

# **THE CARE & MAINTENANCE OF YOUR MESH IN-GROUND AND ON-GROUND LOOP-LOC SAFETY SWIMMING POOL COVER**

Your LOOP-LOC Swimming Pool Cover requires virtually no maintenance. However, by following these simple procedures, you will ensure that your new cover will continue to serve you well for years to come.

**COVER STRENGTH:** As you may have seen in our advertising, LOOP-LOC is the one pool cover proven strong enough to hold the weight of an elephant. As such, it will have no problem supporting the weight of a child or an adult in 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.

**TIGHTNESS:** Most important is that your LOOP-LOC be installed — and remain — tightly stretched across your pool, resembling a trampoline. Upon its original installation, the adjustable springs on your LOOP-LOC cover should be compressed about 90% for IN-GROUND and about 50% for ON-GROUND. The tension will gradually decrease in time, adjust as needed to maintain 75% compression for IN-GROUND and 50% compression for ON-GROUND.

**SNOW SUPPORT:** During the snow season, the water level in your pool should be kept approximately 15" to 18" below the top of the pool for IN-GROUND and 14" below the top of the pool for ON-GROUND. This is important for supporting the weight of the snow on the cover. Allowing the water level to drop below 18" for IN-GROUND and 14" for ON-GROUND will put excess stress on the cover and *will void your warranty.*

**PERIODIC MAINTENANCE:** It is important to periodically check your LOOP-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. 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:**

- Prior to removing your cover, hose it off while it is still installed across the pool, to remove any debris that has collected on top.
- When removing your LOOP-LOC, accordion-fold it and roll it into its storage bag. Hang the bag on a hook or nail (off the floor) to allow the cover to drain through the bag and to protect it from rodents.
- As with any valuable, high-quality product, care should be exercised when installing or removing your LOOP-LOC. Dragging the cover across the deck, over sharp edges or obstructions, or over raised anchor or bracket heads will damage the cover.

#### **ANCHORS FOR IN-GROUND:**

- 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 cover is not in use, close the anchors completely, so they are flush against 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 LOOP-LOC 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. Please note: Bubbles the elephant who walked on the mesh cover was done for weight demonstration to prove in the event of an emergency the cover will hold a substantial amount of weight. 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 and will require additional padding. Also, if you are in a high wind area it is imperative to utilize additional padding 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.

**\*\*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. \*\***