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Pool Opening Instructions

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Pool Opening Chemicals

Adding chemicals to the pool at the pool opening will begin the pool water clearing process. The pool water should be clear prior to vacuuming the pool bottom. After clearing the pool water, the additional chemicals will be needed to balance the pool water. Low pH and Total Alkalinity levels can damage the pool equipment and the pool liner. We recommend a **McCarthy Pools Pool Start-Up Kit** for the pool opening.

Preparation of Pool Fittings

Remove the green "Gizzmo" or plug from the skimmer. Install the skimmer basket into the skimmer. Ensure that the skimmer weir (skimmer door) moves freely. Remove the plugs from the side wall fittings, install the main suction grate (if your pool has a side wall main suction) and hydrosweep(s) into the side wall fittings.

Filter Preparation

Install all drain plugs into filter tank. Install pressure gauge into filter. For cartridge or DE filters, ensure that the filter element is properly installed inside the filter tank. Ensure that the "waste" line is connected to the filter and that all filter connections are tightened.

Pump Preparation

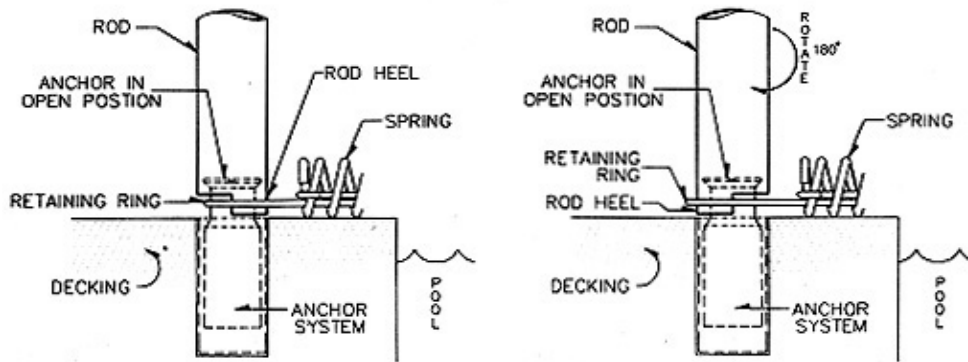
Install all drain plugs into pump housing if the plugs were removed at the pool closing. Place the pump basket into the pump housing. Close the main suction and skimmer valves in front of the pump. Fill the pump housing with water.

Pool Heater Preparation

Install all drain plugs into the heater. Ensure the electrical breaker to the heater is in the "on" position.

Removing the Winter Cover

Removing Loop Loc Pool Covers - remove any debris on top of the Loop Loc cover. To remove the Loop Loc cover from the pool, insert the Installation Rod over the anchor bolt with heel of rod facing the cover. Pressing downward, rotate the rod 180 degrees so that the heel of the rod is between the anchor bolt and the retaining ring



Removing a Solid Cover - start up the pump/filter system (see below, **Initial Filter/Pump Operation**), connect your vacuuming system, place your vacuum head on top of your solid cover where the water is deepest, draw the water on top of the solid cover through your filtering system and back into the pool underneath the cover. Once the cover is dry, scoop off any debris on the cover and remove the cover from the pool.

*If you remove the water from your winter cover by any other means than what is described above, be sure to have water running into the pool under the cover at the same time and at the same rate as the water is being removed from on top of the cover. If you have any questions, please call us at (508) 485-1307.

Initial Filter/Pump Operation

Ensure the electrical breaker to the pump is in the "on" position. Ensure the timer (if you have one) is in the "on" position. Turn on the pump and slowly open the main suction valve until the valve is completely open. Let the pump run for 3 minutes or until fully primed, then open the skimmer valve(s). If the pool water level is below the normal operating height, leave the skimmer valve(s) closed until additional water is added to the pool. If your pump will not prime after 3 minutes, please contact our Service Department at 508-485-1307 x 2. For DE filters, once the pump has primed, pour the appropriate amount of Diatomaceous Earth into your skimmer to coat the filter element.

Ladders and Handrails

Install the rubber ladder bumpers on the bottom the ladder (if not already installed). Apply waterproof grease to the inside of the ladder anchor sockets, the inside of the handrail sockets, the outside ends of the ladder, and the outside ends of the handrail. Insert the ladder into the anchor sockets and tighten the anchor screws (if present).

Chlorine Generators (Salt Systems)

Ensure the unions connecting the generator cell to the pool plumbing are tight. **Do not turn on the chlorine generator until the pool has been cleaned and the water balanced.** Operating the chlorine generator before the salt level has been balanced can damage the generator cell.

Chemical Feeders

Reconnect the IN and OUT lines to the feeder and the clamp assemblies on the pool plumbing. Replace the cover o'ring if needed and ensure the cover is secured tightly on the canister. **Do not use the chemical feeder until the pool water has cleared.**

