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Filbur FC2385 Spa Filter Cartridge Instruction Manual

Model: FC2385 | Brand: Pentair

1. Product Overview

The Filbur FC2385 is a 35-square-foot weir spa filter cartridge designed to maintain optimal water quality in your spa or hot tub. This product is typically supplied as a two-pack, ensuring you always have a clean replacement cartridge readily available for continuous filtration.

Key features include:

- Designed for 35-square-foot weir filter canisters.
- Compatible with Unicel part #C4335.
- Suitable for any spa utilizing a 35-square-foot weir filter system.



Image: A single Filbur FC2385 spa filter cartridge, showing its cylindrical pleated design and blue end caps.



Image: A composite image showing one Filbur FC2385 filter cartridge alongside two separate top-down views of the filter's blue end caps, highlighting the central opening and surrounding structure.

2. Setup and Installation

Proper installation of your filter cartridge is crucial for effective spa filtration. Always ensure your spa's power is off before beginning any installation or maintenance.

Installation Steps:

1. **Turn off Power:** Locate the main power switch for your spa and turn it off to prevent accidental operation during installation.
2. **Access Filter Housing:** Open the filter housing compartment, typically located near the spa's pump. Refer to your spa's owner's manual for specific instructions on accessing the filter.
3. **Remove Old Cartridge:** Carefully remove the old, dirty filter cartridge. It may be heavy with water. Dispose of the old cartridge according to local regulations.
4. **Insert New Cartridge:** Place the new Filbur FC2385 filter cartridge into the filter housing. Ensure it seats properly and is aligned with any central standpipes or guides.
5. **Secure Housing:** Close and secure the filter housing lid or cover. Ensure all clamps or fasteners are tightened to prevent leaks.
6. **Restore Power:** Turn the main power switch for your spa back on.
7. **Check for Leaks:** Monitor the filter housing area for any signs of leaks once the spa begins circulating water.

3. Operating Instructions

Once installed, the Filbur FC2385 filter cartridge operates automatically as part of your spa's filtration system. Water is drawn through the pleated filter media, where impurities, debris, and suspended particles are trapped, returning clean water to the spa. The filter is designed for continuous operation during your spa's programmed filtration cycles.

4. Maintenance and Cleaning

Regular cleaning of your filter cartridge is essential for maintaining spa water clarity and extending the life of your filter and spa equipment. It is recommended to clean the filter cartridge every two weeks, or more frequently with heavy spa usage.

Cleaning Steps:

1. **Turn off Power:** Always turn off the spa's main power before handling the filter.
2. **Remove Cartridge:** Open the filter housing and carefully remove the dirty cartridge.
3. **Rinse with Hose:** Use a garden hose with a strong nozzle to thoroughly rinse the pleats of the filter cartridge. Start from the top and work your way down, ensuring all debris is flushed out from between the pleats.
4. **Soak (Optional, Recommended):** For a deeper clean and to remove oils and stubborn deposits, soak the cartridge in a specialized filter cleaning solution overnight, following the cleaner's instructions.
5. **Rinse Again:** After soaking, rinse the cartridge thoroughly again with a hose to remove all cleaning solution residue.
6. **Inspect:** Inspect the cartridge for any damage, tears in the pleats, or broken end caps. If significant damage is present, replace the cartridge.
7. **Reinstall or Store:** Reinstall the clean cartridge into the spa, or allow it to air dry completely before storing it in a clean, dry place if using a second cartridge.

Note: Avoid using high-pressure washers, as they can damage the filter media. Do not use harsh household cleaners, as they can leave residues that may contaminate spa water.

5. Troubleshooting

If you experience issues with your spa's filtration, the filter cartridge may be a contributing factor. Here are some common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Cloudy Spa Water	Dirty or clogged filter cartridge	Clean the filter cartridge thoroughly. If cleaning does not resolve the issue, replace the cartridge.
Reduced Water Flow / Weak Jets	Clogged filter cartridge; air lock in system	Clean or replace the filter. Check for air in the pump or plumbing and bleed if necessary.
Filter Cartridge Deterioration	Age; improper cleaning chemicals; high sanitizer levels	Replace the cartridge. Ensure proper water chemistry and use only approved filter cleaning solutions.

6. Specifications

Detailed specifications for the Filbur FC2385 Spa Filter Cartridge:

Attribute	Value
Manufacturer	Filbur
Part Number	R173434
Item Weight	4 ounces
Product Dimensions	4.95 x 5.05 x 13.55 inches
Item Model Number	FC2385
Color	Filbur FC-2385 filter cartridges
Pattern	Solid
Item Package Quantity	1 (Note: Often sold as a 2-pack)
ASIN	B0012BRBDK
Date First Available	January 4, 2007

7. Important Safety Information

WARNING: This product can expose you to chemicals including Di(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP), which is known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. For more information go to www.P65Warnings.ca.gov.

Always turn off the spa's power before performing any maintenance or installation. Ensure proper ventilation when using cleaning chemicals. Keep cleaning solutions out of reach of children and pets.

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