## **Approximate fish weights\***

Fish Length	Weight in Ounces	Weight in Grams		
1"	.01	.28		
2"	.08	2.27		
3"	.26	7.37		
4"	.62	17.58		
5"	1.21	34.30		
6"	2.09	59.25		
7"	3.33	94.40		
8"	4.96	140.61		
9"	7.07	200.43		
10"	9.70	274.99		
12"	16.76	475.14		
14"	26.61	754.38		
16"	39.72	1,126.04		
18"	56.55	1,603.17		
20"	77.58	2,199.36		
22"	103.25	2,927.10		
24"	134.05	3,800.25		
26"	170.43	4,831.61		
28"	212.87	6,034.76		
30"	261.82	7,422.47		

<sup>\*</sup> Fish sizes may vary depending on environmental conditions and species.

### **Dimensions**





Aquabiome	L (mm) - length	W (mm) - width	H (mm) - height
SM400	815	650	886
SM500	815	650	875
SM600	1040	650	925
SM750	1325	830	985
SM900	1328	930	1110

## Warranty

Aquabiome is covered by a 12 month warranty period against faulty materials and workmanship. Please refer to the detailed warranty booklet provided.

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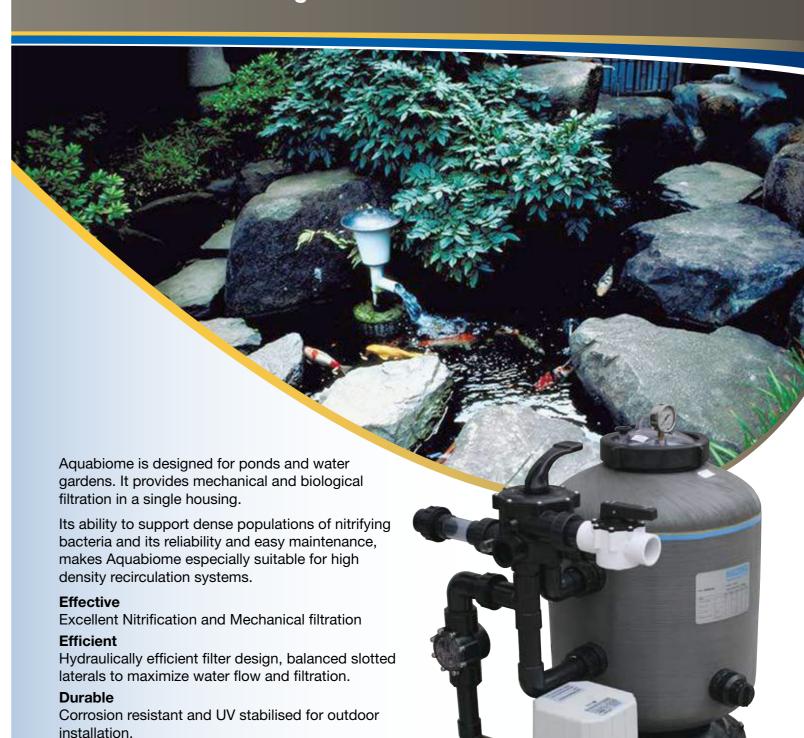




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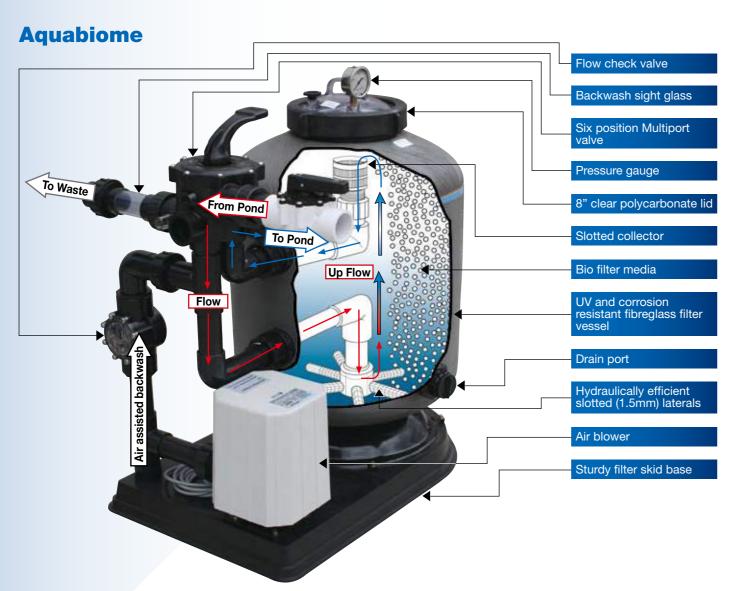
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- 1. Water is pumped to the Multiport valve and diverted to the lower filter.
- 2. The inflowing water is then evenly dispersed through slotted laterals within the lower section of the filter.
- 3. As the water flows upwards through the Biofilter media, the contaminated water is subjected to mechanical and biological filtration.

## **Mechanical filtration**

Mechanical filtration physically removes solids from the pond by trapping solids between the crevices of the filter media.



0.4mm – 0.5mm Biofilter media

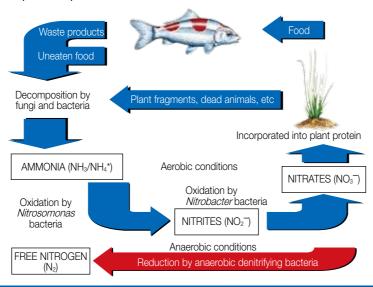
## **Biological filtration**

Biological filtration is the most effective method of removing toxins (ammonia) and breaking it down into nitrites and then into nitrates which provide food to your aquatic plants (referred to as the Nitrogen Cycle). This is accomplished by using naturally occurring bacteria and giving it a place to live in the Biofilter media where it is exposed to large quantities of food and oxygen.

#### Nitrogen Cycle

The cycle begins when fish eat and then excrete ammonia. Bacteria in the biological filter eats the ammonia and excretes nitrite. Nitrite is also toxic to fish and needs to be removed.

Another type of bacteria in the filter eats nitrite and excretes nitrate. Nitrate is non-toxic to fish in small quantities and is used by plants as fertilizer. The entire cycle then repeats itself upon completion.



## **Maintenance**

A Multiport valve is provided as standard equipment with features such as Backwash, Rinse, Recirculate, and

Aquabiome Filters can be backwashed hydraulically using water from your pond. Simply turn the multiport valve handle to backwash and your filter is hydraulically cleaned with water from your pond.

### Air assisted backwash To assist with backwashing, an air blower is provided. Its purpose is to agitate the Biofilter media prior to backwashing. Air is forced upwards through the filter's laterals to break up the entire media bed and loosens the sediment trapped by the Biofilter media.

Air blower

## **A Typical Pond System**

Most conventional pond filter systems may comprise of the following:

- I. A suitable pre-filter. Either a chamber with baffle plates, or a vortex chamber.
- II. Aquabiome filter to provide mechanical and biological filtration.
- III. U.V. Sterilisation to sterilise and inhibit the growth of Algae and other undesired organic matter.
- IV. Venturi or waterfall to provide aeration.



Multiport

Valve

**Technical Specifications** 

filtration capacity.

The addition of an air blower reduces the

amount of time and water required for backwashing and improves biological

Aquabiome	ASM400	ASM500	ASM600	ASM750	ASM900
Nominal Diameter mm / inch	400 / 16	500 / 20	600 / 24	750 / 30	900 / 35
Filter Surface Area m2 / ft2	0.13 / 1.4	0.2 / 2.1	0.3 / 3.2	0.44 / 4.9	0.64 / 7.15
Media Volume litres / gallons (US)	43 / 11.3	68 / 18	117 / 30.9	199 / 52.6	303 / 80
Media Weight kg / lbs	21.5 / 47.4	34 / 74.9	58.5 / 128.9	99.5 / 219.4	151.5 / 334
Biofilter Surface Area m2 / ft2	47.3 / 509	74.8 / 805	128.7 / 1385	218.9 / 2356	333.3 / 3588
Inlet / Outlet Connections	40mm/ 50mm 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " / (EU)	40mm/ 50mm 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " / (EU)	40mm/ 50mm 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " / (EU)	50mm / 63mm 2" / (EU)	50mm / 63mm 2" / (EU)
Min - Max Flow Rate					
lpm	52 - 101	80 - 157	120 - 226	180 – 353	255 - 509
m3/hr	3.1 – 6.1	4.8 – 9.4	7.2 – 13.5	10.8 – 21.2	15.3 – 30.5
gpm (US gallon per min)	13.7 – 26.7	21.1 – 41.5	31.7 – 59.7	47.6 – 93.3	67.4 – 134.5
Max Pond Size litres / gallons (US)	13,000 / 3,434	20,000 / 5,300	36,000 / 9,500	60,000 / 15,900	90,000 / 24000
Feed Rate kg / lbs per day	0.32 / 0.71	0.5 / 1.1	0.9 / 1.98	1.5 / 3.31	2.4 / 5.29
Total Ornamental Fish weight* kg / lbs	10.7 / 23.6	16.7 / 36.8	30 / 66.1	50 / 110.2	80 / 176.4
Total Aquaculture Fish weight* kg / lbs	32 / 70.5	50 / 110.2	90 / 198	150 / 330.7	240 / 529
Tank Diameter mm / inch	421 / 16.5"	520 / 20.5"	622 / 24.5"	772 / 30.4"	923 / 36.3"
Overall Height mm / inch	856 / 33.7"	815 / 32.1"	880 / 34.6"	993 / 39.1"	1115 / 43.9"
Valve Size mm / inch	40 / 11/2"	40 / 11/2"	40 / 11/2"	50 / 2"	50 / 2"
Bed Depth mm / inch	290 / 11.4"	290 / 11.4"	360 / 14.2"	400 / 15.7"	440 / 17.3"

<sup>\*</sup> Maximum fish stocking weight depends on the percentage of body weight fed daily. • Ornamental fish weight based on feeding rate of 3% of body weight



Aquaculture fish weight based on feeding rate of 1% of body weight