AquaLumin® III - Nicheless Light Installation Guide

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS
READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS
SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

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Minimum Qualifications
• Licensed or Certified Electrician
• Electrician or Qualified Pool Serviceman
• Qualified Pool Serviceman or Homeowner

IMPORTANT NOTICE
This AquaLumin III light will install only with the following AquaLumin III Mounting Brackets, manufactured after JUNE 6, 1994:

AquaLumin III Vinyl Mounting Bracket Assembly 1” (P/N 78887800)
AquaLumin III Vinyl Mounting Bracket Assembly 3/4” (P/N 78887700)

WARNING! DO NOT install the AquaLumin® light in ocean salt water pools, spas and hot tubs. The AquaLumin® light is designed for use in fresh water pools, spas and hot tubs (including those using salt chlorine generators).

WARNING! THE LIGHT LENS MAY GET HOT WHEN IN USE. USERS SHOULD AVOID CONTACT WITH THE LIGHT AS SERIOUS BURNS MAY RESULT FROM PROLONGED CONTACT WITH THE LIGHT.
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Section 1: Installing a mounting bracket and light fixture during new vinyl pool construction

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**DANGER!**
RISK OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK OR ELECTROCUTION
This Nichellees light fixture must be installed by a licensed or certified electrician or a qualified pool serviceman in accordance with the National Electrical Code and all applicable local codes and ordinances. Improper installation will create an electrical hazard which could result in death or serious injury to pool users, installers or others due to electrical shock and may also cause damage to property. Always disconnect power to the pool light at the circuit breaker before servicing the light. Failure to do so could result in death or serious injury to serviceman, pool users or others due to electrical shock.

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**A. Preparatory steps which must be completed by the electrician before light is installed, see Figure 1.**

1. Be sure the electrical system of the pool conforms with the requirements of the current National Electrical Code (NEC) and all local codes and ordinances. A licensed or certified electrician must install the electrical system to meet or exceed those requirements before the Nichellees Light is installed. Some of the requirements of the NEC are listed below.

   a. The lighting circuit must have a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI), and have an appropriately rated circuit breaker.
   b. The junction box (or, for 12 volt models, the low voltage transformer) is located at least 12 inches above water level, and at least 48 inches from the edge of the pool, see Figure 1.
   c. The light fixture and all metal items within five (5) feet of the pool must be properly electrically bonded.

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**AquA Lumin® III Replacement Parts**

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Note: (*) Sold in Bulb Replacement Kits 600139 and 600138, Lens Replacement Kit 600141.
d. The mounting bracket and mounting hub must be properly installed so that the top edge of the face ring of the Nicheless Light is at least 18 inches below the surface of the water in the pool. The top of the face ring will line up with the center of the Plastic Mounting Hub, see Figure 1 on page 3.

e. The mounting bracket (not shown) and mounting hub must be properly electrically bonded and grounded via the No. 8 AWG ground connector located at the upper left mounting bolt positioned, see Figure 2.

2. To be certain that the pool’s electrical system meets all applicable requirements, you should also consult the local building department.

3. Use only Pentair Water Pool and Spa Nicheless Fixtures, (Mounting Bracket Assembly), to ensure proper bonding and grounding connections.

B. Perform the following steps after the electrical system requirements are met (see Section 1A (page 3) for requirements)

1. Locate position on a vertical wall where light is to be installed. The top of the light face ring must be 18 inches below normal water level as required by NEC Article 680.

2. Cut or punch a three (3) inch diameter hole through pool wall with center 18 inches below normal water level for mounting hub and mounting bracket installation.

3. If using plastic conduit, install PVC conduit adapter (provided) before installing plastic mounting hub. Use only recommended sealant for PVC/ABS threads. Position mounting hub over hole with the word “TOP” at the top, and secure with mounting flange and two (2) hex nuts and lock washers. Tighten hex nuts evenly with equal torque.

NOTE: Attach the stainless steel mounting bracket temporarily to ABS mounting hub. Perfect top and bottom alignment of ABS hub will be easier.

CAUTION: Remove mounting bracket before liner is installed. Failure to remove mounting bracket can damage the liner during installation.
Section 1: Installing a mounting bracket and light fixture during new vinyl pool construction (Continued)

4. Connect bonding wire from bonding grid to bonding lug on rear of the mounting hub assembly.

5. Before installing liner, be sure gasket is firmly attached to mounting hub. After liner is installed and properly stretched into position, locate bolt holes in hub and punch liner for four bracket mounting bolts. Install the mounting spacer against the liner and hold in position with mounting bracket. Secure with four (4) bracket mounting bolts and washers.

NOTE: If using PVC conduit, you must attach grounding wire to grounding lug on upper left mounting bolt positioned, see Figure 4, on page 6.

Section 3: Replacing a lamp only (Continued)

13. While holding the glass lens and plastic face ring, turn the light over and place it face down on a flat soft clean surface. Be careful not to scratch the lens.

14. Insert one new sealing screw, provided with the Bulb Replacement Kit, through the circular hole located at the TOP (12 o'clock) of the back of the housing and loosely tighten it into the face ring. Insert the remaining new sealing screw through the circular hole located at the BOTTOM (6 o'clock) of the back of the housing and loosely tighten it into the face ring. The BOTTOM (6 o'clock) circular hole is accessible through a hole drilled in the center of the hook mounting bracket.

15. Continue to tighten all the sealing screws into the face ring. It is recommended that opposing sealing screws be tightened in order (12 o'clock and 6 o'clock; 3 o'clock and 9 o'clock, etc.) to the recommended torque of 10-15 in-lbs. This provides even pressure on the lens and lens gasket and creates a seal between the environment and the inside of the light fixture.

16. Wrap a length of the cord up to a maximum of eight (8) feet long on the back of the light assembly. Wind a maximum of three (3) wraps of cord so that the last wrap stops at the top of the light. This extra cord allows you to bring the light out of the pool to install a new lamp for servicing.

NOTE: Leave 2” to 3” of slack cord at the top so that the light may be tipped back for removal.

WARNING Always install a new lens gasket, part number 619599, whenever reassembling the light. Failure to do so may permit water to leak into the assembly which could cause: (a) an electrical hazard resulting in death or serious injury to pool users, installer, or others due to electrical shock, or (b) breakage of the lamp or lens, which likewise could result in serious injury to pool user, installers, or bystanders, or in damage to property.

17. Feed the remaining cord through the conduit hole in the mounting hub. Place the hook mounting bracket over the pin on the bottom of the mounting bracket. Press down lightly to secure in place. Secure at the top of the light with the captive screw.

18. Before operating the light for more than 10 seconds, be sure the Nicheless Light is completely submerged in water. To check for proper operation, switch on the main switch or circuit breaker, as well as the switch which operates the Nicheless Light.

WARNING Use only the special stainless steel captive screw (see Light Assembly Parts, item 4, on page 14) provided with this Nicheless Light. This screw mounts and electrically grounds the housing securely to the Nicheless fixture. Failure to use the screw provided could create an electrical hazard which could result in death or serious injury to pool users, installers or others due to electrical shock.

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Figure 3.
Section 1: Installing a mounting bracket and light fixture during new vinyl pool construction (Continued)

8. Cut the cord at the junction box, leaving at least six (6) inches of cord to make connections.

9. Strip 6 inches of the outer cord jacket to expose the three insulated wires. Be careful not to damage the insulation on the three inner wires.

10. Connect cord to electrical wires at Junction Box, be careful to not pull the three (3) in. of slack cord at the light through the conduit when connecting the wires. All wiring should be connected to a Class A Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI), in accordance with electrical codes, see Section 1.A.1.a on page 3.

11. Connect all three wires to the corresponding circuit wires in the junction box and secure the junction box cover in place.

**WARNING:** Never operate this Nicheless Light for more than 10 seconds unless it is totally submerged in water. Without total submersion, the light assembly will get extremely hot, which may result in serious burns or in breakage of the lamp or lens. This may result in serious injury to pool users, installer, or bystanders, or in damage to property.

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Section 3: Replacing a lamp only (Continued)

8. To remove the lamp:
   a. Place the light in front of you so that the captive screw hole is at the top, and the lamp is in a horizontal position.
   b. Grasp the lamp on the right side.
   c. Push the lamp to the left, compressing the spring in the spring loaded lamp socket, until the right side of the lamp comes free from the fixed socket end.

9. Install the new lamp by performing step 8, a through c, in reverse order. **NOTE:** Select proper lamp for either 12 volt or 120 volt applications. Take care not to touch the halogen bulb with bare hands.

**WARNING:** Be sure power is OFF before installing or removing lamp. Allow lamp to cool before relamping. This light fixture uses a Halogen Quartz lamp. Do Not touch lamp with bare hands, this may severely reduce its life. Use the plastic furnished with the replacement lamp to eliminate finger prints from getting on lamp.

10. Never reuse the old lens gasket when reassembling the light. Replace the old lens gasket with a new genuine Pentair Water Pool and Spa AquaLumin III lens gasket (P/N 619599), provided in the Bulb Replacement Kit. The orientation of the tabs on the lens gasket is not important.

11. Replace the eight (8) sealing screws left in the face ring with eight (8) new sealing screws provided in the Bulb Replacement Kit. **NOTE:** Install the new sealing screws in the same location as those removed, leaving "TOP" (12 o'clock) and "BOTTOM" (6 o’clock) open.

12. Reinstall the lens gasket, lens and plastic face ring. While replacing the lens, be sure the tabs around the perimeter of the lens gasket are not under the flange of the lens. Orientate the lens so that the word "TOP" is aligned with the captive screw hole. When reinstalling the plastic face ring, align the heads of the sealing screws with the large circular holes of the keyway slots. Press down on the plastic face ring and rotate in the clockwise direction until the sealing screws interfere with the housing (at the end of the slot). Orientate the plastic face ring so that the words "MADE IN USA" are aligned with the captive screw hole on the housing as well as the word "TOP" on the lens.

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C. Winterizing: Light should be left in place for winterization.
Section 2: Replacing light fixture in existing pools

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**D A N G E R !**
**RISK OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK OR ELECTROCUTION**
Always disconnect power to the pool light at the circuit breaker before servicing the light. Failure to do so could result in death or serious injury to installer, serviceman, pool users, or others due to electrical shock.

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### Section 3: Replacing a lamp only

The following steps may be performed by a qualified pool serviceman or a homeowner.

**NOTE:** Use ONLY the Pentair Water Pool and Spa Bulb Replacement Kit when relamping (P/N 600139 - 12V/100W or P/N 600138-120V/250W). See relamping installation instructions provided with the light.

**WARNING** Never operate this Nicheless Light for more than 10 seconds unless it is totally submerged in water. Without total submersion, the light assembly will get extremely hot, which may result in serious burns or in breakage of the lamp or lens. This may result in serious injury to pool users, installer, or bystanders, or in damage to property.

**WARNING** Use only the special stainless steel pilot screw (see Light Assembly Parts, item 4, on page 14) provided with this Nicheless Light. This screw mounts and electrically grounds the housing securely to the Nicheless fixture. Failure to use the screw provided could create an electrical hazard which could result in death or serious injury to pool users, installers or others due to electrical shock.

### Description | Part Number
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AquaLumin III Vinyl Mounting Bracket Assembly 1" | 78887800
AquaLumin III Vinyl Mounting Bracket Assembly 3/4" | 78887700

**A.** The following are preparatory steps which must be completed by the electrician or qualified pool serviceman before replacing light fixture, see Figure 5 on page 8.

1. **Turn off main electrical switch or circuit breaker as well as the switch which operates the Nicheless Light.**
2. **Unscrew the captive screw on the top of the light, then tilt the top of the light out from the wall and lift the bottom of the light out of the bracket. Unwind the excess cable that is stored in the back of the light.**
3. **Place the light face down on the deck on a flat soft clean surface. Take care not to scratch the lens.**
4. **Using a Phillips head screwdriver, loosen (do not remove) all ten 10 screws on the back of the light.**
5. **Using a Phillips head screwdriver, remove the two (2) screws located at the TOP (12 o’clock) and BOTTOM (6 o’clock) on the back of the light.**
6. **While holding the glass lens and plastic face ring, turn the light over. Rotate the face ring in a counter-clockwise direction such that the heads of the sealing screws align with the large circular holes of the keyways slots. Lift the plastic face ring away from the housing to remove the lens and lens gasket.**
7. **To remove the lens and lens gasket, gently pull on the tabs located around the perimeter of the lens gasket. This will allow air to enter the housing and will assist with removal of the lens.**

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Section 2: Replacing light fixture in existing pools (Continued)

b. The junction box, or the low voltage transformer for 12 volt models, is located at least 12 inches above water level and at least 48 inches from the edge of the pool, see Figure 5.

c. The light fixture and all metal items within five (5) feet of the pool must be properly electrically bonded.

d. The mounting bracket must be properly installed so that the top edge of the face ring of the Nicheless Light is at least 18 inches below the surface of the water in the pool, see Figure 5.

e. The mounting bracket and mounting hub must be properly electrically bonded and grounded via the No. 8 AWG ground connector located at the rear of the Nicheless fixture, see Figure 5.

2. Consult the local building department to be certain that the pool's electrical system meets all applicable requirements.

3. Install this light fixture only in a Pentair Water Pool and Spa mounting bracket. Mounting brackets made by other manufacturers may not provide proper bonding and grounding connections.

Section 2: Replacing light fixture in existing pools (Continued)

B. Replacing light fixture after electrical system requirements are met

1. Turn off main electrical switch or circuit breaker, as well as the switch which operates the Nicheless Light.

   ![Diagram](image)

   **Figure 5**

   - TO GFCI, CIRCUIT BREAKER AND POWER SOURCE
   - TO EXISTING BONDING CONNECTOR
   - MOUNTING HUB
   - PILOT SCREW AT TOP
   - WATER LEVEL
   - TOP OF FACE RING CORRESPONDS TO CENTER OF MOUNTING HUB
   - IMPORTANT: DO NOT install the light in the bottom of the pool/spa surface, with the light beam pointing upward. ONLY INSTALL the light in the side of the pool/spa wall, with the light beam in the horizontal position.
   - 12” MIN. FROM BOTTOM OF JUNCTION BOX OR LOW VOLTAGE TRANSFORMER TO WATER LINE
   - 18” MIN. FROM WATER TO TOP OF FACE RING
   - 48” MIN.

   **WARNING:** Failure to bring the pool's electrical system up to code requirements before installing this Nicheless Light will create an electrical hazard which could result in death or serious injury to pool users, installers, or others due to electrical shock, and may also cause damage to property.

2. To remove light assembly, remove captive screw at top of housing, remove light assembly from mounting bracket, and place assembly on deck. Take care not to scratch the lens.

3. Remove junction box cover, disconnect the light fixture wires, and pull the cord through the conduit.

4. Feed the new light fixture cord through the conduit from the Nicheless Fixture to the junction box.

   **NOTE:** Depending on the length of the conduit, special tools may be required to pull the cord through the conduit.

5. Wrap a length of the cord up to a maximum of eight (8) feet long on the back of the light assembly. Wind a minimum of three (3) wraps of cord so that the last wrap stops at the top of the light. This extra cord allows you to bring the light out of the pool for installation of a new lamp and for servicing.

   **NOTE:** Leave 2” to 3” of slack cord at the top so that the light may be tipped back for removal.

6. Feed the remaining cord through the conduit hole in the mounting hub. Place hook mounting bracket over pin on the bottom of the mounting bracket and press down lightly to secure into place. Secure at top of the light with the captive screw.

7. Cut the cord at the junction box, leaving at least six (6) inches of cord to make connections.

8. Strip six (6) inches of the outer cord jacket from the cord to expose the three insulated wires. Be careful not to damage the insulation on the three inner wires.

9. Connect cord to electrical wires at Junction Box, be sure not to pull the three (3) inches of slack cord at the back of the light through the conduit when connecting the wires. All wiring should be connected to a Class A GFCI in accordance with electrical codes, see Section 2.A.1.a on page 7.

10. Connect all three wires to the corresponding circuit wires in the junction box and secure the junction box cover in place.

11. Before operating the light for more than 10 seconds, fill pool until the Nicheless Light is completely submerged in water. To check for proper operation, turn on main switch or circuit breaker, as well as the switch which operates the Nicheless Light.