

User Manual

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1. How the Pump Works



Adjusting Procedure (for first time start up only.)

a. Remove plastic bag & hold exhaust valve shut via its handle for about 15secs so that air can bubble out the drive pipe.

b. Push open the exhaust valve. (On high drop sites this force will be high).

c. Let the valve shut then push it open again. Do this a number of times to gain a feel of the valve action.If you do this with the right rhythm you'll notice that it won't take so much effort.

d. While doing this screw the 'AS' in until the valve opens & shuts automatically. For high drop sites you can screw the 'AS' in a little to start with to lessen the force required to push the valve open.

e. You may need to adjust 'T' a little more to achieve a fast cycling action of about ½ a second.

f. Adjust 'AS' so that after you pull on the handle to stop the pump going it only takes a small force to start the pump going again. (For low drop sites the pump can start automatically).

At this stage the pump will be operating on low throttle meaning quick low energy rams.

g. When pumping into an empty delivery pipe the diaphragm will balloon, that is it will be stretching & it is important to limit this using a low throttle setting. Prolonged, unchecked ballooning can lead to diaphragm failure.



As the delivery pipe fills the diaphragm looks more like this:



This shows that the pump is now pumping against the full delivery head pressure & it's time to readjust the throttle for max output.

h. Screw the throttle in until you see the longest stroke then out until you start to see the stroke getting shorter, this will be near max output. Then tighten control lock nuts.

A final check is to hold the valve in different positions & see a sure re starting action when letting go of the exhaust valve.

Understanding How the Exhaust Valve Works

320 Oasis Exhaust Valve



Before Installing the Pump

You will hold the Exhaust Valve handle & 'feel' what the valve is doing while going through the following steps.

 Screw out (anti clockwise) the bottom adjuster (Auto Start), this stops the rubber discs from acting on the valve.
With the throttle wound in (clockwise) makes the Valve open like in the picture.

3. Pull on handle & feel the way it shuts. You will notice that only the soft spring is acting & the valve fully shuts with no resistance.

- Screw the Throttle out & in while feeling the way it opens & Shuts.
- 5. Start winding in the auto start while opening & shutting the valve & notice the resistance when the valve is near shut.

Do the above as many times as needed so you have a full understanding or have a mental picture of what is going on when making these adjustments.

(Leave the soft spring in its mid position as in the picture, this adjustment is uncritical & only is changed with very low drops (screwed out) & very high drops or short drive pipe ratios (screwed in) if the valve is not working or reacting properly).

Why the valve works like this.

Throttle: The valve works like a door being slammed shut in the wind. If the door is wide open it can take more wind to catch it before slamming shut. This is what the Throttle does, more open more power.

Auto Start: Think of a plug in a full sink of water. When you pull the plug out you will feel that it's hard to pull on until it is a little bit out then it is easy to pull the rest of the way out. The stiff or hard spring effect of the rubber discs perform this function leaving the soft spring to fully open the valve after it 'Cracked' open by the auto start.

2. Operating the Pump

Before Starting the Pump

a. With plastic bag over drive pipe strainer attach & anchor the pump with the exhaust valve slightly open.

b. Prime cylinder bore by removing brass priming plug then fill till overflowing then replace plug.

b. 'M' control in mid position.

c. Install a one way value in the delivery pipe above the stream's flood level & preferably have the pipe filled with water.

Why the Exhaust Valve behaves this way

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Figure 11

Installation of Pump out of the Water

If you need to install your pump above water level:

Use the set up shown below. This arrangement prevents air getting in the drive pipe & provides a feed for the pumped water.

Other options that stop air entering the drive pipe: By rotating the cylinder head 180 degrees the entire pump can be installed upside down or use the shortest drive pipe ratio. Use a gravity feed for the inlet. (Important: see separate install guide for gravity feed details.)

