

# Kinetico K5 Drinking Water Station

### **Installation & User Manual**



## Safety information

Read all information carefully prior to installing and using the water softener.

#### Qualified In taller



#### **INSTALLER**

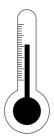
Kinetico recommends that a qualified installer performs the installation. Failure to install the system as instructed could invalidate the Limited Warranty.

#### **Water Pressure**



Minimum required pressure 3.5 BAR. Cannot be used with inlet pumps. Do not install if the supply water pressure exceeds 6 BAR (87 psi), unless a pressure regulating valve is installed.

### **Water Temperature**



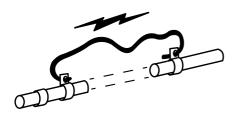
Do not install the K5 drinking water station in an area where the water temperature can exceed 24°C or cause the unit to freeze. Freezing temperatures will damage the system.

#### **Mineral Plus**

#### **VERY IMPORTANT:**

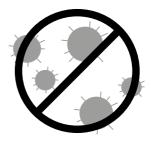
Where the Kinetico K5 Reverse
Osmosis System supplies an external
water heater, or non metal-free tap, a
mineral plus cartridge MUST be
installed into one of the axillary ports.

### **Copper/Plastic Pipework**



Where copper/plastic pipework is used, Kinetico advises adherence to the regulatory requirements to ensure adequate earth bonding is provided.

#### **Intended Use**



Not intended to be used for treating water that is micro-biologically unsafe or water that has an unknown quality, without adequate disinfection before or after the system.

### **Conform to Regulations**

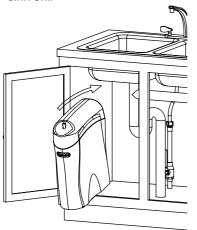


You must ensure that the installation conforms to local plumbing codes and regulations. Note: Refer to separate instructions for important WQA certification information.

## Installation instructions

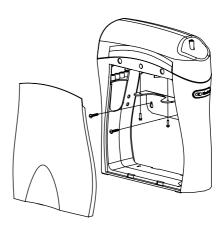
### 1a Unit placement:

Check if the unit will fit under the sink or...



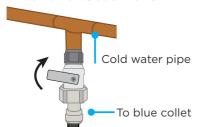
## 1b Unit placement:

use the wall mouting bracket supplied separately.



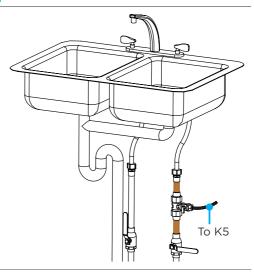
## 2 Install 3/8" water supply:

Connect 3/8" supply pipe to water mains via isolation valve.



#### Please note:

Do not use self-piercing valves. Installation must be in accordance with water bylaws and plumbing regulations. Minimum feed water pressure 50 psi (3.5 bar).



## **3** Water supply connection:

#### From left to right:

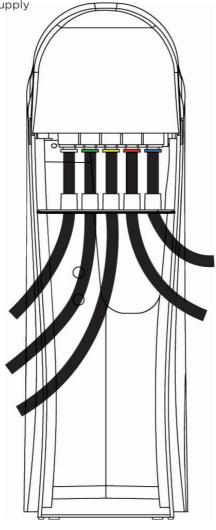
White to tap

Green to Water Storage Tank

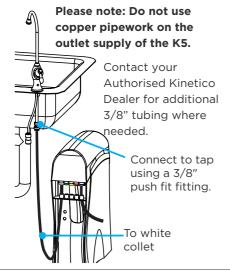
Yellow to Water Storage Tank (QuickFlo Only)

Red to Drain

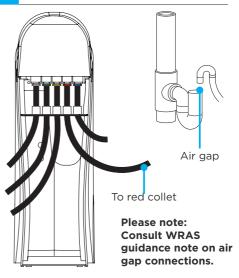
Blue Inlet Supply



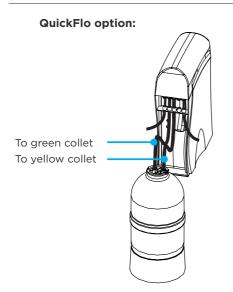
## 4 Connect tap to unit:



### 5 Install the drain:

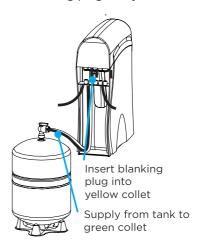


## 6 Install the tank - QuickFlo or Air Charge:



#### Air Charge option:

Insert a blanking plug into yellow collet.



## Sanitisation and filter changes

We recommend you contact your local authorised Kinetico dealer to carry out a filter change and sanitisation of the K5.

If you choose to change the filters on your K5 Drinking Water Station yourself, wash your hands thoroughly and do not touch any internal portions of the filter.

We advise that you contact your authorised Kinetico dealer to have the unit sanitised.

#### NOTE:

The K5 Drinking Water Station's operational, maintenance and replacement instructions must be followed to ensure proper filter performance. Instructions are printed on each filter.

#### NOTE:

Although great care is taken to provide a sanitised drinking water unit, possible contamination can result from vendor products, assembly, packaging, shipping or extended storage time. Proper sanitisation at time of installation is required.

#### IMPORTANT:

Do not drink water from your K5 during sanitisation.

#### **WARNING:**

To avoid possible injury and property damage, this filter must be properly depressurised before attempting to remove any filter or other component.

#### WARNING:

Safety glasses and rubber/latex gloves must be worn during sanitisation.

#### WARNING:

After completing the sanitisation procedure, the storage tank must be completely filled and drained twice before water can be consumed.

## How to sanitise your K5

Please note: Unit is not supplied with plugs and tablets required for sanitisation as sanitisation should be undertaken by a trained kinetico authorised engineer.

## 1 Attach a pipe:

This will avoid any spray.

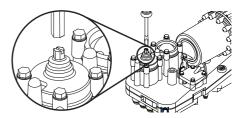


## 2 Ensure 'Jack Screw' is closed:

Using a flat headed screwdriver or a 1/4" driver, ensure the 'Jack Screw' is closed. Turn cloackwise until stiff.

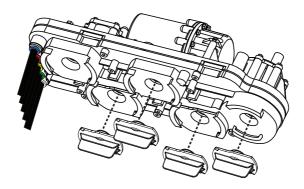
#### Please note:

Take care note to overtighten



## Install cartridge plugs into all locations - except the prefilter:

To install, add silcone to each plug then push plug into position and turn 90° clockwise.

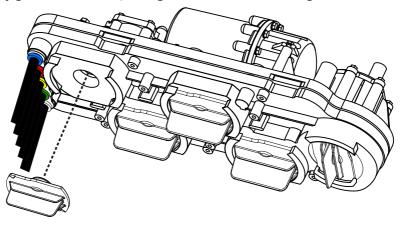


### 4 Add a crushed chlorine dioxide tablet:

Crush a chlorine dioxide tablet whilst still in its packet, then pour into a plug and install in prefilter location.

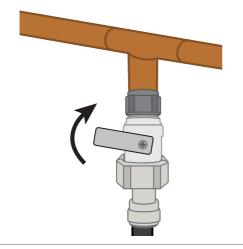
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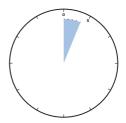


## 5 Slowly open the inlet valve:

This will allow the unit to fill.



### 6 Wait 4 minutes:



### 7 Close the inlet vlave:



## 8 Slowly open the tap:

This will depressurise the system. It does not need to be opened fully.



## 9 Close the tap:

Close only when air and water have stopped coming out

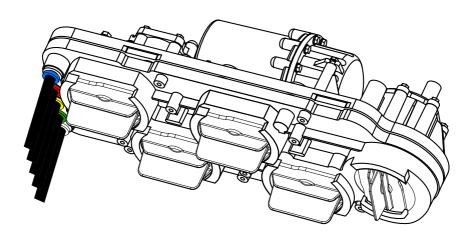


## 10 Repeat step 4 - Add a crushed chlorine dioxide tablet:

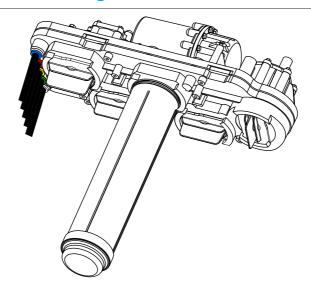
Crush a chlorine dioxide tablet whilst still in its packet.

Remove the prefilter plug. Take care as there may still be remains of the tablet.

Pour crushed tablet into a plug and reinstall.

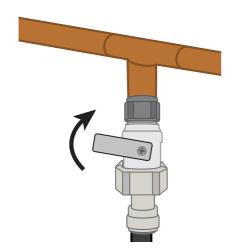


## 11 Remove plug from membrane port and install membrane cartridge:



## 12 Slowly open the inlet valve:

This will allow the unit to fill.

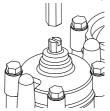


## 13 Wait 2 minutes:



## 14 Open the 'Jack Screw':

Turn anti-clockwise to open.



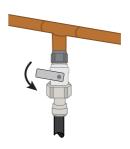
## 15 Open the tap:

Water will slow to a dribble. Leave the tap open.



## 16 Close the inlet valve:

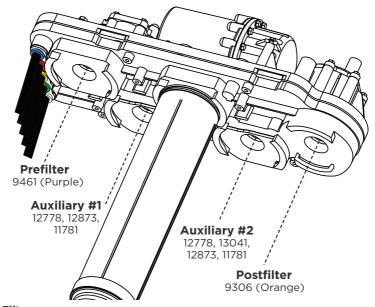
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### 17 Install the new filters:

Note which filters need to be installed. Remove the appropriate plugs and install with new filters.

Filters must already be prepared according to their installation instructions.



**Auxiliary Filters:** 

12778 (Silver) VOC Guard | 12873 (White) Purefecta Guard | 13041 (Brown) Mineral Plus

## 18 Open the inlet valve:

This will allow the unit to fill.



## 19 Close the tap:

Close when there is a steady trickle of water.



### 20 Drain the tank:

Leave for 2 hours and then open tap until the flow has diminished. This will empty the tank.

Close the tap, then repeat 2 hours later.

The unit is then ready for use.

## **Using your K5**

## Water is the most important liquid in the world:

Although the water you use for drinking and cooking constitutes less than one percent of all water used in the home, its quality is probably most important to you. Experts suggest you drink approximately 2 litres (8 glasses) of water a day. Now that you have a K5 Drinking Water Station, you can rest assured you're drinking clean, high quality water. And it will taste great too. With a K5 Drinking Water Station, drinking the recommended 8 glasses of water will be a pleasure, not a chore.

### Let your taste buds decide:

You may find you can use less tea, coffee and concentrated juice when making drinks with your filtered water, and still get the desired taste. It also won't be necessary for you to de-scale your kettle or coffee maker.

## Ideal for cooking and baking:

Don't forget to use water from your K5 Drinking Water Station when cooking pasta, or washing fruit and vegetables. If a recipe calls for water, reach for your special filtered drinking water tap.

## Irons and small humidifiers/vaporisers:

For extended operation and easier maintenance, use Kinetico filtered drinking water in irons and small humidifiers. You will no longer have to buy distilled water or suffer the consequences of using common tap water in irons and humidifiers.

#### Make ice cubes:

If your refrigerator/freezer is equipped with an ice maker, you may want to consider running a line from your K5 to the ice maker.\* If you don't have an ice maker, be sure to fill your ice cube trays with Kinetico filtered drinking water. Either way, you will be able to enjoy better tasting, clearer ice cubes. \*Pure+ models: Only use pipe supplied by your Kinetico dealer.

#### **Houseplants and pets:**

Don't forget about your plants and pets, they will love Kinetico filtered drinking water too!

## How it works

The K5 Drinking Water Station offers exclusive six-stage protection to ensure you're always getting good, clean water.

The K5 Drinking Water Station reduces the heavy metals, chemicals, minerals, and objectionable tastes and odours that may be present in your water. We even offer a filter that can add minerals back into your treated drinking water if required.

#### 1 Prefilter:

The first filtration stage prepares the water for the reverse osmosis process. The filter captures sediment and small particulate matter, and reduces chlorine protecting the reverse osmosis membrane and enhancing its performance.

#### Replacement filters

Carbon and Sediment Prefilter (9461)

## 2 Reverse osmosis membrane:

After prefiltration, the water travels to the reverse osmosis membrane where the primary filtration is performed. Here, water is forced through a semi permeable membrane under pressure, where most minerals, chemicals and objectionable matter that might have been present in your water are flushed down the drain.

#### Replacement filters

Reverse Osmosis Membrane (12752)

## 3 Auxiliary filter #1 and #2:

Stage 3 gives you the flexibility to meet your needs by offering a variety of filters.

#### **VOC Guard** (12778)

Removes volatile organic compounds. See performance datasheet for a list of contaminants.

#### Mineral Plus\* (13041)

Puts calcium back into your drinking water if required.

#### Purefecta Guard (12873)

Certified by the WQA to remove more than 99.99% of viruses and 99.99999% of bacteria. When used in conjunction with an air charge tank and prefilter (Part numbers 9309 or 9461), the K5 Drinking Water Station equipped with Purefecta Virus/Bacteria Guard is considered a microbiological purifier.

\*Tested and verified by independent laboratory testing.

### 4 Storage tank:

After the water is processed through the first four stages, it is stored in a tank until needed. Unlike other storage tanks available, the QuickFlo tank uses your home's water pressure to deliver Kinetico water from your storage tank to your drinking water tap. This ensures you'll have a steady, consistent flow of water from your tap, even if your storage tank is almost empty.

### 5 Postfilter polisher:

After leaving the storage tank, the water travels to the next stage of protection, the MACguard Filter. Containing activated carbon, the MACguard Filter gives a final polish, further reducing unpleasant tastes and odours.

#### Replacement filters

Taste and Odour Filter (9306)

## Maintaining your K5

The Kinetico K5 Drinking Water Station takes the guesswork out of quality water. It will indicate when routine maintenance is required to keep your K5 working correctly.

#### **Filter changes:**

Filter is new



Filter has expired and needs replacing



If you open your tap and get very little or no water, it could mean: your storage tank is out of water and more is being produced, or your MACguard Filter has shut off. Check your filter's PureMometer® to see if the MACguard Filter has shut off.

Periodically checking the PureMometer® could alert you to upcoming filter shutdown before it happens. If the MACguard Filter has not shut off, wait an hour or two and try the tap again. How long a MACguard Filter will last

depends on your drinking water usage. A family of four with average drinking water use can expect the filter to last approximately 6 - 12 months. Kinetico recommends annual filter replacements even if your filter has not shut off.

When your MACguard Filter does shut off, we recommend you call your local, authorised Kinetico dealer. They will change your filters, completely sanitise your unit, check your water and make sure your filter is operating properly. If you choose to install your new filters yourself, follow the instructions carefully.

#### **WARNING:**

Never attempt to remove the pre or post filters without isolating the supply and depressurising the system. In order for your K5 to remain a microbiological purifier it must be sanitised by an authorised Kinetico dealer.

#### Shutting off the ystem:

If you should ever discover a problem with your K5, turn off the water supply to the system. Then call your local, authorised Kinetico dealer for service.

The reverse osmosis system contains replaceable components critical to the efficiency of the filter. Any replacement reverse osmosis component must be

identical to the one listed in this manual to assure the same efficiency and contaminant reduction performance.

Recommended supply water hardness is 0 to 170 ppm for extended product life. Do not use where water is microbiologically unsafe or with water of unknown quality. Filters claiming cyst reduction may be used on disinfected water containing filterable cysts.

If you plan to be away from home for more than a few days, shut off the water supply to your system to extend its life. You may also want to drain the drinking water storage tank upon your return to ensure the freshest water.

## Replacement filter

To ensure optimum performance, continued warranty coverage and continued compliance with certification standards, you must replace the pre and post filters annually or upon filter shutoff, whichever occurs first. Use the following chart to determine which filters are appropriate.



#### **Prefilter (A):**

Carbon/Sediment Prefilter (chlorine & sediment only) - Part number 9461

#### Auxiliary #1 (B):

Purefecta Virus/Bacteria Guard - Part number 12873

VOC Guard - Part number 12778

Arsenic Guard - Part number 11781

### **RO Membrane (C):**

Part number 12752

#### Auxiliary #2 (C):

Purefecta Virus/Bacteria Guard -Part number 12873

VOC Guard - Part number 12778

Mineral Plus - Part number 13041

### **MACguard Postfilter (E):**

Taste and Odour Postfilter - 9306

## **Specifications**

TDS maximum level	3000 ppm*
pH Range	3-11
Pressure Range	50-120 psi (3.5-8.27 bar)
Temperature Range	35°-100°F (2°-38°C)
Rated Filter Capacity (Auxiliary and Postfilter)	1895 Litres
Maximum Daily Production Rate	283 Lpd
Water Recovery QuickFlo Tank	38.8%
Water Recovery Air Charged Tank	36.1%
Typical Product Water Production Rate	193 Lpd

<sup>\*</sup>Note: TDS levels above 1,500 mg/L must have greater than 50 psi (3.5 bar).



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