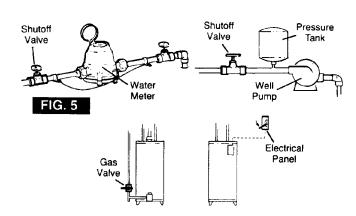
NOTE: If you <u>will</u> install the bypass valve (use following steps a and c), the adaptors are not used. If you <u>do not</u> install the bypass valve, you must use the adaptors (use following steps a and b).

- **a.** Visually check and remove any foreign materials from the valve inlet and outlet ports (Figure 6).
- **b.** INLET AND OUTLET ADAPTORS (Adaptors and clips are on the cardboard liner). Push the adaptors into the valve inlet and outlet ports as far as they will go. Both adaptors are the same and fit either valve port. **SNAP THE TWO LARGE HOLDING CLIPS INTO PLACE FROM THE TOP DOWN AS SHOWN. <u>CAUTION</u> ... BE SURE THE CLIPS SNAP FIRMLY INTO PLACE SO THE ADAPTORS WILL NOT PULL OUT ... GO TO PAGE 12.**

C. BYPASS VALVE, STOCK NO. 42-3437

If not already done, put a light coating of silicone grease or Vaseline on the bypass valve o-rings.

Push the bypass valve into the filter valve as far as it will go. SNAP THE TWO LARGE HOLDING CLIPS INTO PLACE, FROM THE TOP DOWN AS SHOWN ... CAUTION ... BE SURE THE CLIPS SNAP FIRMLY INTO PLACE, SO THE BYPASS VALVE WILL NOT PULL OUT. GO TO PAGE 13.



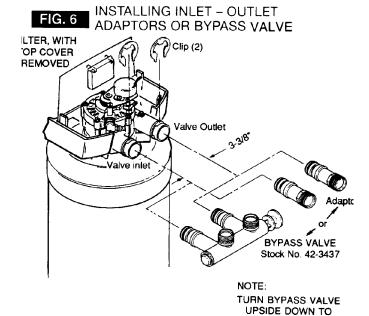
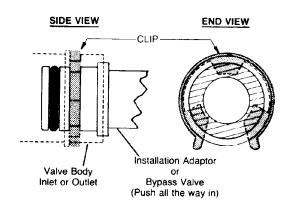


FIG. 7



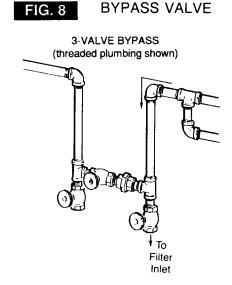
CONNECT TO FLOOR LEVEL PLUMBING

4B. INSTALL THREE VALVE BYPASS

- **1.** INSTALLING THREE VALVE BYPASS AND PIPES (FIGURE 8).
- **a.** Cut the house main water pipe where you will connect the filter. Loosely put together pipe, fittings and the three valves. Place valves within easy reach.

IMPORTANT: WHEN LOOKING AT THE FRONT OF THE FILTER, THE INLET IS ON THE RIGHT SIDE. IF THE WATER IN YOUR HOUSE MAIN WATER PIPE RUNS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, BE SURE TO USE A "CROSS OVER" AS SHOWN ON PAGE 9.

b. When all pipe, fittings and valves make a food fit together, tighten all threaded joints (use pipe dope on outside threads), or solder.



4C. LOCATE FILTER AND CONNECT PIPES

1. MOVE THE FILTER INTO PLACE

Carefully rock the filter, back and forth, and move the filter into position. So the filter stands straight, be sure the surface it sets on is level and smooth. If needed, put apiece of 3/4" plywood under the filter. Then put spacers under the plywood to level the filter. DO NOT PUT SHIMS OR SPACERS DIRECTLY UNDER THE TANK, (OR UNDER THE AUTOMATIC IRON FILTER TANK BASE), WITHOUT THE PLYWOOD. THE FILTERS WEIGHT MAY CAUSE THE OUTER SHROUD, OR THE TANK BASE, TO BREAK OR PUNCTURE.



Read the IMPORTANT note on page 12. Then, measure, cut (thread if needed) and put all pipe and fittings together up to the main water pipe, or to the bypass valve(s) installed on page 12.

NOTE:

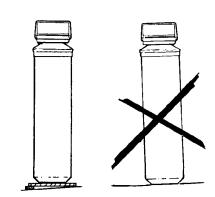
- **a.** Include adaptors, reducers, union fittings, *flexible connectors, installation kit, etc., as needed.
- **b.** Cut pipe lengths exact for correct aligning, and to prevent stress on the filter valve.
- **C.** Use pipe joint compound or Teflon tape on outside pipe threads.
- **d.** When all piping fits together ...
- ... solder all sweat fittings.
- ... prime and cement all CPVC joints.
- ... tighten all threaded joints.

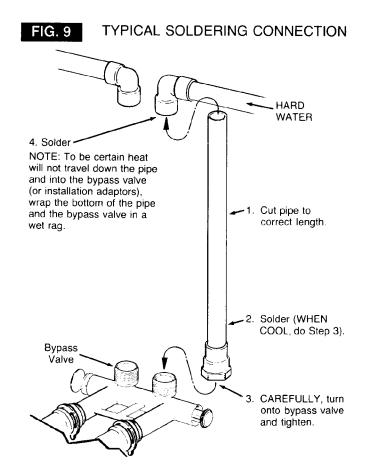
CAUTION:

NEVER SOLDER FITTINGS WHILE CONNECTED TO NON-METALLIC PARTS. WAIT UNTIL SOLDERED PIPE HAS COOLED BEFORE CONNECTION (See Figure 9).

BE VERY CAREFUL WHEN PUTTING PIPE FITTINGS ONTO THE PLASTIC THREADS OF THE INLET-OUT-LET ADAPTORS, OR THE BYPASS VALVE. DO NOT CROSS THREAD. DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.

*Flexible connectors are not allowed in all areas. CHECK YOUR LOCAL CODES.





4D. CONNECT DRAIN HOSES

1. CONNECT THE VALVE DRAIN HOSE

Attach a length of 5/8" minimum inside diameter hose to the filter and run to the floor drain or other suitable drain point. Other suitable drains include a laundry tub, sump, or a standpipe.

To attach drain hose at the filter (Figure 10), the drain fitting has both garden hose threads and a hose barb. Do the following, depending on the type of hose you use.

<u>GARDEN HOSE:</u> Remove the drain fitting from the valve. It is held in place by a plastic clip. Use a hacksaw to cut the hose barbs from the end of the fitting. Replace the fitting in the valve and attach the drain hose.

<u>HOSE ONTO BARB FITTING:</u> Push the end of the hose all the way onto the barbs. USE AND AUTOMOTIVE CLAMP OR A SPRING CLAMP TO HOLD IT IN PLACE.

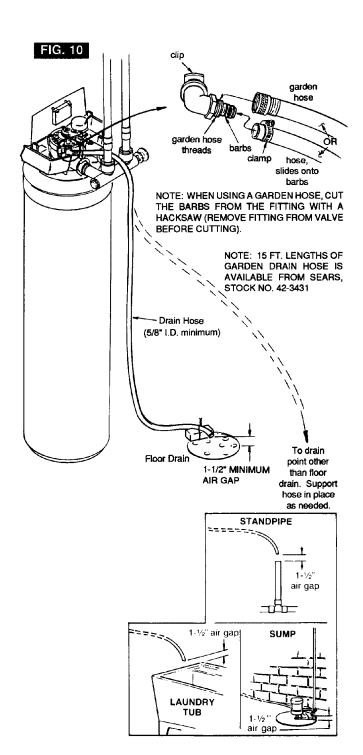
IMPORTANT:

Flexible drain hose is not allowed in all areas. SEE NOTE ON PAGE 8.

Leave an air gap of about 1-1/2" between the end of the hose and the drain. This gap is needed to prevent sewer back flow into the filter. DO NOT put the end of the hose into the drain or connect without an air gap.

Place or support the hose so it does not kink or have sharp bends. FASTEN THE END OF THE HOSE TO A BRICK OR OTHER HEAVY OBJECT SO WATER PRESSURE WILL NOT MAKE IT "WHIP".

Keep the hose lower than the drain fitting. In some homes, to get to a drain you must raise the hose and run it over head. If you need and over head drain, do not raise the hose more than 8' above the floor or the filter will not work as it should.



4D. CONNECT DRAIN HOSES

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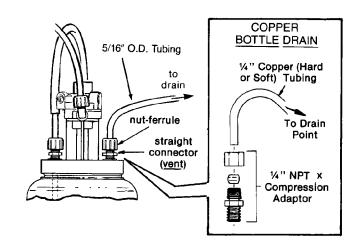
2. CONNECT THE BOTTLE DRAIN TUBING AUTOMATIC IRON FILTER

Connect a length of 5/16" plastic tubing to the vent fitting on the feeder valve (Figure 11) using a nut ferrule. Put the other end of the tubing over the drain and fasten it to the valve drain hose so it stays over the drain. If a copper drain is needed, get the tubing and fittings shown it Figure 11.

WARNING:

THIS DRAIN (VENT) MUST ALWAYS BE OPEN TO ALLOW AIR TO ENTER AND LEAVE THE BOTTLE. IF PLUGGED, THE BOTTLE WILL COLLAPSE. IF THE BOTTLE OVER FILLS, SOME POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE SOLUTION COULD COME FROM FROM THE DRAIN TUBING. BE SURE THE END OF THE TUBING IS ALWAYS OVER THE DRAIN.

FIG. 11 BOTTLE DRAIN TUBING, AUTOMATIC IRON FILTER



4E. PRESSURE TEST - CHECK FOR LEAKS

TESTING YOUR PLUMBING WORK FOR WATER LEAKS.

CAUTION:

TO AVOID WATER OR AIR PRESSURE DAMAGE TO FILTER INNER PARTS, AT TO FLUSH PIPE CHIPS OR OTHER RESIDUE FROM THE WATER PIPES, BE SURE TO DO THE FOLLOWING STEPS EXACTLY AS INSTRUCTED.

Look at the picture in Figure 13 showing your kind of bypass valve(s).

- 1. Fully open two cold, filtered water faucets nearby the filter.
- **2.** Place bypass valve(s) in "bypass" position. On a single valve, slide the stem into BYPASS. On a three valve system, close the inlet and outlet valves and open the bypass valve.
- **3.** Fully open the house main water pipe shut off valve. Observe steady water flow from both open faucets.
- **4.** Place bypass valve(s) in "Service", <u>EXACTLY</u> as follows. KEEP FILTERED WATER FAUCETS OPEN.
- **a.** SINGLE BYPASS VALVE: **SLOWLY** slide the valve stem towards "Service", pausing several times to allow the filter to pressurize slowly.
- **b.** THREE VALVE BYPASS: Fully close the bypass valve and open the outlet valve. **SLOWLY** open the inlet valve, pausing several times to allow the filter to pressurize slowly.
- 5. AFTER ABOUT THREE MINUTES, OPEN A HOT WATER FAUCET FOR ABOUT ONE MINUTE, OR UNTIL ALL AIR IS EXPELLED, THEN CLOSE.
- 6. CLOSE BOTH COLD WATER FAUCETS.
- **7.** Check your plumbing work for leaks and fix right away if any are found. BE SURE TO OBSERVE PREVIOUS CAUTION NOTES.

FIG. 12 MAIN WATER SHUTOFF VALVES

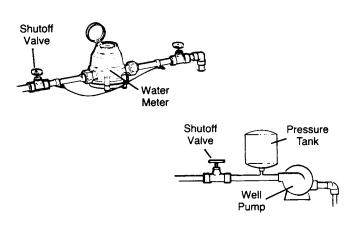
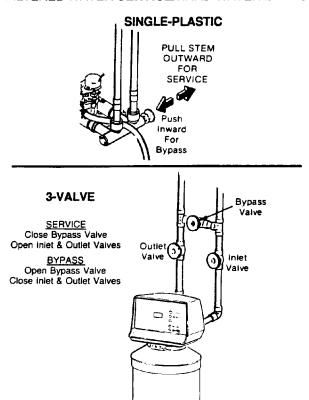


FIG. 13 BYPASS VALVE (S) FILTERED WATER SERVICE/HARD WATER BYPASS



4F. GROUNDING, CONNECT TO ELECTRICAL POWER

1. INSTALL GROUNDING WIRE BETWEEN THE FILTER IN AND OUT PIPES

The house cold water pipe (iron or copper) is often used to ground all electric outlets in the home. Outlets are grounded to protect you from shock when you touch any electric appliance plugged into the outlet. If you didn't install a three valve bypass (Figure 13), the cold water pipe ground is broken.

To restore the ground, install the ground clamp to the inlet and outlet pipes. Be sure the pipes are clean under the clamps and wire for good contact.

IMPORTANT:

Be sure the cold water pipe has direct metal to metal contact all the way to the ground. Plastic, rubber or other electrically insulating parts such as hoses, fittings, washers or gaskets can break the direct metal to metal contact. Also check the water meter (city water) or the well pump. Install a #4 copper jumper wire, clamped tightly on both ends, across insulated parts (Figure 15).

2. ELECTRIC POWER OUTLET FOR YOUR FILTER

The filter works on 24 volt, 60 Hz electric power. The included transformer changes standard 120 volt AC house power to 24 volts. You must plug the transformer into a grounded, 120 volt outlet only. Be sure the outlet is always "live" so someone cannot turn it off by mistake.

NOTE:

The included transformer is made for inside use only. Be sure the electrical outlet you plug the transformer into is inside, to protect from weather (see page 7).

FIG. 14 COLD WATER PIPE GROUND

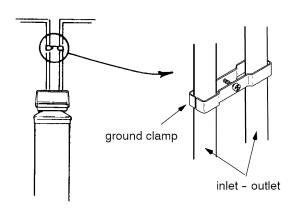


FIG. 15 WATER METER JUMPER WIRE

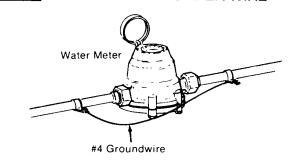
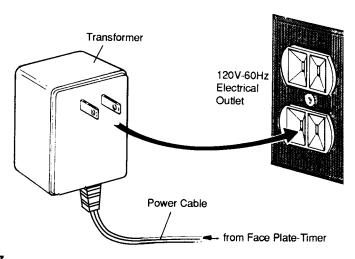


FIG. 16 CONNECTING TRANSFORMER



RESTART THE WATER HEATER

TURN ON THE GAS (OR ELECTRIC) SUPPLY TO THE WATER HEATER AND LIGHT THE PILOT.

NOTE:

Your new Sears filter is now filtering the water for your household needs. However, your **WATER HEATER** is filled with unfiltered water. To have fully filtered water right away, you can drain the water heater so it refills with

filtered water. If you don't drain it, it will take a few days before you have fully filtered water.

To drain the water heater, open a hot water faucet and let it run until the water turns cold. Then close the faucet.

YOUR PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL WORK IS COMPLETE. NOW GO TO YOUR OWNERS MANUAL AND DO THE FILTER START UP STEPS ... setting the timer, sanitizing, etc.