



### winter/spring 2015

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Price - any quote beaten or we match price and offer better products, better warranty and better service

US importers - Clack full product stockists we are the largest importers direct from U.S.

NSF Quality products - NSF and WQA Gold from the leading US & European firms

Water specialists - WQA CWS VI the highest certified in Europe

Best kitted vans in Ireland - commercial quality installations

No salesy talk - no nonsense talk to owner direct - get the facts

Iowest costs for filters and lamps in galway

**Best warranty** - lifetime parts and labour options 7 day a week support - 365 day service back-up

colmanstown, co. galway www.gws.ie / www.galwaywater.ie

Water / electric / salt usage - our ultra efficient RO filter systems - as low as €2 per year water usage Clack water softeners = €4 per year water use + €1 per year electric use + €7 per year per person salt use









see our advert on page 192 "water filtration" - 2015 Golden Pages

# ultimate quality service

Galway Water guarantee to offer superb quality and value for water treatment. By offering top value and best brands, unbeatable aftersales care and the lowest running and service costs, clients are left delighted.

Most of our sales are gained by client recommendation - we offer the best value and best quality products imported from the US and Europe. see: www.galwaywater.ie

### ultimate quality products

Clack Corp. based in the U.S. for 68 years, build the most advanced control valves on the world market. Designed to optimise salt use and monitor water use, they automatically adjust regeneration cycles. see: www.clackcorp.com

Clack WS1 v's Autotrol 255, Fleck/Ionics, Hague, Canature\* Runxin\*



WS1 valves have the best warranty and build quality. No exposed metal parts - lifetime of rust free service. Soft water brining - no blocked valves or dirty tanks. Anti-shear sensor, avoids valve destruction; grit/frost. Best diagnostics of water use plus full system history. Euro programming for Euro laboratory analysis data. Mercedes Benz class electric motor for lifetime reliability. Clack Corp have been established for nearly 70 years. Clack easily have the highest reliability of any valve.

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### the best quality assurance

WQA are a "not for profit" water quality body setting the highest industry standards and ethics. NSF are the leading global water product testing organisation. see: www.nsf.com

We were the first WQA Certified Water Specialists in Ireland (level VI) also the highest ranked business in Europe to gain top level WQA Certifications. see: www.wqa.org

### the best quality water

It is important for well water testing, that only INAB (Irish National Accreditation Board) laboratories are used and those adhering to EU Drinking Water Directives and Irish EPA guidlines. INAB is the body responsible for Good Laboratory Practice and Euro Audit Schemes. More than often the best value for money. see: www.inab.ie

### the best value for money

If clients are able to find any other firms in Galway that compete with our premium quality of service, quality of products, value for money and lowest running costs - we will offer our products for free ...

best price guaranteed for size / specification of products, 2) best product certifications, 3) WQA water certifications,
American factory direct importers and US factory trained staff, 5) the most professionally equipped installation vehicles,
no sales people, no commissions, no contracts, no deposits, 7) lowest service costs, 8) longest duration of warranty,
the best quality installations, 10) the most efficient system operation and lowest running costs.

These factors will save €1,000's - avoiding inferior products with high running, service and replacement costs. Lowest cost DIY €99 RO and €199 water softeners are available, but cost a massive amount to run and service.



# world's best soft water



When budget or space is tight use a high capacity compact meter system - up to 90% the efficiency and capacity of taller systems from only €799.



# world's best RO filter



**Clack** advanced variable regeneration meter control water softeners are designed for all sizes of family house, the widest range of family water use + any water hardness. Commercial grade build quality allows 40 years of domestic use. (20 years commercial).

Using 10 times less water, 1/4 the salt - one bag per person per year, lasting 25 yrs longer, Clack savings are hundred's of euros per year.

(A) €799 Clack WS1Cl control water softener - (5 yr wty) standard resin, standard salt bin, standard pressure vessel

- (B) €849 Lanxess resin, Clack 70 litre salt bin (10 yr wty)
- (C) €899 Lanxess resin, Clack 150 litre salt bin (10 yr wty)
- (D) €999 LX resin, Clk 150 Lsalt bin, Clack vessel (20 yr wty)

\*massive discounts on top level packages + service spares when pipe / electric / drain is provided to specification



# clack ws1: meter valve designed : 2000

1> most advanced 2> long life 3> quietest 4> low cost salt use 5> 10 yearly servicing

# inefficient : timer valve designed: 1950's

1> least advanced 2> short life 3> noisiest 4> high cost salt use 5> €high annual service

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<b>most advanced control ever developed</b> highest diagnostics, jam/freeze protection	<b>a copy of a basic 1950's time based valve</b> dumb timer unit, designed to eat salt, and die early					
most economic control ever developed 80% less water and service, 70% less salt, €1 electric	the most expensive valve to run and service 500% more water use, 400% more salt use					
<b>most reliable, longest life control valve</b> 5/10 year US manufacturer warranty, over 35 year life	very low reliability, much shorter system life possible 1 year warranty, factory location unknown					
uses 4% to 8% of annual household water very high efficiency, long predicted regenerations	uses 40% of the annual household water very low efficiency, short interval timed regenerations					
lithium battery back-up and eprom chip fully automatic time back up, eliminating callouts	<b>no time backup of mechanical clock timer</b> frequent re-setting of timer needed after power cuts					
<b>clean water brine circuit technology</b> 10 yearly service, clean brine injector & brine tank	dirty water brining design 1950's style annual service, dirty brine injector, dirty brine tank					
over 50% more silent during backwash uses anti-cavitation air intake during backwash	very noisy backwashing with no silencer no anti-cavitation air intake, noisier backwash					
fast service, 1 spanner, modular design modular design with no metal nuts or bolts to rust	difficult to service, spanners / screw driver ancient design using nuts and bolts prone to rusting					
Save €200+ per year compared to timer valve	Pay €200+ more per yr. compared to clack valve					
Save €300 per year (cleaning / plumbing bills*)	Save €50 per year (cleaning / plumbing bills*)					
* allowing for $\in$ 33 / year running costs - salt, water, electric * allow for $\in$ 250 /yr running costs - salt, water, electric, service						
Savings : 1/4 salt use - 4% water use, (€1 electric) Costs : 4 times salt - 40% water use, (€5 electric)						
★ ★ ★ ★ ↓ visit : www.clackcorp.com						

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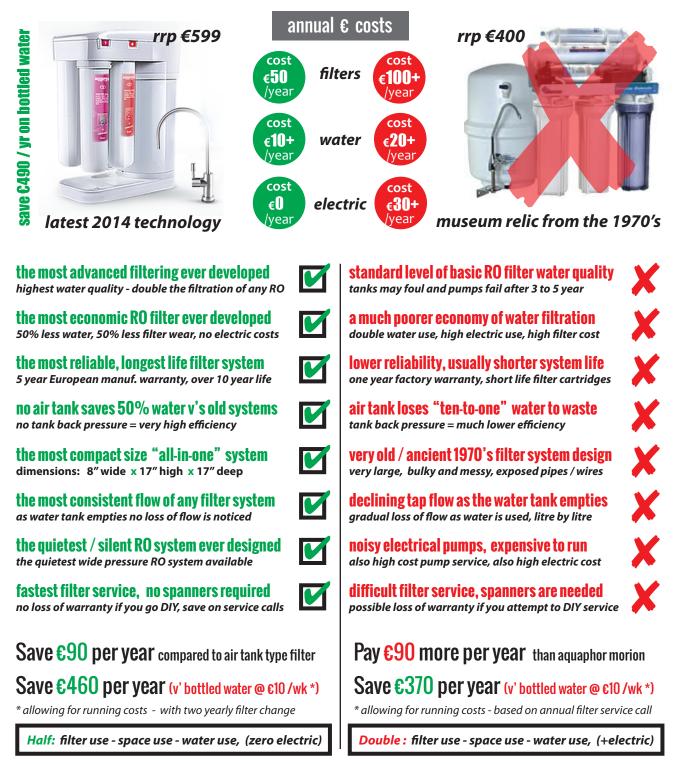
no more : clogged shower heads, no more : scaled kettles, no more : scaled pipework, copper cylinders much less: hot water heating costs, cleaning & plumber callouts for new electric showers & copper cylinders.

## morion : high capacity filter system : 2014

1-3> 5mic-silv/carb/aqualen4-6> 3mic-silv/carb/aqualen7> R08/9/10> 0.8m silv/carb/aqualen + (0.1 mic UF option)

# low filter life : old type air tank ro sys : 1970

1> 20 micron sediment
2> standard grade carbon gac
3> 5 micron sediment
4> RO
5> standard carbon gac



### **\* \* \* \* 1** visit : www.aquaphor.ie

no more : scum on tea and coffee, no more : bottled water, no more : brita filters, no more : fridge filters. no more : chlorine, fluoride, odour, colour, limescale, heavy metals, nitrate, nitrite, tannin, pesticide & bacteria.

### **specialist systems** - wells / springs / rivers / lakes / rain tanks, etc



#### All systems need to be based on certified water testing to comply with warranty requirements.



Aeration tanks gas off the rotten egg smell of hydrogen sulphide also allowing oxygen into the water improving precipitation of iron.

Ideal for reboosting poor well pump pressure and effective settlement for iron, sediment and grit reduction. (Sulphide reduction 95%).

Tanks of 300 to 1,000 litres can be used. An air pump fed to a membrane diffuser will effectively gas off the sulphide.

Once vented, the water pressure is lost so a 1 HP water booster pump is needed to re-boost the water pressure.

Raw sulphide levels are often low (<1ppm). For higher levels up to 5ppm, - aeration, Pyrolox, KDF and carbon can be used.

Raw sulphide levels are seasonally variable so caution is required diagnosing system needs. Carbon alone is not a solution for sulphur removal and can have high service costs.

# faq's



### hard water costs?

Hard water will allow limescale to form in pipes, tanks, heater elements, cylinders, immersions, showers and many kitchen appliances, causing thousands of euros of financial damage throughout the household especially with very hard water.

Calgon, Punch, Cillit Bang, higher use of shampoo, soap powder, detergents and domestic cleaning add greatly to household running costs and the effort of extra cleaning. Quality of life is less, with poor wash results, high wear and tear on clothes and itchy skin.

### how does a softener work?

Hard water passes via a pressure vessel where "hard" calcium ions cling to oppositely charged polymer beads. Soft water then passes out of the vessel. Every few weeks an automatic valve diverts brine via the beads to remove lime.

Excess brine and lime wash out to a drain. Only 0.05% of the sodium and 0% chloride are left in the softened water, so zero "salt" and zero taste are left and so the softening cycle continues.

Existing limescale in the household dissolves over a period of time with combined savings paying for a softener many times over. A scaled kettle used on soft water will go back to clean metal in a matter of weeks.

A larger water softener has a higher capacity, life span and salt storage capacity. Softeners can be fitted in garages, boiler rooms and utilities or outdoors in modern sealed cabinets, sited on external walls near to the incoming mains.

### what is R.O. hyperfiltration?

RO / HF systems are the best performing mini drinking filter systems domestically available. A mini faucet is fitted to the sink linked to the RO with a mini tank and mains/waste tube.

Water molecules, some minerals and air can pass through filter micropores but without chlorine, odour, colour, taste, lead, heavy metals, nitrates, bacteria, grit, sediment, pesticides and sodium.

Calcium minerals can be adjusted above bottled spring water mineral levels if required. Eitherway all E.U. water limits are strictly addressed. No other filter system provides as safe a quality water.

### what if I have a private well?

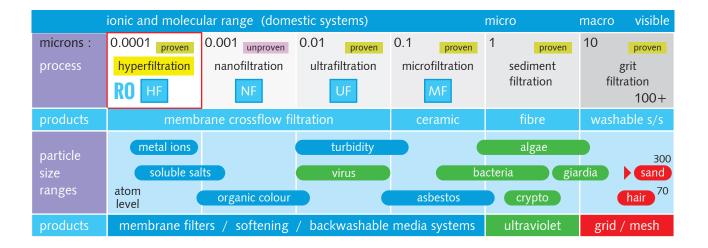
Well water may sometimes appear to be clear but often has various contaminants such as lime, iron, heavy metals, turbidity, bacterially produced gases and bacteria. Clear and odourless water could have all of these.

It is essential to have well water tested before choosing a filtration system for particular water issues. Never assume a standard water softener or basic filter can be used on well water. Never assume well water is okay by looks alone.

Uncertain water testing could easily lead to filter equipment incorrectly chosen, sized and calibrated - voiding warranties. Firms that fail to mention INAB certified professional water testing could over sell equipment by thousands of  $\mathbb{E}\mathbb{E}$ .

Any known water issue can be corrected using a selection of properly specified equipment after a full chemical and bacterial water test. Usually a backwashable filter, UV and RO are required.

\*\*For more info please visit our website - galwaywater.ie



## high capacity ion exchange water softeners

Every model of the Clack 20 litre plus volumetric / meter controlled water softener range can cope with any number of occupants from 1 to 50 people even on the hardest water in Ireland, built with all US made Clack, 10 year warranty, NSF certified components. Any size covers any size of household.

Because no single day of domestic water use is exactly the same, often with many variations in usage, metered water softeners save up to 80% water and 70% salt use compared to smaller out dated timer based water softeners, many being Asian manufacture copies of old 1960 style timer valves. The best softeners are U.S. made Clack commercial grade quality for domestic use.

Clack easily outrank brands like Autotrol, Culligan, Hague, Eerie, Kinetico, Ionics, Siata, Canature and Runxin and of course the Eastern manufactured copies of 1960 style timer valves at the bottom end of the caravan and apartment market.

We offer 30 to 40 year system longevity, using only top level Clack WS1Cl meter control valves, also food grade Lanxess S1567 high performance monospheric, low oxidative, co-polymer resin - the highest performing ion exchange media available on the market.

Water flow is controlled by the Clack valve into the Lanxess media where positive ions such as calcium and other ions cling to negatively charged Lanxess media leaving water free of lime, magnesium also reducing : iron, manganese, heavy metals, radium, aluminium, ammonium, dirt, sediment and organics. Additional Lanxess MP500 tannin removal options are available.

Clack systems automatically measure water use with a roll-on diagnostic water use history, predicting a backwash on a calculated day to regenerate plus on-demand override incase of a high daily water use. Using up to 28 day range, with variable self correction based on super accurate water metering, Clack's astonishing, reliable, proven, microprocessor controls will save you €1000's.

You have probably heard the benefits of perfectly soft water - "squeaky clean, silky soft", the sales patter about no scum on baths or scale on showers, energy, plumbing, detergent savings. All brands of ion exchange water softener provide soft water, it is just a question of economy, efficiency, reliability and the long term performance.

The important reason systems perform well apart from brand quality is the quality of installation and calibration. We are Ireland's leading installers with professional kit-out vans, offering commercial grade installations also the only Clack factory trained staff and WQA Certifed Water Specialists IV in Ireland.

System water use : up to 1/10th of mini timer unitsNo exposed metal parts - a lifetime of rust free useSoft water brining : clean valve and clean tanksMercedes Benz quality electric motor, lasts for lifeEstimated system life 30-40 years, for lifetime useHigh resin capacity systems : 22 litres to 42 litres

- Average salt use : €7 per person per year 🛛 🗹
- Anti-shear sensor : in case of ice freezing 🛛 🗹
- The best diagnostic controls on the market 🗹
- Best build quality, warranty and reliability
- Health check and service : from 5-10 years
- Inlet water pressure : from 20 psi-125 psi

Average regeneration period 1 - 3 weeks based on family water use of 1,000 to 3,000 litres per week 10 inch diameter x 24, 30, 35, 44 and 54 inch high cylinders (2,350 to 7,500 litres per regeneration)

For any size household, any size listed above will perform extremely well for up to 40 years. Larger systems offer better economy, life span, water savings, less service, easier salt refills.

"Microcabinet" (4 to 8 ltr) or "Minicabinet" (10 to 14 ltr) systems cost a lot more to operate long term. Mini systems are usually marketed via mail order or via hardware stores for caravan / small apartments.

We stock NSF certified meter controlled mini softeners - around half the cost of the old style timer units - (DIY only). Not the best choice but used for bottle washers in pubs, landlords and builders looking for low cost options.

Other uses for mini cabinet water softeners are for lower hardness waters, small apartments, caravans and holiday homes or you are purchasing a system but not paying for the long term running costs, builders selling houses or landlords offering soft water for tennants to keep properties scale free. Appears like a minor cost saving, but many times the cost of running high capacity softeners.

## Servicing checklist ;

Drinking filter systems such as reverse osmosis units have many filter cartridges including : a) pre-filters \* b) membrane \* c) post filter. Their age, maintenance and incoming water conditions determine the quality and safety of filtered water provided.

Pre-filter service is required every 1 to 2 years depending on the feed water quality and volume of usage. One year after installation it can often be determined if either a 1 or 2 year service schedule is best.

After 3 years on hard water or 5 years on soft water, membranes need service. A new low cost RO system upgrade may be offered for improvements in water quality, warranty and more efficient running costs.

a) pre-filter callout and service - €100 (1 - 2 years) a, b, c) full cartridge call/service - €200 (3 - 5 years) a) pre-filter DIY self service - €70 (1 - 2 years) a, b, c) full cartridge - DIY svc - €150 (3 - 5 yrs)

\*\* Avoiding manufacturer advised filter servicing is likely to compromise drinking water quality and invalidate your system warranty.

#### Don't postpone pre-filter service beyond 1-2 yrs.

Ultraviolet systems have UV lamps which have an effective life of 9000 hours or one year, beyond which the UV effectiveness begins to reduce.

The UV lamp needs changing each year along with a 5 micron filter cartridge. This is not an easy DIY job for some, but can be easily managed by many a keen DIYer. UV lamp and filter callout / service -  $\varepsilon$ 75 to  $\varepsilon$ 100.

\*\* A lack of servicing will compromise your drinking water quality, water flow + warranty.

#### Don't postpone UV lamp service beyond one year.

#### water softener servicing

Our range of Clack high capacity water softeners have an extremely long service life so basic health checks are usually all that is required after the first 10 years of installation. Mini and Commercial = 5 years warranty.

From 10 to 20 years, some higher performing softener systems may need a low cost resin refill or comprehensive control valve service.

## Things to watch out for ;

1) Leaks. Few householders realise the often high potential for household water loss. We have tracked down many silent leaks over the years often saving home owners collectively, millions of litres, usually the cause of leaking toilets.

Leaks are a potential killer for well water systems so we offer a range of water metering and leak detection methods to track down big leaks or just the nuisance ones to save you money.

2) **Salt**. Certain brands of salt can clog or "cake up" in salt tanks, preventing systems from working. Only use Axal Pro tablet salt as this brand has performed 100 % in the last 7 years.

Never allow salt to run low on well water systems especially the more problematic ones. A normal mains water softener won't feel the harm, but a well water system with iron may foul up.

3) Water pressure. Another system immobiliser are water pressure variations. Householders are not always aware of mains water pressure variations, usually the hope is pressure is steady all year round. Warranty psi range = 22 min - 44 ideal - 66 max.

Well water pumps should have a 40 - 60 psi range. Water schemes can vary from under 20 to over 120 psi. Even some city water feeds can exceed 120 psi.

4) Frost. Minus 10 degrees may kill off many other water system brands, but we have rarely had a system issues at minus 5 to minus 10 C, except when sheds or garages are exposed to frost as low as minus 10 to 20 degrees C, which can cause water vessels to burst.

Either way, avoid potential system damage and make sure out-buildings are well insulated with closed doors and windows, maybe using a frost stat heater installed in cold and draughty areas.

#### warranty exclusions

leaks 2) wrong / low salt 3) <22 to 66> pressure
frost 5) consumables 6) misuse and neglect
damage 8) third party servicing 9) heat over 50C
fire, flood, storm, lightning, power outages.

**Excluded** : Engineer call out cost if there is no equipment fault. Keep equipment serviced, top up salt and check for toilet leaks and water pressure.

