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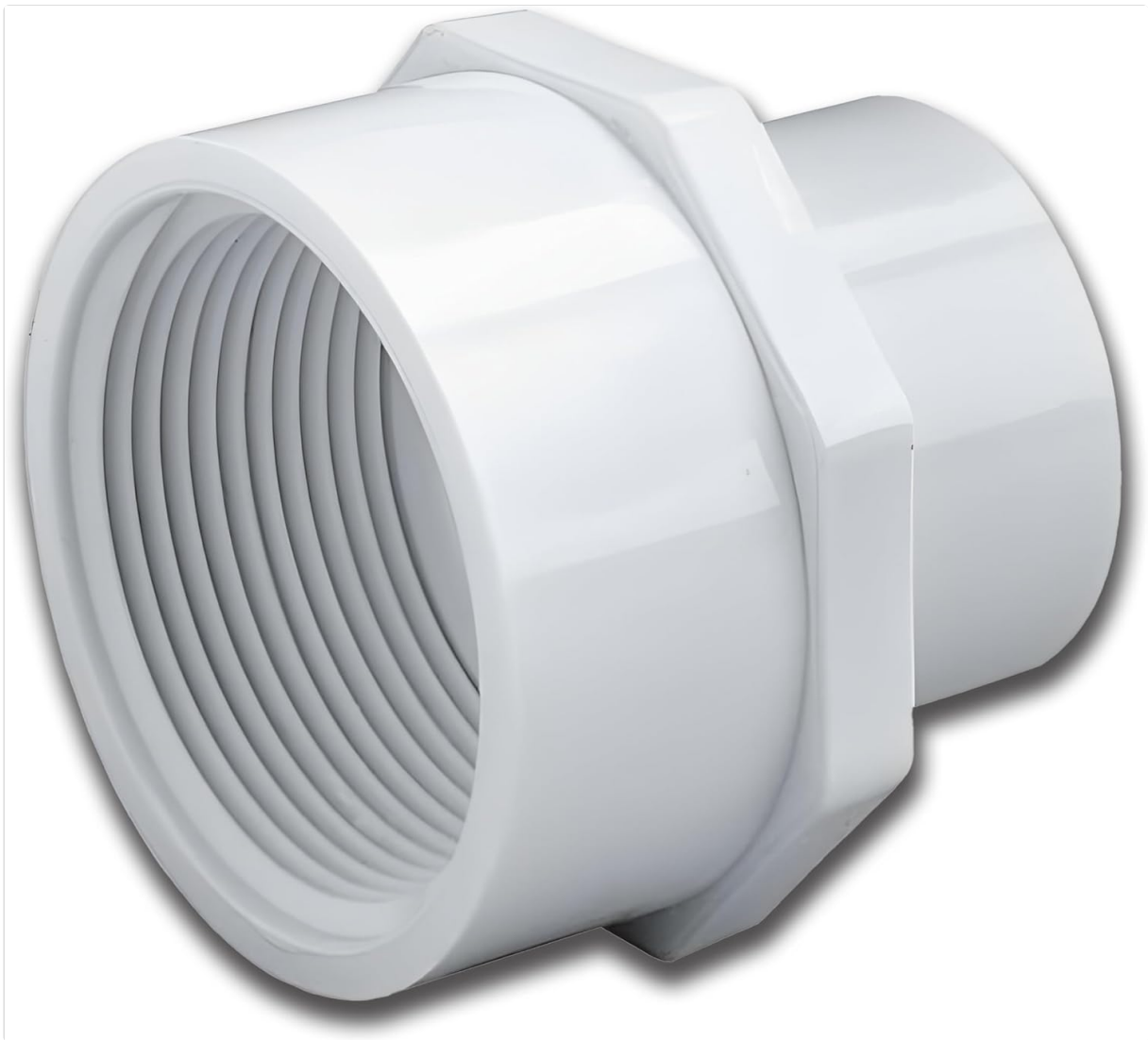
## Lakesstory 3/4" Socket x 1/2" FNTF

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Model: 3/4" Socket x 1/2" FNTF | Brand: Lakesstory

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the proper installation, use, and maintenance of your Lakesstory PVC Reducer. Designed for plumbing applications, this fitting allows for the connection of pipes with different diameters, specifically reducing from a 3/4 inch socket connection to a 1/2 inch female NPT (National Pipe Taper) threaded connection. Adherence to these instructions will ensure optimal performance and longevity of the product.



*Image 1.1: Lakesstory PVC Reducer, showing the 3/4 inch socket end and the 1/2 inch female threaded end.*

## 2. SAFETY INFORMATION

- Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), such as safety glasses and gloves, when working with plumbing materials and tools.
- Ensure the water supply is turned off before beginning any installation or maintenance work on existing plumbing systems.
- Verify that the pipe fitting is compatible with the intended application and pipe materials. This reducer is designed for PVC systems.
- Do not use this fitting for applications exceeding its maximum temperature rating of 140°F (60°C) or pressure ratings for Schedule 40 PVC.
- Keep out of reach of children.

## 3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

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## 4. SPECIFICATIONS

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Model	3/4" Socket x 1/2" FNTF
Material	PVC Plastic
Connection Type	Socket x Female NPT (FNTF)
Socket Size	3/4 inch
Female Thread Size	1/2 inch
Pipe Fitting Class	Schedule 40
Maximum Temperature	140°F (60°C)
Color	White
Item Weight	Approximately 0.02 Pounds (0.32 ounces)
Dimensions	Pipe Fitting Length: 1 9/16 inch (Package: 6.77 x 2.44 x 1.38 inches)



Image 4.1: Visual representation of the reducer with its 3/4 inch socket and 1/2 inch FNTF dimensions.

## 5. SETUP AND INSTALLATION

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The Lakesstory PVC Reducer is designed for straightforward installation in various plumbing systems. Follow these steps for a secure and leak-free connection:

- 1. Prepare Pipes:** Ensure the ends of the PVC pipes to be connected are clean, dry, and cut squarely. Deburr the edges to prevent interference with the fitting.
- 2. Dry Fit:** Temporarily fit the reducer onto the pipes without adhesive to ensure proper alignment and fit. The 3/4 inch socket end will slide over a 3/4 inch PVC pipe, and the 1/2 inch FNTP end will thread onto a 1/2 inch male NPT fitting or pipe.
- 3. Apply Primer (Optional but Recommended):** For optimal bonding, apply PVC primer to the outside of the 3/4 inch PVC pipe end and the inside of the 3/4 inch socket of the reducer. Allow the primer to dry for the recommended time as per the primer manufacturer's instructions.
- 4. Apply PVC Cement:** Apply a uniform, liberal coat of PVC cement to the outside of the 3/4 inch PVC pipe end and the inside of the 3/4 inch socket of the reducer. Work quickly, as PVC cement dries rapidly.
- 5. Join Socket Connection:** Immediately insert the 3/4 inch PVC pipe into the reducer's socket with a quarter-turn twist until it bottoms out. Hold the joint firmly for at least 30 seconds to allow the cement to set.
- 6. Threaded Connection:** For the 1/2 inch FNTP end, apply PTFE thread seal tape (Teflon tape) or pipe thread sealant to the male threads of the connecting 1/2 inch NPT pipe or fitting. Thread the reducer onto the male threads, tightening by hand and then with a wrench for a secure, leak-tight seal. Do not overtighten, as this can crack the PVC.
- 7. Curing Time:** Allow the PVC cement to cure for the recommended time before pressurizing the system. Refer to the cement manufacturer's instructions for specific curing times, which vary based on temperature and humidity.



## WIDE APPLICATION

*Image 5.1: Examples illustrating wide application areas for PVC fittings, such as underground drainage, residential plumbing, and irrigation systems.*

## 6. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The Lakesstory PVC Reducer is a passive component designed to facilitate the flow of liquids between pipes of different diameters. Once properly installed, it requires no active operation. Ensure the system it is part of operates within the specified temperature and pressure limits for Schedule 40 PVC fittings.

- After installation and curing, slowly turn on the water supply to the system.
- Inspect all connections for leaks. If a leak is detected, turn off the water supply and address the issue. For solvent-welded joints, this may require cutting out and re-doing the joint. For threaded joints, re-tighten or re-apply thread sealant.

## 7. MAINTENANCE

PVC fittings are generally low-maintenance. Regular inspection can help prevent potential issues.

- **Periodic Inspection:** Periodically check visible PVC connections for any signs of leaks, cracks, or damage.
- **Cleaning:** If necessary, clean the exterior of the fitting with a mild soap and water solution. Avoid harsh

chemicals or abrasive cleaners that could damage the PVC material.

- **Environmental Factors:** While PVC is resistant to corrosion, sunlight, and soil moisture, prolonged exposure to extreme UV radiation or harsh chemicals not compatible with PVC can degrade the material over time. Ensure fittings are protected where possible.



*Image 7.1: Key characteristics of the PVC material used in the reducer, emphasizing its durability and environmental benefits.*

## 8. TROUBLESHOOTING

Most issues with PVC fittings are related to improper installation.

- **Leaks at Socket Joint:**

- *Cause:* Insufficient PVC cement, improper application, insufficient curing time, or pipe not fully inserted.
- *Solution:* Turn off water. If the cement has not fully cured, it may be possible to re-seat the joint. Otherwise, the section of pipe and fitting may need to be cut out and replaced, ensuring proper priming, cementing, and curing.

- **Leaks at Threaded Joint:**

- *Cause:* Insufficient thread sealant (PTFE tape or pipe dope), improper application, or overtightening

causing cracks.

- *Solution:* Turn off water. Disassemble the threaded joint. Clean old sealant from threads. Re-apply fresh PTFE tape (3-5 wraps in the direction of tightening) or pipe thread sealant. Re-tighten appropriately. If the fitting is cracked, it must be replaced.

- **Fitting Does Not Fit:**

- *Cause:* Incorrect pipe size or fitting type.
- *Solution:* Verify pipe and fitting dimensions. Ensure you are using Schedule 40 PVC pipes for socket connections and NPT threaded pipes for threaded connections.

## 9. WARRANTY INFORMATION

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Lakesstory products are manufactured to high-quality standards. For specific warranty details, please refer to the product packaging or contact Lakesstory customer support. Generally, products are warranted against manufacturing defects under normal use and service.

## 10. SUPPORT

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If you have any questions, require technical assistance, or need to report an issue with your Lakesstory PVC Reducer, please contact our customer support team. Contact information can typically be found on the product packaging or the official Lakesstory website.

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