



Above Ground Pool Opening Instructions

1. DRAIN THE COVER

To start, you will want to drain as much water off your cover as possible. Use a cover pump to drain the water off from your pool cover. Carefully remove any debris from the cover.

2. REMOVE COVER

Remove all cover clips and water tubes. Loosen the cover cable and remove the cover slowly – this may take 2 people. Try not to get any water or debris that may be on your cover into the pool. Remove your pillow by detaching the string and then deflate the pillow for storage.

3. CLEAN & STORE THE COVER

Clean your winter cover with STOW AWAY to prevent sticking, mildew, algae, or unpleasant odors. Spray off with garden hose and allow to dry in the sun. Store your winter cover by rolling it up and placing it in a Rubbermaid 30 gallon tub with a lid. Fill the tub with water and add the remaining half of the bottle of STOW AWAY to properly store the cover for the summer.

4. ADJUST WATER LEVEL

Ensure that pool water is halfway up the skimmer opening. If it is low, place a garden hose in the pool to fill to the appropriate level.

5. FILTER PREP

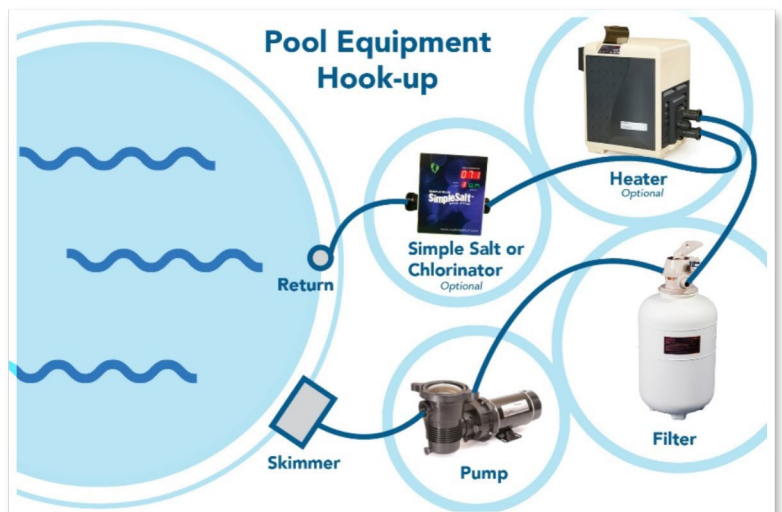
- If you have a Sand Filter, fill the filter with the proper amount of sand. (We recommend changing the sand every year.)
- If you have a Cartridge Filter, make sure the cartridge is new or has been properly cleaned with KLEEN IT and install the cartridge back into the filter.
- If you have a D.E. Filter – Hang tight. The Diatomaceous Earth will be added after your system is connected and running.

6. RECONNECT YOUR EQUIPMENT

It is now time to connect the hoses between the pump and filter system.

- The first hose goes from the skimmer to the front of the pump.
- The 2nd hose goes from the top of the pump to the port on the filter labeled "pump"
- The 3rd hose goes from the port on the filter labeled "return" to the pool return.

Be sure all hose clamps are tight to prevent leaks.



7. REMOVE WINTER PLUGS & RE-INSTALL PARTS FOR SKIMMER & RETURN

Remove the winter disc or plug from the return and take off the Aquador from the skimmer. Install the eyeball into the return so that it is pointed down and to the right. You can also reinstall the skimmer basket and skimmer weir at this time.

8. START YOUR SYSTEM

Let the pump/strainer housing fill with water. Turn on your filter system. When the water level is high enough to fill the skimmer, turn on your pump.

- If you have a D.E. Filter, add the proper amount of Diatomaceous Earth to the skimmer with the filter system running.
- If you have a sand filter, turn the handle to the backwash position and turn the pump on for 1-2 minutes. Turn the pump off. Move the handle to the filter position and then turn the pump back on.
*Note – always have the pump off when moving the handle to different positions.

9. ADD POOL OPENING CHEMICALS

- **FIRST**, add the recommended amount of SPOT KILL to the pool. This is a strong chlorine shock that kills bacteria and algae. Add the SPOT KILL directly to the pool with the pump running. If any shock does not dissolve, brush the product up off the floor. **Wait 1-2 hrs. before proceeding to the next step.**
- **SECOND**, add the recommended amount of BACK-UP to the pool. This is an algaecide used to inhibit algae from growing in your pool. You will continue to add it weekly throughout the summer.
- **THIRD**, add the recommended amount of POOL OPENING COMPLETE to the pool.

Let your opening chemicals circulate throughout the pool for 24-48 hours.

10. TEST & BALANCE YOUR WATER

Bring a water sample into Zagers for analysis. Remember, water balance is critical to your pool, plumbing, and water "health" just as changing your oil is critical to the proper operation of your vehicle. You'll have safe, non-corrosive water, and you'll need less maintenance.

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