



## START-UP KIT & OPENING INSTRUCTIONS

Opening your pool correctly is quite important. Provided below is a step-by-step checklist to help you do it right. Following the procedures below will put you well on your way toward an enjoyable swimming season!

### REMOVE DEBRIS AND WATER

Remove standing water and debris from your pool cover before removing the cover itself. The cover should be cleaned and dried thoroughly before it is put away. Store cover in a clean, dry place away from sunlight.

### CHECK WATER LEVEL

If the water level is below the middle of the skimmer face, fill the pool water to the proper level, usually about half way up the skimmer. With your leaf skimmer, remove any floating debris.

### CHECK FILTRATION SYSTEM

Make sure all mechanical equipment is operating properly. Check for leaks in exposed piping, tighten loose fittings, and make all needed repairs. Start the filter and vacuum your pool if necessary.

### TEST THE WATER

After running the filter for several hours, test the water with your test kit or take a water sample to your professional pool dealer for analysis. The most critical tests to perform are those for stabilizer, alkalinity, pH, and chlorine. It is a good idea to purchase fresh reagents for your test kit each season to avoid possible inaccurate test readings. Incorrect additions of chemicals to your pool could be wasteful and costly.

### ADD CHEMICALS

Based on the reading of your test kit or the advice from your local dealer, add the necessary chemicals to the pool water. **ADD CHEMICALS FROM START-UP KIT FOLLOWING LABEL DIRECTIONS. REMEMBER TO ALWAYS FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS ACCORDING TO YOUR POOL'S SIZE AND CAPACITY.**

### ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

Once your pool has been opened, it is crucial that you keep it in the best condition. During the summer season, pool water can be affected by a variety of factors. Rain, wind, hot and humid weather, and heavy usage can affect chlorine and pH levels. It is very important to test the water often so you can determine what to add to your pool to keep it clean and crystal clear.

Your filter should run as much as necessary to keep the pool clear. We recommend at least 8-12 hours a day. Chemicals and proper filtration work hand-in-hand to keep your pool clean and safe for swimming.

Remember to **SUPER CHLORINATE** at least once every two weeks using **Blue Wave's Burst** shock. This will help to ensure a trouble-free season by burning off impurities in the water and freeing up the chlorine to handle its very important role of sanitizing the water.

As outside conditions change so to will your pool's needs. Correct small problems before they become big ones and you will enjoy a trouble-free season.

## **EQUIPMENT CARE**

Providing the proper care for your swimming pool equipment will help you enjoy a clean and clear pool all summer long. Make sure to refer to the manufacturer's specifications or ask your Blue Wave dealer for advice on how to care for your equipment. The following suggestions are provided to help keep problems to a minimum. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's directions.

### **THE PUMP**

The pump is the heart of the pool's circulation. Always make sure your skimmer and main drain lines are free of blockage. Check your skimmer basket and hair and lint trap frequently for debris. To assure a free flow of water to the pump and avoid damage to the pump motor, make sure water is at the proper level.

### **THE FILTER**

You must periodically clean or backwash your filter. Check your pressure gauge reading and consult your manufacturer's manual for the correct method.

### **THE HEATER**

Have your heater checked each season by a pool service technician. For lighting the pilot light and general operating instructions, refer to your manufacturer's guide. Keep in mind that if the filter is not working properly, or if water flow is restricted, your heater may not function.

### **AUTOMATIC CHLORINE FEEDER**

Clean out any residue and make sure all lines are free of restrictions. Use only the type of chemical recommended by the manufacturer. Never mix different types of chemicals in a feeder or automatic chlorinator. This will eliminate the possibility of an explosion occurring.

### **DECK EQUIPMENT**

Check and tighten bolts on ladders, diving boards, slides and hand rails. Remove dust on any metal surfaces, and then treat with a protective finish. Also, clean and protect any fiberglass or plastic surfaces.

### **POOL CLEANING EQUIPMENT**

Use your pool vacuum or other cleaning equipment as often as necessary to maintain a clean and clear pool. Most cleaning units are designed to operate when the filtration system is working. Cleaning equipment that is constructed of plastic should be stored away from sunlight.

### **TEST KITS**

Store test kits and test strips in a cool, dark, dry place away from chemicals and the heater. Keep test kits and reagents out of children's reach. Replace test reagents yearly.