Pentek ECP5-10

Pentair Pentek ECP5-10 Sediment Water Filter Cartridge Instruction Manual

1. Introduction

This manual provides essential information for the safe and effective use of your Pentair Pentek ECP5-10 Sediment Water Filter Cartridge. The ECP Series cartridges are designed to remove dirt, sand, silt, and particulates from water, improving water quality and protecting downstream appliances. These cartridges are constructed from a unique blend of resin-impregnated cellulose and polyester fibers, offering higher wet strength and dirt-holding capacity compared to standard cellulose cartridges.

2. Product Features

- **Enhanced Filtration:** Effectively removes dirt, sand, silt, and particulates to ensure cleaner water.
- **Universal Fit:** Designed to fit all standard 10-inch filter housings, replacing any 10" x 2.5" standard sediment filter cartridge.
- **Extended Life:** Features 33% more dirt-holding media than many competitive pleated filters, leading to longer service life.
- **Durable Construction:** Made from a unique blend of resin-impregnated cellulose and polyester fibers for superior wet strength.
- **Easy Identification:** Color-coded end-caps (white for 5 micron) facilitate quick and accurate replacement.



Image: Pentair Pentek ECP filter highlighting its construction and benefits.

3. Safety Information

- Always turn off the main water supply before attempting any installation or maintenance.
- Depressurize the system before opening the filter housing.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, such as gloves and eye protection.
- Use only food-grade silicone grease for O-rings; do not use petroleum jelly.
- Ensure all connections are secure to prevent leaks.
- Keep children and pets away from the work area.

4. Installation and Replacement

The following steps detail the process for replacing your filter cartridge. It is recommended to replace the cartridge every 3-6 months, or when you notice a drop in water pressure or quality.

4.1. Tools and Materials Needed:

- New Pentair Pentek ECP5-10 Sediment Water Filter Cartridge
- Compatible filter wrench
- Dish towel or tray
- Household bleach (unscented)
- Spoon
- Food-grade silicone grease
- Scrub brush or sponge
- Rubber gloves

4.2. Step-by-Step Replacement Guide:

1. **Prepare the Area:** Remove any items that should not get wet from the vicinity of the filter housing. Place a dish towel or tray underneath the system to catch any excess water.
2. **Turn Off Water Supply:** Locate the water supply valve to your filter system and turn it off completely.
3. **Release Pressure:** If your filter housing has a red pressure relief button, press it to release trapped pressure. Alternatively, open a nearby faucet to relieve pressure until water stops flowing, then close the faucet.
4. **Unscrew Housing:** Use the compatible filter wrench to unscrew the filter housing. Carefully lower the housing and empty any remaining water into a sink or the tray.
5. **Remove Old Cartridge and O-ring:** Discard the old filter cartridge. Remove the large O-ring from the housing. Wipe it clean and inspect it for any signs of damage (cracks, stretching). Set it aside.
6. **Clean and Disinfect Housing:** Wash the filter housing with dish soap and warm water using a sponge or cloth. Rinse thoroughly. To disinfect, fill the housing one-third with water, add one tablespoon of unscented household bleach, and scrub the interior. Rinse thoroughly with warm water to remove all bleach residue.
7. **Lubricate O-ring:** Check the O-ring groove to ensure it is clean and free of debris. Lubricate the O-ring with clean, food-grade silicone grease. If the O-ring is damaged, replace it with a new one. Insert the O-ring back into its groove, ensuring it is seated level.
8. **Insert New Cartridge:** Remove all packaging from your new Pentair Pentek ECP5-10 filter cartridge. Carefully insert the new cartridge into the housing. If the cartridge has gaskets, ensure they are properly installed before inserting.
9. **Reattach Housing:** Screw the bottom of the housing onto the cap. Hand-tighten first, then use the filter wrench for a final snug turn. Do not overtighten. Ensure the cap standpipe is correctly located in the center of the cartridge.
10. **Restore Water Supply:** Slowly turn on the water supply to the filter. If a pressure relief button is present, press it again to allow any trapped air to escape. Check for leaks around the housing.
11. **Flush the System:** Open a nearby faucet and flush the new cartridge for 10 minutes. Water may appear cloudy initially due to trapped air; this should clear after a short period of use.

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Video: Detailed guide on filter cartridge replacement for undercounter water filtration systems.

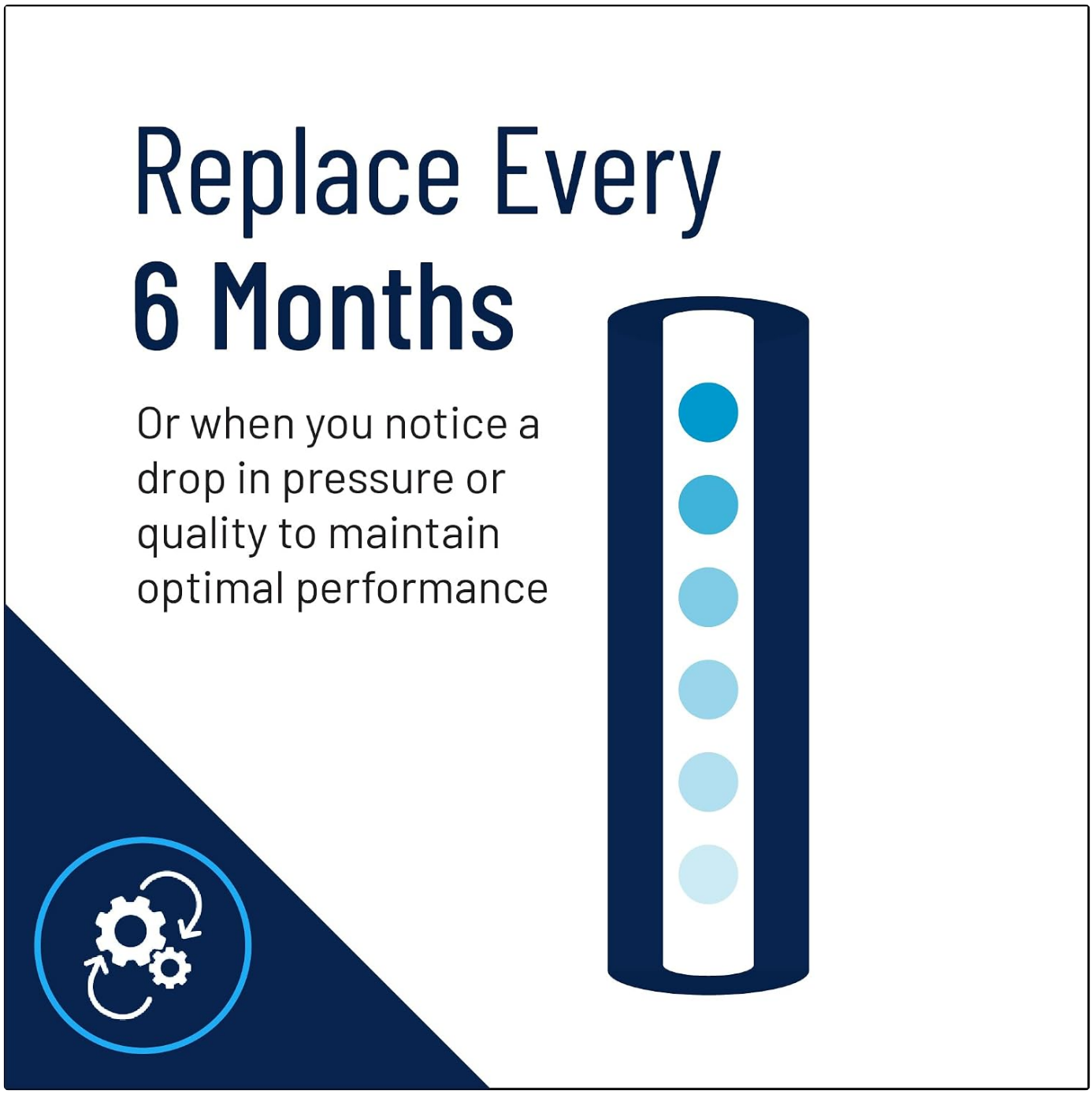


Image: Reminder to replace the filter every 3-6 months or upon noticeable pressure drop.

5. Operation

Once installed, the Pentair Pentek ECP5-10 filter cartridge operates continuously to filter your water. Water flows through the pleated cellulose and polyester media, trapping sediment and particulates. The filtered water is then available for use throughout your home or at the point of use, depending on your system configuration.

6. Maintenance

Regular maintenance, primarily cartridge replacement, is crucial for optimal performance. Replace your Pentair Pentek

ECP5-10 filter cartridge every 3-6 months, or sooner if you observe a significant reduction in water flow or a decline in water quality (e.g., cloudy water, unpleasant taste). Refer to Section 4 for detailed replacement instructions.

7. Troubleshooting

- **Reduced Water Flow:** This is a common indicator that the filter cartridge is clogged with sediment and needs to be replaced.
- **Cloudy Water After Replacement:** A small amount of air can become trapped in the system during cartridge replacement. This usually resolves itself after flushing the system for 10 minutes. If cloudiness persists, ensure the O-ring is properly seated and the housing is securely tightened.
- **Leaks Around Housing:** Turn off the water supply immediately. Check that the O-ring is correctly positioned and lubricated, and that the filter housing is tightened securely with the filter wrench. Do not overtighten.
- **Unusual Taste or Odor:** While this sediment filter primarily removes particulates, if taste or odor issues arise, it may indicate a need for a different type of filter (e.g., carbon filter) or further water quality assessment.

8. Specifications

Material	Polyester
Product Dimensions	2.5"D x 2.5"W x 10"H
Item Weight	0.1 Kilograms
External Testing Certification	ANSI, NSF
Product Benefits	Removes Pollutants (Sediment)
Model Number	ECP5-10
Micron Rating	5 Micron (White End-Cap)
Manufacturer Part Number	255482-43

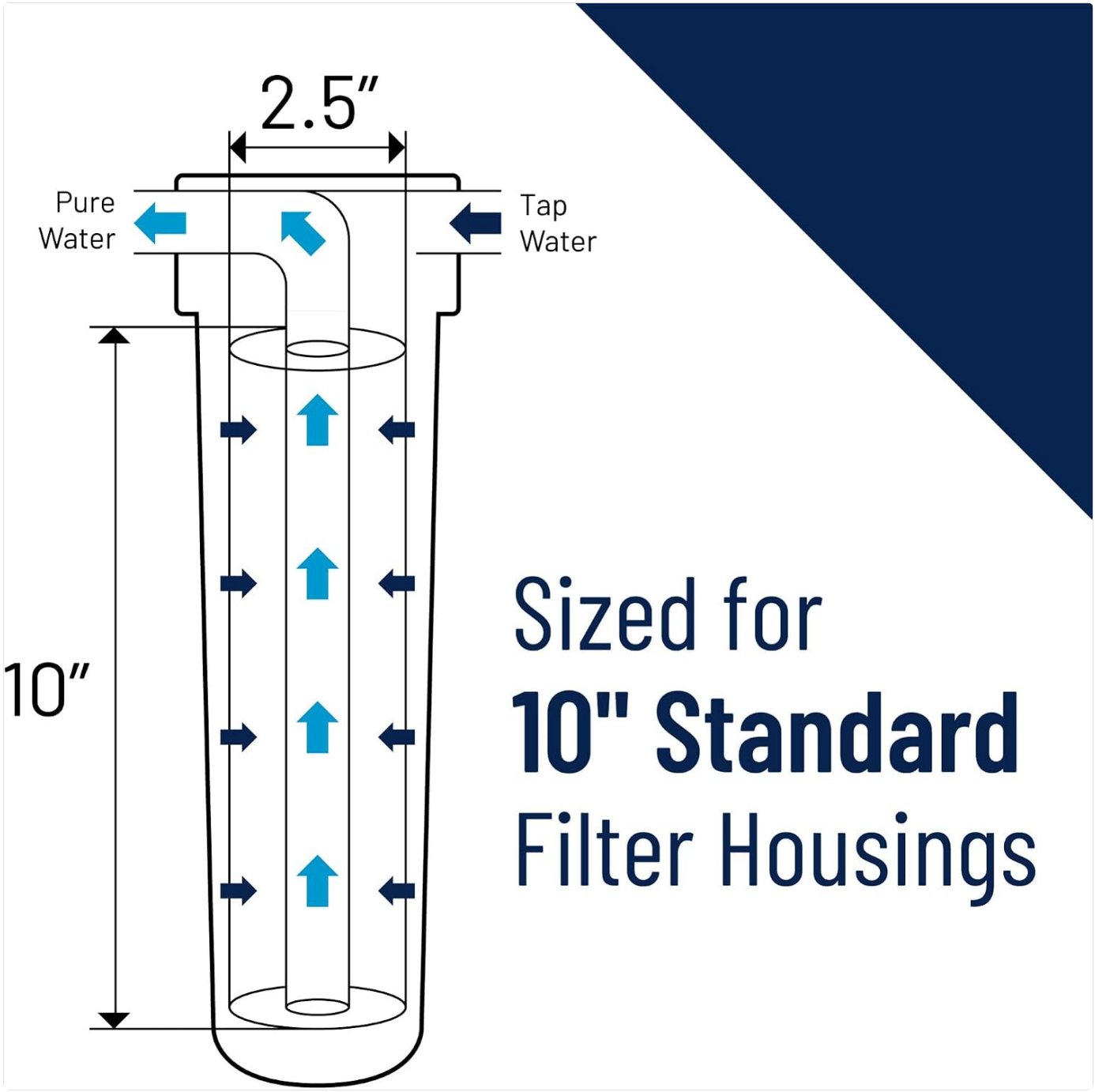


Image: Filter dimensions for compatibility with standard 10-inch housings.

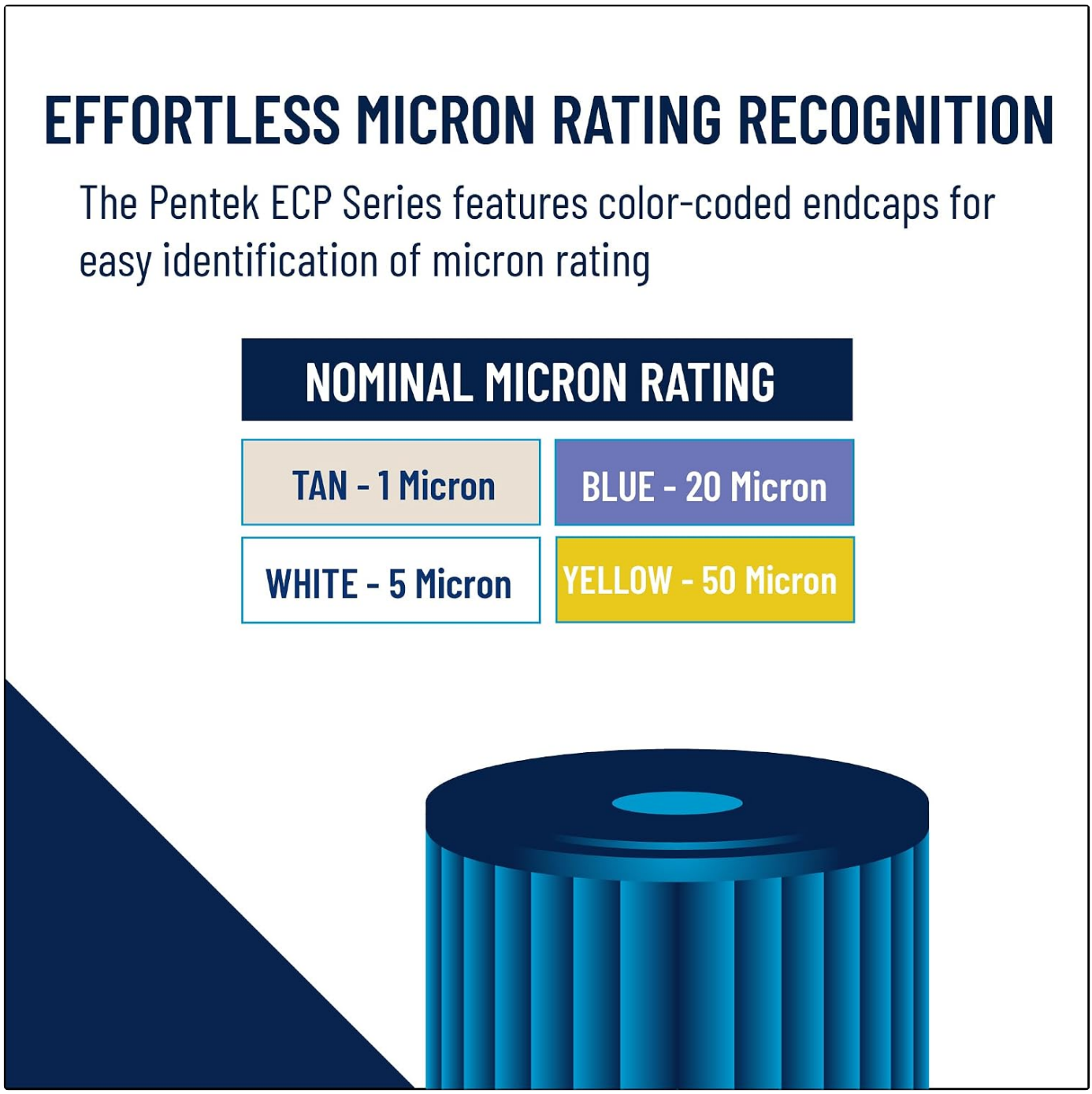


Image: Micron rating identification via color-coded end caps.

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