



ABGAL Liners & Covers

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Instructions for Fitting ABGAL Inground Pooltex Pool Covers

Congratulations on your decision to purchase an ABGAL Inground Pooltex Pool Cover. Your investment will literally **save you hours of cleaning time** by keeping leaves and debris out of your pool. And, it will **cut your chemical costs** by reducing evaporation. Your Pool Cover decreases the direct sunlight onto the pool water therefore deterring algae growth and the need for extra chemicals. By covering your pool, you are also **protecting your pool finish** and maximising its life.

Fitting your Pool Cover will be easy when you follow the instructions and hints below and you'll enjoy many years of use from your Abgal Inground Pooltex Pool Cover. Enjoy your new-found free time that will no longer be spent cleaning leaves out of your pool.

Before starting, decide roughly where you want to drill the holes for the pin of the fittings. Take into consideration any obtrusions in the coping (eg; rocks) and the general condition of the coping surface you'll be drilling into. You can loosen the fittings on your Pool Cover with a screwdriver, and move them slightly either way to avoid any problem areas around the coping. Consider the following surfaces and the situations you may encounter. For example;

If you intend drilling into *grouting*, be sure it is firm and sound. Many types of grout will shatter or fall out when they're "hammer" drilled.

For *solid sandstone or pebble-coated copings*, check for hairline cracks or hollow areas. These surfaces can often lift up from the base work over time, then shatter when hammer drilled.

For *terracotta or ceramic surrounds*, you must take particular care to avoid cracking, flaking or shattering. It's a good idea to avoid using the "hammer" drill action for this surface type. It will take a little longer to drill but you are less likely to vibrate the tiles into cracking. In addition, you can pre-drill a smaller hole into the surface as a guide to start the larger drill bit.

Now that you've decided where to attach your Pool Cover fittings, you'll need to gather the tools you'll need for doing the job. See the list below of basic tools you'll need to fit your Cover, and make additions to it based on your Pool Coping surface-type.

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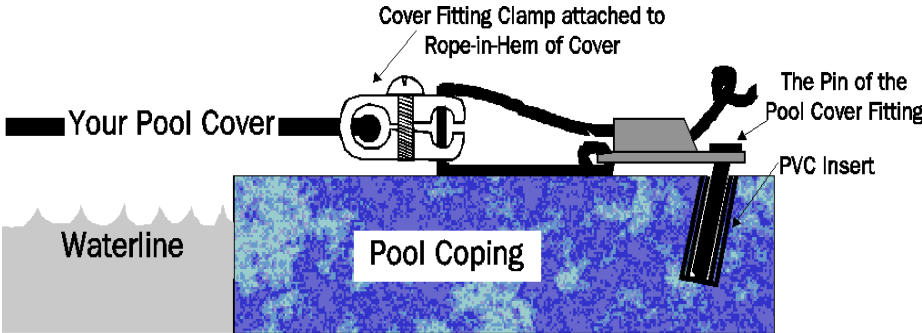
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| <p>You will need:</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammer • Claw Hammer • Screwdriver • 11mm (7/16") Masonry Bit (plus a wood bit for timber decking) • 4 House Bricks (or similar heavy object) for use as weights | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drill • Safety Glasses • 12-20mm (½ – ¾ ") Chisel |
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Your ABGAL Inground Pooltex Pool Cover is supplied with its own storage bag. Remove your cover from the bag and keep the bag ready to store the cover in, when you next take it off your pool.

Unroll your cover down the length of your pool, then drape it over the pool. Rotate the cover until it matches the shape of the pool and position it centrally. Then, position the 4 weights around the pool perimeter to hold the cover in place. Alternatively, if your pool has a raised coping or surround, you can position the Pool Cover fittings *over the outside edge* of the coping to secure the cover.

Now you are ready to begin drilling. To ensure that the cover will be positioned centrally, first drill a few holes at opposite sides and ends of the pool. (If your pool is rectangular, start with the corners.) Each drill hole should be situated not less than 25cm (10") from the waterline. (If the holes are too close to the waterline, the cover will not fit correctly.) Drill to a depth of about 40mm (1½") by 11mm (7/16") in diameter. It's best to drill the holes at a slight angle away from the pool. An angle of about 10-20° will create the necessary tension to keep the pin of the fitting in the hole. (If you drill your holes vertically, the pin may pull straight out). Then, using a blow tube, clean all the drilling debris out of the holes. Next, tap the PVC insert into each hole until it's flush with the coping surface. Often, the insert will grip the hole when it is only halfway in. This is okay; you simply trim off the excess plug flush with the coping using a hammer and chisel.

Once you are satisfied with the positioning of your cover, continue drilling more holes, working in small sections around the rest of the pool. Adjust the tension and overlap of the cover as you go around, until



you are happy with its position. You can now tie off the loose ends of the rope fitting to maintain the correct adjustment and keep your cover looking neat. This can be done by tying a simple "slip" knot (or similar) in the rope, in front of the rope-lock.

To remove the cover, release the fittings on one side only and the rest of the fittings will slide out without being untied. Fold your cover into 1m (3') wide layers, back to one end then roll it up and put it into your storage bag.

To refit your cover, work the above procedure in reverse to maintain the original tension of your cover....

Alternative Fixing of Cover to Coping—

