# PULSAR™

**USER MANUAL** 





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## **INTRODUCTION**

The aim of this manual is to guide users in the selection, setup and installation, operating and maintenance of the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> in its various applications.

### **Use of symbols**

The symbols used in this manual refer to the following:



WARNING

The following text contains instructions aimed at preventing bodily injury or direct damage to the crops, the product and/or the infrastructure.



The following text contains instructions aimed at preventing unwanted system operation, installation or conditions that. Failure to follow these instructions might void the warranty.



#### ATTENTION

The following text contains instructions aimed at enhancing the efficiency of usage of the instructions in the manual.



#### NOTE

The following text contains instructions aimed at emphasizing certain aspects of the operation of the system or installation.



#### **ACID HAZARD**

The following text contains instructions aimed at preventing bodily injury or direct damage to the crops, the product and/or the infrastructure in the presence of acid.



#### **SAFETY FOOTWEAR**

The following text contains instructions aimed at preventing foot injury.



#### TIP

The following text provides clarification, tips or useful information.



#### **PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

The following text contains instructions aimed at preventing damage to health or bodily injury in the presence of fertilizers, acids or other chemicals.

# **INTRODUCTION**

### **Safety instructions**

- All applicable safety instructions and regulations must be observed and applied.
- Ensure that the installation is carried out in a manner that prevents leaks from the Pulsar<sup>™</sup>, the irrigation lines, the peripherals and the accessories. Leaks might contaminate the environment, soil or adjacent area.
- The effectiveness of the equipment may be jeopardized or impaired if the equipment is used in a manner other than that specified by the manufacturer.

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WARNING

In an agricultural environment - always wear protective footwear.



### CAUTION

When opening or closing any manual valve, always do so gradually, to prevent damage to the system by water hammer.

### When using acid/chemicals



### ACID HAZARD

When using acid/chemicals - always observe the manufacturer's safety instructions and use caution when handling any such acid/chemicals.



### WW WARNING

When handling fertilizers, acids or other chemicals, always use protective equipment, gloves and goggles.



### WARNING

To prevent damage to the environment and to the crop, acids and/or hydrogen peroxide must never be released into the atmosphere or come in contact with any part of the crop.



#### ATTENTION

When using acid or hydrogen peroxide, follow the concentrations recommended below in order to prevent damage to the Pulsar<sup>™</sup>, the infrastructure, the environment and the crop.

Using concentration levels in excess of the values listed below may cause damage to the Pulsar<sup>™</sup>, the infrastructure, the environment and the crop and will void the warranty for the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> and/or any other parts of the irrigation system.

#### **Recommended acid concentrations**

Percentage of Acid	<b>Recommended Concentration in Treated Water</b>
Hydrochloric acid 33%	0.6%
Phosphoric acid 85%	0.6%
Nitric acid 60%	0.6%
Sulfuric acid 65%	0.6%

% is by weight at 21°C (70°F)



Exceeding the above acid concentrations will damage the Pulsar™.

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If the acid used has a different concentration level from the data included in the table above, adjust the concentration in proportion to the concentrations recommended in the table above.

#### Recommended dosage of hydrogen peroxide

Injection Method / Purpose	Injected Concentration	<b>Residual Concentration*</b>
Continuous injection	50 ppm	0.5 ppm
Selective injection	50 to 100 ppm	2 to 3 ppm
Annual maintenance treatment of the irrigation system	200 to 500 ppm	8 to 10 ppm

\*Measurements must be taken at the point furthest from the injection point.

### ) ATTENTION

The tables above indicate the recommended concentrations of the chemicals and are not a recommendation, endorsement or other inducement to use the chemicals mentioned above or any other type of chemical.



#### WARNING

Substances such as chemicals for pest/disease control might be corrosive and damage the Pulsar<sup>™</sup>. When using any substance other than acids and hydrogen peroxide that do not exceed the concentrations in the tables above, always observe the manufacturer's instructions for corrosiveness. In case of any doubt, consult your local Netafim<sup>™</sup> representative.

The Pulsar<sup>™</sup> is a pressure-compensated intermittent emitter that distributes relatively small amounts of water over a large wetted area, maintaining uniform dispersion. It supplies continuous and uniform irrigation at low flow rates - 8/12/15/20/25 l/h (2.1/3.2/4.0/5.3/ 6.6 GPH) - using micro-emitters originally designated for higher flow rates.

## ATTENTION

The actual flow rate of the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> is the flow rate of the flow regulator and not the flow rate of the emitter head.

### Unique self-compensating mechanism

The Pulsar's unique self-compensating mechanism operates by means of a flow regulator (pressurecompensated dripper) installed at its inlet.

The flow regulator consists of:

- a labyrinth, which reduces the pressure and stabilizes the flow rate of the irrigation water running through it.
- a diaphragm, which senses the pressure on both its surfaces, on one side the inlet pressure, on the other side - the reduced pressure after the irrigation water passes through the labyrinth. The flexibility of the diaphragm determines the pressure difference that the flow regulator allows between its inlet and its outlet.

The combination of the labyrinth and the diaphragm creates a self-compensating mechanism that generates a stable flow rate at its outlet, regardless of the water pressure at its inlet (within the operating pressure range).

The Pulsar's unique self-compensating mechanism integrates head losses/gains due to the distance between the pump and the field, the topography, the main pipes and the accessories, and ensures a uniform pressure at the inlet of the micro-emitter, regardless of its location in the field.

### **Operating principle**

- The irrigation water enters the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> through a flow regulator (pressure-compensated dripper) plugged into the lateral.
- The flow regulator allows irrigation water to enter the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> tube through the micro-tube at a uniform, continuous and nonfluctuating flow rate.
- An air bag inside the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> tube is compressed as water fills the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> tube.
- When the pressure inside the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> tube reaches the opening level of the anti-drain valve installed at the outlet of the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> tube, it opens and an irrigation pulse starts.
- As the emitter head irrigates, the pressure inside the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> tube decreases. When it reaches the closing level of the anti-drain valve, the irrigation pulse ends.
- When the anti-drain valve closes, the pressure inside the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> tube starts to build up again for the next irrigation pulse.

### **Advantages**

- Pressure compensation: Precise and equal amounts of water are delivered over a broad pressure range.
- 100% uniformity of water distribution.
- The unique self-compensation mechanism makes it the perfect choice for hillside applications or longer rows.
- Several pulses per minute, according to the selected combination of flow rate and emitter type, ensure continuous irrigation over a large area for many hours.
- Soil saturation or flooding are avoided even after many hours of irrigation.
- The water supply system, comprised of pump, a filtration system, pipes and fittings, is relatively small and far less expensive to purchase, install and maintain.

- Highly profitable price/performance ratio.
- Components are made of high-quality plastic materials resistant to any weather conditions and standard chemicals and nutrients used in agriculture.
- Energy and water saving.
- Simple, modular parts.
- Easy to install and maintain.
- A wide variety of accessories for a wide range of applications.
- Made by Netafim<sup>™</sup>.

### **Specifications**

- Pressure-compensation range: Pulsar<sup>™</sup> with StripNet<sup>™</sup>, MistNet<sup>™</sup> or GyroNet<sup>™</sup> head - 2.5 - 4.0 bar (36 - 58 PSI). Pulsar<sup>™</sup> with CoolNet<sup>™</sup> or VibroNet<sup>™</sup> head - 3.5 - 5.0 bar (51 - 72.5 PSI).
- Recommended filtration: 130 micron (120 mesh).
- UV-resistant.
- Chemical resistance to standard chemicals and nutrients used in agriculture (see tables on pages 6-7).
- Inlet connector: barb.
- Several techniques/adaptors/fittings are offered for installation in the field (not included), (see Accessories, page 39).

### **Applications**

Frost-mitigation

 in vineyards,
 trellised crops
 and fruit trees,
 nurseries and tunnels
 and other open-field crops.

Cooling

 of fruit trees,
 vineyards,
 trellised crops,
 nurseries and tunnels
 and other open-field crops.

 Long-shift irrigation of fruit trees, nurseries, germination tables and other open-field crops.  Humidification of tree areas, greenhouses, nurseries and tunnels.

### **Micro-emitter head selection**

	Required micro-emitter head							
Application	Mode	StripNet™	GyroNet <sup>tw</sup> SR	GyroNet <sup>TM</sup> SRD	GyroNet <sup>tw</sup> SSR	MistNet <sup>TM</sup>	VibroNet <sup>TM</sup>	CoolNet <sup>TM</sup> Pro
Frost mitigation in vineyards		+						
Frost mitigation in fruit trees			+	+	+			
Humidification	UR					+		+
Cooling		+	+	+	+	+		+
Long-shift irrigation			+	+	+			
Long-shift irrigation			+					
Germination tables	UD						+	
Cooling			+				+	+

### Key features according to application

Application	Mode	Micro-emitter head	Pressure range	Recommended flow rate (per unit)	Recommended distance between heads	Wetted area
<ul> <li>Strip frost mitigation in vineyards and trellised crops</li> </ul>	UR	StripNet™ 1AN	2.5 - 4.0 bar (36 - 58 PSI)	12 l/h (3.2 GPH)	Maximum 5.5 m (18.0 ft)	Rectangular: L: 5.5 m (18.0 ft) W: 0.5 m (1.65 ft)
<ul> <li>Cooling of vineyards and trellised crops</li> </ul>		StripNet™ 2AN			Maximum 6.5 m (21.5 ft)	Rectangular: L: 6.5 m (21.5 ft) W: 0.5 m (1.65 ft)
<ul> <li>Frost mitigation, cooling,</li> </ul>	UR	GyroNet™ SR Swivel (Short-range)	2.5 - 4.0 bar (36 - 58 PSI)	8, 12, 15, 20 l/h (2.1, 3.2, 4.0, 5.3 GPH)	One per tree one per 2 trees or according to	Circular: 5.0 m (16.5 ft) diameter
long-shift irrigation of fruit trees, nurseries	UD			12 l/h (3.2 GPH)	the crop needs	Circular: 3.5 m (11.5 ft) diameter
and other open-field crops.	UR	GyroNet™ SRD Swivel (Short-range + deflector)	2.5 - 4.0 bar (36 - 58 PSI)	8, 12, 15, 20 l/h (2.1, 3.2, 4.0, 5.3 GPH)	One per tree or according to the crop needs	Circular: 2.5 m (8.2 ft) diameter
	UR	GyroNet™ SSR Swivel (Super short- range)	2.5 - 4.0 bar (36 - 58 PSI)	8, 12, 15, 20 l/h (2.1, 3.2, 4.0, 5.3 GPH)	One above each tree	Circular: 3.5 m (11.5 ft) diameter
<ul> <li>Humidification or cooling of tree area</li> </ul>	UR	MistNet™	2.5 - 4.0 bar (36 - 58 PSI)	8 l/h (2.1 GPH)	One in the middle of each tree	A mist of water particles is emitted into the atmosphere
<ul> <li>Humidification, cooling or rooting in greenhouse, nurseries and rooting tables</li> </ul>	UD	CoolNet™ Pro	3.5 - 5.0 bar (51 - 72.5 PSI)	8 or 12 l/h (2.1 or 3.2 GPH)	Cooling/ humidification: 3.0 X 3.0 m (10 X 10 ft) Rooting tables: 1.5 X 1.5 m (5 X 5 ft)	A very fine mist of water particles is emitted into the atmosphere
<ul> <li>Irrigation in germination tables</li> </ul>	UD	VibroNet™	3.5 - 5.0 bar (51 - 72.5 PSI)	8 or 12 l/h (2.1 or 3.2 GPH)	1.5 X 1.5 m (5 X 5 ft)	Circular: 3.5 m (11.5 ft) diameter

\* UR = upright, UD = upside down

### Pulsar™ UR with StripNet™, one active nozzle head

### **Applications**

- Frost-mitigation, Cooling of vineyards,
  - and of trellised crops.

### **Specifications**

- Pressure-compensated static micro-emitter.
- Widest pressure regulating range: 2.5-4.0 bar (36 58 PSI),
- 2.5 bar (36 PSI) minimum working pressure at the compensated dripper inlet.

### ATTENTION

- To calculate the reqired working pressure of the system, take into consideration the height of the emitters above the distributor pipe (lateral).
- Optimal required pressure 3.0 bar (43.5 PSI).
- Recommended flow rate: 12 l/h (3.17 GPH).
- Rectangular water covering pattern: 0.5 meters (1.65 feet) wide x 5.5 meters (18.0 feet) long.
- Maximum recommended distance between heads: 5.5 meters (18.0 feet) (see page 20).
- One active brown nozzle; one plugged black nozzle.
- No moving parts.

### ) ATTENTION

In order to ensure the length of the water covering pattern, make sure that the poles of the vineyards on which the Pulsars are to be installed are absolutely vertical.

### **Features and benefits**

• The Pulsar<sup>™</sup> - StripNet<sup>™</sup> frost-mitigation/cooling system operates using as little as 10 m<sup>3</sup>/h hectare (18 GPM/acre) depending on the row spacing less than 70% the water required by full-coverage sprinkler systems.

### Typical description\* and catalog number

Catalog number	63700-005000
SAP description	PLSR URB 012 STR31 ADBLUP 120CM
Product components	<ol> <li>Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UR</li> <li>Flow regulator - 12 l/h (3.17 GPH) - Color: fuchsia</li> <li>Micro-tube - 120 cm (4.0 ft) with barb inlet connector</li> <li>AD valve - with blue pin</li> <li>StripNet<sup>™</sup> head - with one active nozzle</li> </ol>

\* The description above is of the typical Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UR with StripNet<sup>™</sup> head. Many other configurations are available (contact your local Netafim<sup>™</sup> representative).

### ATTENTION

### Pulsar™ UR with StripNet™, two active nozzles head

### **Applications**

- Frost-mitigation, Cooling of vineyards,
  - and of trellised crops.

### **Specifications**

- Pressure-compensated static micro-emitter.
- Widest pressure regulating range: 2.5-4.0 bar (36 58 PSI),
- 2.5 bar (36 PSI) minimum working pressure at the compensated dripper inlet.

### ATTENTION

- To calculate the reqired working pressure of the system, take into consideration the height of the emitters above the distributor pipe (lateral).
- Optimal required pressure 3.0 bar (43.5 PSI).
- Recommended flow rate: 12 l/h (3.17 GPH).
- Rectangular water covering pattern: 0.5 meters (1.65 feet) wide x 6.5 meters (21.5 feet) long.
- Maximum recommended distance between heads: 6.5 meters (21.5 feet).
- Two active nozzles, "Y" body and green nozzles.
- No moving parts.

### ) ATTENTION

In order to ensure the length of the water covering pattern, make sure that the poles of the vineyards on which the Pulsars are to be installed are absolutly vertical.

### **Features and benefits**

• The Pulsar<sup>™</sup> - StripNet<sup>™</sup> frost-mitigation/cooling system operates using as little as 10 m<sup>3</sup>/h hectare (18 GPM/acre) depending on the row spacing less than 70% the water required by full-coverage sprinkler systems.

### Typical description\* and catalog number

Catalog number	63700-005110
SAP description	PLSR URB 012 STR31 2AN ADBLUP 200CM
Product components	<ol> <li>Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UR</li> <li>Flow regulator - 12 l/h (3.17 GPH) - Color: fuchsia</li> <li>Micro-tube - 200 cm (6.5 ft) with barb inlet connector</li> <li>AD valve - with blue pin</li> <li>StripNet<sup>™</sup> head - with 2 active nozzles</li> </ol>

\* The description above is of the typical Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UR with StripNet<sup>™</sup> 2AN head. Many other configurations are available (contact your local Netafim<sup>™</sup> representative).

### ATTENTION

Before placing your order for Pulsars, make sure that the length of the micro-tube and the capacity of the flow regulator are compatible with the application and the conditions in the field. Micro-tubes of other lengths and flow regulators of other capacities are available on request (contact your local Netafim<sup>™</sup> representative).

### Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UR with GyroNet<sup>™</sup> SR head

### **Applications**

- Frost mitigation, Cooling, Long-shift irrigation
  - of fruit trees,
  - of nurseries.
  - and of other open-field crops.

### **Specifications**

- Pressure-compensated micro-emitter.
- Widest pressure regulating range: 2.5-4.0 bar (36 58 PSI), 2.5 bar (36 PSI) minimum working pressure at the compensated dripper inlet.



### **ATTENTION**

To calculate the regired working pressure of the system, take into consideration the height of the emitters above the distributor pipe (lateral).

- Optimal required pressure 3.0 bar (43.5 PSI).
- Recommended flow rate: 8, 12, 15 or 20 l/h (2.1, 3.2, 4.0 or 5.3 GPH), according to treetop area to be irrigated and the minimum projected ambient temperature.
- Recommended distance between heads: one above/below each tree or above/below 2 trees or according to the crop needs (see page 21).
- SR swivel, 5.0 meters (16.5 feet) wetted diameter.

### **Features and benefits**

• The Pulsar<sup>™</sup> - GyroNet<sup>™</sup> irrigation system operates using as little as 15 m<sup>3</sup>/h hectare (27 GPM/acre), depending on tree spacing.

### Typical description\* and catalog number

Catalog number	63700-007100
SAP description	PLSR URB 008 GYR9SR ADBCKP 60CM
Product components	<ol> <li>Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UR</li> <li>Flow regulator - 8 l/h (2.1 GPH) - Color: green</li> <li>Micro-tube - 60 cm (2.0 ft) with barb inlet connector</li> <li>AD valve - with black pin</li> <li>GyroNet<sup>™</sup> SR - orange nozzle, blue swivel and orange Everspin<sup>™</sup> upper bearing</li> </ol>

\* The description above is of the typical Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UR with GyroNet<sup>™</sup> SR head. Many other configurations are available (contact your local Netafim<sup>™</sup> representative).

### ATTENTION

### Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UD with GyroNet<sup>™</sup> SR head

### Applications

- Frost mitigation, Cooling, Long-shift irrigation
  - of fruit trees,
  - of nurseries,
  - and of other open-field crops.

### **Specifications**

- Pressure-compensated micro-emitter.
- Widest pressure regulating range: 2.5-4.0 bar (36 58 PSI), 2.5 bar (36 PSI) minimum working pressure at the compensated dripper inlet.
- Optimal required pressure 3.0 bar (43.5 PSI).
- Recommended flow rate: 12 l/h (3.17 GPH),
- Recommended distance between heads: one below each tree or above 2 trees or according to the crop needs (see page 22).
- SR swivel, 3.5 meters (11.5 feet) wetted diameter.

### **Features and benefits**

• The Pulsar<sup>™</sup> - GyroNet<sup>™</sup> irrigation system operates using as little as 15 m<sup>3</sup>/h hectare (27 GPM/acre), depending on tree spacing.

### Typical description\* and catalog number

Catalog number	63700-011610
SAP description	PLSR UDB 012 GYR90SR ADBLUP 60CM GRAY
Product components	<ol> <li>Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UD</li> <li>Flow regulator - 12 l/h (3.17 GPH) - Color: fuchsia</li> <li>Micro-tube - 60 cm (2.0 ft) with barb inlet connector</li> <li>AD valve - with blue pin</li> <li>GyroNet<sup>™</sup> SR - orange nozzle, blue swivel and orange Everspin<sup>™</sup> upper bearing</li> </ol>

\* The description above is of the typical Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UD with GyroNet<sup>™</sup> SR head. Many other configurations are available (contact your local Netafim<sup>™</sup> representative).



#### ATTENTION

### Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UR with GyroNet<sup>™</sup> SRD head

### **Applications**

- Frost mitigation, Cooling, Long-shift irrigation
  - of fruit trees,
  - of nurseries.
  - and of other open-field crops.

### **Specifications**

- Pressure-compensated micro-emitter.
- Widest pressure regulating range: 2.5-4.0 bar (36 58 PSI), 2.5 bar (36 PSI) minimum working pressure at the compensated dripper inlet.



### **ATTENTION**

To calculate the regired working pressure of the system, take into consideration the height of the emitters above the distributor pipe (lateral).

- Optimal required pressure 3.0 bar (43.5 PSI).
- Recommended flow rate: 8, 12, 15 or 20 l/h (2.1, 3.2, 4.0 or 5.3 GPH), according to treetop area to be irrigated and the minimum projected ambient temperature.
- Recommended distance between heads: one above each tree or according to the crop needs (see page 21).
- SSR swivel, 2.5 meters (8.2 feet) wetted diameter.

### Features and benefits

• The Pulsar<sup>™</sup> - GyroNet<sup>™</sup> frost-mitigation/cooling system operates using as little as 15 m<sup>3</sup>/h hectare (21 GPM/acre), depending on trees spacing less than 50% the water required by full-coverage sprinkler systems.

### Typical description\* and catalog number

Catalog number	63700-008110
SAP description	PLSR URB 012 GYR9SRD ADBLUP 120CM
Product components	<ol> <li>Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UR</li> <li>Flow regulator - 12 I/h (3.17 GPH) - Color: fuchsia</li> <li>Micro-tube - 120 cm (4.0 ft) with barb inlet connector</li> <li>AD valve - with blue pin</li> <li>GyroNet<sup>™</sup> SRD - orange nozzle, blue swivel and orange Everspin<sup>™</sup> upper bearing</li> </ol>

\* The description above is of the typical Pulsar™ UR with GyroNet™ SRD head. Many other configurations are available (contact your local Netafim<sup>™</sup> representative).

### ATTENTION

### Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UR with GyroNet<sup>™</sup> SSR head

### **Applications**

- Frost mitigation, Cooling, Long-shift irrigation
  - of fruit trees,
  - of nurseries.
  - and of other open-field crops.

### **Specifications**

- Pressure-compensated micro-emitter.
- Widest pressure regulating range: 2.5-4.0 bar (36 58 PSI), 2.5 bar (36 PSI) minimum working pressure at the compensated dripper inlet.



### **ATTENTION**

To calculate the regired working pressure of the system, take into consideration the height of the emitters above the distributor pipe (lateral).

- Optimal required pressure 3.0 bar (43.5 PSI).
- Recommended flow rate: 8, 12, 15 or 20 l/h (2.1, 3.2, 4.0 or 5.3 GPH), according to treetop area to be irrigated and the minimum projected ambient temperature.
- Recommended distance between heads: one above each tree or according to the crop needs (see page 21).
- SSR swivel, 3.5 meters (11.5 feet) wetted diameter.

### Features and benefits

• The Pulsar<sup>™</sup> - GyroNet<sup>™</sup> frost-mitigation/cooling system operates using as little as 15 m<sup>3</sup>/h hectare (21 GPM/acre), depending on tree spacing less than 50% the water required by full-coverage sprinkler systems.

### Typical description\* and catalog number

Catalog number	63700-008010
SAP description	PLSR URB 012 GYR9SSR ADBLUP 120CM
Product components	<ol> <li>Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UR</li> <li>Flow regulator - 12 I/h (3.17 GPH) - Color: fuchsia</li> <li>Micro-tube - 120 cm (4.0 ft) with barb inlet connector</li> <li>AD valve - with blue pin</li> <li>GyroNet<sup>™</sup> SSR - orange nozzle, light green swivel and orange Everspin<sup>™</sup> upper bearing</li> </ol>

\* The description above is of the typical Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UR with GyroNet<sup>™</sup> SSR head. Many other configurations are available (contact your local Netafim<sup>™</sup> representative).

### ATTENTION

Before placing your order for Pulsars, make sure that the length of the micro-tube and the capacity of the flow regulator are compatible with the application and the conditions in the field. Micro-tubes of other lengths and flow regulators of other capacities are available on request (contact your local Netafim<sup>™</sup> representative).

### Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UR with MistNet<sup>™</sup> head

### **Applications**

• Cooling, Humidification of the tree area.

### **Specifications**

- Pressure-compensated micro-emitter.
- Widest pressure regulating range: 2.5-4.0 bar (36 58 PSI),

2.5 bar (36 PSI) minimum working pressure at the compensated dripper inlet.

### ATTENTION

- To calculate the reqired working pressure of the system, take into consideration the height of the emitters above the distributor pipe (lateral).
- Optimal required pressure 3.0 bar (43.5 PSI).
- Recommended flow rate: 8.0 l/h (2.1 GPH).
- Recommended distance between heads: one in the middle of each tree (see page 21).
- Static micro-emitter.
- No moving parts.

### **Features and benefits**

• The Pulsar<sup>™</sup> - MistNet<sup>™</sup> cooling/humidification system operates using as little as 10 m<sup>3</sup>/h hectare (18 GPM/acre) depending on trees spacing.

### Typical description\* and catalog number

Catalog number	63700-006100
SAP description	PLSR URB 008 MST25 ADBLUP 200CM
Product components	<ol> <li>Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UR</li> <li>Flow regulator - 8 l/h (2.1 GPH) - Color: green</li> <li>Micro-tube - 200 cm (6.6 ft) with barb inlet connector</li> <li>AD valve - with blue pin</li> <li>MistNet<sup>™</sup> - brown nozzle</li> </ol>

\* The description above is of the typical Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UR with MistNet<sup>™</sup> head. Many other configurations are available (contact your local Netafim<sup>™</sup> representative).

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### Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UD with CoolNet<sup>™</sup> Pro head

### **Applications**

- Cooling, Humidification, Rooting of greenhouses, of nurseries,
  - and of rooting tables.

### **Specifications**

- Pressure-compensated micro-emitter.
- Widest pressure regulating range: 3.5-5.0 bar (51 72.5 PSI), 3.5 bar (51 PSI) minimum working pressure at the compensated dripper inlet.
- Optimal required pressure 4.0 bar (58 PSI).
- Recommended flow rate: 8 or 12 l/h (2.1 or 3.2 GPH)
- Recommended distance between heads:
  - For cooling and humidification: 3 X 3 meters (10 X 10 feet), as high as possible above the crop (all the emitters at the same height).
  - For rooting tables: 1.5 X 1.5 meters (5 X 5 feet),
    - with the emitter head 1.5 meters (5 feet) above the table.
- Emitter cross body, 4 light blue nozzles.

### **Features and benefits**

• The Pulsar<sup>™</sup> - CoolNet<sup>™</sup> cooling/humidification/rooting system operates using as little as 8 I/h (2.1 GPH) - less than 66% the water required by the standard CoolNet<sup>™</sup> Pro emitter.

### Typical description\* and catalog number

Catalog number	63700-004400
SAP description	PLS UDB 012 COOL4X14 ADPURP 60CM
Product components	<ol> <li>Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UD</li> <li>Flow regulator - 12 I/h (3.17 GPH) - Color: fuchsia</li> <li>Micro-tube - 60 cm (2.0 ft) with barb inlet connector</li> <li>AD valve - with purple pin</li> <li>CoolNet<sup>™</sup> Pro , light blue nozzles, cross body</li> </ol>

\* The description above is of the typical Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UD with CoolNet<sup>™</sup> Pro head. Many other configurations are available (contact your local Netafim<sup>™</sup> representative).

### ATTENTION



### Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UD with VibroNet<sup>™</sup> head

### **Applications**

- Irrigation
  - of germination tables.

### **Specifications**

- Pressure-compensated micro-emitter.
- Widest pressure regulating range: 3.5 5.0 bar (51 72.5 PSI),
  3.5 bar (51 PSI) minimum working pressure at the compensated dripper inlet.
- Optimal required pressure 3.5 bar (51 PSI).
- Recommended flow rate: 8 or 12 l/h (2.1 or 3.2 GPH).
- Recommended distance between heads: 1.5 X 1.5 meters (5 X 5 feet), with the emitter head 1.5 meters (5 feet) above the table.
- VibroNet™, 3.5 meters (11.5 feet) wetted diameter.

### **Features and benefits**

 The Pulsar<sup>™</sup> - VibroNet<sup>™</sup> frost-mitigation in germination table system operates using as little as 8 l/h (2.1 GPH) - less than 75% the water required by the standard VibroNet<sup>™</sup> emitter.

### Typical description\* and catalog number

Catalog number	63700-011500			
SAP description	PLSR UDB 012 VBN50 ADPRPP 30CM GRAY			
Product components				

\* The description above is of the typical Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UD with VibroNet<sup>™</sup> head. Many other configurations are available (contact your local Netafim<sup>™</sup> representative).



### ATTENTION



### **Typical setups**

The Pulsar<sup>™</sup> can be set up in different ways to accommodate its many applications. The most common setups for each application are detailed below.

### Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UR with StripNet<sup>™</sup> head

- Rectangular water covering pattern: 0.5 meters (1.65 feet) wide x 6.5 meters (21.5 feet) long.
- Maximum recommended distance between heads: 6.5 meters (21.5 feet).
- The distributor pipe (lateral):
  - 1 lies on the ground;
  - 2 is attached by plastic restraints (bands) or handle clips to the lower wire of the trellis system.

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### ATTENTION

Prior to beginning of season, check the system, make sure to adjust the spray direction exactly along the crop row (trellis).

The AD valve should be perpendicular to the direction of the emitter head (see Fig. 1)





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Maximum recommended distance between heads: up to 6.5 meters (21.5 feet) according to StripNet<sup>™</sup> configuration. If the distance between the poles along the trellis system is greater than 6.5 meters (21.5 feet), add metal or fiberglass rods in between to enable the installation of additional heads.

### Pulsar™ UR with GyroNet™ SR/SRD/SSR head

- Recommended distance between heads: one above/below each tree or above/below 2 trees or according to the crop needs.
- SR swivel, 5.0 meters (16.5 feet) wetted diameter (depending on height of installation).
- SRD swivel, 2.5 meters (8.2 feet) wetted diameter (depending on height of installation).
- SSR swivel, 3.5 meters (11.5 feet) wetted diameter (depending on height of installation).
- The distributor pipe (lateral):
  - 1) lies on the ground;
  - 2) is attached by plastic restraints (bands) or handle clips to a wire extended approximately 1 meter (3 feet) above the ground.

SR: diam. 5.0 m (16.5 ft) SRD: diam. 2.5 m (8.2 ft) SSR: diam. 3.5 m (11.5 ft)







### Pulsar™ UR with MistNet™ head

- Recommended distance between heads: One in the middle of each tree.
- The distributor pipe (lateral):
  - 1) lies on the ground;
  - is attached by plastic restraints (bands) or handle clips to a wire extended approximately 1 meter (3 feet) above the ground.



### Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UD with GyroNet<sup>™</sup> SR head

- Recommended distance between heads: one above/below each tree or above/below 2 trees or according to the crop needs.
- SR swivel, 4.0 meters (13.0 feet) wetted diameter.
- The distributor pipe (lateral):
  - 1) is attached by plastic restraints (bands) or handle clips to a wire extended approximately 1 meter (3 feet) above the ground.
  - 2) is attached by plastic restraints (bands) or handle clips to a wire extended over the treetops.



### Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UD with CoolNet<sup>™</sup> Pro head

- Recommended distance between heads:
  - For cooling and humidification: 3 X 3 meters (10 X 10 feet), as high as possible above the crop (all the emitters at the same height).
  - For rooting tables: 1.5 X 1.5 meters (5 X 5 feet), with the emitter head 1.5 meters above the table.

### Pulsar™ UD with VibroNet™ head

• Recommended distance between heads: 1.5 X 1.5 meters (5 X 5 feet), with the emitter head 1.5 meters (5 feet) above the table.

### Infrastructure requirements

#### The water supply system



Install a water supply system of sufficient capacity, including:

#### A pump **()** able to supply the pressure and flow rate required for the application.

- Minimum required pressure according to specific micro-emitter head.
- Head losses due to the distance between the pump and the field, the topography, the main pipes and accessories and the micro-emitter height above the distributor pipe (lateral) should be added to the recommended working pressure for proper operation of the product.
- Required flow rate according to specific micro-emitter head type and quantity.
- TC (total consumption of the system) = quantity of Pulsars X flow rate of each Pulsar™.

#### A filtration system 🕗.

- Recommended filtration: 130 micron (120 mesh).
- Select the filtration method based on the kind and concentration of dirt particles contained in the water.
- Wherever the sand content of the water exceeds 2 ppm, a hydrocyclone sand separator must be installed upstream from the main filter.
- When sand/silt/clay exceeds 100 ppm, pre-treatment must be applied according to the instructions of Netafim's expert team.

# Flow meter (3), pressure gauges (4), irrigation valves (5), lines (6) and laterals (7) as required for the application.

• The planning of the system head is beyond the scope of this manual and should be performed by an expert. For initial guidance, consult your local Netafim<sup>™</sup> representative.

ATTENTION

Since the field conditions differ in each installation, the installer should prepare the appropriate infrastructure as planned by an expert according to the actual conditions in the field (consult your local Netafim<sup>™</sup> representative).



### CAUTION

During the preparation of the infrastructure and the installation of the Pulsars, make sure the ends of the pipes and the laterals are never left open, to prevent dirt, insects or rodents from penetrating them.



#### ATTENTION

Make sure to close the ends of the pipes and the laterals in a way that enables temporary opening for flushing. Preferably use end-of-pipe accessories (see all the types of pipe accessories in the Connectors - Product Catalog at http://www.netafim.com/irrigation-products-technical-materials)

	Lateral		Distance between emitters - meters (feet)				
Flow rate	Diam./	Inlet pressure	3.0 (10.0)	5.0 (16.5)	7.0 (23.0)	9.0 (29.5)	
l/h (GPH)	class	bar (PSI)	Maximum lateral length - meters (feet)				
		3.0 (43.5)	159 (522)	225 (738)	280 (919)	333 (1093)	
	16/4	3.5 (51.0)	204 (669)	285 (935)	357 (1171)	423 (1388)	
0 0 (2 1)		4.0 (58.0)	237 (778)	330 (1083)	413 (1355)	486 (1594)	
8.0 (2.1)		3.0 (43.5)	249 (817)	345 (1132)	434 (1424)	504 (1654)	
	20/4	3.5 (51.0)	318 (1043)	445 (1460)	553 (1814)	648 (2126)	
		4.0 (58.0)	369 (1211)	515 (1690)	637 (2090)	747 (2451)	
		3.0 (43.5)	123 (404)	175 (574)	217 (712)	261 (856)	
	16/4	3.5 (51.0)	159 (522)	225 (738)	280 (919)	324 (1063)	
120/22		4.0 (58.0)	183 (600)	255 (837)	322 (1056)	378 (1240)	
12.0 (3.2)		3.0 (43.5)	192 (630)	270 (886)	336 (1102)	396 (1299)	
	20/4	3.5 (51.0)	246 (807)	345 (738)	427 (1401)	504 (1654)	
		4.0 (58.0)	285 (935)	395 (1132)	497 (1631)	585 (1919)	
		3.0 (43.5)	108 (354)	150 (492)	189 (620)	225 (738)	
	16/4	3.5 (51.0)	138 (453)	195 (640)	245 (804)	288 (945)	
15 0 (4 0)		4.0 (58.0)	159 (522)	225 (738)	280 (919)	333 (1093)	
15.0 (4.0)		3.0 (43.5)	168 (551)	235 (771)	294 (965)	342 (1122)	
	20/4	3.5 (51.0)	213 (699)	300 (984)	371 (1217)	441 (1447)	
		4.0 (58.0)	249 (817)	345 (1132)	427 (1401)	504 (1654)	
		3.0 (43.5)	90 (295)	125 (410)	161 (528)	189 (620)	
	16/4	3.5 (51.0)	114 (374)	160 (525)	203 (666)	243 (797)	
20.0 (5.3) -		4.0 (58.0)	132 (433)	185 (607)	231 (758)	279 (915)	
20.0 (5.3)		3.0 (43.5)	141 (463)	195 (640)	245 (804)	288 (945)	
	20/4	3.5 (51.0)	180 (591)	250 (820)	308 (1010)	369 (1211)	
		4.0 (58.0)	207 (679)	290 (951)	357 (1171)	423 (1388)	

### Maximum lateral length on a flat terrain\* at different inlet pressures

\*The maximum lateral length differs according to variations in the elevation of the terrain. If the terrain is not flat, consult your local Netafim<sup>™</sup> representative.

# **INSTALLATION**

### Attaching the Pulsar<sup>™</sup>

The Pulsar™ tube can be attached in four ways:

#### ATTENTION

In UR applications, the length of the Pulsar's micro-tube should allow some tolerance. Attach the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> at a distance from the lateral that allows its micro-tube to reach the lateral without tension.



### CAUTION

Make sure to use UV protected plastic restraints (bands) to attach the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> tube to the pole/ stake/rod. (catalog number: 63720-001800).

### Attaching the pulsar<sup>™</sup> tube to wooden poles using clamps (catalog number: 64420-003100)

- 1 Fasten the clamp to the wooden pole using 2 wood screws.
  - A Insert one of the screws into a slotted hole and use it to adjust the clamp vertically.
- Press the neck of the Pulsar™ tube into the clamp until you hear a click.
- 3 Couple the Pulsar™ tube to the wooden pole using 2 plastic restraints (bands).

If the circumference of the wooden pole is larger than 25 cm (10 in), use 2 plastic restraints (bands) connected together.

### ATTENTION

In order to ensure uniform distribution, be sure to use 2 plastic restraints (bands) to secure the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> tube strictly vertical to the pole.



# **INSTALLATION**

### Attaching the pulsar™ tube to metal stakes up to 5 mm (0.2 in) thick, using clamps

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(catalog number: 64420-003010)

- Slide the clamp onto the top of the metal stake.
- Press the neck of the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> tube into the clamp until you hear a click.
- 3 Couple the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> tube to the metal stake using 2 plastic restraints (bands).

### ) ATTENTION

In order to ensure uniform distribution, be sure to use 2 plastic restraints (bands) to secure the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> tube strictly vertical to the stake.

# Attaching the pulsar<sup>™</sup> tube to metal or fiberglass rods using adaptors

Blue adaptor for 6 mm (0.24 in) diameter rod catalog number: 63520-005950 Black adaptor for 8 mm (0.31 in) diameter rod catalog number: 63520-005970

 Insert the rod into the adaptor (use a hammer).

 A Check the opening make sure the rod is fully inserted.
 2 Press the neck of the Pulsar™ tube

- into the clamp until you hear a click.
- Ouple the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> tube to the rod using 2 plastic restraints (bands).

### ATTENTION

In order to ensure uniform distribution, be sure to use 2 plastic restraints (bands) to secure the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> tube strictly vertical to the rod.

# **INSTALLATION**

### Connecting the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> to the lateral

### For all the UR applications

 Punch a hole in the lateral using a 3 mm punching tool (catalog number: 45000-001200).

### CAUTION

After completion of the infrastructure - water supply system, lines and laterals - and punching the holes in the laterals, and before installation of the Pulsars, open the ends of the laterals and thoroughly rinse the infrastructure by running water through it in order to wash away any residues (chips, shavings, sawdust) due to the setup work. After rinsing the infrastructure, close the ends of the laterals.



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#### ATTENTION

In UR applications, the length of the Pulsar's micro-tube should allow some tolerance. The Pulsar's micro-tube must reach the lateral without tension.

2 Insert the barb of the flow regulator into the hole in the lateral.

### For the UD application only

The Pulsar™ is hanging from the distributor pipe (lateral), not attached to a clamp.

1 Punch a hole on the underside of the lateral using a punching tool (catalog number: 45000-001200).

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After completion of the infrastructure water supply system, lines and laterals and punching the holes in the laterals, and before installation of the Pulsars, open the ends of the laterals and thoroughly rinse the infrastructure by running water through it in order to wash away any residues (chips, shavings, sawdust) due to the setup work.

After rinsing the infrastructure, close the ends of the laterals.

2 Insert the barb of the flow regulator into the hole in the lateral.

### **Inspection after installation**

- 1) Operate the system until it reaches the head pressure as planned.
- 2) Check that the flow rate indicated by the water meter is as planned.
- 3) Perform a visual sample inspection in the field. See that the Pulsars are pulsating.
- 4) If a Pulsar™ is not pulsating or is leaking, refer to Troubleshooting, page 32.



### **Current operation according to application**

#### **Frost mitigation**

Operate the system according to the temperature, the relative humidity and the phenological state of the crop.

Irrigate continuously until the end of the frost event (until all the ice accumulated on the crop has melted completely).

Recommended precipitation rate (PR) > 3 mm/h (0.12 in/h) on the wetted area.

### Long-shift irrigation

Irrigate at a precipitation rate (PR) of at least 1 mm/h (or as needed) and make sure the precipitation rate during the entire irrigation shift is higher than the evaporation rate (for clarifications, call Netafim<sup>™</sup>). The duration of irrigation is calculated on the basis of the daily return required by the crop (based on the phenological stage of the crop and the evapotranspiration), divided by the calculated precipitation rate.

### **Humidification and cooling**

**Misting** (using the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UR with the MistNet<sup>™</sup> head) - A fine mist of water particles is emitted, absorbing the heat energy from the atmosphere while evaporating (the lower the relative humidity, the higher the cooling efficiency).

**Contact cooling** (using the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UR or UD with the GyroNet<sup>™</sup> SR or SSR head, or the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UR with the StripNet<sup>™</sup> head) - Drops of water are in direct contact with the crop. The temperature difference between the drops and the crop is equalized as the drops absorb the heat from the crop and drip off its surface.

The activation and duration of system operation is based on the temperature, the relative humidity and the effect the agriculturist wants to achieve, in accordance with the phenological stage of the crop (consult an expert/agronomist).



It is possible to use cooling to extend the hours of low temperature per day (before sunset and after sunrise) in areas and seasons where the period of low temperatures per day is borderline and insufficient to meet the requirements for the crop recommended by the expert/agronomist.

### Long-shift irrigation in germination tables

The Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UD with VibroNet<sup>™</sup> head operates using as little as 8 l/h (2.1 GPH) - it can extend the irrigation time with no additional water, due to its low flow rate.

VibroNet<sup>™</sup> is designed for high distribution uniformity, and small drop size, to avoid damage to the seeds by exposure when the irrigation moves clods of earth.



#### NOTE

The size of the drops is small enough to avoid damage to the seeds, but large enough to avoid being influenced by air movement.

#### Cooling, humidification, rooting for greenhouse, nurseries and rooting tables.

Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UD with CoolNet<sup>™</sup> Pro head

- 8 l/h (2.1 GPH)
- Very fine mist 65 micron

#### Cooling

The Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UD with CoolNet<sup>™</sup> Pro head operates using 8 l/h (2.1 GPH) - it can extend the water emission time with no additional water, due to its low flow rate.



#### NOTE

The Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UD with CoolNet<sup>™</sup> Pro head combination requires relatively small flow rates. Although it allows the use of smaller transportation and distribution pipes and smaller operating valves, and also improves the efficiency of the system, it should be noted that a controlled cooling system with electric valves, using the CoolNet<sup>™</sup> Pro head without the Pulsar<sup>™</sup>, could also be used. With this option, the electric valve is activated 1/10th of the time, resulting in water consumption as low as 2.2 l/h (0.6 GPH).

#### Humidification and rooting

The Pulsar<sup>™</sup> UD with CoolNet<sup>™</sup> Pro head provides adequate quantities of water for long periods of time, with low flow rates and no need for complex control.

### **Calculating the precipitation rate (PR)**

#### Calculation of the wetted area (WA):

For GyroNet<sup>™</sup> applications (round wetted area)

Square the radius (half the diameter) of the wetted area and then multiply by 3.14 ( $\pi$ ).

Wetted area =  $\pi \times r^2$ 

For StripNet<sup>™</sup> applications (rectangular wetted area)

Multiply the length (L) of the wetted area by its width (W).

Wetted area =  $L \times W$ 

#### Calculation of the precipitation rate (PR):

Precipitation rate (PR) = the flow rate divided by the wetted area

Precipitation rate (PR) =  $\frac{\text{flow rate}}{\text{wetted area}}$ 

Units	Metric	US
Length:	Meters (m)	Feet (ft)
Area:	Square meters (m <sup>2</sup> )	Square feet (ft <sup>2</sup> )
Flow rate:	l/h	GPH
Precipitation rate (PR):	mm/h	Inch/hour (in/h)

### **Maintenance**

### **Rinsing the laterals**



### ATTENTION

Rinsing the laterals is an essential action and should be performed regularly in order to maintain the proper operation of the system.



#### ACID HAZARD

When using acids/chemicals - always observe the manufacturer's safety instructions and use caution when handling any such acid/chemicals.



### 🍿 warning

When handling fertilizers, acids or other chemicals, always use protective equipment, gloves and goggles.



### WARNING

To prevent damage to the environment and to the crop, acids and hydrogen peroxide must never be released into the atmosphere or come in contact with any part of the crop.



#### ATTENTION

When using acid or hydrogen peroxide, follow the concentrations recommended below in order to prevent damage to the Pulsar<sup>™</sup>, the infrastructure, the environment and the crop. Using concentrations levels in excess of the values listed below may cause damage to the Pulsar<sup>™</sup>, the infrastructure, the environment and the crop and will void the warranty for the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> and/or the other parts of the irrigation system.

#### In order to wash accumulated dirt off the laterals

Open the end of the line, allow the irrigation water to flow for a couple of minutes:

- If the water is transparent rinse once a year
- If the color of the water is light brown rinse once a month
- If the color of the water is dark brown rinse once a week

To ensure that the capacity of the pump allows a sufficient flow speed for efficient removal of dirt from the piping while rinsing, never open more than 5 laterals simultaneously (repeat this actions for all the laterals in the system).

If organic substances are present in the water, inject hydrogen peroxide.

#### **Recommended dosage of hydrogen peroxide**

Injection Method / Purpose	Injected Concentration	<b>Residual Concentration*</b>
Continuous injection	50 ppm	0.5 ppm
Selective injection	50 to 100 ppm	2 to 3 ppm
Annual maintenance treatment of the irrigation system	200 to 500 ppm	8 to 10 ppm

\*Measurements must be taken at the point furthest from the injection point.

In cases of potential scale formation in the water, and to avoid sedimentation of low solubility salts/ carbonates, injection of acid is recommended.

#### **Recommended acid concentrations**

Percentage of Acid	<b>Recommended Concentration in Treated Water</b>
Hydrochloric acid 33%	0.6%
Phosphoric acid 85%	0.6%
Nitric acid 60%	0.6%
Sulfuric acid 65%	0.6%

% is by weight at 21°C (70°F)



#### WARNING

Exceeding the above acid concentrations will damage the Pulsar™.

If the acid used has a different concentration level from the data included in the table above, adjust the concentration in proportion to the concentrations recommended in the table above.



#### WARNING

The quantity of chemicals to be injected should be determined according to the amount of pollution in the pipes (for further instructions, see Preventive maintenance of dripping systems in Appendix - Further reading, page 42.



#### WARNING

To prevent damage to the environment and to the crop, acids and hydrogen peroxide must never be released into the atmosphere or come in contact with any part of the crop. While rinsing the system with these substances, make sure that the pressure in the system does not exceed 1.5 bar (22 PSI) to ensure that the anti-drain (AD) valves of the Pulsars do not open. After completion of the rinsing process, make sure to reset the system to its usual operating pressure.

After injecting acids or hydrogen peroxide, operate the system for at least an hour with clean water.

#### **Periodic inspection**

Perform a visual inspection once every 1 million pulses while the system is active, in order to detect natural wear of the Pulsar's components. Make sure that the pulse rate is uniform; if not, see Troubleshooting, page 32.

# TROUBLESHOOTING

A full review of all the possible malfunctions of the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> system and infrastructure is beyond the scope of this manual. If you experience a malfunction that is not discussed in this chapter, consult your local Netafim<sup>™</sup> representative.

Malfunction	Possible causes	Actions
Water is not emitted.	The micro- emitter's head is blocked. The anti-drain (AD) valve is defective.	<ol> <li>While the system is operating, disconnect the micro-emitter from the anti-drain (AD) valve and check: If water is flowing from the outlet of the anti-drain (AD) valve - Check for clogging of the micro-emitter nozzle (proceed to step 2).</li> <li>Disassemble the micro-emitter head.</li> <li>Thoroughly clean the micro-emitter nozzle with pressurized air.</li> <li>Visually check for remaining clogging and clean again with pressurized air if needed.</li> <li>Reassemble and reinstall the micro-emitter head.</li> <li>Activate the Pulsar<sup>™</sup>. If the malfunction persists, replace the micro-emitter head with a new one.</li> <li>ATTENTION For GyroNet<sup>™</sup> - Make sure to replace the micro-emitter head with one with a swivel of the same color.</li> </ol>
	The anti-drain (AD) valve does not open.	<ol> <li>Check that the pressure on the lateral near the flow regulator is according to the recommendation + the height of the anti-drain (AD) valve above the lateral (use a needle pressure gauge). If it is not - restore the pressure. If the pressure is correct and the anti-drain (AD) valve still does not open - replace the anti-drain (AD) valve (see CAUTION, page 34).</li> <li>Remove the faulty anti-drain valve (see Fig. 2, page 35).</li> <li>Install a new anti-drain valve. Pay attention to the protruding placemarks (see Fig. 5, page 35).</li> <li>ATTENTION Make sure to replace the anti-drain (AD) valve with one with a pin of the same color.</li> </ol>
	There is a breach, a tear or a hole in the micro-tube.	<ul> <li>Replace the faulty section of the micro-tube.</li> <li>1) Cut the micro-tube on both sides of the faulty section.</li> <li>2) Prepare a new section of micro-tube of the same length as the deleted section.</li> <li>3) Connect the new section using two coupling barb micro-tube connectors (see Accessories, page 39).</li> </ul>
	The inlet of the flow regulator (pressure- compensated dripper) is blocked.	<ul> <li>Replace the flow regulator (pressure-compensated dripper).</li> <li>1) Unplug the flow regulator from the lateral.</li> <li>2) Plug the hole in the lateral using a dripperline plug (see Fig. 1, page 35).</li> <li>3) Punch a new hole in the lateral at a distance of at least 2 cm (1 in) from the plugged one, using a punching tool (see Fig. 4, page 35).</li> <li>4) Insert the colored barb of the new flow regulator into the new hole in the lateral.</li> <li>5) Cut the micro-tube a few milimeters from the faulty flow regulator.</li> <li>6) Connect the micro-tube to the black barb of the new flow regulator.</li> <li>Matter and the micro-tube to the black barb of the new flow regulator.</li> <li>In UR applications, the length of the Pulsar's micro-tube should allow some tolerance.</li> <li>If after cutting the micro-tube, it is too short to reach the lateral without tension, add a section of micro-tube and connect it using a coupling barb micro-tube connector (see Accessories, page 39).</li> </ul>

# TROUBLESHOOTING

Malfunction	Possible causes	Actions			
Water is emitted continuously, not in pulses.	The anti-drain (AD) valve is out of order.	<ul> <li>Replace the anti-drain (AD) valve (see CAUTION, page34).</li> <li>1) Remove the faulty anti-drain valve (see Fig. 4, page 35).</li> <li>2) Install a new anti-drain valve. Pay attention to the protruding placemarks (see Fig. 5, page 35).</li> <li>ATTENTION Make sure to replace the anti-drain (AD) valve with one with a pin of the same color.</li> </ul>			
Pulsating rate is not regular.	The anti-drain (AD) valve is out of order.	<ul> <li>Replace the anti-drain (AD) valve (see CAUTION, page34).</li> <li>1) Remove the faulty anti-drain valve (see Fig. 4, page 35).</li> <li>2) Install a new anti-drain valve. Pay attention to the placemarks (see Fig. 3, page 35).</li> <li>ATTENTION Make sure to replace the anti-drain (AD) valve with one with a pof the same color.</li> </ul>			
	There is a puncture or a tear in the Pulsar's air bag.	<ul> <li>Check the integrity of the Pulsar's air bag.</li> <li>1) Disconnect the Pulsar™ from the adaptor.</li> <li>ATTENTION <ul> <li>To prevent damage to the adaptor - do not pull the Pulsar™.</li> <li>Rotate the Pulsar™ to disconnect it (see Fig. 3, page 35).</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) Unscrew the cap from the Pulsar's tube.</li> <li>ATTENTION <ul> <li>Unscrew the cap from the Pulsar's tube by rotating the Pulsar's tube. Avoid twisting the micro-tube (see Fig. 8, page 35).</li> </ul> </li> <li>3) Manually pull the Pulsar's air bag out of the Pulsar's tube (see Fig. 9, page 35).</li> <li>3) Manually pull the Pulsar's air bag out of the Pulsar's tube (see Fig. 9, page 35).</li> <li>ATTENTION <ul> <li>To avoid damaging the Pulsar's air bag, do not use tools to manipulate it. However, if it is impossible to pull the air bag out of the Pulsar's tube by hand, gently use tweezers and make sure not to puncture or scratch the air bag.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4) Manually apply pressure to the air bag and make sure it is flat.</li> <li>5) If in doubt, fill a receptacle with water.</li> <li>6) Dip the air bag in the water, manually apply pressure to the air bag and check for air bubbles.</li> <li>7) If the Pulsar's air bag is damaged, replace it.</li> <li>8) Insert the air bag into the Pulsar's tube and push it in until it stops (see Fig. 10, page 35).</li> <li>9) Screw the Pulsar's cap a full circle until the tooth on the thread snaps into the slot in the Pulsar's tube (see Fig. 6, page 35).</li> <li>ATTENTION <ul> <li>Screw the Pulsar's cap by rotating the Pulsar's tube. Avoid twisting the micro-tube.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
GyroNet™ swivel does not rotate.	The swivel is worn.	<ul> <li>Replace the swivel.</li> <li>1) Remove the GyroNet<sup>™</sup> head and disassemble it (see Fig. 7, page 35).</li> <li>2) Replace the swivel.</li> <li>ATTENTION Make sure to replace the swivel with one of the same color.</li> <li>3) Reinstall the GyroNet<sup>™</sup> head.</li> </ul>			

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Malfunction	Possible causes	Actions
The Pulsar™ is leaking.	Loose connections between the parts.	Check all the connections between the parts and tighten them if necessary.
	The MistNet <sup>™</sup> is leaking at the connection between the MistNet's body and nozzle. The O-ring is worn or riven.	<ul> <li>Replace the O-ring of the MistNet<sup>™</sup>.</li> <li>1) Disconnect the MistNet<sup>™</sup> and disassemble it (see Fig. 11, page 35).</li> <li>2) Gently remove the O-ring using a small screwdriver</li> <li>3) Replace the O-ring with a new one</li> <li>ATTENTION When reassembling, make sure that the diffuser is in place.</li> <li>4) Reassemble the MistNet<sup>™</sup> and reconnect it</li> </ul>
	The anti-drain (AD) valve is leaking from its cap (around the pin).	<ul> <li>Replace the anti-drain (AD) valve (see CAUTION below).</li> <li>1) Remove the faulty anti-drain valve (see Fig. 2, page 35).</li> <li>2) Install a new anti-drain valve. Mind the protruding placemarks (see Fig. 5, page 35).</li> </ul>
	The anti-drain (AD) valve is out of order.	ATTENTION Make sure to replace the anti-drain (AD) valve with one with a pin of the same color
	The O-ring of the Pulsar's cap is worn or torn.	<ol> <li>Make sure the Pulsar's cap is properly closed and that the tooth on the thread snaps into the slot in the Pulsar's tube (see Fig. 6, page 35). If it is not properly closed - close it and check again whether the Pulsar™ is leaking. If it is properly closed - proceed to step 2.</li> <li>Replace the O-ring of the Pulsar's cap.</li> <li>Disconnect the Pulsar™ from the adaptor (see Fig. 3, page 35).</li> <li>Unscrew the cap from the Pulsar's tube.</li> </ol>
		ATTENTION Unscrew the cap from the Pulsar's tube by rotating the Pulsar's tube. Avoid twisting the micro-tube (see Fig. 8, page 35).
		<ol> <li>Gently remove the O-ring using a small screwdriver.</li> <li>Replace the O-ring with a new one.</li> <li>Screw the Pulsar's cap a full circle until the tooth on the thread snaps into the slot in the Pulsar's tube (see Fig. 6, page 35).</li> </ol>
		ATTENTION Screw the Pulsar's cap by rotating the Pulsar's tube and avoiding twisting the micro-tube.
	There is a leak at the connection of the flow regulator (pressure-com- pensated dripper) to the lateral. Improper hole punch in the lateral.	<ul> <li>6) Reattach the Pulsar™ to the adaptor (see Installation, pages 25-26).</li> <li>Relocate the flow regulator (pressure-compensated dripper) in a new hole.</li> <li>1) Unplug the flow regulator from the lateral.</li> <li>2) Plug the hole in the lateral using a dripperline plug (see Fig. 1, page 35).</li> <li>3) Punch a new hole in the lateral at a distance of at least 2 cm (1 in) from the plugged one, using a punching tool (see Fig. 4, page 35).</li> <li>4) Plug the flow regulator's barb into the new hole in the lateral.</li> </ul>



**CAUTION** When replacing an anti-drain (AD) valve, make sure that there are no remains of broken parts left in the Pulsar-tube connector. If there are, gently remove them using a small screwdriver.

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### **Reference illustrations**

### **Spare parts**

Name	Description	Quantity	Catalog number	Image
StripNet™ 1AN head	With one active nozzle - brown	1 unit	64420-002770	0
StripNet™ 2AN head	With two active nozzles - green	1 unit	63700-012000	0
GyroNet™ SR head	Orange nozzle, blue swivel, Everspin™ upper bearing - orange	1 unit	64000-030507	Ø
GyroNet™ SRD head	Orange nozzle, blue swivel, Everspin™ upper bearing - orange	1 unit	64000-034406	
GyroNet™ SSR head	Orange nozzle, light green swivel, Everspin™ upper bearing - orange	1 unit	64000-030509	<b>A</b>
MistNet™ head	Brown nozzle	1 unit	63100-040000	é
CoolNet™ head	4 light blue nozzles	1 unit	63100-055980	
VibroNet™ head	Light green nozzle	1 unit	64300-005000	
	PLSR AD - black pin	1 unit	63700-001000	
Anti-drain (AD) valve	PLSR AD - blue pin	1 unit	63700-001020	
	PLSR AD - purple pin	1 unit	63700-001040	



Name	Description	Quantity	Catalog number	Image
Flow regulator (pressure- compensated dripper)	Green. With barb inlet and 4 mm (0.16 in) barb outlet. 8 l/h (2.1 GPH)	1 unit	21500-002300	
	Fuchsia. With barb inlet and 4 mm (0.16 in) barb outlet. 12 I/h (3.17 GPH)	1 unit	21500-002400	
	Black. With barb inlet and 4 mm (0.16 in) barb outlet. 15 I/h (4.0 GPH)	1 unit	21500-003020	
	Orange with black outlet With barb inlet and 4 mm (0.16 in) barb outlet. 20 I/h (5.3 GPH)	1 unit	21620-001350	
	Orange with light brown outlet With barb inlet and 4 mm (0.16 in) barb outlet. 25 I/h (6.6 GPH)	1 unit	21620-001650	é

Name	Description	Quantity	Catalog number	Image
	60 cm (2.0 ft) length	1 unit	40000-005100	
	120 cm (4.0 ft) length	1 unit	40000-005260	
SPE 4/6.5 black micro-tube	100 m (328 ft) coil	1 coil	40000-004840	L'HERRARD D
For UR	200 m (656 ft) coil	1 coil	40000-004800	
	500 m (1640 ft) coil	1 coil	40000-004900	
	60 cm (2.0 ft) length	1 unit	40000-005120	
SPE 5/6.5 light gray micro-tube For UD	120 cm (4.0 ft) length	1 unit	40000-005280	
	200 m (656 ft) coil	1 coil	40000-004850	(
	500 m (1640 ft) coil	1 coil	40000-004950	

Name	Description	Quantity	Catalog number	Image
GyroNet™ SR swivel	blue	1 unit	63520-005200	•
		100 units/bag	63520-005220	
GyroNet™ SRD swivel	blue	1 unit	63520-005300	-
		100 units/bag	63520-005310	
GyroNet™ SSR swivel	light green	1 unit	63520-005320	
		100 units/bag	63520-003400	
Everspin™ upper bearing	orange	1 unit	63520-011400	<u>a</u>
		100 units/bag	63520-011425	
Everspin™ spring upper bearing	orange and black	1 unit	63520-011300	

Name	Description	Quantity	Catalog number	Image
MistNet™ "O" ring	Rubber "O" ring	1 unit	63120-001000	0
		100 units/bag	63120-001005	
Pulsar's tube "O" ring	Rubber "O" ring	1 unit	63720-001700	0

### Spare parts and accessories for the Pulsar™ products

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### **Accessories**

Name	Description	Quantity	Catalog number	Image
Clamp for wood poles	Clamp adaptor, connectings to wood poles with 2 wood screws (not included).	1 unit	64420-003100	
Clamp for metal stakes	Clamp adaptor, for 2.5 to 5.0 mm (0.1 to 0.2 in) thick metal stakes.	1 unit	64420-003010	
Adaptor to metal/ fiberglass rods	Adaptor Blue. For 6 mm (0.24 in) rod.	1 unit	63520-005950	
	Adaptor Black. For 8 mm (0.31 in) rod.	1 unit	63520-005970	

Name	Description	Quantity	Catalog number	Image
Metal rod	6 mm (0.24 in) diameter, 60 cm (2.0 ft) length.	1 unit	65080-001000	
	6 mm (0.24 in) diameter, 100 cm (3.3 ft) length.	1 unit	65080-001100	
	6 mm (0.24 in) diameter, 120 cm (3.9 ft) length.	1 unit	65080-001200	
	8 mm (0.31 in) diameter, 60 cm (2.0 ft) length.	1 unit	65080-001500	
	8 mm (0.31 in) diameter, 100 cm (3.3 ft) length.	1 unit	65080-001600	
	8 mm (0.31 in) diameter, 120 cm (3.9 ft) length.	1 unit	65080-001700	

Name	Description	Quantity	Catalog number	Image
Plastic restraint (band)	Black band 380*4.8 UV. For correct installation of the Pulsar™, these special UV protected bands are recommended.	100 units/bag	63720-001800	
	4/6.5	1 unit	63520-006000	
Micro-tube coupling barb		50 units/ bag	63520-006010	
		100 units/bag	63520-006020	-
		1 unit	32000-001100	_
Plug 5 mm	To plug holes in PE pipes.	50 units/bag	32000-001110	Ţ
		100 units/bag	32000-001120	
	16 mm (0.63 in) OD tube. For correct handling of irrigation pipe.	1 unit	32000-003400	Ŕ
Smart handle clip		50 units/bag	32000-003420	
		1000 units/bag	32000-003425	
		1 unit	32500-013000	
	16 mm (0.63 in).	50 units/bag	32500-013020	
"8" line end		100 units/bag	32500-013030	
o line end	20 mm (0.79 in).	1 unit	32500-014400	
		50 units/bag	32500-014420	
		100 units/bag	32500-014430	
Punching tool	A 3 mm reliable and strong plastic punch designed with a comfortable grip handle.	1 unit	45000-001200	111111111

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# WARRANTY

Netafim<sup>™</sup> warrants all the components of the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> to be free of substantial defects in material and workmanship for a period of no more than 1 (one) year from the date of purchase.

If a defect is discovered during the applicable warranty period, Netafim<sup>™</sup> will repair or replace, at its discretion, the product or the defective part.

This warranty does not extend to repairs, adjustments or replacements of a Pulsar<sup>™</sup> or part resulting from misuse, negligence, alteration, force majeure, lightning, improper installation or improper maintenance, including the misapplication of acid/chemicals or any other maltreatment of the Pulsar<sup>™</sup> or any part of the irrigation systems.

If a defect arises in your Netafim<sup>™</sup> product during the warranty period, contact your Netafim<sup>™</sup> supplier.

#### **Limited warranty**

This warranty is subject to the terms and conditions contained in Netafim's official warranty statement in effect at the time.

For the full text of Netafim's official warranty statement, go to: http://www.netafim.com/irrigation-products-technical-materials

# **APPENDIX**

### **Further reading**

This appendix provides Pulsar<sup>™</sup> users with links to recommended complementary documents that discuss related subjects at length.

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### **Guidelines for Irrigation System Maintenance**

The implementation of a simple yet strict maintenance program for drip irrigation systems will achieve the following:

- Keep the system operating at peak performance.
- Increase the system's work life expectancy.

This manual will guide you in determining the correct procedure and its implementation. The best way to determine whether your maintenance program is effective is to constantly monitor and record the flow rate and pressures in the system.

Maintenance is divided in two categories: PREVENTIVE and CORRECTIVE.

### **Avoiding Frost Damage**

Frost mitigation constitutes an integral component of deciduous plant cultivation in numerous regions throughout the world. This guide provides fundamental data and explanations for dealing with frost and frost mitigation. By means of professional articles, the guide presents and explains the principles and basic terms regarding frost and sets out possible solutions. Numerous professional articles and databanks provide information and explain how to deal with this problem. We at Netafim<sup>™</sup> have selected only a small portion of the existing material, and will continue to publish more articles to expand the knowledge of this subject.

### **Guide book - Cooling**

How to protect crops and animals from the effects of high temperatures.

There are some areas of the world in which the agricultural crops require protective measures and cooling, especially during hot days, in order to protect them from unnecessary stress. In other areas, the color of fruit can be improved by cooling the trees during the correct time period.

It is possible to extend the shelf life of some types of fruit by cooling them while they are still on the trees. By using correct and supervised cooling, it is also possible to increase the flower fruit set during periods of very hot weather. In other regions, it is possible to improve the yield of fruit crops by cooling during the autumn and winter months, and then adding cold units to the same trees or cooling the same crops at the end of the winter, in order to promote early blossoming.

### Dripperlines, drippers & other emitters - Product catalog

The following catalog provides easy access to basic data on each of the drip products.

- In each section you will find:
- 1. Main applications of the item displayed.
- 2. Features and benefits.
- 3. Technical data of drippers and dripperlines.
- 4. A table of all active catalog numbers.
- 5. Basic packaging data.

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### Micro-sprinklers, micro-emitters & sprinklers - Product catalog

The following catalog provides easy access to basic data on each of the products.

- 1. Pressure-compensated micro-sprinklers and micro-emitters.
- 2. Micro-sprinklers and micro-emitters.
- 3. Micro-sprinklers and micro-emitters up-right stands complementary accessories.
- 4. Micro-emitters for nurseries and pot irrigation.
- 5. Micro-sprinklers and micro-emitters for protected crops.
- 6. Micro-sprinklers and micro-emitters upside-down stands complementary accessories.
- 7. Sprinklers and midi-sprinklers.
- 8. Sprinklers stands complementary accessories.
- 9. Micro-tubes and tubes, complementary accessories.

10. Tools.

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