

# Instructions for Small Above Ground Pools

These instructions are for the **Small Pool Starter Kits (Codes 802 and 820)**

## Kit Contents

1kg 20g Chlorine Tablets (1kg Multifunctional Tablets in kit 820)  
 1kg Stabilised Chlorine Granules    1.5kg pH Decreaser  
 1kg pH Increaser                      Chlorine Test Strips  
 Mini Floating Dispenser            100 gram scoop

## Health and Safety

- Always wash out the container you mix chemicals in thoroughly with spa water before and after use.
- Never mix chemicals together in the same container.
- Always wear safety glasses and gloves when handling chemicals.

## Start Up Procedure

1. If your pool has been used prior to treating it with chemicals you must shock treat it first. Dissolve the required amount of **Stabilised Chlorine Granules** (see dosing chart for quantities) in a clean bucket of pool water and distribute around the pool. Wash the residue in the bucket to drain.
2. Fill the floating dispenser with about 5 **Stabilised Chlorine Tablets** or **Multifunctional Tablets**.
3. Twist the blue collar at the bottom of the dispenser to uncover the openings fully.
4. Place the floating dispenser in the pool and leave it to float about.
5. Test your pool water using chlorine test strips. Dip a test strip below the water level and remove. After 15 seconds note the chlorine, pH and alkalinity levels by comparing to the colour on the side of the container.
6. If the results correspond to the table below the pool is ready for use.

|                         | Low              | OK         | Ideal      | OK         | High        |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| <b>Chlorine</b>         | Less than 0.5ppm | 0.5-1.0ppm | 1.0-3.0ppm | 3.0-5.0ppm | Over 5.0ppm |
| <b>pH</b>               | Less than 7.0    | 7.0-7.2    | 7.2-7.6    | 7.6-7.8    | Over 7.8    |
| <b>Total Alkalinity</b> | Less than 40ppm  | 40-60ppm   | 60-100ppm  | 100-120ppm | Over 120ppm |

## Daily Maintenance

1. Test your pool water using the Chlorine test strips. Dip a test strip below water level and remove. Wait 15 seconds. Note the chlorine, pH and alkalinity levels by comparing to the colour on the side of the container.
2. Control chlorine level between 1.0 and 3.0ppm by adjusting the collar on the floating dispenser. To increase the chlorine level open the collar more and to decrease the chlorine level close the collar. If the chlorine level goes over 5ppm, remove the dispenser from the pool, close the collar and store in a sealed dry container.

## Weekly Maintenance

1. Shock dose the pool. Dissolve the required amount of **Stabilised Chlorine Granules** (see dosing chart for quantities) in a clean bucket of pool water and distribute around the pool. Wash the residue in the bucket to drain. Do not use the pool until the chlorine level has returned to normal.
2. Monitor the pH level. To increase the pH level use **pH Increaser** to reduce the pH level use **pH Reducer**. In both circumstances dissolve a small amount (45g per 1000 gallons) in a bucket of pool water and distribute it around the pool with the filter operating. Retest after 4 hours.

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### Dosing Information - Health and Safety

- Always wash out the container you mix chemicals in thoroughly with pool water before and after use.
- Do not ever mix chemicals together
- Always add chemicals to water not water to chemicals.

This stabilised chlorine dose will increase your chlorine level by 1ppm.

### Dosing Chart

| Pool Size (feet)       | Approximate Volume (gals) | Shock Dose (grams) | Stabilised Chlorine Granules Dose (grams) |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---|
| 10' diameter 2' deep   | 1000                      | 50                 | 10  |
| 10' diameter 2.5' deep | 1200                      | 60                 | 12  |
| 12' diameter 2.5' deep | 1800                      | 100                | 18  |

### Troubleshooting

- To prevent algae from occurring add **Polyquat Algaecide** directly to your pool with the filter operating.
- To improve the clarity of your water add **Sparkle Water Clarifier** directly to your pool with the filter operating.
- Alkalinity is not very important on above ground pools but if it gets very low add some **Alkalinity Builder**.
- When testing your water, if the strip indicates there is no chlorine present in the water and you have recently dosed it, then there could be too much chlorine in the water (over 10ppm). To check this fill a measuring jug with 500ml pool water and 500ml tap water and perform the test again. If you are now getting a chlorine reading on the strip, double this figure to get your actual chlorine level. To reduce the chlorine level remove the dispenser and expose the pool to the sunlight. The sunlight will reduce the chlorine over time. Otherwise for an immediate reduction use **Dechlorinator**.

### Hints and Tips

- Always keep your chemicals and test strips in dry conditions and out of the reach of children.
- Keep a record of your test results. These will act as excellent reference points.
- At the end of the summer, make sure you neatly pack away your pool in a dry place ready for the following summer.
- As your pool is emptied at the end of the summer there is no need to worry about the stabiliser level.

### Heating the Pool

If the pool is too cold, there are two ways in which you can heat it;

1. **Heater.** These range from a simple 3kw plug in heater to a heater that connects to your central heating system.
2. **Solar Cover.** These are special covers that float on the surface of the water. The special micron material absorbs any sunlight and transfers the heat to the water.