

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE INSTALLATION

WINTER POOL COVER INSTALLATION

Proper installation will ensure long use and trouble-free performance of your Robelle Winter Swimming Pool Cover.

FOR ABOVE GROUND POOLS

1. Properly prepare your pool to receive the pool cover. **IMPORTANT:** Before placing your winter pool cover on the pool, remove or pad all exposed sharp edges that could tear or otherwise damage your cover. This could be done with cloth tape, masking tape or foam rubber. Check top rail, deck, fence or any other area which could come into contact with your cover.
2. Inflate ice equalizer pillow 3/4 full and secure in pool center by tying grommets ends to pool side wall. These support lines should not be too tight, but allow the equalizer to float up and down on the water. (figure 1)
3. Before placing pool cover over the pool, pool water should not be less than 6" from the top of the pool. Where a through-the-wall skimmer is used, cover up the skimmer opening.
4. Place cover over your pool so it rests on the water surface and the excess material hangs evenly over the sides of the pool.
5. Lace the vinyl pool cover cable through the grommets around entire pool. (figure 2)
6. Insert one end of the cable through opening A and the other end through opening B of ratchet. Bring both ends through the opening in the tension drum from opposite directions. (figure 3) Pull ends through until cable appears reasonably taut around pool edge.
7. To keep cable from slipping back, and to apply additional tension on the cable, ensuring that the pool cover is securely fixed for the winter, turn the tension handle clockwise until cable is tight. The ratchet lock will automatically maintain the tension on the cable. It is important that the cover be installed properly and snugly so that the wind will not get under it, causing it to billow or flap, damaging the cover. **NOTE:** To loosen cable tension, simply turn the tension handle clockwise slightly, lift and hold the ratchet lock out of its position and allow tension drum to unwind counterclockwise, releasing cable tension.

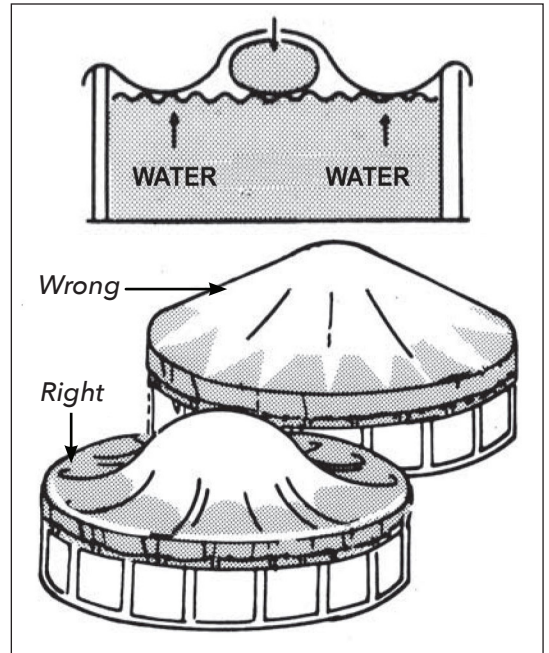


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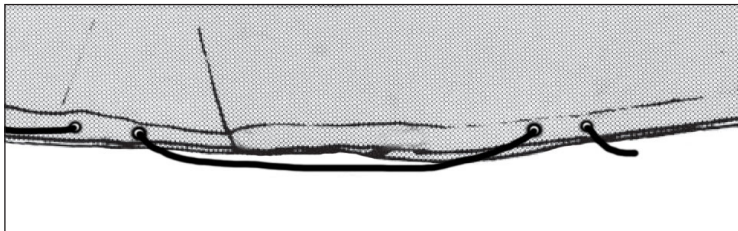


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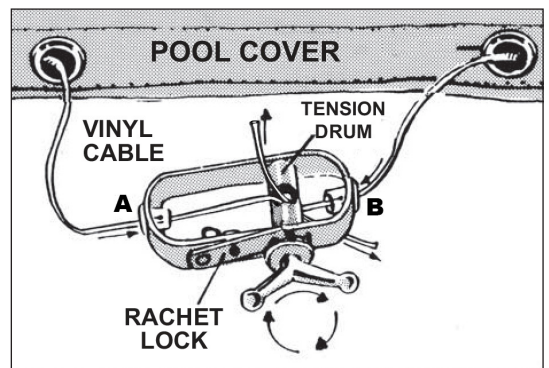


figure 3

FOR IN-GROUND POOLS

1. Properly prepare your pool to receive the pool cover. All ladders, diving boards and other pool accessories should be removed or, if not possible, padded to prevent the tearing of your winter pool cover. **IMPORTANT:** Before placing your winter pool cover on the pool, remove or pad all exposed sharp edges which could tear or otherwise damage your cover. This could be done with cloth tape, masking tape and foam rubber. Check deck edging, coping or any other area which could come into contact with your cover.
2. Lower the water level in the pool below the skimmer (no more than 18 inches below the coping).
3. Place cover over your pool so that it rests on the water surface and the excess material hangs evenly over the deck.
4. Insert empty water tubes into loops. The water tubes must cover the entire perimeter of the cover to prevent wind from getting under the cover and causing the cover to billow or flap. **CAUTION:** Such billowing or flapping in the wind can cause serious damage to your cover. Therefore, be sure the water tubes are placed end to end as in figure 4.
5. Fill each water tube with water to secure the cover to the pool decking. If you are in an area of extreme cold, fill the water bags only half full to allow for ice expansion.

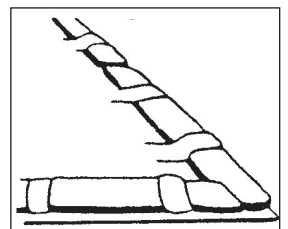


figure 4

IMPORTANT: During the winter months, we suggest that you check the tension of the cable (for above ground pool), and remove any excess water from the top of the pool cover. If ice forms on cover, do not tamper with ice or attempt to remove it. Leave the ice until it melts. Before removing the cover, be sure to siphon off all excess water resting on the pool cover. Your winter cover should be clean and dry before storing. Store in a cool, dry area, to ensure its protective use for years to come.

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