



## OPENING PROCEDURES FOR ABOVE-GROUND POOLS

Depending on the weather, you may begin opening procedures at the end of April, ideally when some ice remains on the surface. It is recommended that you open your pool as early as possible to prevent the chemicals put in the water in the fall from evaporating. Follow TRÉVI's opening recommendations to maintain ideal water conditions all summer long!

### PREPARATION

If you followed our advice when you closed your pool and made a drawing, took pictures or filmed your filter installation, this will be very useful to you at this point.

- a) Check the general condition of your pool for the following problems: pump motor seized, noisy or leaking; pump cover or basket cracked or cover gasket cracked; split hoses, broken valves; loose collars or clamps; dried up seals; skimmer or return hole damaged.
- b) Make the necessary repairs before continuing. If necessary, do not hesitate to go to your TRÉVI store.
- c) Check the chemicals you have in stock. If they are outdated, throw them out. If you are missing any, procure them before continuing with the opening. If you have a test kit with vials, the **OTO** and **PHÉNOL** vials must be replaced every year. Check expiration date on **AQUA CHECK** or **TRÉVI 4-IN-1 TEST KIT** strips.
- d) If the sand is more than three to five years old or if it was contaminated during the winter (i.e. if algae is present), change it. It is also recommended to change the gauge every year.

### PROCEDURES

#### 1) REMOVING THE WINTER COVER

- Begin by removing as many leaves as possible using the leaf net. Empty the water from the cover. There are four ways to do this:
  - using a submersible pump;
  - using a water ejector (with the garden hose);
  - using the pool pump (the vacuum hose should be connected directly to the pump intake);
  - by raising the water level to the maximum (the filter must be connected to do this). This way, the debris on the cover will be easier to remove and there will be less risk of it falling into the pool.
- Remove the cover, rinse and dry. Store away for the summer.

#### 2) CONNECTING THE FILTER

- Remove styrofoam kit from skimmer.
- Remove the styrofoam cylinder from the bottom drain valve.
- If the middle of the valve was removed, reinstall.
- Reconnect the valve or skimmer hose on the front of the pump, the one on the top of the pump to the filter «**PUMP**» and the one on the filter «**RETURN**» to the water return. Take care to lubricate pump cover and chlorinator cover o-rings using liquid silicon (never use petroleum jelly).
- Connect the backwash hose to the filter «**WASTE**».
- Put a new gauge in place using teflon tape. It should indicate «0», no more, no less.
- Reinstall glass bottle (if applicable).
- Put teflon tape around all drain plugs (pump, filter, chlorinator) and reinstall.
- If applicable, reconnect water heater.

#### 3) CLEANING

- Clean the ring made around the pool during the winter using **TRÉVI VINYLE NET**.
- Adjust water level to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the skimmer.
- Meanwhile, reinstall accessories: skimmer basket and cover, light (when water level is above light), solar blanket winder (but not blanket for now), eyes and rings in return holes, ladder, thermometer, etc.
- Remove as much debris as possible from the pool using the leaf net or the **BLUE DEVIL**.
- Start the motor and make sure there are no apparent leaks or air in the motor. As long as there are debris in the pool, do not place the valve on «**BOTTOM DRAIN**» but rather on «**SKIMMER**».
- Pour **TRÉVI GO** directly in the water and allow to filter for 12 hours (You will find this product in your opening kit.)
- Backwash for 5 minutes in order to loosen and clean the sand in the filter.
- Vacuum. If the pool is very dirty, place handle on «**DRAIN**» or «**WASTE**». If you have a **REGENEX** filter, remove the cartridge to avoid soiling it needlessly. If you do this, don't forget to leave the garden hose in the skimmer in order to maintain the water level at the  $\frac{3}{4}$  quarters of the skimmer.
- Backwash two or three times.

#### 4) OPENING KIT

**Note** : To find out which **PERMA-SOLAIRE** kit to use for your above-ground pool, refer to the directions on the package or ask TRÉVI representative.

- Vacuum the pool in "WASTE" or "DRAIN" position.
- Check alkalinity and adjust it so it is between 80 ppm and 120 ppm.
- After alkalinity has been set, the pH must be between 7.4 and 7.6. If pH is above 7.6, add **PH -**. If pH is below 7.4, add **PH +**.
- Pour TRÉVI GO directly into water and allow to filter for 12 hours.
- Pour **TRÉVI ALGICIDE 40%** directly in the water and allow to filter for 4 hours.
- Dilute **TRÉVI CHOC** in a container of hot water and mix well. Pour directly in the water.
- After 24 hours, add **TRÉVI CLAIR**.
- After 24 hours, vacuum, ideally in «**WASTE**» or «**DRAIN**» position.
- Start adding chlorine following the directions on the package.
- One week later, once water has stabilized, add **TRÉVI STAB** (if necessary).
- Once all these procedures have been completed, install solar blanket.

Enjoy your pool! Don't hesitate to come in for a free complete analysis of your water and valuable advice!