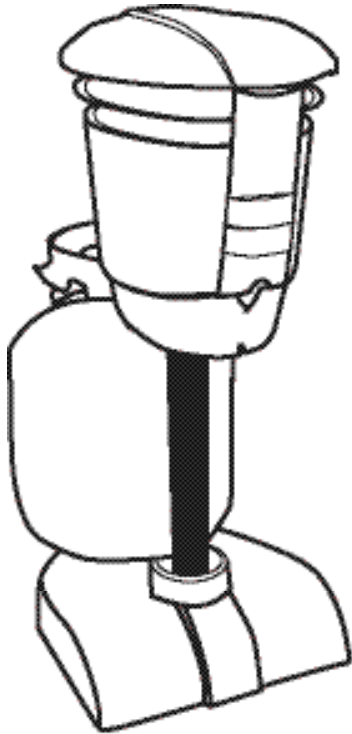


# Flowtron Mosquito PowerTrap®

## Operating Instructions

Models:  
MT-275A  
MT-275 CAN  
MT-275AE



**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**  
READ THE LABEL AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE USING.  
Please retain operating instructions for future reference.



Look for this symbol to point out important safety precautions.

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### WARRANTY

Flowtron warrants your Mosquito PowerTrap® to be free from defects in materials or workmanship under normal use and service for one year from date of original purchase. All parts which are defective will be replaced free of charge. Any implied warranties, including the implied warranty of merchantability are also limited in duration to the one year period from the original purchase date.

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If the unit fails to operate during the warranty period, send the product, along with purchase receipt showing purchase date and description of the problem to: Flowtron Service Center, 15 Highland Avenue, Malden, MA 02148. Transportation costs for returning any defective product are the responsibility of the consumer.

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#### Carton Contents

Qty.	Description
1	Flowtron Mosquito PowerTrap
1	Power Pack and Wire
1	Catch Tray
1	Post
1	Tank Stand
1	Tank Support Strap
1	Octenol Cartridge
1	Owners Manual

**IMPORTANT: Read these instructions completely before installing or operating your new Flowtron Mosquito Powertrap®.**



**RULES FOR SAFE USE**



1. Use outdoors only. Install the unit a minimum of 10 feet (3 m) from buildings and other structures.
2. Never place fingers or insert any object into the unit while it is operating.
3. Always disconnect unit from its power source and wait for unit to cool before handling, moving or servicing.
4. This device was designed for use with propane gas. Never attempt to use any other fuel, including liquid petroleum gas or natural gas. Fire or damage to your Flowtron Mosquito PowerTrap® could result.
5. Do not abuse the power pack. Never carry the power pack by its cord or yank it to disconnect it from a receptacle. Keep power cord away from heat, oil and sharp edges.
6. Store indoors when not in use. Remove propane tank from unit before storing and store tank outdoors in a well ventilated space.

**Unpacking Instructions**

Your Flowtron Mosquito PowerTrap has been carefully packed at the factory to prevent damage during shipment. Carefully open the carton and:

1. Remove contents from carton.
2. Check parts against carton content list.

**Your Enemy – the Mosquito**

There are some 2,700 species (different kinds of mosquitoes) in the world with about 170 species in North America alone.

Most mosquitoes live and die close to where they hatch, although some can travel miles (kilometers) in search of a host. Only the female mosquito bites as she requires a blood meal to produce fertile eggs.

Mosquitoes require standing water in aquatic habitats including fresh water, salt water marshes, brackish water or in water found in containers, old tires, tree holes, even flower pots. The female mosquito lays her eggs on the surface of the water and if conditions are right the eggs hatch and become larvae, then pupae and finally adult mosquitoes; all in 10 to 14 days.

Most mosquitoes that emerge in the wild never come in contact with humans but obtain blood from birds and other animals. Mosquito species that breed around the home remain close to where they hatched and are regarded as pests and carriers of disease.

Mosquitoes in search of a blood meal use visual, thermal and olfactory (odour) stimuli to locate a host. Of these, olfactory cues are the most important.

Out of the more than 100 compounds detected in human breath only two have been isolated and identified as significant mosquito attractants; carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and octenol (1-OCTEN-3-OL). These attractants serve as long-range

airborne attractants and can be detected by mosquitoes at distances of 100 feet to 125 feet (30 - 40 m). At close range, body heat, moisture and lactic acid serve as terminal attractants.

**How Your Flowtron Mosquito PowerTrap® Works**

The revolutionary new Flowtron Mosquito PowerTrap® does the following:

- Replicates the human attractants of respiration, odor (odour) and body heat to create an irresistible force that draws female mosquitoes to the trap.
- Converts readily available propane gas into heat, moisture and carbon dioxide, the acknowledged leading mosquito attractants emitted by humans.
- Releases octenol, a proven mosquito and biting fly attractant into the carbon dioxide emission for increased effectiveness.
- Provides added lure through use of special super bright LED motion lighting.
- Produces a powerful vacuum to draw mosquitoes into a convenient, removable catch tray where they quickly dehydrate and die for safe, clean disposal.
- Contains state-of-the-art computer controlled electronics to operate automatically in one of four modes selected by you.

The Flowtron Mosquito PowerTrap® does away with ultraviolet lights and high voltage killing grids. Most importantly, it captures and kills only female mosquitoes.

The Flowtron Mosquito PowerTrap® uses an exclusive platinum catalyst that converts air and propane gas into heat, moisture and carbon dioxide. It does this in an efficient, effective and economical manner. The catalyst converter is completely safe and **flameless**.

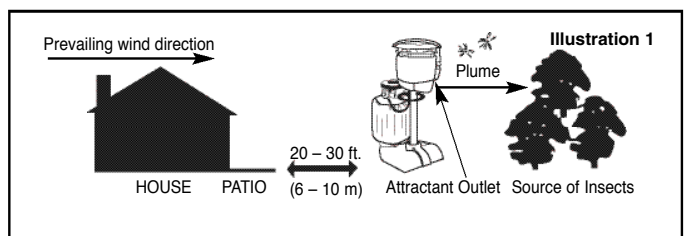
**Placement**

Your Flowtron Mosquito PowerTrap® is site specific and placement is critical for successful results.

When the unit is operating, it emits a plume of octenol-enhanced carbon dioxide which mosquitoes follow in their search for a blood meal. Mosquitoes fly up-wind toward the source of the plume in their attempt to locate a host. Since the direction of the plume is dependent upon the direction of the wind, your unit should be positioned so its attractant outlet faces downwind.

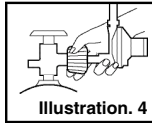
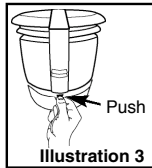
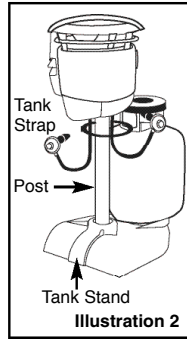
Female mosquitoes also feed on moisture laden nectar and fruit juices when not in search of a blood meal. They are usually found in shade; around flowers, trees, bushes and other vegetation; and adjacent to standing water.

For best results locate your unit 20 to 30 feet (6 -10 m) away from areas of human activity in a location near (but not in) bushes, wooded areas, or adjacent to standing water (other than swimming pools). Select a location which will result in the carbon dioxide plume blowing toward the area where mosquitoes are likely to hide and emerge. **A proper location will ensure that mosquitoes encounter the plume and follow it up-wind to the Flowtron Mosquito PowerTrap® before they detect the presence of humans.** See Illustration 1.



## Assembly

1. Insert one end of the post into the post opening at the front of the tank stand. Insert opposite end of post into the post opening located at the bottom of the unit. Align unit in relation to the tank stand. See Illustration 2.
2. Place a 20 lb. tank on the tank stand. Secure tank to tank stand by placing tank strap around post and tank handle.
3. Install catch tray by first inserting the rear of the tray into the housing. Then push in upper part of the latch and raise front of catch tray into place. See Illustration 3.
4. Position and screw power pack to either an outside or inside wall adjacent to a electrical outlet (screws not provided). Run the low voltage wire either above or below ground from the power pack to the unit. Plug the low voltage wire into the power cord connector located at the bottom of the unit. Plug the power pack into the electrical outlet.
5. Remove the plastic dust cover from your propane tank valve. Screw the propane regulator coupling located on the end of the propane hose onto the tank valve by turning the black threaded coupling clockwise until tight. Hand tighten only. See Illustration 4.



**Note:** Gas will not flow unless connection is tight. **Tighten by hand only. Using a wrench or other tool could damage the regulator coupling and could cause a gas leak.**

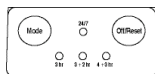
**⚠ WARNING: Check for gas leaks by wetting the connections with a solution of soap and water and watching for bubbles. If bubbles form or if a bubble grows larger, there is a leak and connection must be tightened.**

**⚠ WARNING: Check for gas leaks every time you disconnect and reconnect a gas fitting. Be sure there are no sparks or open flame in the area when you check for leaks. Do not use a liquid propane tank with a damaged valve. Have dented or rusty propane tanks checked by your propane supplier. Only use regulator supplied with your Flowtron PowerTrap.**

## Controls:

Your Mosquito PowerTrap is fully automatic. It is equipped with a photocell, temperature sensors and a computer microprocessor. The control panel is located on the top of the unit and has the following operating modes:

- 24/7 (on 24 hours, 7 days/week)
- 3 Hours (on at dusk, off 3 hours later)
- 3 + 2 Hours (on at dusk, off 3 hours later; on again at dawn, off 2 hours later).
- 4 + 3 Hours (on at dusk, off 4 hours later; on again at dawn, off 3 hours later)
- Off/Reset (manual off)



To select the desired mode, first push the button labeled "Off/Reset" to clear the computer memory. Then push the button labeled "Mode".

For continuous operation press the "Mode" button once. The green light labeled "24/7" will light and the unit will operate continuously 24 hours per day until the "Off/Reset" button is pressed.

For timed operation, press and hold the "Mode" button. When the desired mode is selected as indicated by its green light, release the button. No further control is necessary and your unit will function in the mode selected every day until the "Off/Reset" button is depressed.

## Auto Re-Start Feature:

In the event of a loss of electrical power while the unit is in operation, the unit will shut down until power is restored. When electrical power is once again available, the unit will automatically re-start in the selected mode with no intervention necessary.

## Fuel Saver Feature:

Your Flowtron PowerTrap operates only when mosquitoes and biting flies are likely to be present and active. These insects generally emerge when temperatures are above 50° - 55° F. (10° - 13° C.). If the temperature is below this range, your trap will not start. If the trap is operating and temperature falls below this range, the trap will shut down. When the temperature returns above 55° F. (13° C.), the trap will automatically turn itself back on.

## Start Cycle:

When the 24/7 mode is selected, the unit will immediately begin its start cycle provided the outside air is sufficiently warm for insect activity. Approximately three minutes into the start cycle, the fan and LED lights located in the entrance to the trap will come on intermittently. When the catalyst reaches its operating temperature, which will take five to ten minutes, the fan and LED lights will remain on and the start cycle will be complete.

When a timed mode is selected, the unit will automatically begin its start cycle when the light level reaches dusk and remains at dusk for ten minutes to avoid the effects of transient light sources, and when the outside air temperature is sufficiently warm for insect activity (above 55° F; 13° C). In the 3 + 2 and 4 + 3 hour modes, the start cycle is also repeated at dawn.

During start cycles, which are up to ten minutes in duration, the fan and LED lights at the entrance to the trap operate intermittently. At the completion of the start cycle, the fan and LED lights remain on and the trap is ready to attract and kill mosquitoes.

## Performance:

Mosquitoes are generally most active shortly after dusk and again at dawn. Therefore, the 3 + 2, or 4 + 3 timed modes are usually the most economical settings. The 24/7 mode is desirable if day flying mosquitoes are present.

Fifteen minutes after the unit detects a lack of propane fuel (usually due to an empty propane tank) the three green timed mode LED lights on the control panel will flash. Simply switch the unit off and refuel.

## Note:

**As mosquitoes pass through the fan, most are killed and thrown against the side of the internal screen-lined funnel. Those that escape the fan's killing action end up in the catch tray where they quickly dehydrate and die. For best results remove the funnel and clean the screen periodically. See "Maintenance" on page 4 for instructions on removing and cleaning the screen-lined funnel.**

## Octenol Cartridge

U.S. Government and university researchers have demonstrated that **octenol** combined with **carbon dioxide** (both components of respiration) are irresistible attractants to mosquitoes. The Flowtron Mosquito PowerTrap® uses a specially designed time release cartridge containing **octenol** (1-OCTEN-3-OL).

### To Install the Octenol Cartridge:

1. Remove the octenol cartridge from the sealed pouch and peel the protective cover from the face of the cartridge. Avoid touching the openings in the cartridge and always wash hands thoroughly after contact.
2. Place the cartridge in the rectangle slot located at the bottom of the plenum. Insert the cartridge with the openings facing inward. See Illustration 5.

## Maintenance

1. Refill your propane tank as required. The green timed mode lights on the control panel will flash when a new supply of propane is needed.
2. Replace the octenol cartridge after 450 hours of operation.

### NOTE: The following table may be used as a general guide to determine approximate propane refill times.

3. Empty the catch tray periodically to ensure proper air flow through the trap. To remove the catch tray push in on the latch at the front of the catch tray and pull tray down.
4. Remove and clean the screen-lined funnel periodically as follows:

Switch unit off and allow it to cool. Remove catch tray.

- a. Push rear of bottom funnel ring up into the unit's housing until front tabs become disengaged from housing. See figure A.
- b. Pull funnel down and forward releasing rear section of upper funnel ring and remove funnel from unit. See figure B.

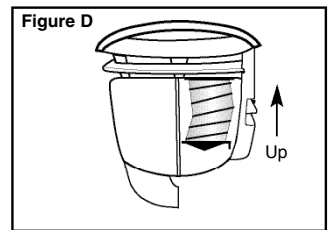
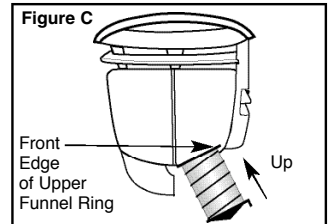
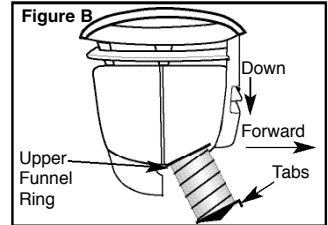
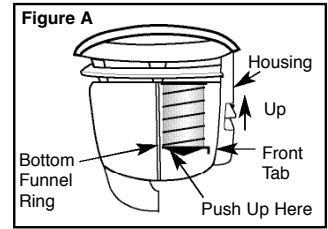
- c. Remove insect debris from screen surrounding funnel. Wash screen with water and shake off excess water before re-installing.

- d. Re-install funnel by holding funnel at a slight angle and insert the front edge of the upper funnel ring inside of unit's housing. See figure C.

- e. Push funnel upwards and with the rear section of the bottom funnel ring at a slight angle compress funnel until front tabs of bottom funnel ring are up inside of the housing. See figure D.

- f. Release funnel and it will spring into place.

Replace catch tray and re-start unit.



## Trouble Shooting Chart

Symptom	Probable Cause	Remedy
Mode lights on control panel do not light when "MODE" switch is depressed.	No electrical power. Unit not properly connected to its power pack.	Check for electrical power at outlet. Check plug connections between unit and power pack low voltage cord.
Green lights on control panel are flashing.	Lack of propane. Propane tank valve closed. Regulator coupling not properly attached. Catalyst has cooled.	Re fill propane tank. Open tank valve. Check propane regulator coupling for proper engagement and/or leaks. Re-start unit in 24/7 mode.
The fan does not run continuously after the unit has been on for at least 10 minutes.	Lack of propane Start cycle malfunction.	Same as for "green lights flashing". Press "Reset" and restart in 24/7 mode.
The unit does not start up at dusk when in an automatic mode.	Unit has not sensed dusk or night for a full 10 minutes. Ambient temperature is below 55°F. Unit is on and the Ambient light level is too high.	Wait for 10 minutes of darkness. Unit will start automatically if temperature rises above 55° F Shield unit from extraneous light.
Not catching mosquitoes when the fan is running,	Funnel end is not over catch tray nozzle opening. Funnel clogged with insect debris. Trap is not located in a productive site. Windy, cool or stormy weather. Current mosquito population not readily attracted to CO <sub>2</sub> + Octenol.	Engage the funnel end with the catch tray nozzle opening. Clean funnel. See page 4. Move trap to a new site. See placement guidelines in the owner's manual. Wait for conditions more to the mosquito's liking. Notably the day flying Asian tiger Mosquito. Operate the trap with the octenol cartridge removed.

Any problems you encounter that are not corrected by the action recommended in this chart should be referred to the Flowtron Service Department • (800) 343-3280

## Accessories

Accessories are available at your local retail outlet or on-line at [www.flowtron.com](http://www.flowtron.com)



**Mosquito Attractant:**  
**MA-1000**  
**MA-1000-6** (six pack)  
**MA-1000CN (Canada)**  
 Makes your Flowtron Mosquito PowerTrap® more effective in attracting mosquitoes and biting flies.



**Extension Cord – EC-50**  
 50 foot low voltage extension cord. Allows placement of the Flowtron Mosquito PowerTrap® an additional 50 feet away from the power source.