SERIES SKIM-MASTER™

Owner’s Manual

AUTOMATIC SURFACE SKIMMER
Models SP1071-SP1072

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following: Failure to follow instructions can cause severe injury and/or death.

⚠️ This is the safety-alert symbol. When you see this symbol on your equipment or in this manual, look for one of the following signal words and be alert to the potential for personal injury.

⚠️ WARNING warns about hazards that could cause serious personal injury, death or major property damage and if ignored presents a potential hazard.

⚠️ CAUTION warns about hazards that will or can cause minor or moderate personal injury and/or property damage and if ignored presents a potential hazard. It can also make consumers aware of actions that are unpredictable and unsafe. The NOTICE label indicates special instructions that are important but not related to hazards.
**WARNING - Read and follow all instructions in this owner’s manual and on the equipment. Failure to follow instructions can cause severe injury and/or death.**

**WARNING – Suction Entrapment Hazard.**

Suction in suction outlets and/or suction outlet covers which are, damaged, broken, cracked, missing, or unsecured can cause severe injury and/or death due to the following entrapment hazards:

- **Hair Entrapment**: Hair can become entangled in suction outlet cover.
- **Limb Entrapment**: A limb inserted into an opening of a suction outlet sump or suction outlet cover that is damaged, broken, cracked, missing, or not securely attached can result in a mechanical bind or swelling of the limb.
- **Body Suction Entrapment**: A negative pressure applied to a large portion of the body or limbs can result in an entrapment.
- **Evisceration/Disembowelment**: A negative pressure applied directly to the intestines through an unprotected suction outlet sump or suction outlet cover which is, damaged, broken, cracked, missing, or unsecured can result in evisceration/disembowelment.
- **Mechanical Entrapment**: There is potential for jewelry, swimsuit, hair decorations, finger, toe or knuckle to be caught in an opening of a suction outlet cover resulting in mechanical entrapment.

**WARNING - To Reduce the risk of Entrapment Hazards:**

- When outlets are small enough to be blocked by a person, a minimum of two functioning suction outlets per pump must be installed. Suction outlets in the same plane (i.e. floor or wall), must be installed a minimum of three feet (3') [1 meter] apart, as measured from near point to near point.
- Dual suction fittings shall be placed in such locations and distances to avoid “dual blockage” by a user.
- Dual suction fittings shall not be located on seating areas or on the backrest for such seating areas.
- The maximum system flow rate shall not exceed the flow rating of as listed on Table 1.
- Never use Pool or Spa if any suction outlet component is damaged, broken, cracked, missing, or not securely attached.
- Replace damaged, broken, cracked, missing, or not securely attached suction outlet components immediately.
- In addition two or more suction outlets per pump installed in accordance with latest ASME, APSP Standards and CPSC guidelines, follow all National, State, and Local codes applicable.
- Installation of a vacuum release or vent system, which relieves entrapping suction, is recommended.

**WARNING – Failure to remove pressure test plugs and/or plugs used in winterization of the pool/spa from the suction outlets can result in an increase potential for suction entrapment as described above.**

**WARNING – Failure to keep suction outlet components clear of debris, such as leaves, dirt, hair, paper and other material can result in an increase potential for suction entrapment as described above.**

**WARNING – Suction outlet components have a finite life, the cover/grate should be inspected frequently and replaced at least every ten years or if found to be damaged, broken, cracked, missing, or not securely attached.**

**CAUTION – Components such as the filtration system, pumps and heater must be positioned so as to prevent their being used as means of access to the pool by young children.**

**WARNING – Never operate or test the circulation system at more than 50 PSI.**

**WARNING – Never change the filter control valve position while the pump is running.**

**WARNING – To reduce risk of injury, do not permit children to use or climb on this product. Closely supervise children at all times. Components such as the filtration system, pumps, and heaters must be positioned to prevent children from using them as a means of access to the pool.**

**WARNING – Hazardous Pressure.** Pool and spa water circulation systems operate under hazardous pressure during start up, normal operation, and after pump shut off. Stand clear of circulation system equipment during pump start up. Failure to follow safety and operation instructions could result in violent separation of the pump housing and cover, and/or filter housing and clamp due to pressure in the system, which could cause property damage, severe personal injury, or death. Before servicing pool and spa water circulation system, all system and pump controls must be in off position and filter manual air relief valve must be in open position. Before starting system pump, all system valves must be set in a position to allow system water to return back to the pool. Do not change filter control valve position while system pump is running. Before starting system pump, fully open filter manual air relief valve. Do not close filter manual air relief valve until a steady stream of water (not air or air and water) is discharged.

**WARNING – Separation Hazard.** Failure to follow safety and operation instructions could result in violent separation of pump and/or filter components. Strainer cover must be properly secured to pump housing with strainer cover.
To original purchasers of this equipment, Hayward Pool Products, Inc. warrants its multiport valves to be free from defects in materials and workmanship for a period of ONE (1) year from the date of purchase, when used in single family residential applications. The limited warranty excludes damage from freezing, negligence, improper installation, improper use or care or any Acts of God. Parts that fail or become defective during the warranty period shall be repaired or replaced, at our option, within 90 days of the receipt of defective part, barring unforeseen delays, without charge. Proof of purchase is required for warranty service. In the event proof of purchase is not available, the manufacturing date of the product will be the sole determination of the purchase date.

To obtain warranty service, please contact the place of purchase or the nearest Hayward Authorized Service Center. For assistance on your nearest Hayward Authorized Service Center please visit us at www.hayward.com.

Hayward shall not be responsible for cartage, removal, repair or installation labor or any other such costs incurred in obtaining warranty replacements or repair. The Hayward Pool products warranty does not apply to components manufactured by others. For such products, the warranty established by the respective manufacturer will apply.

The express limited warranty above constitutes the entire warranty of Hayward Pool Products with respect to its’ pool products and is in lieu of all other warranties expressed or implied, including warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. In no event shall Hayward Pool products be responsible for any consequential, special or incidental damages of any nature. Some states do not allow a limitation on how long an implied warranty lasts, or the exclusion of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights, which vary from state to state.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

*Supersedes all previous publications.*
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS:

The SP1071/1072 Series Skim-Master is a rugged and versatile automatic surface skimmer molded of non-corrosive ABS for residential or commercial installations. The SP1071/1072 is the basic skimmer unit, featuring totally corrosion-proof, unibody construction, adjustable deck collar and round access cover, self-adjusting weir, large debris basket, auxiliary port, and multiple plumbing connections for easier installation. The optional SP1072FV Float Valve/By-Pass Assembly installs easily in the SP1071/1072 basic skimmer to provide a suction outlet thru-skimmer system and an auto safety by-pass for low water conditions.

Where required for commercial installations, the SP1072FVEKIT Float Valve and Equalizer Check Valve Kit and cover WG1070C can easily make the skimmer of your choice for commercial application. Refer to illustrations for details.

BASIC SKIMMER UNIT
FLOW ADJUSTMENT For full flow, move Flo-Control Slide Plate to full open.
To adjust flow, move Slide Plate to desired position over pump outlet.

TO VACUUM Remove cover and basket. Screw hose adapter into pump outlet. Fill vacuum hose with water and insert over hose adapter. Or use optional SP11063 Skim-Vac over basket vacuum plate.

SKIMMER INSTALLED WITH SUCTION OUTLET CONNECTION AND FLOAT VALVE / SAFETY BYPASS
When used with the SP1072FV Float Valve, water is drawn by pump suction from the surface of the pool and from the suction outlet line. Flow is balanced by means of the Flo-Control Slide Plate. If obstruction to flow or evaporation occurs, causing a significant reduction of flow over the weir, the float will automatically snap shut. This diverts all flow to the pump from the suction outlet line and prevents possible air lock. When the pump is shut off, the float will rise back to the top of the float valve assembly, allowing for normal operation if the flow or water level condition has been remedied.

TO SWEEP / BRUSH To divert all suction to the suction outlet, simply hold the weir up above normal operating level and allow the float to “snap” shut. Or, lift out float valve assembly, close flo-control plate and replace. To reset float after sweeping, turn off pump for 10-15 seconds and allow float to rise.

WARNING: To prevent hair or body entrapment, a suction outlet fitting conforming to ANSI/ASME A112.19.8 must be installed.

TO VACUUM: Remove cover, basket and float valve assembly. Screw hose adapter into pump outlet. Fill vacuum hose with water and insert over hose adapter. Or use optional SP11063 Skim-Vac. If Skim-Vac is used, block off suction outlet port for maximum efficiency.

SKIMMER INSTALLED WITH EQUALIZER VALVE AND FLOAT VALVE
When using SP1072FVEKIT for commercial application, the Equalizer Check Valve installs over front port, and is used in conjunction with the Float Valve. If water level drops below skimmer opening, or if skimmer flow is obstructed, the float will automatically snap shut and the equalizer valve will open. This diverts all flow to the pump from the equalizer line and prevents airlock in the pump. When the pump is shut off, and the water level condition is corrected, the float will rise and the equalizer valve will close, allowing normal skimming operation when the pump is restarted.

WARNING: To prevent hair or body entrapment at the skimmer equalizer, a equalizer wall or a suction outlet fitting conforming to ANSI/ASME A112.19.8 must be installed.

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USE ONLY HAYWARD GENUINE REPLACEMENT PARTS
SP1072FVEKIT

EQUALIZER VALVE ASSEMBLY
SP1078

SKIM/SUCTION OUTLET FLOAT/BYPASS ASSEMBLY
SP1072FV

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS
1. PLACE GASKET OVER EQUALIZER LINE PORT (FRONT), LINE UP SMALL HOLES OVER SCREW HOLES.
2. PLACE EQUALIZER ASSEMBLY OVER EQUALIZER PORT, SOLID SIDE UP.
3. INSERT RETAINING SCREWS THROUGH EAR TABS AND GASKET AND TIGHTEN RETAINING SCREWS.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS
1. PLACE LARGE O-RING IN GROOVE IN THE BOTTOM OF THE SKIMMER BODY.
2. PLACE FLOAT VALVE ASSEMBLY INTO SKIMMER.
LOCATION OF SKIMMERS
To obtain the most effective skimming action over the entire pool surface, locate the skimmers relative to the prevailing wind and drift shape of pool and water circulation pattern. The use of directional inlet fittings will ensure the proper circulation pattern.

PVC SOCKETED CONNECTIONS
The Hayward SP1072S socketed series skimmers utilize PVC socket ports requiring appropriate solvent cement for connecting with PVC pipe.

ABS THREADED CONNECTIONS
The Hayward SP10711 and SP1072T threaded series skimmers utilize ABS threaded ports requiring Fernox No. 2 or PTFE tape for connecting with threaded PVC pipe.

* COVER HAS 1" VERTICAL ADJUSTMENT TO ACCOMODATE CONSTRUCTION VARIANCES
## Parts and Accessories

**Use Only Hayward Genuine Replacement Parts**

**Repair Parts are Available Through Your Local Authorized Hayward Dealer**

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Auxiliary Port Feature.
To remove "Knock-out," drill a small pilot hole in
The center of the knock-out. Then, using a drill
Up to but not exceeding 3/4", remove the remaining Material.

PRODUCT REGISTRATION
(Retain For Your Records)

DATE OF INSTALLATION ________________

▲ Retain this Warranty Certificate (upper portion) in a safe and convenient location for your records.

DETACH HERE: Fill out bottom portion completely and mail within 10 days of purchase/installation or register online.

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AUTOMATIC SURFACE SKIMMER
Warranty Card Registration

Register online at www.haywardnet.com

Please Print Clearly:

First Name____________________ Last Name_________________________
Street Address____________________________________________________
City_____________________________ State___________ Zip____________
Phone Number_____________________ Purchase Date_________________
E-Mail Address____________________________________________________

Model Number____________________________________________________
Pool Capacity_______________(U.S. Gallons)

☐ Please include me on all e-mail communications regarding Hayward® Equipment or promotions.
Mail to: Hayward Pool Products, 620 Division Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07207
Attn: Warranty Dept
Or REGISTER YOUR WARRANTY ON-LINE AT WWW.HAYWARDNET.COM

Years Pool has been in service
☐ < 1 year  ☐ 1-3  ☐ 4-5  ☐ 6-10  ☐ 11-15  ☐ >15
Purchased from:
☐ Builder ☐ Retailer ☐ Pool Service ☐ Internet/Catalog
Company Name____________________________________
Address_______________________________________
City____________________ State_____ Zip__________
Phone_________________________________________

Type of Pool:
☐ Concrete/Gunite ☐ Vinyl ☐ Fiberglass
☐ Other_____________________________________

☐ New Installation ☐ Replacement

Installation for:
☐ In Ground ☐ Above Ground ☐ Spa