

A CLOSER LOOK

Bilge Pump Features

Some important factors we considered in our evaluation of bilge pumps were how easy a pump was to clean and whether the automatic pumps provided an external way to test the float switches for proper function. To clean the Johnson cartridge pumps we tested (1), you can pull the cartridge to clear the impeller, but to get between the pump body and base/strainer, you have to unscrew the base. The Tsunami pump (2) is a snap to clean; it breaks down easily. Both the Ultima (3) and Sahara (4) pumps feature switch test capabilities, unlike the Rule-Mate 1500.

