In-Pond Skimmer
PS1000A
Mfg #26562

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TetraPond PS1000A

PUMP RECOMMENDATIONS
Use with pumps between 550 and 1900 gallons per hour
TetraPond Pumps GPH @ 1 foot height
Water Garden Pump 550 GPH 550 GPH
Water Garden Pump 1000 GPH 1000 GPH
Water Garden Pump 1900 GPH 1900 GPH

Hose to Pump Intake Adapter
(1¼in. Barb / 1¼in. Thread)

1¼in. ID Tubing

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HOW THE IN-POND SKIMMER WORKS

ASSEMBLY OF IN-POND SKIMMER SYSTEM

A) Insert barb adapter to the “pump side” of skimmer.
B) Secure with locknut.
C) Insert plug into opposite side and secure with locknut.
D) Insert filter pad.
E) Insert basket on top of filter pad.
F) Add gravel in the corner pockets for weight.

POSITIONING THE IN-POND SKIMMER

Options for positioning the skimmer:

Pond with waterfall
Place on a shelf on the opposite side of water feature (as shown in illustration)

Pond without waterfall
Place on a shelf anywhere around the pond

Water Level Considerations:

A) Be sure to fill the pond to it’s maximum height (to the point of overflowing)
B) The skimmer should be placed at a depth so the pond water surface is 1 in. below the top of the weir opening. Do not place skimmer any deeper than this.
C) To raise the skimmer to the ideal depth, place flat rocks under the skimmer, or a stable bed of gravel.
D) If the existing pond shelf is not deep enough:
   a) Lower the shelf (if practical) or
   b) Place blocks or bricks on bottom of pond to elevate the skimmer to the ideal depth.

Waranty information and mail in warranty card on reverse side.

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Typical In-Pond Skimmer Application

In-Pond Skimmer

1¼ in. ID Tubing (included with unit)

1¾ in. ID Tubing

Waterfall Filter

(sold separately)

1 in. or 1½ in. ID Tubing

(not included)

Water Garden Pump 500-1900 GPH

(sold separately)

CONNECTING THE PUMP TO THE SKIMMER WITH TUBING

A) Thread the adapter into pump hole. (Included with unit)

B) Push tubing onto hose barb.

C) Optional secure with hose clamp. (not included)

D) Attach the other end of tube to the skimmer. Optional: Secure with hose clamp. (not included)

The assembly is ready to place in the pond.

HI DING THE SKIMMER IN THE POND

To create a natural looking pond environment, the skimmer can be concealed with rocks and plants.

A) Place a flat stone on top of the lid.

B) Optional: Place small plants on the corners.

CAUTION: Do not step on skimmer.

Cleaning the Skimmer

Basket - Debris and leaves collect inside the skimmer in a basket. Open lid, remove and clean basket.

Basket Pad - The fiber mat should be inspected and rinsed off.

Skimmer Pad - The fiber mat should be inspected and rinsed off.

The interval between each cleaning is dependent on time of the season. Typically as pond season kicks in (early spring) or at the end (in the fall), cleaning of the skimmer must be done more often due to fallen leaves and debris. After that, a rule of thumb is about once a week.

CAUTION: If there is a high load of leaves and debris in basket, this may cause the pump to run dry. Check basket often especially at the start/end of the pond season.

WINTER CARE

WARNING: Bring the skimmer indoors during the winter, before ice forms on the pond. The skimmer can be damaged if frozen in the water, and the warranty does not cover ice damage.

REPLACEMENT PARTS

Replacement pad available through your retailer (item # 19014)

For other parts, please contact our specialist at Tetra Customer Care

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