

Compare Pond Pumps

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Selecting the correct pump is essential, whether you choose to power a waterfall or simply circulate water through your filter. Most beginning pond-keepers buy pumps for filtration. When choosing a pump for filtration, the gph (gallons per hour) of the pump is the most important consideration. In addition, the type of pond you have will determine what power your pump will need.

How big is your pond? When you know the volume of water in your pond, you know how many gallons per hour a pump must be able to handle in order to move the water to provide sufficient circulation. This includes components that affect the volume of the water. As a general rule, circulate pond water a minimum of once every hour. Insufficient circulation can cause areas of stagnant water, low oxygen levels, and many other problems, which eventually lead to an unhealthy pond.

How far do you need the pump to push the water? To determine the appropriate pump for your particular pond, there are several factors to consider. For example: Are you moving up an incline, through a filtration pump, or other equipment; how far are you pumping the water; how much tubing are you using; and how many elbows, bends, and other plumbing fittings do you need? Such factors will influence the maximum head height required for your system.

How much energy are you using? If you are concerned about energy usage, as most of us are, choose the pump with the lowest wattage that will fit your needs.

What other equipment are you using? Consider what other equipment you may be using and look at additional fittings you might need for tubing and other plumbing supplies. Pipe thread fittings come in MPT (male), FPT (female), or barbed (fit into female fittings to convert them into male fittings). Pumps run 24 hours a day and are the chief piece of equipment responsible for keeping your pond healthy. Read product descriptions carefully to make sure you are making the correct pump choice.

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Model	Max gph	Max head	Inlet•Outlet Fittings	Watts	Cord Length
<u>Quiet One</u>					
800	220	4 ft 4"	sponge•1/2" Insert	13.5	20 ft
1200	296	6 ft 1"	sponge•1/2" MPT	25.5	20 ft
2200	594	10 ft 6"	sponge•1" MPT	45.0	20 ft

3000	819	10 ft 4"	sponge•1" MPT	55.0	20 ft
4000	991	10 ft 1"	sponge•1" MPT	65.0	20 ft
5000	1,400	11 ft 6"	sponge•1" MPT	115.0	20 ft
6000	1,664	11 ft 6"	sponge•1" MPT	135.0	20 ft
9000	2,040	16 ft 4"	basket in•1.5" MPT	125.0	20 ft
16000	3,915	14 ft 8"	basket in•1.5" MPT	185.0	20 ft

[Pondmaster Mag-Drive Utility Pump](#)

PM 1.9	190	7 ft	3/8", 1/2"•1/4"	19	10 ft
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PM 5	500	10 ft 6"	1/2" in•out	49	18 ft
PM 7	700	11 ft 6"	1/2" in•out	60	18 ft
PM 9.5	950	12 ft 6"	3/4" in•out	93	18 ft
PM 12	1,200	13 ft 6"	3/4" in•out	110	18 ft
PM 18	1,800	16 ft 6"	3/4" in•out	150	18 ft
PM 24	2,400	18 ft	1" in•out	265	18 ft

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[Self-Priming External Pumps](#)

1/6 HP	3,000	12 ft	1-1/2" FPT in•out	409	no cord
1/2 HP	3,600	38 ft	1-1/2" FPT in•out	793	no cord
3/4 HP	4,860	50 ft	1-1/2" FPT in•out	1,058	no cord
1 HP	5,760	53 ft	1-1/2" FPT in•out	1,380	no cord

[Dual Direct Drive](#)

1900	1,900	18 ft	1-1/4" in•out	250	16 ft
3100	3,100	29 ft	1-1/4" in•out	675	16 ft
4300	4,280	30 ft	1-1/4"•1-1/2" in•out	700	16 ft

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[Mag-Drive Waterfall Pumps](#)

2000	2,000	14 ft	1-5/8" slip, 1-1/2" barbed in•out	150	20 ft
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3000	3,000	15 ft	1-5/8" slip, 1-1/2" barbed in out	235	20 ft
<u>HY-Drive Waterfall Pumps</u>					
3200	3,250	12 ft	1-3/4"•1-1/2"	150	20 ft
4000	4,000	15 ft	1-3/4"•1-1/2"	210	20 ft
4800	4,750	20 ft	1-3/4"•1-1/2"	280	20 ft
EP850	850	12 ft.	NA•1"	60	16 ft.
EP1350	1350	15 ft.	NA•1"	90	20 ft.
EP1750	1750	20 ft.	NA•1"	130	20 ft.
EP2200	2200	20 ft.	NA•1"	190	26 ft.
EP3200	3200	20 ft.	NA•1"	260	26 ft.
EP4700	4700	17 ft	1-1/2"•1-1/2"	280	20 ft.
EP6700	6700	19 ft	1-1/2"•1-1/2"	520	20 ft.
EP9700	10,000	38 ft.	2"•2"	700	30 ft.
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Model	Max gph	Max head	Inlet•Outlet Fittings	Watts	Cord Length
<u>Little Giant Out-of-Pond Pumps</u>					
1/8 HP 1740	1740	10 ft.	2"•1-1/2"	137	8 ft.
1/8 HP 2760	2760	11 ft.	2"•1-1/2"	174	8 ft.
1/8 HP 4260	4260	20 ft	1-1/2"•1-1/2"	257	8 ft.
1/4 HP 5820	5820	21 ft.	1-1/2"•1-1/2"	370	8 ft.
<u>Solar Pump Kits</u>					
Mini	40	1 ft 7"	NA•1/2"	1.7	16 ft
Maxi	105	3 ft	NA•1/2"	5	16 ft
<u>TetraPond Debris Handling Pump</u>					
DHP3600	3,6909	11 ft	N/A•1-1/4" to 1-1/2"	199	20 ft
DHP4200	4,235	13 ft	N/A•1-1/4" to 1-1/2"	199	20 ft
<u>Total Pond Floating UV Filter with Pump</u>					
Pond Bos™	238	6 ft 6"	N/A	28	16 ft
<u>Total Pond Submersible Pump with UV</u>					
Pond	700	11 ft 6"	N/A•3-1/4"	120	16 ft

Waterfall	1,300	16 ft 6"	N/A•1"	240	16 ft
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Stainless Steel Submersible Pumps					
1/5 HP	2,900	21 ft	N/A•1-1/4"	355	19 ft
1/3 HP	3,450	25 ft	N/A•1-1/2"	455	19 ft
1/2 HP	5,000	30 ft	N/A•2"	590	19 ft
3/4 HP	5,300	36 ft	N/A•2"	847	19 ft
1 HP	7,000	36 ft	N/A•2"	1,210	19 ft
High Efficiency Stainless Steel Pumps					
1/4 HP	2,900	21 ft	N/A•2" FPT	333	20 ft
1/3 HP	3,900	27 ft	N/A•2" FPT	460	20 ft
1/2 HP	4,900	32 ft	N/A•2" FPT	644	20 ft
1 HP	5,900	43 ft	N/A•2" FPT	1093	20 ft
TetraPond Water Garden Pump					
325	325	7 ft 2"	N/A•5/8"	22	12 ft
550	550	7 ft 2"	N/A•7/8"	42	12 ft
1000	1,000	8 ft	N/A•7/8"	80	16 ft
1900	1,900	16 ft	N/A•1-1/8"	185	16 ft