Installation Instructions Defender Mesh & Anchor Mesh Safety Pool Covers



Please read all assembly / installation instructions before the installation or removal of this product.





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ANCHOR SAFETY POOL COVER WARRANTY

To whom does the Limited Warranty apply? This Limited Warranty is extended to the original consumer purchaser only, and IS NOT transferable or assignable to any subsequent user of the pool cover.

What is covered by the Limited Warranty? Anchor warrants that the pool cover fabric will be free from defects in materials and workmanship during the Limited Warranty coverage period.

What will Anchor Industries, Inc. do in the event of a product defect? Anchor will repair or replace, at Anchor's sole discretion, the pool cover at no charge at any time during the first twelve (12) months of the Limited Warranty coverage period. After the first twelve (12) months of the Limited Warranty coverage period, Anchor will either, at Anchor's sole discretion, repair the pool cover, or give an allowance towards the replacement of the pool cover. The amount of the allowance will be determined by dividing the number of months remaining in the Limited Warranty coverage period by the total warranty period, and multiplying that percentage times the current dealer price.

How long is the Limited Warranty coverage period? For Mesh pool covers, the warranty period is one hundred and forty four (144) months, beginning on the date of purchase. For Solid and Five-Star covers, the warranty period is one hundred and twenty (120) months, beginning on the date of purchase.

What is not covered by the Limited Warranty? This Limited Warranty DOES NOT cover: (1) replacement of rubber ties, stainless steel springs, or other hardware, (2) damage caused by wear or abrasion at the coping edge, (3) incidental damages to the deck or surrounding surfaces of the pool [see additional limitations on incidental and consequential damages below], (4) damage caused by fire, vandalism, animals or insects, abuse and neglect, improper installation, acts of God, or use for any purpose other than covering a swimming pool, (5) premature deterioration from sun or chemical over-exposure, (6) damage caused by water levels that drop more than 1'-3" below the coping, and/or (7) adjustments to the pool cover not made by the dealer.

What you must do to receive service under the Limited Warranty: Contact your pool cover dealer if you believe there is failure covered by this warranty. The dealer may arrange for inspection of the cover and assist in determining the nature of the problem. You may contact Anchor directly for further instruction regarding the problem and possible resolution. During the first twelve months of the warranty period, Anchor will reimburse for freight charges returning the cover to the factory. You, or your dealer, must obtain Return Goods Authorization (RGA) prior to returning the cover to the factory. Covers returned without prior authorization will be refused and returned at your expense. Anchor will not reimburse freight charges for warranty claims after the first twelve (12) months of the Limited Warranty coverage period. Questions regarding warranty service should be directed to 1-800-255-5552.

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INTRODUCTION:

Thank you for your recent purchase of an Anchor Industries Inc. quality Mesh Safety Pool Cover. With proper installation and care, your Mesh pool cover will provide protection for years to come.

Every precaution has been taken to ensure that the cover has arrived at its destination without damage. Thoroughly inspect the condition of the containers and note any damage to the freight company at time of delivery.

READ ALL DIRECTIONS BEFORE STARTING

NOTE: These instructions are for a standard installation of shaped and rectangular pool covers. If you have a custom cover, which is not covered in the Installation Instructions, **PLEASE CALL YOUR ANCHOR REPRESENTATIVE FOR ASSISTANCE.**

SHOULD WARNING LABEL(S) ON POOL COVER BECOME UNCLEAR, PLEASE CONTACT ANCHOR INDUSTRIES FOR REPLACEMENT(S).

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Installation of pool cover <u>must</u> begin at any areas with cut-outs or zero tolerance areas (such as at cable-construction). When there are several areas like this, start at most complicated of these areas. See pages 13 to 15.

WARNING AVOID DROWNING RISK

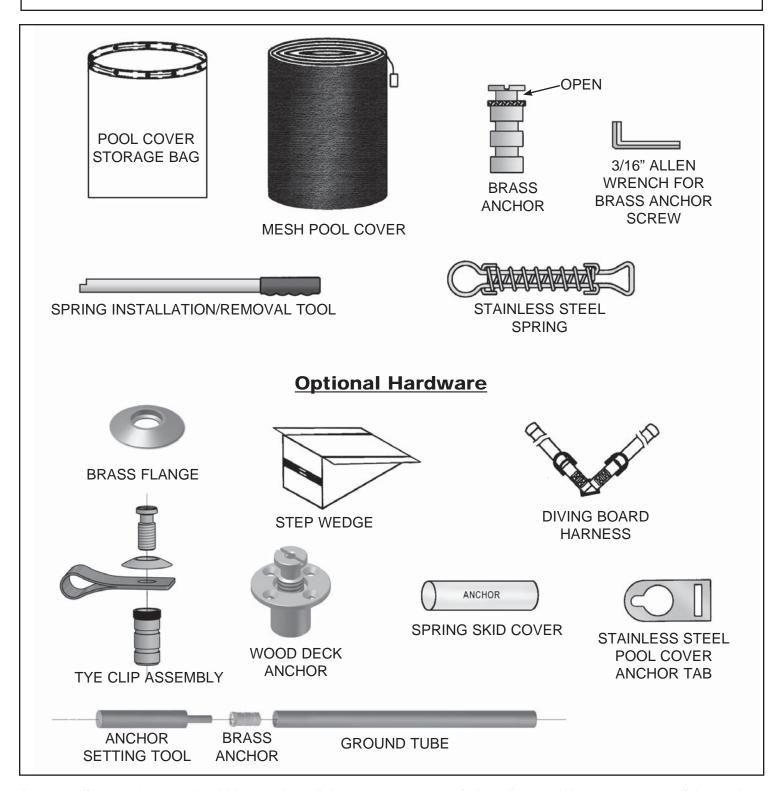
- 1. Remove cover(s) completely before entering the pool entrapment possible.
- 2. Use the pool cover in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- 3. Remove standing water on solid covers child can drown on top of cover.
- 4. Pool covers are not play areas supervise children at all times.
- 5. Keep all fasteners in good condition Inspect regularly repair or replace any fastener showing wear.
- 6. Do not walk on cover except in emergency, life-saving rescue situation.
- 7. Visually inspect condition of fabric for sun or chemical over-exposure resulting in discoloration, brittleness of fabric or broken hardware. This is an indication that cover is no longer a safety cover.
- 8. Non-secured or improperly secured covers are a hazard.
- 9. Covers should be stored in an environment that prevents sun, chemical exposure, or access by insects and rodents, and protects cover from tearing or physical damage.

It is recommended that at least (2) individuals install a cover.

STEP 1: TOOLS & HARDWARE

Tools Required For Installation

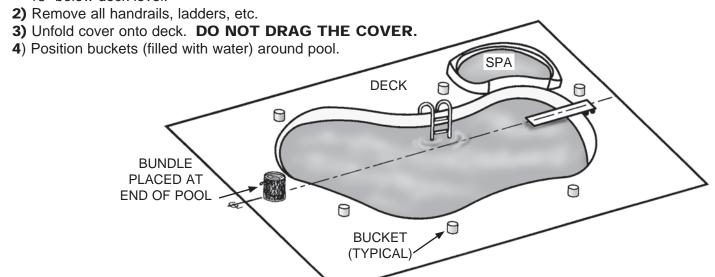
Rotary Hammer Drill Block of wood Chalk Hammer Tape Measure Chalk Line 3/4" Masonry Bit 5 Gallon Buckets Extension Cord (must be "GFCI rated)



Proper safety equipment should be used at all times to ensure a safe installation. We suggest a careful examination be made to determine safety equipment needed, such as hard hats, steel toe shoes, safety glasses and other as required.

STEP 2: PREPARE POOL FOR INSTALLATION

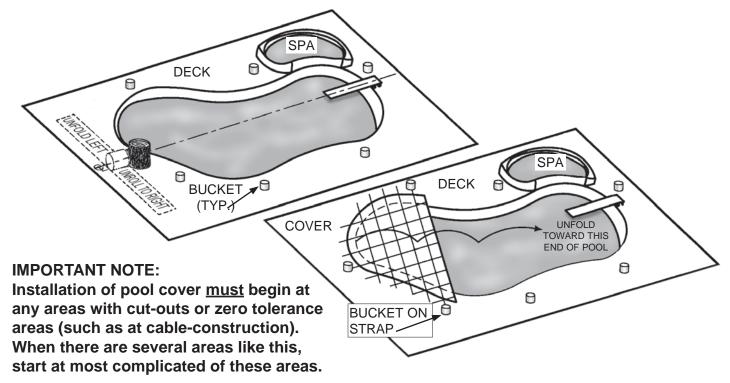
1) It is best to have water at operating level to install pool cover. Do not lower water more than 15" below deck level.



STEP 3: PLACING COVER OVER POOL

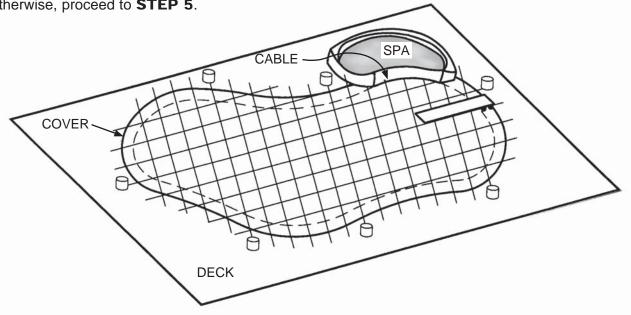
- 1) Place bundled cover as shown.
- 2) Unroll pool cover at end of pool as illustrated below. (Cross webs should be on bottom side.)
- 3) Position a water bucket on web strap at center cross web.
- 4) Once cover is unrolled, start unfolding cover towards opposite end and place water buckets on a web strap across from each other. Continue doing this until pool cover has completely covered pool.

NOTE: <u>Do not place water buckets on cover</u>, damage may occur. Place water buckets only on web straps.



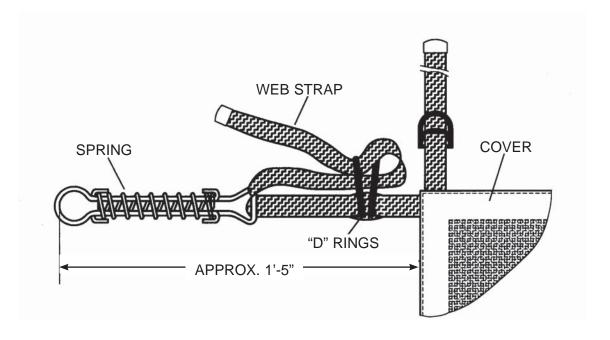
STEP 4: ALIGNING POOL COVER

- 1) Once cover is unfolded across pool, line up cutouts for ladders, slide legs, etc. and/or cable areas. Be sure the cover aligns properly with these objects first. See important note on page 13.
- 2) Reposition cover to equal the overlap all around pool edge. Use buckets to keep cover taut.
- **3)** If cable is needed, see Optional Cable Assembly Installation Instructions (pages 14 & 15). Otherwise, proceed to **STEP 5**.



STEP 5: ATTACHING STAINLESS STEEL SPRING

- 1) Attach springs to web straps around cover.
- 2) Thread the web strap through the flat end of the spring and then back through the double "D" rings attached at the covers edge. See illustration below.



STEP 6: LOCATING/SETTING BRASS ANCHOR & FASTENING SPRINGS

1) Brass anchors are placed approximately 1-5" from pool cover edge, (have cover as taut as possible before marking for brass anchors.)

1a) Rectangular Pool Covers: Start with center strap of pool's length (tag). **See *NOTE below.** Mark for brass anchor location (use chalk). Drill hole and set anchor, see **FIG. 1.** Attach end of spring to brass anchor, **see Fig. 2A.** Repeat on opposite end. Go to center strap of the pool's width and repeat the same procedure. Now work from center straps (width and length) toward corners alternating side to side **(do not begin with corner straps).** Once you have set brass anchors and fastened springs, go to corners and set brass anchors. Brass anchors should be over 1" from 90° corner, **see FIG. 3**.

1b) Shaped Pool Covers: Start with center strap of pool's length (tag). **See *NOTE below.** Mark for brass anchor location (use chalk). Drill hole and set brass anchor, **see FIG. 1.** Attach spring to brass anchor, **see FIG. 2A**. Repeat on opposite end with center strap. Go to center strap of the pool width and repeat the same procedure. Now start working around your cover. Remember to set brass anchor and fasten straps across from each other as you work around the cover.

*NOTE: Before setting any brass anchors, check to see if there are any obstructions such as diving boards, rocks, etc. at center web location. If there is obstruction at center web, start with nearest web on either side.

DRILLING HOLES FOR BRASS ANCHORS

- **1)** Drill holes no more than the depth of the brass anchor (1 5/8"). **Do not over-ream the diameter of the hole. If this does happen, apply a masonry anchor adhesive to the brass anchor before setting into hole. (Note: clean hole out before setting brass anchor).
- 2) With screw removed (using 3/16" allen wrench), place brass anchor into hole. With a hammer and setting tool, firmly tap brass anchor into hole.
- 3) Brass anchor should be flush with deck.

**NOTE: For best results, use a sharp masonry bit and a highspeed rotary hammer drill to reduce chipping. If chipping still occurs, use flanges with brass anchors (available on request) to cover these areas.

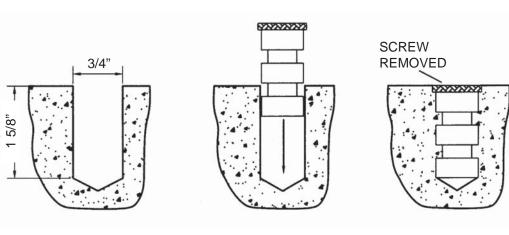
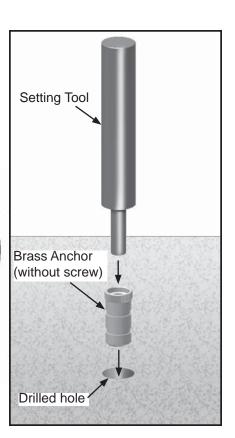


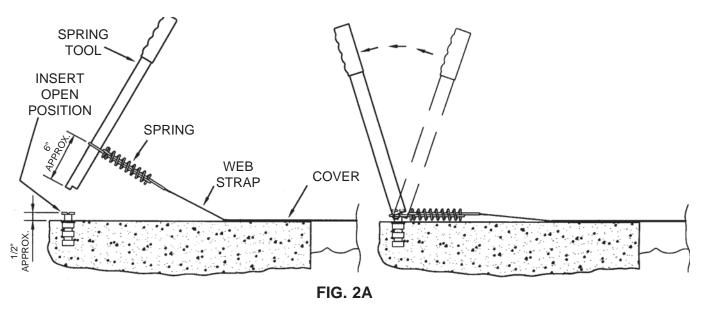
FIG. 1



INSTALLATION/REMOVAL OF SPRING

INSTALLING

1) When fastening the springs, the brass anchor inserts should be in the open position (opened approximately 1/2"). The end of the spring is approximately 1'-5" from the end of the pool cover to allow for spring tensioning when securing to the brass anchor. Slide the spring onto the end of the spring tool until it is approximately 6" up the end of the spring tool. Leverage the spring tool onto the insert and push the spring down into position with your shoe (never use your hand). With the spring over the insert, pull the spring tool out. If there is too much tension on the web and spring, loosen the web strap and follow the fastening procedures again.



REMOVAL

1) To remove, hold the spring tool so that the notch is facing away from the pool and insert it into the spring which encircles the open brass anchor. Press down on the spring tool handle and rotate it 180 degrees until the notch faces the pool. Tilt the tool slightly toward the cover to slide the spring up the tool and release tension.

After releasing one side, the springs on the opposite side will be easily removed.

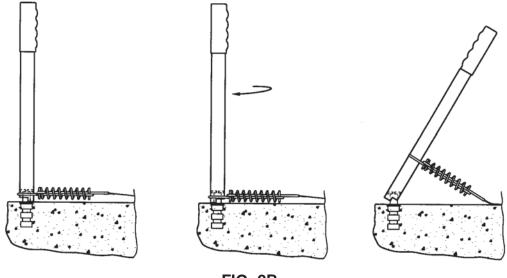
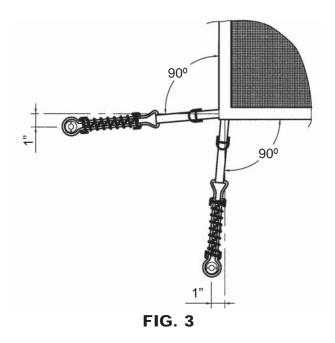


FIG. 2B

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INSTALLING BRASS ANCHORS AT CORNERS



STEP 7: READJUST COVER

1) Once cover is anchored, re-adjust straps as needed. Cover should be very taut across the pool. With proper tensioning, springs should be approximately half compressed.





STEP 8: INSPECTION AND CLEAN-UP

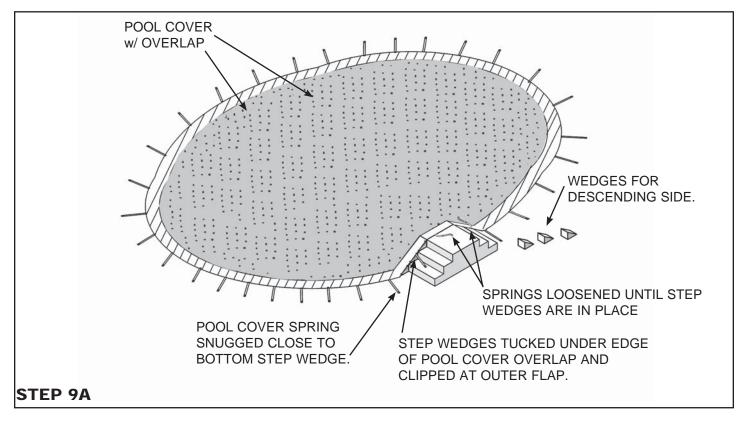
1) After the cover has been installed, look for any area (besides that reinforcement attached to the cover during manufacturing) that may need protective padding on the underneath side of cover. On site padding may consist of carpeting, vinyl liner remnants, etc.

Complete the installation by sweeping any concrete dust and tucking the straps under the cover.

Deliver the door knob pack with warranty and user information to the homeowner.

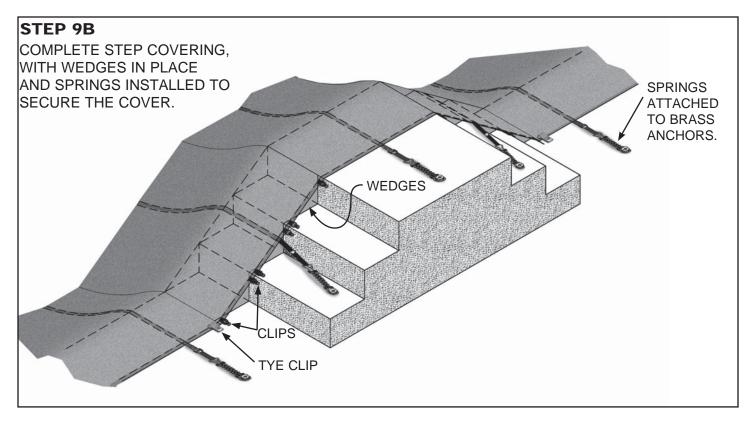
CALL ANCHOR POOL COVER SALES @ 1-800-255-5552 TO CLARIFY INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION QUESTIONS.

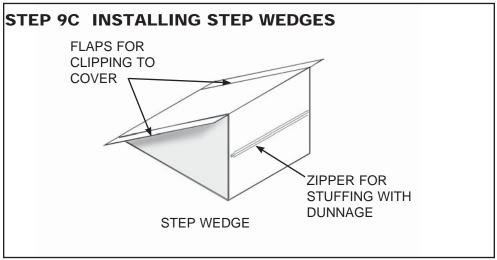
STEP 9: STEP WEDGES



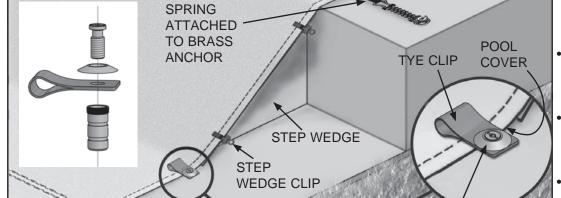
- 1. Before tightening the pool cover anchors near the steps, tuck step wedges under the overlap edge of the cover, as needed.
- 2. Pull the outer edge of the cover to the outside flap of the wedges and clip the flap to edge of the cover using the fasteners provided.
- 3. Install the springs and anchors to tighten the cover.
- 4. Be sure that the last springs near the top and bottom steps are snugged up close to the wedge to secure it firmly in place.
- 5. Step Wedges come in custom sizes measured on the horizontal dimension along the step. Custom sized wedges will be made upon request.







TYE CLIP INSTALLATION



BRASS POOL

- Determine best placement for Tye Clip Assembly.
- Install Brass Anchor butted up next to edge of pool cover.
- Assemble the Tye Clip as shown in drawing to the left.
- Catch pool cover beneath the black or white Poly Strip. (See drawing to the left)

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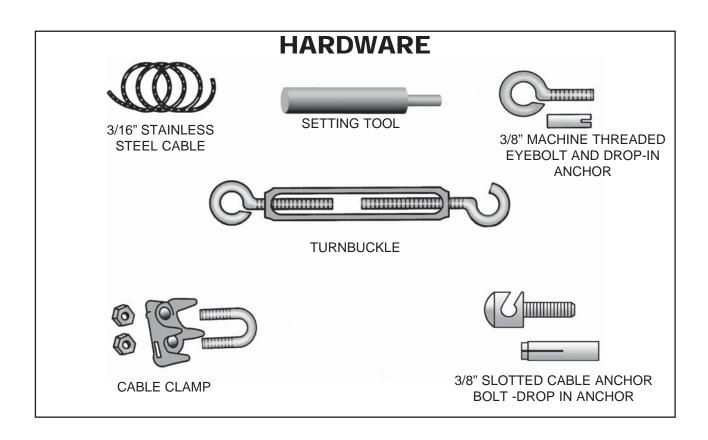


OPTIONAL CABLE ASSEMBLY INSTALLATION

IMPORTANT NOTE:

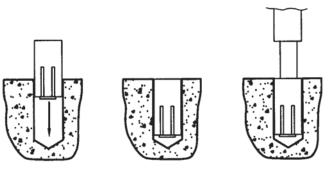
This application is for a standard straight wall installation. A custom shaped cable area's bolt spacing for an inside radius section of a raised wall will require a narrower spacing than a straight wall. Contact your Anchor representative for assistance in defining the requirements.

INSTALL CABLE HARDWARE AT THE SAME LEVEL AS THE REST OF THE COVER!



- 1) Install 3/8" drop-in anchor with 3/8" eyebolt on one end of cable area. See FIG. 4
- 2) Install 3/8" drop-in anchors at the opposite end of the cable area and approximately 18" apart for the 3/8" cable anchor bolts. When installing the cable anchor bolt to the cable area, align the hole in the anchor bolt in the direction of the cable. see FIG. 5A. Run the cable through the in-line holes. see FIG. 5B. Run one end of the cable through the cable anchor at one end of cable area and loop. Attach (2) cable clamps and tightly secure cable, see FIG. 5A. Run other end of cable through eyebolt on turnbuckle, make loop and attach (1) cable clamp for now. With turnbuckle fully extended out, attach hook end of turnbuckle to the eyebolt at the end of the cable area. Loosen the (1) cable clamp and pull cable as taut as possible. Tighten (1) cable clamp and add second cable clamp now. Be sure all cable clamps are tight to secure the cable. Rotate mid-section of turnbuckle to tighten cable further, see FIG. 5C.
- 3) Attach the snaps located under pool cover in cable area onto cable. See FIG. 5D.

FIG. 4
Drilling/Setting of 3/8" Drop-in Anchors



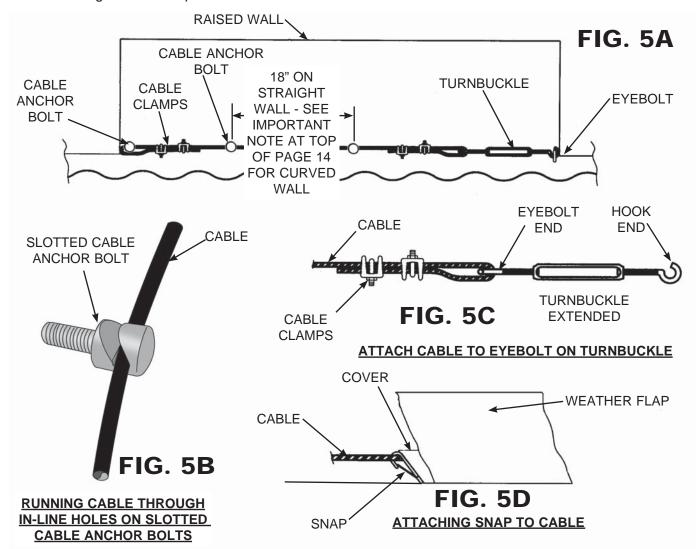
EMBEDMENT

3/8" Drop-in

Drill Diameter - 1/2"

Minimum Depth - 1 7/8"

1) Drill a hole into base material to the depth of embedment (see information above) required. Do not over-drill hole. Blow the hole clean of dust and other material. Insert the drop-in anchor into the hole and tap flush with surface. Using setting tool, set drop-in anchor by driving the tool into the drop-in anchor until the shoulder of the tool is seated against the drop-in anchor.



Pool Cover Storage When Not In Use

Your pool cover is made from tough synthetic materials. Remove or protect all hardware (including springs) as it can cause damage not covered by warranty. Store the cover dry and cleaned off in a cool, dry place. Rodents, ants, and other pests are known to eat pool covers if stored outdoors, on the garage floor or in a place where critters can get to it. Your storage bag serves as a convenient method of keeping the cover contained for storage on shelf, hanging above the floor, or elevated in the pool shed.



Thank you for purchasing an Anchor product. In return, we pledge Quality, Service and Craftsmanship and are available for any questions you may have or assistance you may need.

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Anchor products are of superior design and operate best within the parameters of these instructions. It is **IMPERATIVE** that the instructions be carefully read and **COMPLETELY FOLLOWED**. Please read installation instructions before the installation or removal of this product. Installation instructions are also available at: **www.anchorinc.com**.

CAUTION

- 1. For each installation, the installer is solely responsible for evaluating the site for the proper securing methods and fasteners to be used. Standard fasteners furnished may be inadequate, site unseen by Anchor, thus requiring additional or alternate method of fastening.
- 2. Inasmuch as the weather is unpredictable, good judgment and common sense must be incorporated within installation guidelines. Proper safety equipment should be used at all times to insure a safe installation and removal. We suggest a careful evaluation be made to determine safety equipment needed, such as hard hats, steel-toe shoes, safety glasses and other as required.
- 3. Anchor stands behind its products in accordance with its standard Terms and Conditions of sale. A copy of our Terms and Conditions of Sale can be obtained by contacting Anchor at the telephone number and/or address on this document.



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