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MODEL: K12561

Introduction

The KINETICO K12561 Pre-Filter String is designed to effectively filter out sediment and other solid materials from your water supply. This pre-filter plays a crucial role in protecting your Kinetico water softener, ensuring its optimal performance and extending its lifespan. This manual provides essential information for the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of your K12561 Pre-Filter String.

Safety Information

- Always turn off the main water supply before attempting any installation or maintenance.
- Depressurize the water system before opening any filter housing.
- Ensure all connections are secure to prevent leaks.
- If you are unsure about any step, consult a qualified plumber.

Package Contents

Your package should contain the following item:

- 1 x KINETICO K12561 Pre-Filter String

Installation Instructions

Follow these steps to install or replace your KINETICO K12561 Pre-Filter String:

1. **Turn off Water Supply:** Locate the main water shut-off valve for your home or the specific valve leading to your Kinetico water softener system and turn it off.
2. **Depressurize System:** Open a nearby faucet to release any pressure in the water lines. Allow water to drain until the flow stops.
3. **Open Filter Housing:** Using the appropriate filter wrench (if required), carefully unscrew and remove the filter housing. Be prepared for some residual water to spill.
4. **Remove Old Filter:** Discard the old filter cartridge. Clean the inside of the filter housing with a mild soap and water solution, then rinse thoroughly. Inspect the O-ring for any damage and replace if necessary.
5. **Insert New Filter:** Carefully insert the new KINETICO K12561 Pre-Filter String into the housing. Ensure it is seated correctly in the center standpipe.

6. **Close Filter Housing:** Screw the filter housing back onto the cap, hand-tightening it first, then using the filter wrench for a snug fit. **Do not overtighten.**
7. **Restore Water Supply:** Slowly turn on the main water supply valve.
8. **Check for Leaks:** Monitor the filter housing for any signs of leaks. If leaks occur, turn off the water, depressurize, and re-tighten the housing.
9. **Flush System:** Open a cold water faucet and let the water run for several minutes to flush out any air and fine particles.



Image: The KINETICO K12561 Pre-Filter String, a white string-wound filter cartridge. This image illustrates the physical appearance of the filter for identification during installation.

Operation

Once installed, the KINETICO K12561 Pre-Filter String operates passively as water flows through your system. It continuously filters out sediment and particulate matter, providing cleaner water to your Kinetico water softener and other household appliances. No further user interaction is required during normal operation.

Maintenance

The KINETICO K12561 Pre-Filter String is a disposable filter cartridge and requires periodic replacement to maintain optimal performance. The replacement frequency depends on your water quality and usage.

- **Replacement Schedule:** It is generally recommended to replace sediment pre-filters every 3 to 6 months, or

sooner if you notice a significant drop in water pressure or visible discoloration of the filter.

- **Replacement Procedure:** Refer to the Installation Instructions section for detailed steps on how to replace the filter cartridge.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Reduced Water Flow	Clogged filter cartridge.	Replace the filter cartridge.
Water Leaks from Housing	Improperly seated O-ring, loose housing, or damaged O-ring.	Turn off water, depressurize, check O-ring for proper seating and damage (replace if needed), then re-tighten housing.
Visible Sediment in Water	Filter cartridge is exhausted or improperly installed.	Replace the filter cartridge or re-install ensuring proper seating.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Number	K12561
Material	String
Product Dimensions	10"D x 3.5"W x 3.5"H
Item Weight	8.4 ounces (0.24 Kilograms)
Product Benefits	Removes sediment and other solid materials from the water supply
External Testing Certification	NSF
Unit Count	1.0 Count
Manufacturer	Kinetico

Warranty and Support

For specific warranty information or technical support regarding your KINETICO K12561 Pre-Filter String, please refer to the documentation provided with your Kinetico water softener system or contact Kinetico customer service directly. Contact details can typically be found on the official Kinetico website or on your original purchase receipt.