

Operating Principles

When the Solinst Bladder Pump is placed in a well or borehole, water rises inside the bladder and sample tubing to static level. Compressed nitrogen or air is supplied to the pump via the drive tubing using a control unit. Applying pressure causes the bladder to compress and closes the bottom check valve, forcing water from the bladder into the sample tubing.

During a vent cycle the pressure is released from the drive tubing. The bladder returns to its initial state as water re-enters the pump, while the top check valve prevents water already in the sample tubing from falling back into the bladder. Cycling the drive and vent provides water flow, the rate of which can be adjusted for purging or sampling.

Note: Air dryers are recommended, if using a compressor to operate the Bladder Pump.

Pump Assembly

Portable: The Bladder Pump can be connected to skip-bonded, dual 1/4" OD tubing, mounted on a reel.

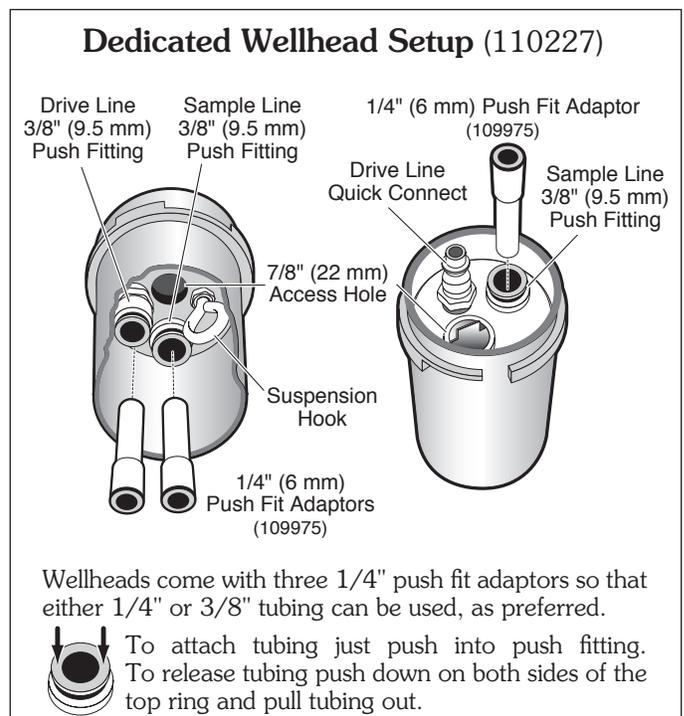
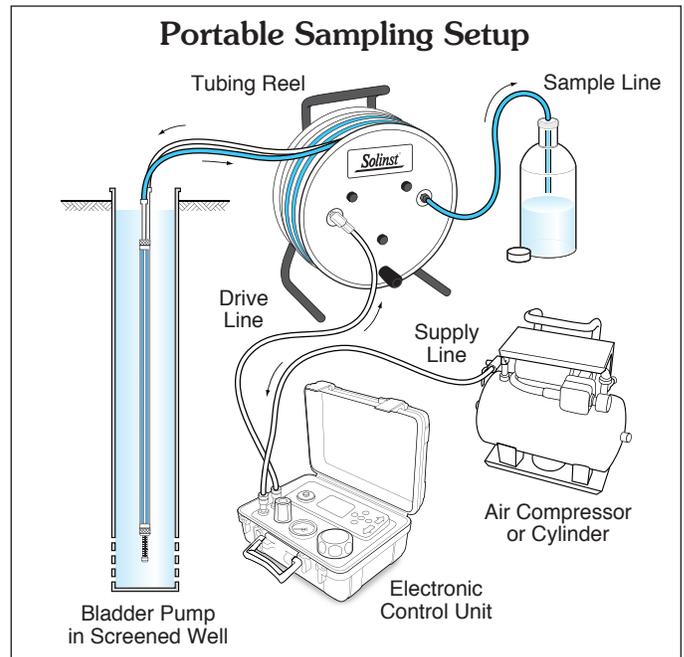
- Push the tubing onto the drive (long stem) and sample (short stem) stems of the Bladder Pump and secure using dual-ear Oetiker clamps.
- Lower the assembled Bladder Pump into the well, using a stainless steel safety line connected to the eye safety stem on the pump. The Solinst Model 103 Tag Line can be used as a safety line if required.
- Connect the supply line from the compressed gas source to the Control Unit. The drive line connects from the Control Unit to the reel (drive and supply lines come with the Model 464 Control Unit).
- Attach a short (3 ft. or 1 m) length of 1/4" OD sample line to the sample connector on the reel.

Dedicated: The Bladder Pump is assembled by connecting to a Dedicated Wellhead with 1/4" OD sample and drive line tubing.

- Cut the tubing to desired length. Push the tubing onto the drive (long stem) and sample (short stem) stems of the Bladder Pump and secure using dual-ear Oetiker Clamps.
- Attach the sample line and drive line to the appropriate push fitting on the underside of the Wellhead (see diagram at right for use of push fittings and adaptors).
- Lower the Bladder Pump into the well using Kevlar cord or a stainless steel safety line connected to the suspension hook on the Wellhead, if desired. Push the Wellhead down firmly onto the riser casing.
- Attach a short (3 ft. or 1 m) length of sample line to the sample fitting on the Wellhead (see diagram at right for use of push fittings and adaptors).
- Connect the supply line from the compressed gas supply to the Control Unit. The drive line connects from the Control Unit to the top of the Wellhead (drive and supply lines come with the Model 464 Control Unit).

For detailed pumping instructions, please see the Solinst Model 464 Control Unit Operating Instructions.

- Notes:**
- The maximum depth for 1" Bladder Pump operation is 500 ft. (150 m) below grade.
 - DO NOT** exceed an operating pressure of 250 psi.
 - The pump has been washed before leaving Solinst, however, you may wish to decontaminate your pump before use. The pumping assembly should be decontaminated between wells.



Disassembly

1. Remove the Filter Retainer, Filter Screen and Top and Bottom Platens, being careful not to lose the Check Balls. Remove the Pump Body.
2. Remove the Top and Bottom Retainers, then remove the Centre Rod from the Bladder Sleeve by pushing one end of the Centre Rod onto a solid surface, while gripping the Bladder Retainer. It may be necessary to use one of the Retainers to push the Centre Rod out.
3. Remove the Bladder from the Bladder Sleeve using a pair of needle nose pliers.

Decontamination

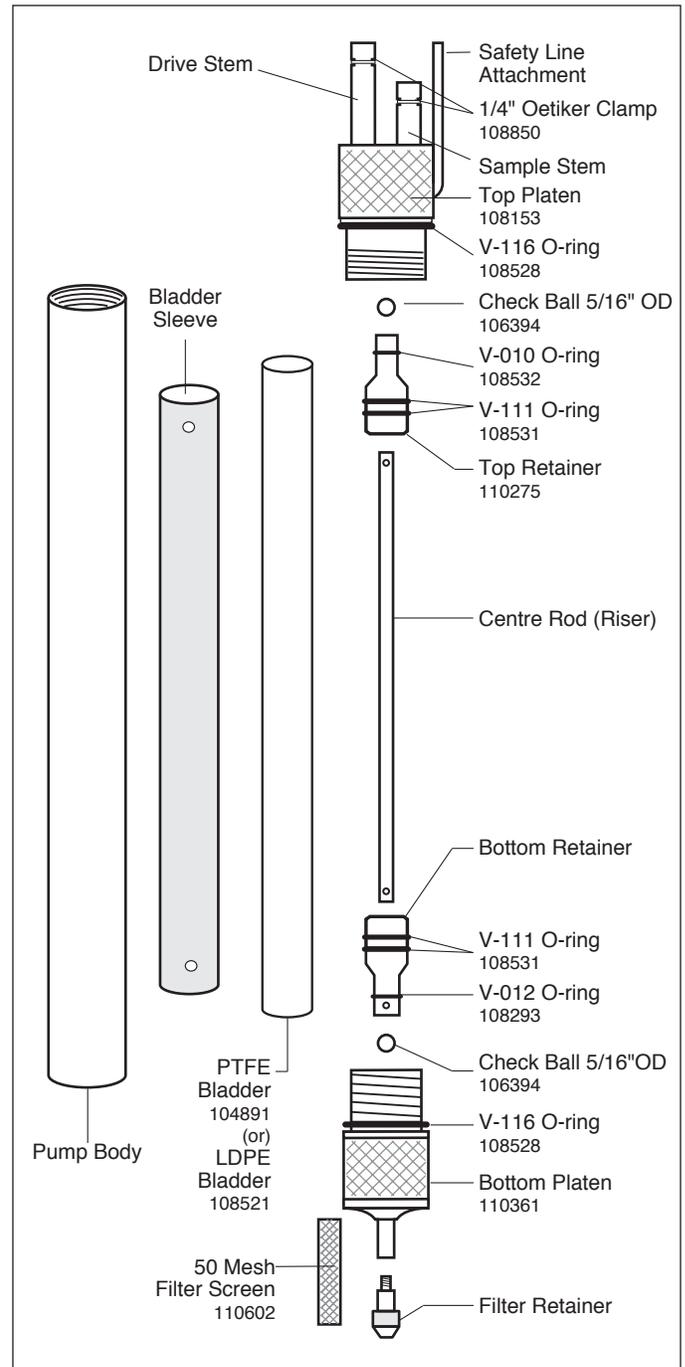
Notes: 1. Always follow your local guidelines and standard protocols.
2. Do not use acetone on the O-rings.

1. Completely disassemble the Pump.
2. Wash all pump components with phosphate-free soap or a detergent.
3. Rinse all components thoroughly with deionized water.
4. Replace any worn O-rings and Bladder if necessary, and reassemble.
5. The Pump's interior can be cleaned without disassembling by flushing your cleaning solution up and through the Pump's intake. With the Pump's Filter removed, use a peristaltic pump connected to the Bottom Platen, to push the cleaning solution through the Pump. Then flush the Pump with deionized water.

Reassembly

1. Manually slide the new Bladder into the Bladder Sleeve. It should extend about 1/4" beyond the Bladder Sleeve, at both ends.
2. Using your finger, flare both ends of the Bladder.
3. If necessary install new O-rings on both Top and Bottom Retainers and both Platens (8 in total).
4. Hold both ends of the Replacement Bladder to minimize slip within the Sleeve. Liberally lubricate a Retainer with water and insert it first at a 45° angle and rotating gently back and forth until the Bladder has been pushed about 1/4" past the second O-ring on the Retainer.
5. Insert the Centre Rod into the Sleeve until it rests in the Retainer.
6. Lubricate the second Retainer with water, align it onto the Centre Rod and working gently to avoid twisting or crumpling of the Bladder, push the Retainer into the Bladder until it is about 1/4" past the second O-ring. Trim off excess as necessary.
7. Take the Bottom Platen and drop the 5/16" OD Teflon Check Ball into it.
8. Fit the end of the assembly firmly into the Bottom Platen.
9. Slip the Pump Body over the assembly and screw it onto the Bottom Platen.

10. Drop a Check Ball into the Top Platen and screw the Pump Body onto it.
11. Shake the assembled pump to hear if the Check Balls rattle. If not, repeat steps 8 to 10, to ensure that the Check Balls are positioned correctly.
12. Fit the Filter Screen onto the Bottom Platen and screw the Filter Retainer into place.



1" Stainless Steel Bladder Pump