



WINTER USE & CARE GUIDE FOR YOUR AUTOMATIC POOL COVER

The question is often asked, “Do you recommend using an automatic pool cover as a winter cover?” The answer is a matter of personal choice. We neither recommend nor discourage the use of the automatic pool cover as a winter cover. We are neutral on this issue. In order to help you make a decision, we have listed below some of the winter use and care guidelines you should consider when making your choice

- During the winter the proper water levels must be maintained as the water in the pool supports the ice and snowmelt build-ups. The water level in the pool must not be lowered more than 5” from normal operating levels during winterization, and this level is the minimum level that must be maintained whenever the cover is closed over the pool.
- The cover pump must be on the cover at all times to remove water that could collect on top of the pool cover. Because of freezing, the pump and discharge hose will need to be monitored. Attempting to break and remove snow or ice from the cover can cause damage to both the cover itself and or the guides.
- **DO NOT** attempt to operate the cover if the pool water is low, or if the cover has water, snow or ice on it.
- There are risks associated with using the automatic pool cover as a winter cover, such as if the water level drops below the recommended level. If the pool loses water because of a leak, due to holes in the cover, or for any other reason, this could cause the guides to pull down, possibly damaging the material to which it is attached as well as the cover fabric itself. However, if there is adequate slack in the cover and the water level is properly maintained, there is a reduced risk of problems occurring.
- The cover is not warranted against damage due to winter use, just as the warranty does not cover damage due to such things as mudslides, earthquakes, falling trees, animals or other acts. Please refer to the warranty if you have any questions.



- Leaves and debris should be removed as they accumulate on the cover because they cause excess weight and can stain the cover.
- A cover should only be used as a winter cover if it has the proper slack. Proper slack is determined by where the cover touches the water. When the water level is lowered, the cover should normally touch the water no more than 12” from the edge of the pool. Actual slack requirements may vary depending on local conditions.
- Another consideration has to do with the longevity of the cover. The cover will **NOT** last as long when used as a winter cover because exposure to the elements. If it is not used as a winter cover, it should be cleaned and rolled up during the wintertime.
- If the leading edge bar is lowered for the winter to assist in keeping out leaves and debris, make sure it is reset to the proper height in the spring to operate without damage.
- We recommend your system be maintained each spring: clean and flush the guides, lube the system and clean and protect the cover. See Owner’s Manual for details.

Our Service Department is open year round for any questions you may have concerning your automatic pool cover, or for maintenance you wish to have performed.

Please call to schedule our crews, or for help in locating one of our Authorized Coverstar Central Dealer Service Centers near you, to perform the required annual automatic pool cover system maintenance services for you!

