

Start Up Procedures

Using Silver Ag+

1. Make sure power is disconnected from the spa (never apply power to an empty spa). To fill the spa, remove the filter cap from the filter with the gray cap and insert the hose all the way to the bottom of the filter standpipe. When the spa is full, remove the hose and insert the Silver Ag+ cartridge into the standpipe and replace the cap.
2. Apply power to the spa once the spa is full. We will now BALANCE the water. This is done by testing the water with a test strip. Balancing the pH, total alkalinity, and water hardness is important for the long term health of the spa and for bather comfort.
3. Most (but not all) water is softer than we like it for a spa, so we often add a water hardness increaser. You may add anywhere from 4 to 16 ounces of hardness increaser, depending on your water and size of spa. Also, we usually have to adjust the pH and total alkalinity to get them into their correct ranges, and we do this by adding from 2 to 6 ounces of an increaser or decreaser (usually a decreaser) again determined by your water and size of spa. Some of our water is extreme and it takes 16 oz. or more to bring down the total alkalinity.
4. Another important thing we add to the spa water is a Stain and Scale control. This prevents metal stains and mineral build up, especially in the heater and pump.
5. Now we are ready to SANITIZE the spa water. We do this by adding a packet of the Enhanced shock (1.5 oz.).
6. Once the spa water is hot, it is ready to use. Remember to add at least 2 tablespoons of MPS each time you use the spa, or more if the spa is getting heavy use. Most water problems (odor, cloudiness) are due to lack of enough MPS. Refer to your owner's manual for the exact amount recommended by the manufacturer.
7. Remember to test your pH and total alkalinity once a week and adjust if necessary. Also, you can shock your spa once a week with a packet of the Enhanced Shock. Larger spas may require more Enhanced Shock.
8. Just for fun, READ YOUR OWNERS MANUAL! Of course, you can always call us if you have any questions about the spa or water care.