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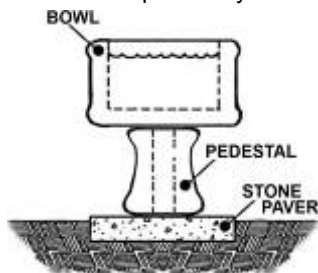
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**These assembly instructions are generic and based on the principal of re-circulation using a small submersible pump. Although the fountain drawn in Figure 1 may not appear similar in style and individual components may vary, the assembly of components, sealing of cavities and plumbing configuration is identical.**

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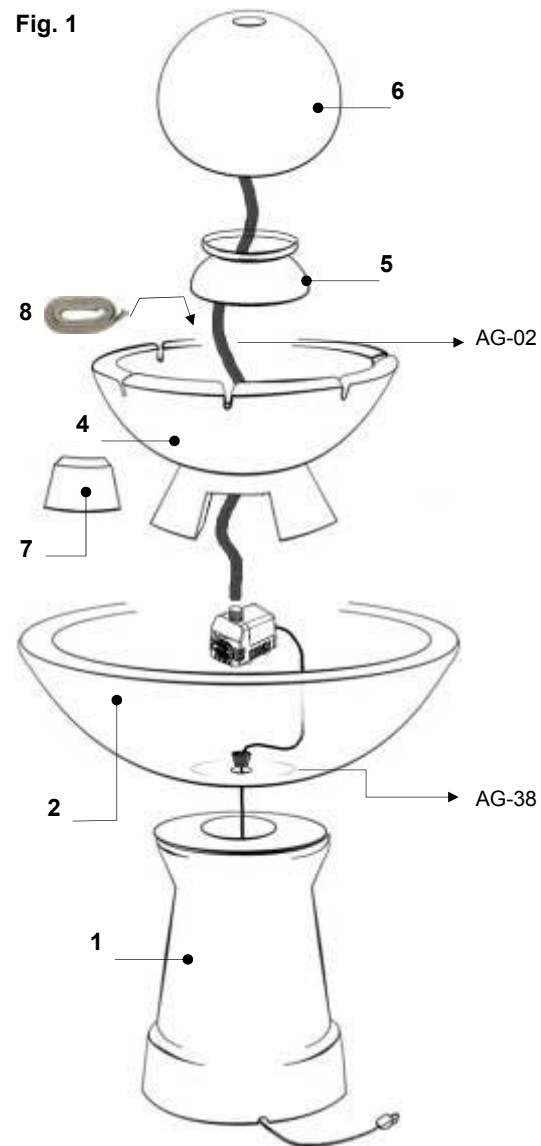
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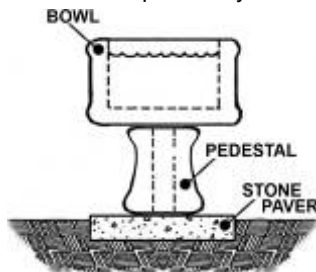
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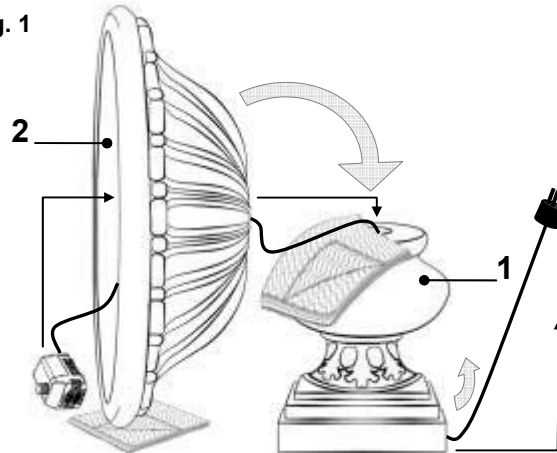
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