

# **OWNER'S MANUAL**

YOUR PASSPORT TO RELAXATION

#### Welcome To Ultimate Relaxation!

Thank you for choosing your new spa built by Master Spas. Please read the entire Owner's Manual before installing and using your spa. The goal of this manual is to provide you with safety and operational information plus some tips that will help you enjoy your spa to its fullest.

At the time of print, this manual is accurate in its information. Master Spas reserves the right to change or improve its product without prior notice. Please visit www.masterspas.com to check for product information updates and click the Resources link on the page to review support information.

#### **Record Of Ownership**

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone # () Date Purchased/	/	
Model Serial #		
Dealer Name		
Service Tech Rep		

#### **Serial Number Location**

The serial number for your spa is located near the filter area, on the spa system pack, or on the listing plate on the spa frame behind the front skirt panel. It is a seven digit number on most models with the exception of Getaway Hot Tub models. Getaway Hot Tub models start with "R" followed by 6 digits. Ex. 1812345 or R181234

#### **Register Your Spa**

Please be sure to register your spa so we can efficiently assist with any questions you may have. Until your spa has been registered, Master Spas will not have record of your ownership.

To register your spa, visit www.MasterSpas.com and click the Resources link on the page. This area will offer Spa Registration capability along with other support information.



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# SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Included with your new spa is a safety sign. The sign is for you and your guest's protection and is suitable for outdoor use in wet locations. The sign should be placed in a location visible to all users of the spa.

Please take time to point out the physical location of the safety sign and the importance of the safety precautions displayed on the safety sign to all of your guests. Remember, your safety and the safety of anyone who enjoys the use of your spa is our utmost concern.

The sign should be mounted with screws or another type of permanent fastener. Additional or replacement signs can be obtained from your dealer or direct from the factory.

## INTRODUCTION

It's time to relax! You now have your very own portable spa by Master Spas. By fully understanding the operation of each of the features of your new Master Spa, you will be assured of many years of hassle-free, hot water therapy and fun.

Your safety is of paramount importance to the Master Spas family. We urge you to read and become thoroughly familiar with all safety aspects addressed in this manual.

Through reading and totally understanding the important information in your owner's manual, you will realize that you now own **THE ULTIMATE RELAXATION MACHINE!** 



# **IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**

When installing and using this electrical equipment, basic safety precautions should be observed including the following:

# READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS

WARNING – To reduce the risk of injury, do not permit children to use this product unless they are closely supervised at all times.

A wire conductor is provided on this unit to connect a minimum 6 AWG (13.302mm<sup>2</sup>) solid copper conductor between this unit and any metal equipment, metal enclosures of electrical equipment, metal water pipe, or conduit within 5 feet (1.5m) of the unit.

(For cord-connected/convertible units)

DANGER – Risk of injury.

- a) Replace damaged cord immediately.
- b) Do not bury cord.
- c) Connect to a grounded, grounding type receptacle only.

(For units intended for indoor use only) WARNING – For indoor use only. This unit is not intended for outdoor use.

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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS (CONT.)

(For units with GFCI)

WARNING – This product is provided with a ground-fault circuit interrupter located on the front panel of selected swim spas and on the power cord of 120 volt convertible spas. The GFCI must be tested before each use. With the product operating, open the service door. When the product stops operating, this merely indicates that the door is equipped with an electrical interlock. Next, push the test button on the GFCI and close the service door. The product should not operate. Now open the service door, push the reset button on the GFCI and close the service door. The product should now operate normally. When the product fails to operate in this manner, there is a ground current flowing indicating the possibility of an electric shock. Disconnect the power until the fault has been identified and corrected.

DANGER – Risk of Accidental Drowning. Extreme caution must be exercised to prevent unauthorized access by children. To avoid accidents, ensure that children cannot use this spa unless they are supervised at all times.

DANGER – Risk of Injury. The suction fittings in this spa are sized to match the specific water flow created by the pump. Should the need arise to replace the suction fittings or the pump, be sure that the flow rates are compatible.

Never operate spa if the suction fittings are broken or missing. Never replace a suction fitting with one rated less than the flow rate marked on the original suction fitting.

DANGER – Risk of Electric Shock. Install at least 5 feet (1.5m) from all metal surfaces. As an alternative, a spa may be installed within 5 feet of metal surfaces if each metal surface is permanently connected by a minimum 8AWG ( $8.4mm^2$ ) solid copper conductor to the wire connector on the terminal box that is provided for this purpose.

DANGER – Risk of Electric Shock. Do not permit any electric appliance, such as a light, telephone, radio, or television, within 5 feet (1.5 m) of a spa.

WARNING – To reduce the risk of injury:

a) The water in a spa should never exceed 104°F (40°C). Water temperatures between 100°F (38°C) and 104°F (40°C) are considered safe for a healthy adult. Lower water temperatures are recommended for young children and when spa use exceeds 10 minutes.



# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS (CONT.)

- b) Since excessive water temperatures have a high potential for causing fetal damage during the early months of pregnancy, pregnant or possibly pregnant women should limit spa water temperatures to 100°F (38°C).
- c) Before entering a spa, the user should measure the water temperature with an accurate thermometer since the tolerance of water temperature-regulating devices varies.
- d) The use of alcohol, drugs, or medication before or during spa use may lead to unconsciousness with the possibility of drowning.
- e) Obese persons and persons with a history of heart disease, low or high blood pressure, circulatory system problems, or diabetes should consult a physician before using a spa.
- f) Persons using medication should consult a physician before using a spa since some medication may induce drowsiness while other medication may affect heart rate, blood pressure, and circulation.

(For spas with a gas heater)

WARNING – Risk of Suffocation. This spa is equipped with a gas heater and is intended for outdoor use only unless proper ventilation can be provided for an indoor installation.

# SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

#### HYPERTHERMIA

Hyperthermia occurs when the internal temperature of the body reaches a level several degrees above the normal body temperature of 98.6°F (37°C). Prolonged immersion in hot water may induce hyperthermia.

THE SYMPTOMS OF HYPERTHERMIA INCLUDE:

- Dizziness Fainting Drowsiness Lethargy
- Increase in Internal Body Temperature

THE EFFECTS OF HYPERTHERMIA INCLUDE:

Unawareness of Impending Hazard • Failure to Perceive Heat • Failure to Recognize the Need to Exit Spa • Physical Inability to Exit Spa • Fetal Damage in Pregnant Women • Unconsciousness Resulting in a Danger of Drowning

WARNING – The use of alcohol, drugs, or medication can greatly increase the risk of hyperthermia.





# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS (CONT.)

DANGER – To reduce the risk of injury to persons, do not remove the suction grate. Suction through drains and skimmers is powerful when the jets in the spa are in use. Damaged covers can be hazardous to small children and adults with long hair. Should any part of the body be drawn into these fittings, turn off the spa immediately. As a precaution, long hair should not be allowed to float in the spa.

WARNING – Install the spa so that water can be easily drained out of the compartment containing electrical components so as not to damage equipment. When installing the spa make sure to allow for an adequate drainage system to deal with any overflow water. Please allow for at least 3 feet of clearance around the perimeter of the spa to provide enough room to access for servicing. Contact your local dealer for their specific requirements.

WARNING – The spa should be covered with an approved locking cover when not in use, to prevent unauthorized entry and injuries.

WARNING – People with infections, sores or the like should not use the spa. Warm and hot water temperatures may allow the growth of infectious bacteria if not properly disinfected.

CAUTION – Safe temperatures for swimming or aquatic exercise is around  $80^{\circ}F$  (26.7°C).

CAUTION – Risk of Electrical Shock. Do not leave audio compartment open. Audio CD controls are not to be operated while inside the spa.

CAUTION – Replace components only with identical components.

WARNING – Risk of Electric Shock. Do not connect any auxiliary components (for example, additional speakers, headphones, additional audio/ video components etc.) to the system. These units are not provided with an outdoor antenna.

Do not service this product yourself as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage or other hazards. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.

If the power supply cord(s) are damaged, water is entering the speaker, audio compartment, or any other component in the electrical equipment compartment area, the protective shield is showing signs of deterioration, or there are signs of other potentially hazardous damage to the unit, turn off the circuit breaker from the wall and refer servicing to qualified personnel.



# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS (CONT.)

The unit should be subjected to periodic routine maintenance once every quarter to make sure that the it is operating properly.

DANGER – Risk of Electric Shock. A green colored terminal or a terminal marked G, GR, Ground, Grounding or the symbol shown in Figure 14.1 of UL 1563 is located inside the supply terminal box or compartment. To reduce the risk of electric shock, this terminal must be connected to the grounding means provided in the electric supply service panel with a continuous copper wire equivalent in size to the circuit conductors supplying this equipment.

At least two lugs marked "Bonding Lugs" are provided on the external surface or on the inside of the supply terminal box or compartment. To reduce the risk of electric shock, connect the local common bonding grid in the area of the spa to these terminals with an insulated or bare copper conductor not smaller than 8AWG.

All field installed metal components such as rails, ladders, drains, or other similar hardware within 10 feet (3m) of the spa shall be bonded to the equipment grounding bus with copper conductors not smaller than 8AWG.

# SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

**WARNING:** CHILDREN SHOULD NOT USE SPAS OR HOT TUBS WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION.

**AVERTISSEMENT:** NE PAS LAISSER LES ENFANTS UTILISER UNE CUVE DE RELAXATION SANS SURVEILLANCE.

**WARNING:** DO NOT USE SPAS OR HOT TUBS UNLESS ALL SUCTION GUARDS ARE INSTALLED TO PREVENT BODY AND HAIR ENTRAPMENT.

**AVERTISSEMENT:** POUR ÉVITER QUE LES CHEVEUX OU UNE PARTIE DU CORPS PUISSENT ÊTRE ASPIRES, NE PAS UTILISER UNE CUVE DE RELAXATION SI LES GRILLES DI PRISE D'ASPIRATION NE SONT PAS TOUTES EN PLACE.

**WARNING:** PEOPLE USING MEDICATIONS AND/OR HAVING AN ADVERSE MEDICAL HISTORY SHOULD CONSULT A PHYSICIAN BEFORE USING A SPA OR HOT TUB.

**AVERTISSEMENT:** LES PERSONNES QUI PRENNENT DES MÉDICAMENTS OU ONT DES PROBLÉMES DE SANTÉ DEVRAIENT CONSULTER UN MÉDECIN AVANT D'UTILISER UNE CUVE DE RELAXATION.

**WARNING:** PEOPLE WITH INFECTIOUS DISEASES SHOULD NOT USE A SPA OR HOT TUB. **AVERTISSEMENT:** LES PERSONNES ATTEINTES DE MALADIES INFECTIEUSES NE DEVRAIENT PAS UTILISER UNE CUVE DE RELAXATION.

**WARNING:** TO AVOID INJURY EXERCISE CARE WHEN ENTERING OR EXITING THE SPA OR HOT TUB.

**AVERTISSEMENT:** POUR ÉVITER DES BLESSURES, USER DE PRUDENCE EN ENTRANT DANS UNE CUVE DE RELAXATION ET EN SORTANT.

**WARNING:** DO NOT USE DRUGS OR ALCOHOL BEFORE OR DURING THE USE OF A SPA OR HOT TUB TO AVOID UNCONSCIOUSNESS AND POSSIBLE DROWNING.

**AVERTISSEMENT:** POUR ÉVITER L'ÉVANOUISSEMENT ET LA NOYADE ÉVENTUELLE, NE PRENDE NI DROGUE NI ALCOOL AVANT D'UTILISER UNE CUVE DE RELAXATION NI QUAND ON S'Y TROUVE.

**WARNING:** PREGNANT OR POSSIBLY PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD CONSULT A PHYSICIAN BEFORE USING A SPA OR HOT TUB.

**AVERTISSEMENT:** LES FEMMES ENCEINTES, QUE LEUR GROSSESSE SOIT CONFIRMÉE OU NON, DEVRAIENT CONSULTER UN MÉDECIN AVANT D'UTILISER UNE CUVE DE RELAXATION.

**WARNING:** WATER TEMPERATURE IN EXCESS OF 38°C MAY BE INJURIOUS TO YOUR HEALTH.

**AVERTISSEMENT:** IL PEUT ÊTRE DANGEREUX POUR LA SANTÉ DE SE PLONGER DANS DE L'EAU A PLUS DE 38°C.

**WARNING:** BEFORE ENTERING THE SPA OR HOT TUB MEASURE THE WATER TEMPERATURE WITH AN ACCURATE THERMOMETER.

**AVERTISSEMENT:** AVANT D'UTILISER UNE CUVE DE RELAXATION MESURER LA TEMPÉRATURE DE L'EAU À L'AIDE D'UN THERMOMÉTRE PRÉCIS.

DO NOT DIVE.

**WARNING:** DO NOT USE A SPA OR HOT TUB IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING STRENUOUS EXERCISE.

**AVERTISSEMENT:** NE PAS UTILISER UNE CUVE DE RELAXATION IMMÉDIATEMENT APRÉS UN EXERCISE FATIGANT.

**WARNING:** PROLONGED IMMERSION IN A SPA OR HOT TUB MAY BE INJUROUS TO YOUR HEALTH.

**AVERTISSEMENT:** L'UTILISATION PROLONGÉE D'UNE CUVE DE RELAXATION PEUT ÊTRE DANGEREUSE POUR LA SANTÉ.

**WARNING:** DO NOT PERMIT ELECTRIC APPLIANCES (SUCH AS LIGHT, TELEPHONE, RADIO, OR TELEVISION) WITHIN 1.5 M OF THIS SPA OR HOT TUB.

**AVERTISSEMENT:** NE PAS PLACER D'APPAREIL ÉLECTRIQUE (LUMINAIRE, TÉLÉPHONE, RADIO, TÉLÉVISEUR, ETC) À MOINS DE 1.5 M DE CETTE CUVE DE RELAXATION.

**CAUTION:** MAINTAIN WATER CHEMISTRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURER'S INSTRUCTION.

**ATTENTION:** LA TENEUR DE L'EAU EN MATIÉRES DISSOUTES DOIT ÊTRE CONFORME AUX DIRECTIVES DU FABRICANT.

Hyperthermia occurs when the internal temperature of the body reaches a level several degrees above the normal body temperature of 98.6°F (37°C). The symptoms of hyperthermia include drowsiness, lethargy, and an increase in the internal temperature of the body. The effects of hyperthermia include:

- (a) unawareness of impending hazard;
- (b) failure to perceive heat;
- (c) failure to recognize the need to exit spa;
- (d) physical inability to exit spa;
- (e) fetal damage in pregnant women; and
- (f) unconsciousness and danger of drowning.

**WARNING:** THE USE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS CAN GREATLY INCREASE THE RISK OF FATAL HYPERTHERMIA IN HOT TUBS AND SPAS.

LA CONSOMMATION D'ALCOOL OU DE DROGUE AUGMENTE CONSIDÉRABLEMENT LES RISQUES D'HYPERTHERMIE MORTELLE DANS UNE CUVE DE RELAXATION. Relax and rest assured that your Master Spas manufactured spa has been built with safety in mind. We manufacture our self-contained spas to meet a stringent list of industry standards.

Our spas comply with the following industry standards:

- UL 1563 Standard for Electric Spas, Equipment Assemblies and Associated Equipment
- ICC ISPSC International Swimming Pool & Spa Code
- VGB Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act (Certified by UL to UL 1563)
- ANSI/APSP-6 Standard for Portable Spas
- ANSI/APSP/ICC-14 Standard for Portable Spa Energy Efficiency
- CEC Title 20 Appliance Efficiency Regulation
- CSA C22.2 No. 218.1 Spas, Hot Tubs and Associated Equipment
- CE EN 60335-2-60 Household and Similar Electrical Appliances Safety: Particular Requirements for Whirlpool Baths and Whirlpool Spas
- CE EN 60335-1 Household and Similar Electrical Appliances Safety: General Requirements
- 206/95/EC EC Low Voltage Directive
- 204/108/EMC Directive
- 93/68/EEC CE Marking Directive

### VGB SUCTION SAFETY & Maintenance instructions

### VGB 2008:

#### WARNING



Read and follow all instructions in this manual and on the suction fitting. Failure to follow instructions can cause severe injury and/or death.



Failure to remove pressure test plugs and/or plugs used in winterization of the spa/swim spa from the suction outlets can result in an increased potential for suction entrapment.



Suction outlet components have a finite life. The cover/grate should be inspected frequently and replaced at least every seven years, or if found to be damaged, broken, cracked, missing, or not securely attached.



If the fitting is missing or broken, replace with a fitting of equivalent rating or higher. Use of a lower rated suction fitting could result in entrapment of the body which could result in serious injury including drowning.



Do not use or operate spa/swim spa if this suction fitting is missing, broken or not secured per instructions. The suction fitting is intended to prevent entrapment of the body. Use of the spa/swim spa with a missing, broken or improperly secured suction grate may result in serious personal injury including drowning.



When the spa/swim spa is in operation, suction is created at this fitting. Users of the spa/ swim spa must be instructed not to come in contact with this fitting in such a way as to block its orifice. If a user of the spa/swim spa blocks this fitting with his/her body, serious personal injury or drowning may occur.

### **IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS**



#### WARNING - SUCTION ENTRAPMENT HAZARD

Suction in suction outlets and/or suction outlet covers which are damaged, broken, cracked, missing, or unsecured can cause severe injury and/or death due to the following entrapment hazards:

Hair Entrapment: Hair can become entangled in suction outlet cover.

**Limb Entrapment:** A limb inserted into an opening of a suction outlet sump/fitting or suction outlet cover that is damaged, broken, cracked, missing, or not securely attached can result in a mechanical bind or swelling of the limb.

**Body Suction Entrapment:** A negative pressure applied to a large portion of the body or limbs can result in an entrapment.

**Evisceration / Disembowelment Entrapment:** A negative pressure applied directly to the intestines through an unprotected suction outlet sump or suction outlet cover which is damaged, broken, cracked, missing, or unsecured can result in evisceration / disembowelment entrapment.

**Mechanical Entrapment:** There is potential for jewelry, swimsuit, hair decorations, finger, toe, or knuckle to be caught in an opening of a suction outlet cover resulting in mechanical entrapment.

#### TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ENTRAPMENT HAZARDS:

- Never use a spa/swim spa if any suction outlet component is damaged, broken, cracked, missing, or not securely attached.
- Replace damaged, broken, cracked, missing, or not securely attached suction outlet components immediately.
- It is recommended that suction components be inspected at least monthly.
- Replace the suction within 7 years from the installation date. Contact your dealer or local service center for quoting and scheduling this required maintenance. This is a mandated regulation and is not part of nor covered by the spa/swim spa warranty.

**NOTE:** Always review entire safety and maintenance information before beginning maintenance. Contact Master Spas for Suction Installation information for complete suction assembly replacement.

Your new Master Spa features a variety of jets. All jets, regardless of style return the water to the spa. Air is mixed with the water by using the air controls (if equipped) creating a vigorous massage. Water flow is adjusted by simply turning the outer face of most jets. Your Master Spa may have a combination of pulsating, rotating, dual pulsating and directional adjustable jets.

#### **1. THERAPY JETS**

Located throughout the seats of the spa to offer a variety of therapy combinations.

#### 2. NECK JETS (if equipped)

Located above the normal water level to provide massaging action to the back of the neck.

#### 3. SHOULDER JETS (if equipped)

Located above the normal water level to provide massaging action to the shoulders.

#### 4. MASTER BLASTER FOOT THERAPY JET (if equipped)

Large jet with several fixed nozzles located in the bottom of the spa near the floor to provide excellent massage to the feet.

#### 5. JET DIVERTER VALVE (if equipped)

Located on the top flange of the spa, this large valve physically diverts the flow of water from one group of jets to another. Be sure that no sand or particles are brought into the spa as they will cause the diverter to seize up. It is best to turn the diverter valve only when the pump is turned off.

#### 6. WATER FEATURE VALVE (if equipped)

Located on the top flange of the spa, this smaller valve adjusts water flow to the waterfalls and/ or water features in your spa.

**NOTE:** When the spa is not in use, this valve should be turned mostly shut (not completely shut) to prevent the water features from allowing water to hit the cover while it is closed. If left mostly open, water may hit the cover and possibly run out of the spa causing water loss.



**7. 3-WAY DIVERTER JET** (if equipped, GetAway Hot Tubs) This large jet can be turned 180° to 3 different points and diverts the flow of water from one group of jets to another. With the pump turned off, twist the face of this jet 1/4 turn at a time clockwise or counterclockwise to adjust.

#### 8. AIR CONTROL VALVE

These smaller valves are located around the top of your spa. You may increase or decrease the force of your jets by opening or closing the air control valves. Each air control valve will typically function 1 to 2 groups or seats of jets in the spa. When not in use the air controls should be kept in the closed position as the air being introduced in to the water can tend to cool the water and increase the dissipation rate of sanitizer levels.

#### 9. TOPSIDE CONTROL PANEL

You may safely control spa functions from inside or outside your spa using the Topside Control Panel. This Panel is used to control the water temperature, pumps, the spa light, automatic filtration cycles and other advanced functions. The digital display will give you a constant temperature readout and will notify you in case of certain malfunctions. Several user programmable functions are also available.

#### 10. PERSONAL REMOTE CONTROL (if equipped)

Select spa models may have an additional remote which allows the user to control the jet therapy while remaining in the seat (if applicable). By pressing the control one time, you will activate the pump. Press again for high speed and again to turn it off.

#### 11. EQUIPMENT ACCESS PANEL

This is the skirt panel located below the Topside Control Panel. This area houses the majority of components responsible for the spas operation. These components include the pumps, heater, spa control system, ozonator (if equipped), and LED light system (if equipped). Pump and equipment placement may vary by model.

#### 12. ACCESS PANELS

These are the skirt panels located around all four sides of the spa. All of the skirt panels are removable should service be required. Master Spas recommends at least 3 feet of access be provided around the spa.

#### 13. FILTER LID

This lid fits over the filter area and weir gate to cover the filters. Remove filter lid to access filters for maintenance.

#### 14. WEIR GATE

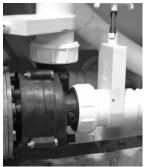
The weir gate is the horizontal door located in front of the filters that helps keep debris trapped in the filter area

#### **15. SPA CONTROL SYSTEM**

This houses the wiring and electrical components necessary to operate the spa.

#### 16. SPA HEATER

This is an electric heater housed in a stainless steel tube. It is thermostatically controlled and equipped with high-limit temperature safety shut-off sensors.



Slice Valve and Pump Union

#### **17. SLICE VALVES**

These valves are used by service personnel to shut off water to the heating system (heater and pump plumbed to the heater) so that the spa water does not need to be drained if the spa requires service to the heating system (varies by model).

**NOTE:** Slice valves must be completely open during normal operations.

#### **18. MAIN THERAPY PUMP**

This produces water flow through the main jets in the spa. The first pump may be operated on two speeds (varies by model). Low speed (if applicable) will produce efficient water circulation during filtration, heating of the spa water, and gentle jet action. High speed provides maximum jet action. The main pump is controlled by the "Jets" or "Jets I" button on the Topside Control Panel.

#### 19. SECONDARY THERAPY PUMP (if equipped)

This produces water flow through 1 to 2 groups or seats of jets in the spa. The second pump operates similar to the main pump and is controlled by the "Jets II" or "Aux" button on the Topside Control Panel.

#### 20. THIRD THERAPY PUMP (if equipped)

This produces water flow through 1 to 2 groups or seats of jets in the spa. This is controlled by the Jets III button on the Topside Control Panel.

#### 21. CIRCULATION PUMP (if equipped)

This produces water flow through the heater in the spa and provides the water flow necessary to actuate the ozone injector. This energy efficient pump typically runs 24 hours for efficient filtration and heating.

#### 22. PUMP UNION

This connects the plumping and pump together. These are used to help relieve possible pump air locks or for service personnel to easily service the pumps.

#### 23. HEATER UNION

These are used by service personnel to easily service the heater.

### THE ADVANTAGES OF ECOPUR® CHARGE



The EcoPur<sup>®</sup> Charge is made from Master Spa's patented filtration fabric. This fabric is wound tightly into a nautilus master core, creating a catalytic cell. The nautilus fabric cell is encased by a unique "spring core" that allows for maximum flow and water "charging". As water comes in contact with the EcoPur<sup>®</sup> Charge Master Core, a chemical reaction causes zinc and copper hydroxides to form in controlled amounts. Like Mother Nature, when controlled releases of copper and zinc oxides are carried into the filtered water, they kill bacteria and provide hostile conditions for algae and fungal growth. Using EcoPur<sup>®</sup> Charge helps reduce the amount of chemicals needed, therefore safeguarding the hot tub's plumbing and equipment because pipes are protected against the corrosive effects of chlorine. EcoPur<sup>®</sup> Charge Master Core Technology is another exclusive design by Master Spas.

#### FEATURES

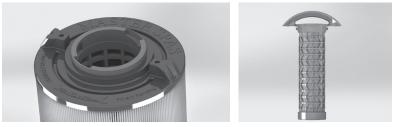
- Releases Sanitizing Copper & Zinc Oxides
- Reduces Water Soluble Heavy Metals
- Controls Scale, Bacteria and Algae
- Safeguards the Spa's Plumbing
- Reduces Use of Chemicals
- Helps Prevent Damage to Swimwear



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### THE ADVANTAGES OF ECOPUR® CHARGE

#### **ECOPUR® CHARGE INSTALLATION**



Master Spas Outer Filter





Turn Clockwise to Lock

Step 1: Insert EcoPur<sup>®</sup> Charge in to outer filter.

**Step 2:** Twist EcoPur<sup>®</sup> Charge clockwise to lock in place while holding on to outer filter. When snapped in to locked position, EcoPur<sup>®</sup> Charge handle aligns with molded points on outer filter.

**NOTE:** EcoPur<sup>®</sup> Charge should be replaced every 6 months. Initial snap in fit of inner EcoPur<sup>®</sup> Charge to outer filter may be tight, especially if both are new.







PATENTS PENDING

#### Before jumping into Water Maintenance, here are some terms to help you.

- 1. Parts per million, or ppm: This is a form of measurement used in most pool or spa chemical readings. Best described as any one million like items of equal size and make up, next to one unlike item, but of equal size. This would be one part per million.
- **3.** Total Alkalinity: Measures substances in your water such as hydroxides, carbonates and bicarbonates. When at the proper levels, these elements keep your water from clouding and growing bacteria, as well as prevent the inner workings of your hot tub from deteriorating or forming scale. TA also helps to stabilize pH. The higher the TA level (as long as it is within the recommended range), the less likely the pH is to change. You are looking for a range between 80 120 ppm. With low alkalinity, the pH will fluctuate and be harder to control. With high alkalinity, it becomes extremely difficult to change the pH.
- **4. pH or potential hydrogen:** This indicates the acidity or basicity of the water. The goal is to have a neutral, stable pH to prevent spa damage and unhealthy conditions. Low pH levels can corrode metals, etch or stain fiberglass or acrylic, cause unsanitary conditions that irritate the eyes or skin and destruct the total alkalinity of the water. High pH can cause cloudy water, eye or skin irritation, scale formation and poor chlorine or bromine efficiency. Note that the chemicals you are using to sanitize and clean your hot tub can also lower or raise the pH level in the water. You want this range to fall between 7.2 7.6 on the scale. Unfortunately, there are lots of variables to preventing high pH in your hot tub. You can use the chart to the right to help you balance it.
- 5. Shocking: By shocking the water in your hot tub, you remove organic compounds from the water, kill bacteria, remove bromamines or chloramines and reactivate the bromides in the spa for cleaner water. You should shock your water once a week, after heavy bather use or any time free chlorine levels test lower than total chlorine levels. To do this, either add oxidizer/non-chlorine shock to burn off the chloramines or add extra chlorine to raise the chlorine level above 8 ppm. Oxidizer/non-chlorine shock acts by releasing oxygen in the water, which serves a similar function as chlorine. An advantage to using this type of shock is that the water is safe to enter after 15 minutes of the application and excessive sanitizer (chlorine) levels do not occur. However, an oxidizer/non-chlorine shock doesn't disinfect the water for bacteria. If you use chlorine to shock, you must wait until the total chlorine reading is below 5 ppm.
- 6. Sequestering: This can be defined as the ability to form a chemical complex which remains in solution, despite the presence of a precipitating agent (i.e. calcium and metals). If the minerals and metals in water are not sequestered, they can cause a reaction, turning the water brown, red, orange or green depending on the minerals and metals present in your water. It is important to add a sequestering agent when adding water to your hot tub and even on a regular basis (if bottle instructions recommend doing so). Common names for sequestering chemicals are; minquest, stain and scale control, metal-x, spa defender, spa metal gone, (etc.).
- 7. Filtration: Filters are necessary to remove particles of dust, dirt, algae, etc. that are continuously entering the water. If the spa is not operated long enough each day for the filter to do a proper job, this puts a burden on the chemicals, causing extra expense. Filtration time will depend on the water capacity, pump and filter size and, of course, bather load. Spare filter cartridges should be kept on hand to make it easy to frequently clean the cartridge without the need for a long shut down. This will also allow the cartridge to dry out between usages, which will increase the cartridge life span as much as twice. Replace the cartridge when the pleats begin to deteriorate. Cartridge cleaning should be done a minimum of once a month. More often with a heavy bather load. See "Filter Cleaning" in the Regular Maintenance section.

## WATER CHEMISTRY TERMS YOU SHOULD KNOW

8. Sanitizers: Germs and bacteria enter the water from the environment and the human body; a sanitizer keeps the water balanced and safe to use. Either chlorine or bromine can be used as a sanitizer to create a healthy water environment.

A. Chlorine:

- 1. Only one type is approved for spa use. Sodium dichlor which is granular, fast dissolving and pH neutral chlorine.
- 2. Chlorine is an immediate sanitizer and will be added as needed to maintain free chlorine levels between 2.0 to 4.0 ppm.
- B. Bromine (Note: Bromine use is not recommended with EcoPur filters.)
  - 1. Two types of tablets:
  - a. Hydrotech
  - b. Lonza
  - 2. Bromine is a slow dissolve chemical and may take a few days to develop a reserve or reading in the water. Bromine levels should be maintained between 2.0 to 4.0 ppm.
- **9.** Total dissolved solids (TDS): Materials that have been dissolved by the water. i.e. Like what happens when you put sugar in coffee or tea.
- **10.** Useful life of water (in days): Water should be drained at least once every 180 days. Useful life may vary by usage and bather load.
- **11. Defoamer:** A chemical used to temporarily reduce foaming. Causes of foaming include body oils, cosmetics, lotions, surface cleaners, high pH or algae, as well as other organic materials. Low levels of calcium or sanitizer can also cause increased foaming. Note that you may need to physically remove the foam and/or drain all or part your water to remove or dilute the causes of the foam.
- 12. Calcium hardness: This measurement tells you how much magnesium and calcium are in your water. However, calcium hardness can react with all of the chemicals, bacteria, dirt and other substances that your water dissolves and get thrown out of balance. Just like the other elements, calcium levels must remain balanced and need to be monitored or you run the risk of metal deterioration, water foaming or clouding and scale formation at the surface of your water. The calcium hardness of your water should fall between 150 250 ppm.

**NOTE:** Always leave spa cover open for 15 minutes after adding chemicals to prevent the off gas from damaging your spa cover, spa pillows, stainless steel hardware and other critical parts.

#### 1. Evaporation:

As water evaporates, only pure water evaporates, leaving the salts, minerals, metals, and any unused chemicals behind. Adding water adds more salts, minerals, and metals. In time, the water can become saturated with these dissolved solids and can cause stains or scale to form on the walls of the spa or a scale build up inside the equipment. Colored or cloudy water, and possible corrosion of plumbing and fittings may also occur.

#### 2. Heat:

Heat causes much quicker evaporation and also will cause minerals and metals to precipitate out of solution.

#### 3. Air:

Dust and other airborne contaminants are introduced into the spa.

#### 4. Environment:

The environment surrounding the spa can also impact the water quality. Items such as pollen, grass, sand, dirt, lawn fertilizer, airborne dust, insects, leaves, and pets can all affect the water quality of the spa.

#### 5. Bathers:

As the spa is used, bathers introduce contaminants to the water. Increased bather load, length of use and frequency will increase the amounts of contaminants added in to the water.

#### Remember:

The maintenance routines set forth in this manual may need to be adjusted depending on bather load and how much the spa is being used.

### WATER MAINTENANCE - START-UP

- Step 1: Your spa should be filled using a Pre-filter, which can be obtained from your local dealer. This Pre-filter will help remove many of the minerals existing in the water, which will make adjusting the water balance easier after a new fill. Never use more then 50% softened water when filling the spa.
- Step 2: During the initial filling of the spa, add a sequestering agent to combat suspended minerals in the water. The agents are sold under many different names such as Mineral Clear or Metal Protect. Allow water to circulate and filter for at least 30 minutes (or per bottle recommendations) before adding any other chemicals.
- **Step 3:** Test water for pH, total Alkalinity, and Calcium hardness. The pH should be 7.4 7.6 and the total Alkalinity 100 120 ppm. Calcium hardness levels should be maintained between 150 and 250 ppm (part per million).
- **Step 4:** Adjust pH and total Alkalinity (TA) utilizing the directions on the chemical bottles. Wait 15 minutes, test and adjust if necessary.
- **Step 5:** It may be necessary to retest and add additional chemicals to get to the proper levels in Step 3.
- Step 6: Add concentrated chlorinating granules\* (sodium Dichlor-s-triazinetreone) to reach a Free Chlorine level of 5 to 8 ppm on initial start up to begin sanitizing the spa water. Bathers should not enter the spa until the chlorine levels drop below 5.0 ppm. Always refer to the chemical manufacturers dosage recommendations listed on the container. It is important not to add the chlorinating granules until the pH, alkalinity and calcium hardness have been adjusted to their proper levels.

#### \*SPECIAL NOTE:

We recommend a minimum level of 2.0 ppm residual free chlorine be maintained in spa water. Always refer to the chemical manufacturer's dosage recommendations listed on the container.

When adding chlorine or non-chlorine shock/oxidizer always spread it across the water while the pumps are running.

The quantities of sanitizer and oxidizer shown in this manual are for 500 gallon spas and may have to be adjusted depending on the actual amount of water that your spa holds. See the specifications section of this manual for the correct gallons of your spa.

The concentration of active ingredients in spa chemicals varies by manufacturer. The amounts of sanitizer suggested in this manual are based on spa chemicals that have the active ingredient percentages listed below:

Chlorine	Non-Chlorine Shock/ Oxidizer	
Active ingredient:	Active ingredient:	
Sodium dichlor	Potassium peroxymonosulfate 42.8%	
Other ingredients1%	Inert ingredients 57.2%	
Total100%	Total 100%	

#### **BEFORE EACH USE**

Check spa water with a test strip for proper sanitation levels and adjust accordingly to the proper levels. Free chlorine level should be 2.0 - 4.0 ppm. Appropriate levels should be present before use of the spa. Bathers should not enter the spa if total chlorine levels are above 5.0 ppm or if free chlorine levels are below 2.0 ppm.

#### **ONCE A WEEK**

Add non-chlorine shock/oxidizer\* or chlorine\* to spa to help maintain the water quality.

#### **3 TIMES A WEEK**

Test water using chemical test strips. Adjust sanitizer, pH and Alkalinity accordingly. The total alkalinity should be between 100 - 120 ppm and the PH should be between 7.4 - 7.6. If free chlorine level measures less than total chlorine level, additional non-chlorine shock/oxidizer\* treatment is necessary.

#### ONCE A MONTH

Soak your regular filter elements overnight in a container with spa Filter Cleaner and then rinse with clean water. For best results, allow the filter to dry before re-inserting. (The EcoPur<sup>®</sup> mineral element should never be cleaned in a filter cleaner. Just rinse with water.) When cleaning filters, be sure to never have the pumps (including the circulation pump) running without the filters in place. Failure to do so may result in debris being drawn into the pumps causing unwarranted damage. See the "clean your filter elements" in the maintenance section of this manual for more information.

#### **EVERY 180 DAYS**

Drain and refill your spa with fresh water, install a new EcoPur<sup>®</sup> filter element, clean the regular filter, and repeat start up procedure. The regular filter should be replaced at least once every year.

#### AFTER EACH USE

Add non-chlorine shock/oxidizer\* or chlorine\* to the spa water.

#### \*SPECIAL NOTE:

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When adding chlorine or non-chlorine shock/oxidizer always spread it across the water while the pumps are running.

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Total100%	Total 100%

DO NOT DIVE.

#### AS NEEDED

If water looks hazy, check PH and Total Alkilinity, and treat with chlorine\*. Always refer to the chemical manufactures dosage recommendations listed on the container. Free chlorine levels should be maintained between 2.0 - 4.0 ppm.

These are general recommendations for water maintenance that may vary by usage and bather load. Depending on bather load and frequency of use, drain and refill times may vary as well as the frequency of cleaning your filters.

A defoamer may be used when excessive foaming occurs. Over use of a defoamer will result in cloudy, milky water.

#### USE ONLY SPA CHEMICALS

Do not use chemicals designed for use in swimming pools.

With a spa you are working with a small volume of hot water compared to a large volume of relatively cool water in a swimming pool. Because of this, chemicals will have a shorted life span and bacteria can grow more quickly than in a swimming pool. A spa is less forgiving then a pool and requires that whatever is put into it have a pH as close to neutral as possible. That is why only chemicals made for spas should be used. Always refer to the chemical manufactures dosage recommendations listed on the container.

#### \*SPECIAL NOTE:

We recommend a minimum level of 2.0 ppm residual free chlorine be maintained in spa water. Always refer to the chemical manufacturer's dosage recommendations listed on the container.

When adding chlorine or non-chlorine shock/oxidizer always spread it across the water while the pumps are running.

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### WATER MAINTENANCE – TROUBLE-SHOOTING GUIDE

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSES	HOW TO FIX IT
CHLORINE ODOR	Excessive chlorine	Shock water with oxidizer/non-chlorine shock treatment
	Low pH	Adjust pH if necessary
WATER ODOR	Low levels of sanitizer	Adjust sanitizer level with chlorinating granules
	pH out of range	Adjust pH if necessary
	Bacteria or algae growth	If sanitizer has already been adjusted, it may be necessary to perform a system flush
CLOUDY WATER	Dirty filters or inadequate filtration	Clean filters with filter cleaner and adjust filtration
	Unbalanced water chemistry	Test and adjust chemistry levels
	Old water	Drain, clean inner shell and refill with filtered water
CLOUDY AND GREEN WATER	Total alkalinity levels are low	Use a pH increaser
	Sanitizer levels are low	Apply oxidizer/non-chlorine shock treatment and adjust sanitizer
CLEAR GREEN	High iron or copper content	Use a sequestering agent
WATER	Sanitizer levels are low	Apply oxidizer/non-chlorine shock treatment
BROWN WATER	High iron or manganese level	Use a sequestering agent
FOAMING	High levels of body oils, lotions, soap, etc.	Add small amount of defoamer, an enzyme product and check water chemistry
	Low calcium hardness	Use a calcium hardness increaser
	Unbalanced water chemistry	Test and adjust chemistry levels
EYE OR SKIN IRRITATION	Unsanitary water	Adjust water chemistry according to testing results
	Total chlorine level above 5 ppm	Apply oxidizer/non-chlorine shock treatment
	Poor sanitizer/pH levels	Adjust pH level as necessary
SCUM DEPOSITS AT WATERLINE	Body oils and dirt	Use multi-purpose cleaner to clean spa surface and add enzyme product to spa water
CHALKY, WHITE SCALE DEPOSITS	Minerals present in the water and lack of sequestering agent use	When tub is drained, use a multi-purpose cleaner or white vinegar and scrub with a soft cloth
PITTING OF METAL FIXTURES	Low pH or total alkalinity	Check water chemistry and adjust

#### RECOMMENDED RANGES FOR BALANCED WATER

This table shows the ideal balanced measurements that you are looking for in your testing results. Parts per million (ppm), is a form of measurement used in most pool and spa chemical readings. This is equivalent to one milligram of concentration per liter of water. 
 Total Alkalinity
 80 - 150 ppm

 pH
 7.2 - 7.6

 Chlorine
 2 - 4 ppm

 Bromine
 3 - 5 ppm

 Calcium Hardness
 180 - 250 ppm

\*Recommended levels stated in this manual are based on industry standards for permanently installed and portable residential spas.

# NOTE: These maintenance procedures are the responsibility of the spa owner to perform. These procedures are not covered by the spa warranty.

Your spa requires periodic draining and cleaning to ensure a safe, healthy environment. It is recommended that you clean your spa at least every 180 days or as necessary. Heavy bather load will require cleaning it more often.

#### DRAINING YOUR SPA

The spas are equipped with a drain assembly which can be located on the front side of the spa behind the skirt (same side as the topside control panel or where most of the spa equipment is located). The drain will be located in the equipment area behind the front skirt panel (Figure 1).



Figure 1

Figure 1.1

- **Step 1:** Remove the front skirt panel by removing its panel screws. The drain will be located inside the equipment bay (see Figure 1 & Figure 1.1).
- **Step 2:** To start the flow of water with this drain assembly; remove the cap, twist the face counterclockwise and pull out slightly on the face. A garden hose can be attached to the end of the drain assembly, if so desired.

#### NOTE:

- With the cap removed from the drain; water may drip or weep from the drain. This is normal. Be sure that the steps are followed in reverse order when draining is finished. Make sure that the drain cap is reattached and the valve is put back to the fully closed position so that there is no water leaking from the drain assembly.
- Draining times will vary by model using the drain assembly. A sump pump may also be used to expedite the draining of the spa.

NOTE: These maintenance procedures are the responsibility of the spa owner to perform. These procedures are not covered by the spa warranty.

#### SPA SURFACE CARE

- Clean the spa shell, jets and other controls with a soft cloth and spa shell cleaner to help remove residue and buildup on the shell surface. For mineral based buildup, white vinegar or mild scale remover product may be necessary to use with a soft cloth for removal. Consult with your local Master Spas dealer for proper spa cleaning products.
- Rinse the cleaned surfaces with fresh water from your garden hose and wipe with soft cloth as doing so to help remove residual cleaning agents as some may cause foaming to occur in the water once refilled.
- Always use an approved insulating spa cover by Master Spas to cover your spa when not in use, especially in outdoor installations where the spa is exposed to weather conditions and sun. Constant, prolonged exposure and use of unapproved or non-insulating spa cover can result in damage to spa surface which would not be warranted.

#### **CLEAN YOUR FILTER ELEMENTS**

The filter elements are one of the most important components of your spa. Not only are they essential for clean water, but they also extend the life of the spa equipment. Your filter elements should be cleaned on a regular basis, at least once a month on average with normal usage. With heavy use, poor water quality and/or high dissolved solid content in water; the filters may need to be cleaned more often.

- Turn off the spa before servicing filters. Never leave to the spa running when removing the filters. Debris can be pulled into the plumbing system and cause unwarranted damage.
- Remove filter element(s).
- With a garden hose, spray each element under pressure. Monthly, the standard filter elements should be soaked in a filter cleaner. Do not soak EcoPur® mineral filters in a filter cleaner. EcoPur® filters should only be rinsed with fresh, clean water as necessary. Check with your Master Spas dealer for details on cleaning and/or filter replacement recommendations.
- The EcoPur<sup>®</sup> Mineral filter should be replaced every 6 months. The standard filter should be cleaned regularly and will typically last approximately 1 year. Bather load, usage and water quality will effect the longevity of the filters and require more frequent cleaning or replacement.

#### **ACCESSING FILTERS**

#### Filter Weir with Top Access





Remove Filter Lid



Turn Filters Counterclockwise to Remove

#### Vane Teleweir Filter Housing





Pull Up to Remove Floater Assembly



Turn Filters Counterclockwise to Remove

#### **Telescoping Filter Housing**



Twist Lock Ring Counterclockwise to Remove Floater



Remove Basket



Turn Filters Counterclockwise to Remove

## **REGULAR MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES**

NOTE: These maintenance procedures are the responsibility of the spa owner to perform. These procedures are not covered by the spa warranty.

#### **CLEANING JETS**



The majority of jets in your spa can individually be turned on/off. If any of these jets become hard to turn, it will be necessary to remove the jet to clean it as grit/sand and mineral deposit may be present.

The jets in your spa can be removed for cleaning by unscrewing them (counter clockwise) and then pulling out the jet.

**TO CLEAN JETS:** Place the jet(s) in a container, fully immerse in white vinegar. Let the jet(s) soak overnight and then rinse with water. Reinstall the jet(s). It may be necessary to clean grit and deposits from the white jet body (mounted in the spa shell) by using a small bristled brush.

#### CARE OF LAMINAR FLOW JETS:

In order to keep your Laminar Flow Jets operating properly, follow these instructions in sequence:

- Turn off Laminar Flow Jets
- Remove outer ring by turning face counter clockwise
- Remove internal Jet insert with a pair of needle nose pliers
- Clean plastic filter at the back of the Jet insert so all holes are free of debris
- Reinstall Jet insert and outer ring



**NOTE:** To prevent premature failure of your spa cover and the possibility of water running out of the spa off the bottom of the cover, always turn Laminar Flow Jets down so that they do not hit the cover when the cover is closed. You do not want to completely turn jets off. Doing so may cause a build up of stagnant water in the water line if not used often.

#### CARE OF YOUR OZONE SYSTEM

The ozone hose and check valve connecting between the ozone generator and ozone injector should be inspected and/or replaced, if necessary, every 12 months. Depending on conditions of the air which is being brought in to the ozone generator, the ozone hose and check valve can wear more rapidly. This regular maintenance is not covered under the spa warranty. We recommend that your Master Spas Dealer or Service Center be contacted to perform this type of maintenance.

# Note: These are areas that will require the spa owner to perform routine maintenance. These are not areas covered under the warranty of the spa.

#### **CLEANING DIVERTER VALVES**

Mineral deposits, grit and sand may get into the internal parts of the diverter valves over time. The diverter valves may become difficult to turn or not turn at all.

Remove the handle from the top of diverter valve by gently prying up on both sides of the handle assembly at the same time.

Turn the cap piece counter clockwise. It may be necessary to put a clean towel over the cap and turn it with a wrench.

Once loose, the cap, internal rotor assembly and handle can be pulled up out of the white plumbing fitting.

Wipe down the internal rotor assembly that attaches to the cap and handle.

Soak the internal rotor assembly in white vinegar.

The inner wall of the white plumbing fitting should also be wiped down. If the surface of the white plumbing has become too abrasive, you can take wet, fine sandpaper and smooth it out.

Rinse the diverter internals and reassemble.

In the future, it is helpful to turn the diverter valve only when the pump is not on. Cleaning your diverter valve should occur every time you drain your spa. Refer to Draining Your Spa in the Regular Maintenance Procedures section.

#### CARE OF YOUR SPA COVER

Always cover your spa when not in use with an approved insulating spa cover by Master Spas. This will greatly reduce energy consumption and will cause spa water to heat more rapidly. Water loss and chemical usage will also be reduced.

- Be sure to lock down all straps on the cover after each use.
- Do not allow spa to sit uncovered in direct sunlight. This may cause damage to exposed surfaces of spa and possible discoloration of spa fittings.
- Periodically hose off both sides of spa cover for maximum life of cover. See cover manual instructions for detailed instructions on proper cover care.
- Keep cover open for 15 min. after adding chemicals to prevent off gas damage.
- **NOTE:** If your spa is going to be left empty for prolonged periods, do not replace cover directly on surface of spa. Place 2"-3" blocks between cover and spa. This allows for adequate ventilation of cover and spa.
- **NOTE:** The cover warranty is not part of the limited warranty provided with the spa. It is provided through the cover manufacturer and may not be through Master Spas. Check the tags and labeling on your cover to verify manufacturer and refer to the manufacturer's care, maintenance and warranty information. Your dealer can help provide you with these details.
- **NOTE:** Always turn water feature valve down so that the water features do not hit the cover when the cover is closed.

#### CARE OF YOUR SPA CABINET

The spa cabinet is made from a UV resistant material. The cabinet requires only periodic cleaning with a stream of water from a garden hose.

# NOTE: These maintenance procedures are the responsibility of the spa owner to perform. These procedures are not covered by the spa warranty.

#### CARE OF YOUR SPA PILLOWS

- Your spa pillows should be rinsed periodically to remove chemical residue. This helps improve pillow lifespan and slows down deterioration of the pillows (i.e. discoloring, becoming stiff and flaking of the material).
- If the spa will not be used for a period of time, the pillows could be removed and rinsed to prolong their life.

#### NOTE: Do not cover the spa for 15 minutes after adding chemicals as the off gas can cause damage.

#### CARE OF STAINLESS STEEL

Master Spas uses stainless steel in a number of our spas. Its lasting beauty and resistance to corrosion make it an excellent material for handrails and jets faces.

With the proper care it will keep its luster for many years. All stainless steel can corrode given the right circumstances so we have provided a guide to help you keep the stainless components in your spa looking nice.

Stainless steel derives its ability to resist corrosion by forming a very thin transparent coating on the surface when exposed to oxygen. This coating can be damaged by abrasive materials such as steel wool, sand paper, and other cleaning materials that are abrasive. Chlorine salts, sulfides, or other rusting metals can also erode this thin coating exposing the metal to corrosion.

The best defense to combat corrosion on stainless steel components in your spa is make sure that it is kept clean and free of any chemical build up.

#### Always:

- Clean frequently with fresh, clean water.
- Remove any rust spots as soon as they appear with vinegar or a brass, silver, or chrome cleaner.
- Use a good car cleaning wax for extra protection.
- Leave cover removed for at least 15 minutes after adding chemicals to the spa water.

#### Never:

- Clean with mineral acids or bleaches.
- Clean with steel wool or any other abrasive material.
- Leave in contact with iron, steel any other metals.
- Close the cover immediately after adding chemicals to the water.
- NOTE: Failure to take proper care of the stainless steel could result with them rusting. Rusting is not covered by the warranty.
- NOTE: Do not cover the spa for 15 minutes after adding chemicals as the off gas can cause unwarranted damage. Larger dosages can require longer lengths of time to off gas. It is recommended to check spa water more frequently to allow small dosages be added as necessary versus large dosages being added less often.

Note: For wiring outside of U.S. and Canada, GFCI may be referred to as a RCD (residual current device). Be sure all local electrical codes are followed.

#### NOTHING ON THE SPA OPERATES

- 1. Check the control panel display for any messages. If there is a message, refer to the diagnostic section on that model spa. There you will find the meaning of the message and what action is to be taken.
- **2.** If there is no message on the control panel and the control panel is completely dark (off), try to reset the GFCI breaker.



The GFCI should be located in a weather proof box close to the spa, but no closer than 5 ft.

If the spa does not respond, or the GFCI breaker continues to trip, contact your local Master Spas dealer or service company.

#### PUMP(S) DO NOT OPERATE -

- 1. Press the "Jets" button on your control panel.
  - If you hear the pumps trying to operate:
  - A. Check that all the slice valves are open.
  - B. Pump may need to be primed.
  - C. Check that the air controls are open.

Refer to Installation Instructions section. If you do not hear anything from the pump, contact your local service company.

#### POOR JET PERFORMANCE

- 1. Make sure pump is operating.
- 2. Check that the water level is adequate (up to minimum safe water level on sticker located near filter.)
- 3. Make sure the jets are open and the air controls are open. *Refer to Glossary of Spa Technology section.*

Note: For wiring outside of U.S. and Canada, GFCI may be referred to as a RCD (residual current device). Be sure all local electrical codes are followed.

#### SPA NOT HEATING

If the spas heater has failed, the majority of the time it will trip the GFCI breaker. If the spa is not heating and has not tripped the breaker, please follow these steps:

- 1. Check water set temperature at control panel to make sure it is set to desired temperature, above the current water temperature.
- 2. Check the "heat mode" that the spa is set in. The spa should be set in the standard mode or ready mode depending on the model.
- **3.** Check the control panel for heat indicator. If heat indication is on, wait a reasonable amount of time (at least 1 hour) to see if the water temperature is rising.
- **4.** If heat indicator does not remain on, the system should be displaying a message indicating why it can't heat. Check the control panel for diagnostic messages. Refer to Spa Control Section titled System Related Messages. Follow steps to alleviate message.
- 5. Check the control panel for light indicator. Wait a reasonable amount of time (at least 1 hour) to see if the water temperature is rising.
- 6. Reset power to the spa at GFCI breaker.
- 7. If spa is still not heating, contact your local Master Spas dealer for service.

#### **GFCI IS TRIPPING**

A ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) is required by the National Electrical Code for your protection. The tripping of the GFCI may be caused by a component on the spa or by an electrical problem. Electrical problems include but are not limited to, a faulty GFCI breaker, spa component, power fluctuations, and/or improper wiring. If this is a new electrical service and GFCI installation, an instantly tripping GFCI may likely be caused by improper wiring of the load neutral from the GFCI to the spa. It may be necessary to contact an electrician if your Master Spas dealer recommends doing so.



#### WINTERIZING YOUR SPA

Your spa is designed to be used year round in any type of climate.

However, if you decide you don't want to use your spa in the winter, you must drain it and follow the winterizing steps listed below.\*

**Disclaimer:** Master Spas does not recommend winterizing your spa. If you choose to do so, any damage that may result is not covered under the spa warranty.

- 1. Due to the physical size of the spa, we recommend draining your spa with a submersible sump pump. Draining your spa with a conventional spa drain is not a reasonable option.
- 2. Use a shop vac to get all standing water out of your unit.
- 3. Remove access panels from equipment area.
- 4. Loosen all pump unions.
- 5. Remove winterizing plug from face of the pump(s) where applicable.
- 6. Using your shop vac in a blowing mode, insert the hose into the nozzle of each jet and blow the trapped water from the lines into the interior of the spa. A non-toxic, RV water line type antifreeze can be used and added to jets in each seat around your spa to help prevent freeze damage from occurring. Be sure to thoroughly flush the system before startup.
- 7. After this is completed, use the shop vac to remove any standing water in the spa and in the equipment area.
- 8. Clean the spa with a soft cloth and a non-abrasive spa surface cleaner.
- 9. Replace access panels.
- **10.** Cover the spa to prevent water from entering it and check the spa periodically to be sure no water is entering and accumulating. Spa covers are great insulator but will allow some precipitation to enter the spa. For this reason, it is highly advised to also cover the spa with a water tight tarp while winterized. It is beneficial to keep the spa cover slightly gapped off the acrylic shell while winterized to allow air flow in to the shell area to reduce mildew/mold buildup caused by trapped moisture.
- \* If you decide to winterize your spa, we recommend that you periodically check the spa throughout the winter to assure water is not entering the spa through or around the spa cover.

#### **STORING YOUR SPA**

The spa shell should never be left unprotected and uninsulated while being stored. Clear plastic wrap or similar material should never be used to cover/protect the spa.

Prolonged, direct sun heat can damage the surfaces of the spa along with any components on the spas surface. Always keep the spa covered and protected with an insulating spa cover. Resulting damage such as cracking in the shell surface or warped or discolored components on the spa would not be warranted.

An empty spa should never be exposed to temperatures below 0°F (-18°C) after delivery as extreme cold can cause shell damage. This includes storage and draining (winterizing). If your spa will be exposed to these temperatures, keep the unit filled and running. If you do not plan to use your spa, you can set the spa to the lowest temperature setting allowed by the control system.

Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in unwarranted damage caused to the spa.

Model Number	Listing Number	Spa Dimensions (in./cm)	Electrical Requirements <sup>1</sup>	Seating Capacity²	<sup>3</sup> Water Capacity (gallons/m) <sup>3</sup>	Dry Weight (Ibs./kilos) <sup>4</sup>	Full Weight (lbs./kilos) <sup>3.4</sup>	Therapy Pumps
gs san miguel	1730	69" × 79" × 32" 176 × 201 × 82	Configuration # 1 120V, 15A SVC	m	180 / 0.68	510 / 254	2015 / 914	-
GS OCHO RIOS SE	1740	71" x 87" x 34" 181 x 221 x 87	Configuration # 1 120V, 15A SVC	4	225 / 0.85	545 / 247	3165 / 1436	-
GS OCHO RIOS LE	1750	71" x 87" x 34" 181 x 221 x 87	Configuration # 2 240V, 50A GFCI	4	225 / 0.85	545 / 247	3165 / 1436	-
GS BAR HARBOR SE	1760	87" x 87" x 35" 221 x 221 x 89	Configuration # 1 120V, 15A SVC	5	385 / 1.46	640 / 290	4780 / 2168	-
GS BAR HARBOR LE	1770	87" x 87" x 35" 221 x 221 x 89	Configuration # 2 240V, 50A GFCI	5	390 / 1.48	640 / 290	4820 / 2186	2
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and bather displacement; full seating capacity may not be achievable. Do not allow additional bathers to enter if bather displacement results in water levels overflowing or reaching the spa controls (air controls, diverters, spa topside control and etc.) as this will result in water leaking out Total bather capacity in spa. The number of bathers in spa should never exceed indicated seating capacity. Depending on spa size, water level of the spa shell and potentially in to the equipment area.

Full weight based on dry weight of spa, max seating capacity of spa, assumed average weight per person of 185 pounds and estimated water weight of 8.34 pounds per gallon. Rounded up in increments of 5. Manufacturing tolerances along with other factors can result in variance in actual spa weight. If weight is a critical figure necessary for delivery, or final installation, we suggest a minimum of 15% be added to the listed weight when planning delivery or installation.

# SITE PREPARATION / GENERAL GUIDELINES

Portable spa installation is simple when properly planned. It is important that you read the following information carefully and consult with your Master Spas dealer.

- 1) Access The actual dimensions of your new spa will determine the amount of space that is needed in moving the spa from curbside to its final installation area. Be sure to consider and measure side yard dimensions, gates, doors, overall room dimensions and vertical obstructions such as ceilings, roof overhangs, balconies and overhead cables. Any other space limiting obstacles such as stairs, trees, and shrubs must also be evaluated. Please be sure to contact and review these site and installation plans with your Master Spas dealer prior to delivery.
- 2) Surface/Pad Requirements When your new spa is filled with water and bathers, it may weigh as much as several tons. It is imperative that the base beneath the spa can support the entire weight. The spa must be on a uniformly firm, continuous, and level surface. The recommended foundation is a concrete pad with a minimum thickness of four (4) inches with steel reinforcement bars crossed throughout the pad.

#### IMPORTANT

When installing your spa indoors, on a wood deck, roof or balcony; load requirements need to be evaluated before installation. You should speak with a qualified contractor or your local building department to confirm that your surface is adequate for supporting a spa.

All sides of the spa must be accessible for regular maintenance or in the event that service is needed. Periodical maintenance checks require entry into the equipment bay. When possible, it is wise planning for the future to leave 3 feet of access to all sides of the spa in the event your spa requires maintenance. Your spa warranty does not cover the cost of providing access for service.

## GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR OUTDOOR INSTALLATION

Again, proper planning will increase your total enjoyment factor with your new spa. Listed below are some additional items to consider when planning your installation.

- How spa will complement landscaping and vice versa
- View from inside spa and view of spa from inside of home
- Exposure to sunlight and shading from trees
- Privacy
- Getting to spa from house and return

- Proximity to dressing rooms and bathrooms
- Storage for spa chemicals
- Local building codes (if applicable)
- Power cable
- Appropriate materials and drainage around the spa to handle water presence and runoff

#### GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR INDOOR INSTALLATION

Installing your spa indoors creates an entirely different set of considerations.

- Work with your Master Spas dealer and contractor to insure all local building, electrical and plumbing codes are met
- Plan for floor drains around your spa to drain off excess water runoff that will occur during normal use and for draining and cleaning your spa
- A ventilation fan may be necessary due to high humidity created by your spa
- Finished material in your spa room should also be capable of withstanding increased humidity

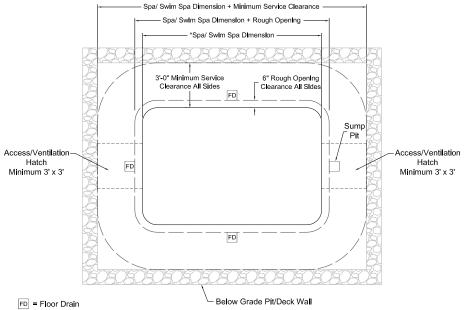
# SITE PREPARATION / GENERAL GUIDELINES

#### **GUIDELINES FOR PARTIALLY OR FULLY RECESSED INSTALLATION**

Spas manufactured by Master Spas are designed to be installed in a variety of settings. One of which is installing below grade. Should a spa be installed below the level of the site drainage system (below grade), a system for preventing water collecting and pooling must be designed based on the requirements of the local authority having jurisdiction. The drainage system must be designed based on things such as rainfall, water runoff, splashing, draining the spa, etc. that could potentially feed the below grade area with water. When located in designated floodways, additional attention to maximum water load entering the area below grade must be addressed to prevent water from accumulating below grade at all times. It is generally recommended that the spa be installed above grade because the spa is not designed to be submerged in water. When a proper drainage system is designed and proper ventilation is planned based on the characteristics of the site, installing the spa below grade is an accepted method of installation.

- The unit is self-supporting when placed on a surface designed to support the full load of the spa (see Surface/Pad Requirements). Do not backfill with sand, gravel, or earth. Doing so will void the warranty.
- Plan for complete drainage so that water accumulation drains away from the spa perimeter and standing water never reaches the electrical equipment.
- Plan for appropriate ventilation to remove moisture accumulation and prevent equipment overheat.
- Provide a minimum of 3 feet service area around the perimeter of the unit. Site access issues are not covered by the product warranty.
- The unit is not designed to be submerged in water. Water entering the equipment area creates many hazards and resulting damage will not be covered by the product warranty.
- Make sure that the surroundings do not create any additional hazards.
- Surfaces placed around the unit should also be evaluated for walking/slipping hazards from standing water. Proper drainage is vital to the installation of a below grade installation.
- Check all building, electrical, and plumbing codes with the authority having jurisdiction to ensure that your installation is in compliance with all local codes.
- Additional consideration needs to be made when installing unit in designed floodways.
- Verify that site specific drainage systems such as down spouts are not going to feed the area below grade.
- Below grade drainage system needs to be evaluated based on area specific rainfall. One size does not fit all so an analysis by a qualified, local engineer to ensure proper drainage of all sources of water is a must when installing below grade.

# SITE PREPARATION / GENERAL GUIDELINES



- = Access/ Ventilation Hatch (Min. 3' x 3')
- \* = See "Model Specification" section of Owner's Manual for applicable Spa/ Swim Spa dimensions.

## CONFIGURATION 1 - 120V, 15A SERVICE

Note: Electrical requirements by model is shown in Model Specifications. Only electrical configurations pertaining to the models referenced in this manual are shown.

## ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

# HAVE YOUR ELECTRICIAN READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BEFORE INSTALLATION BEGINS

Electrical connections made improperly, or the use of wire gauge sizes for incurring power which are too small, may continually blow fuses in the electrical equipment box, may damage the internal electrical controls an components, may be unsafe and in any case will void your warranty.

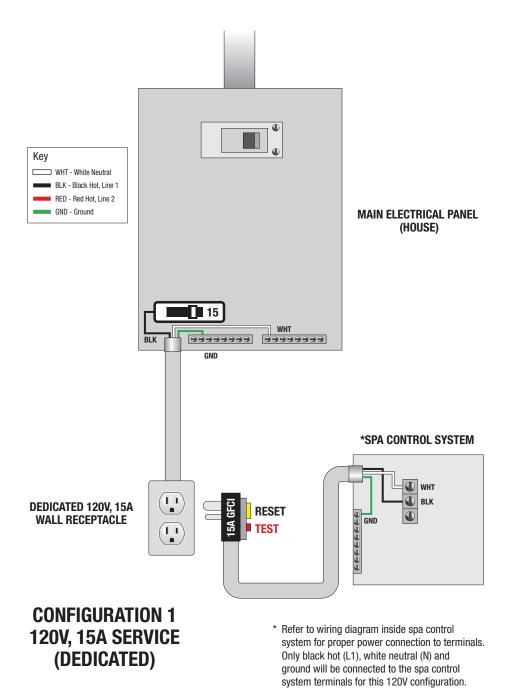
It is the responsibility of the spa owner to ensure that electrical connections are made by a qualified electrician in accordance with the National Electrical Code and any local and state electrical codes in force at the time of installation.

These connections must be made in accordance with the wiring diagrams found inside the control box. This equipment has been designed to operate on 60Hz. alternating current only, 120 volts are required. Make sure that power is not applied while performing any electrical installation. A copper bonding lug has been provided on the electrical equipment pack to allow connection to local ground points. The ground wire must be at least 14 AWG copper wire (unless local or state codes require a heavier gauge wire) and must be connected securely to a grounded metal structure such as a cold water pipe. The supply wiring to the spa must utilize a symmetrically grounded system. The spa must not be wired to electrical systems utilizing no ground (IT) or TN-C grounding. Be sure to have a licensed electrician examine and ensure proper grounding is provided. All equipment packs are wired for 120 VAC only. The only electrical supply for your spa must include a 15 AMP switch or circuit breaker to open all nongrounded supply conductors to comply with section 422-20 of the National Electrical Code. The disconnect must be readily accessible to the spa occupants, but installed at least five feet from the spa. A Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI), (provided with the spa), must be used to comply with section 680-42 of the National Electrical Code. A ground fault is a current leak from any one of the supply conductors to ground. A GFCI is designed to automatically shut off power to a piece of equipment when a ground fault is detected.

Service to the spa must be dedicated 120V, 15A 2 wire plus ground (14 AWG copper).

Route supplied cord or service into the equipment area for final hook-up to terminals inside the spa control system. The spa must be hooked up to a "dedicated" 120 volt, 15 amp. The term "dedicated" means the electrical circuit for the spa is not being used for any other electrical items (patio lights, appliances, garage circuits, etc.). If the spa is connected to a nondedicated circuit, overloading will result in "nuisance tripping" which requires resetting of the breaker switch at the house electrical panel.

## CONFIGURATION 1 - 120V, 15A SERVICE



## CONFIGURATION 1 - 120V MODELS GFCI CORD LOCATION

For convenience, the GFCI cord is coiled and zip tied to the base of your spa. Before final placement, be sure to cut the zip ties to free the cord. Pay special attention that the cord comes through the notched opening in the spa base so that the spa is not sitting on top of the cord. Always review the electrical configurations in this manual to ensure you have a proper, dedicated outlet to connect the spa.

#### EXAMPLES OF CORD LOCATION



**San Miguel:** When standing at the topside control panel, the power cord is mounted to the base on the left side of the spa.



**Ocho Rios SE:** When standing at the topside control panel, the power cord is mounted to the base underneath the topside control panel.



**Bar Harbor SE:** When standing at the topside control panel, the cord is located in the lower right corner of the skirt panel underneath the control panel.

DO NOT DIVE.

## CONFIGURATION 2 - 240V, 50A GFCI

Note: Electrical requirements by model is shown in Model Specifications. Only electrical configurations pertaining to the models referenced in this manual are shown.

# ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

## HAVE YOUR ELECTRICIAN READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BEFORE INSTALLATION BEGINS

Electrical connections made improperly, or the use of wire gauge sizes for incurring power which are too small, may continually blow fuses in the electrical equipment box, may damage the internal electrical controls and components, may be unsafe and in any case will void your warranty.

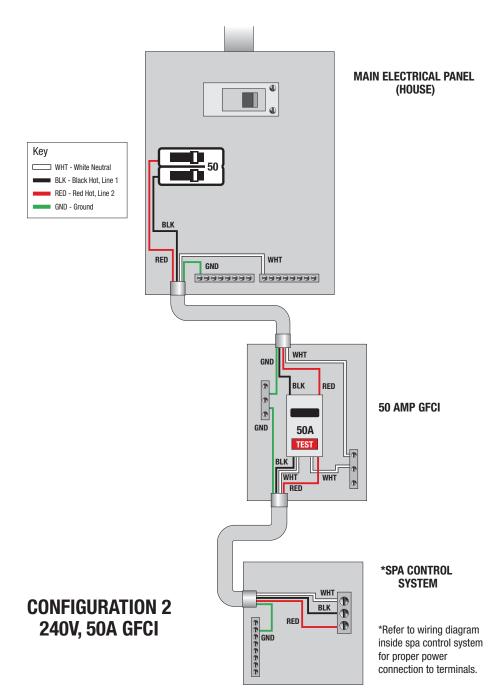
It is the responsibility of the spa owner to ensure that electrical connections are made by a qualified electrician in accordance with the National Electrical Code and any local and state electrical codes in force at the time of installation.

These connections must be made in accordance with the wiring diagrams found inside the control box. This equipment has been designed to operate on 60Hz. alternating current only, 240 volts are required. Make sure that power is not applied while performing any electrical installation. A copper bonding lug has been provided on the electrical equipment pack to allow connection to local ground points. The ground wire must be at least 8 AWG copper wire and must be connected securely to a grounded metal structure such as a cold water pipe. The supply wiring to the spa must utilize a symmetrically grounded system. The spa must not be wired to electrical systems utilizing no ground (IT) or TN-C grounding. Be sure to have a licensed electrician examine and ensure proper grounding is provided. All Master Spas equipment packs are wired for 240 VAC only. The electrical service for your spa must include a 50 AMP switch or circuit breaker to open all non-grounded supply conductors to comply with section 422-20 of the National Electrical Code. The disconnect must be readily accessible to the spa occupants, but installed at least five feet from the spa. A Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) must be used to comply with section 680-42 of the National Electrical Code. A ground fault is a current leak from any one of the supply conductors to ground. A GFCI is designed to automatically shut off power to a piece of equipment when a ground fault is detected.

Service to the spa must be dedicated 240V, 50A 3 wire plus ground (#6 AWG copper with minimum #8 AWG copper ground).

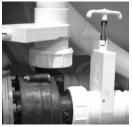
Route service into the equipment area for final hook-up to terminals inside the spa control system. The spa must be hooked up to a "dedicated" 240 volt, 50 amp breaker and GFCI. The term "dedicated" means the electrical circuit for the spa is not being used for any other electrical items (patio lights, appliances, garage circuits, etc.). If the spa is connected to a non-dedicated circuit, overloading will result in "nuisance tripping" which requires resetting of the breaker switch at the house electrical panel.

# CONFIGURATION 2 - 240V, 50A GFCI



# INITIAL SPA SETUP

- 1. Put spa in final position that allows for access to equipment and spa components. Master Spas recommends that at least 3 feet of space be provided around all sides of the spa for access. This provides adequate space for regular maintenance and service.
- **2.** Remove front skirt panel (this is the side where the topside control panel is located) so electrical can be hooked up to the spa control system. This panel is removed by unscrewing the screws securing the skirt corners and the front skirt panel.
- **3.** With the front skirt panels removed allowing access to the equipment, be sure all pump and heater unions are secure. Each pump has 2 unions and the heater has 2 unions. A newly delivered spa may have loose unions caused in transporting the spa. Check that all slice valves are open, in the up position. The slice valves may become closed during transportation of the spa.



Slice Valve and Pump Union

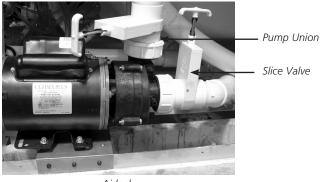
- **4.** Fill spa at least 1" above the filters or to the minimum water level indication located near the filter area. We recommend filling the spa through the filter area.
- **5.** Turn the power on to the spa. Spa will initially display Priming Mode or "Pr". This lasts approximately 5-6 minutes. This time is provided to allow each of the pumps to be activated and checked to ensure they are not air locked from the spa being filled.
- **6.** Be sure the adjustable jets in your spa are open by turning the face of the jet. Most of the jets in your spa are adjustable and removable by turning the face of the jet.

# INITIAL SPA SETUP

7. It may be necessary to bleed air from the pump(s) in your spa if, after start up, your spa pumps are turning on and off but you do not have water flow from the jets in your spa.

Due to the nature of water flow and hydro-therapy pumps, please be advised that air locking of pumps may occur. Master Spas has taken measures to reduce the possibility of this, but it still may occur, especially after refilling a spa. This is not a service covered under warranty and service charges may apply.

To relieve an airlock situation, loosen the pump union on the discharge of the pump. This pump union is indicated by an arrow in the picture below. Water should leak out of the union once the air has been removed. Tighten the union and test the pump for proper operation. Repeat this process if needed.



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- **8.** Adjust water chemistry according to the instructions provided in the "Water Maintenance" section.
- **9.** Your spa water will heat approximately 3 to 4 degrees Fahrenheit per hour (1 to 2 degrees Celsius) with the cover placed on the spa. This varies depending on the size of the spa and ambient temperatures.
- **10.** Step into the soothing waters of your Master Spa!

Relax and enjoy.



#### **INITIAL START-UP**

When your spa is first turned on, it will go into Priming mode, indicated by "Pr". During Priming Mode, press **Jets** button(s) repeatedly and be sure all pumps are free of air. Priming Mode lasts less than 5 minutes. Press **Temp** to exit. After Priming Mode, the spa will run in Standard Mode (see Mode section).

The pump responsible for heating and filtration (Pump 1 low-speed on non-circulation system, or the circulation pump on circulation systems) will be referred to simply as the pump. In multi-button sequences, if the buttons are pressed too quickly in sequence, they may not register.

#### TEMP CONTROL (80°F - 104°F / 26°C - 40°C)

The last measured water temperature is constantly displayed when in standard mode. The water temperature displayed is current only when the pump has been running for at least 2 minutes.

On panels with a single **Temp** or **Set** button, to display the set temperature, press the button once. To change the set temperature, press the button a second time or repeatedly to get to the desired setting before the display stops flashing. Each press of the button will continue to either raise or lower the set temperature. If the opposite direction is desired, allow the display to revert to the current water temperature. Press the button to display the set temperature, and again to make the temperature change in the desired direction.

After three seconds, the display will stop flashing and begin to display the current spa temperature.

#### JETS / PUMP 1

Press **Jets 1** to turn Pump 1 on or off, and to shift between low and high speeds (if equipped). High-speed will turn off after 15 minutes. Low-speed may run automatically at times for temperature polling, heating and filtering (during which it cannot be turned off using the control panel) but high-speed may be operated during this time.

#### AUX / PUMP 2 (if equipped)

Press the corresponding button once to turn the device on or off. The device will turn off after 15 minutes.

#### LIGHT

Press the **Light** button to turn the light on and off. If left on, the light automatically turns off after 4 hours.

## LED LIGHT (IF EQUIPPED)

Press the **Light** button to turn the LED lighting on and off. Most LED lighting will offer multiple color modes. If you wish to change the color mode of the LED lighting, turn the lights off and then on, within 5 seconds.

DO NOT DIVE.

#### MODE

Mode is changed by pressing **Temp**, then **Light** (repeat this button sequence to continue rotating through the modes).

**Standard Mode** is programmed to continuously maintain the desired temperature. Note that the last measured spa temperature displayed is current only when the low speed of Pump 1 has been running for at least 1-2 minutes. "St" will be displayed momentarily when you switch into Standard Mode.

**Economy Mode** heats the spa to the set temperature only during filter cycles. "Ec" will display when water temp is not current, and will alternate with water temp when the pump is running.

Sleep Mode heats the spa to within  $20^{\circ}$ F/ $10^{\circ}$ C of the set temperature only during filter cycles. "SL" will display when water temp is not current and will alternate with water temp when the pump is running.

#### PRESET FILTER CYCLES

The first preset filter cycle begins 6 minutes after the spa is energized. The second preset filter cycle begins 12 hours later. Filter duration is programmable for 2, 4, 6, or 8 hours or for continuous filtration (indicated by "FC"). The default filter time is 2 hours for non-circulation systems and 4 hours for circulation systems.

To program, press Temp, then Jets. Press Temp to adjust. Press Jets to exit programming.

#### **SPA BEHAVIOR**

For non-circulation systems, low-speed Pump 1 and the ozone generator (if installed) run during filtration.

**For 24 hour circulation systems**, the circulation pump and the ozone generator (if installed) run 24 hours with the exception of turning off for 30 minutes at a time when the water temperature reaches 3°F (1.5°C) above the set temperature (most likely to happen in warm climates or if set temperature is lowered/set below the current water temperature).

At the beginning of each filter cycle, all pumps are activated for a short period of time to purge all lines within the spa and circulate water throughout the entire spa.

#### Automatic Polling (in Standard Mode only)

The pump will activate for 1 to 2 minutes to check the temperature:

- every 30 minutes
- whenever any other pump is turned on
- whenever the set temperature is raised

#### FREEZE PROTECTION

If the temperature sensors detect a drop to below  $44^{\circ}F(6.7^{\circ}C)$  within the heater, the pump will automatically activate to provide freeze protection. The equipment stays on until 4 minutes after the sensors detect that the spa temperature has risen to  $45^{\circ}F(7.2^{\circ}C)$  or higher. During freeze protection the heater may not be activated.

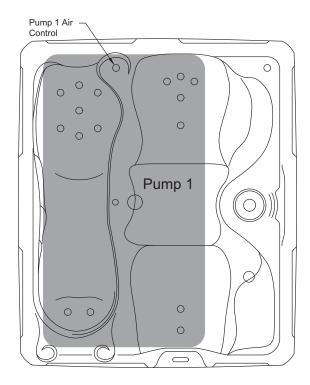
# SPA CONTROLS - VL400 PANEL

# SPA DIAGNOSTIC MESSAGES

MESSAGE	MEANING	ACTION REQUIRED
	No message on display. Power has been cut off to the spa.	The control panel will be disabled until power returns. Spa settings will be preserved until next power up.
	Temperature unknown.	After the pump has been running for 2 minutes, the current water temperature will be displayed.
НН	"Overheat" - The spa has shut down.* One of the sensors has detected 118°F/47.8°C at the heater.	DO NOT ENTER THE WATER. Remove the spa cover and allow water to cool. Once the heater has cooled, reset by pushing any button. If spa does not reset, shut off the power to the spa and call your dealer or service organization.
ОН	"Overheat" - The spa has shut down.* One of the sensors has detected that the spa water is 110°F/43.5°C.	DO NOT ENTER THE WATER. Remove the spa cover and allow water to cool. At 107°F/41.7°C, the spa should auto- matically reset. If spa does not reset, shut off the power to the spa and call your dealer or service organization.
58	Spa is shut down.* The sensor that is plugged into the Sensor "A" jack is not working.	If the problem persists, contact your dealer or service organi- zation. (May appear temporarily in an overheat condition.)
56	Spa is shut down.* The sensor that is plugged into the Sensor "B" jack is not working.	If the problem persists, contact your dealer or service organi- zation. (May appear temporarily in an overheat condition.)
5n	Sensors are out of balance. If alternating with spa temperature, it may just be a temporary condi- tion. If flashing by itself, spa is shut down.*	If the problem persists, contact your dealer or service orga- nization.
HL	A significant difference between temperature sensors has been detected. This could indicate a flow problem.	If the water level is normal, make sure all pumps have been primed. If problem persists, contact your dealer or service organization.
LF	Persistent low flow problems. (Displays on the fifth occurrence of "HL" message within 24 hours.) Heater is shut down, but other spa functions continue to run normally.	Follow action required for "HL" message. Heating capability of the spa will not reset automatically; you may press any button to reset.
dr	Possible inadequate water, poor flow, or air bubbles in detected in the heater. Spa is shut down for 15 minutes.	If water level is normal, make sure all pumps have been primed. Press any button to reset. This message will reset within 15 minutes. If problem persists, contact your dealer or service organization.
dЧ	Inadequate water detected in heat- er. (Displays on third occurrence of "dr" message.) Spa is shut down.*	Follow action required for "dr" message above. Spa will not automatically reset. Press any button to reset manually.
ΙĽ	"Ice" - Potential freeze condition detected.	No action required. All equipment will automatically activate regardless of spa status. The equipment stays on 4 minutes after the sensors detect that the spa temperature has risen to $45^{\circ}$ F/7.2°C or higher.

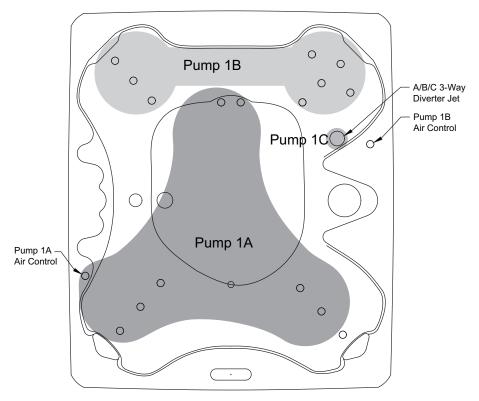
\*Even when spa is shut down, some equipment will turn on if freeze protection is needed.

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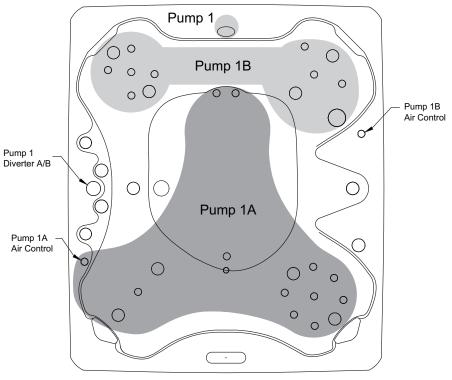
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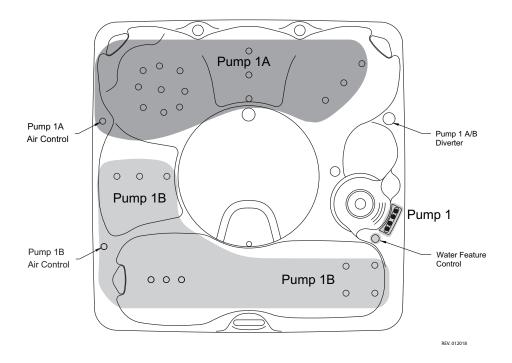
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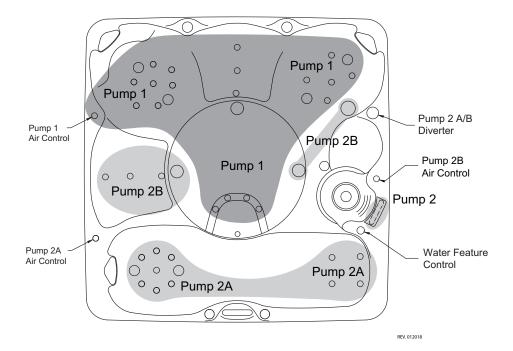


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# SPA CONTROLS - PUMP CONTROL DIAGRAMS



## SPA CONTROLS - PUMP CONTROL DIAGRAMS GS BAR HARBOR LE



DO NOT DIVE.

## **REMOTE CONTROL POWER & SYNCING**

WARNING - Never remain in your spa longer than 15 minutes per session when the water temperature is above 98°F. If you wish to spend more time in your spa, whether enjoying music, or just lounging, be sure to keep the spa water at or below body temperature (98.6°F).

WARNING - Prevent Electrocution. Do not connect any auxiliary/external components to the system (i.e. cables, additional speakers, headphones, additional Audio/Video components, etc.).

#### HANDHELD REMOTE CONTROL CHARGING

The remote has a built-in Polymer Lithium rechargeable battery and comes with a charging cable. Connect one end of the charging cable to the charging connection on remote control and connect the USB end of the charging cable to any USB charger (5V DC) for charging. Be sure charging connection is dry or allowed to dry before connecting to charge.

Make sure the remote has been charged before used. Do not leave remote under spa cover when not in use. Always store remote in dry location when not it in use.

#### HANDHELD REMOTE CONTROL SYNCHRONIZING

The remote should already be paired from the factory, but if you need to synchronize the remote, follow the steps below:

- 1. Make sure BlueCube+ Media Player is powered ON (red LED).
- 2. Put the remote within 20 inches (0.5 meter) of the BlueCube+ Media Plaver.
- 3. Press and hold MODE on remote control until the LCD shows "Pairing in Progress". Release the button
- 4. Within 2 seconds, the LCD will show "Paired". If it fails to pair, the LCD will show "Retry again". If this happens, wait 5 seconds and repeat steps above.

For any additional remote controls, you will also need to synchronize those remote controls to the BlueCube+ Media Player.



If the pairing process is not successful, try again to put your remote close to the remote receiver or charge the remote control if the battery is low.



Depending on the frequency of usage, the remote may drain its battery. Please charge the remote before use. If the LCD shows nothing, the battery has been drained and will need charging.



If you have lost or damaged your remote control and buy a new remote control, follow the above steps to pair the new remote control.

STEREO OUTPUTS

Internal stereo module has capabilities for Bluetooth, FM Radio, AUX and USB. There is no external capabilities for AUX and USB. For this reason, these inputs will not be applicable when seen on remote. Simply use Mode to rotate back to either Bluetooth input or FM.

## EXPLANATION OF CONTROLS



#### REMOTE CONTROL

#### Buttons Bluetooth FM Radio Mode Press once: Toggle from Operation mode to Standby mode or vice-versa. Power (ഗ Press and hold: No function. MODE Mode/Pair Press once: Change mode. PAIR Press and hold: Synchronize remote control. Volume Up Press once: Volume up Press and hold: Fast volume up Volume Press once: Volume down Down Press and hold: Fast volume down Fast Forward Press once: Next track Press once: +0.05kHz $\mathbf{N}$ Press and hold: Fast forward Press and hold: Scan up Fast Rewind Press once: Previous track Press once: -0.05kHz K Press and hold: Fast rewind Press and hold: Scan down Press once: Play/Pause Play/Pause Press once: Toggle mute ьII Press and hold. No function Press and hold: No function Press once: No function Press once: Listen to FM preset station 1 1 1 Press and hold. No function Press and hold: Set preset FM station 1 2 Press once: No function Press once: Listen to FM preset station 2 2 Press and hold. No function Press and hold: Set preset FM station 2 Press once: No function Press once: Listen to FM preset station 3 3 3 Press and hold. No function Press and hold: Set preset FM station 3 Press once: No function EXT ŧ Press once: No function Trigger Press and hold: No function Press and hold: No function *\$\$* Press once: Enter Audio Menu Audio AUDIO Press and hold: Save & Exit Audio Menu VBass Press once: Toggle VBass on/off VBASS Press and hold: No function

## LISTENING TO DEVICES

#### PAIR WITH BLUETOOTH DEVICE

- 1. Switch on your Bluetooth device.
- 2. Select 'AQUATIC AV' from the list of available devices to pair (no password is needed).

#### LISTENING VIA BLUETOOTH DEVICE

- 1. Bluetooth mode will be activated once a Bluetooth device is paired in any mode. Use 2013 (MODE) to change to the Bluetooth mode to listen to music.
- 2. Play the song from device and the sound will play through the BlueCube+ Media Player.
- 3. Press ▶III (PLAY/PAUSE) to play/pause the song.
- 4. Press 🔀 / 🔊 (FAST REWIND/FAST FORWARD) buttons to play previous/next song file.
- 5. Press and hold I / I (FAST REWIND/FAST FORWARD) buttons to fast forward / fast rewind the song file.
- 6. Previous/next track and volume up/down can be controlled directly from your Bluetooth device or directly from the BlueCube+ Media Player remote control.

#### **BLUETOOTH MULTI-LINK**

A second Bluetooth device can pair to the BlueCube+ Media Player even when it has been paired to another Bluetooth device. The second Bluetooth device will be able to play once the first device has stopped playing.

#### ADJUST VOLUME LEVEL

- 1. Press + (VOLUME UP) once to increase the volume.
- 2. Press (VOLUME DOWN) once to reduce the volume.
- 3. Press and hold either + or (VOLUME UP or VOLUME DOWN) to increase or decrease audio volume continuously.

## LISTENING TO DEVICES

## ENTER FM RADIO MODE

- 1. Press (MODE) on the remote control to switch to FM radio mode.
- 2. Press ►II (PLAY/PAUSE) to mute or unmute the audio.
- **i** If this is the first time you listen to FM radio, the default frequency will be 87.5MHz, as shown on the remote LCD.
- i FM radio is only available when you are in FM Radio mode. Scan or seek FM radio Channels.

#### SCAN OR SEEK FM RADIO CHANNELS

- 1. Press 🔀 / 🔊 (FAST REWIND/FAST FORWARD) to seek another station.
- 2. Press once 📢 / ▶ (FAST REWIND/FAST FORWARD) to -0.05kHz or +0.05kHz to the frequency.

#### SAVING RADIO CHANNEL TO MEMORY

To save the current frequency to memory, press and hold the (1), (2) or (3) for more than 2 seconds. The station will be stored into relevant button.

#### LISTENING TO SAVED RADIO MEMORY

Press the (1, 2) or (3) preset button once to listen to the station stored in that button.

#### ADJUST VOLUME LEVEL

- 1. Press + (VOLUME UP) once to increase the volume.
- 2. Press (VOLUME DOWN) once to reduce the volume.
- 3. Press and hold either + or (VOLUME UP or VOLUME DOWN) to increase or decrease audio volume continuously.

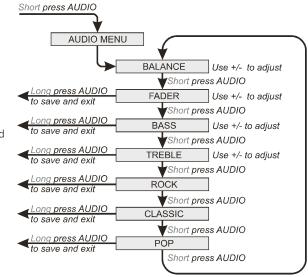
## ADDITIONAL FEATURES

#### AUDIO MENU

The BlueCube+ Media Player is equipped with an audio DSP (Digital Signal Processor) to provide preset listening experiences for different music types.

- 1. To enter audio menu, press Sh AUDIO (AUDIO) button once on the remote control.
- Each press of AUDIO (AUDIO) button will advance to the next audio setting as described on the right.
- 3. In the audio menu, press and hold AUDIO (AUDIO) to save and exit the audio menu back to the original mode.

If you have chosen preset equalizer (Rock, Classic, or Pop), the previous Bass & Treble settings will be overridden.



#### VIRTUAL BASS (VBASS)

Virtual Bass (VBass) boosts the bass of the audio signal using the latest DSP technology and is particularly useful when used with very small speakers to create perceived bass frequencies of a much larger speaker.

Press  $\mathcal{V}_{\text{BASS}}$  (VBASS) once on the remote control to toggle it on or off.

#### MAINTENANCE AVERAGE TIMETABLES

Below is a list of routine maintenance and the guidelines on how often they should be done. The frequency in which these actions should be performed may vary depending on bather load and how often you use your spa.

- Test GFCI Before each use
- Clean Filter Cartridge at least once a month
- Clean and Condition Spa Cover twice a month
- Drain and Clean Spa every 6 months

#### MAINTENANCE LOG

Use the following lines to document your spa care and maintenance.

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