# pondXpert Filtobox



# UV Biological Pond Box Filter

				Inlet Size	Outlet
Model	Power	Dimensions	Max.	IIIIct Size	Size
	Rating	LxWxD (mm)	Flow	25/32/40mm	32mm
PXBF03000BIO	n/a	370x240x340	2500lph		32mm
PXBF04500BIO	n/a	370x240x340	2500lph	25/32/40mm	
	5w	370x240x340	2500lph	25/32/40mm	32mm
PXBF03000		370x240x340	2500lph	25/32/40mm	32mm
PXBF04500	7w		OII-		

All uv filters have a rated voltage of 220-240V, 50Hz.

### Introduction

Congratulations on the purchase of your pondXpert filter. Once your filter is connected you can look forward to many years of healthy pond water.

Your filter works by connecting it to a solids-handling filter pump (we recommend the PXMM02000 pump for the PXBF03000BIO and the PXMM02500 for the PXBF04500BIO / PXBF04500) via the stepped hose-tail inlet via pond hose. The water flow then passes through the filter, through the filter and back out into the pond via the water outlet.

PondXpert filters are carefully inspected and tested to ensure both safety and operating performance. However, failure to follow the instructions and warnings in the manual may result in product damage and/or serious injury. Be sure to read and save this manual for future reference.

## **General safety Instructions**

Read and observe all of the instructions before installing, connecting and operating. Make sure the filter is securely and correctly installed before switching on. (If UV version -Always disconnect the UV when not in use and when carrying out

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install any pond equipment. The appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been

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given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.

Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance. For safety reasons, servicing or repair of this item should only be carried out by pondXpert. Do not operate the UV filter with a damaged cord or plug. The supply cord of the appliance cannot be replaced.

# If the electrical cord is damaged the product should be scrapped.

## Safety and Electrical Connections

This unit is designed for outdoor use only. It is weatherproof and should be situated safely pondside. The filter should be sited where it cannot fall into the water or become waterlogged.

# NO PART OF THIS UNIT SHOULD EVER BE SUBMERGED IN WATER. Direct exposure to UVC light can damage the eyes and skin. NEVER look directly at the UV when switched on. The translucent inlet will illuminate showing that the UV is working

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The ultra violet clarifier housed within the pondXpert box filter is electrically operated so great care must be taken during installation and operation. The following electrical and safety guidelines must be carefully followed.

Each filter is supplied with a length of 3 core electrical cable which is permanently connected to the ultra violet clarifier unit housed inside the filter.



The wires in the mains electrical lead are coloured in accordance with the following code:

BLUE – Neutral (marked with an "N" in most terminal connections)
BROWN – LIVE (marked with an "L" in most terminal connections)
GREEN/YELLOW – EARTH (marked "E" or pin most terminal connections)

1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 revised Building Regulations for England and Wales Installing this product in the garden is classified as 'notifiable'. The Regulations now require you to tell your local authority building control department that you intend to install this product before installation. Your local authority will let you know how you can get your installation approved

The termination to the mains supply should be permanent, inside a dry weatherproof enclosure, through a double pole switched fused spur with a minimum contact gap of 3mm – (disconnected) to BS 3676 – and fitted with a 3 or 5 amp fuse. Exposed cable runs should be sensibly positioned, and protected if necessary by armoured

A 10mA or 30mA Residual Current Circuit Breaker (RCD) MUST be fitted to the mains supply.

Permanent installations to the mains supply (hard wiring) must comply with the regulations of the local electricity authority which may stipulate the use of metal or plastic conduit to protect the cable.

If in any doubt about wiring to the mains supply contact a qualified electrician or your local electricity authority.

Protect from frost. In cold winter weather (when fish are inactive and algae growth ceases) the unit may be switched off. It should then be drained of water, removed (if possible) from its installation and stored in a dry, frost-protected area.

The supply cable cannot be replaced. If the cable is damaged, the unit must be discarded.

#### **Directions for use**

#### Installation

Once installed and connected to a suitable pump the pond water will flow through the filter. PondXpert box filters are pump-fed, external filters with and without integral UVC unit, ideal for being positioned pond-side. The filter may also be concealed at the top of a waterfall.

Your filter is supplied with a hosetail. This should be screwed into the threaded filter inlet. Pond hose size 25-40mm (1" to 11/2") can be attached to the inlet hosetail. Your pump and filter outlet should be positioned at opposite ends of the pond to promote maximum circulation.

Cut the inlet hose to the size appropriate to the size of hose you are using. Then connect the hose from your pump to this inlet hosetail and secure with hose clips.

#### Maturation of the Filter

Your box filter comes complete with mechanical and biological filter media. The filter foam acts as a mechanical barrier to pick up solids whilst the plastic bio-media helps to develop 'friendly' bacteria. These friendly nitrifying bacteria help to convert harmful fish waste and other organic waste (ie, ammonia, nitrite) into harmless nitrate. This 'biological maturation' process usually takes 6-8 weeks. It is recommended that you do not switch on your UVC during this period.

#### Maintenance

As the filter does it's job the foam filter will block up reducing water flow. If the pond is very dirty then the foams may need cleaning every couple of days or so at first. Cleaning procedure:

Switch off any electrical items feeding or inside the pond (including the filter itself). Take the foam filter(s) out of the unit and carefully wash away any solids using a bucket of POND WATER. Once clean replace the foams back in position.

If your filter is ever taken away from the pond (ie-winter storage) then all of the filter media (foams and biomedia) must be thoroughly cleaned before restarting. Your filter will then need to undergo the 'maturation' procedure phase as described above.

#### Filtration Spares and consumables

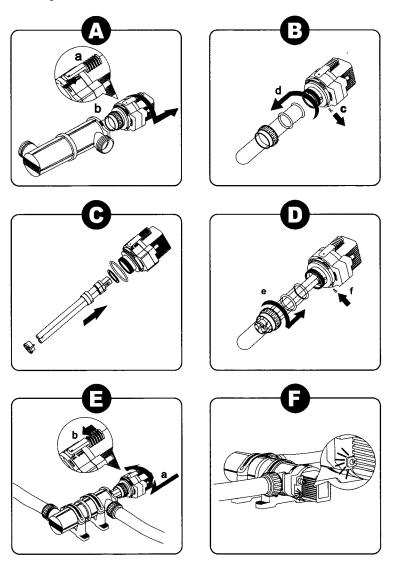
The filter is supplied with everything you need to get started. Over time these parts may need replacing and can be purchased from your retailer. The design of the unit means you are free to test other media types (Japanese matting, Alfagrog etc) should you desire.

#### Periods of operation

Maintain filtration 24 hrs a day through the fish feeding season (typically early March-October when the water temperature is above 10 degrees C), but preferably all year round. In the winter operating the pump and filter will maintain a background level of friendly bacteria in the filter and help prevent the pond icing up in all but the severest weather conditions.

#### Changing the UV Bulb

The UV bulb should be changed at the beginning of every new season. The lamp may look like it is working but the levels of effective UV radiation decrease over time.



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The lamp is hot, wait 10 minutes after switch off before opening the unit.

#### Opening the unit

- Slide the red switch lock to unlock the unit head and housing (Aa).
- Turn the unit head counter-clockwise against the stop then carefully pull it out of the housing (Ab).
- Loosen the screw (Bc).
- •Screw off the union nut, pull off the quartz glass including the O ring by a slight rotary movement (Bd). Clean the quartz glass outer face with a moist cloth carefully and check for damage. Remove old lamp.

#### Closing the unit

- •Insert the replacement  $\dot{U}V$  lamp, then put into the light-shelter ring, flat seals and the  $\dot{U}V$  Tube clip respectively (C).
- •Insert the quartz glass including the O ring in the unit head. Tighten it by the clamping screw (De).
- Place back and tighten the screw (Df).
- •Place the unit head with the fitted UVC lamp into the housing. Turn it clockwise up to the stop (Ea).
- •Slide the red switch lock to the housing, and connect firmly (Eb).

#### Checking the lamp operation

• Switch on the power supply, check if the UVC lamp is lit through the control window (F).

#### **Limited Warranty**

This product is guaranteed for a period of 12 months from the date of purchase for material or manufacturing defects. The guarantee covers the substitution of defective parts. However, the guarantee is considered null and void in the case of improper use, improper handling or negligence on the part of the buyer. The UV lamp is not guaranteed. If your pondXpert filter fails please take it back to the retail outlet from where it was purchased. You will be required to take your receipt/proof of purchase with you. This does not affect your statutory rights.

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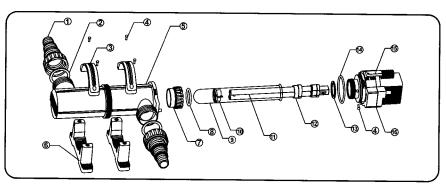


Your appliance contains valuable materials which can be recovered or recycled. Leave it at a local civic waste collection point.

# **Technical Diagrams**

FiltoBox 3000 / 4500 

# Internal UVC Unit - PXBF03000 / PXBF04500 only



- 1 Hose Tail
  4 Self tapping screw
  7 Quarts locknut
  10 UV tube clip
  13 Gasket

- 16 Electrical ballast
- 2 Rubber gasket 5 UVC housing
- 8 O ring 11 UV tube 14 O ring

- 3 Clip 6 Fixing foot 9 Quartz glass 12 Light shield ring 15 Switch lock