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Brand: Filters Fast | Model: FF-1286M

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Filters Fast FF-1286M is a high-quality replacement filter cartridge designed for various pool and spa filtration systems. It is engineered to provide efficient filtration, contributing to cleaner, clearer, and healthier water for your swimming pool or spa. This filter utilizes durable polyester pleated media to capture impurities effectively.



Image 1: The Filters Fast FF-1286M Pool and Spa Filter cartridge.

2. COMPATIBILITY

The Filters Fast FF-1286M filter cartridge is a compatible replacement for the following models:

- Filbur FC-1286M
- Hayward MX1500-RE
- Pleatco PXST150-M
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- Unicef C-8316M



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Image 2: Close-up view of the filter's pleated media.

3. KEY FEATURES

- **Enhanced Filtration:** Designed with durable polyester pleated filter media for superior particle capture.
- **Improved Water Quality:** Contributes to cleaner, clearer, and more vibrant pool and spa water.
- **Consistent Flow:** Engineered to maintain optimal water flow, which helps prevent cloudy water conditions.
- **Durable Construction:** Features thermally bonded caps and a punched PVC pipe for structural integrity and longevity.
- **Easy Replacement:** Designed for straightforward installation and removal in compatible systems.

4. INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these general steps for replacing your pool or spa filter cartridge. Always refer to your specific pool/spa system's manual for detailed instructions and safety precautions.

1. **Turn Off Power:** Ensure all power to the pump and filter system is completely shut off at the circuit breaker.
2. **Release Pressure:** Open the air relief valve on top of the filter tank to release any trapped air and pressure.
3. **Drain Water:** Open the drain plug at the bottom of the filter tank to drain the water.
4. **Open Filter Tank:** Remove the clamp or lid to open the filter tank.
5. **Remove Old Filter:** Carefully lift out the old filter cartridge.
6. **Clean Filter Housing:** Inspect and clean the inside of the filter tank, removing any debris.
7. **Install New Filter:** Place the new Filters Fast FF-1286M cartridge into the filter tank, ensuring it seats properly.
8. **Close Filter Tank:** Replace the filter tank lid and secure the clamp according to your system's specifications. Close the drain plug.
9. **Restore Water Flow:** Close the air relief valve. Slowly turn the pump back on and open the air relief valve again until a steady stream of water emerges, then close it.
10. **Check for Leaks:** Monitor the system for any leaks.

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Video 1: General Pool & Spa Filter Replacement Guide. This video provides a visual overview of the filter replacement process, demonstrating key steps for safe and effective installation.

5. OPERATING THE FILTER

Once installed, the Filters Fast FF-1286M filter operates continuously with your pool or spa pump to circulate and clean the water. Ensure your pump runs for an adequate duration each day (typically 8-12 hours for pools, depending on usage and size) to maintain proper filtration and water chemistry.

- **Monitor Pressure Gauge:** Regularly check the pressure gauge on your filter tank. An increase in pressure (typically 8-10 PSI above the clean operating pressure) indicates that the filter needs cleaning.
- **Maintain Water Chemistry:** Proper water balance and sanitation are crucial for filter performance and longevity. Follow recommended guidelines for pH, alkalinity, calcium hardness, and sanitizer levels.

6. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance of your filter cartridge is essential for optimal performance and extending its lifespan.

6.1. Cleaning the Filter Cartridge

1. **Shut Down System:** Turn off the pump and release pressure as described in the installation steps.
2. **Remove Cartridge:** Open the filter tank and remove the cartridge.
3. **Rinse Debris:** Use a garden hose with a spray nozzle to thoroughly rinse debris from between the pleats. Work from top to bottom.
4. **Chemical Cleaning (Optional):** For stubborn oils, scale, or algae, soak the cartridge in a specialized filter cleaning solution according to the cleaner's instructions. Rinse thoroughly after soaking.
5. **Reinstall:** Reinstall the clean cartridge into the filter tank.

POWERFUL FILTRATION



Dirt



Debris



Oils



Sunscreen



Organic
Matter

PREVENTS UNWANTED GROWTH THAT CAN CAUSE CLOUDY WATER.

Image 3: A dirty filter cartridge, indicating the need for cleaning.

6.2. Replacement Schedule

It is recommended to replace your Filters Fast FF-1286M filter cartridge every **6-12 months**, depending on pool/spa usage, water chemistry, and environmental factors. Regular replacement ensures consistent filtration efficiency and prevents strain on your pump system.

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Image 4: A new Filters Fast FF-1286M filter, ready for replacement.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Cloudy Water	Dirty filter, improper water chemistry, insufficient pump run time.	Clean or replace filter. Test and adjust water chemistry. Increase pump run time.
Reduced Water Flow	Clogged filter, air in the system, pump issues.	Clean or replace filter. Bleed air from the system. Check pump for blockages or malfunction.
Filter Tank Leaks	Improperly sealed lid, damaged O-ring/gasket.	Ensure lid is correctly seated and clamped. Inspect and replace O-ring/gasket if damaged.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model Number:** FF-1286M
- **Manufacturer:** Filters Fast
- **Filter Media:** Polyester Pleated
- **End Caps:** Thermally Bonded
- **Internal Support:** Punched PVC Pipe

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Filters Fast stands behind the quality of its products. For specific warranty information or technical support regarding your FF-1286M filter, please contact Filters Fast customer service directly. As a small business, Filters Fast is committed to providing excellent customer experience and support.

You can find more information and contact details on the official Filters Fast website or through your purchase platform.