

# ***LINER INSTALLATION***

## ***HELPFUL TIPS AND TRICKS***

### **Above ground Liner Installation - Helpful Hints for Liner Prep**

- All of our above ground liners require a 4”- 8” sand or foam cove where the pool wall meets the floor of your pool.
- It is recommended that the floor of your pool have a 2” even layer of mason sand, even if you are using a product such as a foam bottom or Rhino Floor Pad. The foam bottom or Rhino Pad should be installed **OVER** the sand bottom and under the sand cove. If foam cove is used, install the Rhino Pad or foam bottom under the foam cove.

### **Liner Installation (Standard Bead / U / J Hook Liners)**

- Open the liner in the center of the pool after all of the prep work has been completed. Do NOT open the liner with the box upside-down as lid of the box has staples that can damage the liner in it.
- Spread the liner out over entire floor of the pool, centering liner as best as possible.
- Allow the liner a few minutes to warm up in the sun (if the outside temperature is below 70 degrees).

**IMPORTANT:** Make sure that the vertical wall seam will not be installed directly over the skimmer or return cut-outs.

- If you have bead track - a white plastic channel that the liner will be installed into - the U / J Hook must be removed (when converting a uni-bead liner into a standard bead liner). Please refer to the universal bead liner installation guide included with your liner (if applicable).
- If the liner is being installed using the U / J Hook application (hanging the liner directly over the pool wall), only the metal (or resin) stabilizer bar is used to secure the liner to pool. Any plastic coping strips can be discarded.
- After the liner has been installed, a shop vacuum can be used to remove most of the wrinkles without adding a drop of water to the pool. Simply run the vacuum hose from outside of the pool through the return hole in the pool wall and behind the liner, about 4 inches above the pool floor. Be sure

to seal all of the areas that air can escape from (like the top and bottom of the skimmer) to make sure you have adequate suction behind the liner before you turn the vacuum on. Once the vacuum is turned on, begin working out the wrinkles on the pool floor, from the middle out to the perimeter. Once most of the wrinkles are removed, you can begin filling the pool.

- The entire pool kit should be assembled before filling the pool. This includes plastic and metal (or resin) stabilizer bars, the uprights, and top rails of the pool kit. Doing so assures stability while the pool is filling and the liner is stretching into place. Please consult your above ground pool's installation manuals if you have any questions regarding pool assembly.
- Once the water level is 3 inches below the return jet opening in the pool wall, the hole for the return jet can be cut out, and the return jet can then be installed.
- Once the water level is 3 inches below the skimmer opening in the pool wall, the hole for the skimmer can be cut out, and the skimmer can then be installed.

### **Liner Installation (Overlap Liners)**

- For an *OVAL* liner installation, it is easiest to begin hanging the liner on bowed ends first, to center the liner. Then, work the liner out to the straight sides. Use the floor seams on the liner as a reference when trying to center the liner.
- When hanging the liner over the wall, the liner must be secured with the plastic coping strip AND metal (or resin, depending on your pool kit) stabilizer bar as the liner is being installed. This assures that the liner will not slip over the top of the wall into the pool once it is under tension. Not following this step could lead to the liner appearing to be too small for the pool.

**CAUTION:** Remember, all of our above ground pool liners are manufactured for a tight, wrinkle-free fit, so it will stretch into place once the water is added. If the liner is not secured to the pool wall with the use of both the metal (resin) and plastic coping strips, it can fall into the pool while the water is being added. If this occurs, the only way to fix the error will be to completely drain the pool and reset the liner.

**For more information and to purchase a new above ground pool liner or installation accessories, like Rhino Floor Padding or coping, visit our website at <http://www.PoolSuppliesCanada.ca>**