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#### **Tetra 26588**

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Model: 26588 (500-1000 Gallons)

# INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient operation, installation, and maintenance of your TetraPond Water Garden Pump, Model 26588. This pump is designed to power waterfalls, filters, and fountain heads in water gardens and ponds ranging from 500 to 1000 gallons. Please read these instructions thoroughly before use and retain them for future reference.

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Read all instructions: Before operating the pump, carefully read and understand all safety warnings and operating
  instructions.
- · Electrical Safety:
  - Always disconnect the pump from the power supply before performing any maintenance or cleaning.
  - Ensure the power cord is not damaged. Do not operate the pump with a damaged cord or plug.
  - Connect to a properly grounded, GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) protected outlet.
  - Do not remove the grounding prong from the plug.
  - The pump is designed for 120 Volts AC.
- Submersible Use Only: This pump is designed exclusively for submersible operation. Do not run the pump dry.
- Placement: Ensure the pump is placed on a stable surface within the pond to prevent it from tipping over.
- Children and Pets: Keep children and pets away from the pond area and electrical connections.
- Water Temperature: Do not use the pump in water exceeding 95°F (35°C).

# PACKAGE CONTENTS

- TetraPond Water Garden Pump (Model 26588)
- 1-inch ID (Inner Diameter) Adapter

# **SETUP AND INSTALLATION**

- 1. Unpacking: Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Inspect the pump for any signs of damage.
- 2. Adapter Connection: Attach the provided 1-inch ID adapter to the pump's outlet. Ensure a secure fit.
- 3. **Tubing Connection:** Connect appropriate tubing (not included) to the 1-inch ID adapter. For optimal flow, use tubing with an inner diameter matching the adapter. Secure the tubing with a hose clamp (not included) to prevent leaks.

#### 4. Placement in Pond:

Place the pump on a stable, level surface at the bottom of your pond. Ensure it is fully submerged in water. Avoid placing it directly in heavy sludge or debris, which can clog the intake.



Image: Front view of the TetraPond Water Garden Pump, showing its compact design and outlet.



Image: Side view of the TetraPond Water Garden Pump, illustrating the hose adapter connection point.

5. **Electrical Connection:** Route the 12-foot power cord to a GFCI-protected electrical outlet. Ensure the cord is not pinched or damaged. Plug in the pump only after it is fully submerged and all connections are secure.

# **OPERATION**

Once the pump is installed and connected, plug it into the GFCI-protected outlet. The pump will begin to circulate water. The flow rate of the pump is rated at 1000 GPH (Gallons Per Hour) at zero head height. The actual flow rate will decrease as the vertical distance (head height) the water is pumped increases.

- Waterfalls: For waterfalls, approximately 1 inch of waterfall width is achieved for every 100 GPH of flow. Adjust the pump's position or the tubing to achieve desired waterfall effects.
- Fountain Heads: If using fountain heads (not included), attach them securely to the pump's outlet or a diverter valve.
- Filters: This pump can be used to power external filters. Ensure the filter is compatible with the pump's flow rate.

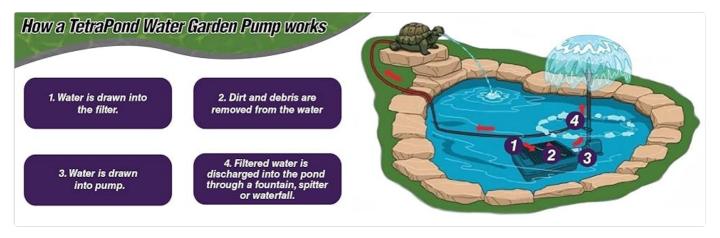


Image: Flow performance chart illustrating how gallons per hour (GPH) decrease with increasing pumping height for various TetraPond pump models, including WGP1000.

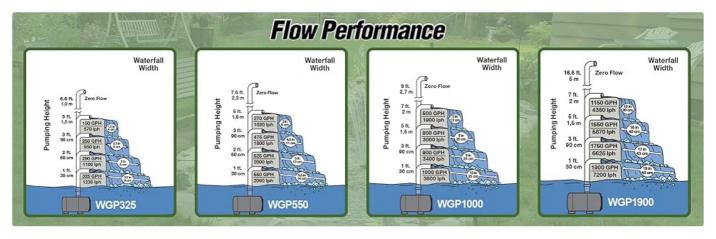


Image: Diagram showing the operational flow of a TetraPond Water Garden Pump, from water intake to filtration and discharge through a fountain or waterfall.

# **MAINTENANCE**

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your pump. Always disconnect the pump from the power supply before performing any maintenance.

#### 1. Cleaning the Impeller:

Over time, debris can accumulate around the impeller, reducing pump efficiency. To clean:

- Unplug the pump.
- Remove the pump from the pond.
- Carefully remove the pump housing or intake screen to access the impeller.
- Remove any debris (leaves, algae, etc.) from the impeller and its chamber.
- Rinse all parts with clean water.
- Reassemble the pump, ensuring all parts are securely in place.

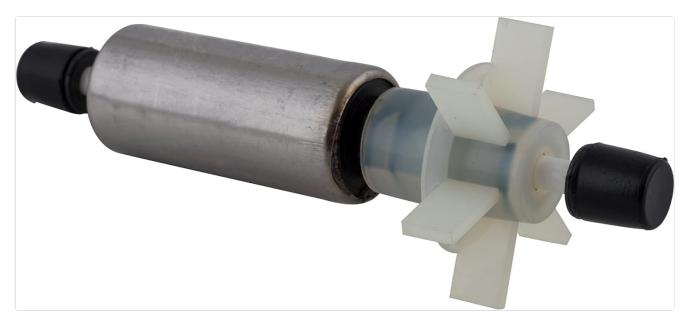


Image: Detailed view of the pump's impeller and magnetic rotor assembly, crucial for water movement.

- 2. **Cleaning the Intake Screen:** Periodically check and clean the intake screen to prevent clogging. A clogged screen will reduce water flow.
- 3. **Winterization:** In freezing climates, remove the pump from the pond before temperatures drop below freezing. Clean the pump thoroughly and store it in a frost-free location submerged in a bucket of water to keep seals moist, or follow specific manufacturer guidelines for dry storage.

# **T**ROUBLESHOOTING

If your pump is not operating correctly, refer to the following common issues and solutions. Always disconnect power before inspecting the pump.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Pump does not start or runs intermittently.	No power to the pump. Impeller is jammed by debris. GFCI tripped.	Check power connection and outlet.  Disconnect power, remove pump, and clean impeller (see Maintenance).  Reset GFCI. If it trips repeatedly, consult an electrician.
Reduced water flow.	Clogged intake screen or impeller. Kinked or obstructed tubing. Excessive head height.	Disconnect power, remove pump, and clean intake screen and impeller.  Inspect tubing for kinks or blockages.  Ensure the pump is appropriately sized for the desired pumping height.
Pump is noisy.	Debris in impeller chamber. Pump not fully submerged.	Disconnect power and clean impeller.  Ensure the pump is completely underwater.

For more detailed troubleshooting, refer to the specific "Troubleshooting and Cleaning Your Pump guides" available from Tetra.

# **SPECIFICATIONS**

Feature	Detail
Model Number	26588
Pond Size Capacity	500 to 1000 gallons
Maximum Flow Rate	1000 GPH (Gallons Per Hour) / 31.67 GPM (Gallons Per Minute)
Maximum Lifting Height (Head)	7.1 Feet
Voltage	120 Volts
Power Source	Corded Electric
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	8" x 6.25" x 8.88"
Item Weight	4.46 pounds
Material	Plastic
Style	Submersible
Adapter Included	1-inch ID

# WARRANTY INFORMATION

The TetraPond Water Garden Pump (Model 26588) comes with a **3-year limited warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. For full warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the official Tetra website or contact customer support.

# **CUSTOMER SUPPORT**

For further assistance, technical support, or warranty inquiries, please contact Tetra customer service. Visit the official Tetra website for contact information and additional resources.

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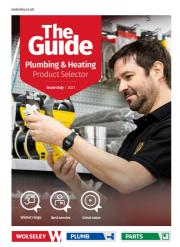


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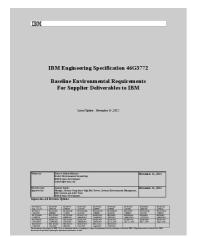
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