



Superior Sump Pump Instruction Manual & Safety Warnings Model SP33



Important Safety Instructions

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

This manual contains important **SAFETY WARNINGS** and **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS** for the Superior Sump Pump. You will need to refer to it before attempting any installation or maintenance.

ALWAYS keep these instructions with the unit so that they will be easily accessible. Failure to read and follow these warnings and instructions could result in property damage, serious injury, or death.



WARNING

Risk of electric shock. To reduce this risk, observe the following precautions.

- **ALWAYS** disconnect the pump from the power source before servicing or making adjustments.
- **NEVER** handle the pump or motor with wet hands or when standing on a wet or damp surface while the pump is plugged into the power source.
- **MAKE SURE THERE IS A PROPERLY GROUNDED RECEPTACLE AVAILABLE.** This pump is wired with a 3-prong grounded plug. To reduce the risk of electric shock, be certain that it is only connected to a properly grounded, 3-prong receptacle (preferably with ground fault circuit interrupt). If you have a 2-prong receptacle, have a licensed electrician replace it with a 3-prong receptacle according to local codes and ordinances.
- **NEVER** bypass grounding wires or remove the ground prong from the plug.
- **DO NOT** use an extension cord. The electrical outlet should be within the length of the pump's power cord, and at least 4 feet above the floor level to minimize potential hazards from flood conditions.
- **DO** protect the electrical cord from sharp objects, hot surfaces, oil, and chemicals. Avoid kinking the cord.
- **MAKE SURE** the supply circuit has a fuse or circuit breaker rated to handle the power requirements noted on the nameplate of the pump.



CAUTION

To reduce the risk of hazards that can cause injury or property damage, observe the following precautions.

- **DO NOT** use the power cord or strain relief to carry the pump. Use the pump handle. **DO NOT** expose the control unit to rain or snow.
- **DO NOT** operate the pump or control unit if it has been damaged in any way.
- **DO NOT** use sump pumps in pits handling raw sewage, salt water, or hazardous liquids.
- **DO NOT** disassemble the pump or control unit. When service is required, contact Standard Water Control Systems, Inc. at (800) 978-7867. Return the product to the manufacturer for any repairs at the following address:

Standard Water Control Systems, Inc.,
5337 Lakeland Ave. N
Crystal MN 55429

Items included:

Pump
Choice of controller: float/sensor
Stainless steel hose clamp

You may also need:

1-1/2" rigid PVC pipe to connect to the existing plumbing
A check valve or union
PVC pipe cleaner and cement
A surge protector

Specifications	1/3 HP Model SP33
GPH @ 0'	4100
GPH @ 10'	2770
G/Wh	6.1
Pump Diameter	7.375"
Volts	115V, 60Hz
Amps	3.8

G/Wh = Gallons per Watt Hour G/Wh = GPH/(Amps x Volts)

1-1/2"
discharge

SWC2
Deluxe Controller
and Dual Float



**1/3 HP Pump
SP33**

NOTICES

- The control unit must receive 115V AC +/- 5% and 60 Hz from the AC outlet.
- These primary pumps will not provide protection during a power outage. With the risk of property damage from high water levels, the addition of a battery backup sump pump system is highly recommended.
- After the initial installation, be sure to check the operation by filling the sump with water and observing the pump operation through one full cycle.
- For continuous duty operation, the pump must be submerged at least 3/4 of the depth of the pump at all times.
- In instances where the discharge line is exposed to freezing temperatures, the pipe must be sloped downward so any remaining water will drain out. Failure to do so will prevent water from exiting the sump and damage the pump if the line freezes.

Installation Instructions

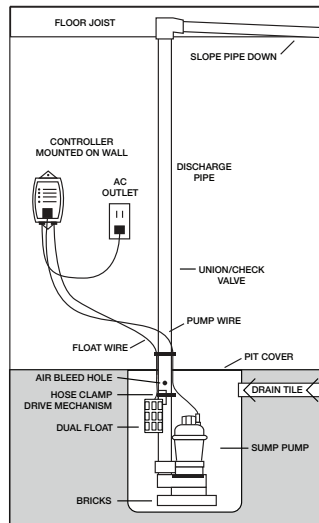
Prior to Installation

1. Visually inspect your pump. Products may be damaged during shipping. If the product has been damaged, contact Standard Water before installation.
2. Thoroughly read the instructions provided to learn specific details regarding installation and use. This manual should be retained for future reference.



This installation must be in accordance with the National Electric Code and all applicable local codes and ordinances.

1. Use a pit that conforms to all local codes and is large enough to accommodate the pump and float switch. The minimum requirements for the 1/3 HP pump with the double float assembly are 8" in diameter and 14" deep, for the 1/2 HP pump they are 10" in diameter and 16" deep. However, larger sump pits are preferred, since they will extend the discharge cycle and reduce the number of times the pump turns on.
2. Clean the pit of all debris. The pump's strainer must be kept clear.
3. The pump should not be set directly onto a clay, earthen, or sand base. You may install bricks or blocks under the pump to provide a solid base.
4. The pump should be level.
5. Install discharge plumbing according to local, regional and state codes. Rigid PVC pipe is recommended.
6. An in-line check valve is recommended to prevent back-flow. This check valve is mandatory when sharing a discharge line with another pump (i.e. a back-up pump or a second primary pump).
7. Install a gate valve or ball valve if required by any codes.
8. The pipe must be positioned in a downward slope so any remaining water will drain away. Failure to do this will prevent water from exiting the pit and damage the pump if the line freezes.
9. If you are replacing an old sump pump:
 - (a) Unplug the pump from the outlet.
 - (b) Loosen the check valve or rubber union by unscrewing the bottom hose clamp. (If the existing system is installed without a check valve or rubber union, saw the pipe apart above the sump pit.)
 - (c) Remove the old pump and unscrew the pipe and adapter.
 - (d) If the adapter fits into the new pump, screw the pipe into the pump. If not, cut a piece of rigid PVC pipe and connect it to the new adapter by cleaning and cementing the two pieces together. (Follow the instructions on the PVC cleaner and cement.)



- (e) Loosen the enclosed stainless steel hose clamp by turning the screw counterclockwise and slip it over the pipe on top of the pump.
- (f) Hold the float switch against the discharge pipe so the cage or sensor rod is below the bracket.
- (g) Position the bottom of the float or sensor rod at the height you want the pump to activate and turn the screw clockwise to tighten the hose clamp, but do not tighten it completely at this time. If installing the ultimate sensor, be sure to place the drive mechanism of the clamp on the opposite side of the sensor. This will allow the extra material of the clamp to be as close as possible to the sensor once it is completely tightened.
- (h) Lower the pump into the sump by the handle.
- (i) To avoid debris pouring onto the float or sensor, it should be positioned on the side of the discharge pipe opposite the drain tile. Note: It is desirable to mount the float or sensor below the drain tile that empties into the pit. Mounting it above the drain tile would allow water to fill the drain tile before the pump is activated. (See diagram).
- (j) Once the switch is in the desired position, tighten the hose clamp.
- (k) Connect the pipe on the pump to the existing discharge pipe with a rubber union or check valve and tighten the hose clamps securely.

Installation Instructions SWC2 Deluxe Dual Float Controller



WARNING Make sure the outlet is single phase, 115V and 60Hz for all the pump installations.

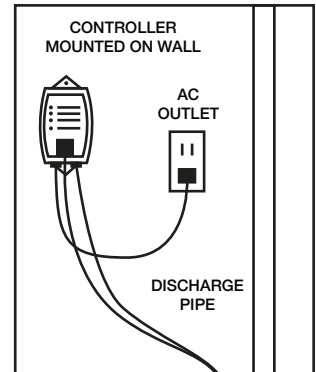
Installing the Deluxe Dual Float

The dual float switch is easy to install by using the enclosed stainless steel hose clamp.

1. Hold the float switch to the discharge pipe so the cage is below the bracket.
2. Secure the float to the pipe with the enclosed hose clamp, but do not completely tighten the clamp at this time.
3. Position the float switch to a level where the bottom of the float cage is no lower than 3" above the bottom of the pump. To avoid debris pouring onto the float, it should be positioned on the side of the discharge pipe opposite the drain tile. *Note: It is important to mount the float below the drain tile that empties into the pit. Mounting it above the drain tile would allow water to fill the drain tile before the pump is activated to pump out the water*
4. Once the float switch is in the desired position, tighten the clamp.

Installing the SWC2 Deluxe Controller

1. Mount the controller to the wall through the 2 holes on the cabinet using the proper mounting hardware for the application. The controller should be mounted at least 4" from the floor and within 4' of the outlet.
2. Open the plastic door on the top of the unit and using a flat head screwdriver adjust the dial to select the number of seconds that the pump will run after the water falls below the sensor. The timer can be adjusted from 5-45 seconds. The manufacturer default is about 10 seconds. Install a 9V alkaline battery and replace the plastic door.



3. Plug the control box into a properly grounded, 3-prong receptacle. Then, plug the pump into the receptacle on the control box. Do not use an extension cord.
4. Make sure the Power Failure Alarm slide switch is in the ON position.

Completing the Installation

1. After the initial installation, be sure to check the pump operation by filling the sump with water and observing the pump through one full cycle. The pump should run for 10 seconds after the lower float drops. Note: When the pump activates, it should have a "normal pumping" sound. Any abnormal sound, vibration, or lack of output is the signal of a problem. Stop the pump and refer to the troubleshooting guide.
2. Replace the pit cover making sure not to pinch or crimp the pump wire with the cover. The pit cover either has a 'hole punch' that will allow the cord to be passed through or one can be drilled in the cover.

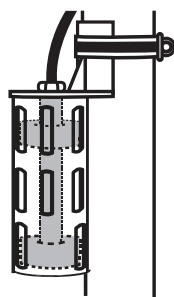
The 9-volt battery is low or slide switch is off

1. The 9-volt battery located in the top of the control box is coming to the end of its useful life. Replace it with a new 9-volt alkaline battery.
2. The Power Failure Alarm switch is in the **OFF** position. It must be in the **ON** position at all times, except when silencing an actual power failure condition.

Product Operation

Dual Float Switch

The dual float switch contains two large floating rings enclosed within a protective cage. Water will lift the bottom float by a 1/4", which will activate the pump. If for any reason the lower float does not activate the pump, the water will rise and activate the second switch. As the pump evacuates the water from the pit the floats will drop. The pump will run for an additional 10 seconds to extend the cycle after the lower float drops. Note: When mounting the float switch, position the bottom of the cage at the height you want the pump to activate.



Dual Float Switch

The Deluxe Dual Float Controller (SWC2)

The Deluxe Dual Float Controller features a series of warnings (audible and visual) that pinpoint potential problems with the pump, switch and power conditions. The controller will sound an alarm when power has been interrupted, when the pump has run for more than 10 minutes continuously, or when the 9V battery is low. The 9V battery (sold separately) runs the controller during a power outage, allowing it to sound an alarm if the circuit breaker trips, the controller is not plugged in securely, or the home's power is interrupted. *Note: The 9V battery will only power the switch, not the pump.* The Deluxe Controller has a dial (located in the battery compartment) to adjust the number of seconds that the pump will run after the float drops. The Deluxe Controller will also run the pump once a week for approximately four (4) seconds. This test will exercise the pump and help ensure the pump is working properly.



Operating the Pump in a Continuous Duty Application

Superior Sump Pumps are rated for continuous duty and may be used in applications requiring continuous pumping including fountains, ponds, etc. For use in any continuous duty application the pump should be plugged directly into the wall outlet without the use of the controller. The outlet must be a single phase properly grounded 3-prong receptacle, 115V, 60HZ (preferably with ground fault circuit interrupt). For continuous duty operation, the pump must be submerged at least 3/4 of the depth of the pump at all times.

Understanding the Warnings & Alarms

AC power is out

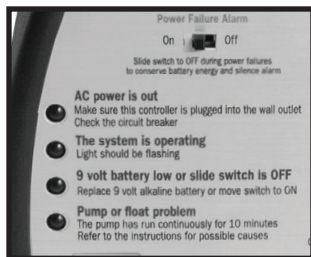
There are several causes for power failure. The most common causes are a power outage by the electric company or a tripped circuit breaker. Although the deluxe controller can not run the pump, it will sound an alarm indicating the loss of power. This will allow the homeowner to address the problem.

If this warning light and alarm are on, the control box is not receiving AC power for one of many reasons:

1. The control box is not plugged in
2. The power to the house is out
3. The circuit breaker to that outlet has been tripped
4. The ground fault interrupter on that outlet has been tripped
5. A power brownout is taking place

Power Failure Alarm slide switch

When the controller is not receiving AC power, the monitoring features and the audible alarms are powered by the 9-volt battery. This type of battery will power the controller for many hours, but not indefinitely. Once the source of the AC power alarm is determined, it is suggested that the Power Failure Alarm slide switch be turned to the OFF position until the power is restored. This will preserve the battery and silence the alarm. When AC power is restored, slide this switch back to the ON position. Note: If the AC power is restored and the slide switch is in the OFF position, the alarm and light for the 9-volt battery warning will activate, even if the battery is good. This is a reminder to reset the alarm. Slide the switch to the ON position. If the battery is good, the light will go out. If the alarm continues to sound, replace the battery.



The system is operating

This light should be ON and flashing at all times. It is included to indicate that the system is monitoring the sump conditions. This light will not illuminate when:

1. The power is out and the Power Failure Alarm slide switch is in the OFF position
2. The power is out and the 9V battery is discharged
3. The controller is not functioning. Contact Standard Water Control Systems

The 9-volt battery low or slide switch is OFF

1. The 9-volt battery located in the top of the control box is coming to the end of its useful life. Replace it with a new 9-volt alkaline battery.
2. The Power Failure Alarm switch is in the OFF position. It must be in the ON position at all times, except when silencing an actual power failure condition.

Pump, float or sensor problem

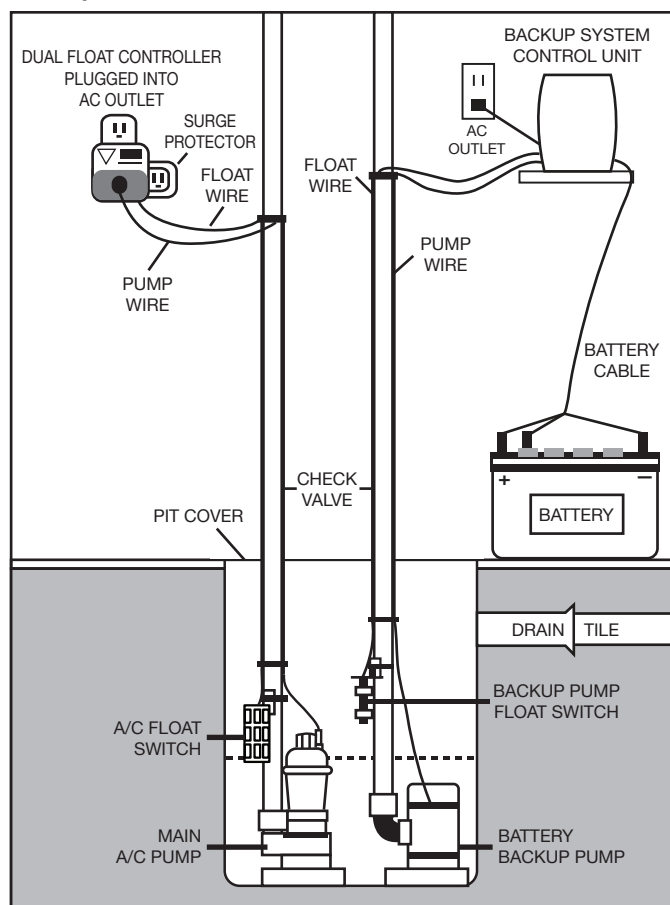
This key feature monitors the time that the float switch (or sensor rod) is up continuously or in the activated position. It is unusual for a pump run for 10 or more minutes continuously. This can occur for many different reasons. Either the float is stuck in the up position, there is a mechanical problem with the pump, or there is a problem with the plumbing connections. Please refer to the Troubleshooting Guide on the back.

Maintenance Check List

Maintenance should be performed 1-2 times per year.

1. Remove all debris from the bottom of the pit.
2. Remove all debris floating in the water.
3. Remove all debris from the float switch cage or clean the sensor rod.
4. Fill the pit with water. Make sure pump turns on at the intended level.
5. While the pump is running, make sure pump is evacuating water at a good pace.
6. While the pump is running, make sure a stream of water is escaping from the air bleed hole. If not, clear the hole of any deposits or debris.

Backup Installation



When the power goes out, the AC sump pumps will not operate. For protection during a power outage, a battery backup system can be installed. There are three systems with matching batteries that will provide protection. The illustration at right is an example of a typical battery backup installation.

Warranty

Standard Water Control Systems, Inc. warrants to the end purchaser that its pumps, switch and control unit products are free from defective materials and workmanship for the periods indicated below:

All parts and labor (excluding installation) for a period of:

- 3 years from the date of purchase on all pumps, when used intermittently as a sump pump
- 1 year from the date of purchase on all pumps, when used in continuous duty operations such as fountains or ponds

The defective product must be returned directly to the factory, postage prepaid with the original bill of sale or receipt to the address listed below. Standard Water Control, Inc., at its option, will either repair or replace the product and return it postage prepaid.

Conditions

The unit must be shipped, freight prepaid, or delivered to Standard Water Control Systems, Inc. to provide the services described hereunder in either its original carton and inserts, or a similar package affording an equal degree of protection.

The unit must not have been previously altered, repaired or serviced by anyone other than Standard Water Control Systems, Inc., or its agent; the serial number on the unit must not have been altered or removed; the unit must not have been subject to accident, misuse, abuse or operated contrary to the instructions contained in the accompanying manual.

The dealer's dated bill of sale, or installers invoice must be retained as evidence of the date of purchase and to establish warranty eligibility.

This warranty does not cover product problems resulting from handling liquids hotter than 104 degrees Fahrenheit, handling inflammable liquids, solvents, strong chemicals or severe abrasive solutions; user abuse; misuse, neglect, improper maintenance, commercial or industrial use; improper connection or installation, damages caused by lightning strikes; excessive surges in AC line voltage; water damage to the controller; other acts of nature, or failure to operate in accordance with the enclosed written instructions.

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For information or service contact: Standard Water Control Systems, Inc. 5337 Lakeland Ave N, Crystal, MN 55429 • (800) 978-7867

Model No. **SP33** Serial No. _____ Purchase Date _____

Troubleshooting (Always unplug the pump from the controller before performing any maintenance)

The pump will not start or run	Pump is not plugged in	Plug pump in properly (see instructions)
	Water is not high enough to activate the pump	Make sure float switch is positioned properly
	Open circuit	Check circuit breaker or fuse, and GFI reset button
	Poor power source	Check circuit line wires and cable*
	Low voltage	Check line wires and source voltage*
	Bad power cable	Replace with new cable*
	Locked impeller	Remove strainer and clear obstruction
	Defective float switch	Replace float switch with new float switch
	Defective pump	Replace pump with new pump
Thermal protector tripping or not functioning	Locked impeller	Remove strainer and clear obstruction
	Incorrect power supply	Check power supply source and voltage
	Overburdened due to heavy sand content in the water	Use water filter or replace with a higher wattage pump
	Pump running continuously with no water present	Check float switch or sensor rod
Pump starts and stops too frequently	Float switch or sensor is mounted too low	Raise float switch or adjust timer
	Water flowing back from pipe	Install or replace check valve
	Malfunctioning float switch	Replace float switch with new float switch
Pump will not shut off	Clogged or frozen discharge	Clear blockage or thaw frozen line
	Blocked intake strainer	Clear debris from intake strainer
	One or both of the floats is obstructed and cannot drop down	Clear debris from inside the float cage (Loosen nut on top of float, then remove c-clip on bottom of float. Remove debris. Tighten nut on top of float, then replace c-clip on bottom of float.) When reassembling the float, the magnetic strip on the inside of the float should be facing down.
	Defective float switch	Replace float switch with new float switch
	Check valve installed with no air bleed hole in pipe or pump	Drill a bleed hole in the discharge pipe, or clean debris from the existing hole
	Check valve is stuck or installed upside down	Reverse or replace check valve. Make sure the check valve is installed with the flow arrow pointing up and out of the pit.
	Sensor rod is obstructed with large amount of debris	Clean debris from sensor rod
	Check valve on secondary pump will not close and water re-circulates with the system	Replace the check valve on the secondary pump
Insufficient or no water volume	Worn impeller	Replace impeller & adjust spacing between impeller and cover
	Partially blocked impeller	Remove strainer and clear obstruction
	Clogged or frozen discharge	Clear blockage or thaw frozen line
	Broken or leaking pipe	Repair piping
	Low power voltage	Check power voltage, wires and cable condition
	Check valve installed with no air bleed hole in pipe or pump	Drill a bleed hole in the discharge pipe, or clean debris from the existing hole
	Check valve is stuck or installed upside down	Reverse or replace the check valve. Be sure check valve is installed with flow arrow pointing up and out of the pit
	Pump is air locked	Remove debris from the air bleed hole
Abnormal sound or vibration	Check valve on secondary pump will not close and water re-circulates within the system	Replace the check valve on the secondary pump
	Blocked intake screen	Clear debris from intake screen
	Broken impeller	Replace impeller with new one
Pump unexpectedly turns off for 5 seconds	Pump is experiencing an anti air lock safety feature	Pump is frequently cycling on and off. The controller has a safety feature That turns the pump off for 5 seconds if it detects a possible air lock. This is normal. No action is required.

*Consult a licensed electrician.