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# Introduction

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Every koi lover knows the importance of good water quality. And that means having a good filtration system for your pond. To keep your water clear, the choice is clear: Choose Filtreco. We know how much you love your fish, and that is why we are the specialists that you can rely on. Your goal is to keep your water clean, clear and healthy for your fish. But for clean water, you must choose the right filtration system for your own specific situation. That's why Filtreco offers the widest selection of pond filters. All with an unparalleled level of service, the lowest risk of malfunction and easy installation. Make no mistake: when only the best quality will do, choose Filtreco. High-quality technology means quality of life for your koi.

It is clear.

### Introduction

This is the user manual for the Combi drum 55 (gravity).

By purchasing this Filtreco filter, you have made an excellent choice. Please read this user manual carefully before you start using this system. This will enable you to familiarise yourself with the system first. Any work carried out on or with this system must always be performed in strict accordance with this user manual.

To ensure safe, proper use, always adhere fully with the safety guidelines. Please keep this user manual in a safe place and transfer it to the new owner in the event that the system changes ownership.

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Combi drum filters

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## 1. What's included

- PP basin
- PP drum with brushes
- 70 micron stainless steel panel
- PP duct
- Water level meter with 3 pins
- Drum motor
- Submersible pump
- Spray tube with 6 sprayers (the first of which has a higher flow)
- 4x 110 mm inlets
- 4x 110 mm outlets
- 4x 110 mm drum bypasses
- 3x 1 1/2" drain with ball valve
- Control box
- Cover with safety lock
- 200 L Bio wheels
- 2x air pans

## 2. Product description

The drum filter consists of a PP basin containing a PP drum with mesh. The drum is assembled gravitationally in a drain beside the pond. The inlets are below the water surface level, and the dirty water flows gravitationally through the floor drains or skimmers into the first filtration chamber. On the outflow side, the water flows through a slotted plate into the moving bed. Because the dirty water flows through the drum, contaminants in the water cling to the interior of the drum. As a result, less water can flow through the mesh and the water level on the outside of the drum sinks. The water level meter detects this and initiates the flush cycle. This cycle consists of activating the drum motor and spray pump. This causes the drum to turn slightly more than one full rotation and the sprayers flush the mesh clean. The flush water then flows into the sewage along with the waste. The cycle repeats as often as necessary.

## 3. Assembling the filter

The housing of the filter consists of a PP basin with one partition. The partition is fitted with a silicone sealing strip at the flange which separates dirty water from clean. There are also 4 holes in the partition which are covered with a cap. In case of a breakdown in the drum control, the covers can be removed to enable the water to bypass the drum and flow past it without being filtered. This enables you to still use the biological filtration segment.

The basin is fitted with a removable waste drain. This can be removed from the interior of the drum, which saves you the trouble of having to disassemble the drainage line. The inclined surface accelerates the water flow, causing the waste to be carried along with it into the drain. There are also 4 brushes installed on the inside of the drum which sweep away any algae or other coarse particles that cling to the drain. The drum filter is fitted with a removable spray tube made of PP, which is equipped with flat jet nozzles. The sprayers feature a quickrelease system, making them easy to remove for cleaning. The water level meter in the basin consists of 3 electrodes, 1 flush level, 2 low-level safeties and 1 common electrode. The water level for initiating the flush cycle is adjustable. Inside the basin is a high-pressure submersible pump which supplies water to the sprayers under high pressure during the flush cycle.

The drum motor is installed in a water-proof compartment inside the biological filtration section. The shaft is enclosed by a retaining ring in the installation plate. The shaft connects to the drum via a flange with a pipe. To remove the drum, you can simply detach this pipe-shaft connection, after which the drum can be taken out. You do not have to disassemble the motor to do this. The screens can be removed by detaching the tension straps and unscrewing the cover panel to remove it.

## 4. Instructions for use

The Filtreco combi drum filter and all parts and accessories that it comes with may only be used as follows:

- for cleaning garden ponds
- according to the user manual and technical specifications
- only with water temperatures between +4 °C and +35 °C.
- only suitable for transporting water
- not for commercial or industrial purposes
- not suitable for salt water
- never use without running water
- never use in combination with chemicals, foods or flammable/explosive liquids



## 5. Safety instructions

This system may cause bodily harm or damage to property if you do not use it properly and in accordance with all safety guidelines, or if you attempt to use it for any purpose other than that for which it was designed. This system must never be operated by children or anyone under the age of 16, or by anyone who has a physical, mental or sensory impairment or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they are under supervision and have been instructed on the safe usage of the system and informed of the dangers associated with it. Children must be made aware that this system is not a toy. Cleaning and maintenance must be performed by an adult user. This must never be performed by a child, even if they are under supervision.

#### 5.1 Danger of electrical shock in contact with water

If your system has not been connected properly and in accordance with the safety guidelines, and a live electrical current comes into contact with water, this can result in electrical shock, causing serious injury and even death. Always switch off the current on any water-bearing equipment before you come into contact with the water.

#### 5.2 Pacemakers

The cover has a magnetic switch. The magnetic field may interfere with pacemakers.

#### 5.3 Guidelines for electrical installations

The electrical installation must be carried out in accordance with all national legislation and may only be performed by a nationally certified electrician. A person is considered an electrician if they have the appropriate training, knowledge, experience and certification, and are capable of assessing and conducting the necessary work. The job of an electrical specialist also includes recognising any possible hazards and complying with all applicable regional and national standards, regulations and provisions of law.

- For your own safety, always consult a professional electrician in case of any problems.
- This system can only be connected to a power supply that matches its electrical specifications. All specifications for this system can be found in this user manual.
- The system must be protected by a residual current device with a fixed residual current of max. 30 mA.
- Use only extension cables and power dividers that are splash-proof and whose cable diameters are the same as the ones supplied with the system.
- Do not allow the plug connections to come into contact with water or moisture.
- Connect the system only to a power outlet that has been installed according to industry standards and does not contain a dimmer.

#### 5.4 Safe use

- Never use this system in connection with faulty electrical cables or a defective housing.
- Never pull on the cables to adjust the placement of the system. Ensure that the electrical cables are not pulled tightly.
- Lay the cables through a secure duct to avoid damage and make sure no one can trip or fall over them.
- Only open the housing of the motor or other electrical components if this is necessary as instructed by the user manual.
- Only perform maintenance and other tasks on the system as described in this user manual.
- In case of any problems that you are unable to resolve, please contact Filtreco.
- Only use original spare parts in combination with this system.
- Do not attempt to modify the technical features or specifications of this system in any way.
- The connector cables cannot be replaced. In case of a broken cable, the entire system or affected part must be replaced entirely.
- When using in the open air, a roof must be placed above the control box and a rain-proof cover must be placed above the motor.
- Over-voltage in the mains can cause the system to malfunction.
- Do not inhale the spray mist from the sprayer system. The spray mist may contain harmful bacteria.
- If the cover is lifted, the flush system stops working. Once the flush cycle has completed, allow some time before opening the cover.

## 6. Placement and setup



If you plan to install this system in a way that deviates significantly from the recommendations in this user manual, allow for a specialist to inspect the installation to ensure that all technical specifications have been met.

The drum filter must always be placed in a level position. The bottom of the filter must be completely supported. It is recommended to place the system on a flat cement floor. When positioning the filter, ensure that there is adequate space on all sides so that you have room to perform maintenance. The water level at which the filter must be placed is indicated by an arrow in the first filtration chamber. To ensure that the filtration system functions properly, the water level must be kept constant and must not deviate from the required levels. Any greater deviation will result in an inaccurate measuring of the water level. If the water level rises by more than 2 cm, the water will overflow via the duct into the sewage system. To maintain a constant water level, you can install an automatic filling station with overflow function for your pond.

For optimal water flow, use all 4 inlet connections. It is recommended to use flexible rubber sleeves and joints when connecting the water lines. These can compensate for small differences in dimensions and also absorb vibration.

Install slide valves or ball valves in front of and behind the filter, so that the filter can be emptied during maintenance.

Maintain enough distance between the wall and the drain so that you can remove the drain.

The drainage duct can be connected to a sewage connection with a 110 mm diameter. Make sure that the duct is positioned at an adequate incline. It is recommended to install a pipe with a flexible rubber sleeve. These can compensate for small differences in dimensions and also absorb vibration. They can also be detached to remove the drainage duct.

Always use high-quality pipes with an adequate wall thickness.

Ideally, use 45 degree elbow connectors.

Lay the pipes at a downward angle so that they can be fully emptied during the winter to protect them against frost.

Note! Electrical shock hazard. Use of this electrical system or installation in connection with a (swimming) pond may result in severe injury or death.

Only use this system in accordance with national and regional regulations.

Always use suitable transport and lifting equipment when transporting and assembling this system.

#### 6.1 Connecting the control box



Ensure that the control box is not plugged in to the mains power supply! Open the control box!

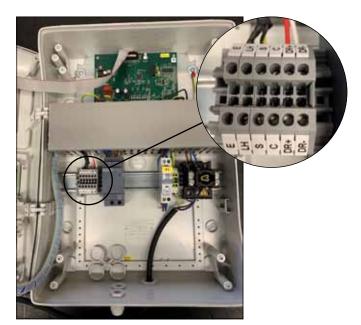
Hang up the box on 4 screws aligned with the grooves on the back of the box. Space between the holes in the wall: w = 280 mm x h= 251 mm. Remember that the length of the cable for the electrical equipment is 3 metres. Be careful when opening the box and remember that the screws you must loosen to open the door should not protrude when you turn the box open. The same goes for when you close the box.

#### 6.2 Connecting the electrodes and water level meter



## Ensure that the control **box is not plugged in to the mains power supply! Open the control box!**

Turn the gland caps on the underside of the box and slide them over the corresponding cable. Run the cable through the cable gland into the box, leaving adequate length. Then twist the gland caps closed again. Connect the electrodes as shown below using a suitable screwdriver. The labels on the electrodes match the codes on the connection inside the box.





## 7. First use

Before using the combi drum filter for the first time, it is advisable to thoroughly clean the pond manually and flush the pipelines if possible. The reason for this is to prevent the newly started filter from immediately experiencing an interval breakdown.

#### Note! Electrical shock hazard.



- Always switch off the current to the system before coming into contact with the pond water.
- Secure the system to prevent it from unintentionally being switched on.
- Never connect the system to a power supply that is fitted with a dimmer.
- Do not use the system in combination with a switch that has a timer function.
- Only switch on the control box if the submersible pump is below the water level and the electrodes are below the surface.

#### 7.1 Sequence for first use

- Remove the cover from the filter.
- Check all the water inlet and outlet connections.
- Check the line from the pump to the spray tube to ensure it is hand-tight.
- Open the valves on the outflow side.
- Open one valve in the in-flow line.
- Switch on the pump.
- Adjust the flow of the pump to point downwards in case the desired water level is not reached.
- Check all the water inlet and outlet connections again.
- Plug the connectors into the corresponding power sockets:

The plug for the spray pump goes into the power socket labelled "spray pump".

The plug for the drum motor goes into the power socket labelled "drum motor".

The plug for the water pump(s) goes into the power socket labelled "pond pump".

Any additional components connect into the power socket labelled "spare".

Please make sure that the power sockets can support a total output of 2500 W from "pond pump" and "spare" combined!

#### 7.2 Adjusting water level meter

The water level meter consists of 3 stainless steel electrodes:

- The low-level electrode: the long coated electrode
- The flush electrode: the short coated electrode
- The common electrode: the long uncoated electrode

The flush-cycle electrode is set to the lowest level by default. This means that the flush cycle is initiated when the water level drops by approximately 90 mm before the low level is reached.

If you would like for the flush cycle to take place sooner, you can unscrew the cable gland and place the electrode higher. Afterwards, tighten the cable gland again.

Note! The other two electrodes do not have an adjusting function.

#### 7.3 Flush cycle

If the pond's water quality is such that the time between every flush cycle lasts less than 3 minutes, then the flow into the drainage duct must be reduced to ensure that the cycle lasts for more than 3 minutes. After the contamination in the pond has decreased, the throttling in the drainage duct can be gradually reduced as long as you allow for the flush cycle time mentioned above.



## 8. Control box

The control box consists of a housing with:

- 5 power sockets, namely:
  - Pond pump 1 for pond pump 1
  - Pond pump 2 for pond pump 2
  - Spare for any extra pond pump or other electrical equipment

## Note! These 3 power sockets have a combined total output of 2500 Watts!

- Spraypumpforthehigh-pressuresubmersiblepump-max. 1000 Watts
- Drum motor for the drum motor max. 100 Watts
- Main switch to switch the power supply to the box on and off



## 9. Control panel (malfunctions)

The control panel is situated behind a locking hatch. It is easy to unlock this hatch and open it upwards. Always close the hatch carefully after every use.



#### 1 Start/Stop:

Makes it possible to start and/or stop the flush cycle. This button can be used either in manual or in automatic mode.

#### 2 Reset Error:

Resetting an error/outage. If the error is actually resolved, it is possible for the system to work normally again. If the error is reset but still continues to exist, the Error LED will immediately light up again.

#### 3 Change Mode:

By pushing this button, you can switch back and forth between Auto(matic) and Manual mode. In Manual mode, you can start or stop one flush cycle by pressing Start/Stop. The flush cycle will never start automatically in Manual mode. In Auto mode, the flush cycle is initiated if the flush level is activated (electrodes detect contamination) based on a reduced water level.

#### 4 Change Flush Time:

By pressing the Change Flush Time button, you can change the flush time of the spray pump.

#### 5 Power LED:

The Power LED glows green when the system is connected to power (Main Switch is on).



#### 6 Error LED:

This LED glows red whenever an error or outage occurs. This may indicate any of the following errors:

#### System Error:

Error in the control box (relay, electrodes, automation, motherboard).

- The water pumps are switched off.
- No flush cycle is possible.
- The Main Switch is switched off
- Pull all the plugs out of the box
- Unplug the system's power supply cable
- Switch the F1 automat off and then on again
- Close the box and reconnect it to power
- Switch the Main Switch on again
- If the error continues, contact Filtreco

#### Level Error:

The water level in the filter has become too low. More water is being pumped out of the filter than is flowing into it.

- The water pumps are switched off.
- No flush cycle is possible.
- Remove the cover and look for what's causing the problem.
- Check the inlet and outlet lines.
- If the outer end of the flush level is under water again:
  - place the cover on the filter
  - press "Reset Error"
  - The mode will then switch to Manual
- Press "Start" to initiate the manual flush cycle.
  - The "Flush" LED turns green
  - Check to make sure the spray pump and motor are working
  - If the motor is not working, check whether its plug is connected
  - If the spray pump is not working, check whether its plug is connected
  - When the flush cycle is complete, the "Flush" LED switches off again.
  - Remove the cover and check whether the water level has reached the required operating level again
  - Repeat the steps above if necessary
  - If this continues to happen, you must increase the inflow capacity to the filter or reduce the outflow capacity from the filter.

#### Door Error:

The cover (contact) is not closed. The cover is not installed or is not closed properly.

- The water pumps are switched off.
- No flush cycle is possible.
- Check whether the cover is closed properly
- Press "Reset Error" to return to the manual cycle
- The "Door" LED switches off and the "Manual" LED switches on
- Press "Change Mode" to return to automatic mode.

If the error continues, check whether the magnet is still in place under the holder for the cover. If so, then perform the following steps:

- Switch off the "Main Switch"
- Disconnect the power plug from the mains
- Open the box
- Check whether the DR+ and DR- cables are properly connected

#### Interval Error:

This occurs when 50 flush cycles have occurred in a row with a pause of less than 3 minutes between each cycle. This may occur when the water is heavily contaminated.

- The water pumps are switched off.
- Set the flush electrode to the lowest level. Now, a flush cycle will be initiated later.
- Check the outflow lines to see whether they are clogged.
- Check the sprayer heads and clean them if needed.

If this does not help, reduce the outgoing flow until the most heavy contamination is eliminated.

#### 7 Auto Mode LED:

The LED glows then the system is in automatic mode.

#### 8 Manual Mode LED:

The LED glows when the system is in manual mode.

#### 9 LEDs for the selected time interval:

Depending on how dirty the water is, you can choose between 5 different flush times.

The normal flush time can be used for average water contamination. If the pond is very clean and hardly contains any contaminants, such as in the winter time, you can switch to the "eco" or "smart" setting. This reduces your water consumption. If the water is heavily contaminated and you would like to flush the screen more frequently, you can choose the "super" or "turbo" setting.

You can change the selected flush times in Manual mode by pressing "Change Flush Time".

The sprayer does not begin spraying until 1.5 seconds after the motor starts. This ensures that only the soiled portion of the screen is sprayed.

The Eco setting has a spray time of 5.5 seconds (quarter turn). The Smart setting has a spray time of 8 seconds (half turn). The Normal setting has a spray time of 11 seconds (1 turn). The Super setting has a spray time of 22 seconds (2 turns). The Turbo setting has a spray time of 33 seconds (3 turns).

Make sure that there is an interval of at least 3 minutes between flush cycles, otherwise the drum will experience an interval error.

Confirm your choice by pressing "Change Mode". Your choice is now saved. In manual mode, you can change this again if you wish.

#### 10 Safety Switch:



If the 'Safety Doorswitch E' is switched on, the system is supplied with electrical current. After you use 'Safety Doorswitch E', the system will always start in Manual mode. If you want to open the control box, you must switch off 'Safety Doorswitch E' or else the door cannot be opened. This is an additional safety feature.

## 10. Cleaning and maintenance

## Note! Electrical shock hazard! This can result is severe injury or death.

When performing cleaning and maintenance, always take the following measures:

Always switch off the power supply and secure it from being accidentally switched back on before you come into contact with the water or perform any maintenance work on the system.

#### • General cleaning - 1x each month:

- Switch off the "Main switch" and unplug the system from the mains power supply.
- Remove any coarse waste (such as algae) on the inside of the drain.
- Clean the brushes inside the drum.
- Clean the inside of the drum.
- Clean the door security blocks.
- Clean the water level meter electrodes.

#### Cleaning the sprayer heads - 2x per month:

- Remove the sprayer head by turning it to the left to unscrew it from the quick-release fastener.
- Remove the gasket from the holder.
- Remove the right-angle sprayer from the connector.
- Clean it.
- Install the gasket and sprayer back into the holder.
- Turn the holder onto the clamp bracket.







#### Complete cleaning:

- Switch off the "Main switch" and unplug the system from the mains power supply.
- Close the inlet and outlet spouts and drain the water through the valve until the filter is empty.
- Remove the drain and clean it thoroughly.
- Remove the drum and brushes and clean them under running water.
- Remove the spray pump and clean it thoroughly.
- Clean the entire inside of the filter.

#### • Disassemble the drum as follows:

- Disassemble the spray tube by unscrewing the connector and removing the drain from the tube clamp.
- Disassemble the drain by loosening the bolts. Be careful not to lose the gasket and gasket rings!
- Turn the drum until the bolt from the shaft connection is on top. Remove this bolt.
- Slide the drum slightly towards the partition until the tube is separated from the shaft and then carefully lift the drum at an angle upwards out of the silicone seal. Lift the drum out of the filter basin. Carefully set the drum down to prevent damage to the screen.

#### • Assemble the drum as follows:

- Carefully lower the drum into the filter and set its flange on the shafts of the partition.
- Press the silicone seal into the flange of the drum on all sides, using your hand.
- Slide the drum with the flange side over the shaft.
- Turn the drum around the shaft until the hole in the shaft is positioned underneath the hole in the tube. Reinsert the M8 x 15 bolt and screw it tightly.

### 11. Troubleshooting

Error codes related to the Error LED are found in chapter 9. The following issues may occur:

- No water flow:
  - Check whether the (slide) valves are open.
  - Check whether the water pumps are connected.
  - Check whether the inlet or outlet is clogged.
- Insufficient water flow:
  - Check whether the inlet or outlet is clogged.
  - There are not enough inlet connections installed.
  - The circulation pump does not have enough capacity.
  - There is dirty water and particles in the clean water side outside the drum: check the seal between the partition and the flange of the drum.
- The high-pressure pump does not work:
  - The plug is not plugged into the right power socket (spray pump).

### 12. Winterising

To ensure proper functioning of the system, do not allow the water temperature to decrease below +4 degrees Celsius.

Measures that you can take:

- Place a cover or lid over the drain.
- The control and motor cannot withstand freezing temperatures. Be sure to place them in a location that is protected from rain and frost.

In case water temperatures drop below +4 degrees Celsius or there is a chance of freezing, discontinue using the system.

- Drain the system and clean it according to the instructions
- Allow the surrounding pipes to drain
- Leave the valves open
- Protect the pipes and other components from frost if necessary.

### 13. Wear parts

The following parts may be subject to wear:

- Silicone drum seal
  Retaining ring
  Brush
  Order number
  Order number
  100757
  Order number
  100759
- Drum screens Order number 100702

### 14. Technical specifications

Operating voltage: Vac 230V Plua: 16 A Euro plug ٠ Total power output: 3680 Watts Cable length: 3 m Drum diameter: 40 cm 60 cm Drum length: Max. flow: 55m<sup>3</sup>/h Weight: 120 ka Height above water level: 185 mm Min. water level: As stated Max. water level: As stated Number of panels: 2 Number of sprayers: 6

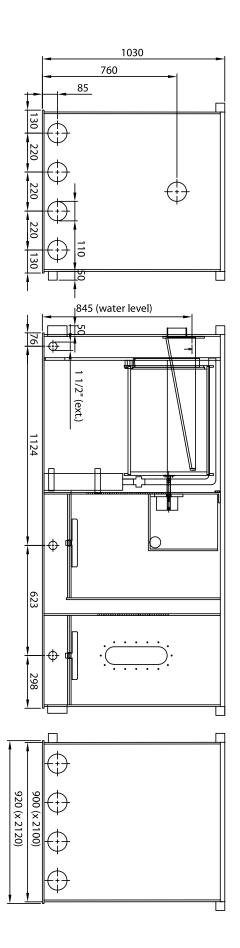
### 15. Wiring and power outages

If the control box is further away than the 3-metre cable length, use a CE-approved splash-resistant extension cable to reach the motor and the spray pump.

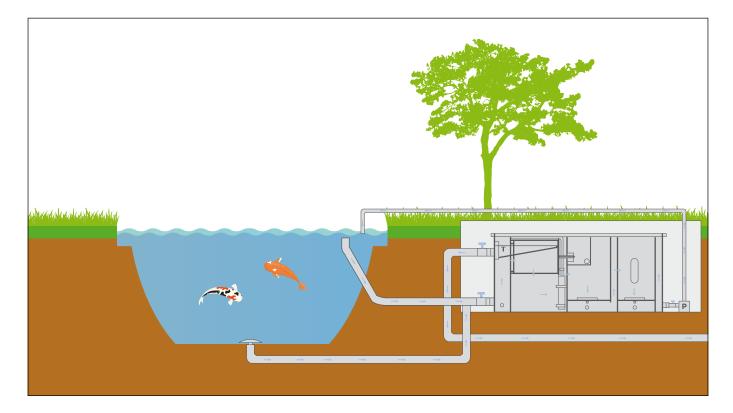
The cables for the water level meter cannot be extended using a power cable. This may cause the system to malfunction. Original Filtreco cables can be ordered separately. Any damage to the control box caused by your own wiring or third-party extension cables is not covered by warranty.

If following a power outage, the power circuit it reactivated, the control box will revert to its previous mode (the mode which was activated for longer than 10 seconds): automatic mode in automatic mode and manual mode in manual mode. The previously selected flush time will also be reactivated.

## 16. Technical diagram



## 17. Diagram for assembly in a pond





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