

VERSAX-6/9 Quick Guide

This Quick Guide shows the basic operation of the WATERAX VERSAX-6/9 2-stage self-priming pump.

- The WATERAX VERSAX-6/9 pairs a WATERAX self-priming 2-stage pump end with a Honda GX200 or GX270 gasoline engine. For instructions regarding the engine, as well as for oil and fuel recommendations, please refer to the engine manufacturer's manual.
- For detailed instructions on using and troubleshooting your pump, as well as full service and maintenance instructions, refer to our website to download the *VERSAX Owner's Manual*.
- For full specifications and performance curves, see the *VERSAX Data Sheet*.



Warnings and Safety Precautions

This warning label appears on all WATERAX pumps to identify safety hazards as follows:



READ YOUR ENGINE MANUAL!

Before proceeding further, locate and read the engine manufacturer's manual. It contains very important safety information that **MUST** be read, understood and followed to safeguard you and your equipment from harm, as well as for the proper use and care of your engine. Use only fuel and oil type recommended in the engine manufacturer's manual. Always check oil level in crankcase before use.



WEAR EAR AND EYE PROTECTION.

Always wear eye and ear protection when operating the pump unit. Sound level of the unit: 92 dB(A).



GENERAL WARNINGS:

- Do not operate if mentally or physically fatigued.
- Inspect hoses and piping to avoid burst injuries.
- No modifications and/or alterations may be made to the pump. Any such modifications void the pump warranty and can endanger pump operators.
- Do not operate the pump above the maximum rated pressure. Use only pipe, hose, and fittings rated at or above the maximum pressure rating of the pump or system design.
- Slowly close valves. Use slow close valves wherever possible to safeguard operators and prevent damage from water hammer.
- Dry weight of the unit: 57-84 lbs (weight varies according to options).



READ THE PUMP OWNER'S MANUAL!

The improper use of this pump could result in serious injuries as well as damage to the unit. Read the *VERSAX Owner's Manual* before using your VERSAX pump unit and follow the safety instructions in this Quick Guide.



NEVER RUN THE ENGINE IN A CLOSED OR CONFINED AREA. Exhaust gas contains carbon monoxide which is poisonous to humans. Avoid inhalation of exhaust gas.



REFUEL ENGINE WITH CARE. Gasoline is extremely flammable, and gasoline vapor can explode. Refuel in a well-ventilated area, with the engine stopped.



NEVER TOUCH ANY EXHAUST SYSTEM PARTS WHILE ENGINE IS RUNNING. Always allow enough time, after stopping the unit, for proper cooling of these parts and surrounding areas.

EQUIPMENT DAMAGE PREVENTION:

- Flush the pump with fresh water if the pump has been used to pump salty, brackish, high mineral content water, water containing debris, or foam injected water. Check that debris is cleared before using the pump again.
- Always draft water using a suction hose strainer.

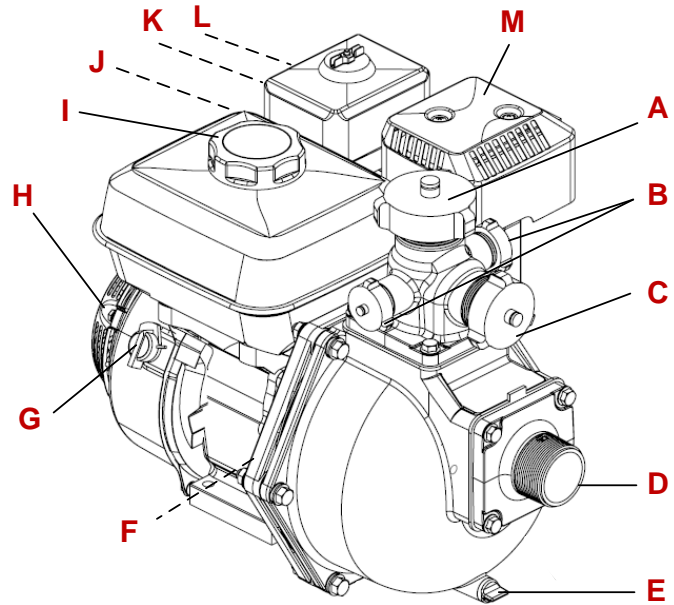
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Parts Identification

- A. Priming port (2" BSP)
- B. Pump discharge (1" NPT)
- C. Pump discharge (1-1/2" NPT)
- D. Pump intake - suction (2" NPT)
- E. Pump drain
- F. Oil fill (not shown)
- G. Ignition switch
- H. Recoil starter*
- I. Fuel cap
- J. Throttle (not shown)
- K. Fuel valve (not shown)
- L. Choke (not shown)
- M. Muffler

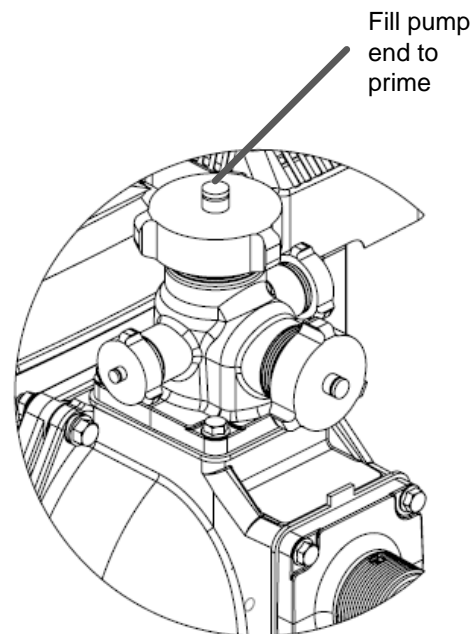
Note: VS2-6 model shown with GX200 engine. Carry handle available on portable models.

* Electric starter available on GX270E engine models



To operate the VERSAX-6/9 unit:

1. **Fill fuel tank with recommended fuel grade and securely replace cap.** Check oil level (see engine manual).
2. **Fill the pump end to prime the pump.**
 - a. Remove the priming cap.
 - b. Using clean water, fill the pump end completely, via the vertical 2" BSP priming port.
 - c. Replace the priming cap and screw it down tightly to seal.
3. **Connect the suction hose,** using a universal hose coupling wrench to tighten coupling firmly.
Drafting Mode: Connect footvalve strainer to male end of suction hose, then fill suction hose with water and connect to pump intake.
Flooded Suction Mode: Connect female end of suction hose to pump intake and connect male end to hydrant or other supply.
 - a. Slowly open the pump inlet valves allowing the water into the pump body.
 - b. Slowly open the discharge valves to allow for entrapped air in the piping to escape.
 - c. Once all the air has escaped, slowly close any discharge and/or drain valves so that the unit may be started.



- ! **DO NOT** allow the strainer to rest on bottom of lake or riverbed. Check strainer frequently to make sure that it is not clogged with moss, leaves, etc.
- ! **DO NOT** lift strainer from water while the pump is operating. Use a rope or other means to keep strainer at proper height, approximately 1 foot (30 cm) below water surface. If strainer is too close to the water surface, it will draw air and pump may lose prime.

4. **Connect discharge hose, nozzles, etc.,** to pump, and tighten firmly with coupling wrench.
5. **Start the engine.**
 - a. Open fuel valve.
 - b. Close/engage choke, if engine is cold.
 - c. Increase throttle past the idle position.
 - d. Position the ignition switch to the ON position.
 - e. Start engine: give starter rope a quick and steady pull until engine starts or use electric starter (see engine manual).
 - f. Open/disengage choke.
 - g. Increase the throttle past the halfway mark and wait for the pump to self-prime; pressure will build in the discharge hose. If there is no water flowing out, it would indicate a leak in the suction. Retighten the suction and wait for the pump to self-prime. Depending on the suction lift and length of the suction hose, it may take several minutes to prime.
 - h. Allow the engine to warm up for at least 2 minutes before using full throttle.

6. Discharge water.

Once the pump is primed, and with the engine running, you can begin to discharge water

- a. Slowly open the discharge valves and increase the engine speed to obtain desired performance.
- b. Adjust the pump performance by throttling the engine up or down, or opening or closing discharge valves at various positions, or any combination of the two.

! DO NOT leave the pump running with all the discharge valves closed for more than one minute, or else the pump may overheat and become damaged. To avoid this, a re-circulation line (if provided) should be opened or a discharge line left slightly open to allow fresh water to continue to enter the pump.

To shut down and store the VERSAX-6/9 unit:

1. **Shut down the pump.**
 - a. Gradually reduce the engine speed.
 - b. Whenever the unit has been run at full throttle for most of the operation, allow the valves to remain slightly open and run the engine at idle for approximately 2 minutes before shutting down the unit.
 - c. If the unit is to be stored, move the fuel valve lever to the OFF position and wait for the engine to stop. Otherwise, set the ignition switch to the OFF position to shut down the engine.
 - d. Close off the hydrant/supply to the pump.
 - e. Open all valves to relieve any pressure left in the system.
2. **Check and store the pump.**
 - a. If the pump was last run with foam or water that is salty, brackish or high in mineral content, flush the pump with fresh water for a minimum of 2 minutes or until the water is clear.
 - b. After the unit has cooled down, check all fluid levels and add as needed.
 - c. Completely drain the pump of all water.
 - d. Break down and store all equipment as outlined by the apparatus or department procedures.
 - e. Visually inspect the pump end. Clean any dirt or debris from the pump unit. If necessary, a mild soap and water solution can be used. Note and report any performance irregularities or any abnormal mechanical sounds.
 - f. Close all valves and plug all openings.
 - g. Follow any other product, component, apparatus, and departmental procedures and/or guidelines before placing the unit in storage. Make sure all necessary tools, spares, and accessories are with the pump.

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To operate the VERSAX-6/9 unit in cold weather:

- The pump can be run in below freezing temperatures if certain precautions are taken to avoid the formation of ice in the pump.
- After priming the pump, the unit should be run at low speed for a short period of time to allow all components to warm up before continuing with the remaining operating procedures.
- Unless wrapped in a heater, drain the pump of all water if it is stopped for any length of time. The engine/drive unit should be turned over a few revolutions to make sure all water has been removed from the pump. Drain the pump priming line if a primer has been used.
- After use, drain the pump, manifolds, and lines of all water. You can also pour some antifreeze into the pump and circulate it through the pump and plumbing system.

Warranty, Service and Support

Product and service documentation such as tech notes, data sheets, manuals and information on the limited warranty provided on products manufactured by *WATERAX* can be found on our Web site at: www.waterax.com

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