

Installation, Operation & Service Instructions with Part List Quick Change Reverse Osmosis Drinking Water System







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# ATTENTION NUVIA CLARITY CUSTOMER

This system is intended for use on potable water supplies or disinfected water containing cysts. Do not use where water is microbiologically unsafe or with water of unknown quality. If bacterial contamination is present, a recognized method of water disinfection is required.

Check with your public works department for applicable local plumbing and sanitation codes. Follow your local codes if they differ from the standards used in this manual.

The Nuvia Clarity Quick Change Drinking Water System contains a replaceable reverse osmosis membrane filter which is critical for the effective reduction of Total Dissolved Solids. The filtered water should be tested periodically to verify that the system is performing properly.

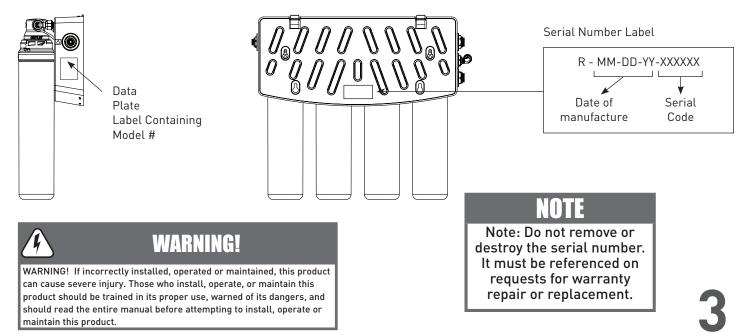
# Safe Practices

Throughout this manual there are paragraphs set off by special headings:



# Serial Number

The serial number is located on the rear of the R.O. manifold housing. Record this number on the warranty page located at the end of this manual.

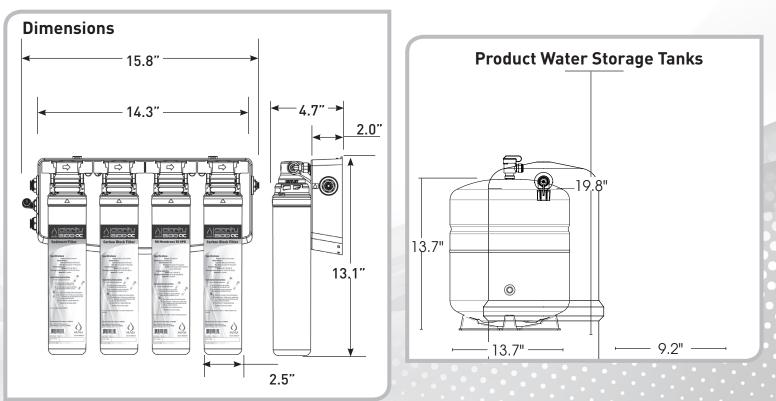


# SPECIFICATIONS AND PERFORMANCE DATA SHEET

| Model #            | Part #              | Stage 1  | Stage 2                         | Stage 3            | Stage 4       | Storage Tank               | Faucet          |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| QCR04V-50-A        | 1340302-60-A        |          |                                 |                    |               | Metal Tank - 3.2 Gallons   |                 |
| QCR04V-50-<br>A-PL | 1340302-60-<br>A-PL | Sediment | 50 Micron Ac-<br>tivated Carbon | Reverse<br>Osmosis | Activated     | Plastic Tank - 3.8 Gallons | Chrome - AirGap |
| QCR04V-75-A        | 1340303-60-A        | Filter   | Filter                          | Membrane           | Carbon Filter | Metal Tank - 3.2 Gallons   | or Standard     |
| QCRO4V-75-A-PL     | 1340303-60-A-PL     |          |                                 |                    |               | Plastic Tank - 3.8 Gallons |                 |

Daily Production Rate L/day (G/day) ...... 76.8 (20.3) Efficiency Rating% ..... 12% → Storage Tank → Activated Carbon Postfilter → Dispensing Faucet Sediment Filter (Stage 1). . . . . . . . . 5 Micron Activated Carbon Prefilter (Stage 2) ..... Carbon Block 50 Micron Reverse Osmosis Membrane (Stage 3) .... Thin Film Composite Polishing Filter (Stage 4)..... Granular Activated Carbon or Carbon Block Specialty Cartridges Available ...... ph Booster; "Scaleless" Scale Reduction Production Rate<sup>1</sup> ..... QCR04-50-A 36.5 gpd (138 L/day) QCR04-75-A 55 gpd (284 L/day) Ratio of Product to Flush Flow<sup>2</sup> ...... Standard Applications 1:3 - 1:5 ..... Plastic - Capacity 3.8 Gallons (14.36 Liters)

<sup>1</sup> Rating at 50 psi, 77°F, 750 mg/L TDS influent, without storage tank. <sup>2</sup> May vary with pressure.



|                        |                                 | NOTES |     |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-----|
|                        | Influent Water<br>teristic      |       | 1.  |
| Pressure               | 40 - 100 psi                    |       |     |
| Temperature            | 40 - 77 °F                      |       | 2.  |
| Total Dissolved Solids | 0 - 2500 ppm (0 - 2500<br>mg/L) |       |     |
| pH                     | 5 - 10                          |       |     |
| Chlorine <sup>2</sup>  | 0 - 3 ppm (0 - 3 mg/L)          |       | З.  |
| Chloramine             | 0 - 3 ppm (0 - 3 mg/L)          |       |     |
| Turbidity              | 0 - 10 NTU                      |       |     |
| Hardness <sup>3</sup>  | 0 - 10 gpg                      |       | 4.  |
| Iron                   | 0 - 1 ppm (0 - 1 mg/L)          |       |     |
| Bacterial Quality      | Potable                         | Table | e 1 |

- 1. A booster is strongly recommended to improve the reduction of TDS. Higher pressures will help maintain the membrane's maximum rejection performance.
- 2. The reverse osmosis membrane used in these systems may be damaged by chlorine. These systems include activated carbon filters which protect the membranes by reducing chlorine. Influent chlorine should not exceed 3 mg/L.
- 3. A softener is strongly recommended for water over 10 gpg hard. Installing a system without a softener on water with hardness higher than 10 gpg will reduce the life of the membrane.
- 4. Additional information on factors that affect RO performance can be found in the "Performance & Technical Information" section.

# FILTER CARTRIDGE SPECIFICATIONS

|                        | Part #   | Purpose                    | Micron<br>Rating | Capacity                            | Flow Rate                           | Working<br>Temperature<br>Range | Working<br>Pressure<br>Range | Rated<br>Life* | STAGE     |
|------------------------|----------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Sediment Filter        | 41407022 | Sediment Reduction         | 5                | 2000<br>gallons<br>(7570<br>liters) | 0.5 gal/min<br>(1.9 liters/<br>min) | 4-38° C (40-<br>100° F)         | 207-689 kPa<br>(30-100 psi)  | 6<br>Months    | 1         |
| Carbon Block<br>Filter | 41407025 | Chlorine Taste and<br>Odor | 5                | 2000<br>gallons<br>(7570<br>liters) | 0.5 gal/min<br>(1.9 liters/<br>min) | 4-38° C (40-<br>100° F)         | 207-689 kPa<br>(30-100 psi)  | 6<br>Months    | 2<br>or 4 |

|                       | Part #   | Purpose          | Recovery<br>(Product<br>Water/Inlet<br>Water) | TDS<br>Reduction** | Rating***   | Flow<br>Rate                            | Working<br>Temperature<br>Range | Working<br>Pressure<br>Range (1) | Rated<br>Life* | STAGE |
|-----------------------|----------|------------------|---|--------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-------|
| RO Membrane<br>50 GPD | 41407003 | TDS<br>Reduction | 21%   | 85%                | 50 gallons/<br>day (189 li-<br>ters/day) (No<br>Storage Tank<br>Attached) | 0.5 gal/<br>min (1.9<br>liters/<br>min) | 4-38° C<br>(40-100° F)          | 50-120 psi<br>(345-828<br>kPa)   | 36<br>Months   | 3     |

\* The performance and life of a reverse osmosis membrane or filter element is highly dependent upon pressure, temperature and dissolved solids (TDS).

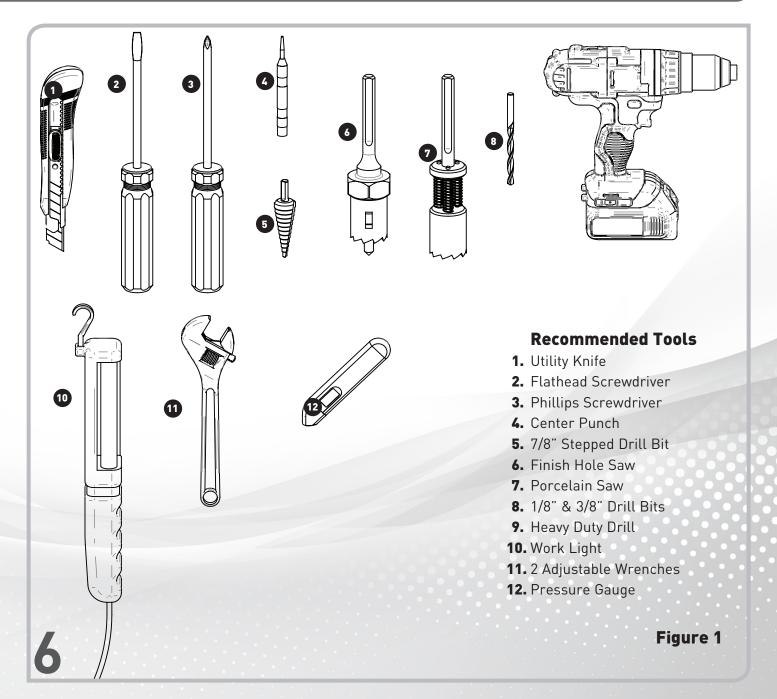
\*\*Manufacturer's Specification only with inlet conditions of 345 kPa (50 psig), 25° C (77° F), going to atmosphere. The actual volume of product water and rejection percentage will vary with differences from the test conditions that membrane ratings are based upon.

(1) Pressure Regulator is recommended for feed water pressures exceeding 552 kPa (80 psig).

# **PERFORMANCE DATA SHEET**

|           |  | Contaminant R   | eduction Table   | Model QCR04   | /-50                                |                                     |
|-----------|--|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Substance | Allowable Influent<br>Challenge<br>Concentration<br>(mg/L) | Average Actual<br>Influent<br>Concentration<br>(mg/L) | Maximum<br>Permissible<br>Product Water<br>Concentration<br>(mg/L) | Average Actual<br>Effluent<br>Concentration<br>(mg/L) | Actual Minimum<br>Percent Reduction | Average Actual<br>Percent Reduction |
| TDS       | 750 ± 20%  | 778   | 187  | 116   | 84.5                                | 85.1                                |

# SUGGESTED INSTALLATION EQUIPMENT



#### Manifold Assembly

The manifold assembly serves as the functional hub of the Nuvia Clarity system by directing the flow through each of the system's main components.

#### 2 Sediment Filter

The sediment filter screens out particulate material, such as dirt, sand, or rust, which may clog the other filters in the system.

#### **3** Activated Carbon Prefilter

The activated carbon prefilter reduces chlorine which may damage the RO membrane filter. It must be regularly checked and/or replaced to prevent premature membrane failure and poor water quality.

#### A Reverse Osmosis Membrane

The RO membrane (4) reduces dissolved substances and other microscopic impurities. It consists of a membrane envelope wound around a perforated tube. Product water diffuses through the membrane to the inside of the envelope where it flows to and is collected by the tube. Impurities are flushed away in the drain stream.

The RO membrane featured in the Nuvia Clarity system offers exceptional contaminant rejection, application versatility, and long life. The membrane material is sensitive to an attack by chlorine. The activated carbon filter must be maintained properly to prevent premature failure of the RO membrane.

For long term storage the RO membrane should be refrigerated to maximize performance once used. **DO NOT ALLOW TO FREEZE**.

# NOTE

This preservative must be flushed from membrane before use. If ingested it may cause irritation of the gastrointestinal tract, colic, diarrhea, or other similar symptoms. The manufacturer recommends discarding all the product water for at least one hour of operation before drinking or use in food preparations. Nuvia Clarity highly recommends discarding the product water for a full 24 hours to flush the preservative and to properly hydrate the membrane for maximum performance.

### 6 Polishing Filter

The polishing filter (5) adsorbs any residual tastes and odors just before the water is delivered through the faucet.

#### **6** Drain Line Flow Control

The flow control assembly or concentrate flow control (6) regulates the flow rate of the flushing (drain) stream and to maintain pressure in the RO membrane filter.

#### Automatic Shutoff

The automatic shutoff (7) automatically stops the flow of water through the Nuvia Clarity system when the storage tank is full.

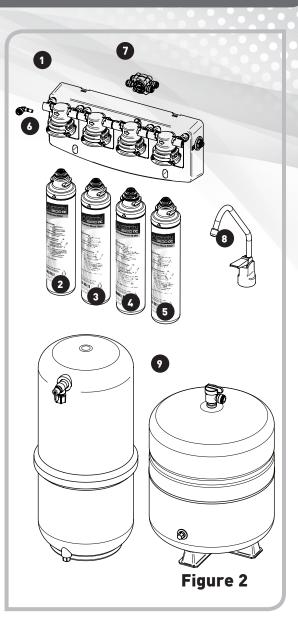
#### B Dispenser Faucet

The Nuvia Clarity faucet (8) allows the product water to be drawn from the system with a simple rotation of the handle. This air gap style faucet prevents the unit from siphoning drain water back into the system. It features a built-in siphon break for concentrate discharge as required by most plumbing codes.

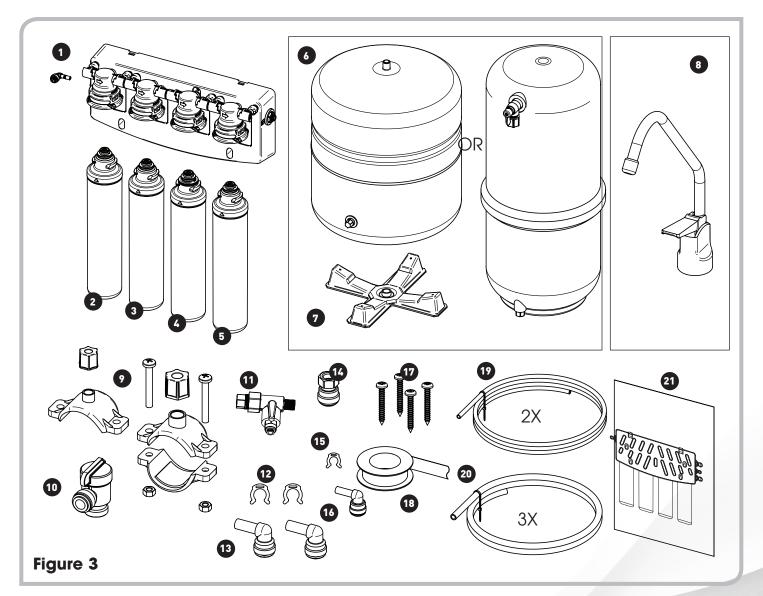
#### Storage Tank

The storage tank (9) collects and stores the water produced by the RO system. A compressed air diaphragm drives the water to the polishing filter and faucet. The ball valve (11) provides a convenient way to lock water in the tank during transport and filter changes.





# PACKAGE CONTENTS



- 1. RO Manifold with Flow Control
- 2. Sediment Filter
- 3. 50 Micron Carbon Block Filter
- 4. RO Membrane
- 5. Carbon Block Filter
- 6. Metal or Plastic Storage Tank
- 7. Tank Base (Optional)
- 8. Faucet and Hardware
- 9. Drain Saddle (1/4" or 3/8")

- **10.** Tank Shut-off Valve
- **11.** T-Adaptor
- 12. 2X Locking Clip (3/8")
- 13. 2X 3/8" Elbow
- 14. Faucet Adapter
- 15. Locking Clip (1/4")
- 16. 1/4" Elbow
- **17.** 4X #10 Phillips Self Tapping Screws

- 18. Teflon Tape
- **19.** 1/4" Tubing (4 ft. White;
  - 4 ft. Red)
- **20.** 3/8" Tubing (4 ft. White; 4 ft. Red;
  - 4 ft. Red; 4 ft. Blue)
  - 4 n. Diue)
- **21.** Installation Template Sheet 11X17

# **PRODUCT INFORMATION & PREPARATION**

This manual covers the technical aspects of Nuvia Clarity Quick Change drinking water systems. It is important to read this manual thoroughly so that you can properly apply, install, and service these systems. The substances reduced by this system are not necessarily in the customer's untreated water.

## Warranty

A limited warranty is extended to the original end user from Nuvia Clarity. This warranty is printed on the back cover of the Owner's Guide.

# **Application Guidelines**

The Nuvia Clarity system is designed for use on potable water supplies meeting the guidelines outlined in Table 1. The system should be installed on a home's cold water line. The flushing stream should discharge through an approved siphon break. Installation of this system must comply with state and local laws and regulations.

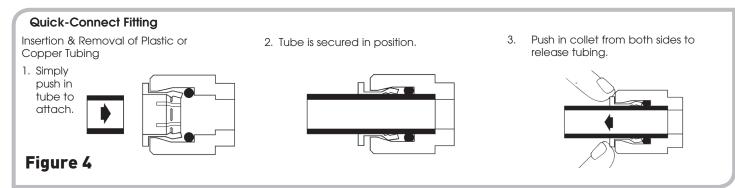
# Package Content

The Nuvia Clarity system is shipped from the factory in carton:

# PREPARATION

## **Tubing Connectors**

The Nuvia Clarity system features reliable and convenient push-to-connect tubing connectors. Tubing is easily connected and disconnected from these fittings as follows.



### Connect:

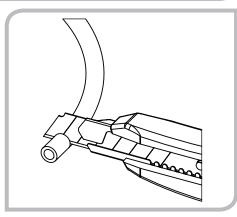
Cut the tubing squarely with a sharp knife. Be careful not to crush the tubing. To avoid leaks, make sure the tubing end is smooth and free of burrs and abrasions. Lubricate the end of the tube with water or a light coat of silicone and push the tube end firmly into the fitting. You should feel it push past the O-ring. Avoid bending the tubing sharply away from the fitting.

### Disconnect:

Hold the collar against the fitting body and pull the tube from the fitting.

In the unlikely event that the connection leaks, remove and recut the tubing. Check the inside of the fitting for debris or O-ring damage. Reconnect.

Push-to-connect tubing connectors grip the outside diameter of the tube. To help assure a reliable connection, it is important to use high quality tubing with a consistent outside diameter.



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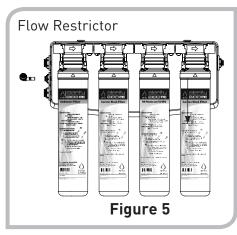
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The filter elements are shipped in their own sealed packaging. This will help to simplify preparation of the system and to maximize the shelf life of the RO membrane element.

## **Verify Flow Control Location**

The RO manifold comes attached with the elbow fitting flow control. This flow control is attached to the manifold by quick disconnect fitting which allows it to be easily changed. Verify it is properly located in the outlet next to the drain symbol.

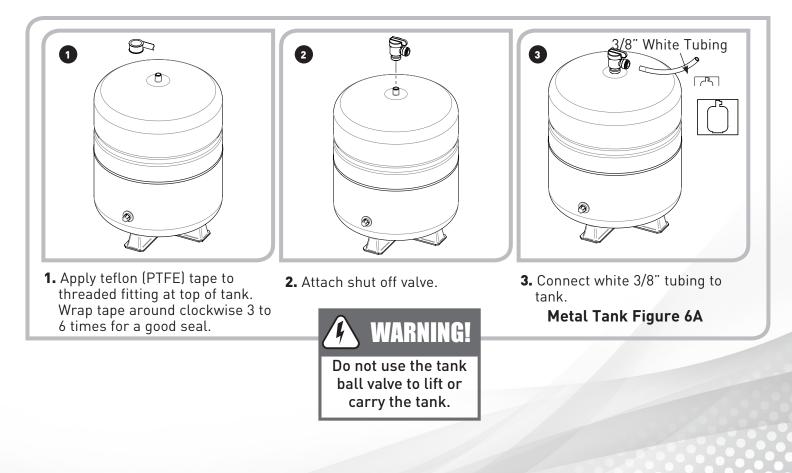


## **Storage Tank Preparation**

NOTE

Changing the air pressure will alter the amount of water stored in the tank. Increasing the pressure will decrease capacity while decreasing pressure will increase capacity.

### Install Tank Shut-off Valve

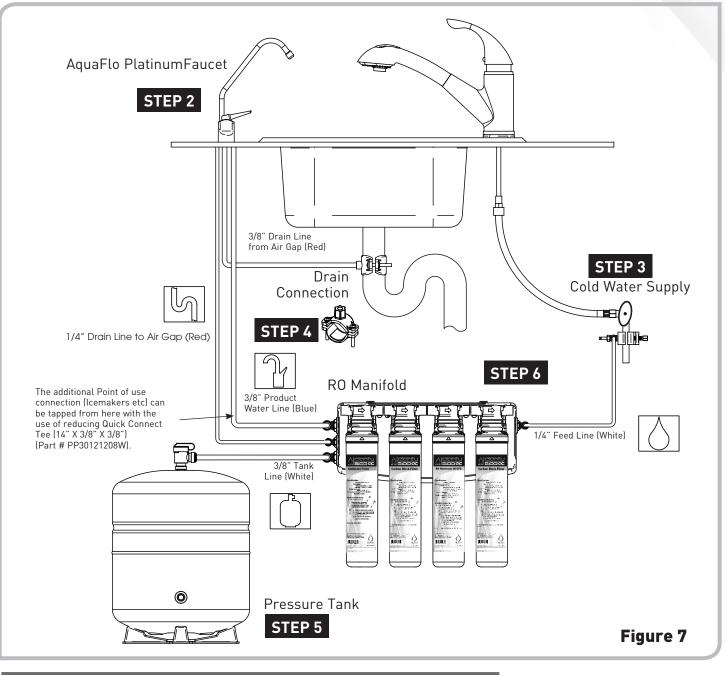


# INSTALLATION

The exact placement of the components will vary by installation. Although shown beneath a sink, it may be installed in a basement, crawl space, or in an adjacent cabinet. Regardless of where the system is installed, the flow sequence described by (figure 7) must be observed.

The Nuvia Clarity drinking water system is designed to be mounted near a sink for easy access to cold water and drain lines. Lengths of 1/4-inch and 3/8-inch OD plastic tubing will be required to make this installation.

Evaluate the installation site to determine the easiest path for the plumbing to follow. Take care to make the installation as neat as possible.



# NOTE

Install the 3/8" red drain line from the air gap faucet to the drain adapter so that it runs downward with no loops or low spots. Otherwise the unit will overflow at the air gap siphon break built into the faucet, or make irritating gurgling sounds. For standard faucet (non-air gap) installations simply route the drain line directly to the drain connection. The following steps will enable you to install the system quickly and orderly. Some variation may be necessary depending on the installation. See page 4 for a check list of tools and materials.

#### Typical installations follow this sequence:

- 1. Select Component Installation Locations
- 2. Faucet Installation
- 3. Install Adapter Valve on Water Supply
- 4. Connect System Drain
- 5. Install Reservoir Tank
- 6. Install Filter System Assembly
- 7. Start-Up

# **STEP 1 – SELECT COMPONENT INSTALLATION LOCATIONS**

- **Dispenser Faucet** The faucet is designed to be mounted on the rear lip of the sink. It may be installed in an existing sprayer attachment hole or in a hole drilled at the time of installation. It may also be mounted to an adjacent counter top. It should be positioned so that water is dispensed over the sink. A 7/8" diameter hole is required.
- Important considerations:
  - Access to the bottom (undersink) of the faucet is required for attachment of product water line.
  - There should be no undersink obstructions which would prevent smooth tubing runs to the drain connection, or RO module assembly.
- **Filter System Assembly** The filter system assembly is designed to be mounted on any rigid vertical surface such as a cabinet sidewall, sheetrock in exposed stud. It should be positioned such that there is access to an inlet water source and drain. The installation should also allow convenient access for servicing.
- **Inlet Water Supply Connection** Once a location is chosen for installation of the filter system assembly, select a nearby cold water line to provide the water source for the system.
- **The Reservoir Tank** Position the reservoir tank near the faucet for optimum convenience. The reservoir tank will weigh about 28 pounds (13 kg) when full of water, so it must be positioned on a stand.



The reservoir operates best in the vertical position, but it will operate on its side.

• **Drain Connection** – The most convenient entry to the drain is directly above the P-trap of the kitchen sink. However, the drain water from the system can be connected to adjacent sinks or a floor drain. Extra care should be taken when entering drains near dishwashers or food waste disposals as back flow may occur through the air gap and cause flooding.

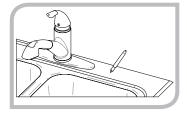


## **STEP 2 – FAUCET INSTALLATION**

To simplify its access and installation, we suggest you install the faucet on the rear lip of the sink. It should be evenly positioned with the sink faucet and spray attachment. Should the spray faucet hole not be available for the installation, the sink must be drilled.

### **Sink Drilling Instructions**

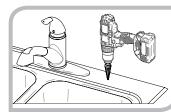
#### Stainless Steel Sink



**1.** Select and mark the proper faucet location.



**2.** Center punch hole to provide a starting point for your drill.



# NOTE

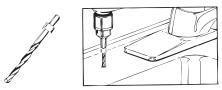
It is recommended retaining the services of a professional counter top craft person when a hole is needed in granite or other specialty counter top materials.

**3.** Drill a 7/8" hole in the sink using a stepped 7/8" drill bit. If no stepped bit is available, start by drilling a 1/4" hole. Using this hole as a starting point progressively drill larger holes. Increase drill size by 1/8" until you reach a 7/8" hole.

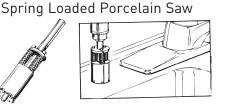
#### Porcelain Enamel Sink

Follow these basic guidelines when drilling a porcelain sink:

Pilot Drill

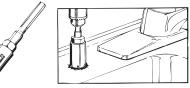


Penetrate the porcelain to the base material.



Protect the surrounding porcelain material.

Finish Hole Saw



Use the appropriate tool to drill the base material.

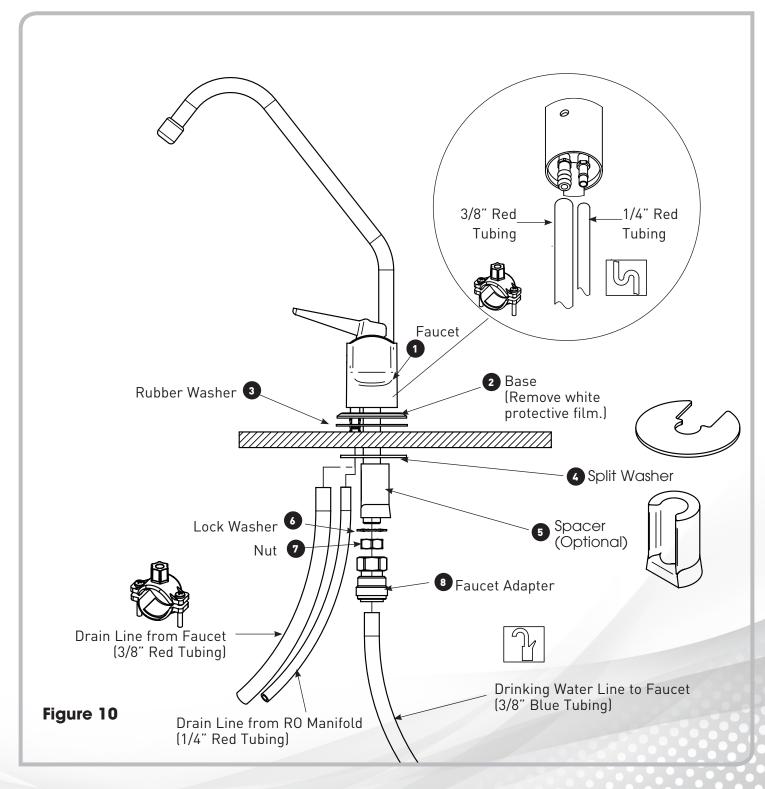
#### One proven tool is the Relton porcelain cutter kit when used with a slow speed drill (300-400 rpm).

- Drill a pilot hole through the porcelain and base material with the carbide tip drill.
- Build a putty dam around the drill area. Add enough water to lubricate cutters and reduce cutting noise.
- Insert the porcelain cutter into the drill. Place the drill tip in the pilot hole. Check for free movement.
- Apply light pressure to the cutter tool and start the drill motor at low speed (300-400 rpm). When the initial cut has been made in the porcelain, speed may be increased. After a complete ring has been cut through the porcelain, change over to the metal cutter. Avoid contacting the outer rim of cut porcelain when drilling.
- Use a slow speed and light pressure to cut away the porcelain.
- Stop when you reach the metal under the porcelain. Remove the cutter and clean the porcelain chips from the surface. Continue cutting through the metal.



Avoid high drill speed during penetration of porcelain. A single speed drill can be used at a slow speed by switching it on and off quickly.

# AIR GAP FAUCET (STANDARD)



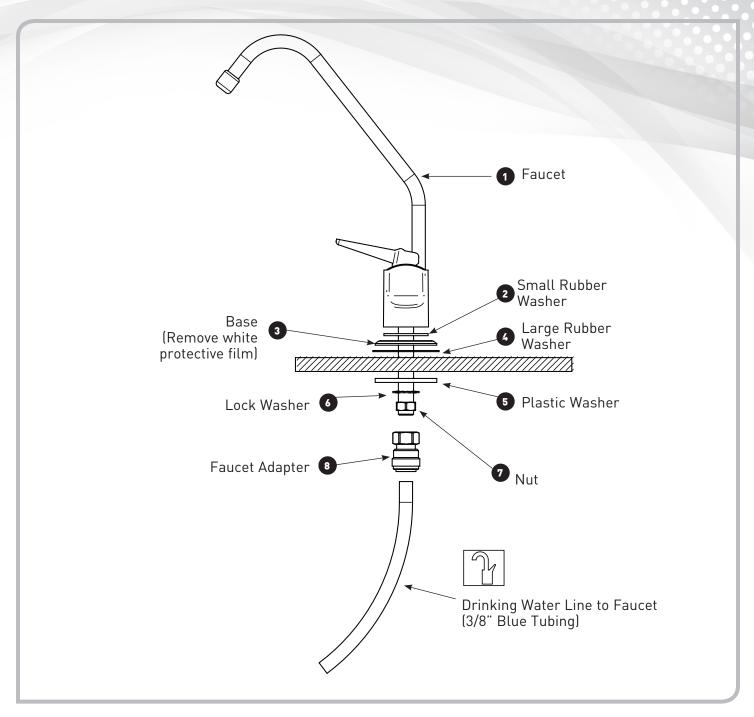


The spacer is required for stainless steel sinks and thin counter tops. If sink is being installed on a thick (5/8" or thicker) counter the spacer is not required. Remove white protective film from faucet base.



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# NON AIR GAP FAUCET (OPTIONAL)



### **Standard Faucet Installation**

- **1.** Remove white protective film from faucet base. Install faucet body, small rubber washer, metal base, and large rubber washer above sink (items 1-4).
- **2.** Install plastic washer, lock washer and nut (items 5-7) onto faucet stem below sink and tighten. Be sure to properly align the faucet.

**3.** Install the faucet adapter (item 8). Connect the 3/8" blue tubing to the faucet adapter.

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If installing a standard faucet the red 1/4" drain line will be installed directly to the drain. Disregard the instructions on the following page.

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### Air Gap Faucet Installation

Remove white protective film from faucet base. Verify faucet body, metal base, and rubber base washer are in place above sink (Items 1, 3, and 2).

Lower faucet into mounting hole and place faucet over hole.

Install slotted washer, spacer, faucet washer, and nut onto faucet nipple below sink and snug them up

(Items 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8). Be sure to properly align faucet before tightening. Do not over tighten.

Install faucet connector (Item 9), packaged with faucet, onto faucet nipple.

The spacer is typically necessary on stainless steel sinks and thin counter tops. If counter top or sink is too think (5/8" or thicker) remove the spacer from the installation.

### **Tubing Connections**

- **1.** At the bottom of the faucet assembly you will find three tubing connections; 2 are barbed and one is a push in type fitting.
- 2. For the Air gap you will use the 2 barb fittings, the smaller fitting is for the 1/4" tubing and will be connected to the RO system. The larger barb fitting will use the 3/8" tubing and will be connected to the drain.

Cut the tubing to be longer than what you will need because you will be able to trim it after you install the faucet assembly. Prepare the tubing with a fresh cut

and make sure that it is free of dirt and any foreign materials.

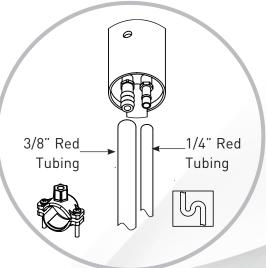
### **Cleaning the Faucet**

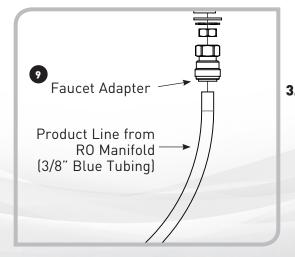
Wipe the faucet with a soft cloth, avoid abrasive cleansers.



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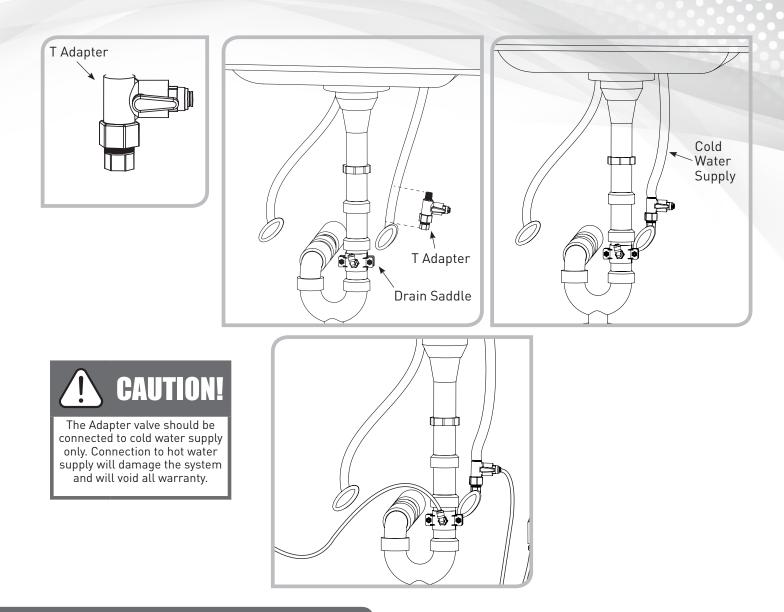
If you have difficulty fitting the tubing onto the barbed fittings, try running hot water over the end of the tubes.





**3.** Take another length of 3/8" tubing and make sure it is has a fresh cut and is free of foreign materials and any scratches on the outside surface. Install the tubing into the push in type fitting at the base of the faucet. Make certain that it is inserted all the way in; once inserted give it a slight pull to make sure it is locked into the fitting. You have now completed the tubing

## STEP 3 - INSTALL T ADAPTER VALVE ON WATER SUPPLY



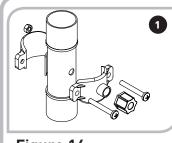
# **STEP 4 - CONNECT SYSTEM DRAIN**

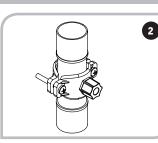
Plumbing codes require that the drain from reverse osmosis drinking water systems be discharged through an air gap siphon break. The faucet incorporates an air gap into its body. The discharge from the air gap must be connected to the plumbing system for proper drainage. This connection can usually be made beneath the sink. Incorrect installation may result in overflow of the air gap or excessive noise. If the concentrate water is discharged to an open drain, the air gap may not be necessary.

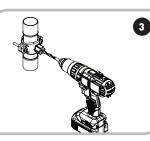
For Air Gap installations select the 3/8" saddle, for Standard installations use the 1/4" saddle.

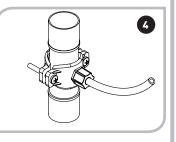
Connections to undersink plumbing can be made with a saddle clamp designed to accept the drain tubing from the faucet. Drain Saddle Kit is supplied for 1-1/2" undersink drain plumbing (Figure 14). *Be sure to check and follow local plumbing codes prior to installation*.











#### Figure 14

 Install the drain saddle valve on to the drain pipe. See figure 7 on page 9 for its location. Use 3/8" saddle for air gap faucets or 1/4" saddle for standard faucets.



The drill should be kept straight and centered to avoid damaging the saddle valve. **2.** Tighten the clamps with the help of the two bolts.



- **3.** For standard faucets drill a 1/4" hole through one side of the pipe. For air gap faucets drill a 3/8" hole. The drill should be kept straight and centered to avoid damaging the saddle valve. Do not drill through both sides of the pipe!
- **4.** Attach 3/8" or 1/4" red tube by slipping the tube through the black compression nut and hand tighten the nut on to the saddle valve.



Many homes are equipped with disposals and dishwashers. Special care must be taken when these appliances are present to prevent improper air gap performance. Home drain plumbing must be free of any blockage since this may cause a backup of dishwasher and disposal waste into the air gap outlet tube and result in improper air gap performance.

To perform a simple drain check, fill the sink basin with several inches of water, pull the plug, and observe the drainage. If water backs up into the second sink (if present), or if drainage is slow or there is excessive gurgling, drain blockage may be present.

Undersink drain plumbing usually resembles one of the following descriptions. In all cases, the drain tubing from the air gap (RO outlet) should run downward, free of dips and loops. The air gap outlet must not be connected to the effluent side of the trap. This can vent sewer gas, which will produce foul odors.

### Single basin sink without disposal

- Connect the RO outlet to the tailpiece directly beneath the sink.
- If a dishwasher drain connection is present, the RO outlet must be connected above it.

### Single basin sink with disposal

- Connect the RO outlet to the dishwasher drain port on the disposal if available.
- If the dishwasher drain port is not available, other arrangements must be made such as running the RO outlet to a basement sump.
- Do not connect the RO outlet to the plumbing below the disposal.

### Double basin sink with disposal, single trap

- The fitting which joins the drains from the disposal and second sink should be directional. If not, then we recommend that it be replaced.
- Connect the RO outlet to the tailpiece just below the second sink.
- If a dishwasher drain is present and cannot be relocated, the RO outlet must be connected above it.
- Do not connect the RO outlet to the horizontal plumbing between the two sink drains.

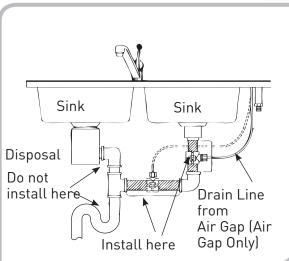
#### Double basin sink with disposal, double trap

- Connect the RO outlet to the tailpiece just below the second sink.
- If a dishwasher drain is present and cannot be relocated, the RO outlet must be connected above it.

# STEP 5 – INSTALL RESERVOIR TANK

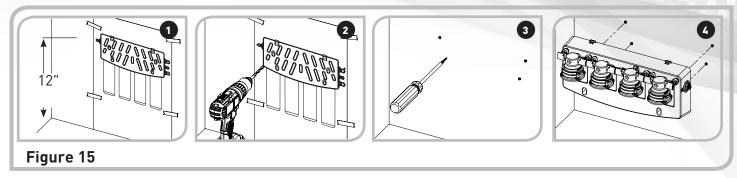


Place the reservoir tank in the location previously selected.



# STEP 6 - INSTALL FILTER SYSTEM ASSEMBLY

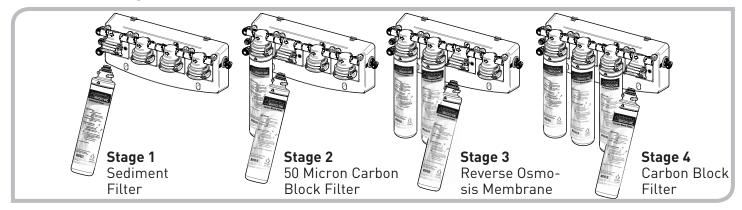
The mounting bracket contains four mounting slots. The holes are sized to accept #10 round head wood screws (supplied). Some types of surfaces such as particle board or drywall, may require the use of plastic screw anchors or toggle bolts to provide adequate support for the unit.



- 1. Tape the paper template included with this unit to the wall with the base of the template on the bottom of the cabinet (or higher). Be sure to leave adequate space (8 1/2" or more from the centerline) on both sides of the template.
- **2.** Drill 1/8" hole at each location as indicated on the template.
- 3. Remove template. Thread one of the included wood screws into each hole leaving approximately a 1/2" space between the screw head and mounting surface.
- **4.** Hang the bracket on the mounting screws. If unit is loose, tighten the screws further.

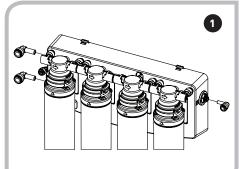
### Install Filter Cartridges

1. Twist the cartridge to lock it into the manifold. (as shown)

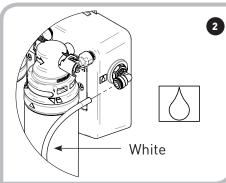


#### **Connect System**

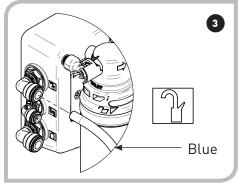
When cutting plastic tubing, use a sharp utility knife. Cut the tubing squarely. See page 7 for cutting and connecting tubing.



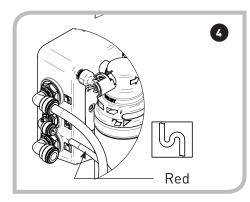
 Connect quick connect elbows to the three open connection locations on the unit. Firmly push the fittings into place, then pull back lightly to lock them in.



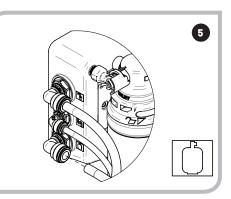
**2.** Connect 1/4-inch OD white plastic tubing from the feed water supply source to the system inlet on the manifold.



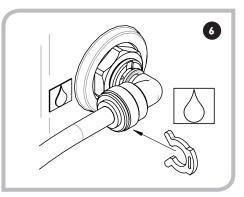
**3.** Connect 3/8-inch OD blue plastic tubing from the product water faucet to the manifold.



**4.** Connect the 1/4" OD red tubing from the air gap inlet of the faucet to the concentrate outlet on the RO manifold.



5. Connect the 3/8" OD white product water tube from the tank to the manifold.



6. Attach locking clips to each white elbow fitting. Do not attach one to the blue flow control. Clips should slide in behind collet on the fittings.

## STEP 7 -START-UP

- **1.** Sanitize the storage tank (see page 20 for sanitization procedure).
- 2. Check system to verify all components are correctly installed
- **3.** Open inlet valve and tank valve.
- **4.** Check system thoroughly for leaks. If any are found, shut off both inlet and tank valves and correct the issue.
- **5.** Allow system to run & fill tank for 1-2 hours. You will hear the water running to drain while the unit is running. Once the water stops running to drain the tank is full.
- **6.** Open faucet to flush carbon fines & sanitization solution. Once the flow begins to slow down (around 20 minutes after opening) turn off the faucet.
- **7.** Allow the tank to fill completely again.
- **8.** Once full, open the faucet and allow the water to run for 24 hours to break-in the RO membrane and completely flush the system. This will allow your system to run at optimal efficiency.
- 9. Close faucet and allow tank to fill.
- **10.** System is ready to use



Do not drink water produced by the system until the start-up procedure has been followed completely! The performance of the Nuvia Clarity system can be characterized and judged by the quality and quantity of the water produced by the system. By measuring the contaminant removal performance and flow rates of the system, its operating status can be easily evaluated.

### **Factors Which Affect Performance**

Performance of the reverse osmosis membrane is affected by several factors which must be considered when judging the condition of the system. The main factors which affect system performance are pressure, temperature, total dissolved solids level, recovery and pH.

#### Pressure

Water pressure affects both the quantity and quality of the water produced by the RO membrane. Generally, the more water pressure, the better the performance of the system. Be careful not to go below 40 psi or exceed 100 psi, the minimum and maximum operating pressure of the system.

#### Temperature

The reverse osmosis process slows with decreasing temperature. To compensate, a temperature correction factor is used to adjust the actual performance of the RO membrane filter to the standard temperature of 77°F (25°C). This allows the performance of the unit to be accurately gauged against published standards. Temperature does not affect the concentrate flow rate.

#### **Total Dissolved Solids**

The minimum driving force which is necessary to stop or reverse the natural osmosis process is termed osmotic pressure. As the total dissolved solids level of the feed water increases, the amount of osmotic pressure increases and acts as back pressure against the reverse osmosis process. Osmotic pressure becomes significant at TDS levels above 500 mg/L (ppm).

#### Hardness

Hardness is the most common membrane foulant. If ignored, this relatively harmless component of feed water will scale a membrane over time. Use of a softener will reduce the fouling effect on a membrane. One way to detect too much hardness in the feed water is the weight of a membrane installed for a period of time. A fouled membrane (dried) will weigh significantly more than a new membrane. The increase in weight is a result of precipitated hardness inside the membrane.

#### Iron

Iron is another common membrane foulant. There are a variety of types of iron, some of which cannot be removed by an iron filter. Clear water iron can be removed more effectively by a softener. Particulate iron can be removed more effectively by a 1 micron filter. Organic-bound iron can be removed only by activated carbon or macroporous anion resin. If there is enough iron to exceed the EPA secondary drinking water standard and softening the water is not an option and the iron is soluble, then an iron filter is appropriate. If none of these are an option then regular replacement of membranes will have to be accepted.

#### **Product Water Recovery**

Product water recovery plays an important role in determining membrane and system performance. Recovery refers to the amount of water produced in relation to the amount of water sent to drain. The standard calculation is:

#### % Recovery = Product Water ÷ (Product Water + Waste Water) x 100

The system uses a flow control assembly to restrict the flow of waste water to the drain. This restriction helps maintain pressure against the membrane. The sizing of the flow control assembly determines the recovery rating of the system. The system is manufactured with a recovery rating designed to be around 25%. Depending on temperature, pressure and tolerances the actual recovery value may be slightly different for each system.

#### **Performance Measurements**

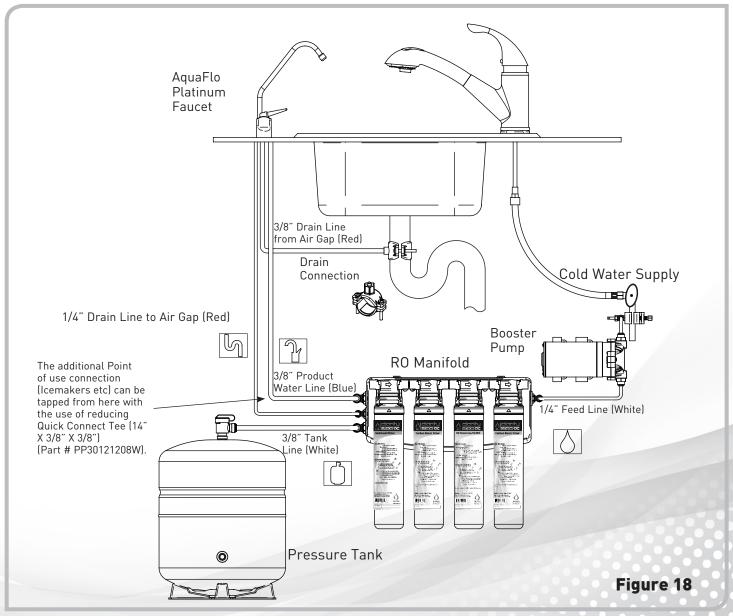
When collecting water samples from the manifold, insert a short 2"-3" length of tubing into the fitting on the manifold to catch the water sample.

#### Pressure, Pressure, Pressure

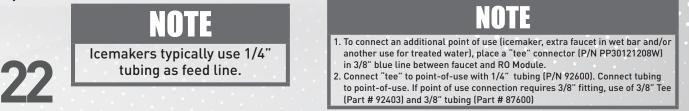
If you are installing a service line from an RO storage tank to an appliance with a minimum pressure requirement then you may need to consider the following options so as not to operate below the operating limits of that appliance.

#### Installation of a booster pump (92325)

Placing this pump before the RO will increases overall pressure to the system. If you boost the water pressure from 40 to 80, then the full pressure in the storage tank will be around 53 psi. Increasing the overall pressure in the system will allow more volume to be drawn from the tank before the pressure dips below a shutoff value.



ADDITIONAL POINT OF USE CONNECTION (Fittings and tubing for additional point of use connection is not supplied with this system)



# SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE

#### Service Schedule

To keep the Nuvia Clarity system operating properly, it is necessary to change the filters and sanitize the system periodically. Typically, this should be done on an annual basis. Service frequency may vary depending on local water conditions. High sediment, chlorine, turbidity, or hardness levels may require more frequent service. Use the following as a guide.

#### As needed

Clean the faucet with a soft cloth, avoid abrasive cleaners.

#### At least once in 6 months

Replace

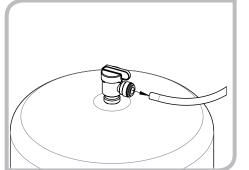
- Stage 1 Sediment Filter (41407022)
- Stage 2 Carbon Block Filter (41407025)

| At least once in 12 months                                 |   |                     |  |  |  |
|--|---|---------------------|--|--|--|
| Replace<br>• <b>Stage 4</b> Carbon Block Filter (41407025) | Check<br>• TDS of incoming and product water<br>• Tank Pressure | Sanitize the system |  |  |  |

# NOTE

The reverse osmosis membrane (Stage 3) Part # 41407023 is recommended to be changed once every three years or as needed.

# METAL TANK SANITIZATION PROCEDURE



- Turn off water supply to your RO system by turning off the adapter valve. Open the faucet to drain the storage tank.
- **2.**Once the tank has emptied. Disconnect the tube from the ball valve on the storage tank.



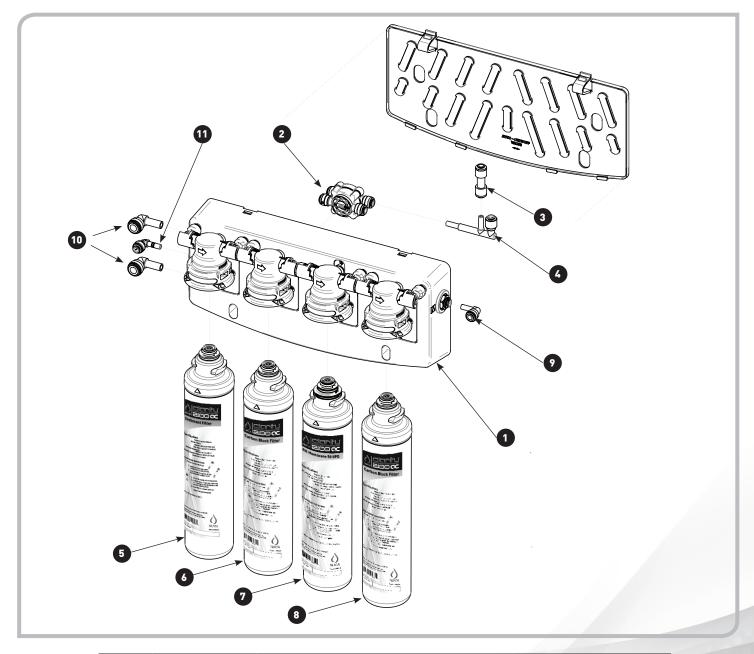
- **3.** Using a clean eye dropper insert 1/2 teaspoon of hydrogen peroxide or common household bleach into the tube.
- **4.** Reconnect the tube to the ball valve. Follow the start up procedure and drain the first two full tanks of water.



- **1.** Turn off incoming water supply to RO.
- **2.** Open RO Faucet and allow water to drain from the tank until it is completely empty.
- **3.** Check that air pressure is between 5-7 psi using an air pressure gauge.
- **4.** If the pressure is low use a bicycle pump to increase pressure to 5-7 psi.
- 5. Follow startup procedure.



# PARTS BREAKDOWN

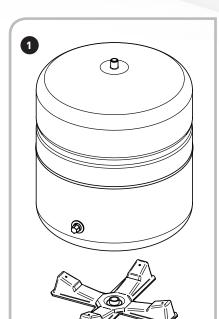


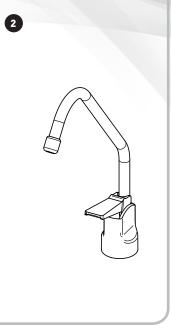
| #  | Item #   | Description   | Qty. |
|----|----------|---|------|
| 1  | 134040R  | Manifold, Quick Change RO, 4 Stage                      | 1    |
| 2  | 92223    | Valve, Auto Shut-off                                    | -10  |
| 3  | 41407553 | Fitting,Check Valve,QCR0                                | 10   |
| 4  | 41407552 | Fitting, T-Connector, QCRO                              | 1    |
| 5  | 41407022 | Cartridge, Quick Change Sediment Filter - Stage 1       | 1    |
| 6  | 41407025 | Cartridge, Quick Change Carbon Block - Stage 2          | 1    |
| 7  | 41407023 | Cartridge, Quick Change 50GPD TFC Membrane -<br>Stage 3 |      |
| 8  | 41407025 | Cartridge, Quick Change Carbon Block - Stage 4          | 1    |
| 9  | 33501064 | Elbow,1/4" Stem   | 1    |
| 10 | 33501071 | Elbow,3/8" Stem   | 2    |
| 11 | 92800    | Fitting, Drain Flow Control                             | 1    |

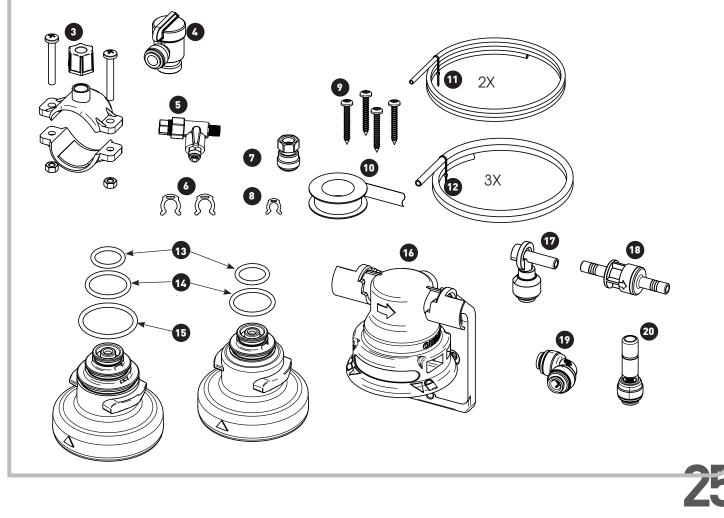
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# **OTHER PARTS**

- 1. Storage Tank Part # 92371
- 2. Faucet & Hardware Part # 92192
- 3. Drain Saddle Part # 92160
- 4. Tank Shut-off Valve Part # PPSV501222W
- 5. Inlet Valve Adaptor Part # ASVPP5
- 6. 2x Locking Clip (3/8") Part # 92346
- Faucet Adapter Part # 92652
   Locking Clip (1/4") Part # 92345
- 9. 4x #10 Phillips Self Tapping Screws
- **10.** Teflon Tape
- **11.** 1/4" Tubing (4ft White Part # 115200; 4ft Red – Part # 115201)
- 12. 3/8" Tubing (4ft White - Part # 92663; 4ft Red - Part # 87604; 4ft Blue - Part # 87600)
- 13. O-ring, Small Part # 41407554
- **14.** O-ring, Medium Part # 41407555
- **15.** O-ring, Large Part # 41407556
- 16. Replacement Filter Head Part # 92804
- 17. Compact Elbow Part # 41407558
- 18. Front Check Valve Part # 41407557
- **19.** 1/4" Elbow Part # PP0308W
- 20. 3/8" X 1/4" Stem Adapter -Part # PP061208W







If a problem cannot be corrected through the use of this troubleshooting guide please have the following information ready prior to calling the 1-800 number on the back of this manual:

- Serial #
- Model #

| Problem                                   | Possible Cause                                   | Remedy   |
|---|--|--|
| 1. Insufficient<br>quantity of            | a. Service greater than unit's specified output. | a. Use optional large tank for more storage capacity.  |
| product water<br>available to<br>service. | b. Insufficient feed water flow.                 | <ul> <li>b. 1. Clogged shut-off valve or feed tubing;<br/>clean out or replace.</li> <li>2. Clogged prefilter; replace.</li> <li>3. Clogged manifold; clean or replace.</li> </ul> |
|   | c. Insufficient feed water pressure              | <ul> <li>c. 1. Same as (b) above.</li> <li>2. Change in line pressure; install booster pump.</li> </ul>  |
|   | d. Increase in feed water TDS.                   | <ul><li>d. 1. Same as (a) above.</li><li>2. Install booster pump.</li></ul>  |
|   | e. Reduced feed water temperature.               | e. Same as above.  |
|   | f. Plugged prefilter.                            | f. Replace filter element.   |
|   | g. Plugged polishing filter.                     | g. Replace polishing filter.   |
|   | h. RO membrane fouled with sediment.             | h. Replace RO membrane and prefilter elements.   |
|   | i. Shutoff malfunction.                          | i. Clean or replace shutoff.   |
| 2. Poor product                           | a. All of (1) above except (a) and (e).          | a. All of (1) above except (a), (e), and (g).  |
| water quality.                            | b. R0 membrane filter worn out.                  | b. Replace RO membrane.  |
|   | d. Shutoff malfunction.                          | d. Replace shutoff.  |
| 3. Bad tasting product water.             | a. Decrease in product quality; see (2) above.   | a. Same as (2) above.  |
|   | b. Foreign matter in storage tank.               | b. Clean, sanitize, and flush storage tank.  |
|   | c. Polishing filter exhausted.                   | c. Replace polishing filter  |
|   | d. Plugged capillary tube.                       | d. Replace capillary tube; replace prefilter, if necessary.  |
|   | e. Storage tank bladder is ruptured.             | e. Replace storage tank and check precharge pressure.  |

# TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

| Pr                         | oblem                            | Possible Cause   | Remedy  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| 4.                         | External                         | a. Tubing not fully seated in fitting  | a. Check all fittings for tightness.  |  |  |  |
|                            | leakage.                         | b. Tubing abraded in seal area.  | b. Recut tubing and redo connection.  |  |  |  |
| 5.                         | Overflow at                      | a. Concentrate tubing plugged.   | a. Clean concentrate tubing of debris.  |  |  |  |
|                            | faucet air<br>gap (gurgling      | b. Air gap plugged.  | b. Clean with vinegar and/or soap.  |  |  |  |
|                            | sounds).                         | c. Concentrate tubing not in continuous downward slope.  | c. Eliminate loops or low spots in tubing.  |  |  |  |
|                            |                                  | d. Obstructed home drain pipe.   | d. Free obstruction.  |  |  |  |
| 6.                         | Foaming at<br>faucet tip.        | <ul> <li>a. Storage tank is positioned on side<br/>(Dissolved air cannot escape.)</li> </ul>         | a. Place tank in vertical position.   |  |  |  |
| 7.                         | Foaming at air-<br>gap           | a. Concentrate tubing connected to same drain line as dishwasher, etc.                               | a. Find different drain for system.   |  |  |  |
|                            |                                  | <ul> <li>When sink is full of soapy water and<br/>plug is pulled, can back up at air-gap.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>b. Obstructed home drain, free<br/>obstruction.</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |
|                            |                                  | c. Obstructed home drain.  | c. Free obstruction.  |  |  |  |
| 8.                         | Bad smell from                   | a. Polishing filter exhausted.   | a. Replace polishing filter.  |  |  |  |
|                            | product water.                   | b. Prefilter element.  | b. Replace filter element.  |  |  |  |
|                            |                                  | c. Unit needs disinfection.  | c. Sanitize unit.   |  |  |  |
| 9.                         | Fast flow to<br>drain.           | a. Defective flow control assembly.  | a. Replace flow control assembly.   |  |  |  |
| 10.                        | . Black specks in product water. | a. Carbon fines.   | a. Flush polishing filter.  |  |  |  |
| 11.                        | . Low faucet<br>pressure.        | <ul> <li>a. Inadequate pre-charge pressure in<br/>storage tank.</li> </ul>                           | a. Determine the minimum pressure using the 70% guideline.  |  |  |  |
|                            |                                  | b. Polishing filter plugged.   | b. Replace polishing filter.  |  |  |  |
| 12. Flow control plugging. |                                  | a. Excessive turbidity.  | a. Install another 5 micron filter in<br>series with existing one or substitute<br>carbon block filter for granular<br>activated carbon filter. |  |  |  |
|                            |                                  | b. Iron fouled.  | b. Pretreat for iron removal.   |  |  |  |
|                            |                                  | c. Iron-bacteria fouled.   | c. Sanitize plumbing.   |  |  |  |

# **NUVIA CLARITY GUARANTEE**

Subject to the conditions and limitations described below, Nuvia Clarity warrants its Nuvia Clarity Reverse Osmosis Drinking Water Treatment Systems (excluding membrane and cartridge filters), when installed in accordance with Nuvia Clarity specifications, to be free from defects in materials and workmanship under normal use within the operating specifications for a period of two (2) years from the date of purchase (with bill of sale). This warranty shall apply to the original end-user of the system only.

Other than the membrane and cartridge filters, any part found defective within the terms of this warranty will be repaired or replaced by Nuvia Clarity. If any part is found defective, Nuvia Clarity also reserves the right to replace the drinking water appliance with a comparable Nuvia Clarity drinking water system of equal or greater quality. You pay only freight for repaired or replaced parts from our factory.

This warranty shall not apply to any part damaged by accident, fire, flood, freezing, Act of God, bacterial attack, membrane fouling and/or scaling, sediment, misuse, misapplication, neglect, alteration, installation, or operation contrary to our printed instructions, or by the use of accessories or components which do not meet Nuvia Clarity specifications. If the drinking water system is altered by anyone other than Nuvia Clarity the warranty shall be void.

ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR PARTICULAR PURPOSE, ARE LIMITED TO THE DURATION OF THE PERIOD SPECIFIED ABOVE FOR THE PARTS DESCRIBED IN THIS LIMITED WARRANTY.

As a manufacturer, we do not know the characteristics of your water supply. The quality of water supplies may vary seasonably or over a period of time. Your water usage may vary as well. Water characteristics can also change if the drinking water appliance is moved to a new location. For these reasons, we assume no liability for the determination of the proper equipment necessary to meet your requirements, and we do not authorize others to assume such obligation for us. Further, we assume no liability and extend no warranties, express or implied, for the use of this product with a non-potable water source or a water source which does not meet the conditions for use as described in this Owners Guide.

Nuvia Clarity'S OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS WARRANTY ARE LIMITED TO THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF THE FAILED PARTS OF THE DRINKING WATER SYSTEM, AND WE ASSUME NO LIABILITY WHATSOEVER FOR DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL, GENERAL OR OTHER DAMAGES, WHETHER FROM CORROSION OR OTHER CAUSES.

Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitations may not apply to you. Similarly, some states do not allow the exclusion of incidental or consequential damage, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may have other rights that vary from state to state.

#### **Installation Information**

Serial Number:

Installation Date:

Installed By:



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