

# VAKI Fish Pump 6"

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## User Manual



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### Waste management

Sort and recycle electronics and batteries to reduce waste and conserve resources. Many electronics contain hazardous chemicals that must be handled appropriately, as well as precious metals that can be used again.

## 1. Warranty Terms of VAKI Fish Pump

VAKI Aquaculture Systems Ltd. Warranty covers any manufacturing defects occurring within one (1) year after delivery by VAKI or its reseller, provided that the equipment is installed, used and maintained in accordance with instructions for assembly and use.

VAKI undertake to repair such defects caused by construction or material faults arising in the fabrication of the equipment. Such defects will be repaired or replaced. The equipment must be returned to the manufacturer or authorized representative for the repair.

VAKI offers warranty for any original parts that are used for repair for a period of one (1) year from date of delivery.

VAKI is not responsible for:

- Incorrect installation use, or improper care and maintenance.
- Defects caused by parts, materials, components or equipment not supplied by VAKI and are obtained, installed or used by the customer without prior written approval from VAKI.
- Defects caused by modifications to the equipment made by the customer without the written approval from VAKI.
- Improper or unauthorised repairs made by the customer.
- Normal wear and tear on equipment.
- Improper connection of electric / hydraulic equipment.
- Defects caused by power surges.
- Damage to electrical cables.
- Any economic losses caused by the equipment out of service.

If errors or defects occur on the equipment, the customer must report as soon as possible and without any unreasonable delay to VAKI or representative.

Such report must be submitted no later than two (2) weeks after the warranty period, one (1) year after delivery.

If the customer does not inform VAKI or authorised representative within the time limits stated above, the customer will not be entitled to any warranty repairs or replacements for errors or defects. Repairs to equipment shall be made in accordance with the conditions stated above.

## 2. Environment

The VAKI Fish pump is designed to work in all weathers, except for temperatures below 0 ° C (Celsius).

Use in cold weather can cause damage to hoses and priming system. VAKI pump is built on a chassis with 2 large rubber wheels that can carry up to 400 kg per wheel, this allows the pump to easily move over rough and uneven surfaces. The pump is designed to move fish up to 400 g (salmonids). It is not suitable to pump pebbles , debris or sand.

### Electrical needs

An electrical expert must ensure that appropriate power socket correctly connected to the pump power cable.



## 3. Explanation of Parts

VAKI Fish pump is made of aluminum and fiberglass and provides very gentle handling of fish during transport. The pump is 6 "but can be reduced down to 4", 5 "or 3" with purpose made fish friendly cam lock reducer kits.

The pump is available in three versions, the standard electric which is the most popular version , and also hydraulic and petrol-driven. Large handles and rubber wheels allow the pump to easily move around uneven ground. Camlock quick couplings are used for simple and safe connection of hoses.



### 3.1 Pump Body

The VAKI pump body shell is made using a specially moulded form developed with over 20 years experience in the production of fibre glass fish farming equipment. Inside the pump body there is an aluminum impellor which leads fish and water through the pump. The impellor speed can be fully controlled as required, either directly from the main pump control box or by radio remote control.



### 3.2 Main Motor

The main 4kW motor drives the impellor with two belts located under the pump body . The motor is controlled by a frequency converter (Altivar 31), making it easy to regulate the pumping speed as required. **Note: If the wiring of the the main power socket is inverted the internal circuit breaker will trip cutting the power to the main pump preventing the motor turning in the wrong direction.**



### 3.3 Priming motor

The Priming motor drives the priming pump that creates the suction inside the main fish pump before the main pump is started. This motor is 1.5 kW and has no rotation protection.

**Note: If the wiring of the main power socket is inverted the priming motor may turn in the wrong direction and must be recitified .**



### 3.4 Priming tank

The Priming tank must be filled with water before using the pump. The water in this tank is used to create suction in the pumping system.

Only after running the priming pump and when water starts flowing out the priming sytem outlet can the main motor/pump can be started. There are two valves to empty the priming tank and the other to empty the main pump housing. In freezing temperatures the pump may be damaged if not drained fully after use.



### 3.5 Priming pump

The priming the pump is connected to the priming motor by a shaft. On this shaft there is a coupling that is easy to replace if necessary (see photo below). The motor is marked with an arrow showing which direction it should turn. It is important to empty the priming pump of water if there is a danger of frost.



### 3.6 Control cabinet

The Control unit has seven buttons, switches and lights. The large red switch at the bottom of the cabinet is the main power switch and can only be turned on when the cabinet door is closed.

There are an on and off button for priming the pump and also an on and off button for the main pump.

If required it is possible to use the priming pump while running the main pump. The black button controls the speed of the main pump and the red light shows if there is power to the pump or not. The sensitivity of the speed button can be adjusted as follows:



- 1 Turn off the power at the main switch and open the door of the control cabinet. The door can not be opened unless the main switch is turned off.
- 2 Turn on the power in the cabinet by turning the white shaft of the main switch clockwise. **There will now be electric current in components of the cabinet, so avoid contact with any live components.**
- 3 The Altivar 31 has four buttons and a screen. It should now be rdY the screen. There is an up and a down button on the left side and esc and ent touch button on the screen.
- 4 Press (Ent) once and "Set" appears on the screen.
- 5 Press (Ent) again and "ACC"(acceleration) will appear on the screen.
- 6 Press (Ent) again and a value will be displayed on the screen. The ACC value is set to 3.0 at the factory. This value indicates the time in seconds for the main the drive to go from 0 to full speed. A higher ACC value (longer time period to go from 0 to full speed) will make it easier to have fine speed adjustments.
- 7 Use the up / down arrows to adjust to the desired ACC setting. The Factory setting @ 3.0, corresponds to 2.4 Hz per press of the remote control. Increasing to 6.0s reduces every remote button press to 1.2Hz steps. The Altivar 31 can go from 0 to full speed of 50 Hz
- 8 Press (Ent) to save the new value.
- 9 Press (Esc) to return to the "ACC"
- 10th Press down arrow to scroll to "dEC" (deccelerate) this time setting the time to go from full speed to stop.
- 11th Press enter and the value of dEC will appear on the screen.
- 12th Adjust to the desired value. The value of ACC and dEC need not be equal. If desired, one can have fine adjustemt on the ACC to allow a slower rate of acceparation speed up while a coarse adjustment on reducing speed.
- 13th Press (Ent) to save.
- 14th Press (Esc) button repeatedly until 'rdY "on screen
- 15th Test the new setting and adjust if necessary (Section 4-14)
- 16th When the adjustment is complete the power is turned off by turning the white shaft of the main switch counterclockwise.
- 17th The door of the cabinet is closed.

### 3.7 Remote Control

Wireless remote control is optional and highly recommended. With this you can start and stop the priming pump and the main pump, and control the speed of the main pump. (see page 10 of the manual)



Inside the control cabinet there is an antennae for wireless connection to the handheld remote unit.

The remote must be recharged with the battery charger supplied.

### 3.8 Valves

On top of the swan neck there is a valve, this is used to release the vacuum formed on the suction side of the pump. If the suction hose gets stuck open this valve to get the air into the system and loosing the vacuum and releasing the suction hose.

On the main pump outlet there is a valve to empty and discharge the water on the outlet relieving the water pressure before removing the outlet hose from the pump.



### 3.9 Connections and Reducers

There are different sizes of reducers and connections with VAKI fish pump. The Camlock system is used for quick and safe connection of hoses. The standard size is 6" and 4" but 5" and 3" can also be ordered. The connections are designed and manufactured so that there are no sharp edges and the fish has a very gentle treatment during pumping. Ensure that the rubber gasket is in place so no air is sucked to the suction side.



### 3.10 Parts Pack

Many customers choose and buy a spare part package consisting of key parts that can be easily replaced.

- 1 coupler element
- 2 Cover of the coupler element
- 3 Impellor for the Jabsco pump
- priming 4 Adapter ring for the motor
- 5 Jabsco shaft seal
- 6 EDPM rubber check valve gasket and the aluminum plate
- 7 Drive belt (2 pcs.)
- 8 Jabsco gasket



### 3.11 Rubber Wheel

VAKI fish pump is on large rubber wheels so it's easy to move it over uneven terrain. Make sure the air pressure is equal on both wheels and fill grease cups regularly.



## 4. Use of VAKI Fish Pump

VAKI fish pump is available in three versions, electric, gas and hydraulic.

### 4.1 Electric model

Before you start the fish pump.

- 1 Make sure the main motor and priming motor is turned off.
- 2 Fill priming tank with water until it is full.
- 3 Ensure control cabinet is closed and turn on the main switch.
- 4 Check the main light illuminates on the control cabinet.
- 5 Make sure the valve on top of the swan neck is closed.
- 6 Make sure the valves and lid of the priming tank is closed

### START THE PRIMING PUMP

- 1 Check the light on the control cabinet for priming the pump is on.
- 2 Check the priming pump turns in the right direction. See arrows on the pump. (If priming pump is turning in the wrong direction, the wiring must be corrected.)
- 3 Run the priming pump until water flows out of the priming tank outlet hose.

### NOW TURN ON THE MAIN

### PUMP AND TURN OFF

### PRIMING PUMP

- 1 Check the lights on the control cabinet for the main pump is on.
- 2 Make sure the belts are not slipping.
- 3 Run the engine up to the desired speed.
- 4 If the pump sucks air and is shuddering then turn on the priming pump and let the priming pump run while the main pump is also running. The pump will shake if there is air in the system, and in this case use the priming pump.
- 5 For optimal use, it is very important that the pump does not suck air and shake so carefully check all connections and hoses on the suction side to detect and fix any leaks.



## 4.2 Maintenance

### After the first 24 hours of use:

1 Check the belts have proper tension

### Daily Maintenance:

1 Flush the pump and motor with fresh

water 2 Check Camlock connections.

3 Check mechanical parts.

### Weekly maintenance:

1 Lubricate the wheel bearing.

2 Make sure nothing is stuck in the drive belt cover. Check the belts are ok. 3 Check the air in the tires.

4 Check all hoses and connections for leaks

5 Lubricate the pump shaft bearing (under the main pump housing). **IMPORTANT:** before greasing remove the screw on the opposite side of the shaft . Remember to replace the screw afterwards.

### To switch on the remote control to the pump:

Push the red stop button on top of the remote.

Press Start twice and hold the button the second time ,

until the remote control starts blinking green.



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