

# THE CARE & MAINTENANCE OF YOUR ULTRA-LOC SOLID IN-GROUND AND ON-GROUND SWIMMING POOL COVER

By following the simple instructions listed below, you can insure maximum performance of your ULTRA- LOC SOLID Swimming Pool Cover for the years to come. The cover will have no problem supporting the weight of a child or an adult in the case of an emergency. However, we do not recommend walking on it and never allow children or pets to play on top of the cover. Adult supervision is always required around any swimming pool area.

**INSTALLATION:** LOOP-LOC Safety Covers should be measured and installed by a swimming pool professional to maintain all safety features and your pro-rated warranty.

**TIGHTNESS:** Most important is that your ULTRA-LOC SOLID Cover be installed - and remain - tightly stretched across your pool. The adjustable springs on your cover should be compressed about 60% at all times. Adjust as needed to maintain this 60% compression. If your ULTRA-LOC SOLID Cover has drains, tension adjustments may be necessary to promote proper drainage. Run a garden hose over the entire cover for at least 5 minutes, simulating a heavy rainfall. If water accumulates, adjust the springs until the water drains completely.

**WATER LEVEL:** In-Ground Covers: The water level in your pool should be kept at 12" - 16" below the top of the pool at all times that the ULTRA-LOC SOLID Swimming Pool Cover is in use. Allowing the water level to drop below 16" will put excess stress on the cover, hardware, coping and deck and will void your warranty.

On-Ground Covers: The water level in your pool should be kept approximately 12" - 14" below the top of the pool. This is important for supporting the weight of the snow on the cover. Allowing the water level to drop below 14" will put excess stress on the cover and will void your warranty.

**WHILE IN USE:** Any standing water such as melting snow and rain water whether your cover has drains or no drains, must be immediately pumped off the cover on a regular basis with a weighted cover pump. (A pump has either been supplied with your cover or is available through your local swimming pool dealer). In order to maintain the integrity and safety features of the cover it is imperative not to let water accumulate and sit on top of the cover as this will void your warranty and your cover will be considered non-safe. This is also important for pools located in heavily wooded/treed areas. On covers with drains, keep mesh panels clear of standing leaves by using a long armed broom, for proper drainage. Depending on your cover size and layout there are instances where more than one cover pump will be required to handle standing water. If you have any questions please contact your swimming pool professional for guidance.

**IMPORTANT AUTOMATIC PUMP INSTRUCTIONS:** The automatic cover pump (supplied with your solid cover or through your swimming pool dealer) is used to remove water that accumulates on your Loop-Loc cover. In addition to water accumulating due to rain and/or snow, water may also seep up through the material seams during the winter months when snow and ice force the cover to come into contact with the pool water.

Left un-checked, there is a strong possibility that a substantial amount of pool water may be pumped out of the pool. Once the cover begins to exceed the depressed level of 16" below the deck, excess stress is placed on the cover, hardware, coping and deck. At this point, cover/hardware failure is possible, and the product warranty is void. If this pool-pumping condition exists, it is necessary to correct the pools' water level immediately.

**PERIODIC MAINTENANCE:** It is important to periodically check your ULTRA-LOC Swimming Pool Cover to insure maximum performance in regards to ASTM guidelines. For example, in rare instances if non-warranty factors such as tree limbs, animals, etc. cause a tear or rip in the fabric, it may result in the cover not being able to support the ideal weight to meet the guidelines. All covers should be periodically checked for pre-mature U.V. deterioration which can void the safety features of the cover. Please contact your local swimming pool dealer if you have any questions or to have your cover repaired immediately. Please note: If your cover is a safety cover and is in need of repair it will not be considered safe and will not meet ASTM guidelines until the work is performed..

**COVER REMOVAL/STORAGE:** Hose off your cover while it is still installed over your pool to help loosen any debris that might have collected on top.

Extremely soiled covers may require additional cleaning with a mild detergent once removed from your pool. Be certain not to lay your cover out over any grassy areas, as doing this may harm your lawn.

Once the cover has been removed, further hose off the mesh drain panels to remove any stubborn debris that may still exist.

Allow your cover to completely dry prior to storage.

For best results and ease of subsequent installations, once dry, accordion-fold your ULTRA-LOC SOLID cover and roll it into the storage bag provided. Hang on a hook or nail. Do not leave your cover on the ground or on the floor of a storage shed or garage as rodents may gnaw through the bag and cover.

Exercise care when installing or removing your cover. Dragging the cover across the deck, over sharp edges or obstructions, or raised anchor heads will damage it.

**ANCHORS FOR IN-GROUND COVERS:** In the spring and fall, remove all anchors and flush out all anchor casings with a hose. This will prevent anchors from sticking when you re-install them.

When the cover is not in use, close the anchors completely, so they are flush with the deck. This will eliminate the possibility of stubbed toes.

**WINTER CHEMICAL TREATMENT:** For pool water to remain clear it must have proper levels of sanitizer and algaecide at all times - regardless of whether the pool is in use. Remember: a LOOP-LOC cover keeps out debris, but ONLY proper chemicalization can keep your pool water clear, clean and safe.

When closing your pool in the fall, we recommend the use of a winterizing chemical kit, which includes winterizing algaecide. Contact your dealer for information on additional winter sanitizers appropriate for your pool, i.e. gunite or vinyl. When winterized properly, spring clean up will be kept at a minimum.

One month before opening your pool, or when temperatures of 60 degrees or higher remain constant, additional algaecide should be added to the pool. Periodic additions of sanitizer may be needed to maintain proper water chemistry and reduce algae growth.

Automatic cleaners may be used underneath your ULTRA-LOC SOLID cover.

**IMPORTANT HOMEOWNER SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** LOOP-LOC covers not only meet, but exceed ASTM standards for Safety Swimming Pool Covers F1346-91. To show our commitment and dedication to the safety and security of your family, LOOP-LOC covers have undergone extensive outside testing through Underwriters Laboratories (U.L.) and have earned the seal of approval for safety swimming pool covers. Contact with sharp hooved animals will cause damage.

## **SWIMMING POOL COVER TECHNICAL NOTE FOR PAINTED ALUMINUM & PLASTIC CONCRETE**

**RECEPTOR COPING:** If LOOP-LOC water levels, tensioning requirements and padding recommendations are not followed, pools with painted aluminum or plastic concrete receptor coping may be marred. Also, if you are in a high wind area it is imperative to utilize additional padding or LOOP-LOC'S Coping Protector Caps to prevent marring. If you know these conditions exist, or have the coping types above please contact your dealer to order LOOP-LOC'S undercover padding or LOOP-LOC'S Coping Protector Caps.

**\*\*FOR ON-GROUND POOLS:** Due to variations in skimmer and return locations, the use of winterizing plug and plate may be required. It is important that you check the pool manufacturer's winter instructions for any special recommendations regarding safety covers.

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