



# **Piranha Series**

## **Submersible Water Pump**

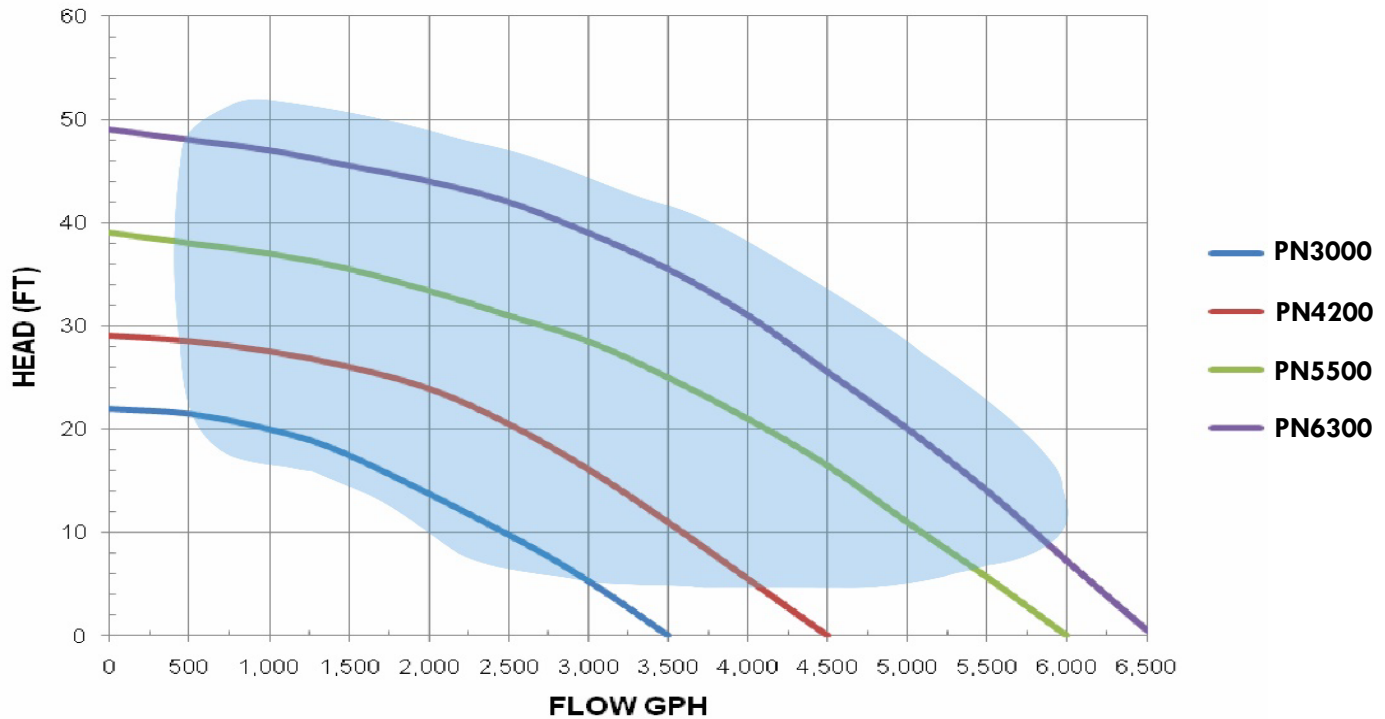
Operation Manual

**Models:**

**PN3000 • PN4200 • PN5500 • PN6300**

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## Flow Rate Chart



### Pump Specifications

	PN3000	PN4200	PN5500	PN6300
Max Flow (GPH)	3,000	4,200	5,500	6,300
Max Head Height	22'	29'	39'	49'
Discharge Outlet	2"	2"	2"	2"
Pipe Diameter	2"	2"	2"	2"
Watts (120v)	300	460	575	950
Amps	2.5	3.8	4.8	7.9
Volts	120	120	120	120
Cord Length (ft.)	20	20	20	20
Dimensions LxWxH	9.5" x 7" x 15"	10" x 7" x 16"	10" x 7" x 16.5"	10" x 7" x 17.5"
Weight (lbs.)	16	19	22	25

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## **SAFETY WARNING**

To avoid serious or fatal personal injury, read and follow all safety instructions in manual and on pump.

Inspect the pump when unpacking. Check for any damage to pump and power cable during shipment, and make sure all bolts and nuts are tightened properly. Lift or lower the pump only by the handle, never with power cable. Check the power supply that is adequate to handle the voltage and current rating of this pump.

Use water pump only for circulation, transfer or removal of water or wastewater. Do not pump oil, brine, liquid with high degree of acid or alkaline, organic solvents, or water containing high level of sand or silt. Do not operate in water temperatures outside the range of 32°F ~ 104°F, failure to do so may lead to thermal overload and premature pump failure. Do not use the pump in the vicinity of explosive or flammable materials. Do not tamper with the pump; operate only in fully assembled state.

The pump generates high fluid suction and discharge velocity. Do not cover or block any openings on this pump. While pump operates, never place your hand or any object in or near the inlet opening. Disconnect from power source before attempting any inspection.

## **ELECTRICAL SAFETY**

All electrical works should be performed by a qualified electrician in accordance with the latest edition of the National Electrical Code, local codes and regulations.

For your protection, always disconnect the pump from its power source before handling. Single phase 115V pumps are supplied with a 3-prong grounded plug to help protect you against the possibility of electrical shock. **DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE REMOVE THE GROUND PIN.** The 3-prong plug **MUST** be inserted into a compatible 3-prong grounded receptacle. If the installation does not have such a receptacle, it must be changed to the proper type, wired and grounded in accordance with the National Electrical Code and all applicable local codes and ordinances.

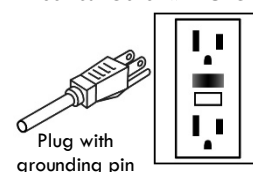
The electrical supply must be a separate branch circuit with fuses or circuit breakers for short-circuit protection. Use dedicated power outlet rated at 15 Ampere or above with a ground leakage circuit breaker or Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI). Attach power supply plug securely into the outlet, receptacle or terminal to reduce the probability of electrical shock, shorting or fire. Power outlet, receptacle or terminal should be protected and shield from weather or water discharge from the pump, reducing possibility of accidental electric shock or short circuit.

## **GROUND FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER**

The pump must be connected to a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) or Earth Leakage Circuit Breaker (ELCB) with a tripping current < 30 mA. A good quality heavy duty GFCI with over 15A tolerance should be used. Do not connect more than one electrical application to the GFCI outlet when using with pump.

A working GFCI can protect and reduce the probability of a person from getting shocked or electrocuted, caution should still be applied when operating an electrical equipment. Please do not develop a false sense of security with GFCI. Check and verify the GFCI is operating within normal parameters on a regular monthly basis. When GFCI is tripped regularly, check for moisture and make sure GFCI is working properly, faulty GFCI should be replaced at once.

Electrical Outlet with GFCI



## **POWER CABLE**

Protect power cable from damage during handling, installation or removal. If a cable, with cut insulation or other damage is submerged in the water or exposed to weather, there is a danger of water seeping into the motor causing a short. This may result in damage to the pump, electrical leakage, electrical shock or fire.

Make sure the power cable does not become excessively bent or twisted, does not rub against a structure in a way that may damage it, and does not come in contact with heated surfaces. Do not use extension cord.

## **MOTOR PROTECTION**

The pump has a built-in thermal protector which opens the circuit when overload condition is encountered. Protector automatically resets when motor cools.

## **INSTALLATION AND OPERATION GUIDELINES**

- ⇒ Do not paint over the pump's stainless steel motor housing. Reduced cooling capacity can cause thermal damage, undesirable performance reductions, periodic auto shut-off and other malfunctions.
- ⇒ Remove any sludge, pebbles or large solid debris from where the pump is to be installed.
- ⇒ Care should be taken with the pump's weight and center of gravity during installation to prevent personal injury and equipment damage.
- ⇒ Situate pump in location with sufficient water level, where water collects and flow readily.
- ⇒ If the pump is installed in a pump basin or pit, the area must have sufficient space to allow ample of water circulation around the pump at all levels. Basin or pit with at least 2 feet diameter is recommended; furthermore, it should be dimensioned according to the relation between the water flow to the pit and the pump performance. When placing in a pond skimmer box, the pump basin is defined as the compartment where the pump is located, not the entire skimmer box.
- ⇒ Place pump in upright position, on a stable base, barred from tilting or submerged in sludge, mud or similar materials.
- ⇒ When a flexible pipe is used, make sure that the pipe does not buckle and that the inside diameter of the pipe matches that of the discharge port or the supplied adapter fitting only.
- ⇒ When a rigid pipe is used, the union or coupling, non-return valve and isolating valve should be fitted in the sequence mentioned, as seen from the pump side.
- ⇒ Always attach the hose or secure pipe fitting as far as they will go, then secure tightly with hose band or bond the pipes with adhesive.
- ⇒ Fit a non-return valve in the discharge pipe to prevent siphon or back-flow when power is turn off or during a power outage.

## **PRIOR TO OPERATION**

**CAUTION:** Turn off power supply or circuit breaker before connecting the power plug to avoid electrical sparks, or unexpected starting of the pump, leading to injury. NEVER turn on the pump while it is suspended in air or water, the recoil may result in injury or other major accident.

## **DURING OPERATION**

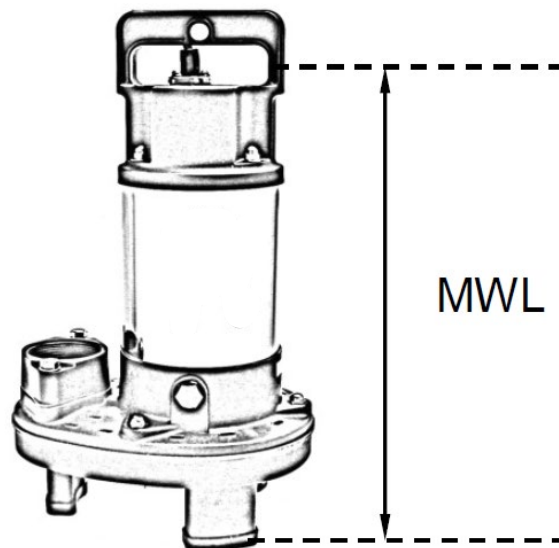
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SERIOUS INJURY COULD RESULT.

- ⇒ Pay careful attention to the water level while the pump is operating. Dry operation may cause the pump motor to overheat and malfunction. In dry operation or operation with lack of water cooling, pump motor can become very hot, do not come in contact with pump to avoid being burned. (Refer to Operating Water Level)
- ⇒ Make sure no extraneous objects such as pins, nails or other metal objects are sucked into the pump.
- ⇒ In case of a power outage, turn off the power to the pump to avoid having it start unexpectedly when the power is restored, presenting serious danger to people in the vicinity.

## **OPERATING WATER LEVEL**

Do not operate the pump below the Minimum Water Level (MWL).

Model	MWL
PN3000	13 Inches
PN4200	14 Inches
PN5500	15 Inches
PN6300	16 Inches



Failure to observe the operating water level may result in pump overheat, malfunctions or abnormal pump behaviors.

## **REGULAR INSPECTION**

Regular inspections are a necessity for continued efficient functioning of the pump. It is recommended that a spare pump be kept ready in case of any problems.

Check for any drop-in performance. This may indicate plugged pump inlet, clogging in the pipe line, or significant wear or damage to the impeller. Turn off the power first before inspection. Remove the clogged matter or debris and replace damaged or worn impeller. Contact HALF OFF PONDS to order a new impeller.

Remove all mineral or algae deposits from the surface of the pump motor and wash pump with clean water.

## **STORAGE**

When the pump is not in use for an extended period, wash it and dry it thoroughly, then store it indoors. If water is expected to freeze during winter, remove pump from installation and store indoors. In certain conditions it is recommended that the pump be submerged in a bucket of water and stored at room temperature.

NOTE: Always, run a test operation before putting the pump back into service.

When the pump is left installed under water, it should be run at regular intervals (about once a week).

## **TROUBLESHOOTING**

**WARNING:** FAILURE TO DISCONNECT AND LOCKOUT ELECTRICAL POWER BEFORE HANDLING CAN CAUSE SHOCK, BURNS OR DEATH.

### **Symptoms and Probable Solutions**

#### ❖ Pump does not start

- Electrical problem ⇒ Check for blown fuse or tripped circuit breaker.
- Power cord damage ⇒ Contact HALF OFF PONDS for repair service.
- GFCI tripped ⇒ Check for moisture on plug. Reset GFCI or try another GFCI protected AC outlet. Replace any faulty GFCI.
- Motor start capacitor damage (possible lightning damage) ⇒ Contact HALF OFF PONDS for repair service. Consult qualified electrician for proper in wall wiring and surge protection.

#### ❖ Pump stops operating after starting

- Motor thermal protector tripped ⇒ Allow motor to cool. Ensure pump always operates above Minimum Water Level. Clear any mineral and algae deposit on surface of motor housing.

- Obstacle builds in the flow chamber ⇒ Remove debris and clog matter by running clean water through the flow chamber. Allow protection circuit to reset after motor cooling.
- ❖ Ground Fault Interrupter triggers
- Faulty GFI ⇒ Replace faulty GFI and/or try another GFI outlet.
  - Water leak into motor, electrical shorts, motor damage ⇒ Repair required. Contact HALF OFF PONDS for assistance.
- ❖ Reduced flow rate or performance
- Pump inlet plugged ⇒ Inspect and clear as required. If necessary, disassemble low composite pump body only and disassemble impeller from motor shaft to remove fibrous matters that wrap around the impeller.
  - Impeller is worn or damaged ⇒ Inspect impeller, replace as required.
  - Pump is air locked or inlet is exposed to air ⇒ Shut off pump for approximately one minute, then restart. Repeat until air lock clears. Do not operate the pump below the Minimum Water Level. If air locking persist in a system with a check valve, a 3/16" hole may be drilled in the discharge pipe approximately 2" above the discharge connection.
  - Excessive system head loss ⇒ Reduce pipe length, avoid long and winding upward slopes, check for clog inside the pipeline.
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