

VL Series™

Owner's Manual



TOP MOUNT HIGH-RATE SAND FILTERS

Models VL210T1285S VL210T1285STL

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following: Failure to follow instructions can cause severe injury and/or death.

▲ This is the safety-alert symbol. When you see this symbol on your equipment or in this manual, look for one of the following signal words and be alert to the potential for personal injury.

▲ **WARNING** warns about hazards that **could** cause serious personal injury, death or major property damage and if ignored presents a potential hazard.

▲ **CAUTION** warns about hazards that **will** or **can** cause minor or moderate personal injury and/or property damage and if ignored presents a potential hazard. It can also make consumers aware of actions that are unpredictable and unsafe.

The **NOTICE** label indicates special instructions that are important but not related to hazards.

Use only High Rate Sand No. 20 Silica Sand (.45mm - .55mm)

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▲ WARNING - Read and follow all instructions in this owner's manual and on the equipment. Failure to follow instructions can cause severe injury and/or death.

▲ WARNING – Suction Entrapment Hazard.



Suction in suction outlets and/or suction outlet covers which are, damaged, broken, cracked, missing, or unsecured can cause severe injury and/or death due to the following entrapment hazards:



Hair Entrapment- Hair can become entangled in suction outlet cover.



Limb Entrapment- A limb inserted into an opening of a suction outlet sump or suction outlet cover that is damaged, broken, cracked, missing, or not securely attached can result in a mechanical bind or swelling of the limb.

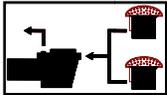


Body Suction Entrapment- A negative pressure applied to a large portion of the body or limbs can result in an entrapment.

Evisceration/ Disembowelment - A negative pressure applied directly to the intestines through an unprotected suction outlet sump or suction outlet cover which is, damaged, broken, cracked, missing, or unsecured can result in evisceration/ disembowelment.

Mechanical Entrapment- There is potential for jewelry, swimsuit, hair decorations, finger, toe or knuckle to be caught in an opening of a suction outlet cover resulting in mechanical entrapment.

▲ WARNING - To Reduce the risk of Entrapment Hazards:



- o When outlets are small enough to be blocked by a person, a minimum of two functioning suction outlets per pump must be installed. Suction outlets in the same plane (i.e. floor or wall), must be installed a minimum of three feet (3') [1 meter] apart, as measured from near point to near point.
- o Dual suction fittings shall be placed in such locations and distances to avoid “dual blockage” by a user.
- o Dual suction fittings shall not be located on seating areas or on the backrest for such seating areas.
- o The maximum system flow rate shall not exceed the flow rating of as listed on Table 1.
- o Never use Pool or Spa if any suction outlet component is damaged, broken, cracked, missing, or not securely attached.
- o Replace damaged, broken, cracked, missing, or not securely attached suction outlet components immediately.
- o In addition two or more suction outlets per pump installed in accordance with latest ASME, APSP Standards and CPSC guidelines, follow all National, State, and Local codes applicable.
- o Installation of a vacuum release or vent system, which relieves entrapping suction, is recommended.

▲ WARNING – Failure to remove pressure test plugs and/or plugs used in winterization of the pool/spa from the suction outlets can result in an increase potential for suction entrapment as described above.

▲ WARNING – Failure to keep suction outlet components clear of debris, such as leaves, dirt, hair, paper and other material can result in an increase potential for suction entrapment as described above.

▲ WARNING – Suction outlet components have a finite life, the cover/grate should be inspected frequently and replaced at least every seven years or if found to be damaged, broken, cracked, missing, or not securely attached.

▲ CAUTION – Components such as the filtration system, pumps and heater must be positioned so as to prevent their being used as means of access to the pool by young children. To reduce risk of injury, do not permit children to use or climb on this product. Closely supervise children at all times. Components such as the filtration system, pumps, and heaters must be positioned to prevent children from using them as a means of access to the pool.



▲ WARNING – Hazardous Pressure. Pool and spa water circulation systems operate under hazardous pressure during start up, normal operation, and after pump shut off. Stand clear of circulation system equipment during pump start up. Failure to follow safety and operation instructions could result in violent separation of the pump housing and cover, and/or filter housing and clamp due to pressure in the system, which could cause property damage, severe personal injury, or death. Before servicing pool and spa water circulation system, all system and pump controls must be in off position. Before starting system pump, all system valves must be set in a position to allow system water to return back to the pool. Do not change filter control valve position while system pump is running.



▲ WARNING – Separation Hazard. Failure to follow safety and operation instructions could result in violent separation of pump and/or filter components. Strainer cover must be properly secured to pump housing with strainer cover lock ring. Before servicing pool and spa circulation system, all system and pump controls must be in off position. Do not operate pool and spa circulation system if a system component is not assembled properly, damaged, or missing. Do not operate pool and spa circulation system unless filter valve clamp is fully engaged on multiport valve and filter body, with the bolts fully tightened. **Never operate or test the circulation system at more than 50 PSI. Do not purge the system with compressed air.** Purging the system with compressed air can cause components to explode, with risk of severe injury or death to anyone nearby. Use only a low pressure (below 5 PSI), high volume blower when air purging the pump, filter, or piping.



- ▲ **WARNING – Risk of Electric Shock.** All electrical wiring **MUST** be in conformance with applicable local codes, regulations, and the National Electric Code (NEC). Hazardous voltage can shock, burn, and cause death or serious property damage. To reduce the risk of electric shock, do **NOT** use an extension cord to connect unit to electric supply. Provide a properly located electrical receptacle. Before working on any electrical equipment, turn off power supply to the equipment.
- ▲ **WARNING** – To reduce the risk of electric shock replace damaged wiring immediately. Locate conduit to prevent abuse from lawn mowers, hedge trimmers and other equipment.
- ▲ **WARNING** – Electrical ground all electrical equipment before connecting to electrical power supply. Failure to ground all electrical equipment can cause serious or fatal electrical shock hazard.
- ▲ **WARNING** – Do **NOT** ground to a gas supply line.
- ▲ **WARNING** – To avoid dangerous or fatal electrical shock, turn **OFF** power to all electrical equipment before working on electrical connections.
- ▲ **WARNING** – Failure to bond all electrical equipment to pool structure will increase risk for electrocution and could result in injury or death. To reduce the risk of electric shock, see installation instructions and consult a professional electrician on how to bond all electrical equipment. Also, contact a licensed electrician for information on local electrical codes for bonding requirements.

Notes to electrician: Use a solid copper conductor, size 8 or larger. Run a continuous wire from external bonding lug to reinforcing rod or mesh. Connect a No. 8 AWG (8.4 mm²) [No. 6 AWG (13.3 mm²) for Canada] solid copper bonding wire to the pressure wire connector provided on the electrical equipment and to all metal parts of swimming pool, spa, or hot tub, and metal piping (except gas piping), and conduit within 5 ft. (1.5 m) of inside walls of swimming pool, spa, or hot tub.

IMPORTANT - Reference NEC codes for all wiring standards including, but not limited to, grounding, bonding and other general wiring procedures.

- ▲ **WARNING** – Risk of Electric Shock . The electrical equipment must be connected only to a supply circuit that is protected by a ground-fault circuit-interrupter (GFCI). Such a GFCI should be provided by the installer and should be tested on a routine basis. To test the GFCI, push the test button. The GFCI should interrupt power. Push reset button. Power should be restored. If the GFCI fails to operate in this manner, the GFCI is defective. If the GFCI interrupts power to the electrical equipment without the test button being pushed, a ground current is flowing, indicating the possibility of an electrical shock. Do not use this electrical equipment. Disconnect the electrical equipment and have the problem corrected by a qualified service representative before using.

- ▲ **CAUTION** – Hayward pumps are intended for use with permanently-installed pools and may be used with hot tubs and spas if so marked. Do not use with storable pools. A permanently-installed pool is constructed in or on the ground or in a building such that it cannot be readily disassembled for storage. A storable pool is constructed so that it is capable of being readily disassembled for storage and reassembled to its original integrity.

Your Hayward VL Series™ high-rate sand filter is a high performance, totally corrosion-proof filter that blends superior flow characteristics and features with ease of operation. It represents the very latest in high-rate sand filter technology. It is virtually foolproof in design and operation and when installed, operated and maintained according to instructions, your filter will produce clear, sparkling water with only minimal attention and care.

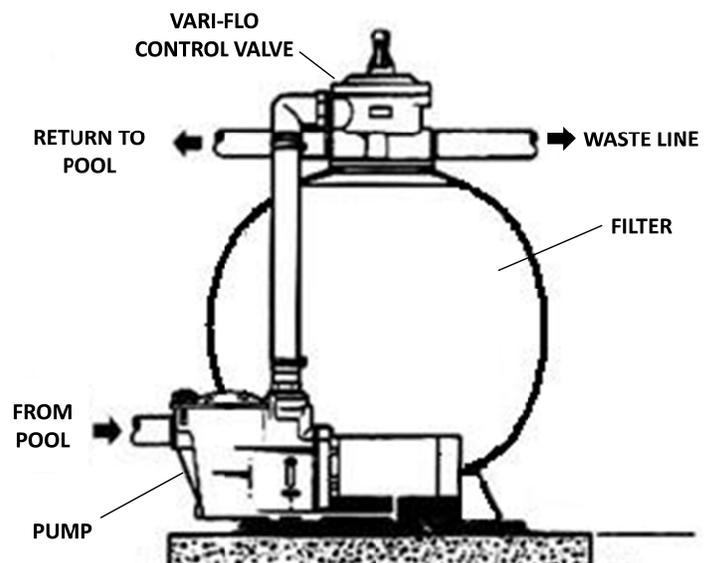
HOW IT WORKS

Your filter uses special filter sand to remove dirt particles from pool water. Filter sand is loaded into the filter tank and functions as the dirt removing media. The pool water, which contains suspended dirt particles, is pumped through your piping system and is automatically directed by the filter control valve to the top of the filter tank. As the pool water is pumped through the filter sand, dirt particles are trapped by the sand bed, and filtered out. The cleaned pool water is returned from the bottom of the filter tank, through the control valve and back to the pool through the piping system. This entire sequence is continuous and automatic and provides recirculation of pool water through your filter and piping system.

After a period of time, the accumulated dirt in the filter causes a resistance to flow, and the flow diminishes. This means it is time to clean (backwash) your filter. With the control valve in the backwash position, the water flow is automatically reversed through the filter so that it is directed to the bottom of the tank, up through the sand, flushing the previously trapped dirt and debris out the waste line. Once the filter is backwashed (cleaned) of dirt, the control valve is manually resequenced to Rinse, and then Filter, to resume normal filtering.

INSTALLATION

Only simple tools (screwdriver and wrenches), plus pipe sealant for plastic adapters, are required to install and/or service the filter.



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INSTALLATION CONTINUED

1. The filter system should be installed, not more than 6 feet above pool water level, on a *level* concrete slab, very firm ground, or equivalent, as recommended by your pool dealer. Position the filter so that the piping connections, control valve and winter drain is accessible for operation, service and winterizing.
 2. Assemble the filter to the system base.
 3. Assemble the pump to the system base, per the instructions enclosed with the pump.
 4. **Loading sand media.** Filter sand media is loaded through the top opening of the filter.
 - a. Loosen flange clamp and remove Filter Control Valve (if previously installed). Cap internal pipe with sand shield to prevent sand from entering it. Be sure pipe is securely in place in bottom underdrain hub.
 - b. We recommend filling tank approximately 1/2 way with water to provide a cushioning effect when the filter sand is poured in. This helps protect the underdrain from excessive shock. (Be sure the winter drain cap is securely in place on drain pipe).
 - c. Carefully pour in correct amount and grade of filter sand, as specified on Table 2. (Be sure center pipe remains centered in opening). Remove sand shield from internal pipe.
 4. Assemble Filter Control Valve to filter tank.
 - a. Loosely pre-assemble both halves of the clamp with one screw and one nut, turning the nut 2 or 3 turns. Do not tighten. Wipe filter flange clean.
 - b. Insert Filter Control Valve (with valve/flange o-ring in place) into the tank neck, taking care that the center pipe slips into the hole in the bottom of the valve. Install clamp around tank and valve flange and assemble second screw and nut. Tighten just enough so that the valve may be rotated on tank for final positioning.
 - c. Wrap two turns of Teflon pipe sealant tape manufactured for plastic pipe on the 1/4" NPT male end of gauge. Carefully screw pressure gauge, into 1/4" NPT tapped hole in valve body. Do not over tighten.
 - d. Connect the pump discharge to the control valve opening marked PUMP. After connections are made, tighten valve flange clamp with screwdriver, tapping around clamp with screwdriver handle to help seat valve flange clamp.
 5. Make return to pool pipe connection to control valve opening marked RETURN and complete other necessary plumbing connections, suction lines to pump, waste, etc.
 6. Make electrical connections to pump per pump instructions.
 7. To prevent water leakage, be sure winter drain cap is securely in place and all pipe connections are tight.
3. Prime and start pump according to pump instructions (be sure all suction and return lines are open), allowing the filter tank to fill with water
 4. Once water flow is steady out the waste line, run the pump for at least 2 minutes. An initial back-washing of the filter is recommended to remove any impurities or fine sand particles in the sand media.
 5. Turn the pump off and set the valve to the RINSE position. Start the pump and operate until water in the sight glass is clear—about 1/2 to 1 minute. Turn pump off, set valve to FILTER position and restart pump. Your filter is now operating in the normal filter mode, filtering particles from the pool water.
 6. Adjust pool suction and return valves to achieve desired flow. Check system and filter for water leaks and tighten connections, bolts, and nuts, as required.
 7. Note the initial pressure gauge reading when the filter is clean. (It will vary from pool to pool depending upon the pump and general piping system). As the filter removes dirt and impurities from the pool water, the accumulation in the filter will cause the pressure to rise and flow to diminish. When the pressure gauge reading is 8-10 PSI (0.55-0.69 BAR) higher than the initial "clean" pressure you noted, it is time to backwash (clean) the filter (see BACKWASH under Filter Control Valve Functions.)

NOTE: During initial clean-up of the pool water it may be necessary to backwash frequently due to the unusually heavy initial dirt load in the water.

KEEP SAFETY LABELS IN GOOD CONDITION AND REPLACE IF MISSING OR DAMAGED.

IMPORTANT: To prevent unnecessary strain on piping system and valving, always shut off pump before switching Filter Control Valve positions.

To prevent damage to the pump and filter and for proper operation of the system, clean pump strainer and skimmer baskets regularly.

FILTER CONTROL VALVE FUNCTIONS

FILTER—Set valve to FILTER for normal filtering. Also use for regular vacuuming.

BACKWASH—For cleaning filter. When filter pressure gauge rises 8-10 PSI (0.55-0.69 BAR) above start-up (clean pressure):

Stop the pump, set valve to BACKWASH. Start pump and backwash until water in sight glass is clear; approximately 2 minutes or less depending on dirt accumulation. Proceed to RINSE.

RINSE—After backwashing, with pump off, set valve to RINSE. Start pump and operate for about 1/2 to 1 minute. This ensures that all dirty water from backwashing is rinsed out of the filter to waste, preventing possible return to the pool. Stop pump, set valve to FILTER, and start pump for normal filtering.

WASTE—To bypass filter for draining or lowering water level and for vacuuming heavy debris directly to waste.

RECIRCULATE—Water is recirculated through the pool system, bypassing the filter.

CLOSED—Shuts off flow from pump to filter.

VACUUMING—Vacuuming can be performed directly into the filter. When vacuuming heavy debris loads, set valve to WASTE position to bypass the filter and vacuum directly out to waste.

INITIAL START-UP OF FILTER

1. Be sure correct amount of filter sand media is in tank and that all connections have been made and are secure.
2. Depress Vari-Flo control valve handle and rotate to BACKWASH** position. (To prevent damage to control valve seal, always depress handle before turning.)

Note:**For new concrete or gunite pools, or where there is a large amount of plaster dust or debris—start filter in FILTER position (not BACKWASH) to prevent clogging of underdrain laterals.



▲ WARNING: ALL SUCTION AND DISCHARGE VALVES MUST BE OPEN WHEN STARTING THE SYSTEM. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD CAUSE SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY.

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WINTERIZING

1. Completely drain tank by unscrewing drain cap at base of filter tank. Leave cap off during winter.
2. Depress Vari-Flo control valve handle and rotate so as to set pointer on valve top between any two positions. This will allow water to drain from the valve. Leave valve in this "inactive" position.
3. Drain and winterize pump according to pump instructions.

SERVICE & REPAIRS

Consult your local authorized *Hayward* dealer or service center. No returns may be made directly to the factory without the expressed authorization of Hayward Pool Products, Inc.

▲ WARNING: Health Hazard, failure to properly maintain chemistry in the pool water can cause illness or death. To avoid maintain chemistry as recommended. Additionally, Hayward recommends UV treatment of water discharge in fountains and spray systems.

▲ PLEASE REALIZE..

Pure, clear swimming pool water is a combination of two factors—adequate filtration and proper water chemistry balance. One without the other will not give the clean water you desire.

Your filter system is designed for continuous operation. However, this is not necessary for most swimming pools. You can determine your filter operation schedule based on your pool size and usage. Be sure to operate your filtration system long enough each day to obtain at least one complete turnover of your pool water.

To properly sanitize your pool, maintain a free chlorine level of 1 to 3 ppm and a pH range of 7.2 to 7.6. Insufficient chlorine or an out of balance pH level will permit algae and bacteria to grow in your pool and make it difficult for your filter to properly clean the pool water.

PROBLEM SOLVING LIST			
	LOW WATER FLOW	SHORT FILTER CYCLES	POOL WATER WON'T CLEAR UP
REMEDY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check skimmer and pump strainer baskets for debris. 2. Check for restrictions in intake and discharge lines. 3. Check for air leak in intake line (indicated by bubbles returning to pool). 4. Backwash filter. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check for algae in pool and superchlorinate as required. 2. Be sure chlorine and pH levels are in proper range (adjust as required). 3. Check surface of filter sand for crusting or caking (remove 1" of sand if necessary). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Check chlorine, pH and total alkalinity levels and adjust as required. 2. Be sure flow rate through filter is sufficient. 3. Operate filter for longer periods. 4. Be sure Vari-Flo valve is set in the "Filter" position.

MAXIMUM RECOMMENDED SYSTEM FLOW RATE BY PIPE SIZE					
Pipe Size	Flow rate	Pipe Size	Flow rate	Pipe Size	Flow rate
[mm]	GPM [Liter/Min]	[mm]	GPM [Liter/Min]	[mm]	GPM [Liter/Min]
1"	20	1 1/2"	45	2 1/2"	110
[32]	[75]	[50]	[170]	[75]	[415]
1 3/4"	30	2"	80	3"	160
[40]	[110]	[63]	[300]	[90]	[600]

TABLE 1

PRODUCT REGISTRATION	
(Retain For Your Records)	
DATE OF INSTALLATION	_____
PURCHASED FROM	_____
MODEL	SERIAL NUMBER
_____	_____
▲ Retain this Warranty Certificate in a safe and convenient location for your records.	

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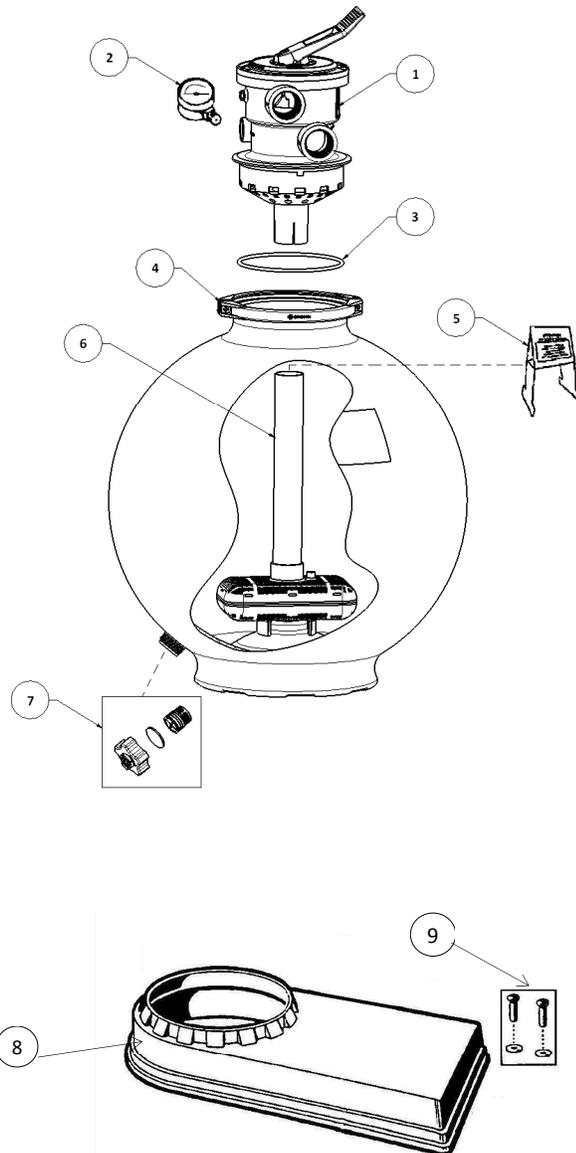
SPECIFICATIONS – TABLE 2

MODEL NUMBER	EFFECTIVE FILTRATION AREA		MAXIMUM WORKING PRESSURE		REQUIRED CLEARANCE				MEDIA REQUIRED			INSTALLED HEIGHT	
	FT ²	M ²	PSI	BAR	SIDE		ABOVE		TYPE	AMOUNT		INCH	MM
					INCH	MM	INCH	MM	0.45-0.55mm	LBS	KG		
VL210T1285S (21")	2.15	0.20	35	2.5	18	460	18	460	0.45-0.55mm	150	68	32	815
VL210T1285STL (21")	2.15	0.20	35	2.5	18	460	18	460	0.45-0.55mm	150	68	32	815

****Also known as No. 20 Silica Sand**

Replacement Parts

Item	Part Number	Description	QTY
1	SP0714T	VariFlo® Valve	1
2	ECX270861	Pressure Gauge	1
3	GMX600F	Valve O-ring	1
4	GMX600NM	Clamp Assembly	1
5	SX202S	Sand Shield	1
6	SWX210DA	Underdrain Assy	1
7	SX180LA	Drain Cap & Gasket	1
8	SX180K	System base	1
9	ECX1108A	Pump mounting screw kit	1



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SUGGESTED POOL CHEMISTRY LEVELS	
pH	7.2 to 7.6
TOTAL ALKALINITY	80 to 120 ppm
CALCIUM HARDNESS	200 to 400 ppm
COMBINED CHLORINE	0.2 ppm Maximum
CHLORINE (STABILIZED)	1.0 to 3.0 ppm
CHLORINE STABILIZER (Cyanuric Acid)	60 to 80 ppm

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS



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