

# ABOVE GROUND LINER INSTALLATION HELPFUL HINTS



## LINER PREP

- GLI Above-Ground Liners require a **4"-8" cove of sand or foam** where the pool wall meets the floor of your pool.
- It is recommended that the floor of your pool has a **2" even layer of mason sand** even if you are using a product such as a foam bottom or GLI Armor Shield™. The foam bottom or Armor Shield™ should be installed OVER the sand bottom and over the sand cove. If foam cove is used, install the Armor Shield or foam bottom under the foam cove.

## LINER INSTALLATION

- Open liner in the center of the pool after all of the prep work has been completed. **Do NOT open the liner with the box upside-down** as lid of the box has staples that can damage liner.
- Spread liner out over entire floor of the pool, centering liner as best as possible.
- Allow the liner a few minutes to warm up in sun if temperature is below 70 degrees.
- **IMPORTANT:** Make sure that vertical wall seam will not be installed directly over the skimmer or return cut-outs.
- If you have bead track (white plastic channel that liner will be installed into), **the j-hook must be removed to convert a uni-bead liner to a standard bead liner. Please refer to illustration 2 of your liner installation instructions!**
- If liner is being installed using j-hook application (hanging liner directly over pool wall), only the metal (or resin) stabilizer bar is used to secure liner to pool. The plastic coping strips can be discarded.
- After liner is installed, a shop vacuum can be used to remove most of the wrinkles without adding a drop of water to the pool. Simply run vacuum hose from outside of pool through the return hole in pool wall and behind liner about 4 inches above pool floor. Be sure to seal all areas that air can escape (top and bottom of skimmer) to make sure you have adequate suction behind liner before you turn vacuum on. Once the vacuum is turned on, begin working out the wrinkles on the pool floor from middle out to the perimeter. Once most wrinkles are removed, begin filling pool.
- **The entire pool kit should be assembled before filling.** This includes plastic and metal (or resin) stabilizer bars, the uprights, and top rails of the pool kit. Doing so assures stability while the pool is filling and the liner is stretching into place. **Please consult Above Ground Pool Installation Instructions for any questions on assembly.**
- After the pool is half-full, skimmer and return can be cut out and installed.

## OVERLAP LINERS

- For OVAL liner installation, it is easiest to begin hanging liner on **bowed ends first** to center the liner then work liner out to the straight sides. Use floor seams on the liner as reference for centering the liner.
- When hanging the liner over wall, **liner must be secured with the plastic coping strip AND metal (or resin depending on your pool kit) stabilizer bar** as the liner is being installed. This assures that liner will not slip over top of the wall into the pool once it is under tension. **(Not following this step could lead to the liner appearing to be too small for the pool.)**

**Caution:** Remember, all GLI Liners are manufactured for a tight, wrinkle-free fit so it will stretch into place once the water is added. If the liner is not secure to pool wall with the use of both the metal (resin) and plastic coping strips, it can fall into the pool while the water is being added. The only way to fix this error is to completely drain the pool and reset the liner.

**These 'helpful hints' do not substitute for the reading of all manufacturer supplied instructions & installation manuals.**

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