

T-Bird Fountain Instructions

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Welcome to the Water Wonders family. A few simple steps will ensure that your *T-Bird* remains a soothing, enjoyable fountain that brings the sights and sounds of nature to you.

Helpful Hints

Before getting started, keep in mind these important points which will help ensure a successful installation and smooth operation of your new fountain.

- Always wet the slate before turning on pump.
- Always maintain a water level of approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top of the water pan.
- Be careful where the fountain is set up. Try not to place the fountain in a spot where it could potentially be bumped into or cause damage. Avoid delicate surfaces that could be damaged by splashing.
- Never use chemicals or copper cleaner on the fountain, as this will ruin the finish.
- Position the rocks so that they form a fence to prevent water from splashing out.
- It is very important to rinse your slate clean of any slate dust or chips that may accumulated during shipping prior to assembling your fountain.

Fountain Set-up and boot-up:

1. Remove components from box. Carefully lift fountain assembly from box.
2. Carefully lay fountain assembly on its side and apply the enclosed clear rubber bumpers to the bottom four corners of the reservoir pan. Return the fountain assembly to an upright position.

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- To connect the pump to the input pipe, you must first slide the 1” long piece of copper pipe into the input pipe in the pan. The piece will only go halfway into the input pipe. Next, slide the 1” long piece of vinyl tubing over that piece of copper pipe. Finally, slide the pump nozzle inside the vinyl tubing. See pictures for a reference.



- Remove the protective materials from the slate tiles. Place one slate into position and place two copper straps over the top of the fountain assembly as shown in the picture above. Use the two binder posts to secure the slate to the copper strap. Screw one male binder post into one female binder post to secure the slate in place. Attach the second slate in the same manner as you did the first. Center the slate pieces in the assembly.



- Place rocks onto the reservoir pan's copper rock support tray. Fill reservoir pan with water (distilled or purified stipulated) to within _” of reservoir pan. *Helpful hint: Place your fountain at its operating location before you fill the reservoir pan with water!* Using a spray bottle, mist both sides of the slate tiles prior to starting your fountain to help the water to “wick” to the slate surface and ensure full coverage.
- You are now ready to plug in the fountain and enjoy the soft, soothing and relaxing sounds of nature in your home or office. Control splashing or affect your fountain's tone by repositioning or stacking rocks under the slate tiles' water stream. Reducing the water pump's flow adjustment control will also reduce splashing and affect tone. To access the water pump, swing both slate tiles forward and, at an angle, remove copper rock support tray. **CAUTION: COPPER SUPPORT TRAY EDGES ARE SHARP!**

Maintenance:

- Check the water in your fountain daily for a water level of ” from the top of the reservoir pan. Water will evaporate from the fountain and adversely affect the performance of the water pump, which **MUST** be completely submerged for proper operation and longevity. **NEVER ALLOW YOUR WATER PUMP TO OPERATE DRY!**
- We have carefully hand-applied a patina finish to most of your fountain's copper components. If you like this finish as much as we do, it can be protected from natural oxidation by applying Pledge or another household wax with a soft cloth. **DO NOT USE COPPER CLEANER,** as this will remove the patina, leaving the original bright copper finish. However, should you wish not to preserve our finish, simply do nothing and allow nature to perform its own patina.

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- Mini-Jet water pumps are designed to provide exceptional pumping capacity with minimal maintenance. **Please read the manufacturer's instruction booklet for important safety, operation, maintenance and warranty information. Cleaning and repair information can be found in the instructions section for 404/606 pumps on the Water Wonders website.**

Trouble-shooting:

- *Pump is noisy:* Check that the pump's output nozzle is securely inserted into the fountain's rubber intake tube as forced water escaping the connection may cause unwanted air bubble noise. Make sure the pump is completely submerged and its flow adjustment control is positioned to at least a middle setting. To access the pump, swing both slate tiles forward and, at an angle, remove the copper rock support tray.
- *Fountain splashes:* Reposition rocks under the water stream to minimize splashing. Large, angular rocks control splashing best. If splashing persists, remove rock support tray as indicated above and adjust the water pump flow adjustment control to a lower setting. To ensure proper water flow, it is stipulated that the flow adjustment control not be reduced below a middle setting.
- *Water does not flow:* Make sure pump output nozzle is inserted into the rubber intake tube, pump is completely submerged in water and the cord is plugged in to a working receptacle. Check to see that flow adjustment control is positioned to a middle setting or above.

If you have any questions regarding the set-up or maintenance of your fountain please call your dealer.

Note: Although Water Wonders Fountains are designed not to splash, sweating from condensation and splashing droplets can occur if set up incorrectly. As a precaution against water stains, please protect fine surfaces under and near fountain.