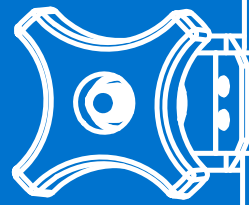


# AQUAMINI

USER & INSTALLATION GUIDE





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# Aquamini User Guide

## About the Aquamini Drinking Water System

- The Multipure Aquamini Drinking Water System (AQUAMINI1) is designed for use on the countertop next to the sink.
- The Aquamini includes accessories and fittings required for installation.
- If installation or operation assistance is required, please contact your Multipure Independent Builder. If the Independent Builder is unavailable, please contact Multipure Customer Service at 1.800.622.9206.

## Aquamini Features

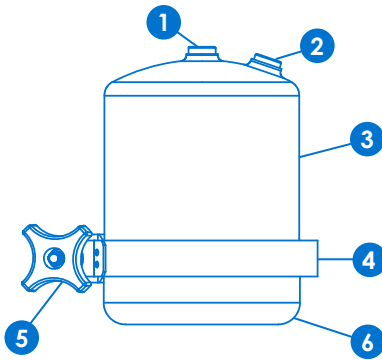
- Easy and convenient to use; provides delicious, clear, healthier drinking water whenever you need it.
- Better-tasting beverages - coffee, tea, juices, and drinks of all kinds.
- Use for food preparation, improving the taste of fruits and vegetables.
- Highest quality water for cooking - better pasta, sauces, soups, etc.
- Your pets will love it too!
- Guaranteed quality backed by an outstanding customer satisfaction guarantee and warranty.
- Cost-effective solution to meet your budget and replaces costly bottled water
- Attaches easily to your faucet without tools.
- Reliable protection for all of your family's drinking water needs.

# Before You Begin

Please read this manual before proceeding with the installation and use of your system. Installation, operation, and maintenance requirements are essential to the performance of your system—failure to follow any instructions or operating parameters contained herein may lead to product damage or product failure.

- Replacement filters can be purchased directly from Multipure. For the latest prices, please visit our website at <http://www.multipure.com/store/>.
- Actual filter life depends on the amount of water used and the level of impurities in the water. See section **Regarding Filter Capacity (Pg 9)** for additional details.
- Multipure Drinking Water Systems are not intended for use with microbiologically unsafe water or non-municipally-treated water. See section **Frequently Asked Questions (Pg 13)** for additional details.
- Do not allow water to freeze in the system. If the system is exposed to freezing temperatures, drain water from the system and remove the filter. Allow the filter to thaw before replacing and reusing.
- Do not allow water to sit in the system for extended periods of time (i.e., 10 days or more) without use. See section **Flushing / Disinfecting the System (Pg 8)** for additional details.
- To dispose of the used filter, remove it from the housing and place in normal refuse. Filters disposed in a normal landfill will not release any chemical contaminants and may continue to adsorb additional contaminants in the landfill.

# Aquamini Drinking Water System



1. Outlet
2. Inlet
3. Housing Top
4. V-Band
5. V-Band Knob
6. Housing Bottom

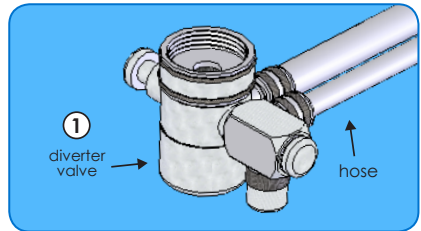
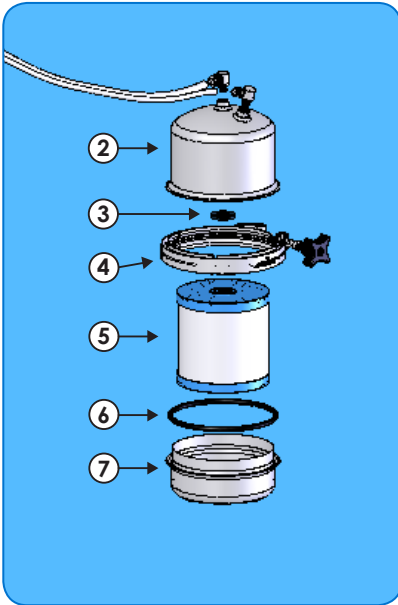
## Specifications

<b>Model Name:</b>	Aquamini (AQUAMINI1)
<b>Approximate Filter Capacity:</b>	250 Gallons
<b>Replacement Filter Type:</b>	CBMINI
<b>Approximate Flow Rate:</b>	0.50 gpm @60 psi
<b>Pressure Vessel Composition:</b>	Stainless Steel
<b>Rubber Items:</b>	Silicone
<b>Outlet:</b>	1/8" NPT
<b>Inlet:</b>	1/8" NPT
<b>Working Pressure Range:</b>	30 psi (2.1 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> ) to 100 psi (7.0 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Operating Temperature Range:</b>	32° F (0° C) to 100° F (38° C) - for cold water use only
<b>Particle Retention Size:</b>	0.5 micron (sub-micron)

# Countertop Installation

## Overview & Part Numbers

Item #	Part #	Part Description
1	MC6400ASBL	Hose and Diverter Valve
2	MCLMINI	Housing top
3	MC252S	Black rubber cushion (inside housing top)
4	MC253	V-band with knob
5	CBMINI	Carbon Block Filter cartridge
6	MC351S	O-ring
7	MCBMINI	Housing bottom
8	MC700	Adapters



## Countertop Kit Components

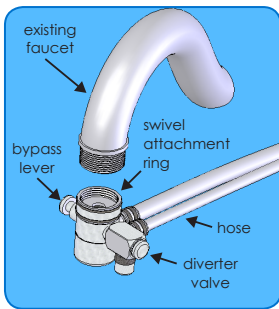
Included with the Countertop Kit are the following key components:

1. **Diverter valve:** Used to connect the dual-hose from the Aquamini to the existing sink faucet. The diverter valve comes pre-attached to the dual-hose, and allows selection of filtered or unfiltered water from the faucet.
2. **Dual-hose:** Used to connect the diverter valve to the Aquamini.

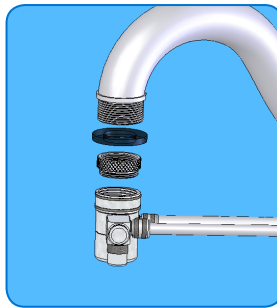
## Connect the Diverter Valve

1. Remove the aerator or screen (if present) from the end of the faucet. If facing the open end of the spout, rotate the aerator counter-clockwise to loosen and remove.
2. Attach the diverter valve directly to the faucet spout. If the threads of the diverter valve do not match the threads of the faucet, use one of the included faucet adapters to connect the diverter valve and faucet. If facing the open end of the spout, rotate the diverter valve and/or adapter clockwise to tighten.

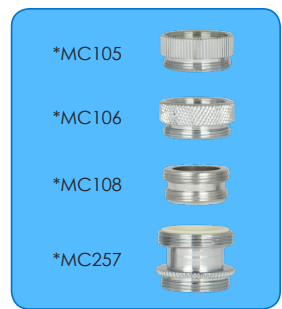
**NOTE:** When using a faucet adapter, the rubber washer in the adapter always faces up toward the faucet.



Diverter Valve Attachment



Diverter Valve Attachment with adapter



\*MC700 Adapters  
Many installations do not require an adapter



**a. If Your Faucet Has an Outside Thread (male connector):**

For many faucets with an outside thread, the diverter valve can attach directly to the faucet. If the diverter valve is too small to attach to the faucet, attach the inside thread (female connector) adapter, part# MC106 or MC105, to the faucet, and then attach the diverter valve to the adapter.

**b. If Your Faucet Has an Inside Thread (female connector):**

The diverter valve cannot directly connect to a faucet with a female connector. Attach the outside thread (male connector) adapter, part# MC108, to the faucet and then attach the diverter valve to the adapter.

**c. If Your Faucet Requires More Room for the Diverter Valve Connection:**

Some faucets, particularly sprayer hose faucets, require additional room for the diverter valve connection. If this applies, attach the long adapter, part# MC257, to the opening of the faucet spout/sprayer, and then attach the diverter valve to the adapter. The Aquamini may need to be repositioned on the sink to allow enough room for sprayer faucet use.

**d. If the Adapters Do Not Fit Your Faucet:**

Although the adapters included with your Aquamini allow connections with many standard faucets, they do not cover every type of available faucet connection. If none of the adapters allow the diverter valve to connect to your faucet, please contact Multipure Customer Service at 1.800.622.9206, ext. 175, to request part# MC109 as possible adapter solutions.

**NOTE:** When connected properly, the hose from the diverter valve should lead toward the back of the faucet and sink.

- 3.** The diverter valve features a bypass lever with a button on the left and right sides of the diverter valve. Press the left button to bypass the DWS and select the unfiltered water spout (larger opening). Turn on your faucet to let unfiltered water flow out of the diverter valve and to make sure that the diverter valve is properly connected.
- 4.** Turn off the faucet.

# Prepare Your Drinking Water System for Use

1. Using a paper towel or cloth, dry off all connections and the system housing.
2. Make sure that all connections are tightly secured.
3. Remove any air and loose carbon from the system.
  - a. Press the right button on the diverter valve to select the filtered water spout. The water will flow through the DWS and emerge from the smaller opening on the diverter valve.
  - b. Allow water to flow through the DWS and filtered water spout for 30 minutes. This purges any air and loose carbon from the system.
  - c. Press the left button to select the unfiltered water spout, and then turn off the faucet.
4. Check all connections to make sure that there are no leaks.
5. **Congratulations! Your system is now ready for use!**

## Flushing / Disinfecting the System

Multipure recommends that you not allow water to sit in the system for extended periods of time without use. If a system is left unused for more than 10 days, it may need to be flushed / disinfected before resuming normal use.

1. Remove the filter cartridge by following the directions in **Removing the Old Filter Cartridge (Pg 9)**.
2. Add 5 to 7 drops of bleach to the bottom half of the system.
3. Reconnect the top half of the housing without a replacement filter cartridge installed.
4. Turn on the water supply and allow the system to fill up with the water/bleach solution.
5. Let the water and bleach flush out of the system.
6. Open, clean, and rinse out the inside of the system.
7. Follow the directions in section **Installing the New Filter Cartridge (Pg 10)**.

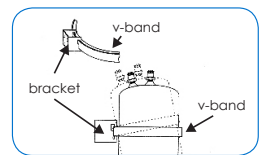
# Maintenance

## Regarding Filter Capacity

1. Exact filter capacity varies in proportion to the amount of water used and the level of impurities in the water being processed. For contaminants reduced through physiochemical adsorption, the filter capacity is 250 gallons. For contaminants reduced through mechanical filtration, capacity claims are inapplicable due to broad variations in the quality and quantity of physical matter in the drinking water. Excessive physical matter will cause the Aquamini to clog, diminishing flow rate but reducing the contaminants from the resultant water stream.
2. For optimum performance and to maintain the lifetime warranty on your system housing, it is essential that the filter be replaced when the first of the following occurs:
  - a. Every 6 months
  - b. When the system is near or has reached its rated capacity
  - c. When the flow rate diminishes
  - d. When the filter becomes saturated with bad tastes and/or odors

## Removing the Old Filter Cartridge

1. Before opening the Aquamini housing, place a pan or basin beneath the housing.
2. Stop the water supply and relieve the water pressure in the Aquamini.
3. If the system is mounted on a bracket, remove the system from the bracket.
  - a. Tilt the top of the system toward the wall.
  - b. Slide the locking V-Band up and into the upper bracket notch.
  - c. Slide the system out of the bracket.
4. With the Aquamini housing in an upright position, unscrew the black knob on the Locking V-Band by turning it counter-clockwise.
5. With the black knob removed, spread the Locking V-Band apart and let it drop off the bottom of the Aquamini. Carefully set it aside.

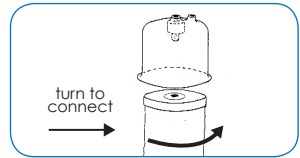
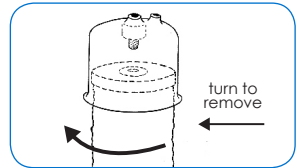


6. Lift the top half of the Aquamini off of the bottom half. Make sure that the black O-ring remains in place on the bottom half of the housing.
7. Remove the old filter cartridge from the top half of the housing by rotating it counter-clockwise (if facing the inside of the top half of the housing).
8. Dispose of the used filter cartridge in your waste container.
9. Rinse out the inside of the system housing, hand washing if necessary.
10. Inspect the black rubber cushion on the inside of the top half of the housing, making sure that it is not cracked or worn; Multipure recommends that the cushion be replaced every two to three years.



## Installing the New Filter Cartridge

1. If you have not done so already, remove the plastic wrapper and instruction wrap from around the new filter cartridge.
2. Align the threaded hole of the new filter cartridge onto the inside thread of the top half of the Aquamini. Rotate the cartridge clockwise to tighten (if facing the inside of the top half of the housing). Make sure that the cartridge is threaded properly and straight. **DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.**
3. Reconnect the top half of the housing (with attached filter cartridge) with the bottom half. Replace the Locking V-Band, making sure the screw is in place to connect the band together.
4. Screw the black knob onto the Locking V-Band, turning it clockwise to tighten.
5. Make sure that the V-Band is tightly secured evenly around the housing top and bottom.
6. To resume normal use of the Aquamini, proceed to section **Prepare Your System for Use (Pg 8)**.



# Warranty

**Multipure 90-Day Guarantee:** Multipure is confident in the performance of its Drinking water systems (DWS). If you should find this Drinking water system unsatisfactory, let us know within 90 days of purchase for a prompt exchange or refund.

**Multipure Warranty:** Multipure warrants to the original retail customer its DWS and components to be free of defects in material and workmanship for use under normal care, and will repair or replace any system at no charge (excluding transportation to Multipure Corporate Headquarters) to the customer during the warranty period. The DWS housing is warranted for a lifetime (provided the filter has been changed at least once per year); all exterior hoses and attachments to the DWS are also warranted for defects in material and workmanship for one (1) year.

Multipure solid Carbon Block Filters are warranted for defects in material and workmanship for use under normal care. The capacity of the filter cartridge depends upon the amount of impurities in the water to be processed.

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Warranty is valid only if the DWS is operated within conditions listed herein. The warranty begins from the date of purchase.

# Troubleshooting

## **Water flow is frequently interrupted by air**

Purge any residual air from the system:

1. Turn the system housing upside down.
2. Turn on the filtered water faucet (either through the Aquamini faucet or the diverter valve).
3. Allow water to flow for one minute.
4. Turn off the filtered water faucet (either through the Aquamini faucet or the diverter valve).

## **Odor – rotten eggs, no discoloration on the filter**

A rotten egg odor is a sign that H<sub>2</sub>S (hydrogen sulfide) gas is present in your water source.

If hydrogen sulfide gas is present in your water source, it is recommended that you rotate DWS usage between 2 filter cartridges. When the DWS emits the rotten egg smell, remove the filter and allow it to dry upside down to allow the gas to dissipate (the filter can be reused once dry). Use the second filter in the unit while the first filter is drying.

## **Odor – rotten eggs, with discoloration on the filter**

A rotten egg odor is a sign that H<sub>2</sub>S (hydrogen sulfide) is present in your water source. Filter discoloration can determine the source:

- orange/brownish colors – iron
- blackish colors – manganese
- slimy/blotchy colors – decaying organisms

When hydrogen sulfide comes from a source that discolors the filter cartridge and creates a strong rotten egg odor, the only recommended solution is to change the filter cartridge.

## **Color – milky color in the water**

Milky color in the water is typically caused by air bubbles in the water. Higher than normal water pressure through the DWS can create these small air bubbles, but they do not affect system performance. Air in the water may also be the result of conditions in your municipal water supply.

For countertop systems, turn on the water and engage the diverter valve while slightly reducing the water flow. Less water pressure through the system can prevent air bubbles from forming.

For below-sink systems, adjust the water pressure at the feedwater adapter below the sink.

## **Color – black color in the water**

Black color in the water is typically caused by residual carbon dust from the filter.

Allow water to run through the DWS for approximately 30 minutes to flush the filter. Residual carbon dust may initially color the water black.

### **Flow rate – the water flow rate is slow**

The filter is designed to restrict its flow rate when clogged with particulates or other solid contaminants.

When the water flow rate slows to the point of inconvenience, or at one year of use, it is time to replace the filter cartridge. If other water sources are on while using the DWS, turn them off to check if they are affecting the flow rate.

### **Taste/Odor – miscellaneous**

The carbon block filter may have become saturated with the tastes and odors treated in your drinking water.

To resolve this, change the filter.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Will low pH or acidic water affect the filter?**

No. Mineral components can determine the pH of water, and minerals dissolved in solution in the water pass through the system unfiltered.

- pH 7 = neutral
- pH > 7 = alkaline
- pH < 7 = acidic

### **Does deionized water or soft water have an effect on Multipure water?**

No. Because Multipure filters do not treat the natural minerals dissolved in water, the hardness or softness of water has no effect on the resultant filtered Multipure water.

### **Can the Multipure system be used during an emergency or when the water is turned off?**

Yes. During an emergency or when the source water is off, you can hand pump or siphon water through the Multipure system.

**CAUTION:** The Multipure system is not intended for use where the water is microbiologically unsafe or with water of unknown quality without adequate disinfection before or after the unit. To disinfect questionable source water, add 1/4 tsp. of household bleach per gallon of source water; the Multipure system will remove this solution from the water during the filtering process. Hand pump kits and emergency kits are available from Multipure.

### **What causes white particles to appear in Multipure water when it is frozen or boiled?**

Because the Aquamini does not reduce any natural minerals present in water, these minerals may solidify when the water is frozen and appear as white flakes or specks when the water is melted or boiled.

Many natural minerals in water are beneficial to your health, and their existence in drinking water (in normal quantities) is not cause for alarm. Minerals can be removed by reverse osmosis technology, which is available through the Multipure AquaRO Drinking Water System.

### **Should sediment be removed with a standard filter first?**

In areas with excessive sedimentation, pre-filtration can help extend the operational efficiency of the Multipure filter; however, in most areas it is unnecessary.

Multipure Drinking Water Systems utilize a double-filter mechanic. The outer material is a pre-filter that protects the solid carbon block from prematurely clogging with large sediment.

### **Why is the compressed solid carbon block filter more efficient than (loose) granular activated carbon filters?**

Multipure's densely compacted solid carbon block filters force water through microscopic pores of carbon – much smaller than those of granular activated carbon – thus more effectively reducing particulate matter and contaminants that affect the quality, taste, and odor of the water.

### **What is the difference between a “water softener” and a Multipure Drinking Water System?**

Water softeners are not designed to treat drinking water for contaminants; instead, they are designed to adjust the hardness (mineral content) of the water. Multipure systems do not remove dissolved minerals from the water, because natural minerals often found in water are considered beneficial to good health.

Soft water is often desirable for bathing and laundering purposes, and may extend the life of hot water heaters and boilers. However, soft water is not recommended for use on plants or lawns. Multipure recommends that you bypass a water softener when installing your Multipure Drinking Water System.

### **Can the Multipure Drinking Water System be used with untreated water?**

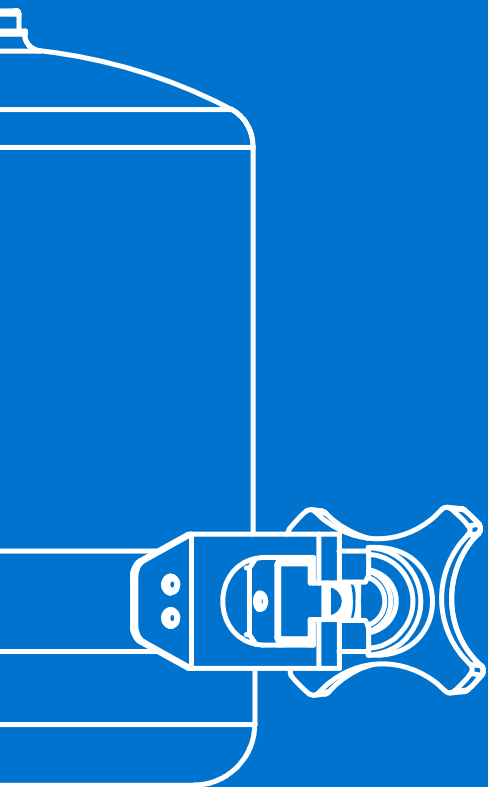
Multipure systems are designed to be used with municipally treated water; they are not intended to be used where the water is microbiologically unsafe or with water of unknown quality without adequate disinfection before or after the unit. Systems certified for cyst reduction may be used on disinfected waters that may contain filterable cysts. To disinfect questionable source water, add 1/4 tsp of household bleach per gallon of source water; the Multipure system will remove this solution from the water during the filtering process.

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