Safety Messages

Safety is important to us. We have included safety messages throughout this manual and for your protection. Please read and follow all directions.

A safety message has a safety alert symbol followed by an explanation of what the hazard is, what can happen and what you should do to avoid injury. This is the safety alert symbol:

The safety alert symbol and "WARNING" or "CAUTION" will precede all safety messages:

![WARNING]

**WARNING**
You will be killed or seriously injured if you don't follow instructions.

![CAUTION]

**CAUTION**
You can be killed or seriously injured if you don't follow instructions.

Damage Prevention Messages

A damage prevention message has "ATTENTION" with an explanation of what the equipment hazard is and what you should do to avoid damaging your aerator:

![ATTENTION]

**ATTENTION**
Your equipment may be damaged if you don't follow instructions.

**ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD**

This product must be properly grounded. A qualified electrician should check the condition of the power supply wiring before operating this aerator. Do not permanently connect this product to wiring that is not in good condition or is inadequate for the requirements of this product. Failure to follow these instructions can result in death, fire or electrical shock.
### Parts and Materials

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1. Pontoons (7)
2. Pillow Blocks (4)
3. Small Coupling Sets (2)
4. Paddles (8)
5. Large Coupling Sets (2)
6. Gearbox
7. Motor
8. Motor Cover
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**Motor Specifications**

- **Power:** 3 hp, 3-phase
- **Volts:** 230V/460V
- **Hertz:** 60
- **Amps:** 6/3 (230V/460V)
- **Rpm:** 1,710

**Assembly**

(Note that graphics represent the PW21. The PW333 has seven pontoons and eight paddles, but all other instructions apply to this model.)

![Diagram of water flow and assembly instructions]

**Step One**

On a flat, stable surface, lay three of the pontoons side by side. The direction of water flow is indicated on the end of each pontoon. Be sure to place them all in the same direction.

Before going on to the next step, note that there are several sets of holes on each pontoon, but not all the holes will be used. One set, on the end with the water direction indicated, is round. All other holes are slotted.

**CAUTION**

Frame has unfinished edges. To avoid injury, handle with care.

**Step Two**

On each long side of the frame, measure from the outer edge of the frame to the first hole encountered on the center crossbars. On one side the hole will be approximately 10" from the edge, and on the other side the hole will be approximately 12" from the edge. The short side (10") should be on the same end as the water flow as indicated by the pontoons.

Lay the frame on the pontoons as shown. The frame will have a series of holes on each long side for attaching the frame to the pontoons. Align the holes on the 10" side of the frame with the round holes on the pontoons and attach with 3/8" x 1 1/4" bolts, 3/8" nuts and washers.

**Step Three**

Mount the gear reducer to the frame with four 3/8" x 1 1/2" bolts, four 3/8" nuts and eight washers. Make sure to mount the gear reducer so that the oil cap is facing the opposite direction from the water flow as indicated by the pontoons.

![Diagram of gear reducer installation]

**Step Four**

Place the large couplings on the shafts. Make sure the holes on the couplings and the flat spots on the shafts are aligned properly. The bolts required for securing the couplings to the shafts are already attached to the couplings. Tighten securely using a 3/4" wrench.

![Diagram of coupling installation]
**Step Five**
Using four $\frac{3}{8}'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$ bolts and four washers attach the motor to the gear reducer. The capacitor on the motor should be facing the same direction as the oil cap on the gear reducer. Failure to orient the motor this way will prevent the motor cover from fitting properly.

**Step Six**
Attach one pillow block to one side of the frame as indicated below using two $\frac{3}{8}'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$ bolts, two $\frac{3}{8}''$ nuts and four washers. Repeat this step to attach the other pillow blocks.

Before moving on to the next step examine the paddle wheel axles. Several notches are taken out of the axle for securing the paddles to the axle and connecting the axle to the couplers. Not all of them will be used. The notches are not numbered on the axle itself but for illustration they are numbered as shown below. The notches are numbered from the inside of the paddle wheel out.

**Step Seven**
Insert one inner axle through the pillow block and through two paddles. Make sure the paddles are facing the correct direction as indicated by the water flow on the pontoons and the axle rotation as indicated on the gear reducer.

With correct placement, the paddles should "scoop" into the water when operational.

**Step Eight**
Slide the axle into the coupling. Line up notch number 1 on the axle with the bolt supplied with the coupling and tighten the coupling bolt to attach the axle. Line up notches 3 and 4 on the axle with the holes on the paddle. Use two $\frac{7}{16}'' \times 1\frac{1}{4}''$ bolts and two $\frac{7}{16}''$ nuts to secure the paddle to the axle. Use the nut as a lock nut by first tightening the bolt and then tightening the nut to lock the bolt in place. Repeat this step for the other paddle, then the other side.

**Step Nine**
Continue assembling in this fashion the remaining four pontoons and paddles using the H- and I-shaped frames and the remaining axles, couplers, nuts and bolts.

After assembling the outer paddles there may be a few inches of the axle sticking out. It is not necessary to remove the extra length of axle.

**CAUTION**
We highly recommend that a qualified electrician install the power cord (sold separately) in accordance with all federal, state and local guidelines. Failure to do so could result in electrocution.

**Step Ten**
After having a qualified electrician install the power cord, attach the cord to the frame to eliminate the possibility of the cord getting caught in the paddles during operation.

Attaching the cord tightly will also help reduce the possibility of the cord being pulled out of the motor in the event that the paddle wheel is pulled out of position. We suggest black plastic ties or strong waterproof tape.

**Step Eleven**
Place motor cover over motor. Assembly is now complete.
Maintenance of Gear Reducer

The gear reducer must be filled with 1.8 liters of SAE 90 gear oil before running (gear oil should already be in unit at delivery). First oil change should be performed at 250 hours of operation; subsequent changes should occur every 2,500 hours or 6 months.

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Placement

Flow patterns created by paddle wheels are used most efficiently by placing the paddle wheel on the long axis of a rectangular pond with the flow directed out perpendicularly from the pond bank (Figure A). Placing the paddle wheel on a short side of a rectangular pond restricts the flow pattern and reduces aeration efficiency (Figure B).

In hill ponds (watershed ponds) paddle wheel aerators are most efficient when placed at the middle of a dam (Figure C). In larger, rectangular ponds of many acres, several paddle wheels are often placed to create a circular flow pattern (Figure D).

Be aware of the currents being generated by your paddle wheel. In some installations, particularly in shallow water, it is possible for the paddle wheel to cause bank erosion with prolonged use. Redeployment of the unit may be necessary if erosion is noted.

Under normal operation the paddle wheel exerts such a force back toward the shoreline it is necessary to tie or stake it down in place. Stakes are provided with each paddle wheel. They should be placed through the metal loops on the water outflow side of the frame.

Stakes should be placed as straight up and down as possible so the paddle wheel is able to rise and fall with changing water levels. If extra staking is needed, do not use stakes with a rough surface that could catch the metal loops of the frame and prevent the water level adjustment.

CAUTION

To avoid injury, do not attempt to move the paddle wheel without disconnecting it from its power source.
PW333 Motor Wiring Diagram
Use of electrical tape is required on all terminal connections.
Have a licensed electrician check connections before starting motor.

9 Wire Motor

Note: To change the rotation from clockwise to counterclockwise, interchange two of the three power leads.