

Winter Cover and Flotation Air Pillow Installation Instructions

General Procedures

Since the cover is designed to rest on the pool's water, it is important to be sure your pool is not leaking prior to installation.

Your cover is made from extremely strong and durable material, however it is required that your cover be protected from sharp corners, rough edges, or any hard surfaces that may cause abrasion.

Padding such as old towels, foam remnants or other similar materials are recommended.

It is important that covers be installed properly and snugly so that the wind will not cause damage to the cover by getting under the cover and causing it to billow or flap.

In-Ground Pool Installation

1. Be sure that the cover will be supported by the water on the pool and that the cover is not in direct contact with any sharp rough or abrasive surfaces.
2. Lower the water level in your pool below the skimmer (No more than 18 inches below the coping).
3. Place the cover on the ground and spread evenly over the pool.
4. Insert unfilled water bags into the water bag loops (for covers without loops lay the water bags directly on to the outside perimeter of the cover).
5. The water bags must cover the entire perimeter of the cover to prevent wind from getting under the cover and causing the cover to billow or flap. **Caution;** such billowing or flapping in the wind can cause serious damage to your cover. Therefore, be sure the water bags are placed end-to-end as in Figure 1.
6. Fill the water bags. If you are in an area of extreme cold, fill the water bags only half full to allow for ice expansion.

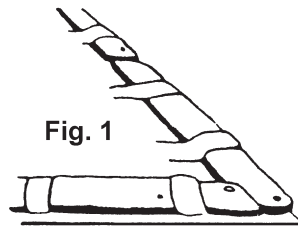


Fig. 1

Above-Ground Pool Installation

Be sure that the cover will be supported by the water on the pool and that the cover is not in direct contact with any sharp rough or abrasive surfaces

Lay out the cover on the ground. Thread the cable through the grommets (or loops). The cable must remain on the outside of the cover except between the pairs of grommets (See figure 2).



Fig. 2

For covers with a turnbuckle and clamps:

Open the turnbuckle so that only the ends of the screw show on the inside. Pull one end of the cable through the loop of one turnbuckle screw and secure it with a cable clamp (See figure 3). Pull the other end of the cable through the other loop. Pull the cable tight and



Fig. 3

secure with the second clamp.

Tighten turnbuckle by turning it as shown in Figure 4. Make sure the cable lies on the outside of the cover all around the pool except where it goes through the pairs of grommets. The cable must fit tightly against the wall of the pool to prevent wind from getting underneath



Fig. 4

the cover. To loosen or remove cable, turn turnbuckle in the opposite direction.

For covers with a winch:

Insert one cable end through the hole at one end of the winch and into the center spindle.

Turn the spindle a few times to secure the cable.

Insert the other cable end through the other hole in the winch and pull the cable through the spindle as far as it will go.

Turn the winch cable to tighten the cable. Make sure cable lies on the outside of the cover all around the pool except where it goes through the pairs of grommets. The cable must fit tightly against the wall of the pool to prevent wind from getting underneath the cover.

To loosen or remove cable, press lever on top of winch and turn handle in the opposite direction. (See figure 5)

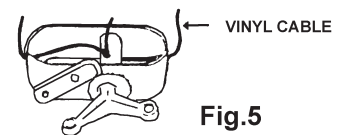


Fig. 5

Before placing cover over the pool, make sure pool water is not less than 6" from top of pool. If a through-the-wall skimmer is used, cover up the skimmer opening.

Inflate **flotation pillow** (available from your dealer) and secure the pillow in center of pool by tying grommets with nylon rope to pool sidewall. Place the cover over pillow to form a loose pyramid, letting the cover fall on the water around the circumference (See figure 6). Pull end of cover over pool wall. It is important that the cover fits snugly against the wall to prevent wind from getting under the cover and causing the cover to billow and flap. **Caution;** such billowing and flapping can cause serious damage to the cover. If you cannot get a snug fit, you must block any openings between the cover and the pool wall.

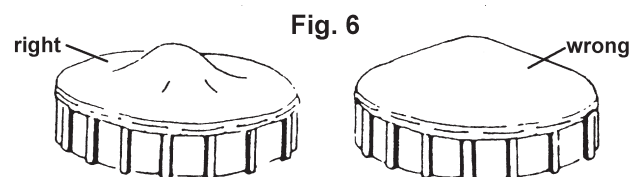


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