

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE (Counter Top)

Note: Prior to service, ensure you have some petroleum jelly (Vaseline) on hand along with a brush or rough nylon pad for cleaning the ceramic.

1. To service a counter top system, ceramic cleaning or cartridge replacement, place the unit into the sink.
2. Unscrew the sump containing the cartridge you wish to service and let the water run off. *(If your unit is installed as an under counter model, you need to open the filter faucet, then close the 'shut off' or 'Saddle valve 'until the water stops flowing. This releases the pressure so that the housing can be opened.)*
3. Lift off the housing lid with the cartridge still installed on the base and drain off the remainder of the water. Place the unit back on the counter beside the sink. Remove the ceramic and clean following the instructions provided below.
4. Using a stiff brush, or nylon scouring pad, scrub the outer surface of the ceramic under running water until it returns to a uniform off white colour (yellow tint). Do not scrub too close to the mount. This is the area most prone to accidental breakage during installation or removal so it is best to keep the ceramic as thick as possible next to the mount.
CAUTION: Always keep the inlet up (threaded mount) and do not allow the inlet to come into contact with the running water.

Note: Never use soaps, detergents, bleach, or any other chemical during the cleaning process. These could harm the performance of your unit. Excessive cleaning shortens the life of the ceramic substantially.



5. Lubricate the "o" ring and threading of the base with the petroleum jelly (Vaseline) and replace the lid. Hand tighten only. Place the unit into the sink and let the water flush for one minute.
6. While the water is running, tilt the unit almost upside down for about 10 seconds until the water stops sputtering. This purges the air out of the housing.

DIVERTER VALVE SERVICE

1. The diverter valves must be service regularly. The exact service interval is impossible to dictate, as it is the condition of the incoming water that requires the valve to be serviced. Mineral deposits and contaminants in the water will build up on the internal "O" ring seals and cause the valve to stick or become stiff to operate. Failure to service the valve will eventually cause the "O" rings in the valve to fail. This condition is not covered by the warranty.

Note: A good rule to follow is to service the valve each time you clean the ceramic.

2. Unscrew the diverter valve from the faucet. Place a single drop of liquid dish washing soap into the top of the valve and steadily operate the diverter valve back and forth. Continue to do this under a fresh stream of water to flush away the soap.
3. Place several drops of liquid cooking oil (canola not olive oil) into the top of the valve and again operate the diverter valve stem back and forth. Rinse with hot water.
4. Connect the diverter valve, test for leaks and return the unit to operation.

For parts or service, contact American Waterless Cookware at 613-523-7800