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## **BASIC POOL OPERATION MANUAL**

Presto Pools would like to welcome you to their happy family of Pool Owners.

To help you maintain your Pool, we have compiled some important information you should know.

### **NORMAL POOL OPERATION**

Your Pool was designed to be filtered 24 hours a day. Constant filtration will help prevent problems with your water balance in the future. The gauges on the filter are there to show you how your filter is working. There is no set pressure, every Pool & Pump System is different, so make yourself familiar with your system from the start. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you **NEVER** turn the handle on the top of your filter without first turning off the power to the pump. Failing to do this could result in serious damage to the internal parts of your filter.

### **BACKWASHING**

This procedure is done to expel the dirt that has been filtered out of your Pool water. It should be done when the gauges have a difference of 15 lbs. There is no set time for this difference to occur, so check the filter daily.

1. turn the pump motor off (power off)
2. move the dial handle on the top of the filter to backwash
3. turn the pump motor on (power on) and allow it to run for 2 to 4 minutes or until the waste water coming out the backwash line is clean
4. turn the pump motor off (power off)
5. move the dial valve handle to rinse (if your dial valve has this cycle)
6. turn the pump motor on (power on)
7. allow the pump to run for 20 to 30 seconds
8. turn your pump motor off (power off)
9. move the dial handle on top of the filter to the filter position
10. turn the pump motor on (power on)

You have now completed the backwash procedure and are back in **NORMAL OPERATION POSITION**.

## **VACUUMING**

This procedure is used to remove dirt from the bottom of your Pool and should be done as often as necessary to keep the Pool looking good.

1. place the vacuum head handle on the end of the pole so that the two plastic pins fit into the two holes in the pole (this secures the handle to pole. Then attach the vacuum hose to the fitting in the middle of the vacuum head (extend pole by turning cam to loosen inside sleeve... older poles may have an inside cam – loosen by gently turning the outside pole counter clockwise while holding the inside pole ). With the pole, place the vacuum head and hose into the water... slowly push the hose hand over hand straight down into the water, or place the free end of the hose over a jet, to clear the hose of any air.
2. remove the lid to the skimmer and remove the basket
3. turn the Main Drain Trimmer Flap to the off position (covering the front hole...the one closest to the pool)
4. replace the skimmer basket into the skimmer
5. place the vacuum plate (disc shaped with a fitting or cuff coming up out of the centre) on top of the skimmer basket
6. put the end of the vacuum hose on the vacuum plate
7. your pump will slowly regain it's prime. Once it does you're ready to vacuum your Pool. (keep the vacuum head in the water or the pump will suck air and you will have to repeat the hose priming again)

## **WHEN YOU FINISH VACUUMING**

1. remove the vacuum plate from the skimmer
2. remove the skimmer basket - clean out any debris
3. reopen the main drain trimmer flap to the desired position
4. replace the skimmer basket into the skimmer and the replace the cover to the skimmer
5. store the vacuum hose and head out of direct sunlight
6. go to the pump and turn it off (power off)
7. take the lid off the pump and remove any dirt, hair etc. from the basket
8. replace the basket and the lid
9. start the pump motor (power on) (the pump may take a few seconds to start up again...this is normal)
10. if the difference on the pressure gauges is 15 lbs (single gauge ...if it is 7 lbs higher) or if the Pool was very dirty - BACKWASH -

You have now completed the vacuuming procedure and are once again in the NORMAL OPERATING POSITION

## **POOL TESTING**

Your Pool should be tested daily to keep the Pool water in proper balance (this will only take 5 min. and is very important)

1. take your water sample from at least 1 ft. below the surface away from the skimmer and the returns (jets where the water shoots back into the pool)
2. add the test chemical to the water sample as directed in the test kit
3. compare the results of the test by holding it up to something white not the sunlight
4. try to maintain a chlorine or bromine of 1.5 - 3.0 ppm
5. try to keep the PH between 7.4 - 7.6 (7.5 being ideal)
6. once every 2 weeks take a water sample into Presto Pools for a complete Pool Water Analysis to ensure proper Pool water balance. If you are a new pool owner bring a sample in every week until you are comfortable with your pool
7. once a week your pool will need to be SHOCKED/SUPER CHLORINATED/OXIDIZED to keep the water sparkling clear. The amount of product to put in will vary from pool to pool so check at the Store for the proper amount and type of shock best suited for you and your pool

Presto Pools has a full line of BioGuard pool and spa chemicals, accessories, and parts for your pool. Our fully trained service and sales personnel are here to assist you with any questions or problems.

HAPPY SWIMMING !!!

**THIS YEAR MAKE YOUR POOL A SIMPLE PLEASURE !!!**

We look forward to serving you.

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