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Aquascape Stacked Slate Sphere Water Fountain

Model: 78288 (32-inch Diameter)

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1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of your Aquascape Stacked Slate Sphere Water Fountain, Model 78288. This water feature is designed to add the sights and sounds of water to your outdoor environment. The fountain is constructed from a durable fiber-resin composite, providing the aesthetic of natural stacked slate.



Image 1.1: Aquascape Stacked Slate Sphere Water Fountain (Model 78288)

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Read and understand all instructions before installing and operating this product. Failure to follow these instructions may result in electrical shock, fire, or serious injury.

- **Electrical Safety:** Always disconnect power to the pump before performing any maintenance or installation. Ensure the power cord is protected from sharp objects and excessive heat. Do not operate if the cord is damaged.
- **Water Safety:** Do not allow children or pets to play with the fountain unsupervised. Ensure the fountain is placed on a stable, level surface to prevent tipping.
- **Installation:** Use only approved components and follow all local electrical and plumbing codes.
- **General:** This product is for outdoor use only. Do not use with flammable liquids.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

The Aquascape Stacked Slate Sphere Water Fountain (Model 78288) package includes:

- One (1) Aquascape Stacked Slate Sphere Water Fountain (32-inch diameter)

Items Sold Separately (Required for Operation):

- AquaBasin 45 basin reservoir (Item # 78224) for water storage and circulation.
- Ultra 1500 Water Pump (Item # 91009) for water circulation.
- Appropriate tubing and fittings to connect the pump to the fountain.

Optional Accessories (Sold Separately):

- Aquascape Fire Fountain Add-On Kit (Item # 78221) for adding a fire element.

4. SETUP

4.1 Site Selection

Choose a level location in your yard or garden that has access to a GFCI-protected electrical outlet. Ensure the area can support the weight of the fountain when filled with water. Consider proximity to trees or plants that may drop debris into the fountain.

4.2 Basin Installation

Install the AquaBasin 45 (or equivalent reservoir) according to its specific instructions. The basin should be buried flush with the ground or placed on a stable surface, ensuring it is level.

4.3 Pump and Tubing Connection

1. Place the Ultra 1500 Water Pump inside the basin.
2. Connect appropriate tubing from the pump outlet to the inlet at the bottom of the Stacked Slate Sphere fountain. Ensure all connections are secure to prevent leaks.
3. Route the pump's power cord out of the basin, ensuring it is not pinched or damaged.

Create a soothing landscape anywhere



Great for backyard gardens and front yard curb appeal



Image 4.1: Example of fountain installation with basin and pump connections.

4.4 Fountain Placement

Carefully place the Stacked Slate Sphere fountain onto the installed basin, ensuring the tubing is properly aligned and not kinked. The fountain should sit securely and level on the basin.

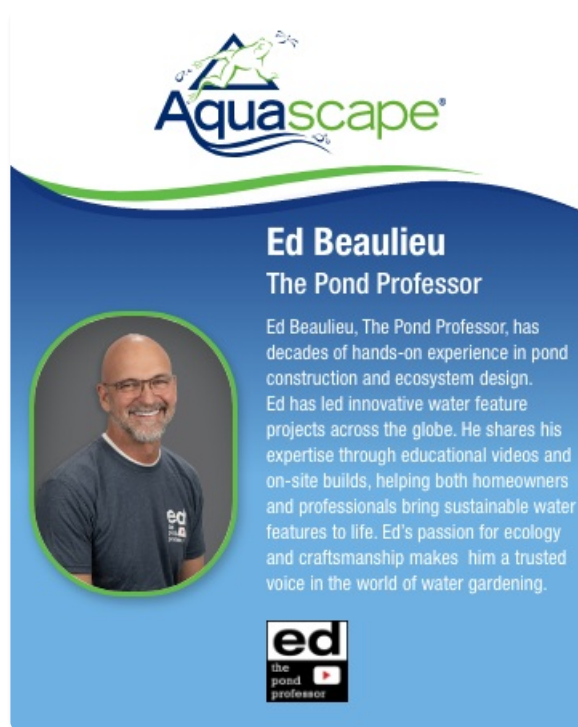


Image 4.2: The fountain integrated into a landscape.

4.5 Filling the Basin

Fill the basin with clean water until the pump is fully submerged and the water level is sufficient for the fountain to operate without drawing air. The water will circulate up through the center of the sphere and cascade over its stacked slate texture.

5. OPERATION

5.1 Initial Start-up

Once the basin is filled, plug the pump into a GFCI-protected electrical outlet. Water should begin to flow from the top of the sphere and cascade down. Allow a few minutes for the water to fully circulate and settle.

5.2 Water Level Monitoring

Regularly check the water level in the basin, especially during warm or windy weather, as evaporation will occur. Refill as needed to ensure the pump remains fully submerged and operates efficiently.

5.3 Adjusting Water Flow

If your pump has an adjustable flow rate, you can modify it to achieve your desired water effect. Refer to your pump's instruction manual for specific adjustments.

6. MAINTENANCE

6.1 Regular Cleaning

- **Debris Removal:** Periodically remove leaves, twigs, and other debris from the basin and the fountain surface to prevent clogging and maintain water quality.
- **Algae Control:** Algae can form in water features. Use an appropriate, pond-safe algaecide or beneficial bacteria treatments to control algae growth. Clean the fountain surface with a soft brush and water as needed.

- **Pump Cleaning:** Disconnect power to the pump and remove it from the basin. Clean the pump impeller and intake screen to ensure optimal performance. Refer to your pump's manual for detailed cleaning instructions.

6.2 Winterization

In regions with freezing temperatures, proper winterization is crucial to prevent damage to the fountain and pump.

- **Drain Water:** Completely drain all water from the fountain and basin.
- **Remove Pump:** Disconnect and remove the pump. Clean it thoroughly and store it in a frost-free location submerged in a bucket of water to keep seals lubricated.
- **Cover Fountain:** Clean the fountain surface. If possible, move the fountain to a protected area. If it must remain outdoors, cover it with a breathable, waterproof cover to protect it from snow and ice.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem | Possible Cause | Solution |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| No water flow or weak flow | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pump unplugged or no power • Low water level in basin • Clogged pump intake or impeller • Kinked or blocked tubing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check power connection and GFCI outlet • Add water to the basin • Clean pump intake and impeller • Inspect and clear tubing |
| Water leaking from fountain | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loose tubing connection • Crack in fountain or basin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tighten tubing connections • Inspect for damage; contact support if significant |
| Excessive splashing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water flow too high • Fountain not level | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjust pump flow rate (if applicable) • Ensure fountain is level on the basin |
| Algae growth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunlight exposure • Nutrient imbalance in water | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use algaecide or beneficial bacteria treatments • Clean fountain regularly |

8. SPECIFICATIONS

| Feature | Detail |
|--------------------|--|
| Model Number | 78288 |
| Product Dimensions | 32"L x 32"W x 29"H (81 cm Dia x 74 cm H) |

| Feature | Detail |
|-----------------|---|
| Material | Fiber-Resin Composite |
| Color | Slate Gray |
| Item Weight | 49 Pounds (22.2 kg) |
| Power Source | Corded Electric (for pump, sold separately) |
| Special Feature | Lighted (requires optional lighting kit, sold separately) |



Image 8.1: Available sizes of Aquascape Stacked Slate Sphere Fountains.

9. WARRANTY & SUPPORT

For warranty information and customer support, please refer to the official Aquascape website or contact their customer service directly. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

Aquascape Contact Information:

- Website: www.aquascapeinc.com
- Refer to product packaging for specific contact details or regional support numbers.