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User Manual

## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The LASCO S-203-3 Deluxe Stem is a replacement part designed for Delta 0263 style faucets. It features a durable plastic body with a stainless steel bottom, suitable for both hot and cold water applications. This stem is an essential component for repairing or maintaining your Delta faucet, ensuring proper water flow control.



Figure 1: The LASCO S-203-3 Deluxe Stem, showing its translucent plastic body, white top, black O-ring, and stainless steel bottom.

## INSTALLATION (SETUP)

This section provides general guidelines for replacing a faucet stem. Specific steps may vary based on your faucet model. It is recommended to consult a professional plumber if you are unsure about any step.

## Tools and Materials Required:

- Adjustable wrench or pliers
- Screwdriver (Phillips or flathead, depending on faucet handle)
- Penetrating oil (optional, for seized parts)
- Cleaning cloth
- New LASCO S-203-3 Deluxe Stem

## Installation Steps:

1. **Turn off Water Supply:** Locate the shut-off valves under the sink for both hot and cold water and turn them off completely. Turn on the faucet to drain any remaining water and relieve pressure.
2. **Remove Faucet Handle:** Typically, there is a decorative cap or screw cover on the faucet handle. Pry it off carefully and unscrew the handle screw. Remove the handle.
3. **Remove Trim and Escutcheon:** Carefully remove any decorative trim or escutcheon plate that covers the stem assembly.
4. **Remove Old Stem:** Using an adjustable wrench, carefully unscrew the old faucet stem. It may be tight due to mineral deposits. If it's stuck, apply penetrating oil and let it sit.
5. **Clean Faucet Body:** Clean any debris, mineral deposits, or old O-ring residue from the faucet body where the stem sits. This ensures a proper seal.
6. **Install New Stem:** Insert the new LASCO S-203-3 Deluxe Stem into the faucet body. Ensure it is seated correctly. Hand-tighten first, then use the wrench to snug it securely, but do not overtighten.
7. **Reassemble Faucet:** Reattach the escutcheon, trim, and faucet handle in reverse order of removal.
8. **Restore Water Supply:** Slowly turn on the hot and cold water supply valves. Check for any leaks around the newly installed stem.
9. **Test Faucet:** Turn on the faucet to check for proper operation and water flow.

## OPERATION

The LASCO S-203-3 Deluxe Stem functions as the core mechanism for controlling water flow and temperature in your Delta 0263 style faucet. Once installed, the stem operates in conjunction with the faucet handle to regulate the flow of hot and cold water. Turning the handle will rotate the stem, which in turn opens or closes internal valves to allow or restrict water passage.

Ensure the faucet handle moves smoothly and water flow is consistent. If you experience stiffness or inconsistent flow, refer to the Troubleshooting section.

## MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance can extend the life of your faucet stem and prevent common issues.

- **Check for Leaks:** Periodically inspect the base of the faucet and under the sink for any signs of water leaks. Address leaks promptly to prevent water damage and further wear on the stem.
- **Clean Mineral Deposits:** In areas with hard water, mineral deposits can accumulate around the stem and inside the faucet body. If the handle becomes stiff or water flow is reduced, consider disassembling the faucet (following installation steps) and cleaning the stem and surrounding components with a mild descaling solution or vinegar.
- **Lubricate O-rings (if applicable):** If the stem includes rubber O-rings, a thin coat of plumber's silicone grease can help maintain their flexibility and sealing properties, reducing friction and preventing leaks.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem                       | Possible Cause   | Solution   |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Faucet Leaks from Handle Base | Worn O-rings or improper stem seating.                           | Ensure the stem is properly tightened. Replace O-rings if they appear damaged or worn.                       |
| Dripping Faucet               | Worn stem washer or internal components.                         | If the stem is new, ensure it is the correct replacement for your faucet. If old, replace the stem.          |
| Stiff Faucet Handle           | Mineral buildup or lack of lubrication.                          | Disassemble and clean the stem and faucet body. Apply plumber's silicone grease to moving parts and O-rings. |
| No Water Flow or Low Pressure | Clogged aerator, blocked water supply, or severely damaged stem. | Check aerator for clogs. Ensure water supply valves are fully open. If the stem is damaged, replace it.      |

## SPECIFICATIONS

| Attribute          | Detail                                      |
|--------------------|---|
| Model Number       | S-203-3                                     |
| Manufacturer       | LASCO                                       |
| Compatibility      | Delta 0263 style faucets                    |
| Material           | Plastic Stem & Body, Stainless Steel bottom |
| Item Weight        | 0.48 ounces                                 |
| Product Dimensions | 0.93 x 0.93 x 1.93 inches                   |
| Water Type         | Hot and Cold                                |

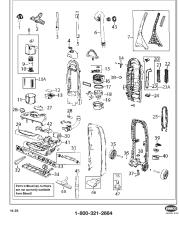
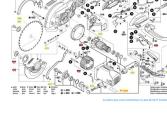
## WARRANTY INFORMATION

Larsen Supply Product Warranty is one year from the purchase date. The warranty covers parts only. The product must be installed per manufacturer's specifications to be eligible for warranty coverage.

## SUPPORT

For further assistance, technical support, or to inquire about replacement parts, please contact LASCO customer service or the retailer from whom you purchased the product. Ensure you have your product model number (S-203-3) and purchase details available when contacting support.

You can find more information on the official LASCO website or through authorized distributors.

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| <br>Bissell 44M3<br>Owner's Manual<br><small>Shop genuine replacement parts for Bissell 44M3</small> | <p><a href="#">Bissell 44M3 Rewind Premium Pet Owner's Manual and Parts List</a></p> <p>Official owner's manual and detailed parts list for the Bissell 44M3 Rewind Premium Pet vacuum cleaner, including part numbers and descriptions for easy replacement.</p>   |
|    | <p><a href="#">Bissell Lift-Off Bagless Vacuum Cleaner Parts List and Diagram</a></p> <p>Official parts list and exploded view diagram for Bissell Lift-Off Bagless (Models 3750, 6595, 6801) and Lift-Off Revolution Bagless (Models 3760, 4220, 6850, 6860) vacuum cleaners, detailing replacement parts and assembly.</p>  |
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|    | <p><a href="#">2007 Mercedes-Benz C 350 ASSYST Oil Change Reset: Service and Repair Guide</a></p>   |
|   | <p>Comprehensive guide for resetting the Active Service System (ASSYST) and performing an oil change reset on the 2007 Mercedes-Benz C 350 (models 203.0, 203.2, 203.7, 208, 210, 215). Includes instructions for displaying service indicators and engine oil levels.</p>  |