



# Spectra 3

Sand Filter with 2 Position Valve

Model 314 — Item No. 1-1480-089

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## Owner's Guide

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**“READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS.”** Failure to follow these important safety instructions and other basic safety precautions may result in serious personal injury.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Before you begin installing your filter, refer to your pump owners guide for very important installation and electrical information related to your filter.

### ELECTRICAL/BUILDING PERMIT

Local building codes may require obtaining an electrical or building permit and may have regulations on set backs and barriers that must be followed.

### ELECTRICAL

We recommend you have a qualified electrical contractor install the electrical power supply as specified in your pump instructions.

### INSTALLED LOCATION

Position filter, pump and any other related components a minimum of 4 feet from pool to prevent their being used as a means to climb into the pool by young children. **DO NOT** store toys, chairs, tables, containers or other objects within 4 feet of the pool for the same reason.

### WARNING

**SEVERE ELECTRICAL SHOCK** could result if you install your filter and pump on a deck or above pool water level. They could fall into the water, causing severe shock or electrocution. **DO NOT** install on a deck or other surface at, above or slightly below the top rail of the pool.

### PROPERLY SUPPORTED

Filter, pump and any other related components should be properly supported to prevent damage from misalignment, settlement, vibration and mounted so as to minimize the potential for the accumulation of debris and moisture.

### ACCESSIBILITY

The circulation system components should be installed to allow accessibility for inspection, repair or replacement. **DO NOT** alter the pump electrical cord in any way or change the plug end to any style. **DO NOT** use an extension cord(s). Severe electrical shock may occur.

### PREVENT SEVERE SHOCK

To prevent the risk of severe electrical shock, plug your pump cord end into a grounding type receptacle protected by a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). Contact a qualified electrician if you cannot verify that the receptacle is protected by a GFCI.

**DO NOT** allow children to operate or play around this product unless they are closely supervised by adults at all times.

Replace damaged cord immediately to reduce the risk of electrical shock.

### DO NOT BURY CORD

An unexposed cord may accidentally become damaged or severed by a sharp object or shovel resulting in severe electrical shock. Position cord to prevent accidental damage from lawn mowers, hedge trimmers or other equipment.

### BARE FEET/WET GROUND

This is a dangerous combination around electrical equipment. Always be sure the ground under your feet and body is dry before you touch electrical equipment. Failure to heed this warning may cause severe personal injury or electrocution due to severe electrical shock.

### WARNING

Avoid direct water spraying with a garden hose around electrical outlets, pump or any other electrical devices. Severe electrical shock or electrocution may occur.

### SERVICING YOUR PUMP

Always unplug your pump from the receptacle before servicing, adjusting or repairing.

Did you read the **IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**? If not, **READ THEM NOW**. They contain very important safety information related to the installation of your filter. Familiarize yourself with the installation sequences by reading these instructions first. **AVOID SHORT-CUTS** that may result in reworking the installation.

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

The pool must be properly erected per your pool assembly and installation instructions before installing the filter. Install the surface skimmer and return fitting.

Before completing the filling of the pool to the water level indicator marks on the skimmer face plate, the filter and pump should be installed with all connections secured tightly.

## TOOLS REQUIRED

- Phillips screwdriver
- Flat head screwdriver
- Flat shovel
- Carpenter Level
- Tape Measure

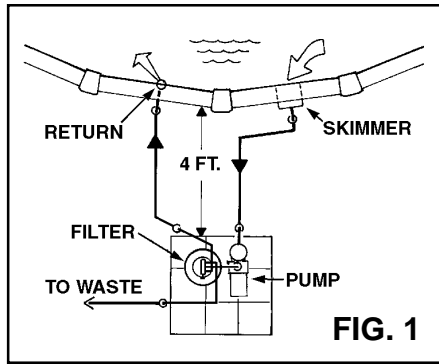
## MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Nine 12" x 12" patio blocks
- Waste hose - 1-1/2" inside diameter
- 1-1/2" hose clamp
- Silicone lubricant (available at pool dealer)
- Ordinary plastic bag
- 80 lbs. of #20 grade filter sand

## INSTALLATION

### INSTALLATION LOCATION

Install your filter and pump and any other related components at least 4 feet from the pool to prevent their being used as a means of access to the pool by young children. Patio blocks provide firm support and keep standing water and weeds away from electrical parts. **DO NOT** install your filter and pump directly on the ground surface. Settling and stressing of circulation lines may occur during wet seasons. Position patio blocks as illustrated, use a shovel and carpenter's level to level ground before placing the blocks.



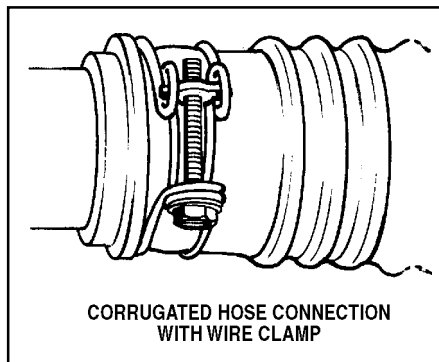
### POSITIONING FILTER/PUMP

Position the filter and pump as shown in FIG. 1.

### INSTALL HOSES

See Fig. 1 and Exploded Parts Illustration

**IMPORTANT:** Incorrect hose hook-up could cause damage to your filter system. Follow the instructions below carefully.



Suction and return lines should be partially buried to prevent accidental tripping that could cause personal injury or damage to the filter system. Be sure the hoses are routed so that water flow through them is not restricted.

Starting at least 12" from the pool wall, make two 3-4" deep trenches, one from the pool skimmer to the front of the pump and the other from the pool return fitting to the front of the filter pad.

The two 8 ft. long hoses (Items 23) are interchangeable and used for the suction and return lines. Slip a hose clamp over the ends of each hose prior to installing. Connect one long hose (suction line) between the pool skimmer and front port of the pump. Connect the other long hose (return

line) between the pool return fitting and valve port marked "POOL PORT." Connect the short hose (Item 20) between the pump discharge port (located at top of pump) and the valve pump port, marked "PUMP PORT." Tighten clamps firmly using a flathead screwdriver or 5/16" nutdriver. Cover the trenches with a firm board when finished.

NOTE: Do not completely bury the hoses with dirt.

### ELECTRICAL OUTLET

Refer to your pump owner's guide for detailed information pertaining to the requirements and regulations for safe electrical installation of the power supply, receptacle outlet, switching and ground fault interrupter.

### WASTE LINE HOOK-UP

The discharge waste water will contain pool water treatment chemicals that may harm certain plants and vegetation. Therefore, position the discharge end of the waste line in a safe, out-of-sight area capable of accepting 100 to 150 gallons of waste water. Install a 1-1/2" inside diameter waste discharge hose (not supplied) on the **waste** port located on the valve. Slip a 1-1/2" hose clamp (not supplied) over one end of the hose. Then, push hose onto the port fully and tighten clamp firmly.

### INSTALL FILTER SAND

Your filter is designed to provide peak performance using #20 grade filter (.4/.5 mm) sand. The sand should be uniform in size and appear as crushed sand with sharp edges. Rounded river bed sand will not filter properly. Consult your local pool store.

### REMOVE COVER CLAMP

Turn tank clamp screws counter-clockwise to loosen clamp. Remove clamp.

### REMOVE COVER

Lift cover off tank. Remove large o-ring.

## COVER RISER TUBE

Slip a plastic bag over the riser tube and secure with rubber band.

## INSTALL SAND

Gently pour 80 lbs. of filter sand into tank and level surface with palm of hand. Remove any sand from plastic bag and tank flange sealing surface. Remove rubber band and plastic bag.

## REINSTALL COVER

Position large o-ring on tank flange sealing surface and place cover on top, aligning o-ring into cover groove. Install tank clamp, sandwiching cover and tank flanges. Tighten tank clamp screws securely.

## FINISH FILLING POOL

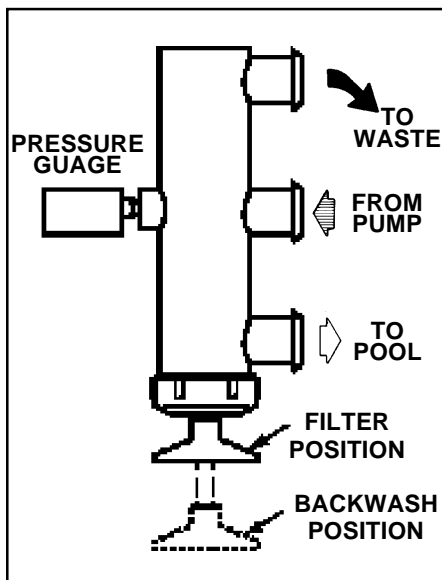
Finish filling your pool, referring to skimmer installation and pool assembly instructions for proper water level.

## VALVE OPERATION

Your new filter has two positions of operation which are explained below. To change positions of the valve, make sure the pump is off.

**FILTERING:** Push handle in fully for filtering or vacuuming pool.

**BACKWASH:** Pull handle out completely for backwashing (cleaning) filter. Water is discharged to waste through the valve's waste port. Use for two minutes or until water runs clear.



## INITIAL START UP

Before you begin filtering your pool, the filter sand must be backwashed thoroughly to remove the extra fine sand grains normally found in new filter sand.

1. Loosen the pump strainer pot lid to allow air to escape. Tighten lid when water begins to flow between strainer pot lid and strainer body. Do not over-tighten.
2. Plug in your pump to the GFCI protected receptacle. Refer to **WARNINGS**.
3. Pull valve handle out fully to the **BACKWASH** position.
4. Start pump. During this initial start-up allow 4-5 minutes to flush out the super-fine sand grains to prevent them plugging the underdrain slots. Because pool water is lost during this operation (100 to 150 gallons) keep a close check on pool water level. Never let water level get so low that no water flows to pump. Refill pool as required.
5. Stop pump. Push valve handle in fully to the **FILTER** position and start pump. Note the pressure reading on your pressure gauge for future reference of when to backwash.
6. Check all fittings and hoses for leaks and correct if necessary.

## FILTER OPERATION

A newly filled pool is normally filled with unfiltered water and usually requires continuous filtering for 24 to 48 hours along with chemical treatment of the pool water. Because all pool installations vary in environmental conditions (wind, rain, airborne debris, heat and pool use, etc.), it is impossible to provide an accurate filtering time for normal usage. Use a trial and error method to determine how long your filter must operate each day. Generally, 6 to 8 hours of filtering each day is sufficient to maintain pool clarity if the pool chemical treatment is correct.

As the water clears, less backwashing will be required. Consult your local pool store for helpful advice in keeping your pool clean and sanitary. When possible, avoid operating your

filter during peak electricity demands in your community. Check with your local electric utility company for the best times they recommend for operating your filter pump.

## WHEN TO BACKWASH

As your filter removes debris from the pool water during the filtering process, the return flow will gradually decrease. Backwash when the pressure gauge increases 5 to 7 pounds above the clean filter starting pressure. Normal backwash duration is 1-1/2 to 2 minutes, or until water runs clear.

## VACUUMING YOUR POOL

When vacuuming your pool, debris is caught in the filter at a very rapid rate. Consequently, the filter must work harder, causing a rapid increase in filter pressure as will be indicated on the pressure gauge. Frequent backwashing could be necessary during this process depending on the amount of dirt being vacuumed off the pool floor. Keep a check on the pool water level and refill as required.

## MAINTENANCE

Preventative maintenance will provide continued smooth performance and extend the life of your filter for many years. Neglect will cause parts to wear or bind, leaks to occur and result in costly repairs. Keep moving parts lubricated and a clean environment around your filter and related components.

## LUBRICATION

There are various types of lubricants available. However, most are intended for moving metal parts. Unfortunately, these lubricants will harm or degrade the plastics. **DO NOT** use petroleum base lubricants. Many people consider "PETROLEUM JELLY" safe for babies and can be applied to anything. But, it will **DESTROY** most plastics and o-ring seals. Silicone lubricants are available at your pool dealer and are safe for use on plastics and o-rings.

## LUBE VALVE SHAFT

**Periodically lubricate the valve shaft and internal o-rings in your filter valve to maintain smooth operation.**

1. Stuff a rag in the return fitting and into the bottom inside outlet of your skimmer to reduce water back-flow exiting the valve body when the piston assembly is removed.
2. Unscrew valve cover and pull piston assembly up and out of valve body.
3. Lightly lubricate the piston o-rings and Valve Shaft with silicone lubricant.
4. Reinstall piston assembly and remove rags from skimmer and return fitting.
5. Actuate piston assembly up and down to distribute the lubricant, then resume normal operations.

## REPAIRS

Servicing should be performed by a qualified dealer. If disassembly is attempted, mark each of the parts assembled position as it relates to its mating parts. This assures proper alignment when reassembled. Malfunction will occur if not properly assembled. See your dealer for original replacement parts.

## CAUTION

**BEFORE** removing filter or pump from pool for servicing, prevent the backflow of water from your skimmer and return inlet from flowing out of disconnected hoses.

1. Remove skimmer cover and basket and plug inside bottom hole with rag.
2. Referring to the instructions for your return inlet, remove the inlet cover and eye ball. Insert the winterizing disc and reinstall the cover.
3. Disconnect hoses on filter or pump as necessary when removing for service or repairs.

## DRAIN TANK

### See Caution Above

1. Loosen tank clamp screws and remove tank clamp from filter. Remove cover and o-ring.
2. Remove tank drain cap to drain.
3. Place plastic bag over riser tube in tank and secure with a rubber band. Scoop out sand with a medium size can and place in plastic bag.
4. After servicing, reassemble and install in reverse. Make sure tank o-ring and sealing areas are free of any sand, and that the o-ring is re-lubricated with silicone lubricant, and properly seated in the cover groove before replacing cover.

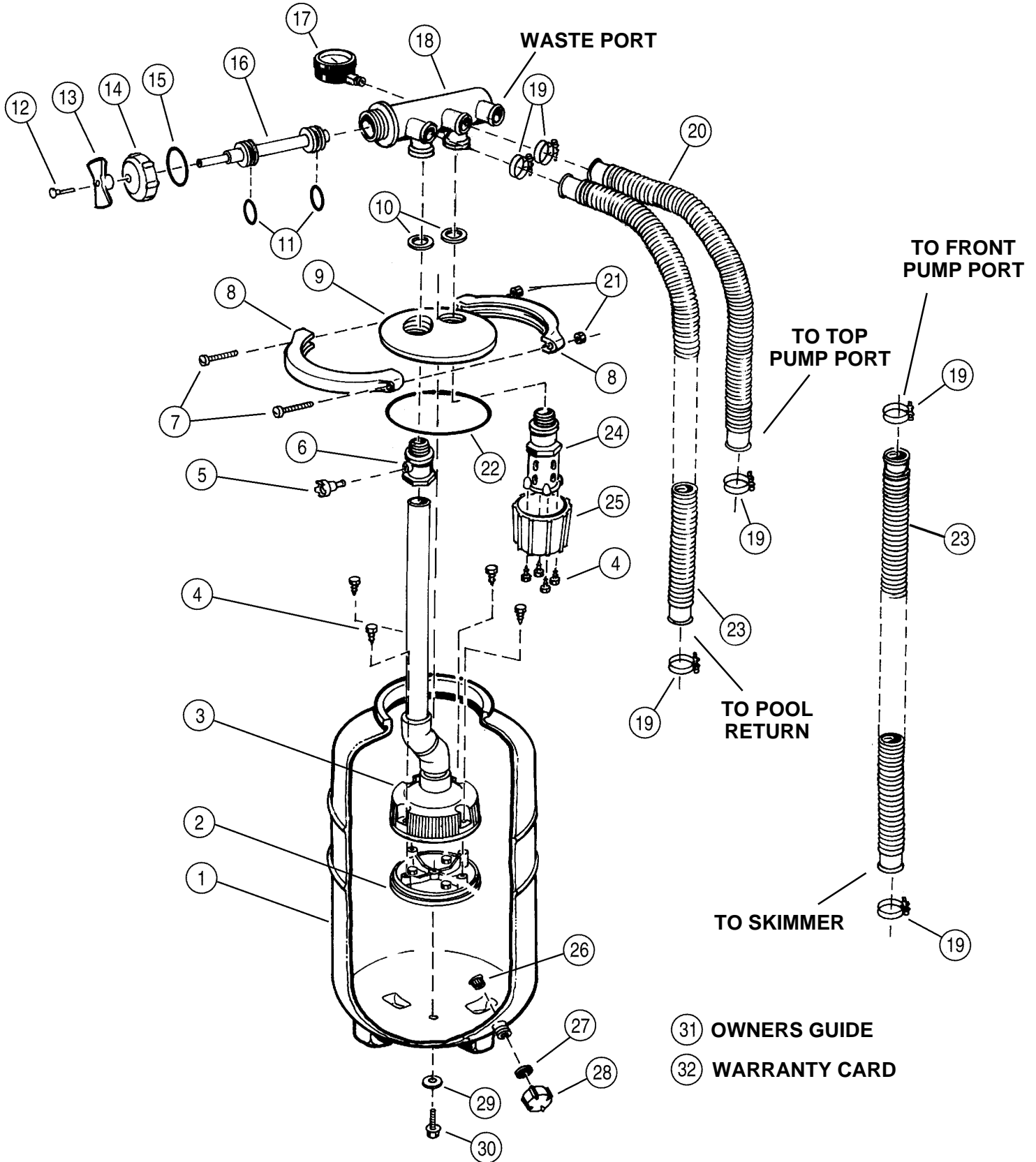
## WINTERIZING FILTER

In areas subject to freezing damage, it is mandatory that the filter, pump and any related components be removed from the pool and stored indoors. (Refer to individual components owners guide such as pump, skimmer, chlorinator, etc., for specific winterizing instructions.)

1. Backwash the filter.
2. Syphon pool water level down below skimmer opening by using your vacuum hose and allow water to flow to an area that can accept a couple of thousand gallons or more.
3. Remove tank clamp from filter and remove cover and o-ring.
4. Remove tank drain cap and allow tank to drain fully.
5. Disconnect all hoses.
6. Place plastic bag over riser tube in tank and secure with a rubber band. Scoop sand out with a medium size can and place in plastic bag. If sand is not badly contaminated, save for next season.
7. Store all components in a warm dry area indoors.

**DAMAGE CAUSED BY FREEZING TEMPERATURES IS NOT COVERED BY PRODUCT WARRANTY.**

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**Parts List**  
**Spectra 3 Model 314**  
**Lomart Sand Filter with 2 Position Valve**

ITEM	PART #	QTY	DESCRIPTION
*1	1121-1573	1	Tank
2	1107-1636	1	Underdrain Base Assembly
3	1107-1635	1	Underdrain Assembly
4	330-1023	8	#8 x 5/8" Screw
5	343-1100	1	Air Relief
6	340-1285	1	Valve Adaptor
7	330-1260	2	1/4-20 x 1-1/2" Mach. Screw
8	340-2213	1	Tank Clamp
9	340-2212	1	Tank Cover
10	308-1109	2	Valve Port Gasket
11	308-1006	2	Piston O-ring
12	324-1018	1	1/4-20 x 1" Bolt
13	340-1843	1	Valve Handle
14	1107-1278	1	Valve Cap
15	308-1081	1	Valve Cap Gasket
16	340-1280	1	Valve Spool
17	395-1014	1	2" Pressure Gauge
18	1121-1587	1	Valve Body w/Decal
19	387-1003	6	1-1/2" Hose Clamp
20	346-1019	1	1-1/2" x 4' Hose
21	321-1004	2	1/4-20 Hex Nut
22	308-1252	1	Tank O-ring - 7.225 I.D. x .275 c/s
23	346-1037	2	1-1/2" x 8' Hose
24	340-1284	1	Distributor Body
25	340-1288	1	Distributor Dish
26	340-2200	1	Drain Screen
27	307-1001	1	Drain Cap Gasket
28	340-1578	1	Drain Cap
29	308-1225	1	5/16" Thread Seal
30	330-1245	1	5/16-18 x 1-1/4" Bolt
31	365-1793	1	Owner's Guide
32	368-1069	1	Warranty Card

\* Includes items 26, 27 & 28.

# TROUBLESHOOTING SAND FILTERS

PROBLEMS	POSSIBLE CAUSE	REMEDIES
1 - High gauge pressure, low return flow	1 - Insufficient backwashing. 2 - Excessive contaminants or algae in sand. 3 - Filter sand is too fine. 4 - Underdrain plugged.	1 - Backwash filter. 2 - Backwash filter 3 - Use #20 filter sand. 4 - Replace sand.
2 - Low gauge pressure, low flow. Pump sucking in air. Pump sounds like marbles rattling in it.	1 - Water level too low in pool. 2 - Restriction on suction side of pump. 3 - Skimmer or strainer basket filled with debris.	1 - Fill pool so water is between marks on skimmer face plate. 2 - Clear obstruction in skimmer, hoses or pump. 3 - Clean skimmer and strainer baskets.
3 - High flow, low or normal gauge pressure but pool water will not clear up.	1 - Pool water is chemically out of balance. 2 - Sand too coarse. 3 - Sand grains rounded or worn.	1 - Check with test kit or contact dealer. 2 - Use #20 filter sand. 3 - Use crushed #20 filter sand.
4 - Short filter cycles.	1 - Excessive contaminants or algae in sand or pool. 2 - Improper backwashing. 3 - Sand too fine.	1 - Check chemical balance. Filter will require frequent backwashing. 2 - Backwash filter thoroughly. Waste hose too long or restricted. 3 - Replace sand with #20 filter sand.
5 - Sand entering pool.	1 - Defective underdrain. 2 - Sand too fine.	1 - Replace underdrain. 2 - Use #20 filter sand.
6 - Water leaking to waste.	1 - Valve not seated in filter position. 2 - Defective gasket in valve body.	1 - Actuate valve handle and make sure valve is seated. 2 - Replace gasket or contact dealer.  Note: Contact your pool dealer for any problems you cannot solve.

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