

HOT TUB PILLOW & COVER CARE

PILLOWS

The pillows in your hot tub are made of the most state-of-the-art materials available to the hot tub industry.

To maintain them in peak condition, we recommend that you remove them every time you shock-dose your hot tub or if you leave your spa for long periods of time without use (i.e. when you go on holiday or if you should winterise your hot tub).

We have also found that removing the pillow(s) after each use of your hot tub extends the life further still, as the pillows are not then subjected to the fluctuations of chemicals and humidity.

COVER

Your Spa Cover has been especially designed with an inner core material that is lightweight and has thermal retentive qualities which is also wrapped in a high density polyurethane that is heat sealed to prevent water seepage. The Watkins covers are well known within the industry for their heat re-tentative properties that also helps the spa to be more economical to run and keeps your operating costs down.

With proper maintenance and care many owners can get between 3 to 5 years of use from their spa cover if situated outdoors and sometimes longer if located indoors. In time though your spa cover will become heavier due to general wear and tear and will require replacement. A lid that has become too heavy due to over saturation will cause additional strain on your lifter and can result in costly repairs with damage to your lifter and your wood cabinet. You may also find that your spa does not retain the heat as well and your running costs may increase.

Your cover features a clip and buckle fastening system to hold it in place. To prevent your cover from lifting and breaking if your spa is in an exposed area or there is a possibility of high winds, we would recommend that you secure your cover by using Storm Straps. Please also take care when opening your cover in windy weather and ensure that you have **unfastened the buckles before opening**.

If your spa is situated outdoors then it will be exposed to the elements, particularly if it is not in a sheltered position, 24 hours a day 7 days a week continuously, so in time water will start to penetrate through the outer vinyl and inside where the cores are located. You can use spa polish to help keep the vinyl supple and repel some of the water to help prolong the life of your cover. We would also recommend using a protective cover or boarding on top of your spa cover (be careful that this is a smooth surface and there is nothing jagged that can tear the vinyl) during winter months when snow is likely and would also suggest that you remove heavy loads of snow from on top of the lid as the weight can also damage the inner cores.

If your spa is located indoors or outdoors your cover is subjected to the hot water and chemicals in your spa. After time these will start to have a wearing effect on the underside of your spa cover and in time the wrapping surrounding the cores will start to deteriorate. Again to help prolong the life of your spa cover we would always recommend that you therefore keep your chlorine levels to the lower spectrum of 2-3ppm (can bath comfortably up to 5ppm) and that you shock dose with non-chlorine shock if you use chlorine as your daily sanitizer.

Always refer to your Owners Manual for information on the care and maintenance of your spa.