

VACUUMING

Vacuumping is a process that removes dirt from the bottom of the pool. The vacuum system uses the water flow created by the pump to suck the dirt off the bottom.

To vacuum:

Hook the vacuum hose to the vacuum head. Make sure that you push the hose on tightly so it won't fall off. On some new vacuum hoses you will find one end of the vacuum hose that is different, usually bigger than the other end. The big end is the swivel end. The swivel end should be hooked to the vacuum head. On the other end of the vac hose attach the skim vac. This is a white disk with a place to attach the vac hose.

Next, the vac hose should be filled with water. To do this, stretch out the hose to remove the coils and lay the end with the skimmer next to the skimmer. Hold the end with the vac head over one of the inlet fittings. The flow of water from the inlet fitting will fill the hose with water.

When the hose is full, place the skim vac over the basket in the skimmer. The suction of the skimmer will pull the skim vac down tightly over the basket.

You can now begin to vacuum. To get the most efficiency out of vacuuming, move the vacuum head slow and methodically. Moving the vacuum head too quickly may appear to remove dirt but actually pushes the dirt into suspension in the water — only to reappear later. While vacuuming, keep an eye on the filter gauge. Because you may be vacuuming a heavy concentration of dirt, the filter may have to be cleaned or backwashed before you are done vacuuming.

When vacuuming is complete, turn off pump. This will make it easy to remove the skim vac from the skimmer. Disassemble the vacuum equipment and store in a cool dry area since sunlight tends to degrade plastics over a period of time.

The amount that a pool needs to be vacuumed will vary depending on the surroundings: trees and dust, etc.