

## Installation & Operating Manual

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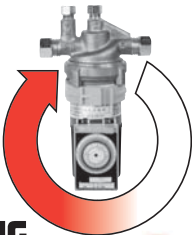
## The Instant Hot Water Pump

Model ACT-303-BTW and ACT-303-BTRW

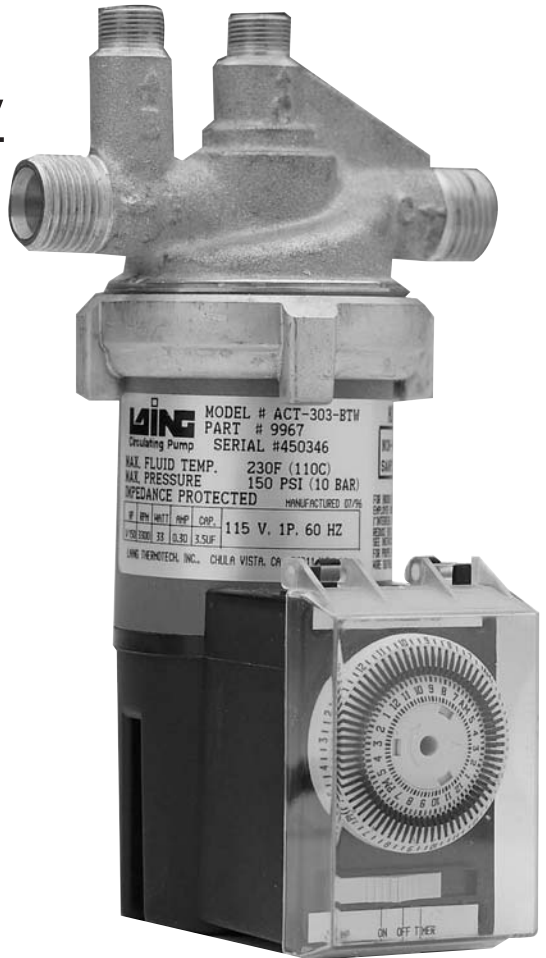
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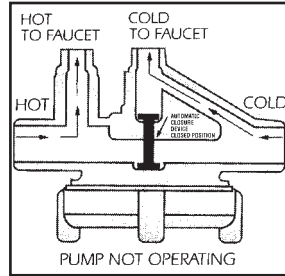
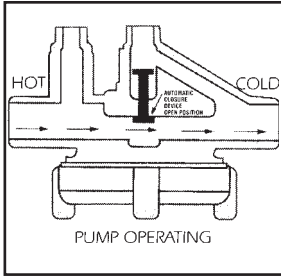


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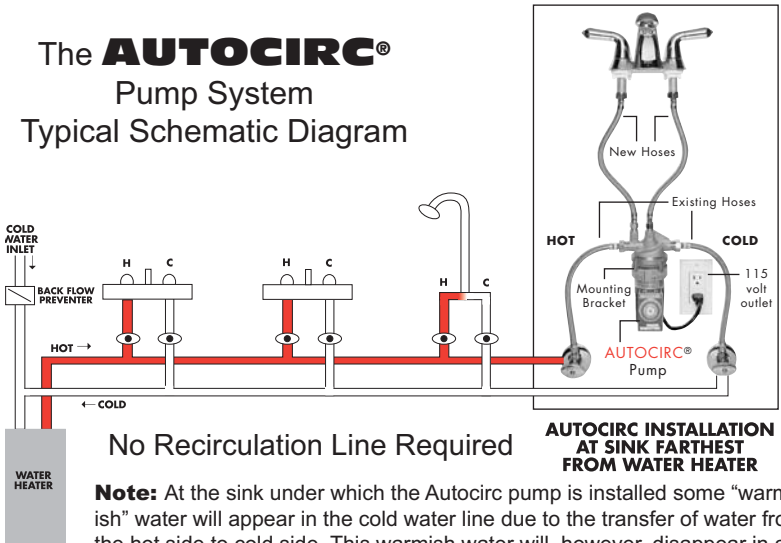
# How the **AUTOCIRC®** Pump System Works

The AUTOCIRC® pump is installed under the sink farthest from the water heater, where hot water takes longest to arrive.



- A built-in temperature sensor automatically turns the pump on when the water temperature in the hot water supply line cools down to 85°F (for BTRW models, refer to instructions on page 6). The pump then moves the cool water in the hot water supply line into the cold water supply line.
- When the pump is off, a built-in auto closure device (check valve) prevents hot and cold water mixing.
- Hot water will also be instantly available at all other faucets between the water heater and the sink under which the Autocirc pump is installed.
- AUTOCIRC® Pump turns off automatically when water temperature reaches 95°F, ensuring instant availability of shower warm water with maximum temperature hot water only seconds behind.

## The **AUTOCIRC®** Pump System Typical Schematic Diagram



**Note:** At the sink under which the Autocirc pump is installed some "warm-ish" water will appear in the cold water line due to the transfer of water from the hot side to cold side. This warmish water will, however, disappear in a short time once the cold faucet is opened.

# Installation

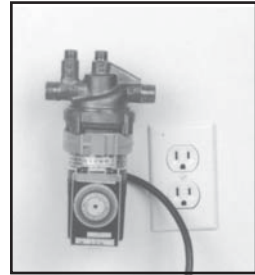
## Step 1

If not already available, install a 115 volt outlet within six (6) feet of the installation site (the faucet farthest from the water heater), as the Autocirc is supplied with a 6 ft. long, grounded cord. The Autocirc pump requires only 33 watts and 0.3 amps of power (see fig. 1).



## Step 2

Fasten the Autocirc to the wall under the sink using the wall bracket provided in the Autocirc kit. Be sure the pump timer is turned toward the front and is accessible for setting and changing the time (see fig. 2). The pump must be installed only in a vertical position as shown.



**CAUTION! Do not fasten pump to a thin wood panel wall as this might create a vibration noise when the pump is operating.**

## Step 3

Close the under sink hot and cold water riser shut-off valves and open the hot and cold water faucets to relieve the water pressure. Close the water faucets.

**Note: in some older homes, the riser shut-off valves may be difficult to shut off completely. If this is the case turn the water off at the main water inlet valve to the house.**

Remove the existing flexible line connection to the hot and cold water faucet threaded nipples (see fig. 3).

**Note: If felt necessary, replace these existing flexible hoses with new stainless steel braided flexible hoses in the lengths required.**



# AUTOCIRC® Technical Data

## Motor:

1/150 HP, 3400 RPM  
115 volt, 1 phase, 60cy  
33 watts input

## Unit Weight:

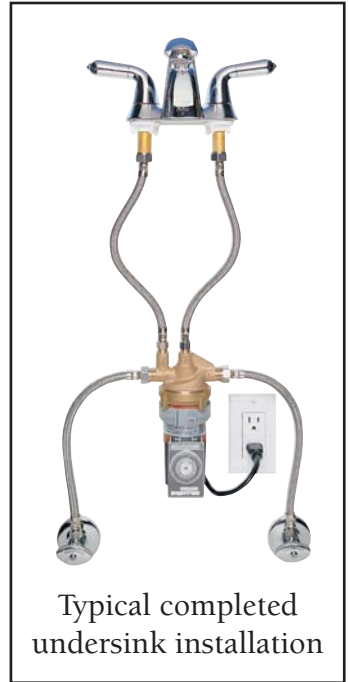
3 pounds

## Overall Dimensions:

8" height  
4.5" width

## Operating Noise Level:

30 decibels (less than a whisper)



## Preparation for Installation

Assemble the parts and tools required:

- AUTOCIRC® pump package includes the pump with a built-in timer, a 6ft. cord, and wall mounting bracket.
- Two stainless steel flexible hoses (1/2" x 3/8") - length as required.
- Adjustable wrench and screwdriver.
- Select the sink under which the AUTOCIRC® pump is to be located (the sink where hot water takes longest to arrive).

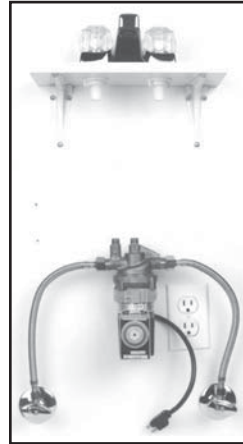
### **U.L. Caution**

**This pump has been tested using water only. Its suitability for use with liquids other than water is the end user's responsibility.**

## Step 4

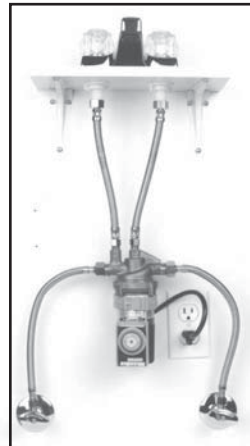
Screw on the two existing 1/2" hose connections to the corresponding hot and cold sides of the pump housing (see fig. 4). Be sure not to "kink" these existing hose lines during bending which may prevent adequate flow and/or cause the valves to break.

**Note: It is recommended that the rubber washers in the hose connections be inspected to ensure they are in reusable condition. If not, they should be replaced.**



## Step 5

Screw on the 3/8" end of the purchased flexible hoses to the 3/8" connections on the pump housing. Screw on the 1/2" end of these same two hoses to the underside of the hot and cold water faucets making sure to match the hot and cold sides marked on the pump housing with the corresponding faucet. Be sure the hot side connection hose is attached to the hot water faucet and the cold water side connection is attached to the cold water faucet. Be sure the hoses used are long enough to allow the pump to be positioned as originally planned.



## Step 6

Be sure the screw ring attaching the motor to the pump housing is securely hand tightened. Do not over tighten the screw ring. Then open the faucet hot and cold riser shut off valves to insure there are no water leaks at any connections.

## Step 7

Plug the pump cord into the wall outlet and start up the pump system (see next page).

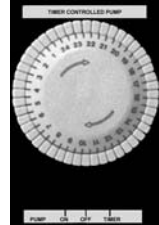
**Note: The above installation method applies to most situations where faucets are connected to the hot and cold water supply lines with braided flexible hose/shut off valve arrangements. If the under sink arrangement is different (i.e. the risers are hard copper or plastic), then other parts may be required for the installation.**

# Autocirc Start up Procedures

## Timer Controlled Operation

If timer controlled operation is desired, the timer may be programmed to allow the Autocirc to operate during the hours desired (i.e. "ON" from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and "OFF" from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.) as follows:

- Open timer cover and rotate the dial clockwise until the correct time is aligned with the pointer (▶) on the right side (3 o'clock position) of the dial. A timer instruction label affixed to the right side of the timer housing also shows this time setting point.
- Automatic Operation: PULL the tabs Upward on timer for the desired operating period of time. Example: If the desired operating time is 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., all tabs should be Pulled out between 7 and 9. NOTE: The timer may be set for multiple operating periods of time.
- Slide the switch bar to "timer".



**30 Min. Tabs**

The timer mode will provide the most cost effective method of operation and can be programmed to run only during the time periods when hot water is most frequently required. Even during controlled timer operation, the Autocirc will only turn on when the built-in thermostat senses that additional hot water is required at the point of installation.

## Thermostat Operation Mode

To operate the Autocirc "thermostatically" without the timer, slide the switch to the "on" position. In the "on" position the pump runs "automatically", whenever the built-in thermostat senses the requirement for hot water. In the "off" position the pump does not operate at any time.

In either the "on" or "off" position, the timer dial continues to rotate through the 24 hour sequence keeping accurate time. When timer controlled operation is resumed, the Autocirc will operate during the previously programmed time sequence(s).

Note: The Autocirc will probably start running immediately and turn off after a few minutes once hot water reaches the faucet. It will then continue cycling "on" and "off" as required during the programmed sequence of operation. Do not be concerned if the pump does not begin running immediately after the pump is plugged in. This just means that there is already hot water at the hot water faucet and the pump will turn on "automatically" when the hot water line cools down.

ACT-303-BTRW Model Temperature Option: This model comes with an adjustable "ON" thermostat feature, and may be set to activate between 77°F and 91°F. A small thermostat adjustment is located just above the timer housing on the body of the pump, and may be set using a small blade screwdriver to turn the arrow indicator.

NOTE: The ACT-303-BTRW Start thermostat is preadjusted to 91°F at the factory, and will provide the best pump performance at this setting.

# Maintenance and Trouble Shooting

## The pump does not turn on

- Ensure the timer slide switch is set to the “on” position or the “timer” position, that the timer clock is programmed to allow operation; and that there is power to the outlet.
- If the pump is installed under a kitchen sink, make sure the outlet is not controlled by a wall switch (i.e., garbage disposal).

## The pump is noisy when on

- Turn off the Autocirc pump. Turn on the hot and cold faucets to be sure all air is purged from the system.
- If the noise continues, unplug the pump and turn off the faucet shut-off valves. Remove the pump from the wall bracket, loosen the screw ring to separate motor from the pump housing and check for any foreign matter in the rotor cavity. Also ensure the rotor is properly set on the motor bearing by pushing down on the rotor.
- If a noise occurs when the pump turns off it is likely to be “water hammer” that results from the closure of the built-in valve. In this situation, water hammer arresters may be installed on the hot and cold lines.

## Hot water is not instantly available at all my faucets

- Instant hot water will be available at all the hot water faucets on the main plumbing line between the water heater and the faucet under which the Autocirc system is installed. Hot water faucets that are “branched” off this main hot water supply line will take longer for the hot water to arrive, however, usually faster than before installing the Autocirc.

## I am away from my home for extended periods of time (2 weeks or more)

- You may chose to turn the system off (slide the timer switch to the “off” position) as there is no need to maintain hot water in the supply line when no one is home to enjoy this convenience. When returning home, prior to turning on the system, we recommend that you turn on the hot and cold faucets at the sink where the Autocirc system is installed until all air is purged from the dormant system and the water flows smoothly from the faucets. Then slide the timer switch back to either the “on” or “timer” position.

**Hot water temperature at water heater:** Keep the hot water temperature below 140°F. Higher temperatures can cause calcium and magnesium to come out of solution and create solid deposits which may damage the pump and reduce water heater efficiency or premature failure of the water heater.

**Hard Water Conditions:** Water conditions and mineral content vary in different regions. If excessive mineral buildup is found in the pump it may be necessary to use a water conditioner or water softener. Hard water may cause calcium build-up and eventually reduce the life of the pump and other system components.

**Note:** The Laing Autocirc pump is self-lubricated and never requires lubrication of any kind. It should provide years of trouble free service when properly installed. Where hard water conditions exist, we recommend that the Autocirc pump head be taken off periodically and checked for calcium or other mineral build-up.

## WARRANTY

The Autocirc is warranted against defects in materials and workmanship for twenty-four (24) months from the date of manufacture (see the manufacturing date label on the pump) or twelve (12) months from the date of user purchase, with proof of purchase, whichever is later. In order to receive warranty considerations, the product must be returned prepaid to the company from which it was originally purchased. If the Autocirc is found defective within standard warranty conditions, it will be replaced or appropriate purchase credit will be issued.

Any consequential damages resulting from an Autocirc defect or malfunction are not covered by the Laing warranty. Any ancillary item(s) included with your Autocirc purchase, such as a flexible hose(s), is specifically excluded from the Laing Thermotech warranty.

There shall be no other warranty or obligation, expressed or implied, oral or statutory. Laing Thermotech, its agents, or employees shall in no event be liable for injury to any person, or for any claim for damage, however arising.

Laing Thermotech shall not be liable for any incidental or consequential damages for breach of any express or implied warranty, breach of contract, negligence, strict liability, or any other legal theory related to this product. All consequential expenses including loss of use, damages, or contingent liabilities arising out of any alleged deficiencies of the Autocirc or any ancillary item packaged with the Autocirc are specifically excluded from this warranty.

***This warranty is the sole and exclusive remedy for defects in materials and workmanship. All implied warranties of fitness and merchantability are hereby expressly excluded. There are no warranties that extend beyond the description on the face hereof.***

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