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## 4 Stage Barracuda Glacial RO/DI Instruction & Owner's Manual

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## RO/DI INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Congratulations on your new RO/DI water Ultra-Purification system.**

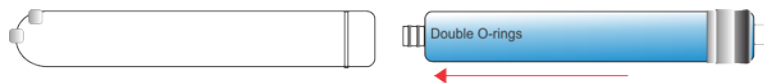
Here are a few basic steps for the installation and maintenance of your water treatment system. If you should have any difficulties or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help you any way we can.

**It is recommended to hook your RO unit to a softened water supply whenever one is available**

- 1) **Unpack your unit completely.**
- 2) **Inspect for any damage or broken parts that may have happened in shipping.**

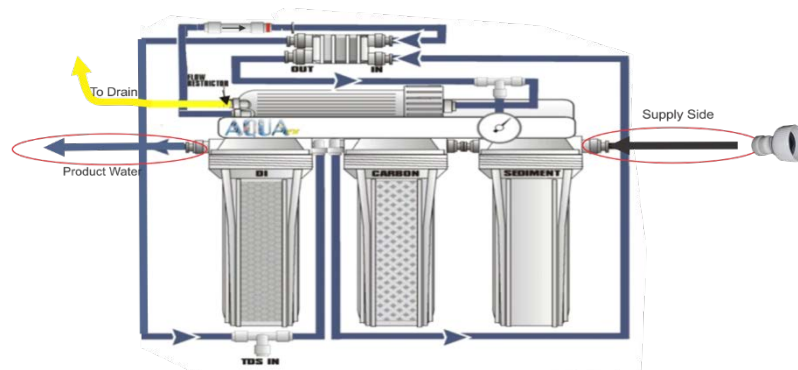
**3) Your system was custom built to order, and it is almost ready to hook up to a water supply with the appropriate adapter included. AquaFX pressure tests all systems prior to shipping, so your RO membrane will not be installed,**

to install the membrane, you simply remove the membrane from the plastic bag and place it in the white membrane housing located across the top of the unit. To open the membrane housing, you need to disconnect the blue tube from the cap then reinsert the tube when you are done. Insert the membrane end with double O-rings in first until you feel the membrane seat. Replace the threaded cap **MAKING CERTAIN** you replace the O-Ring



**Hint! To help save your DI, remove the DI before preceding to the next step and replace it after step 7!**

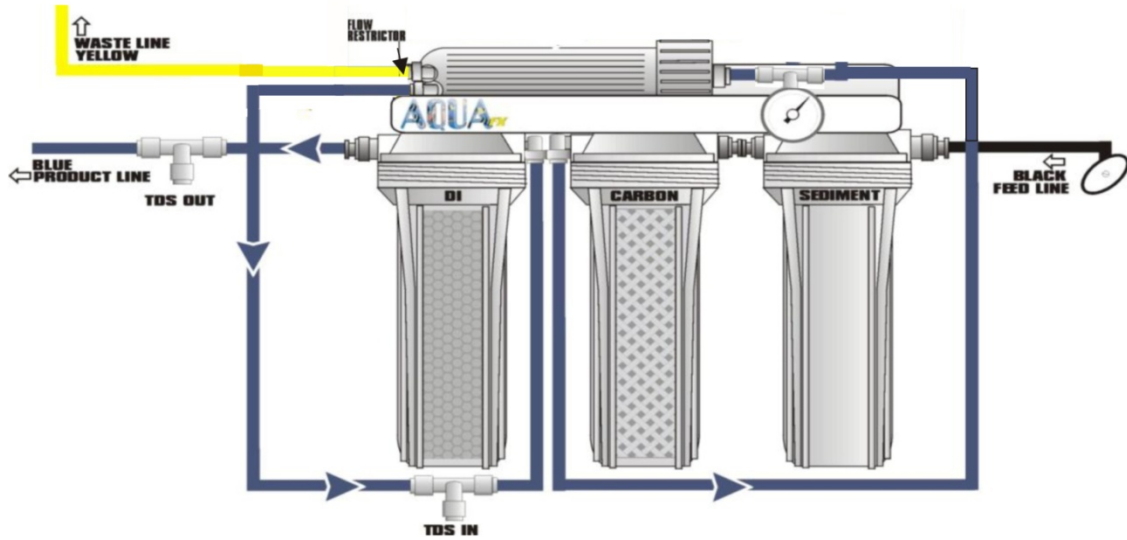
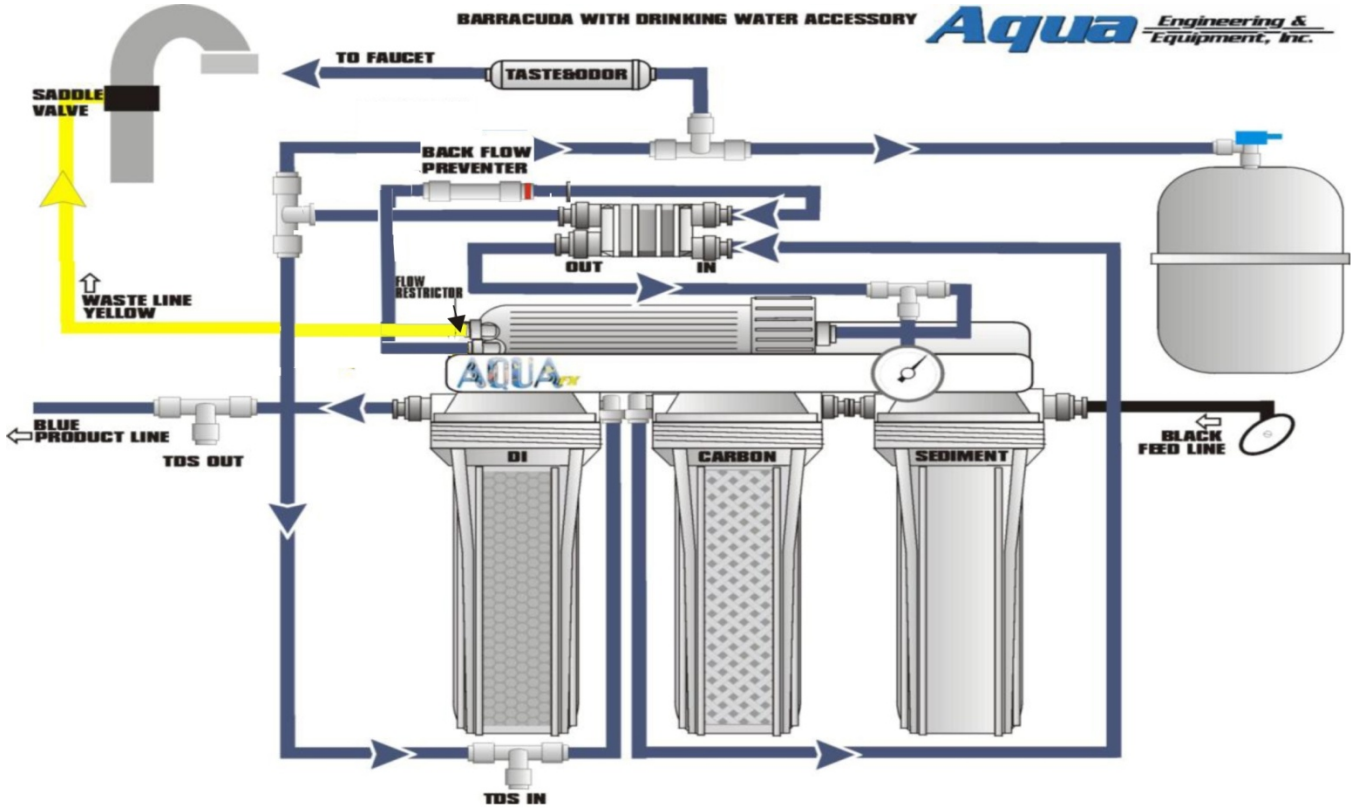
- 4) **Locate and connect the black ¼ inch tube and adaptor to the right hand supply side of the equipment.**
- 5) **Locate the Yellow drain line, and place in an appropriate area for drainage.**
- 6) **Locate the blue product water line that will provide treated water for use and insert the tubing into the left side of the system.**
- 7) **Once the membrane and tubing are installed, turn cold water on slowly and allow the system to run for approximately 15 minutes to flush membrane completely. Please check systems for leaks, parts can come lose during shipping!**



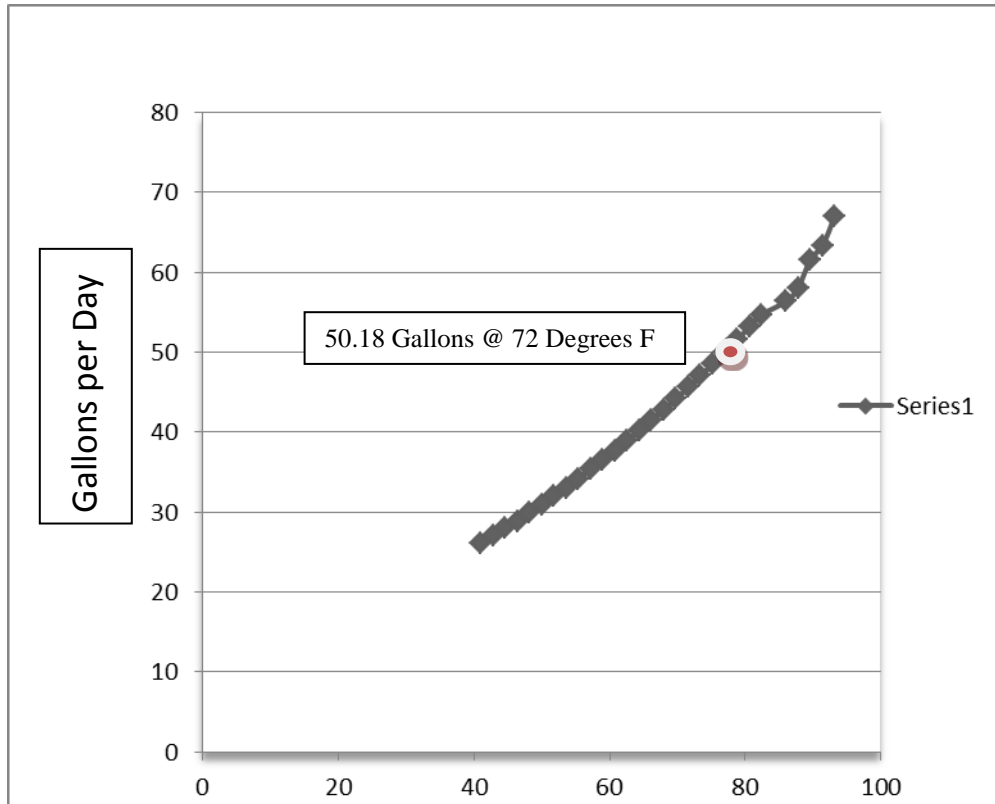
At least 35 PSI of supply pressure is needed permeate the membrane. The only way to check your membrane for proper rejection is with a TDS Meter (Total dissolved solids) You are now ready to make clean, fresh, ultrapure water. The three major variables that control permeate are temperature, pressure, and incoming water quality. We can help you control these to some extent; please do not hesitate to call us for assistance. These instructions cover the most common set up configurations. If you ordered different colored tubing or filter cartridge housings, you may not be able to follow these instructions as written. All AquaFX systems come with a **3 year limited warranty**. All Clear Canisters **MUST** be re-placed after 3 years. Please contact us if you have problems with your unit. Customer is responsible for filter and membrane changes and associated costs. AquaFX carries a complete line of parts and accessories for all our systems at [www.aquariumwaterfilters.com](http://www.aquariumwaterfilters.com). Thank you for your business!

BARRACUDA WITH DRINKING WATER ACCESSORY

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The Effect of Temperature on Permeate Production, using a 50 GDP TFC Membrane



Temperature in Degrees F

The Series 1 curve demonstrates the effect temperature has on the permeate flow of a 50 Gallon per Day (GPD) membrane.

The above curve was generated by varying the water temperature. 50 GPD is produced at approximately 72 degrees F (at a constant pressure of 50 PSIG, and constant TDS of 125PPM Sodium softened water)

Temp F	GPD	Factor
77	50	1
68	42.85	.875
59	36.5	.730
50	31	.620

## **Filter Change Sheet and Normal Operation**

Note: Filters are referenced in the order in which they appear in the system

1. **Sediment Filter:** This filter is first in line; removes particles that can be physically filtered out. An example of a particle that would be removed is sand. This filter's life depends on the amount of particles in your water. The best gauge of this filter's life is pressure drop. When you see a 5PSIG drop, you should change your filter. Discoloration is also a sign that the filter is loaded and therefore time to replace with a new filter. Some silts may clog filter prematurely
2. **Carbon Block, GAC or Chloramine Blaster Filter:** These filters effectively reduce VOC's (Volatile Organic Compounds) ONLY for water that is safe by the federal Safe Water Drinking Standards. If you have water with a known containment, you need to treat it accordingly. The only cost effective way to predict filter life is by estimating the gallons. (unless carbon is being used for a known containment, then testing is essential) The carbon block will filter 3,750 gal @ 1.0 GPM of 2ppm Chlorine (Cl<sub>2</sub>). A GAC will yield 5000 gallons of treated water @ 1.0 GPM of 2ppm Chlorine (Cl<sub>2</sub>). The Chloramine Blasters are run 2 in series and will yield approximately 8000 gallons of treated water  
**Do not exclude drain water from this capacity, as it is treated water.**
3. **Reverse Osmosis Membrane:** This is the first component in the system that reduces Total Dissolved Solids (TDS); a common example of dissolved solids can be salts or calcium. A TDS meter is the best way to determine if your membrane is operating properly. A properly operating membrane will give you a TDS reduction of at least 90%. EXAMPLE: Raw water TDS is 100ppm, after the membrane it should be 10ppm or less. Membranes can fail by Clogging or Scaling, in which case very little or no water will be produced. Membranes will also fail from contact with chlorine. If this happens the water quality will be very poor. So changing the carbon filter on time is essential. Hot water will also ruin a membrane (>80 Deg. F). If your membrane produces significantly more than it is rated for, that is an indication that something is wrong.
4. **Deionization Filter (DI): IF USED** The DI filter is the last filter inline. This filter consists of 2 resins. One is charged with Hydrogen (H<sup>+</sup>) and the other a Hydroxide ion (OH<sup>-</sup>). As water passes over these resins, the remaining "salts" (or ions) exchange out and only H<sup>+</sup> and OH<sup>-</sup> are released into the stream. Due to the quality of resin we use, the water you get will be, literally as pure as possible. The resin is a color indicating resin; it will slowly change from a dark purple/blue/black to a rust red/orange color. As this filter nears the end of its useful life you may experience "break through". Keep this in mind, depending on the water quality needed. For applications demanding 18 Mega-Ohm water, 2 DI's are STRONGLY recommended.

This unit is equipped with a battery operated Inline TDS Meter; one probe is installed and the other can be cut in where you would like it. It can also be left open so you can test different samples.

A Flush Kit is installed to extend the life of your membrane, when open the valve on your flush kit it allows water to run across the membrane surface. If this valve is left open the unit will not produce water. The Automatic Shut Off stops the production of waste water when your float is closed. The unit will sense the back pressure that builds on your product line and cut the supply to the membrane off

## Trouble shooting guide

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Solution</b>
● High TDS after membrane	<i>Clogged Pre-filters. Causing Pressure Drop. Insufficient pressure will yield poor TDS rejection from RO membranes. Change Pre-Filters. Average Membrane life is 2 to 3 years. Most common cause for membrane failure is insufficient pre-filter maintenance. AquaFX Carbons are rated for 3,750 gal @ 1.0 GPM of 2ppm Chlorine. Do not exclude drain water from this capacity, as it is treated water. Very high TDS (&gt;550ppm) may also yield premature failure, due to scaling.</i>
● Low incoming water pressure.	<i>Incoming water pressure must be above 40 PSI, Add a booster pump if below 40psig. Make sure Pre-Filters are not clogged causing low pressure. Check to make sure the valve on your flush kit is closed</i>
● No water to drain.	<i>Flow Restrictor is clogged, Replace Drain Flow Restrictor. (rare) Check to see if water is turned on.</i>
● All water is going out of the drain	<i>With no back pressure, most of the water will exit out of the drain. Make sure a Flow restrictor is present. Check to make sure the valve on your flush kit is closed.</i>
● Very little/slow water production	<i>Reference units flow rate vs. actual production. Slow flow from RO is normal. Cold water, low pressure and high contaminant levels will contribute to decreasing the rate of water production. Heating water (NO WARMER THEN 80 Degrees F), increasing pressure or additional pre-filtration will help to counteract these adverse effects.</i>
● Drain Water Continues After Product line is full	<i>The most common cause of a 'continuing drain' is a pressure leak on the product side of the RO. If the pressure cannot build, the automatic shut-off (ASO) will not close. Check ASO with a ball valve right after RO. Close Ball valve then wait 1-3 minutes. If drain continues, replace ASO Valve. If it stops, find the leak. If a float valve is being used, it is more than likely the culprit.</i>
● The incoming feed water TDS has increased.	<i>An increase in feed water TDS will also give an increase in Product Water TDS. R.O. (Dolphin) Users will see this rise in TDS, due to the membrane removes a percentage of TDS. RO/DI (Barracuda, Mako, Great White) Users will not see this rise, but the DI will exhaust faster than normal.</i>
● DI is exhausting very fast	<p><i>R.O. Membranes are manufactured with a preservative on them, if your initial startup allows the membrane to 'rinse' into the DI; there will be some immediate exhaustion, followed by normal exhaustion.</i></p> <p><i>Chloramines Vs Chlorine – If the customer's water is disinfected with Chloramines (NH<sub>2</sub>CL) the ammonia portion will still be present post RO.</i></p> <p><i>For R.O. (Dolphin) users, they may wish to purchase DI or switch to a Chloramine Blaster Carbon to remove the ammonia..</i></p> <p><i>RO/DI (Barracuda, Mako, and Great White) users will have the ammonia removed by the DI. This will tax the DI, Chloramines appears in several forms, so the decreased life would depend on the state of Chloramines. (mono, di or tri)</i></p>

Limited  
3 Year Warranty

This unit is of exceptional quality, hereby warrants equipment to its first purchaser at retail as follows;

This warranty covers filter cartridge housings, fittings and tubing and all components. Filter replacements including sediment cartridges, carbon block cartridges, DI cartridges and Reverse Osmosis membranes are the responsibility of the consumer. Exceptional water conditions are NOT covered. Potable water supplies ONLY.

Warranty begins at the time of product registration, and must be registered within 10 days of the date of purchase.

This warranty does not require replacement of the entire unit. The defective part (s) (or the entire unit) will either be repaired or replaced with new Parts

This warranty is void if the equipment is not installed and operated according to instructions. It does not apply to damage caused by abuse, accident, neglect, freezing or other abnormal conditions beyond the company's control. Clear Canisters are covered for a 3 year period and should be changed no later than 3 years from installation and each 3 year period following. Softened water will greatly extend the life of your system.



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## Accessories

**Drinking water kit:** Share your RO/DI system; a drinking and cooking water purifier for your home. Better than bottled water because you control the process.

**Handheld TDS Meters:** The only true way to check the performance of your system. Check the TDS to detect early membrane exhaustion. Checking the water after the DI cartridge will give you added peace of mind that your reef/salt water system is receiving the quality of water you need.

**RO/DI Water Storage Tanks:** These tanks are used by many of our customers to store water or to save up sufficient water to begin a new tank. They can be equipped with automatic shutoff valves to reduce waste water.

**Membrane Flush Kits:** Flush kits are used to extend the life of the membrane by rinsing debris that accumulate over time.

**Piggy Bank Membrane system:** Add a membrane to your existing system to approximately double your output! Conditions Permitting, call us for an assessment

**Storage Tank(s):** Many times storage of water is needed or just desired. 40 gallon or larger food grade tanks are available to automatically top off. We can design tanks to your needs!

You will know when to replace the reusable color changing DI when the resin color has completely changed. The sediment and carbon block filters (stage 1 and 2) should be changed according to accompanying chart or sooner if, you notice your pressure gauge drop 5 PSI or more you should then replace the stage 1 and 2 filters.