

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE (Countertop)

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 the countertop system, clean the ceramic or replace cartridge, place the unit into the sink.
2. Unscrew the sump containing the cartridge and let the water run off.
3. Lift off the housing lid with the cartridge still installed on the base and drain off the remainder of the water. Carefully remove the ceramic unscrewing anticlockwise ,if a thread mount, or twist off if the cartridge has the double)-rings, and clean following the instructions.
4. Using a stiff brush, or nylon scouring pad, scrub the outer surface of the ceramic under cool 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. Excessive cleaning shortens the life of the ceramic.

5. If you have a bottle brush you can clean inside the cover with hot soapy water, then rinse well. Lubricate the "o" ring and threading of the base with Vaseline and replace the cartridge and lid. Hand tighten only.
6. Let the water flush for one minute. (If replacing with a new cartridge let it flush to waist for five minutes.)
7. While the water is running, turn the unit upside down for 10 seconds to flush out the air pocket.

DIVERTER VALVE SERVICE

1. The diverter valve must be serviced 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. 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. Reconnect the diverter valve and test for leaks.