

# **VOYAGER Pure Water System**

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Pure Water Window Cleaning System Operation and Maintenance Manual



#### Congratulations on your purchase.

Thank you for purchasing the Voyager Pure Water System! With proper care, this unit will provide you with years of trouble free service. This system was designed with professional window cleaners in mind. The Voyager will help you clean faster, safer, and better than ever before, leaving spot free results that you and your customers will love!

The following is provided to help you understand how your system purifies water. The Voyager is a multistage water purification unit using sediment, carbon, reverse osmosis, and deionization to remove impurities from water before delivery to surfaces for cleaning. General lifespan of the filters will vary depending on feed water TDS (Total Dissolved Solids). Based on an average TDS of 100 ppm (parts per million) in your water, approximately 10,000 gallons of water can be passed through the sediment/carbon and DI filters before replacement filters are needed. Lower TDS levels in the source water will allow for a longer lifespan, while a higher TDS source levels will lead to a shorter lifespan. It is recommended that the sediment/carbon and DI filters be replaced at the same time. The RO membrane is rated to process 100,000 gallons under ideal conditions. Failure to properly maintain the RO membranes will reduce the life of the filter.



## In The Box

#### Parts Check

- TS2100 (Voyager) System
- 2 x 3 way Spider Connection Hose
- TDS Meter
- Bypass Tubing

### 1. Unpacking/Inspecting The System

Your system is packaged to stay undamaged in transit. Please inspect all components to ensure no damage has occurred prior to continuing. Carefully remove the packaging material from around the system and discard. Your Voyager comes with all filters installed. Inspect your Voyager unit for any shipping damage. If damage has occurred notify the shipping company that made delivery to begin a damage claim. Check all fittings to ensure that they are connected tightly, as they may loosen up during shipping.

### 2. Initial Setup

You can also watch the quickstart video at: www.abcWindowSupply.com/VoyagerQuickStart



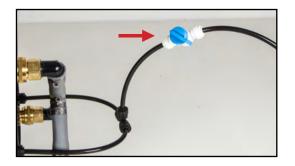
- 1. Your TS2100 system comes with the "Spider" 3-way connectors uninstalled.
- 2. Screw on shut off valve to DI filter on side labeled outlet. Shut off valve threads onto DI Output.
- 3. Connect spiders on both sides to the three open male brass fittings. **Do not overtighten.**
- 4. Install the ¼" black bypass tubing into the ¼" fitting in the RO membranes. This is a "T" connection, insert one side of the "T" into each ¼" port of each RO membrane. Make sure to push the tubing all the way into the opening until it stops.
- 5. The brass fitting on the end of the ¼" bypass tubing is there if you want to extend the reach of this bypass – screw a standard threaded hose to this fitting to extend the reach.
- 6. Contact abc Window Cleaning supply for technical support.

### 3. Hooking Up To Water Source



Locate an external water source. Attach one end of the feed hose (sold separately) to the water source. A <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" garden hose is preferred. Attach the other end of the feed hose to the female connection on the Carbon/ Sediment filter. Open bypass valve fully and turn on source water. Once the air in the filters has left the bypass line, adjust valve to desired flow rate. Open the shut-off valve between the hose and the pole to allow water to flow through the pole and wash glass. **Do not drink pure water made from your system.** 

### 4. Bypass Valve Operation



The system comes with a bypass tube and valve that controls the amount of water leaving the RO filter. This is the black tubing with a valve located on the bottom of your system. RO membrane filters use the bypass flow to remove concentrated dissolved solids from the filter. **There should always be water flowing out of the bypass tube.** Inadequate bypass flow will result in fouling and possibly damage the RO filter.

The water coming out of the bypass tube may initially appear milky. This milky appearance is actually small air bubbles being pushed out of the filter housing through the bypass line.

The bypass valve is also the primary way you can control the pressure of your system. Opening the bypass valve more will reduce the amount of pressure that is used to produce pure water resulting in lower flow rates at the brush. Closing the bypass valve will increase the amount of pressure which will lead to higher flow rates at the brush. Closing your valve so that the flow of the bypass is roughly equal to the flow of pure water exiting the system is a good place to start. This will restrict flow for elevated system pressure, but also allows waste water to exit your membranes.

Flushing water through the RO filter after use will remove excess minerals from the housing. It is recommended that your run your system with the bypass valve fully open for a few minutes each time you finish using your system to help clean out your RO membranes and extend their life. See Shutdown section of this manual for more details.

### 5. TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) Meter



Total Dissolved Solids are the minerals and salts within source water that lead to spotting on glass as the water evaporates. Your TDS meter measures the amount of dissolved solids using the conductivity of the water. The meter can test water before and after individual filters or the entire system to determine how they are performing. TDS levels are measured in parts per million (ppm).

Remove the cap from the TDS meter and fill with the sample you wish to test. Push the "On" button on the handheld TDS meter to get a TDS reading of the water sample. A TDS reading of 0 - 10 is acceptable for cleaning most windows, though specific conditions and results may vary.

When measuring source water before pure water TDS levels, it is important to rinse out any source water with pure water to ensure accurate readings. Even a single drop of source water will cause the pure water TDS reading to appear higher than it actually is.

Your TDS meter also has a thermometer which reads temperature. This can allow you to monitor the temperature of your feed water. Running your system at feed water temperatures of less than 10 °C (50 °F) will result in low flow exiting the system. RO membranes require more pressure to create the same amount of clean water as the temperature of the water gets colder. A pump can help to compensate for low source water temperatures. Do not let the system or any filter freeze when operating in lower temperatures.

### 6. Using A WaterFed<sup>®</sup>Pole



Once your TS2100 system is hooked up, and you have a WaterFed® pole connected to the hose, you're ready to clean windows.

Always begin by cleaning the top row or highest windows first, including scrubbing the frames. Work the Water Fed pole up one side of the frames, across the top, and back down the other side. Scrub the glass in an up and down motion, moving the pole the entire length of the glass with each stroke if possible.

Return the pole to the top of the window, and with a side to side motion, allow rinse water to flow completely down the surface of the glass. Frame rinsing may not be required. If the height of the glass and the weight of the pole allow for it, hold the brush slightly off of the surface of the glass to rinse. If this is not possible, move the pole side to side slowly with the brush on the glass at the top, and let the water flow down the glass to rinse.

Once you have completed the top row or highest glass on one side of the building, repeat these steps for each tier or level of glass, working your way down.

Providing a good initial scrubbing on the glass, followed by a complete rinse will ensure that the glass dries completely spot-free.

Pure water is a great natural solvent for many soils. In some cases where there are heavy soils, a pre-soak or even a double scrub & rinse may be needed to achieve optimal results.

The agitation of the brush, coupled with the flow of water through the brush when scrubbing, should break down and suspend most soils, readying them for complete removal via the rinse step.

As with any new procedure, practice in the use of your WaterFed® pole is the best way to achieve optimal results. Learn more about basic technique at www. abcWindowSupply.com/StartingWF

### 7. Soap Residue

Getting spotting when your TDS levels are below 10? A common issue encountered when transitioning buildings from traditional window cleaning methods to pure water cleaning is soap residue. After the initial cleaning with pure water, small white or gray spots and runs may be seen on the glass after drying. Most often this is soap and or detergent residue left behind by previous traditional cleanings and brought out of the pores of the glass by the pure water cleaning process. The soap can take up to 30 minutes to dissolve if it has been baked on or pushed into seals and frames. Soaking the glass 15-20 minutes before performing a normal agitation and rinse cycle will remove soap spotting. Repeat agitation and rinse if the spots persist.

### 8. Operating Without Power

The TS2100 is designed to allow the free flow of water through the system. A minimum hose bib pressure of 50 pounds is needed to push the water through the system.

### 9. Shutdown

- 1. Close DI output shut off valve. Open bypass fully and flush out the RO's for 2-3 minutes.
- 2. Turn supply water off.
- 3. Unhook all hoses. Stand unit on end to drain excess water out of it for storage & transport if desired.

### 10. Operating With Optional Boost Pump

The TS2100 can also be used with an optional boost pump (P/N WF1000-BP) – sold separately - that will boost the pressure of the water through the system and allow even greater height of cleaning. Follow these steps to hook your TS2100 up to the boost pump.

1. Use the short length of hose included with the boost pump to attach from the Outlet port on the boost pump to the Inlet of the TS2100 Sediment/Carbon filter.

2. Turn on source water and check all fitting connections for leaks. Tighten as needed. **DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN.** 

3. Plug power cord into standard 110v AC power outlet.

4. Follow normal operation guidelines for using your TS2100 unit.

Your TS2100 system requires little maintenance to operate a peak performance. As stated above, a flush of your system after each use will help maximize the life of the RO membrane.

The Carbon should be replaced every 6 months with frequent use and should not be kept in service for more than a year. **Failure to replace the carbon filter regularly can lead to chlorine reaching your RO filter and result in damage to the membrane.** We often recommend that users should replace both their carbon and DI filters at the same time as this usually ensures that the carbon is kept fresh without having to track service dates.

RO membranes have the potential to process 100,000 gallons of water when properly maintained. To test the health of your RO membrane compare the TDS levels of the source water to the level of pure water leaving the RO filter. For example, 100 TDS source water with 10 TDS leaving the RO indicates 90% rejection. When RO rejection rates drop below 80% it is generally time to replace the RO filter canister.

The lifespan of your DI filter depends on the TDS of the water entering the filter. Periodically check the TDS of the purified water leaving the DI filter with the provided hand held meter. When the TDS levels reach unacceptable levels for your application (abc suggests 10ppm or less for window cleaning and 40ppm or less for cleaning opaque surfaces) the DI filter is completely exhausted and should be replaced. See troubleshooting section below for more information on high TDS levels coming from the system.

### 12. Filter Replacement

Learn how to change your filters by video: www.abcWindowSupply.com/VoyagerChange

Learn when to change your filters with this guide: www.abcWindowSupply.com/FilterTime



#### Carbon/Sediment Filter

- 1. Unscrew brass connection spider from each end of the Sediment/Carbon Filter(P/N WF2CSC-21).
- Remove the cartridge from the holding clips by unscrewing the bolt. Install the new filter into the holding clip and re-attach the brass fittings.
  Do not overtighten.

#### **DI Filter**

- 1. Unscrew brass connection spider from each end of the DI Filter(P/N WF2CDI-21).
- 2. Remove the cartridge from the holding clips by unscrewing the bolt.
- 3. Install the new filter into the holding clip and re-attach the brass fittings. **Do not overtighten.**

#### **RO Filter**

- 1. Remove the ¼" bypass tubing from the RO membranes by pushing down on the retaining ring of the port while pulling on the tubing in the opposite direction.
- 2. Repeat for the other membrane. Retain this bypass tubing for re-installation on new membranes.
- 3. Unscrew brass connection spider from each end of the RO Filter (WF2CRO21). Remove the cartridge from the holding clips by unscrewing the bolt.
- 4. Install the new filter into the holding clip and re-attach the brass fittings. **Do not overtighten.**
- 5. Re-install the bypass tubing as described above.

### 13. Storage

Storage - Short Term (2-4 Weeks)

Do not allow the filters or system to freeze. Failure to do so could result in damage to your filters and SG system. Do not allow DI or RO filters to dry out. Dry DI resin will lose its charge and therefore become unable to remove dissolved solids from the water. Dry RO membranes will develop cracks which allow more dissolved solids to pass through the membrane. This will deplete the downstream DI filters at a faster rate. abc recommends that you run water through your carbon and RO membrane filters once every 2 weeks or so, not only to help keep your filters moist but to also wash out any microorganisms that might try to grow in your filters. RO and DI filters need to stay moist but do not need to be full of water. Always run your source water through the carbon filter before the RO membrane when flushing the filter.

#### Storage - Long Term (Winterizing)

abc strongly recommends flushing out the RO membrane filter once every 2-4 weeks to ensure the maximum lifespan of the filters. When flushing the RO membrane filter, the source water should be passing through the Carbon/Sediment filter before the RO membrane. This will prevent damage to the membranes from Chlorine and Chloramine. Periodic flushing will ensure that the filter membrane does not dry out and will reduce the chance that biological growth will foul the filter elements while in storage..

If periodic flushing is not feasible, we recommend that users wrap filters tightly in plastic wrap or plastic bags and then seal with tape. This will reduce the chance that the filter dries out when in storage. **Do not allow DI or RO filters to dry out.** Dry DI resin will lose its charge and therefore become unable to remove dissolved solids from the water. Dry RO membranes will develop cracks which allow more dissolved solids to pass through the membrane. RO and DI filters need to stay moist but do not need to be full of water.

Store filters indoors over the winter. **Do not allow the filters or system to freeze.** Failure to do so could result in damage to your filters and SG system. After filters have been stored this way, they will need to be flushed thoroughly before use. Leaving filters wrapped for extended periods of time can lead to biological fouling, which is why we recommend periodic flushing.

### 14. Troubleshooting

#### Low Pure Water Flow Out Of The Brush

1. Low tap pressure is the most common cause of low pure water production from multifilter style units. Source water pressure is the primary driver of system performance for RO filters. Even sources that appear to have plenty of flow out of the tap may not have enough pressure to push water through the RO membrane. Ensure that the tap pressure is sufficient using a pressure gauge. Trying a different source may lead to better performance. Also check all hoses (incoming and outflowing) for kinks or blockages, especially hose reels that are wound too tight. Trying a larger diameter hose (1/2" or more) or a shorter hose length between the system and the tap can also improve flow. Adding a pump, such as the abc boost pump (WF1000-BP) can help compensate for low source pressure. Do not exceed 130 **PSI** when using a pump.

2. Mineral fouling of the RO membrane will lead to reduced pure water production from your system. Processing water through the RO membrane without enough (or any) bypass flow will lead to increasing mineral concentration within the RO housing. In minor cases, this will result in a temporary drop in production from the RO membrane. Flushing the excess minerals from the housing will return the filter to normal production rates. In extreme cases the mineral buildup will permanently reduce the flow rate of the filter. These cases can only be fixed by replacing the filter.

3. Biologic fouling is another potential cause of reduced pure water production from the RO filter. Algae, bacteria and fungi can land and grow on the surface of the RO membranes. These organisms eventually block off pores in the membrane leading to reduced production levels. Letting filters sit for long periods of time without running any water through them increases the chances of biological fouling. After long term storage, running a series of long flushes will often return the RO membrane to normal production levels. Close output shutoff valve and fully open bypass valve. Run it like this for 10 minutes and then open the output valve and restrict your bypass to its normal running setting for a minute or two. Doing this flushing process 2 or 3 times may be required to return to normal production levels.

4. Expect decreased production rates when running your RO with colder source water. The ideal temperature for source water is 77°F. You can expect around half the flow for water at 50 degrees that you would get at 75 degrees, even if both sources are at the same PSI. Use your TDS meter to measure the temperature of your source water to determine if this is the cause of lowered flow rates.

5. Leaks in the system and the pole tubing can release pressure and take flow away from the jets in your brush. A couple of small leaks in the pure water lines can cut pressure to the jets in half. Read the "leaks" section below for more information on eliminating leaks in the system.

#### High TDS

1. Retest your water sample. When you get a higher than expected reading on your handheld TDS meter, it is a good idea to use the water you are testing to wash out both the measuring lid and the measuring prongs of the meter itself. **Do not get the body of the meter wet, it is not waterproof.** Minerals can stay in the cup from other measurements and can make the sample appear to have a higher TDS than it actually does. Taking multiple samples ensures maximum accuracy. 2. High TDS coming out of the system usually indicates that the DI filter is spent. Testing before and after the DI filter will verify that there is not another issue. If the TDS levels before and after the DI filter are the same, the filter is completely depleted. Replace the DI filter (P/N WF2CDI-21) once depleted. If water coming from the RO filter has high TDS levels, check the RO performance as well.

3. Elevated TDS levels coming from the RO membrane can indicate that both the RO and DI need to be replaced. The best way to test your RO is to use your handheld TDS meter to measure the TDS water coming out of the RO and compare that to the TDS levels of the source water. Your RO should have a rejection rate of over 80%. If the rejection rates are below normal, follow the step below to ensure that the RO filter needs to be replaced.

4. If your RO rejection is lower than expected, you can try running a 10 minute flush. Increasing flow through the filter housing will help the flushing process. Remove the bypass tube from the bottom of the filter and then shut off your system's pure water outlet at the DI filter. Water should be flowing out of the now open push to fit connector at the bottom of the RO filter. Run it like this for 10 minutes and then open your pure water outlet and restrict your bypass to its normal running setting. Check your RO TDS to see if it is dropping to more acceptable levels. Repeat the forward flush 2-3 times if necessary to drop the RO TDS.

5. If the TDS levels coming from the RO membrane do not drop, your RO is faulty. You can continue to use the faulty RO, however you will use up your DI resin faster than normal. Replace the faulty RO filter (WF2CRO-21) as soon as possible.

### 15. Leaks

#### Leak Between Brass Fitting and Plastic Housing

- 1. Unscrew leaky brass fitting.
- Check brass fittings for damage or deformation. If necessary replace brass fittings. Replacement parts can be ordered from abc or bought from a local store. The plastic hole size is ½" national pipe thread (NPT) and the Brass fitting connection are a standard ¾" Garden hose thread (GHT).
- 3. Fittings should be attached with an adhesive to prevent leaks. We recommend Liquid Nails Perfect Glue from Home Depot.
- 4. If leak persists replace filter.

#### Leak Between Brass Garden Hose Fittings

- 1. With the source water off, check that fitting is properly tightened. Tighten until you feel the gasket engage. **Do not over tighten.**
- 2. Unscrew the leaky connection. Check gasket in the female fitting for damage or deformation. Replace gasket if necessary.
- 3. Check brass fittings for damage or deformation.
- 4. If necessary replace brass fittings. Replacement parts can be ordered from abc or bought from a local store. The plastic hole size is ½" national pipe thread (NPT) and the Brass fitting connection are a standard ¾" Garden hose thread (GHT). Fittings should be attached to the housing with an adhesive to prevent leaks. We recommend Liquid Nails Perfect Glue from Home Depot.

#### Leak On Push To Fit Connection

- 1. Make sure that tube is properly inserted into fitting. Inserting the tube part way into the fittings will cause leaks.
- 2. Bending the tube as it enters the push to fit connection can also cause leaks. Reduce strain on the tube to prevent this.
- 3. Check brass fittings for damage or deformation.
- 4. Damage to the tube, such as scratched or cracking, will interfere with the sealing elements. Cut off any damaged tube and reinsert into the fitting.

#### Water Coming Out Of Bypass Regulator Tube

- 1. Strong bypass flow is normal during system operation. This water is the discharge water and it contains a very high TDS. This water is non-potable but is also not harmful to plants. **DO NOT DRINK DISCHARGE WATER.**
- 2. Milky white bypass flow is a common occurrence when starting up the system or using a new RO membrane. It is trapped air being pushed out of the filter housing and will stop once the air is gone.

### **Expressed Warranty**

abc Window Cleaning Supply warrants new water purification systems against manufacturing defects under normal use to the original purchaser.

abc Window Cleaning warrants new equipment for one year from the original purchase date to be free from manufacture defect. Any parts sent out for warranty are warranted from the original purchase date of the machine. The customer must first contact abc Window Cleaning to notify them of the problem. abc Window Cleaning may require the merchandise to be shipped back to them at the customer's expense to evaluate the warranty claim. If the equipment is found to be a manufacture defect abc Window Cleaning will reimburse shipping expense and parts will be sent out at no charge including standard ground shipping. Rush shipping will be the sole responsibility of the customer.

Wear items exempt from warranty include filters and membranes.

This warranty does not apply to misuse or abuse causing failure of the system. The customer must contact abc Window Cleaning before attempting any repairs or modification to the system. Failure to do so will void your warranty.

abc Window Cleaning holds no responsibility for loss of labor, time or any costs associated with using the equipment. abc Window Cleaning holds the sole discretion of whether a claim falls under warranty.

### Returns

If for any reason the customer wishes to return the system they may do so at anytime within 30 days of the original purchase date.

The customer must first contact abc Window Cleaning supply to notify them of their intent to return the merchandise.

The customer is responsible for the return of all merchandise and insuring that the product is properly packaged to arrive in a new resellable condition. The customer is responsible for all costs associated with returning damaged merchandise to a new resellable condition.

The customer is also responsible for a 20% restocking fee, in addition to any costs associated with shipping and repairing the merchandise to a new resellable condition. abc Window cleaning supply will issue a refund to the credit card on file once all repairs are completed.

### **Replacement Parts**



RO Filter WF2CRO-21



Carbon Filter WF2CSC-21



DI Filter WF2CDI-21

### **Optional Upgrades**





Booster Pump WF1000-BP PSI Pressure Gauge TA-PG





Shut-off Valve WF601311 TDS Meter HMTDS-3

