

MAAX (American Whirlpool, Vita Spa & PowerPool) Start-Up and Maintenance Instructions

Using Standard Spa Chemicals

How to maintain your spa, from first fill to yearly maintenance.

Start Up

Do this each time you fill the spa.

1. Fill your spa from below your filter case. Unscrew one of your filters completely, leaving an opening into the compartment below the filter fitting. Insert the hose as far as it will go into the cavity. Turn your hose bib to full force and fill the spa to just over the topmost jet. Filling your spa in this way will help avoid air locks in the plumbing.
2. Add your chemicals with pump "1" running but with the air valves off. Leave the cover open for about 10 minutes after you add chemicals – especially chlorine.
3. Add 6 capfuls of Stain & Scale to remove calcium and metals.
4. Check the pH level with your test strips. It should fall into the mid range (7.2-7.8) on the test strip. If it doesn't, balance your pH with Spaguard pH Increaser or Spaguard pH Decreaser. pH Increaser will increase alkalinity, pH Decreaser will decrease it (by increasing acidity). Start by adding small amounts (about a tablespoon) and check back in about an hour (or the next day) to see the results.
5. Add about a heaping tablespoon of Spaguard Chlorine Concentrate. Come back and check the level again in about half an hour. If it's still low, add more and check again. Repeat until the chlorine is in the optimum, middle range.
6. Place the Silver/Mineral Cartridge (which will be green, yellow or blue) in the filter return compartment. These minerals (mainly silver) help to sanitize your water and allow you to use less chlorine. The cartridge should be changed every four months.

Daily Use

1. Check the spa's chlorine and pH levels daily (more or less) and adjust your levels. When you add chlorine, leave the lid of the spa open for ten minutes to prevent the immediate chlorine off-gas from affecting your headrests and cover.
2. When you get out of your spa, add about a tablespoon of Spaguard Enhanced Shock (half chlorine, half shock) or Spaguard Spa Shock Oxidizer (pure shock) to the water. Add ½ tablespoon more if more than two people have been in the spa. Shock is an oxidizer than "burns up" the remnants of biologicals and other organic material: it will keep your water clearer and brighter.

Weekly

1. Add 4 capfuls of Stain & Scale to the spa water to prevent calcium buildup.

Monthly

1. Remove your filters and clean them with a hose nozzle, rinsing out the pleats from top to bottom.

Every 4 Months

1. Change your spa's water. Optionally, before you drain your spa, add half a bottle of Swirl Away jet cleaner to clean biofilm and other buildup out of your pipes. Follow the instructions on the bottle, running the spa for an hour.
2. Replace your Silver/Mineral cartridge.

Yearly

1. Replace your filters.

Useful Tips

1. Leave your spa in "Standard" mode. This is just about as efficient as the "Economy" mode but gives you better filtration.
2. If you use the spa daily for over half an hour, set your filter timer to two cycles of 1 hour each to save energy (they are preset to 2 hour cycles).
3. Make sure that you turn off your air valves after using the spa. Air cools spa water. If air is allowed to enter the water through the jets when the spa is filtering on its regular cycles, you will be spending extra energy to heat the water.
4. Make sure that you have all of your individual jets turned on when you leave the spa for better filtration.