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Instructions on Use and Care

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Importance of Flossing

Flossing the teeth is a very important adjunct to toothbrushing for good oral hygiene. Studies have even demonstrated that those who floss regularly have a **decrease in periodontal disease, bad breath, and improvement in oral health.** Many people believe flossing is only used to remove food particles. However, it is also used to remove plaque under the gums, which is the invisible film of bacteria that constantly forms on teeth. Floss goes in between the teeth, and scrapes the surfaces clear of this plaque and bacteria. The automatic Power Flosser also massages gums, helping them stay healthy.

As with any new habit, it takes time to adjust and establish your routine. Practice flossing with your new Power Flosser in front of a mirror for two weeks to master the technique. Upon initial flossing with the Waterpik® Power Flosser, bleeding may occur in some gum areas. This is due to inflammation in the gums and should not persist longer than one to two

Important Safeguards/Warnings

Read all instructions before using.

Danger, to avoid serious injury,

- If your physician or cardiologist has advised you to receive antibiotic premedication before a dental procedure, consult your dentist prior to using this device or any other oral hygiene aid.
- Do not swallow or inhale the Power Flossing Tip. Contact a physician immediately if Tip is accidentally swallowed or inhaled.
- Not for use by those with special needs or children under the age of 12 unless supervised by an adult. Keep out of reach of small children.

Caution, to avoid injury,

- Use this product only as indicated in these instructions or as recommended by your dental professional. Discontinue use if product is damaged.
- Do not walk around or do other things while using the Power Flosser.
- Do not use this product prior to consulting your dentist if you have severe periodontal disease, or bleeding gums.
- If you have sensitive gums begin using the Power Flosser on only one or two teeth. Wait 24 hours to gauge any discomfort before flossing your entire mouth.
- If you experience an allergic reaction when using the Whitening Tips, discontinue use.

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weeks with regular use of the Power Flosser. Should the problem persist after two weeks, please consult your dentist or hygienist.

Special Uses: Your Waterpik® Power Flosser is ideal for cleaning around braces, crowns, implants, and bridgework.

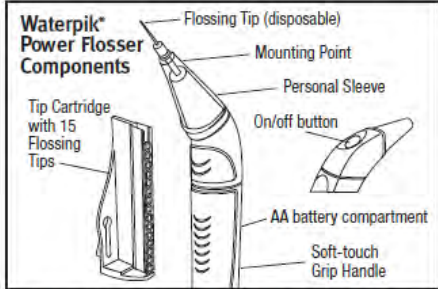
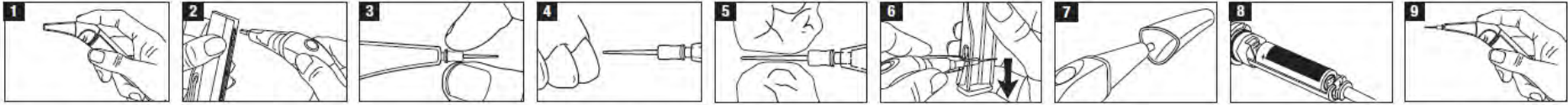
Water Pik, Inc. One-Year Limited Warranty

When purchased in the United States: Water Pik, Inc. warrants to the original purchasers-owner of this new product that it is free from defect in materials and workmanship for one year from date of purchase. Water Pik, Inc. will replace any part of the product, which in our opinion is defective, provided the product has not been abused, misused, altered or damaged after purchase. This limited warranty excludes the Power Flossing Tips and battery.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights depending on the law in your place of residence.

Congratulations on your purchase of the Waterpik® Power Flosser, a quick, effective, and more convenient way to floss.

The Waterpik® Power Flosser is the next generation of flossing devices. The Power Flosser is most effective when the Tip is placed between teeth at the gumline. Unlike manual floss, that is inserted at the top of the space between each tooth and forced down and up, the Power Flosser Tip gently slides between teeth at the gumline. As power is turned on, the Power Flosser's 10,000 strokes per minute Tip action effectively circulates, contacting and dislodging plaque above and below the gumline, where it forms. This battery operated device is ready to go with you so that you can floss every day, and ideally after every meal. The Whitening Tips that are included help remove stain between teeth. Studies show this is the most difficult area of the teeth to remove stains. The Waterpik® Power Flosser with Whitening Tips is safe to use everyday. The Waterpik® Power Flosser may be used with any Waterpik® Power Flosser replacement tip.



OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

A. Attaching a Power Flossing Tip onto the Power Flosser

1. Begin each flossing session with new Power Flossing Tip.
 2. Hold device comfortably (upright) in your hand. (Figure 1)
 3. Holding Handle in one hand and Tip Cartridge in the other, insert Mounting Point at end of Handle into one Power Flossing Tip at the top of Tip Cartridge. (Figure 2)
 4. Push until Power Flossing Tip snaps firmly in place.
 5. With Power Flossing Tip attached, pull Handle straight away from Tip Cartridge.
 6. Use fingers and tug gently on Power Flossing Tip to assure it is securely attached. (Figure 3)
- You are now ready to begin Power Flossing. Keep the Tip Cartridge in a clean, dry place.

B. Using the Power Flosser

For best whitening results, always start with a fresh Tip on your front teeth and work your way to the back. Depending on your tooth spacing, using more than one Whitening Tip per flossing may be necessary (much like shifting from used to clean portions of ordinary floss.)

Floss in front of a mirror to help ease Tip placement between the teeth. The Power Flosser has a momentary on/off button so you can easily control the flossing motion. When you hold the button down, the flossing motion begins, and when

you release the button the motion will stop. A Personal Sleeve (Figure 7) is included which covers the Flosser area that enters your mouth. Be sure it is positioned correctly on the Power Flosser just behind the Power Flosser Tip and is securely attached.

1. Hold Power Flosser Handle in a vertical or upright position and maintain this position throughout use. Gently position Power Flossing Tip in the space between your teeth at gumline, always starting from the outside (cheek side) in. (Figure 4) *Since Tip reaches all the way between teeth, it is not necessary to use Power Flosser from inside (tongue side) out.*

Position Power Flossing Tip as far between teeth as it will go comfortably. (Figure 5) *If any resistance is felt as you position Power Flossing Tip, adjust angle slightly up or down or turn device on. Usually the moving Tip will smoothly slide into otherwise inaccessible interdental spaces. If you still feel any discomfort, move onto next space to be cleaned. Do not force the Power Flossing Tip into a tight space.*

2. Once Power Flossing Tip is in position between teeth, hold on/off button down and move Power Flossing Tip up and down against the surface of both teeth from contact point to below gumline. *This will remove accumulated plaque on the tooth surfaces and help to whiten teeth above and below the gumline.*
3. Either release on/off button before moving to next space, or leave Power Flosser motion on as you move between teeth spaces.
4. For convenience, begin at front of mouth and continue to back on each side. Be sure to clean between all upper and lower teeth.
5. If difficulty is experienced in reaching spaces between rear molars bend the Tip sideways to allow easier access.
6. Replace Whitening Tips as needed during flossing session.

For best results, change Power Flosser Tips after each use.

C. Tip Disposal and Power Flosser Cleaning

1. When finished flossing locate Power Flossing Tip removal slot on Tip Cartridge. (Figure 6)
2. Push Power Flosser Handle down narrow end of slot and the used Tip will easily disengage from the mounting point.

- Alternatively, Tips can be removed by grasping the large circular part of the Tip with fingers and pulling away from Power Flosser.
3. Remove and rinse Personal Sleeve (Figure 7) and Mounting Point as needed. The Power Flosser is not water proof. Do not immerse in water or liquids. The Power Flosser can be cleaned with mild detergent and rinsed with water.

Changing the Battery

The Waterpik® Power Flosser comes with one heavy duty "AA" battery. To install a new battery:

1. Firmly hold top of Power Flosser and pull down on Handle until battery compartment opens.

2. Insert one new battery. For longer life use a premium quality "AA" alkaline battery. Line up +/- ends properly. (Figure 8)
3. Push Handle back over battery compartment until it clicks into place.

Accessories Available

Tip Cartridge with 15 Power Flossing Tips – available in whitening with mint flavor or non-whitening – find at your local retailer, call 1-800-525-2774, or visit www.waterpik.com.

TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

Problem	Recommendation
Cannot get Tip between teeth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjust the angle of the Power Flossing Tip slightly up or down. With the Power Flosser off, push the Power Flossing Tip through the space as far as comfortable. • Press on/off button to start the Power Flosser motion. Allow the motion to assist in entering space. • Wet Tip with water or mouthwash to assist. • If not successful, use traditional floss in this space. • If using a Whitening Tip, try a standard Tip.
Cannot reach back molars.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close mouth slightly to relax cheek muscles. Position device in desired space and then open again. • Bend Tip sideways toward the rear molar space to improve access. • If not successful, use traditional floss in this space.
Tip bends during use.	Straighten Tip and continue using. Use less force when flossing. Let the Power Flosser do the work.
Power Flossing Tip comes off between teeth or gets stuck in braces or crowns.	Be sure Power Flossing Tip clicks into position when loading from Cartridge. Tug on Tip before use.
Power Flosser bogs down during flossing.	Replace battery or use less force during flossing and let the Power Flosser do the work.
On/Off button does not start motion.	Replace battery. If Power Flosser still doesn't start, contact Customer Service (1-800-525-2774).
Tips fall out of Cartridge when engaging tip with Power Flosser Handle.	Hold Handle straight in line with Cartridge when putting Handle in Cartridge to engage Tip and when pulling back after Tip is engaged.
Difficulty in removing Tips from Power Flosser.	Use the removal slot on the Tip Cartridge.
Use more than four Whitening Tips per session.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The space between teeth is tight. • Use of multiple Tips per session not harmful. • You may choose to use standard Power Flossing Tips.