



WATERROWER

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# VR3 ROWER BLUETOOTH EDITION



Owner's Manual  
Assembly Instructions  
Troubleshooting Guide  
Bluetooth Monitor Instructions  
LightRing Instructions

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## PLEASE NOTE YOUR WATERROWER'S SERIAL NUMBER BELOW

This number can be found on the back of your rower's monitor. You will need this number when contacting WATERROWER for customer support.



## **WATERROWER CONNECT APP DOWNLOAD**

Scan to download the *WaterRower Connect* app. Required for controlling your LightRing.



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## **OWNER'S MANUAL**

Congratulations on becoming a WaterRower owner! Rowing is universally recognized as the perfect aerobic exercise – smooth, low impact, rhythmic, and whole-body – unrivalled for its physiological benefits and aesthetic pleasures.

While most rowing machines imitate the action of rowing, they do so mechanically, and therefore lack the natural dynamics experienced when a boat and crew glide down a river.

At WATERROWER, we have focused on replicating the physical dynamics of rowing, with the knowledge that this will achieve all of its physiological benefits, as well as much of the aesthetic pleasure.

To maximize the enjoyment from using your WaterRower we recommend that you follow our suggestions on rowing technique and training programs. We hope that some of the discussion points in this manual will improve your knowledge about exercise in general, so that you are better able to reach your fitness goals.

Your WaterRower has been carefully handcrafted to give you years of trouble-free use.

We recommend that you closely follow the assembly details provided, particularly by assembling the machine in the correct sequence and adhering to the suggested maintenance schedule.

We hope you enjoy using your WaterRower for many years to come!

## SAFETY

We recommend consulting a physician before starting out with an exercise program. Please read all instructions before using the WaterRower. Additional information on getting started, rowing technique, and rowing training advice can be found at [www.HowToRow.com](http://www.HowToRow.com).

**CAUTION:** Please keep hands away from moving parts when rowing. Failing to do so can lead to injury. For further information on safety tips, please refer to [www.waterrowerservice.com/safety-precautions](http://www.waterrowerservice.com/safety-precautions).



## "BREAKING IN" YOUR WATERROWER

During the first weeks of use, your WaterRower will adjust to use and the temperature / humidity of the environment. During this period we advise GENTLY tightening all the connecting bolts with the supplied 4mm and 5mm Allen keys. Please be careful not to overtighten any of these bolts.

## YOUR WATERROWER'S OPERATING PRINCIPLE

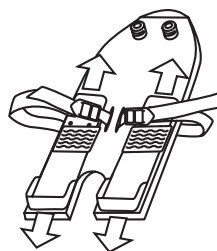
The WaterRower is unique in using the effect of drag to provide an exercise which is entirely self-paced. Because drag is linked to speed, a crew rowing down a river chooses its intensity of exercise simply by altering the pace at which they row. As the boat travels faster, the crew must work harder to overcome the increased drag forces – similar to the way a competitive swimmer must work harder to go faster.

By replicating these dynamics, the WaterRower does not require adjustment to increase resistance. If a more intensive workout is required, simply increase your stroke rate, power per stroke, or both; the WaterRower will respond accordingly.

## POSITIONING THE FOOTPADS

The footpads have been engineered to be adjusted for maximum comfort. The footstraps are designed to cross the foot at the pivot point of the toes (the ball of the foot). This allows the heel to raise off the footboard slightly as the user comes forward with each stroke.

To adjust, simply lift the top lip of each footpad to unhook it, then slide up or down to reposition on another pair of pins.



## RAISING THE SMART DEVICE ARM

To raise the smart device arm to viewing position, simply rotate the arm upwards until both kickstands activate, then lower the arm until the kickstands rest on the rower's top deck. Rotate the device holder to a comfortable viewing angle.

## LOWERING THE SMART DEVICE ARM

To lower the smart device arm to storage position, rotate the arm upwards, then depress both kickstands with your fingers while simultaneously lowering the arm. The arm's magnets will secure it in place when lowered.

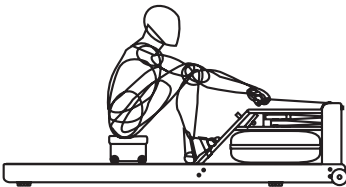
## USING YOUR WATERROWER

The Rowing Action uses 84% of your muscle mass. From the tips of your fingers holding the handle/oars to the balls of your feet connected to the footboard/boat, all the muscles between these 2 points contribute to the Rowing Action.

The Rowing Action is comprised of both fast (drive phase) and slow (recovery phase) movements. It is important to combine these 2 movements into a rhythm in order to create a smooth, flowing, unhurried Rowing Action. The following diagrams show 3 basic movements of the Rowing Action.

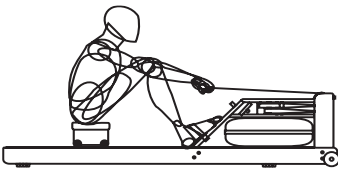
Allow yourself the first few rowing sessions to practice the correct positions and phases as well as the correct ratio and rhythm of the rowing action. With regular rowing, the technique will become easier and you will soon experience the physiological benefits of rowing.

Please visit [www.HowToRow.com](http://www.HowToRow.com) to learn more about rowing technique.



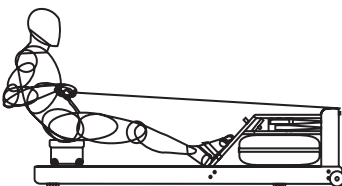
### Catch Position

Sitting tall, arms straight reaching forward, shoulders relaxed, head up, eyes looking forward, legs compressed, and shins vertical.



### Drive Phase

Drive backward with the legs, arms hang off the handle and only begin to bend once handle is above the knees, torso is strong with good posture and body angle opens up slowly as you drive the legs.



### Release Position

Legs straight, handle drawn to chest, sitting back just past the vertical, torso firm, shoulders relaxed, head up, and eyes looking forward.

## STORING YOUR WATERROWER

To store your WaterRower upright, slide the seat forward towards the footboard prior to lifting the rower. Then, lift the rear spacer, pull the WaterRower towards you, and use the momentum to stand it in an upright position. When stored upright, the WaterRower is stable and only takes up the space of a chair.

## CREATING YOUR EXERCISE PROGRAM

Do you want to reduce or maintain your weight? Perhaps you'd like to improve your physique. Are you a competitor that wants to train harder? Maybe you simply want to avoid the negative effects of a modern sedentary lifestyle. Whatever the case may be, identifying your fitness goal is essential to creating your exercise program – but it is equally important to understand *how* to achieve that goal by creating a roadmap to get there.

One of the best ways to do this is identifying short- and long-term objectives (stepping stones on the path to your fitness goal) that are **SMART**:

- ***Specific*** – a goal that is specific and has a targeted expectation
- ***Measurable*** – a goal that is trackable, so you can both measure your progress and hold yourself accountable
- ***Attainable*** – a goal that is both achievable and realistic will set you up for success and ensure you stay motivated
- ***Relevant*** – a goal that aligns with your fitness objective and makes sense to incorporate into your fitness plan
- ***Time-Bound*** – a goal with a time-sensitive element means you will be able to plan the incremental changes you need to achieve the goal and set milestones along the way

Here are some examples of SMART objectives:

- Short-term: *By fall, I will become an active member of a rowing club.*
- Long-term: *By this time next year, I will be a competitive rower and enter my first rowing regatta.*

Keeping yourself on track to achieve your goal(s) is essential. Consider holding yourself accountable by:

- blocking out time on your calendar for workouts
- joining exercise classes where regular attendance is expected
- consulting with a personal trainer or coach to map out a plan for you
- keeping a journal of your progress and celebrating when you accomplish your goals

## **HOWTOROW WEBSITE**

*HowToRow* is WATERROWER's rowing education website for users of all experience levels. Get the most out of your WaterRower as you learn how to improve technique, develop a workout plan, track performance progress, and more! For more information, please visit [www.HowToRow.com](http://www.HowToRow.com).

## **WATERCOACH PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM**

*WaterCoach Professional* is an ACE-certified course designed for fitness professionals and instructors to improve instruction on rowing, training, physiology, and technique for clients. For more information, please visit [www.HowToRow.com/watercoach-professional](http://www.HowToRow.com/watercoach-professional).

## **WEIGHT MAINTENANCE**

At lower intensities, our body uses a mixture of fat and carbohydrates as its source of fuel. As the maximum aerobic output is approached, the percentage of fat consumed as fuel reduces to zero. Also, as the duration of exercise is increased, the percentage of fat consumed tends to increase.

If your objective is weight maintenance, then the energy (food) you consume must equal energy used (exercise and metabolism). Exercising for weight maintenance is best achieved at lower intensities and over longer durations. A low exercise intensity (60 - 70% of the maximum heart rate) is about that achieved by a brisk walk – it is by no means strenuous; you should be able to hold a conversation.

## **AEROBIC TRAINING**

A sustained exercise program will improve the efficiency with which the respiratory and cardiovascular system can supply oxygen. This improves lung function, heart function, vascular efficiency, and capillary growth, leading to improved well-being and endurance. At about 70 - 80% of the maximum heart rate, lactic acid begins to accumulate in the blood supply at a greater rate than it can be extracted by the liver, kidneys, and other organs. Exercising above this intensity will cause progressive accumulation of lactic acid in the blood and increased heart and breathing rates – causing muscle fatigue.

Prolonged exercise at or below this intensity will maintain lactic acid at non-fatiguing levels and exercise duration will be limited solely to the depletion of available fuel stores. If your exercise objective is aerobic training (cardiovascular/endurance), then it is necessary to exercise at an intensity which will avoid fatigue due to lactic acid buildup. This is best achieved at moderate levels of intensity over medium/long durations.

A moderate exercise intensity (70-80% of the maximum heart rate) is about that achieved by a steady jog, avoiding the onset of muscle soreness.

## **ANAEROBIC TRAINING**

Anaerobic training causes the buildup of lactic acid (as rapidly as one minute after exercise is commenced). Lactic acid saturation will necessitate either a rapid reduction in exercise intensity or complete cessation.

The accumulation of lactic acid limits the contribution of the anaerobic process to total energy production. Though energy may be generated rapidly, total work capacity and total output is limited.

The level of intensity at which lactic acid begins to accumulate can be altered by training. This is best done by improving the efficiency of the aerobic process and is achieved by training at moderate levels of intensity.

Exercising at anaerobic intensities may condition an athlete's tolerance to fatigue, but the benefit can be more psychological than physiological. Prolonged exercise at high intensity not only impairs the weight reduction and aerobic training effect, but also brings rapid onset of fatigue, can cause poor technique, and increase risk of injury.

Training anaerobically is done at high intensities (80-100% of the maximum heart rate) over a short period of time (10 seconds to a few minutes). Interval training is a form of anaerobic training.

## **TRAINING RECOMMENDATIONS**

To ensure that you get the maximum benefit from training on your WaterRower and avoid unnecessary problems or injuries, we recommend:

- Consulting your doctor before starting an exercise program
- Using a heart rate to measure and monitor your intensity
- Always warming up and cooling down
- Always stretching, especially at the end of your workout
- Keeping a record of your workouts
- Staying well-hydrated
- Gradually increasing the intensity, duration, and / or frequency of your workouts over time
- Including recovery time in your training program
- Adding variety to your workouts

## PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Periodic maintenance is required to maintain the condition of the water in the tank. We advise using municipal tap water, as it contains treatments to keep it free from bacteria and algae, etc. Alternatively, you may also use distilled water. **DO NOT** use well water.

The water must be refreshed periodically by adding a Water Purification Tablet (provided). The purification tablet degrades by exposure to light: this may vary from 3 months in direct sunlight to 2 years in an artificially lit environment. Generally we suggest adding one purification tablet every 3-6 months. Additional purification tablets are available upon request at [www.waterrowerservice.com/puritabs](http://www.waterrowerservice.com/puritabs).

If water discoloration occurs before 3 months have passed, add a purification tablet immediately. If the water does not clear, we recommend emptying the tank, flushing it out with clean water, refilling, and adding a purification tablet. **NEVER USE POOL CHLORINE OR CHLORINE BLEACH** in the tank as this will irreparably damage the polycarbonate tank. The use of any water purification method other than purification tablets supplied by WATERROWER could void the warranty.

*Note: If using blue dye in your tank, remove and replace the water in the tank every 6-12 months. Do NOT use purification tablets as they will only "cancel out" the blue dye resulting in clear water that has not been purified.*

## CLEANING YOUR WATERROWER

To maintain the appearance and integrity of your WaterRower, it is necessary to keep the machine clean. It is particularly important to ensure that there is no dust buildup in the clutch and belt mechanism between the top and bottom decks. Dust can be removed by using a cloth, vacuum cleaner, or compressed air.

The surface of the rails must be kept clean to prevent dust and dirt from damaging the seat load wheels. Clean the rails by wiping with a damp cloth.

We recommend cleaning the surface of the tank with either a solution of soap and water or 70% isopropyl alcohol. **DO NOT** use chemical cleaners of any kind on the tank as it may damage the polycarbonate tank material.

**DO NOT USE METHYLATED SPIRITS, AMMONIA-BASED FLUIDS, CHLORATES, OR BLEACH WHEN CLEANING ANY PART OF YOUR WATERROWER.** The use of improper cleaning products could void the warranty.

## MAINTAINING THE WOOD

The natural hardwoods that WaterRowers are constructed with are finished with Danish oil, which gives a deep penetrating finish. Other than occasional dusting or polishing, the wood requires no maintenance. Using and / or storing your WaterRower in inclement weather, including (but not limited to) extreme temperatures and moisture, could void the warranty.

# ASSEMBLING YOUR ROWER

## OVERVIEW

Assembling your WaterRower takes about 30-45 minutes. Tools needed are included, however a flat-blade screwdriver and a soft cloth / microfiber towel are also recommended. Your WaterRower comes partially assembled.

**Please read the instructions in this manual fully before assembly.**

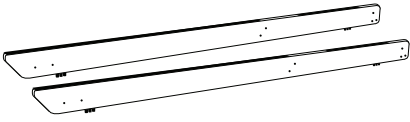
## MAIN PARTS\*

- A. Rail Set *(pair - left / right)*
- B. Rear Spacer Assembly *(with bungee)*
- C. Seat Assembly
- D. Footboard Assembly
- E. Tank Assembly *(with Smart Device Arm)*

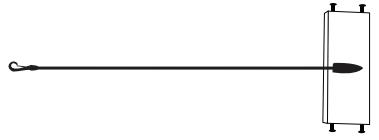
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## ANCILLARY PARTS

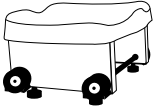
- F. 2 x Dolly Wheel Assembly *(WRP-D100)*
- G. 8 x JCB *(WRP-B711; 4 in bits tray, 4 installed on Rear Spacer Assembly)*
- H. 2 x Handle Rest *(WRP-P430)*
- I. 2 x Handle Rest Bolt *(WRP-P455)*
- J. 1 x 4mm Allen Key *(WRP-741; located in bits tray)*
- K. 1 x 5mm Allen Key *(WRP-740; located in bungee pod on Rear Spacer Assembly)*
- L. 2 x Footpad *(WRP-B700)*
- M. 1 x Syphon Pump *(WRP-B405)*
- N. 2 x Purification Tablet *(WRP-B960)*
- O. 1 x LightRing *(LR000)*
- P. 3 x Adhesive Cable Clip *(WRP-TA285)*



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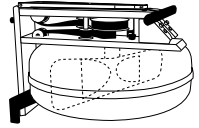
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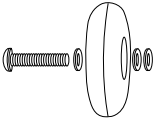
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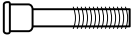
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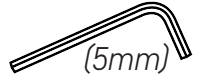
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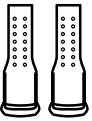
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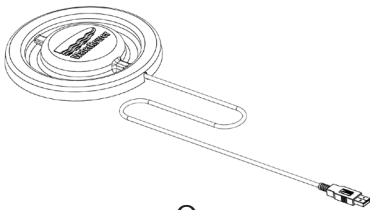
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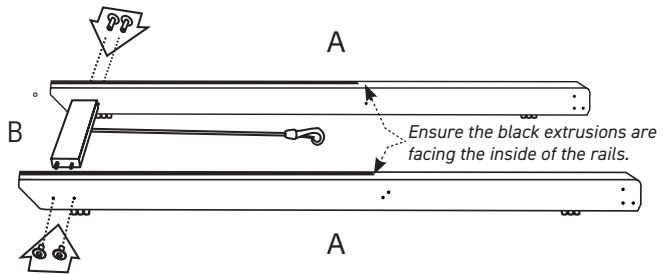
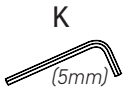
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# ASSEMBLY PROCESS

## STEP 1

Remove the rail set (A) from the rail box. Remove the rear spacer assembly (B) from the tank box and remove the 4 black JCNs from the studs of the rear spacer. Set the rails on the floor so they stand up. Using the provided 5mm Allen key (K), secure the rear spacer assembly (oriented with the bungee pod facing the floor) to the rails using the 4 JCNs you removed from the rear spacer.

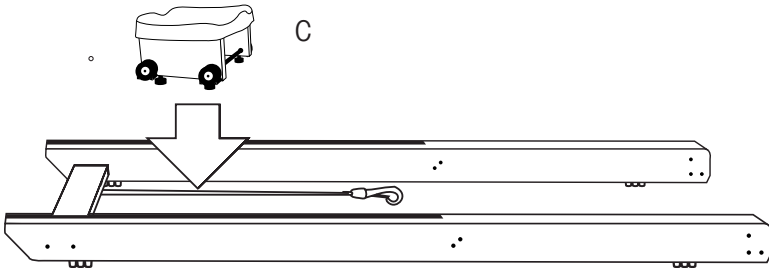
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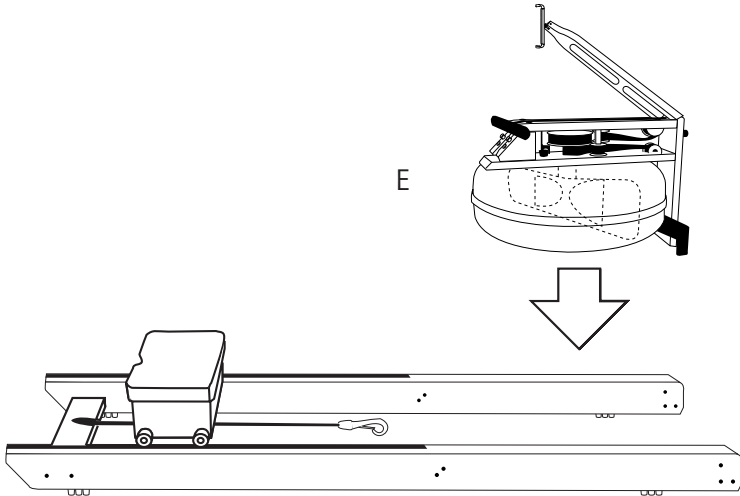
Remove the seat assembly (C) from the tank box and place it on / between the rails. The indented portion of the seat cushion must face towards the rear spacer as shown. The larger, vertical wheels (load wheels) should sit on the plastic extrusions on top of each rail. The smaller, horizontal wheels below the seat (guide wheels) should sit between the rails, underneath the lips of the black plastic extrusions.

*Note: It may be necessary to separate / tilt the rails slightly to allow the guide wheels to fit between the rails and under the lips of the extrusions.*



### STEP 3

Remove the tank assembly (E) from the tank box. Carefully place the tank assembly between the rails.



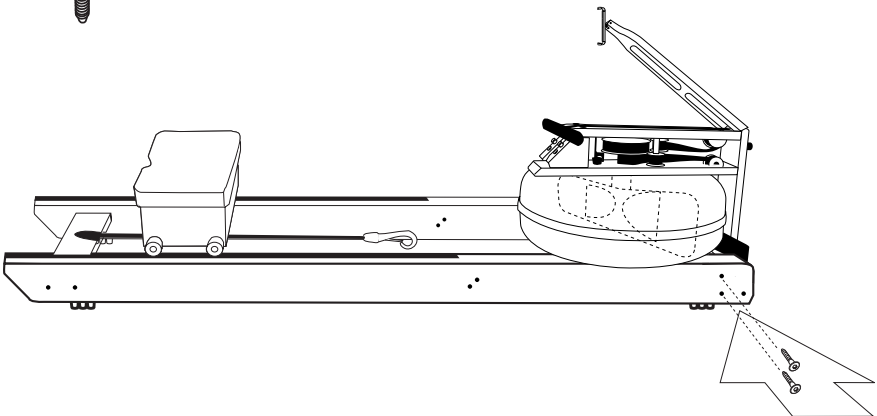
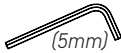
### STEP 4

Using the provided 5mm Allen key (K), secure the bracket of the tank assembly to the rails using 4 JCBs (G) – 2 per side. Tighten until snug.

G x 4



K



## STEP 5

Remove the footboard assembly (D) from the tank box. With the logo facing upward, carefully place the footboard between the rails. The holes in the top of the footboard (for the handle rests) should align with the threaded inserts in the black slanted brackets of the tank assembly.

*Note: It may be necessary to loosen the 2 bolts on the top deck using the provided 4mm Allen key (J) to permit clearance for the footboard to fit flush against the slanted brackets. If at any point during this step you experience difficulty aligning the components, loosen all the fasteners, align, then retighten.*

Using the provided 5mm Allen key (K), secure the footboard to the rails using 4 JCBs (G). Then, using the handle rest bolts (I) and Allen key, install the handle rests (H). Ensure that the flat surface of the handle rests is parallel to the ground.

*Note: This step also secures the footboard to the slanted brackets of the tank assembly. Do not overtighten the handle rest bolts – permanent damage to the slanted brackets may result.*

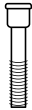
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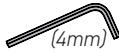
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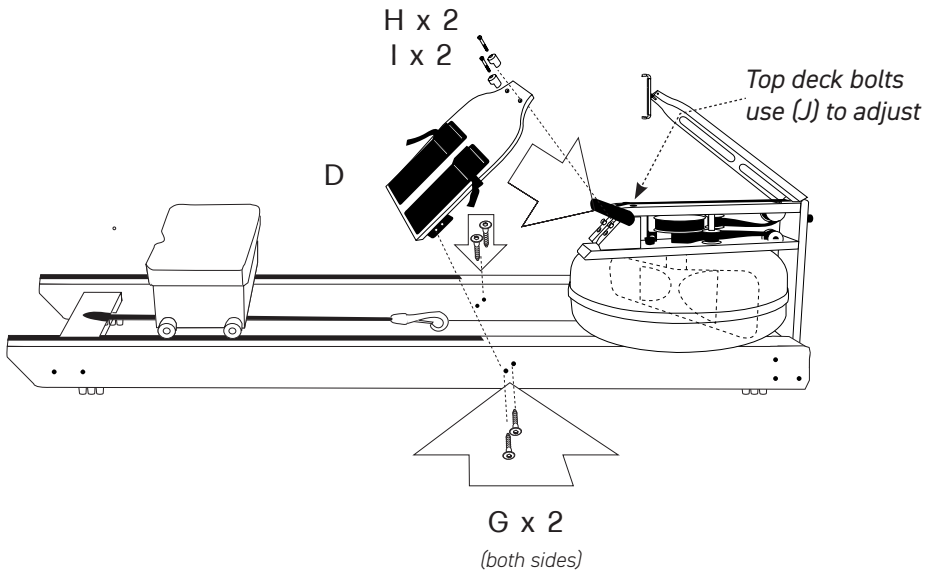
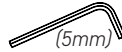
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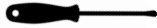


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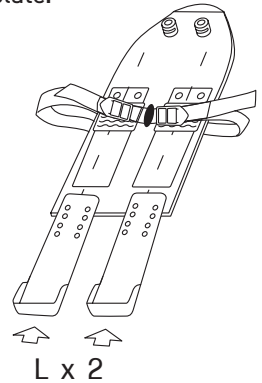
Remove both footpads (L) from the tank box. With the heel cups facing upward, slide each footpad through the cavity of its cover plate.

Use a flat-head screwdriver to lift the footpad up and over the adjustment pins.

If footpad position adjustment is required, simply lift the top lip of the footpad up to unhook it and reposition to another hole.



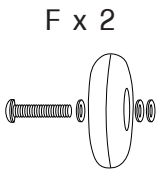
FLAT-HEAD SCREWDRIVER



## STEP 7

Using the provided 5mm Allen key (K) and dolly wheel assemblies (F), install the dolly wheels on the rails, taking care to arrange the washers as shown (2 washers between the wheel and rail, 1 washer between head of bolt and wheel).

Ensure the dolly wheels are flush to the outer surface of each rail.

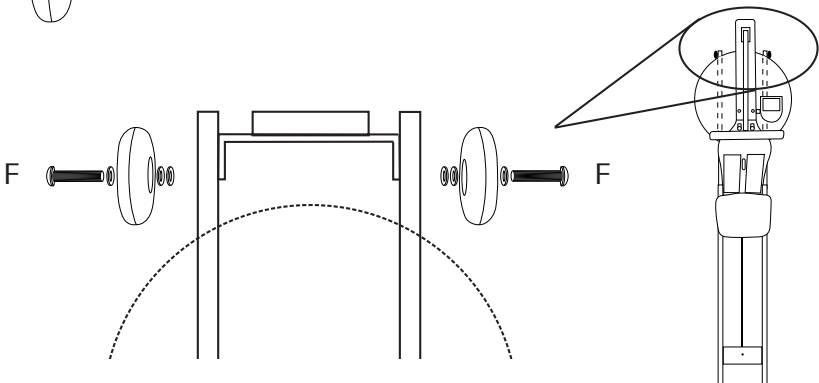


F x 2



K

(5mm)



## STEP 8

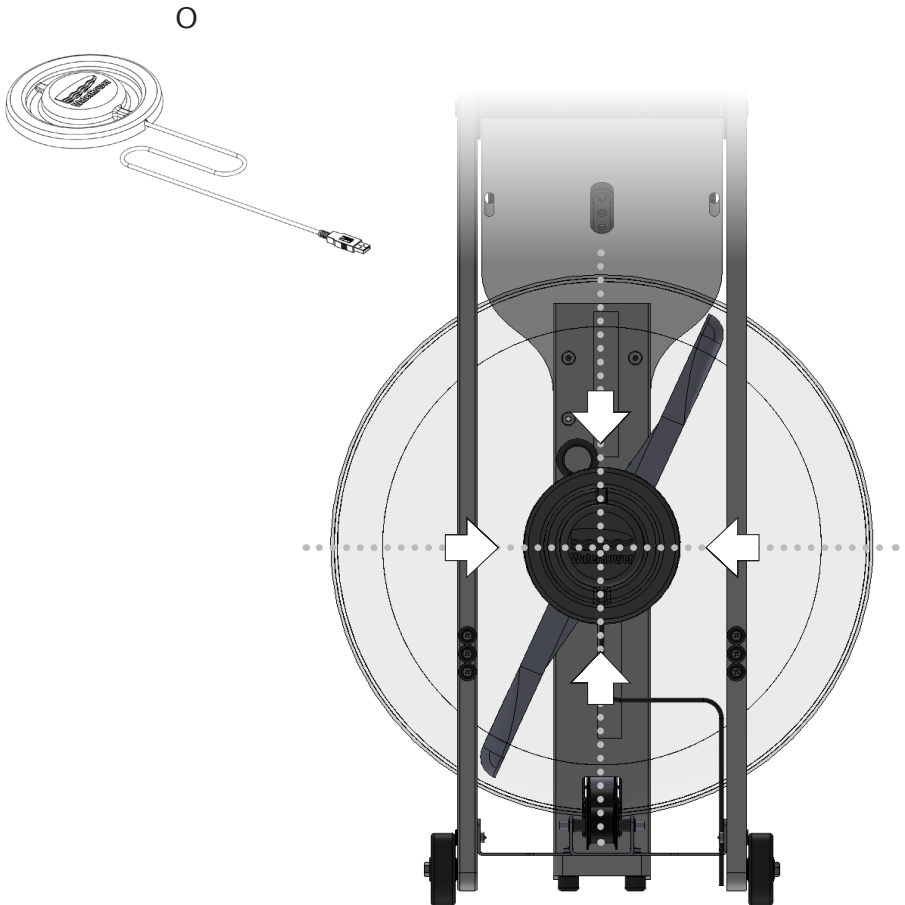
Stand the rower upright. Using a soft cloth or microfiber towel, clean any dust or foreign material from the bottom of the tank to prepare the surface for LightRing installation.

## STEP 9

**Before permanently installing the LightRing (O)** on the rower, practice aligning it in the center of the tank:

- **Centering horizontally (left / right)**  
Use the bottom deck as a reference.
- **Centering vertically (up / down)**  
Use the dimple on the bottom of the tank as a reference.

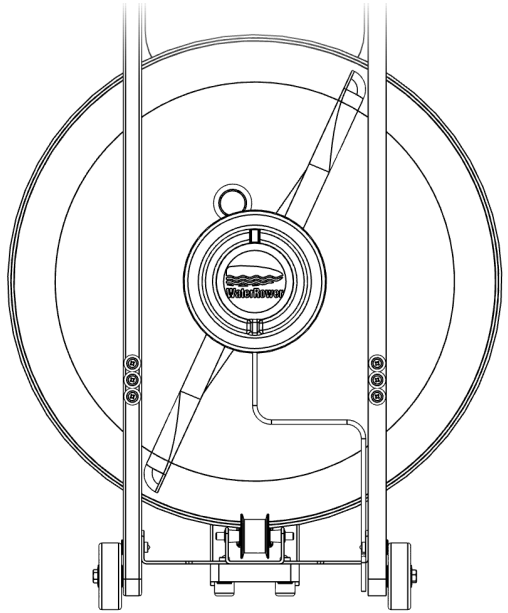
*Note: We suggest using masking tape or a dry-erase marker to make a reference mark that can be removed later.*



## STEP 10

**Install the LightRing.** Remove the white backing from the LightRing to expose the adhesive strips. Affix the LightRing to the center of the bottom of the tank by pressing firmly to engage the adhesive with the tank surface.

*Be sure the LightRing is centered with its USB cable oriented toward the front of the rower (the logo will be legible if oriented correctly)*

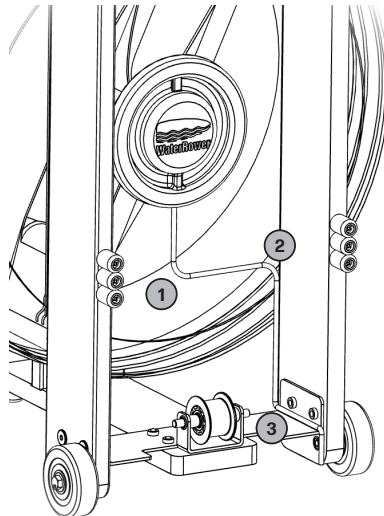


## STEP 11

Install the 3 adhesive cable clips (P) to secure the LightRing's USB cable in the locations shown:

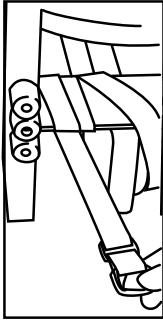
- ① On the bottom of the tank
- ② On the interior surface of the right rail
- ③ On the right interior surface of the front bracket

P x 3



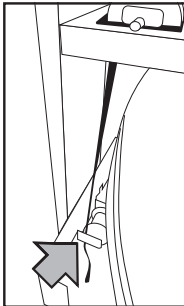
## STEP 12

Unravel the recoil belt from the bottom bracket of the tank assembly.

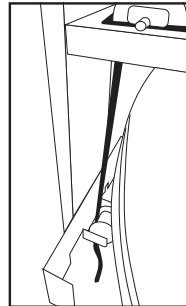


Feed the recoil belt over the upper and lower pulleys at the front of the rower, ensuring the belt is not misaligned.

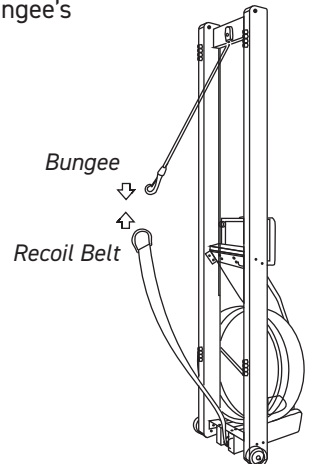
*Misaligned*



*Aligned*



Connect the bungee to the recoil belt by linking the bungee's hook with the recoil belt's D-ring.

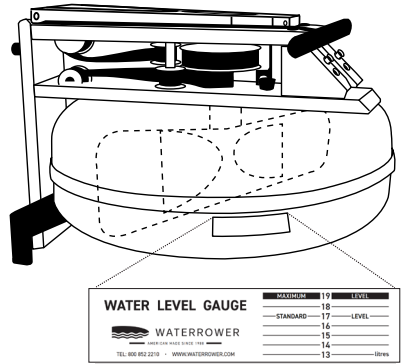


# FILLING AND EMPTYING THE TANK

## WATER LEVEL

The Water Level Gauge is positioned on the side of the tank. We advise filling the tank to the standard calibration level – **Level 17**.

The maximum fill point for the tank is Level 19. **DO NOT** fill above the maximum level – this could void the warranty.



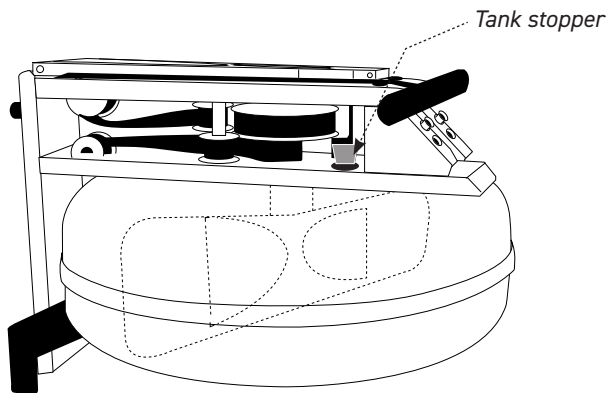
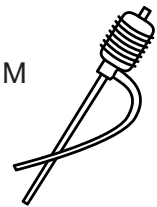
## HOW TO FILL AND EMPTY THE TANK

Lay the WaterRower flat and remove the tank stopper (located between the top and bottom deck, behind the black slanted brackets). Using either a hose or the included syphon pump (M), fill the tank to the desired level with either municipal tap water or distilled water and insert 1 purification tablet (N).

*Note: See instructions on the next pages for how to operate the siphon pump.*

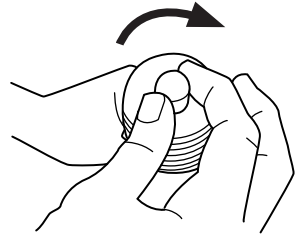
Reinstall the tank stopper. It may be necessary to moisten the tank stopper to assist with installation.

Be sure to wipe excess water from wooden components after filling to prevent damage to the wood's finish.

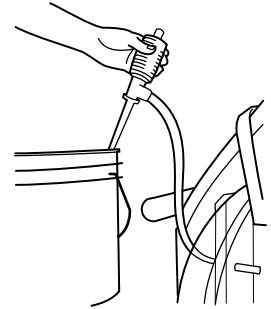


## USING THE SYPHON: FILLING THE TANK

1. To start the flow of water, turn the valve of the pump **clockwise** to close the syphon's valve.

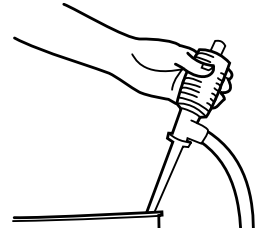


2. Place a bucket of water on a surface that is **higher than the tank assembly, such as on a chair**. Insert the syphon's take-up tube into the bucket of water and the syphon's hose into the tank of the rower.

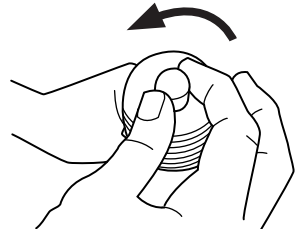


3. Squeeze the pump 4-5 times, until water begins flowing from the bucket into the tank.

*Note: Do NOT overfill the tank. Anything beyond Level 19 (the maximum level indicated on the tank water level gauge) may risk leaking and void your warranty.*

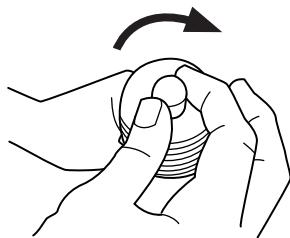


4. To stop the flow of water, turn the valve of the pump **counter-clockwise** to open the syphon's valve.

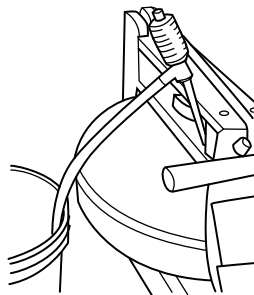


## USING THE SYPHON: EMPTYING THE TANK

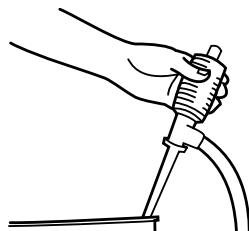
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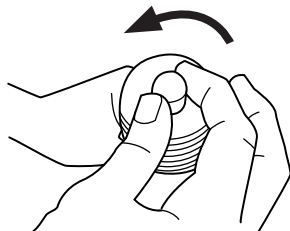
2. Place a bucket *on the floor*. Insert the syphon's take-up tube into the tank of the rower and the syphon's hose into the bucket.



3. Squeeze the pump 4-5 times, until water begins flowing from the tank into the bucket.



4. To stop the flow of water, turn the valve of the pump *counter-clockwise* to open the syphon's valve.



# TROUBLESHOOTING

## RECOIL BELT REQUIRES ADJUSTMENT

Make sure the recoil belt is properly tensioned:

- The recoil belt is too tight if the bungee is resisting you at the back of your stroke (when you are farthest from the tank)
- The recoil belt is too loose if there is slack during the recovery phase of your stroke (when you are coming forward toward the tank)

Adjusting the recoil belt is simple:

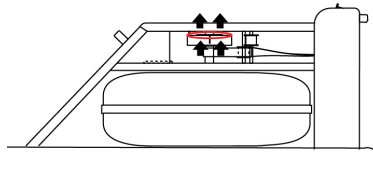
1. Rest the handle fully forward (resting against the forward riser).
2. Unclip the recoil belt from the bungee cord.
3. Adjust the recoil belt using the ladder lock buckle of the belt.
4. To increase tension, shorten the belt. To reduce tension, lengthen the belt.

It may be necessary to perform these two simple procedures once or twice over the first month of use. Please refer to *Adjusting the Recoil* video at [www.waterrowerservice.com/videos](http://www.waterrowerservice.com/videos).

## MONITOR IS FLASHING ZEROS

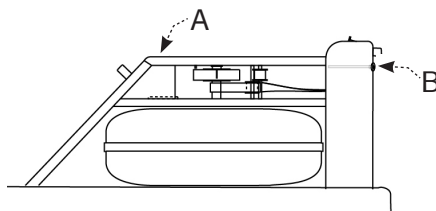
### SOLUTION 1

Try raising the sensor disk (located on top of the clutch). During shipment, the disk may have shifted.



### SOLUTION 2

Loosen and retighten the bolts on the top deck and forward riser (locations A and B below). If these bolts are not uniformly tightened during assembly, the alignment may be off.



## **MONITOR DOES NOT COUNT DOWN**

Verify the monitor and sensor connector is connected. Check that all wiring is intact.

## **PADDLE DOES NOT TURN SMOOTHLY**

Loosen all tank bolts and retighten. See instructions at [www.waterrowerservice.com/tank-paddle-rubbing-troubleshooting](http://www.waterrowerservice.com/tank-paddle-rubbing-troubleshooting).

## **FASTENERS HAVE LOOSENED**

Over time and with use, hardware can come loose. Use the provided 4mm and 5mm Allen Keys (J, K) to gently tighten any bolts, JCNs, or JCBs as needed. If the hardware continues to loosen, use a small amount of medium strength Loctite® to fasten these items more securely.

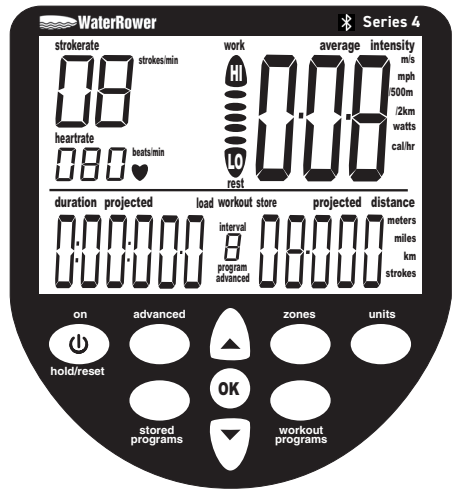
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If you need additional assistance, contact us at  
[support@waterrower.com](mailto:support@waterrower.com).

# OPERATING THE BLUETOOTH S4 MONITOR

The WaterRower S4 Bluetooth Performance Monitor has been designed to balance a high level of technical sophistication, user-friendliness, and wireless convenience.

The Monitor consists of the following information buttons and windows – please see the following pages for specific details about each button and window.



## BUTTONS

### • On / Hold / Reset Button

Press the ON button to start up the monitor: the units will flash ready to count down as you begin rowing. To reset the monitor, press the ON button for 2 seconds.

### • Programming Buttons

Zones, Workout Programs, Advanced, Stored Programs

### • Navigation / Select / Display Information Buttons

Up, Down, OK, Units

## WINDOWS

### • Information / Programming Windows

*Strokerate, Heart Rate, Duration, Intensity, Average Intensity, Distance*

These Information and Programming Windows show your current and programmed workout details.

### • Zone Bar Window

Seen in the top middle part of the screen, the Zone Hi / Zone Lo bars are used during zone, interval and advanced workouts. They will flash and emit a high frequency tone when your Hi or Lo limit is breached.

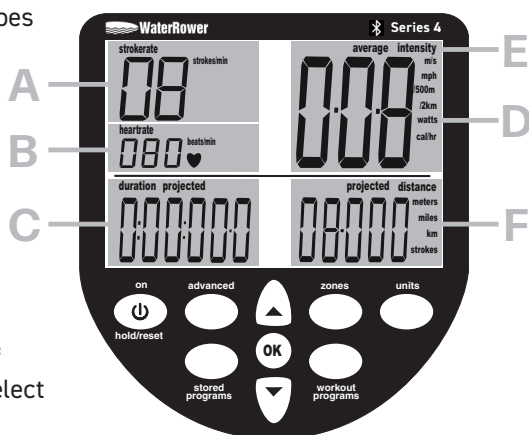
### • Stored Workout / Interval Number / Advanced Program Number

Seen in the bottom middle part of the screen, this window displays numbers to navigate through numbered or sequenced information (stored workouts, intervals and advanced programs).

# PRIMARY INFORMATION DISPLAYED ON THE MONITOR

The Monitor can display 6 main types of data when in use:

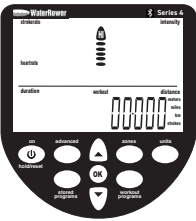
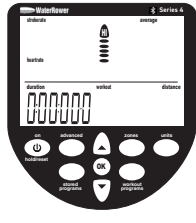
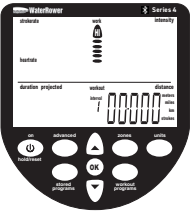
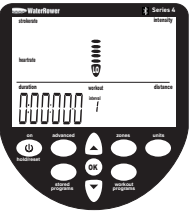
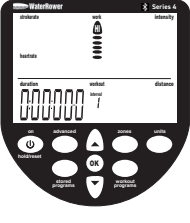
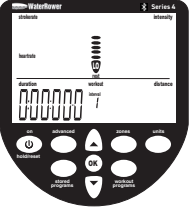
- A. Strokerate
- B. Heart Rate
- C. Duration
- D. Intensity
- E. Average Intensity
- F. Distance



The chart below describes each of these in detail, including how to select desired units.

<b>A – Strokerate</b>	
Displays the number of strokes rowed per minute.	
<b>B – Heart Rate</b>	
Displays current heart rate (requires optional heart rate receiver and transmitter).	
<b>C – Duration</b>	
Displays time in: HOURS, MINUTES, SECONDS, DECIMAL SECONDS.	
<b>D – Intensity</b>	
Displays <u>SPEED / POWER / ENERGY</u> :	To select desired intensity unit:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>M/s</b> – METERS PER SECOND</li> <li>• <b>MPH</b> – MILES PER HOUR</li> <li>• <b>/500M</b> – MINUTES PER 500 METERS</li> <li>• <b>/2KM</b> – MINUTES PER 2 KILOMETERS</li> <li>• <b>WATTS</b> – WATTS</li> <li>• <b>CAL/HR</b> – CALORIES BURNT PER HOUR</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>Units</b> button <i>once</i>.</li> <li>2. Use the <b>Arrow</b> buttons to scroll to the desired intensity unit.</li> <li>3. Press the <b>OK</b> button to select.</li> </ol>
<b>E – Average Intensity</b>	
Displays <u>AVERAGE SPEED</u> :	To select desired average intensity unit:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>M/s</b> – METERS PER SECOND</li> <li>• <b>MPH</b> – MILES PER HOUR</li> <li>• <b>/500M</b> – MINUTES PER 500 METERS</li> <li>• <b>/2KM</b> – MINUTES PER 2 KILOMETERS</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>Units</b> button <i>two (2) times</i>.</li> <li>2. Use the <b>Arrow</b> buttons to scroll to the desired intensity unit.</li> <li>3. Press <b>OK</b> to select.</li> </ol>
<b>F – Distance</b>	
Displays <u>SPEED / POWER / ENERGY</u> :	To select desired distance unit:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>METERS</b></li> <li>• <b>MILES</b></li> <li>• <b>KILOMETERS (KM)</b></li> <li>• <b>STROKES</b></li> <li>• <b>CALORIES (KCAL)</b></li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press <b>UNITS</b> <i>three (3) times</i>.</li> <li>2. Use the <b>Arrow</b> buttons to scroll to the desired distance unit.</li> <li>3. Press the <b>OK</b> button to select.</li> </ol>

# WORKOUT PROGRAMS BUTTON

Distance Workout		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>Workout Programs</b> button <i>once</i>.</li> <li>2. Using the <b>Arrow</b> buttons, scroll to the desired workout <i>distance</i>.</li> <li>3. Press the <b>OK</b> button. Row.</li> </ol>	
Duration Workout		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>Workout Programs</b> button <i>two (2) times</i>.</li> <li>2. Using the <b>Arrow</b> buttons, scroll to the desired workout <i>duration</i>.</li> <li>3. Press the <b>OK</b> button. Row.</li> </ol>	
Interval Workout - Distance		
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>Workout Programs</b> button <i>three (3) times</i>.</li> <li>2. Using the <b>Arrow</b> buttons, scroll to the desired <i>interval one (1) distance</i>.</li> <li>3. Press the <b>OK</b> button.</li> <li>4. Using the <b>Arrow</b> buttons, scroll to the desired <i>interval one (1) recovery duration*</i>.</li> <li>5. Press the <b>OK</b> button.</li> <li>6. Repeat steps 2-5 (up to 9 distance intervals may be entered).</li> <li>7. Press the <b>OK</b> button <i>two (2) times</i> to end sequence. Row.</li> </ol>
Interval 1 Workout Distance	Interval 1 Recovery Duration*	
Interval Workout - Duration		
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>Workout Programs</b> button <i>four (4) times</i>.</li> <li>2. Using the <b>Arrow</b> buttons, scroll to the desired <i>interval one (1) workout duration</i>.</li> <li>3. Press the <b>OK</b> button.</li> <li>4. Using the <b>Arrow</b> buttons, scroll to the desired <i>interval one (1) recovery duration*</i>.</li> <li>5. Press the <b>OK</b> button.</li> <li>6. Repeat steps 2-5 (up to 9 distance intervals may be entered).</li> <li>7. Press the <b>OK</b> button <i>two (2) times</i> to end sequence. Row.</li> </ol>
Interval 1 Workout Duration	Interval 1 Recovery Duration*	

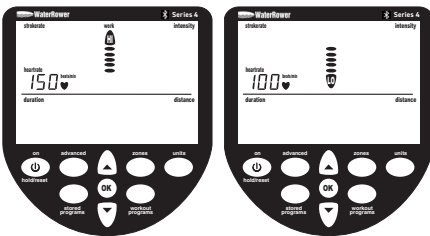
\* **RECOVERY DURATION** OF LESS THAN 2 MINUTES MUST BE SET OR MONITOR WILL POWER OFF.

# ZONES BUTTON

Zone setting allows the user to set upper (hi) and lower (lo) limits for *heart rate*, *intensity*, and *strokerate*.

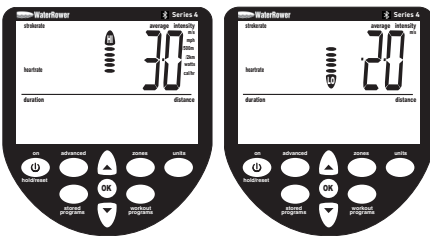
- When the set **zone lo** limit is breached the **zone bar lo** flag will flash and a low frequency tone will emit.
- When the set **zone hi** limit is breached the **zone bar hi** flag will flash and a low frequency tone will emit.
- When operating between the upper and lower zone limits, the position in this range will be displayed by the divisional zone bars.

## Heart Rate Zone Setting



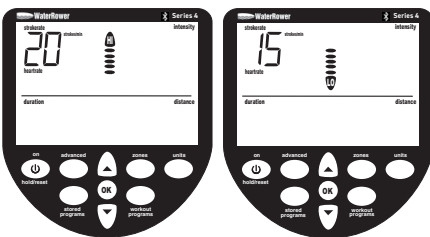
1. Press the **Zones** button *once*.
2. Using the **Arrow** buttons, scroll to the desired **upper limit**.
3. Press the **OK** button.
4. Using the **Arrow** buttons, scroll to the desired **lower limit**.
5. Press the **OK** button. Row.

## Intensity Zone Setting



1. Press the **Zones** button *two (2) times*.
2. Using the **Arrow** buttons, scroll to the desired **upper limit**.
3. Press the **OK** button.
4. Using the **Arrow** buttons, scroll to the desired **lower limit**.
5. Press the **OK** button. Row.

## Strokerate Zone Setting



1. Press the **Zones** button *three (3) times*.
2. Using the **Arrow** buttons, scroll to the desired **upper limit**.
3. Press the **OK** button.
4. Using the **Arrow** buttons, scroll to the desired **lower limit**.
5. Press the **OK** button. Row.

# ADVANCED BUTTON

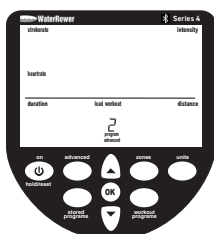
## Advanced Program 1: Store Workout Settings



This program allows manual storage of workout settings. This is useful if the monitor is used by several users and the AutoStore programs are overwritten.

1. Press the **Advanced** button *once*.
2. Press the **OK** button.
3. Using the **Arrow** buttons, scroll to the desired workout storage location (1-9).
4. Press the **OK** button.

## Advanced Program 2: Retrieve Workout Settings



1. Press the **Advanced** button *two (2) times*.
2. Press the **OK** button.
3. Using the **Arrow** buttons, scroll to the desired workout storage location (1-9).
4. Press the **OK** button.
5. The workout settings stored in the selected location will be loaded.

*Note: Retrieving workouts can also be loaded by pressing the **Stored Programs** button (see AutoStore Programs section).*

## Advanced Program 3: Projected Duration



**Projected duration** is the duration projected for the set distance given the current intensity. **Projected duration** must be selected immediately prior to the workout and is current only for that workout.

1. Press the **Advanced** button *three (3) times*.
2. Press the **OK** button. Row

**Projected duration** is now selected and will be displayed in lieu of **duration** for 2 seconds out of every 10 seconds.

## Advanced Program 4: Projected Distance



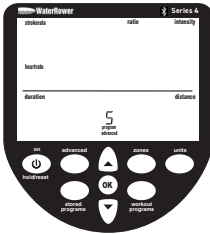
**Projected distance** is the duration projected for the set duration given the current intensity. **Projected distance** must be selected immediately prior to the workout and is current only for that workout.

1. Press the **Advanced** button *four (4) times*.
2. Press the **OK** button. Row

**Projected distance** is now selected and will be displayed in lieu of **distance** for 2 seconds out of every 10 seconds.

## ADVANCED BUTTON (CONTINUED)

### Advanced Program 5: *Ratio*



**Advanced Program 5** allows you to view the ratio between the power and recovery parts of the stroke. The recovery ratio must be selected immediately prior to the workout and is current only for that workout.

1. Press the **Advanced** button *five (5) times*.
2. Press the **OK** button.

**Power:Recovery Ratio** is now selected and will be displayed in lieu of *duration* for 2 seconds out of every 10 seconds.

### Advanced Program 6: *Advanced Heart Rate Analysis*

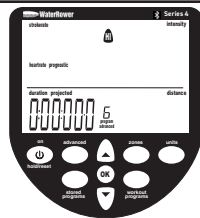
**Advanced Program 6** is available only during Heart rate Zone Workouts and must be viewed following the workout.

1. Press the **Advanced** button *six (6) times*.
2. Press the **OK** button.
3. Heart rate statistics will display the following information:



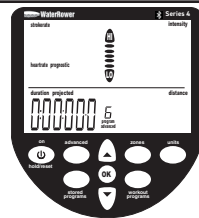
#### **Maximum (peak) heart rate:**

The maximum heart rate achieved shows in the heart rate window.



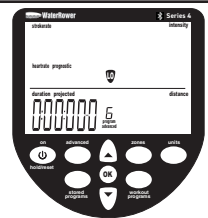
#### **Total time spent above the desired heart rate zone:**

The time spent above the heart rate zone hi setting shows in the time window.



#### **Total time spent within the desired heart rate zone:**

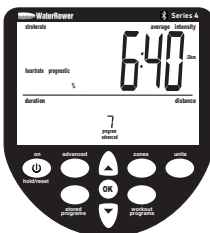
The time spent between the heart rate zone hi and lo shows in the time window.



#### **Total time spent below the desired heart rate zone:**

The time spent below the heart rate lo setting shows in the time window.

### Advanced Program 7: *Prognostics*

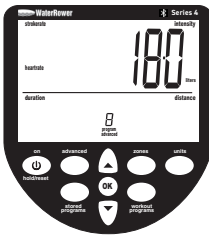


**Advanced Program 7** allows you to view the ratio between the power and recovery parts of the stroke. The recovery ratio must be selected immediately prior to the workout and is current only for that workout.

1. Press the **Advanced** button *seven (7) times*.
2. Press the **OK** button.
3. Enter your expected 2km time using the **Arrow** buttons.
4. When your desired 2km duration is reached, press the **OK** button.

## ADVANCED BUTTON (CONTINUED)

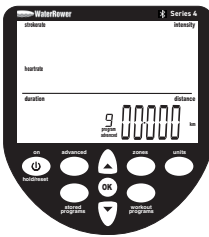
### Advanced Program 8: Tank Volume



This program allows you to input the volume of water in the tank. The tank volume is necessary in calculation of power (watts).

1. Press the **Advanced** button *eight (8) times*.
2. Press the **OK** button.
3. Using the **Arrow** buttons, enter the tank volume (seen in the intensity window).
4. When the desired volume is reached, press the **OK** button.

### Advanced Program 9: Firmware Version / Total Machine Distance

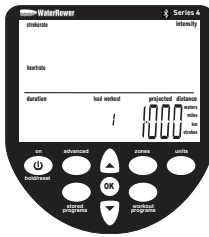


This program allows you to view the Firmware Version (the version of the software that runs the Monitor), as well as the total distance your WaterRower has "traveled".

1. Press the **Advanced** button *nine (9) times*
2. The total lifetime distance (in km) will be displayed.
3. Press the **OK** button.
4. The Firmware version will be displayed.

## STORED PROGRAMS BUTTON

### AutoStore Programs



The Monitor includes an AutoStore function which automatically stores the last 9 historic workout program settings.

*Note: Changing the batteries will erase stored programs.*

### Retrieving AutoStore Programs



1. Press the **Stored Programs** button *once*.
2. The historic sequence of workouts (1-9) will appear in the program window.
3. The Monitor will automatically scroll through the workout settings.
4. When the desired workout is highlighted, press the **OK** button. Row.

# USING BLUETOOTH CONNECTIVITY

## Connecting to other devices with Bluetooth

Your WaterRower S4 Bluetooth Performance Monitor has built-in Bluetooth wireless technology, making it simple to utilize your iOS or Android device to use the **WaterRower Connect** app and additional third-party apps.

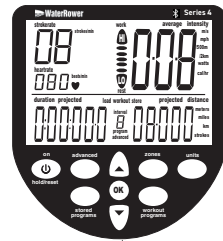
1. Download and install the **WaterRower Connect** app on your mobile device.
2. Enable Bluetooth on your mobile device.
3. Open the **WaterRower Connect** app on your mobile device. Become familiar with the app's various screens and create a login.
4. Power on your Monitor.  
*The Monitor's Bluetooth status indicator light will flash blue.*
5. Log in to the **WaterRower Connect** app.
6. Find your Monitor's ID number in the app and connect to it (the ID number should begin with "S4 BLE").  
*The Monitor's Bluetooth status indicator light will be steady green for 30 seconds, then be flashing green thereafter.*
7. You are now ready to begin your digital rowing experience.



Scan this QR code to download the **WaterRower Connect** app and learn more about enhancing your rowing experience with WATERROWER-approved apps. **WaterRower Connect** is required in order to use your rower's LightRing.

## Bluetooth status indicator light meanings

Your Monitor is equipped with a Bluetooth status indicator light located on the curved surface at the bottom of the Monitor.



*Bluetooth status indicator*

### Status indicator light is **flashing blue**:

The Monitor is powered on and advertising its Bluetooth availability to other devices.

*Note: The Monitor's Bluetooth is always turned on – you do not need to change any settings to enable or disable this feature.*

### Status indicator light is **steady green** (for 30 seconds):

The Monitor has connected successfully to another device.

### Status indicator light is **flashing green**:

The Monitor is in an ongoing connection to another device.

*Note: A small PC symbol will be displayed on the Monitor.*

# OPERATING THE LIGHTRING

The LightRing enhances your workout by lighting your WaterRower's tank with wirelessly-controllable colors in a variety of modes.

## POWERING ON

To power on your LightRing, attach the end of its USB power cord to a USB charging block and plug into a standard wall outlet. The LightRing will glow in *blue* momentarily to confirm it is energized. Once powered on, the LightRing is in pairing mode and awaits a Bluetooth connection.



## USING THE LIGHTRING WITH THE BATTERY PACK

If using the LightRing with the optional LightRing Battery Pack, plug the LightRing's USB power cord into either of the Battery Pack's USB ports. The Battery Pack will automatically power on and the LightRing will glow in *blue* momentarily to confirm it is energized.

*Note: If using the Battery Pack, you can confirm how much charge the Battery Pack has by pressing its ON / OFF button once – doing so will display remaining charge as a percentage on the Battery Pack's LED screen.*

## CONNECTING THE LIGHTRING TO YOUR DEVICE

To begin using your LightRing, first download and install the **WaterRower Connect** app on your device. Once the app is set up and launched:

1. Tap the **gear icon** at top right to access the *Settings* screen.
2. On the *Settings* screen, tap **LightRing controls**.
3. On the *Device connections* screen, tap your LightRing device to connect.

## CHANGING THE MODE OF YOUR LIGHTRING

To change the mode of your LightRing:

1. Tap the **gear icon** at top right to access the *Settings* screen.
2. On the *Settings* screen, tap **LightRing controls**.
3. On the *Device connections* screen, ensure your LightRing device is highlighted, then tap **Continue**.
4. On the *Choose workout animation* screen, select one of the modes (explained in detail on the next page), then tap **Choose animation**.

## **WATERROWER CONNECT APP**

Scan below to download the *WaterRower Connect* app.  
The LightRing cannot function without the app.



### **Please note:**

The LightRing's features and functions will evolve over time. Keep the WaterRower Connect app on your device current to enjoy updates to your LightRing's functionality as they are released.



## **LightRing Battery Pack LR200**

**Add quick-start portability to your workouts and enjoy your rower's LightRing anywhere with the LightRing Battery Pack.**

The LightRing Battery Pack boasts 20,000mAh of capacity for long uses, has a convenient digital display for remaining charge, and supports 9V / 2A fast charging via Micro USB or USB-C ports. With 2 USB-A output ports and 1 USB-C output port, you can power both the LightRing and your mobile device at the same time.

The kit includes the Battery Pack, a Type-A to USB-C charging cable, and a self-adhesive mounting clip.

# LIMITED WARRANTY

## WHAT THIS WARRANTY COVERS

In-Home and Commercial Use – WaterRower (US) Inc. (“WATERROWER”) will replace or repair at its factory or nominated service facility any WaterRower Rowing Machine (the “Product”) found to be defective in material or workmanship for a period of ONE (1) YEAR from the date of initial shipment of the Product by WATERROWER. This Limited Warranty is upgradeable to THREE (3) YEARS on all components (excluding touchscreen electronics, electronics accessories, and rechargeable batteries) and FIVE (5) YEARS on the structural frame by registering the Product within the first year of purchase.

**WATERROWER warrants against defects in material or workmanship for touchscreen electronics, electronics accessories, and rechargeable batteries received from WATERROWER or any of its authorized dealers for a period of ONE (1) YEAR after the date of shipment.**

WATERROWER warrants against any replacement WaterRower spare part received from WATERROWER or any of its authorized dealers for a period of NINETY (90) DAYS after the date of shipment.

This Limited Warranty applies to the initial purchasers of the Product or spare part(s) ONLY and is not transferable to any other party.

## HOW CAN A CUSTOMER OBTAIN WARRANTY SERVICE?

A customer making a warranty claim is responsible to return the defective Product or component(s) to WATERROWER’s factory or its nominated service center, prepaying all postage or other shipping charges. The Product or component must be returned to your nearest WATERROWER office or nominated service center (see [www.waterrower.com/us/support/contact](http://www.waterrower.com/us/support/contact)). The customer must first notify WATERROWER of their intent to return the Product or component(s) and receive a confirmation from WaterRower before the Product or component(s) are returned.

## CLAIMANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

A claimant must ensure that the defective Product or component(s) are properly packed to protect the item(s) from damage during shipping. WATERROWER will not be responsible for any damage that occurs to the Product or component(s) during shipment.

## **WHAT WATERROWER WILL DO**

WATERROWER will review, repair, or replace the Product or component(s) at WATERROWER's discretion. WATERROWER will then return the repaired or replaced Product or component(s) to the claimant at WATERROWER's expense. WATERROWER will ground / economy ship all replacement warranty Products or components to claimant. Charges will apply for any alternative shipping methods requested by claimant. Product shipped outside of its initial purchase country may be subject to additional shipping costs. Where the product warranty has been deemed void, the costs of repair and any associated shipping costs shall be borne by the claimant. WATERROWER will contact the claimant prior to returning the repaired Product or component(s).

## **WHEN THIS LIMITED WARRANTY WILL BE VOID**

This Limited Warranty will be void if the claim has resulted from: (a) improper assembly of the Product; (b) usage of the Product beyond its design; (c) overfilling of the Product's water tank, as explained in the WaterRower Owner's Manual; (d) use of a purification product in the water tank that is not WATERROWER-approved; (e) use of improper cleaning materials, as described in the preventative maintenance steps in the WaterRower Owner's Manual; (f) use and / or storage of the Product in inclement weather, including (but not limited to) extreme temperatures and moisture; (g) accident, abuse, misuse, misapplication, or as a result of any modification other than that authorized by WATERROWER; and (h) improper preventative maintenance steps as described in the WaterRower Owner's Manual.

## **RESTRICTIONS - DURATION OF IMPLIED WARRANTIES**

The term of any implied warranty, including (but not limited to) any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose that may arise under your country, province, or state law is limited to the term of the express Limited Warranty in the first paragraph, above. Some states (countries and provinces) do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation may not apply to you.

## **RESTRICTIONS - OTHER DAMAGES**

WATERROWER shall not be liable for any direct, consequential, incidental, indirect, or special damages under this Limited Warranty (or any implied warranty) that may arise under your country, province, or state law. Some states (countries and provinces) do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

Any dispute arising from the terms of this Limited Warranty must be resolved in a court within the state of Rhode Island, USA.

Additional information on parts, assembly, preventative maintenance, and manuals (as referred to within this Limited Warranty) can be found at [www.waterrowerservice.com](http://www.waterrowerservice.com).



If you have any questions or comments about the assembly or use of your rower, please contact [support@waterrower.com](mailto:support@waterrower.com) or visit [www.waterrowerservice.com](http://www.waterrowerservice.com).