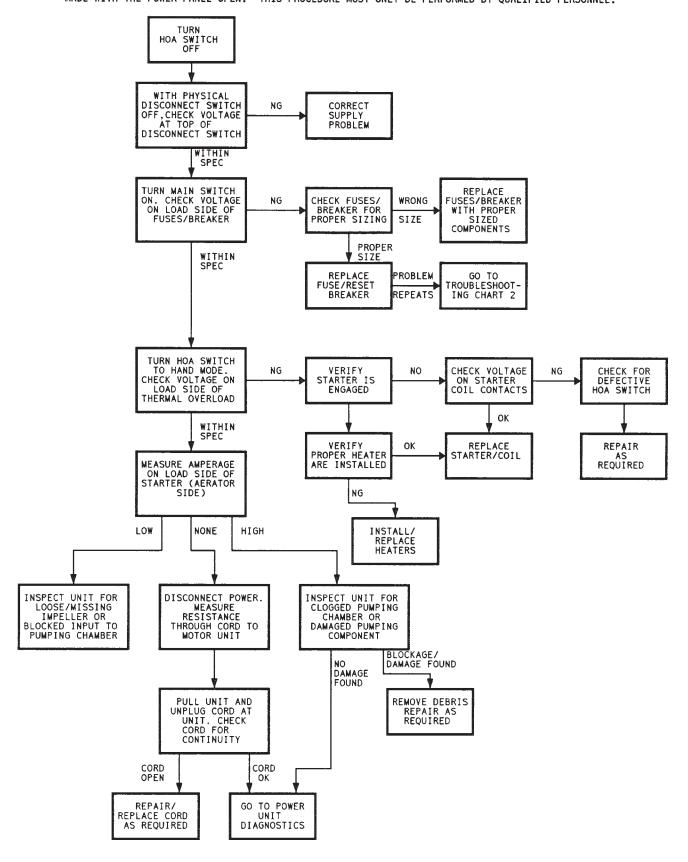
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## TROUBLESHOOTING CHART #1 UNIT NOT OPERATING - NO SYMPTOMS

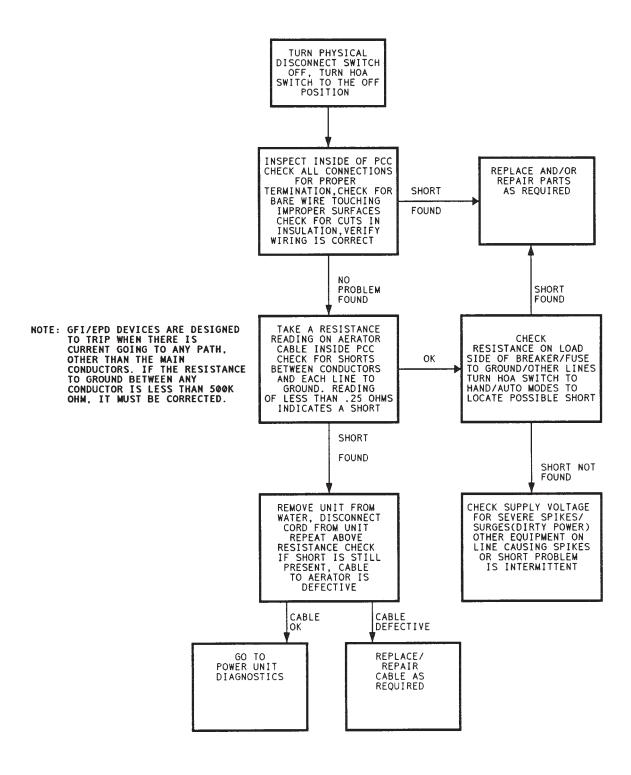
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# TROUBLESHOOTING CHART #2 UNIT NOT OPERATING - CIRCUIT BREAKER TRIPS/FUSE BLOWN GFCI/EPD DEVICE TRIPS

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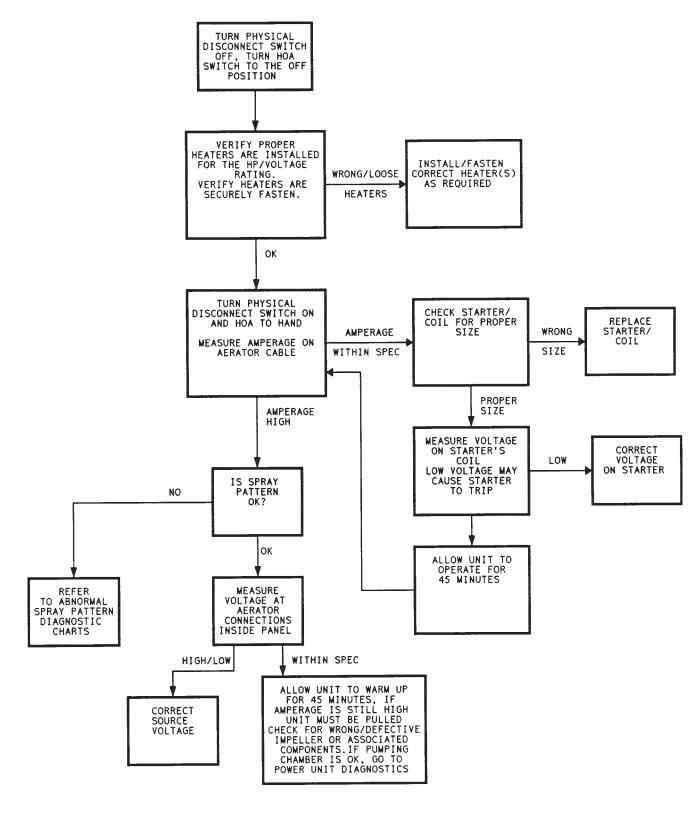
NOTE: CIRCUIT BREAKER AND FUSES ARE DESIGNED TO PROTECT AGAINST DIRECT SHORTS BETWEEN THE LINES OR TO GROUND IF THE PROBLEM IS INTERMITTENT. USE OF A FAST RESPONSE OHM METER IS RECOMMENDED TO LOCATE THE SHORT



## TROUBLESHOOTING CHART #3 UNIT NOT OPERATING - STARTER TRIPS

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NOTE: THE THERMAL OVERLOAD IS DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE MOTOR FROM OPERATING AT HIGHER THAN NOMINAL CURRENT USING A THERMAL OVERLOAD OF A HIGHER RATING MAY CAUSE MOTOR FAILURE

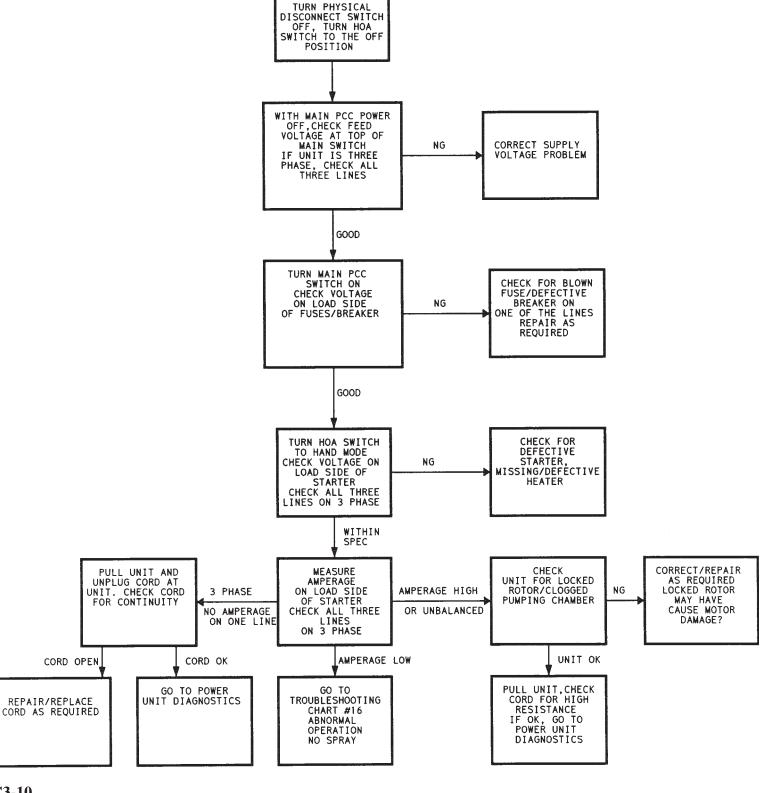


## TROUBLESHOOTING CHART #4 UNIT NOT OPERATING - UNIT HUMS

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NOTE: IF THE UNIT HUMS AND NO SPRAY IS PRESENT, THE POWER SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY DISCONNECTED TO PREVENT POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO THE UNIT

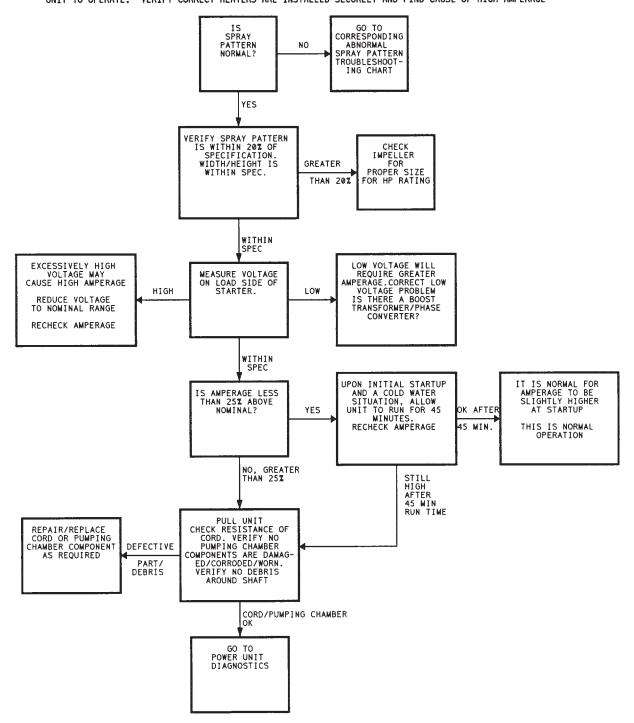
SINGLE PHASING ON THREE PHASE UNITS IS A MAJOR CAUSE OF THIS PROBLEM.



## TROUBLESHOOTING CHART #5 ABNORMAL OPERATION - HIGH AMPERAGE/CURRENT

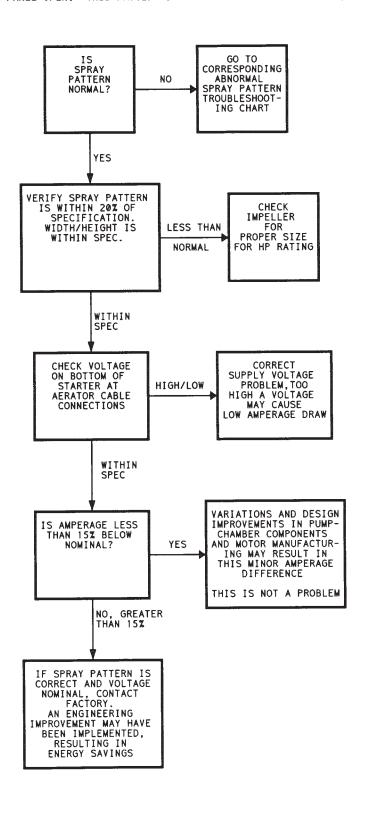
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NOTE: A UNIT RUNNING CONSTANTLY AT HIGH AMPERAGE MAY CAUSE OVERHEATING. THERMAL OVERLOADS ARE DESIGNED TO DISCONNECT POWER WHEN HIGH AMPERAGE IS PRESENT. DO NOT CONTINUIOUSLY RESET THE STARTER TO ALLOW UNIT TO OPERATE. VERIFY CORRECT HEATERS ARE INSTALLED SECURELY AND FIND CAUSE OF HIGH AMPERAGE



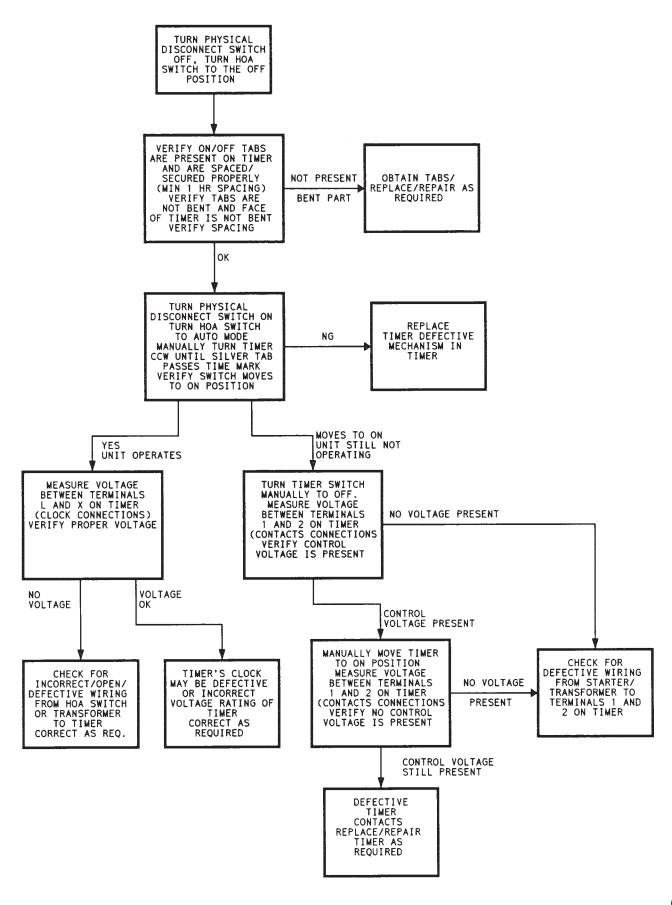
# TROUBLESHOOTING CHART # 6 ABNORMAL OPERATION - LOW AMPERAGE/CURRENT

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## TROUBLESHOOTING CHART #7 ABNORMAL OPERATION - OPERATES IN HAND MODE ONLY

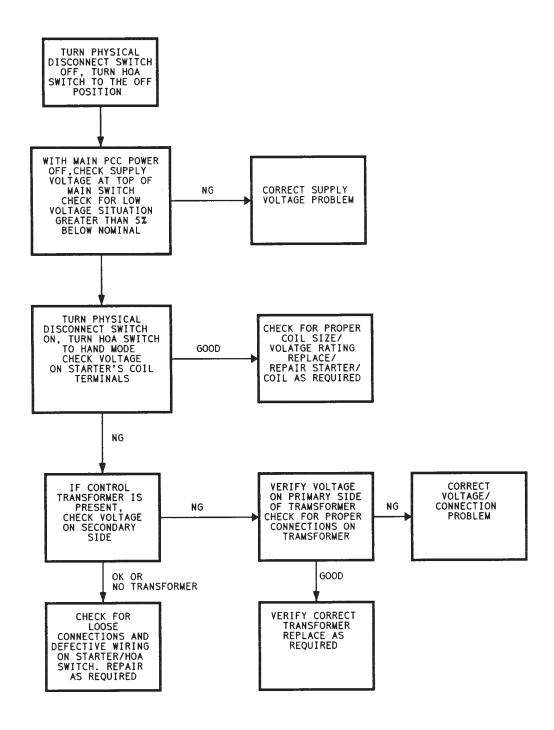
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## TROUBLESHOOTING CHART #8 ABNORMAL OPERATION - STARTER RELAY CHATTERS/HUMS

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NOTE: IF THE STARTER CHATTERS OR HUMS IS IS NORMALLY CAUSED BY LOW VOLTAGE ACROSS THE COIL OR THE COIL IS THE IMPROPER SIZE/RATING



## <u>Trouble Shooting Chart #9</u> <u>Abnormal Operation - Unit Rotates</u>

#### **SYMPTOMS**

- When unit is turned on, it rotates continually
- Units spins over 125 degrees when power is applied

### **CAUSES**

- Improper anchoring / mooring of unit

## SYSTEMATIC ORDER OF REPAIR

- Check that all anchor/mooring lines are attached
- Verify anchor/mooring lines are attached per installation guidelines. Float must be free only to rotate a maximum of 90 degrees.
- Verify unit is not touching bottom
- Check that the anchors are not too close together, refer to installation guidelines for minimum distance between anchors

# Trouble Shooting Chart #10 Abnormal Operation - Excessive Vibration

## **SYMPTOMS**

- While operating, excessive vibration is detected (unit shaking)
- High amperage draw

### **CAUSES**

- Loose/broken motor mount bolts
- Bent motor shaft/impeller
- Broken impeller/slinger disc/support arm
- Debris caught on motor shaft
- Wrong size/type impeller

- Inspect impeller/pumping chamber for debris/damage
- Verify proper components in pumping chamber. Verify parts are assembled correctly
- Inspect support arms assembly. Is assembly intact, bolts snug, no cracks?
- Inspect motor shaft. Is it bent?

## <u>Trouble Shooting Chart #11</u> <u>Thin/Weak Spray Pattern - Cavitation</u>

#### **SYMPTOMS**

- Very weak and wispy looking spray
- Bubbles escaping from beneath float
- Lower than normal amperage draw (low amps)
- Spray pattern will look normal then suddenly become weak and wispy
- When aerator is turned off and back on, spray will return to normal for some period of time

## **CAUSES**

Air is building up inside the pumping chamber until the chamber becomes air blocked, resulting in ventilation and/or cavitation created by:

- Improper impeller/slinger disc/spacer (SNB)
- Clogged/damaged pumping chamber/screen
- Unit is resting on bottom
- Vent hole in throat clogged (SNB)
- Air entering chamber between throat sections (SNB)
- Excessive wave action (high winds/boat traffic)
- Improper anchoring or mooring

- Verify anchor/mooring lines are attached per owner's manual. One side may be pulling the float down in the water, float must be free to rotate 90 degrees. High waves may cause air to enter beneath float if not anchored/moored properly
- Verify unit is not touching bottom
- Inspect for clogged screen/pumping chamber
- Inspect throat assembly. Verify silicon sealant is intact around throat sections. Verify 1/8" vent hole in throat is open to relieve any trapped air (SNB)
- Inspect impeller assembly for proper size, missing washer or wrong size spacer
- Inspect impeller assembly for damage. Replace (not repair) any bent or damaged components

## <u>Trouble Shooting Chart #12A</u> <u>Uneven Spray Pattern (Sunburst Models)</u>

## **SYMPTOMS**

- Spray pattern is not centered around float
- Spray pattern is higher on one side

## **CAUSES**

- Unit is anchored/moored improperly
- Impeller assembly is not centered in throat
- Unit is resting on bottom

- Verify anchor/mooring lines are attached per owner's manual. One side may be pulling the float down in the water, float must be free to rotate 90 degrees.
- Verify unit is not touching bottom, if touching shorter support arms are available
- Inspect impeller and throat assembly. Verify impeller is centered in throat. If not:
  - a) If unit has adjustable support arm, adjust as required to center impeller
  - b) For units without adjustable arm, remove support arms and rotate throat assembly and/or arms to obtain best centering of impeller

## <u>Trouble Shooting Chart #12B</u> <u>Uneven Spray Pattern (Phoenix/Rocket Models)</u>

#### **SYMPTOMS**

- Spray pattern is not full
- Side spray in addition to center spray is present (RKT)
- Outer spray pattern is heavy on one side. Center spray is off axis (PHX)
- Outer spray pattern is empty at some locations (PHX)
- Outer pattern is not centered around float (PHX)

## **CAUSES**

- Unit is anchored/moored improperly
- Clogged pumping chamber
- Unit is resting on bottom
- Improper assembly of diffuser plate
- Diffuser plates o-ring missing or damaged (RKT)
- Badly deteriorated diffuser plate

- Verify anchor/mooring lines are attached per owner's manual. One side may be pulling the float down in the water, float must be free to rotate 90 degrees.
- Verify unit is not touching bottom, shorter support arms are available
- Inspect diffuser plate. Check for damaged plate/ debris in holes. Clean/replace as required. Do not over tighten nylon lock nut.
- Inspect diffuser o-ring. Replace as necessary (RKT)

# Trouble Shooting Chart #13 Low Spray Pattern

## **SYMPTOMS**

- Spray pattern has good shape, but is 75% or less of the specified dimensions
- Draws less than normal amperage (low amps)
- Unit has a lower than specified pumping rate
- Unit is only bubbling out water at a decreased rate

#### **CAUSES**

- Clogged screen
- Unit riding high in water, resting on bottom of body of water
- Slinger disc is missing (SNB)
- Unit is operating backwards (3 phase units)
- Clogged lower decorative prop chamber (RKT,PHX)
- Unit has the wrong size impeller or damaged impeller

- Verify unit is not setting on bottom
- Check amperage draw
- Inspect screen assembly and pumping chamber for debris. Clean as required.
- Inspect impeller assembly, replace or repair as required
- Verify slinger disc is present and of proper size, verify spacer is of proper size (SNB)
- On 3 phase units, check rotation of impeller. Verify impeller is turning counter clock wise when looking down at impeller.

# Trouble Shooting Chart #14 Fluctuating Spray Pattern

## **SYMPTOMS**

- Spray pattern suddenly drops and/or fades, then comes back to original size/shape.
- Spray pattern decreases and increases sporadically.

### **CAUSES**

- High winds
- Low voltage, dirty power, (brown outs)
- Ventilation (HV)
- Debris caught in pumping chamber, very dirty water
- Clogged lower decorative prop chamber (RKT,PHX)
- Unit touching bottom of body of water

- Check weather conditions, when unit's spray is fluctuating. Winds will blow spray pattern. A rocket will appear to drop and fall. A sunburst will either fall or appear distorted.
- Check for fluctuating water level; verify unit is not sporadically touching bottom
- Examine for uncommon amount of debris in water (leaves, vegetation, twigs)
- Verify slinger disc is in good shape (SNB)
- In high volume units (HV), there is a phenomenon called "ventilation". This occurs when the unit actually pushes more water than available and chokes itself. This incident normally corrects itself, if not refer to thin/weak spray pattern chart.
- Check site voltage. Is unit on same line as other equipment? Does site have history of brown outs?

# Trouble Shooting Chart #15 Enlarged/Heavy Spray Pattern

## **SYMPTOMS**

- Larger Spray Than Specification >20%
- Thicker Pattern Than Normal
- High Amperage Draw

### **CAUSES**

- Wrong Impeller
- Throat damaged/missing (SNB)
- Diffuser Plate Openings Worn, Oversized (RKT,PHX)
- Damaged impeller/pumping chamber component
- Wrong spacer/slinger disc (SNB)
- Wrong power unit

### SYSTEMATIC ORDER OF REPAIR

- Inspect diffuser plate; Are openings worn/deteriorated beyond specifications (RKT/PHX)
- Inspect impeller assembly; Does unit have correct size impeller/slinger disc/spacer?
- Check for damaged impeller assembly/throat

# Trouble Shooting Chart #16 No Spray

### **SYMPTOMS**

- Unit operates, but no spray can be detected
- Low amperage draw (low amps)

## **CAUSES**

- Impeller missing/loose
- Unit has damaged shaft (SNB)
- Unit riding high in water, sitting on bottom of body of water

- Verify unit is not setting on bottom
- Inspect impeller assembly, replace or repair as required

## **Trouble Shooting Guide**

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<u>SYMPTOM</u>	POSSIBLE CAUSE	CORRECTION	
1) No bubbles in water discharge	Clogged air hose	Remove debris	
(Aspirating model only)	Cut or broken hose	Replace Hose	
	Motor running clockwise	Have alectrician switch two wires at motor starter	
	Unit too deep	Move unit to shallower water	
2) No water discharge	Debris around impeller	Remove debris	
	Broken impeller	Replace impeller	
3) Aerator is wandering	Broken mooring line	Replace broken line	
	Loose mooring line	Tighten mooring line	
	Unit requires anchors	Add anchor kit	
4) Severe vibration	Unit resting on bottom	Move to deeper water	
	Broken impeller	Replace impeller	
5) Motor will not start	Blown fuse/breaker	Check fuses or breaker at P.C.C.	
	Relay has tripped	Check if overload relay tripped	
	Broken or disconnected wires	Replace or connect wires	
	GFCI devise has tripped	Reset and test GFCI devise. If devise trips again, call electrician or authorized service center.	
	Short in power cable	Check condition of power cable	

**Note:** Most problems will be found by pulling the aerator out of the water.

WARNING: DISCONNECT THE UNIT FROM THE POWER SOURCE BEFORE SERVICING THE UNIT!