

WELL WATER

The groundwater beneath our feet makes up about 20% of the planet's fresh water supply¹, providing drinking water for over a third of the world's population². Private wells are a vital water provider in many countries - especially where surface water is scarce. They deliver a reliable and plentiful supply of water for home, industrial and agricultural use. Even in areas where mains water is plentiful, a private well can offer a guaranteed water supply that, as well as being natural and additive free, can be significantly cheaper than a public mains service.

In this brochure we offer some insight into the well water industry and explore how Pentair products can assure the supply and improve the quality of water from this source.

MAIN TYPES OF WATER WELLS



DUG WELLS

Historically most wells were simply dug by hand, lined with stones, with a vessel dropped down to draw up water. They are prone to contamination and running dry durina droughts.



DRIVEN WELLS

Still common, these involve a small-bore pipe being driven into the ground with a filter on the end. These only work to a limited depth and, like dug wells, are prone to contamination.



DRILLED WELLS

Today, most wells are drilled using large rotary bits that can go up to hundreds of metres deep. The borehole is lined with a casing and a pump is installed at the water level to drive the water to the surface.

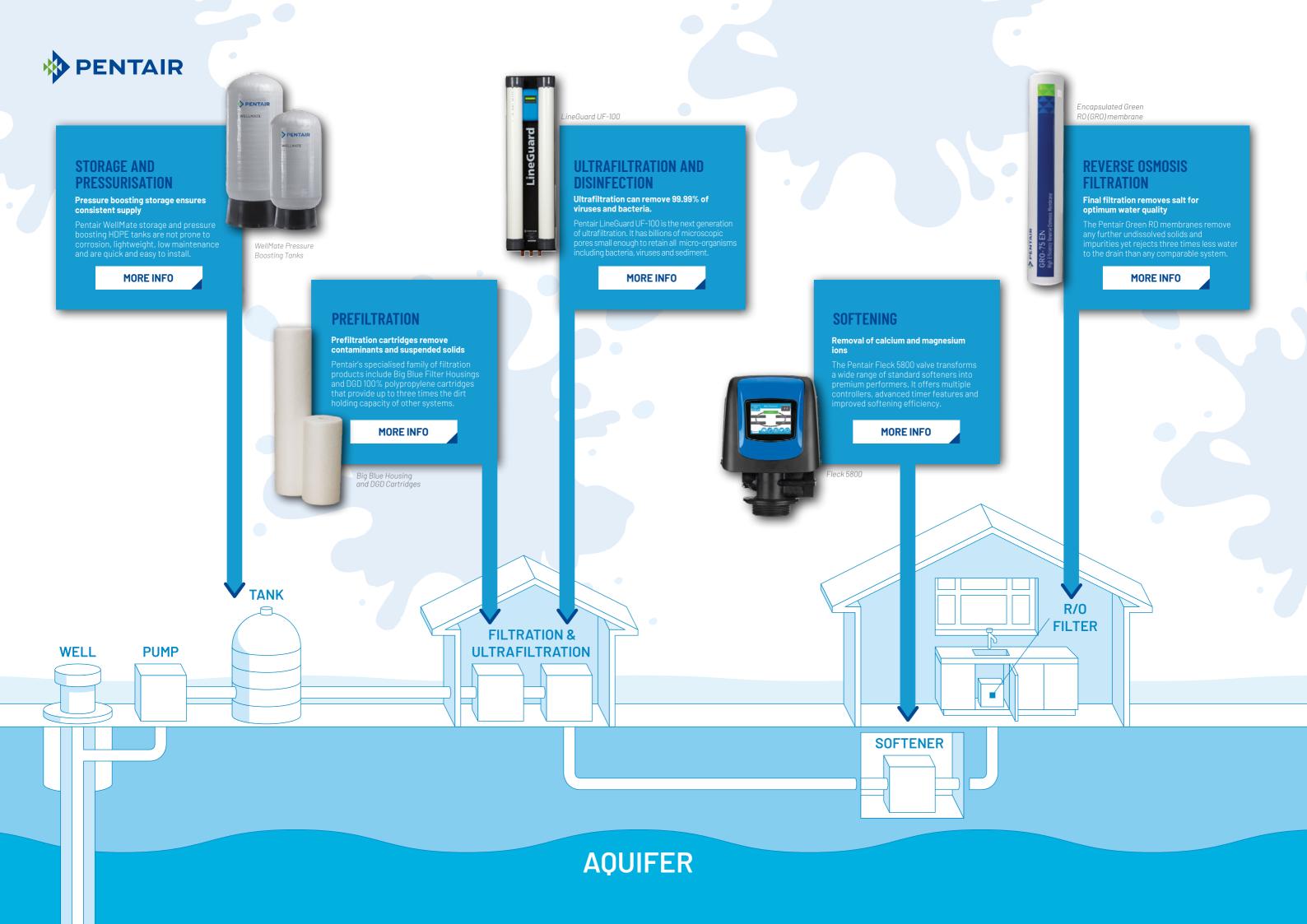
BENEFITS OF A PRIVATE WATER WELL

- Uninterrupted, all-year supply of water
- · Constant water pressure
- · Reduced business overheads and water supply bills · Reduced infrastructure and transport costs
- Added value to property and business
- A more natural product, free from additives

TREATMENT PROCESS FOR WELL WATER

After the water is pumped to the ground, additional components such as storage, pressure vessels, filtration, softening and disinfection can be added. The next page illustrates how Pentair products can enhance the water supply and improve the water quality in a typical drilled well.





Fact and figures

33%World population drink from groundwater

Average household water use 6

UK abstraction limit without a license ³



20,000liters per day

1,000 liters per day

243 000 million m³ annual European groundwater

abstraction water ⁵

60% abstracted water returned to the

13.5 million

US households served by private wells

390 meters

Deepest hand-dug well: Woodingdean Water Well, UK



36% Groundwater



Annual freshwater abstraction by source ⁶



12,000 meters

Deepest drilled borehole: Kola Research Well, USSR

Did you know?

Microorganisms from sewage and animal waste can lead to gastrointestinal diseases, infections and methemoglobinemia.

Heavy metals from corroded plumbing, mining, refining and waste disposal can damage the liver, kidneys and other internal organs.

Organic chemicals from house-hold detergents, pesticides and paints can also damage the liver, kidneys and circulatory, reproductive and nervous systems.

About us

At Pentair, we believe the health of our world depends on reliable access to clean water. We deliver a comprehensive range of smart, sustainable water solutions to homes, business and industry around the world. Our industry leading and proven portfolio of solutions enables people, business and industry to access clean, safe water, reduce water consumption, and recover and reuse it. We help ensure water is clean when returned to the environment. Whether it's for fitness and fun, healthier homes, better flood control, safer sky rises, more sustainable ways to farm, or safe drinking water for those who need it most, we won't stop until the world's water is managed the best way possible.

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