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Watkins Wellness® congratulates you on your decision to enjoy the finest spa available... Welcome to the growing family of* HOT SPRING *spa owners.

Before you begin reviewing the manual, please take a moment to register your warranty. Doing so will assist us in contacting you for any important product notification.

Prior to registering, you will need the serial number that is located within the equipment compartment of your **HOT SPRING** spa.

To register please go to *http://www.hotspring.com/hot-tub-owners/hot-tub-product-warranty-registration* or simply scan the QR code below:

FOR YOUR RECORDS

Spa Model/Serial Number:_____

Date Purchased:_____

Dealer:_____

Address:_____

Cover Serial Number:_____

Accessory Serial Number:_____

If you have any questions about any aspect of your spa's set-up, operation or maintenance, contact your authorized **HOT SPRING** dealership. They are trained professionals who are familiar with the product as well as new spa ownership concerns. Their expertise will facilitate the enjoyment of your new **HOT SPRING** spa.

IMPORTANT: WATKINS WELLNESS reserves the right to change specifications, or design, without notification and without incurring any obligation.

Important!

In most cities and counties, permits will be required for the installation of electrical circuits or the construction of exterior surfaces (decks and gazebos). In addition, some communities have adopted residential barrier codes which may require fencing and/or self-closing gates on the property to prevent unsupervised access to a pool (or spa) by children under 5 years of age. Your **HOT SPRING** spa is equipped with a locking cover that meets the ASTM F1346-91 Standard for Safety Covers and as a result, is usually exempt from most barrier requirements. As a general practice, your local Building Department will inform you of any applicable barrier requirements at the time a permit is obtained for the installation of an electrical circuit. Your **HOT SPRING** dealer can provide information on which permits may be required.

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Safety Information

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

(READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS)

AVOIDING THE RISK TO CHILDREN

⚠ DANGER - RISK OF CHILD DROWNING

Extreme caution must be exercised to prevent unauthorized access by children. To avoid accidents, ensure that children cannot use a spa unless they are supervised at all times.

⚠ WARNING

To reduce the risk of injury, do not permit children to use this spa unless they are closely supervised at all times.

- To reduce the risk of injury, lower water temperatures are recommended for young children. Children are especially sensitive to hot water.
- Extreme caution must be exercised to prevent unauthorized access by children. To avoid accidents, ensure that children cannot use a spa unless they are supervised at all times.
- The device should not be used by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they receive supervision or training.

DO:

- Make sure you always lock the child resistant locks after using the spa for your children's safety. Every **HOT SPRING** spa is equipped with a locking cover that meets the ASTM F1346-91 Standard for Safety Covers.
- Test the water temperature with your hand before allowing children to enter the spa to be sure that it's comfortable. Children are especially sensitive to hot water.
- Remind children that wet surfaces can be very slippery. Make sure that children are careful when entering or exiting the spa.

DON'T:

- Allow children to climb onto the spa cover.
- Allow children to have unsupervised access to the spa.

AVOIDING THE RISK OF ELECTROCUTION

⚠ DANGER - RISK OF ELECTROCUTION

- Connect only to a grounded source.
- Do not bury the power cord. A buried power cord may result in death, or serious personal injury due to electrocution if direct burial-type cable is not used, or if improper digging occurs.
- A ground terminal (pressure wire connector) is provided on the control box inside the unit to permit connection of a minimum 6 mm² solid copper bonding conductor between this point and any metal equipment, metal water pipe, metal enclosures of electrical equipment, or conduit within 1.5 m (5 feet) of the unit as needed to comply with local requirements.
- Do not operate the audio main controls while inside the spa (if spa is equipped with an audio component).
- Do not operate the main audio/video button controls on any external media devices such as a CD or DVD player while inside in the spa. Operation of integrated audio/video equipment through the spa control panel or wireless remote is permitted and acceptable.
- Do not connect any auxiliary components (for example, cable additional speakers, headphones, additional audio components) to the audio system unless approved by **WATKINS WELLNESS** .
- Do not self service audio component by opening spa door as this may expose dangerous voltage or other risk of injury. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
- Do not attach an external antennae to a spa audio system unless installed by a licensed electrician in accordance with Article 810 of the National Electric Code, ANSI/NFPA 70.

⚠ WARNING

- To reduce the risk of electrical shock, replace a damaged cord immediately. Failure to do so may result in death or serious personal injury due to electrocution.
- In order to avoid a hazard due to inadvertent resetting of the thermal cut-out, this appliance must not be supplied through an external switching device, such as a timer, or connected to a circuit that is regularly switched on and off by the utility.
- Always test the residual current device (RCD) before each use of the spa. If the RCD does not perform properly, a ground current is flowing indication the possibility of electric shock. Disconnect power to the spa until the fault has been identified and corrected.

  NOTE: Failure to wait 30 seconds before resetting the RCD may cause the spa's Power Indicator (on the control panel) to blink. If this occurs, repeat the RCD test procedure.
- Your spa must be supplied by a residual current device (RCD) - with a tripping rating not exceeding 30 mA in an electrical subpanel.
- Install the spa so proper drainage is provided for the compartment containing the electrical components.

⚠ DANGER - RISK OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK

- Install at least 1.5 m (5 feet) from all metal surfaces. A spa may be installed within 1.5 m (5 feet) of a metal surface if each metal surface is permanently connected by a minimum 6mm² solid copper conductor attached to the wire ground connector on the terminal box that is provided.
- Do not permit any external non spa integrated electrical appliances, such as a light, telephone, radio, or television within 1.5 m (5 feet) of a spa. Failure to maintain a safe distance may result in death, or serious personal injury due to electrocution, if the appliance should fall into the spa.
- Do not permit any electrical appliances, such as a light, telephone, radio, or television within 1.5 m (5 feet) of a spa. Failure to maintain a safe distance may result in death, or serious personal injury due to electrocution, if the appliance should fall into the spa.

DO:

- Be sure your spa is connected to the power supply correctly - use a licensed electrical contractor.
- Disconnect the spa from the power supply before draining the spa or servicing the electrical components.

- Test the RCD before each use.
- Replace audio components only with identical components (if your spa is equipped with an audio component).

DON'T:

- Use the spa with the equipment compartment door removed.
- Place electrical appliances within 1.5 m (5 feet) of the spa.
- Use an extension cord to connect the spa to its power source. The cord may not be properly grounded and the connection is a shock hazard. An extension cord may cause a voltage drop, which will cause overheating of the jet pump motor and motor damage.
- Attempt to open the electrical control box. There are no user serviceable parts inside.
- Leave audio compartment door open (if your spa is equipped with an audio compartment).

RISKS TO AVOID

⚠ DANGER - RISK OF INJURY

- To reduce the risk of injury to persons, DO NOT remove suction fittings (filter standpipe) located in the filter compartment.
- The suction fittings in the spa are sized to match the specific water flow created by the pump. Never replace a suction fitting with one rated less than the flow rate marked on the original suction fitting.
- There is a danger of slipping and falling. Remember that wet surfaces can be very slippery. Take care when entering or exiting the spa.
- Never operate spa if the suction fittings are broken or missing.
- People with infectious diseases should not use the spa.
- Keep any loose articles of clothing, long hair, or hanging jewelry away from rotating jets or other moving components.

INCREASED SIDE EFFECTS OF MEDICATION

- The use of drugs, alcohol may cause unconsciousness with the possibility of drowning.
- Persons using medications should consult a physician before using a spa; some medication may cause a user to become drowsy, while other medication may affect heart rate, blood pressure, and circulation.
- Persons taking medications which induce drowsiness, such as tranquilizers, antihistamines, or anticoagulants should not use the spa.

HEALTH PROBLEMS AFFECTED BY SPA USE

- Pregnant women should consult a physician before using spa.
- Persons suffering from obesity, or with a medical history of heart disease, low or high blood pressure, circulatory system problems, or diabetes should consult a physician before using spa.

UNCLEAN WATER

- Keep the water clean and sanitized with correct chemical care. The recommended levels for your **HOT SPRING** spa are:

Free Available Chlorine:	Total Alkalinity:
3.0-5.0 ppm	40-120 ppm
Water pH:	Calcium Hardness:
7.2-7.8	75-150 ppm

- Refer to Water Quality and Maintenance section for complete instructions.

IMPORTANT: Turn on the jet pump for at least ten minutes after adding ANY spa water chemicals into the filter compartment.

Clean the filter cartridges monthly to remove debris and mineral buildup which may affect the performance of the hydromassage jets, limit the flow, or trip the high limit thermostat, which will turn off the entire spa.

AVOIDING THE RISK OF HYPERTHERMIA

Prolonged immersion in hot water can result in HYPERTHERMIA, a dangerous condition which occurs when the internal temperature of the body reaches a level above normal 37°C (98.6°F). The symptoms of hyperthermia include unawareness of impending hazard, failure to perceive heat, failure to recognize the need to exit the spa, physical inability to exit the spa, fetal damage in pregnant women, and unconsciousness resulting in a danger of drowning.

⚠ WARNING

The use of alcohol, drugs, or medication can greatly increase the risk of fatal hyperthermia in hot tubs and spas.

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF INJURY

- The water in the spa should never exceed 40°C (104°F). Water temperatures between 36°C and 40°C (100°F and 104°F) are considered safe for a healthy adult. Lower water temperatures are recommended for extended use (exceeding ten minutes) and for young children. Extended use can cause hyperthermia.
- Pregnant or possibly pregnant women should limit spa water temperatures to 36°C (100°F). Failure to do so may result in permanent injury to your baby.
- Do not use spa immediately following strenuous exercise.

AVOIDING THE RISK OF SKIN BURNS

- To reduce the risk of injury, before entering a spa the user should measure the water temperature with an accurate thermometer.
- Test the water with your hand before entering the spa to be sure it's comfortable.

SAFETY SIGN

Each **HOT SPRING** spa is shipped with a SAFETY SIGN in the owner's package. The sign, which is required as a condition of Product Listing, should be permanently installed where it is visible to the users of the spa. To obtain additional SAFETY SIGNS, contact your **HOT SPRING** dealer and request Part #70798.

IMPORTANT SPA INSTRUCTIONS

The following contains important spa information, and we strongly encourage you to read and apply them.

DO:

- Use and lock the cover when the spa is not in use, whether it is empty or full.
- Follow the Spa Care and Maintenance recommendations stated in this manual.
- Use only approved accessories and recommended spa chemicals and cleaners.
- Provide adequate drainage to deal with overflow water.

DON'T

- Leave the **HOT SPRING** spa exposed to the sun without water or the cover in place. Exposure to direct sunlight can cause solar distress of the shell material.
- Roll or slide the spa on its side. This will damage the siding.
- Lift or drag the cover by using the cover lock straps; always lift or carry the cover by using the handles.
- Attempt to open the electrical control box. There are no user serviceable parts inside. Opening of the control box by the spa owner will void the warranty. If you have an operational problem, carefully go through the steps outlined in the Troubleshooting section. If you are not able to resolve the problem, contact your authorized **HOT SPRING** dealer. Many problems can easily be diagnosed over the telephone by an Authorized Service Technician.

SPA SHELL

Your **HOT SPRING** spa has an acrylic shell. Stains and dirt generally will not adhere to your spa's surface. A soft rag should easily remove most dirt. Most household chemicals are harmful to your spa's shell (see below for detailed information on cleaning agents). Always rinse off any spa shell cleaning agent with fresh water.

IMPORTANT:

1. The following products are the ONLY approved cleaning agents for your **HOT SPRING** spa shell: plain water, **HOT SPRING** Freshwater® Spa Shine, or Soft Scrub®. The use of alcohol or any other household cleaner other than those listed to clean the spa shell surface is NOT recommended. DO NOT use any cleaning products containing abrasives or solvents since they may damage the shell surface, specifically: Simple Green®, Windex® or Spa Mitt. NEVER USE HARSH CHEMICALS! Damage to the shell by use of harsh chemicals is not covered under the warranty. Always rinse off any spa shell cleaning agent with fresh water.
2. Iron and copper in the water can stain the spa shell if allowed to go unchecked. Ask your **HOT SPRING** dealer about a Stain and Scale Inhibitor to use if your spa has a high concentration of dissolved minerals. (**WATKINS WELLNESS** recommends **FRESHWATER** Stain & Scale Defense.)
3. Keep all cleaners out of the reach of children and use care when applying.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

GETTING STARTED

SPA FEATURES RELAY, RHYTHM, PROPEL & STRIDE *MODELS*



1) **Standard LCD Control Panel**. The control panel is accessible from inside or outside the spa and is designed for ease of use.



2) The **Air Control** lever lets you dial in the ideal amount of air for the Precision® jets.



3) The **Water Feature** lever adjusts the amount of water that flows from the available water feature.



4) The **XL Directional** jet with directional nozzle provides maximum performance.



5) The **XL Rotary** jet provides greater flow through one rotatary opening creating a unique massage pattern.



6) The **Standard Rotary** jet provides a strong unique massage.



7) The **Standard Directional** jet with directional nozzle provides a strong flow of water.



8) The **PRECISION** jet with directional nozzle delivers a therapeutic massage.



9) The **Multi-Color LED Points of Light** system, has multiple points of multi-color lighting.

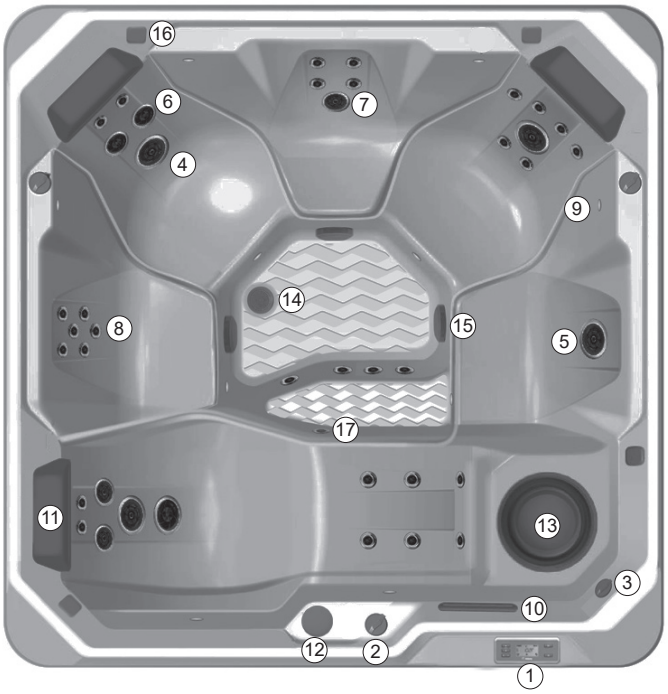
10) The water feature adds beauty to your spa experience (Not available on the **STRIDE** model).



11) **Pillow** - All spas have at lease one pillow or more.



12) **FRESHWATER** Salt System **housing cap**.





13) **Spa Filter** provides the water filtration of the spa.



14) **Floor Drain**.



15) **Spa Suction**.



16) An optional 1.5 inch (4 cm) speaker available on music ready spas (Not available on the **STRIDE** model).



17) Temperature sensor.

GETTING STARTED

SPA FEATURES SX & TX MODELS



1) **Standard LCD Control Panel**. The control panel is accessible from inside or outside the spa and is designed for ease of use.



2) The **Air Control** lever lets you dial in the ideal amount of air for the **PRECISION** jets.



3) The **XL Rotary** jet provides greater flow through one rotary opening creating a unique massage pattern.



4) The **Standard Directional** jet with directional nozzle provides a strong flow of water.



5) The **Standard Rotary** jet provides a strong unique massage.



6) The **PRECISION** jet with directional nozzle delivers a therapeutic massage.



7) The **MOTO-MASSAGE** is a moving jet. It has a warm streams of water sweeping up and down the entire length of your back.



8) Points of **Light**.



9) **Pillow -** Spas come with one or more pillows.



10) **FRESHWATER** Salt System housing cap.



11) **Spa Filter** provides the water filtration of the spa (not shown in overhead picture).



12) The **Spa Drain**.



13) **Spa Suction**.



14) Temperature sensor

SX MODEL



TX MODEL



DIRECTIONAL & ROTARY JETS

These jets deliver a great massage to the back and shoulder areas. These jets may provide either a direct stream, or rotating massage patterns. The pressure can be adjusted by rotating the faceplate from a full stream, to shutting the jet completely off. To avoid damage to your spa's plumbing and components, do not turn off more than half of these jets at the same time.

PRECISION JETS

PRECISION jets are small. They are designed to perform a soft, soothing massage on your feet, calf, back and shoulders. The Air Control levers are used to change the air intensity of a group of **PRECISION** jets simultaneously.

AIR CONTROL SYSTEM

AIR CONTROL VALVE: Turning the air control lever to the left position allows for the same volume of air to flow to all individual jets and **PRECISION** jets simultaneously. The jet faceplate on the larger jets is then used to control the water intensity of each hydromassage jet.

NOTE: Always turn the air control lever to the right position anytime the spa is not being used. This will help make the spa operate more quietly and heat more efficiently when the cover is in place.

WATERFALL VALVE

The **RELAY, RHYTHM & PROPEL** spas are equipped with a cascading water feature. It is activated by pressing the JETS button up to 3 times when the jets are off and turning the waterfall valve clockwise. The flow is regulated by turning the valve to the desired position.

When not in use turn the on/off valve to the OFF position.

MOTO-MASSAGE *(SX & TX MODELS ONLY)*

The **MOTO-MASSAGE** jet automatically travels up and down in a sweeping motion, simulating the natural stroking effects of a manual massage. The intensity of the **MOTO-MASSAGE** jet may be adjusted by turning the **AIR CONTROL** lever.

The **MOTO-MASSAGE** jet has been factory adjusted to provide maximum hydromassage, and to achieve full vertical travel with its **AIR CONTROL** lever in the full air volume position. Should the **MOTO-MASSAGE** jet not achieve full vertical travel and the problem is not a closed air control valve or clogged filter cartridge, then your **HOT SPRING** Service Center should be contacted.

IMPORTANT: A slow or non-moving **MOTO-MASSAGE** jet may indicate that the filter cartridge pores are obstructed with dirt, body oils, or calcification. Follow the filter cartridge cleaning procedures in the Spa Care and Maintenance section of this manual.

QUICK START-UP INSTRUCTIONS

BEFORE YOU FILL YOUR SPA

Make sure your spa has been properly installed per all local codes, this includes the location of the spa, the foundation of the spa as well as the electrical installation of the spa. Please see the Installation Instructions section of the manual.

DO:

- Know which water treatment system you will be using and make sure you have necessary chemicals available. Read all of the instructions that come with the system.
- Have **FRESHWATER** 5-way Test Strips Available.
- Have pH/Alkalinity Up & Down available.
- Know the "Hardness" of your water, contact your dealer to help you with this information. See Water Quality and Maintenance for more information.
  IMPORTANT: WATKINS WELLNESS does not recommend that the spa be filled with "softened" water, as this may damage the spa's equipment.
- Purchase the Clean Screen™ pre-filter to remove unwanted contaminants from the tap water. This is recommended, not required.

DON'T:

- Power up the spa until it has been filled with water! Power to the spa automatically activates critical components within the spa, such as controls, heater, and other systems. If power is supplied to these components prior to the spa being filled, the components will be damaged, and this may result in a non-warranty component failure.
- Fill the spa with hot water or cold water with cold water temperature below 10º C (50º F)! Tripping of the high-limit thermostat may result causing your spa to stop functioning.
- Use your spa after filling until all of the steps listed below START-UP are completed!
- Add chlorine if treating your spa with polyhexamethylene biguanide (Biguanide, PHMB, eg. BaquaSpa®) sanitizer.

START-UP

Your **HOT SPRING** spa has been thoroughly tested during the manufacturing process to ensure reliability and long-term customer satisfaction. A small amount of water may have remained in the plumbing after testing and, as a result, may have spotted the spa shell or the spa siding prior to delivery. Before filling the spa, wipe the spa shell clean with a soft rag.

The following instructions must be read and followed exactly to ensure a successful start-up or refill.

1. **CLOSE DRAIN AND FILL THE SPA** with water through the filter compartment. Your **HOT SPRING** spa water level should be maintained at a level 2.5 cm (1") above the highest jet in the spa.

2. **AFTER THE SPA HAS BEEN FILLED** with water and the equipment compartment door is secured, power must be applied to the spa.

3. **TO CHECK THE OPERATION OF THE JET SYSTEM** and to purge any remaining air from the heating system:

   RELAY & **RHYTHM** Models:

   - Push the JETS button 3 times to run pumps on high speed, run for one minute.
   - Push the JETS button 2 more times to shut all the jets off.

   PROPEL, STRIDE, SX & TX Model:

   - Push the JETS button 2 times to run the jet pump on high speed, run for one minute. Press JETS button one more time to shut the JETS off.

   Weak or surging jets are an indication of a low water level condition or clogged filter cartridges.

   IMPORTANT: Be sure the air Lever (see illustration in Spa Features section) is open by turning clockwise until it stops. Combination jet faces can be turned to completely shut off jet flow, these jets should be open as well.

4. **USING A TEST STRIP AND APPLICABLE CHEMICALS,** adjust Total Alkalinity (TA) to 80 ppm, Calcium Hardness (CH) to 100 ppm (if using **Salt System 25 - 75 ppm**), then spa water pH to between 7.2 and 7.8. These procedures are listed in the “Water Quality and Maintenance” section.
   IMPORTANT: Always add spa water chemicals directly into the filter compartment with the jet pump on high speed for at least ten minutes. Adjusting the Total Alkalinity (TA) as the first step is important, as out-of-balance TA will affect your ability to adjust the pH correctly and will prevent the sanitizer from operating effectively.

5. **SUPERCHLORINATE THE SPA WATER** by adding 1½ teaspoons of chlorine (sodium dichlor) per 950 liters (250 gallons) of spa water with the spa in the Cleaning mode.
   All **HOT SPRING** spas are equipped with a Cleaning mode. When the mode is activated, the jet pump will turn on and run for ten minutes (used for water maintenance). To activate the “Cleaning" mode, press the MODE (▲ or ▼) button several times until the CLEAN menu is displayed. Press the **(+)** button to activate the CLEAN mode feature.

6. **SET THE TEMPERATURE CONTROL**, the spa is pre-programmed to reach 38° C (100°F), and will normally do so within 18 to 24 hours. You may raise or lower the water temperature by:

   - Pressing the **(+)** button on the control panel to raise the temperature.
   - Pressing the **(-)** button on the control panel to lower the temperature.

   Place the cover on the spa and allow the water temperature to stabilize. Make sure you secure the cover in place using the cover locks. Periodically check the spa water temperature. When the water temperature climbs above 32°C (90°F), proceed to the next step.
   To prevent tampering, you can lock your desired temperature setting. Refer to the Operating section for details.

7. **TEST THE SPA WATER FOR CHLORINE RESIDUAL.** If the residual is between 3 and 5 ppm on the test strips (between 1 - 5 ppm if using the salt system), go on to the next step. If the residual is less than 3 ppm, activate the Clean cycle, and then retest, add more chlorine as necessary.

   WARNING: *High sanitizer levels can cause discomfort to the user’s eyes, lungs and skin. Always allow the sanitizer level to fall to the recommended range before using the spa.*

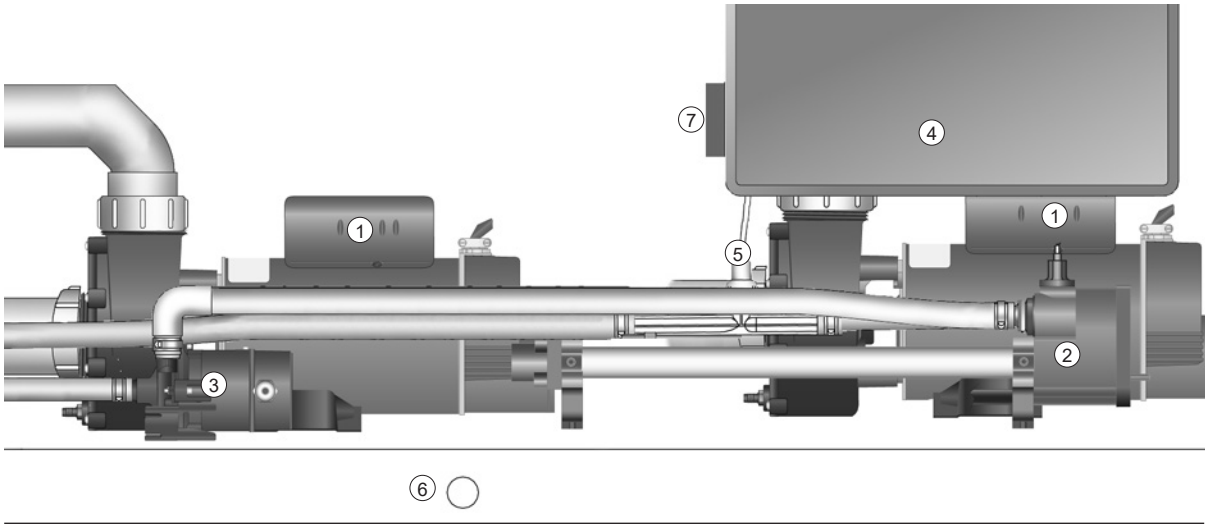
8. **RECHECK** the Total Alkalinity (TA) at 80 ppm, Calcium Hardness (CH) at 100 ppm, then spa water pH at between 7.2 and 7.8. using a **FRESHWATER** 5-way test strip.
   IMPORTANT: Make sure you adjust your Total Alkalinity first, as an out-of-balance condition will affect your ability to adjust the pH correctly, and will prevent the sanitizer from operating effectively.
   The spa is ready for use when the chlorine level remains between 3 ppm and 5 ppm.

9. **TEST WATER WEEKLY OR BEFORE EACH TIME THE SPA IS USED**

GETTING STARTED

EQUIPMENT COMPARTMENT

The illustration below is to be used as a reference only (your spa may look different). The equipment compartment is located behind the front panel of the spa below the control panel.



EQUIPMENT COMPARTMENT

1. Wavemaster® jet pump
2. No-Fault® heater
3. Silent Flo 5000® circulation pump
4. IQ 2020® control box
5. Ozone injector (optional)
6. Drain
7. Bonding terminal

Water Quality and Maintenance

BASIC INFORMATION

It's important to have clean water. Water maintenance is one of the least understood, yet most important, areas of spa ownership. Your dealer can guide you through the process of achieving and maintaining perfect water in your spa, given your local conditions.

IMPORTANT: Water Terminology can be found at the end of this section.

- **Always read & refer to the owner's manual** for complete information.
- **Test your water** with a test strip once a week, or each time the spa is used.
- **Add chemicals** in frequent small amounts to prevent overdosing the spa.
- **Use the spa only** when the chlorine level is between 1-5 ppm or manually add chlorine as needed.
- **When using a Salt System**, read & refer to seperate owner's manual.
- **It is the spa owner's responsibility** to prevent over or under chlorination.
- **Drain & refill water** 3-4 times per year depending on how often you use your spa, and how many people use it (unless using the Salt System).

IMPORTANT: Remember to change your water every three to four months. Spa water that is maintained using a Salt Sanitizing System may last much longer - up to twelve months, with proper care*. Refer to the Salt Sanitizing system owner's manual for detailed instructions.

Check with your **HOT SPRING** dealer to determine if water in your region has unique qualities - such as high metal or mineral content - that should be addressed.

Your program will depend on your water's mineral content, how often you use your spa, and how many people use it.

WATER QUALITY CHART

PARAMETER	TARGET	MIN - "OK" RANGE - MAX	
pH	7.4	7.2	7.8
ALKALINITY	80 ppm	40 ppm	120 ppm
CALCIUM HARDNESS	100 ppm	75 ppm	150 ppm
CALCIUM HARDNESS (SALT SYSTEM)	50 ppm	25 ppm	75 ppm
CHLORINE	3 ppm	1 ppm	5 ppm

Maintaining the water quality and the cleanliness of the filter in your spa is your responsibility. Keeping the spa water balanced prolongs the life of the spa components and will make the water more comfortable. Your dealer can guide you through the process of achieving and maintaining perfect water in your spa, given your local conditions. Your program will depend on your water's mineral content, how often you use your spa, and how many people use it. **WATKINS WELLNESS** has developed several water care systems and products to simplify water care which are available from authorized **HOT SPRING** dealers.

FRESHWATER Salt System	Vanishing Act® Calcium Remover
FRESHWATER Salt Test Strips	**CLEAN SCREEN** Prefilter
FRESHWATER 5-way Test Strips	

For more information visit www.hotspring.com/save-water/

CHEMICAL SAFETY

When using chemicals, read the labels carefully and follow directions precisely. Though chemicals protect you and your spa when used correctly, they can be hazardous in concentrated form. Always observe the following guidelines:

- Allow only a responsible person to handle spa chemicals. Keep them out of the reach of children.
- Accurately measure the exact quantities specified, never more. Do not overdose your spa.
- Handle all containers with care. Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated place.
- Always keep chemical containers closed when not in use. Replace caps on their proper containers.
- Don't inhale fumes, or allow chemicals to come in contact with your eyes, nose, or mouth. Wash your hands immediately after use.
- Follow the emergency advice on the product label in case of accidental contact, or if the chemical is swallowed. Call a doctor or the local Poison Control Center. If a doctor is needed, take the product container along with you so that the substance can be identified.
- Don't let chemicals get on surrounding surfaces or landscaping. Don't use a vacuum cleaner to clean up chemical spills.
- Never smoke around chemicals. Some fumes can be highly flammable.
- Don't store any chemicals in the spa equipment compartment.

HOW TO ADD CHEMICALS TO THE WATER

IMPORTANT: All spa water chemicals including granulated dichlor, MPS, granulated pH increaser or decreaser, granulated total alkalinity increaser, liquid stain and scale inhibitor, and liquid defoamer must always be added directly into the filter compartment while the jet pump is running in its high speed mode, and it must run for a minimum of ten minutes.

To Administer Spa Water Chemicals:

1. Fold back the cover. Carefully remove and set aside the filter compartment cover.
2. On your Control Panel:

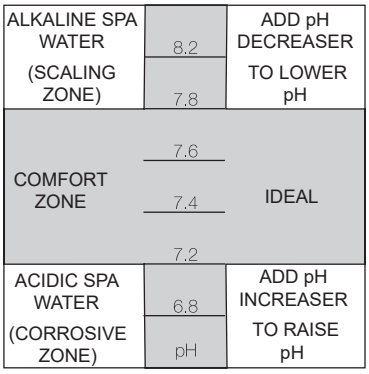
   Push the MODE (▲ or ▼) button several times until the CLEAN menu is displayed. Press the **(+)** button to activate the CLEAN mode feature.
3. Carefully measure the recommended amount of chemical and slowly pour it into the filter compartment. Use care not to splash chemicals on your hands, in your eyes, on the spa shell surface, or on the spa cabinet.
4. Replace the filter compartment cover. After ten minutes, the jet pump will automatically shut off to complete the procedure. Close and secure the cover.

⚠ **DANGER:** Risk of Drowning: Never leave an open spa unattended!

IMPORTANT: After administering a super chlorination treatment or non-chlorine shock to your spa, leave the cover open for a minimum of 20 minutes to allow the oxidizer gas to vent. A high concentration of trapped oxidizer gas which may exist as a result of the shock treatment (not daily sanitation) may eventually cause discoloration or degradation to the bottom of the cover. This type of damage is considered chemical abuse and is not covered under the terms of the limited warranty.

FUNDAMENTALS OF WATER MAINTENANCE

- **Testing:** Test the water weekly or each time the spa is used with convenient **FRESHWATER** 5-way test strips or more accurate liquid/tablet reagent test kit per instructions. Critical parameters: sanitizer level, pH, Calcium Hardness (CH), and Total Alkalinity (TA). Store test equipment in a dark, cool, dry place to maintain potency.
- **Water Filtration:** The filtration used in **HOT SPRING** spas helps keep water clean by circulating sanitizer and removing waste from the spa. Regularly inspect and clean filters for peak performance
- **Chemical Balance/pH Control:** It is important to adjust the primary water parameters (Total Alkalinity, Calcium hardness, pH) into the recommended ranges so that they are stabilized or balanced. Balance the water chemistry every time you fill the spa with new water and then during the life of that body of water. Keeping the water in balance prevents damage by holding the pH in a safe range and preventing calcium scale formation on spa equipment. A low pH can damage metal components whereas a high pH can cause high levels of calcium to form scale. Your dealer should provide a detailed water chemistry orientation soon after your new spa is filled for the very first time.



- The following three water components must be kept in balance to avoid damage to the spa. Do balance these components in the order they are listed here as each will help you balance the next using a minimum amount of chemicals.

1. Calcium Hardness (CH) – CH is the measure of the amount of dissolved calcium in the water. Low levels can make the water corrosive and high levels cause scale formation of spa components. The recommended CH reading is between **75 - 150 ppm**. If the CH level is too high, lower it with the **VANISHING ACT** calcium remover per instructions. Once in balance, the CH reading normally remains stable until new water is added. Great care must be taken when filling the spa from a water softener to ensure that the calcium remains in balance and avoid damage to the spa.
2. Total Alkalinity (TA) - TA is a measure of the water's ability to resist changes of pH or buffer capacity. A low TA allows the pH to fluctuate easily. The recommended TA reading is between **40 - 120 ppm**. To raise the TA, use **FRESHWATER** pH/Alkalinity Up (sodium hydrogen carbonate). To lower the TA, use **FRESHWATER** pH/Alkalinity Down (sodium bisulfate). Once the TA is balanced, it normally remains stable until the next drain/refill. We recommend you check the TA reading once per month. Raising/lowering the TA may cause the pH readings to fluctuate widely. Ignore the pH readings on the test strip while you are balancing the TA.
3. pH - The pH is the measure of the acidity and alkalinity. Maintaining the proper pH level will optimize the effectiveness of the sanitizer, preventing damage to the spa and physical discomfort for spa users. A low pH dissipates sanitizer, causes corrosion, and irritates spa users. A high pH level will neutralize sanitizer, promote scaling and cloud water. The recommended pH reading is between **7.2 - 7.8**. To lower the pH level, use **FRESHWATER** pH/Alkalinity Down (sodium bisulfate). To raise the pH level, use **FRESHWATER** pH/Alkalinity Up (sodium carbonate).

- **Water Conditioners:** Spa fill water varies from location to location and user to user, therefore it is important to consult with your dealer for an appropriate program.
  a. **VANISHING ACT** – High levels of calcium and some minerals can be removed from the water with the single use **VANISHING ACT**. High calcium levels can cause scale formation on the spa equipment and shell.
  b. **CLEAN SCREEN** pre-filter –The **CLEAN SCREEN** pre-flter should be used at every fill and top-off to remove contaminants from the fill water, especially iron, copper, and manganese. Many water sources including well water contain high concentrations of minerals that can cause staining of the shell and plastics.
  c. Stain and Scale control – For water high in calcium and minerals, it may be necessary to use an anti-scalant like Stain and Scale control. As water evaporates from your spa and new water is added, the amount of dissolved minerals like calcium, copper, iron, and manganese will increase. (Minimize evaporation by keeping the cover on the spa whenever possible.) High iron or copper content in the water may produce green or brown stains on the spa.
  d. Foam Inhibitors - Soap is introduced into the spa water from users' bodies and swimming apparel and can cause the spa water to foam when the jets are used. Low levels of calcium hardness (soft water) can increase foaming. Although ozone can oxidize soap residual, it may become necessary to add Foam Inhibitors to suppress the foam. Excessive soap in the water may require a water change to resolve.
- **Oxidizers:** Ozone and Monopersulfate (MPS) are oxidizers used to prevent the buildup of contaminants, maximize sanitizer efficiency, minimize combined chlorine, and improve water clarity. They are to be used in conjunction with EPA registered sanitizers. The **FRESHWATER** III high output ozone system uses Corona Discharge technology to produce a high concentration of ozone which is injected into the spa water 24 hours per day. **FRESHWATER** Chlorine-Free Oxidizer, Monopersulfate (MPS) is a granular oxidizing chemical.
- **Sanitizers:** Maintaining the recommended residual level of an EPA registered sanitizer at all times will decrease the occurrence of unsafe bacteria and viruses in your spa water. The recommended Free Available Chlorine (FAC), the amount of available chlorine sanitizer, is **3.0-5.0 ppm**. A low FAC can allow bacteria and viruses to grow rapidly in the warm water, and a high FAC can cause discomfort to the user's eyes, lungs, and skin. Each sanitizer carries its own instructions regarding how much to use and when to add it to the spa water. Consult your dealer for their recommendations and instructions on proper sanitizing of the spa.
  a. **FRESHWATER** Salt System
  b. **FRESHWATER** Concentrated Chlorinating Granules
  c. Sodium Dichloro-s-Triazinetrione (sodium dichlor or chlorine)
  d. Liquid chlorine (sodium hypochlorite)
  e. Brominating Concentrate (one step granular bromine).
  f. BaquaSpa® (please consult your **BAQUASPA** manual for instructions on the use of this product).

IMPORTANT: DO NOT use tri-chlor chlorine, bromo-chloro-dimethyl-hydantoin (BCDMH), or any type of compressed bromine or chlorine, acid or any type of sanitizer which is not recommended by **WATKINS WELLNESS**.

THE **HOT SPRING** *SPA WATER MAINTENANCE PROGRAM*

FILLING THE SPA WITH WATER

Use the **CLEAN SCREEN** Pre-filter to remove unwanted contaminants such as rust, dirt, detergents, and algae from the fill water. Dissolved metals, copper, iron, and manganese are also removed. Instructions are included with the **CLEAN SCREEN** Pre-filter. Always fill the spa through the filter compartment. Do not fill your spa using water from a swimming pool as pool chemicals are very different from those used in a spa and can damage your spa.

ADDING CHEMICALS TO THE WATER

All spa water chemicals, including granulated dichlor, MPS, granulated pH increaser or decreaser, granulated total alkalinity increaser, liquid stain and scale inhibitor, and liquid defoamer must always be added directly into the filter compartment while the jet pump is running in its high speed mode, and it must run for a minimum of ten minutes with the cover off. Use the Clean button/feature to ensure that the chemicals are properly mixed when adding.

BUILDING A SANITIZER ROUTINE

During the first month of ownership, measure the sanitizer residual daily in order to establish a baseline of sanitizer needed vs. spa usage. Sanitizer needed is the amount of Free Available Chlorine needed to accommodate the number of users and their combined usage time. For example, two spa users for twenty minutes every day creates regular demand on the sanitizer that is used to determine how much sanitizer to add in order to maintain the proper residual. If the usage pattern increases dramatically with invited guests, the amount and frequency of sanitizer required increases dramatically.

PERFORMING SUPER CHLORINATION/ NON-CHLORINE SHOCK TREATMENT

A weekly or monthly super chlorination (1.5 tsp dichlor/950 liters (250 gallons)) or shock (4tbs mps/950 liters (250 gallons)) may be required of your chosen sanitation program. Increasing chlorine to 5 ppm for 24-48 hours removes excess waste and chloramines from the water. Sodium dichlor is 6x stronger than MPS and may be a more appropriate for those users that experience heavy bather load conditions. Operate all jets and leave the cover open for a minimum of 20 minutes to allow the oxidizer gas to vent to prevent damage and discoloration to the cover and pillows after administering a super chlorination or shock to your spa. This type of damage is considered chemical abuse and is not covered under the terms of the limited warranty.

IMPORTANT: Always allow the Free Available Chlorine to fall below 5 ppm before using your spa.

⚠ **DANGER:** Never leave an open spa unattended, especially if there are children present!

FRESHWATER SALT SYSTEM (OPTIONAL)

The Salt System converts water and sodium chloride salt into chlorine sanitizer. This is compatible with chlorine based systems and chemicals. Although the system is reduced maintenance, it is not automatic. It is important that the user regularly tests and balances the water. A calcium hardness between **25 - 75 ppm** is recommended to extend the life of the hardware. Consult the Salt system User Guide for additional instructions.

ADDITIONAL WATER CARE PRODUCTS

- **CLEAN SCREEN** Pre-filter
- **FRESHWATER** Concentrated Chlorinating Granules, Sodium Dichlor
- **FRESHWATER** Chlorine-Free Oxidizer, Monopersulfate (MPS)
- **FRESHWATER** III high output ozone system
- **VANISHING ACT** Calcium remover

It is important to follow the recommended application and maintenance programs outlined for each product's use. If the spa is being used over an extended period of time, such as a whole afternoon or evening, additional sanitizer will be needed.

MANUAL CHLORINE (SODIUM DICHLOR)

WATKINS WELLNESS recommends the use of **FRESHWATER** Concentrated Chlorinating Granules (sodium dichlor) for sanitizing the water. Sodium dichlor is preferred because it is totally soluble, dissolves quickly, and is nearly pH neutral. The recommended Free Available Chlorine (FAC), the amount of available chlorine sanitize the spa, 3.0 - 5.0 ppm.

If the FAC is too low: Increase the FAC by adding granulated sodium dichlor.

If the FAC is too high: Allow time to pass and the FAC level will naturally drop over time.

If the spa smells of chlorine: super chlorinate or shock the spa FAC chlorine does not have an odor whereas combined spent chlorine (chloramines) has a strong chlorine odor that can be eliminated by shocking the water.

IMPORTANT: There are several forms of stabilized chlorine available for use in spas and swimming pools. It is extremely important to choose one specifically designed for spas. Use of an incorrect product such as tri-chlor which has a very low pH (2.6) and dissolves too quickly in hot water, results in extremely high levels of chlorine that **WILL** cause damage to your spa. Use of a compressed bromine/chlorine or unapproved sanitizer **WILL** damage your spa and is specifically not covered under the terms of the limited warranty.

VACATION WATER CARE INSTRUCTIONS

If you plan to be away from home, follow these instructions to ensure that the water quality of your spa is maintained:

SHORT TIME PERIODS (3-5 DAYS):

1. Adjust the pH by following the instructions outlined in the Water Quality and Maintenance section.
2. Sanitize the water by following the shock procedures also listed in the Water Quality and Maintenance section.
3. Lock your cover in place using the coverlocks.
4. Upon your return, sanitize the water by following the shock procedures, and balance the pH.
5. If Salt system is installed, please refer to Tips section, vacation or limited use in the Salt system Owner's Manual.

LONG TIME PERIODS (5-14 DAYS):

Prior to leaving:

1. At least one day before you leave, set the temperature to its lowest level. This setting should represent an approximate water temperature of 27°C (80°F).

IMPORTANT: Spa water oxidizers such as sodium dichlor (chlorine) maintain their level of effectiveness substantially longer in warm water 27°C (80°F) than in hot water 38°C - 40°C (101°F to 104°F).

2. Adjust the pH as required. Sanitize the water by following the shock procedures.

Upon your return:

3. Sanitize the water by following the shock procedures. Return the set temperature to its original setting. The spa water will be safe for you to use once the Free Available Chlorine residual level has dropped below 5.0 ppm.

IMPORTANT: If you will not be using your spa for an extended period of time (in excess of 14 days) and an outside maintenance service (or neighbor) is not available to assist with the water maintenance, draining or winterizing of the spa is recommended.

DO:

- Add all chemicals slowly into the filter compartment with the jet pump operating for ten minutes.
- Use granular (dichlor) or liquid (sodium hypochlorite) chlorine.
- Use special care if using baking soda to clean either the interior or exterior plastic surfaces.

IMPORTANT: WATKINS WELLNESS DOES NOT recommend the use of any floating chemical dispenser. Damage to the spa shell or components caused by a floating chemical dispenser is specifically not covered under the terms of the limited warranty. Floating dispensers can become trapped in one area and cause an over-sanitization or release large chunks of sanitizer that can very quickly chemically burn the shell and cover.

DON'T:

- Use compressed sanitizers.
- Use a floater type sanitization system as a low or no maintenance solution to your spa maintenance program.
- Use a sanitizer which is not designed for spas.
- Use swimming pool (muriatic) acid to lower pH.
- Broadcast or sprinkle the chemicals onto the water surface. This method may cause chemically-induced spa surface blistering (chemical abuse).

SUPPLEMENTAL WATER MAINTENANCE

Proper water sanitation and mineral balance (pH control) are absolutely essential for a complete spa water maintenance program. Here are two other popular water additives that are optional:

Mineral Deposit Inhibitors

As water evaporates from your spa and new water is added, the amount of dissolved minerals will increase. (Minimize evaporation by keeping the cover on the spa whenever possible.) The spa water may eventually become “hard” (Calcium Hardness too high) enough to damage the heater by calcifying its surface. Proper pH control can minimize this.

Normal soap build-up will require water replacement regularly enough that mineral deposits normally are not a problem.

Occasionally, high iron or copper content in the water may produce green or brown stains on the spa. A stain and scale inhibitor may help to reduce these metals.

IMPORTANT: Well water may contain high concentrations of minerals. The use of a low water volume, extra-fine pore water filter (in-line pre-filter such as the **CLEAN SCREEN** pre-filter) will help to remove many of the larger particles during the filling of the spa. In-line pre-filters can be purchased at your local **HOT SPRING** dealer.

Foam Inhibitors

Spa water requires changing due to the buildup of soap in the water. Typically, soap will cause the spa water to foam when the jets are used. Soap is introduced into the spa water from two sources: users’ bodies, which retain a soap residual after showering, and swimming apparel, which retains soap after washing.

Foam inhibitors can suppress foam, but cannot remove soap from the water. Soap is very difficult to remove from the water because soap is not oxidized by any chemical added to the spa. Only ozone can oxidize soap. Eventually the soap build-up in the water will be concentrated, resulting in an unclean feeling on the bather’s skin, which is impossible to remedy. When this occurs, it’s time to drain and refill the spa. Depending on the soap input, the water should last about four months before needing to be drained.

WATER TERMINOLOGY

The following chemical terms are used in this Water Quality and Maintenance section. Understanding their meaning will help you to better understand the water maintenance process.

Bromamines: Compounds formed when bromine combines with nitrogen from body oils, urine, perspiration, etc. Unlike chloramines, bromamines have no pungent odor, and are effective sanitizers.

Bromine: A halogen sanitizer (in the same chemical family as chlorine). Bromine is commonly used in stick, tablet, or granular form.

Calcium Hardness: The amount of dissolved calcium in the spa water. This should be approximately 75 -150 ppm. High levels of calcium can cause cloudy water and scaling. Low levels can cause harm to the spa equipment.

Chloramines: Compounds formed when chlorine combines with nitrogen from body oils, urine, perspiration, etc. Chloramines can cause eye irritation as well as having a strong odor. Unlike bromamines, chloramines are weaker, slower sanitizers.

Chlorine: An efficient sanitizing chemical for spas. **WATKINS WELLNESS** recommends the use of sodium dichlor-type granulated chlorine. This type is preferred because it is totally soluble and nearly pH neutral.

Chlorine (or Bromine) Residual: The amount of chlorine or bromine remaining after chlorine or bromine demand has been satisfied. The residual is, therefore, the amount of sanitizer which is chemically available to kill bacteria, viruses and algae.

Corrosion: The gradual wearing away of metal and plastic spa parts, usually caused by chemical action. Generally, corrosion is caused by low pH or by water with levels of TA, CH, pH or sanitizer which are outside the recommended ranges.

Halogen: Any one of these five elements: fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, and astatine.

MPS: Monopersulfate is the non-chlorine oxidizer. Not a sanitizer.

Nitric Acid: The formulation of nitric acid, a highly corrosive chemical, is a byproduct of the ozone generating process. Nitric acid is produced in very small quantities and is readily dissolved in the water stream with ozone.

Oxidizer: The use of an oxidizing chemical is to prevent the buildup of contaminants, maximize sanitizer efficiency, minimize combined chlorine and improve water clarity. See MPS and Ozone.

Ozone: Ozone is a powerful oxidizing agent which is produced in nature and artificially by man. Ozone forms no byproducts, oxidizes chloramines, and will not alter the water's pH.

pH: The measure of the spa water's acidity and alkalinity. The recommended pH for the spa water is 7.2 to 7.8. Below 7.0 (considered neutral), the spa water is too acidic and can damage the heating system. Above 7.8, the water is too alkaline and can result in cloudy water, and scale formation on the shell and heater.

ppm: The abbreviation of "parts per million", the standard measurement of chemical concentration in water. Identical to mg/l (milligrams per liter).

Reagent: A chemical material in liquid, powder, or tablet form for use in chemical testing.

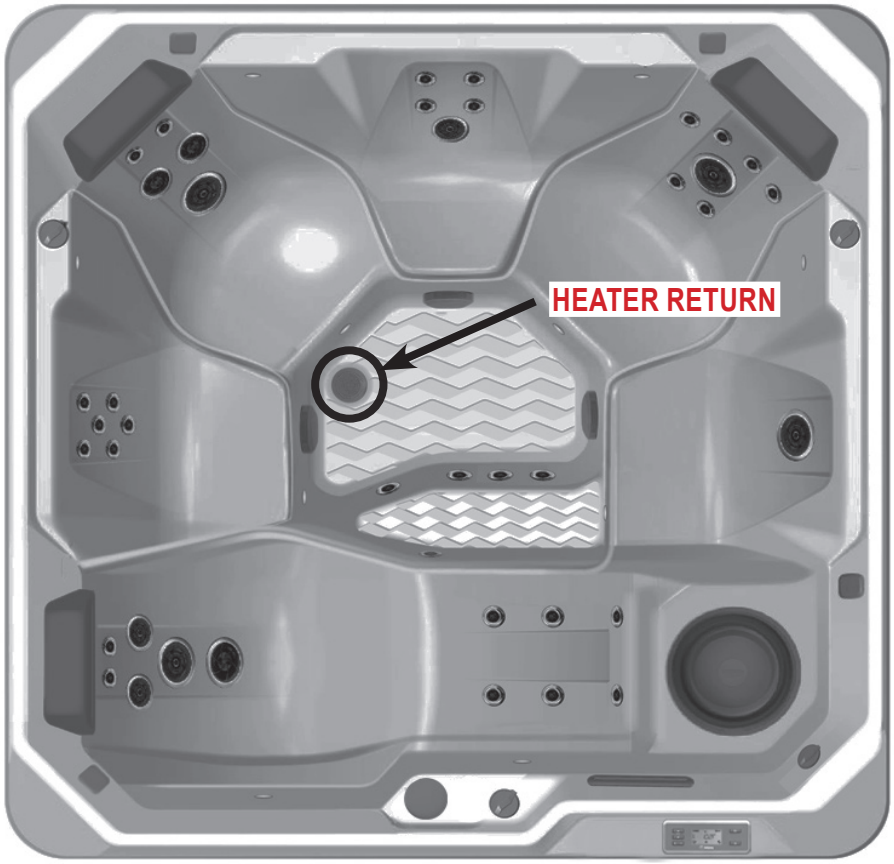
Sanitizer: Sanitizers are added and maintained at recommended residuals to protect bathers against pathogenic organisms which can cause disease and infection in spa water.

Scale: Rough calcium-bearing deposits that can coat spa surfaces, heaters, plumbing lines, and clog filters. Generally, scaling is caused by mineral content combined with high pH. Additionally, scale forms more readily at higher water temperatures.

Super-Chlorination: Also known as "shock treatment." Super-Chlorination is a process of adding significant doses of a quick dissolving sanitizer ("dichlor" is recommended) to oxidize non-filterable organic waste and to remove chloramines and bromamines.

Total Alkalinity (TA): The amount of bicarbonates, carbonates, and hydroxides present in spa water. Proper total alkalinity is important for pH control. If the TA is too high, the pH is difficult to adjust. If the TA is too low, the pH will be difficult to hold at the proper level. The desired range of TA in spa water is 40 to 120 ppm.

VANISHING ACT INSTRUCTIONS



Instructions for Use:

1. After Filling your hot tub, use a test strip to measure the hardness level of the water. If hardness is above **100ppm**, use the **VANISHING ACT** calcium remover to soften the water. **Suggested Hardness Level: between 75 - 150ppm, (it must be between 25 - 75ppm when using the FRESHWATER Salt System in order to work).**
2. Rinse the **VANISHING ACT** calcium remover with running water until water runs clear. When placed in the hot tub, slight color transfer to the water may occur and can be easily resolved with chlorine.
3. Locate your heater return in footwell (see illustration above).
   a. Place the **VANISHING ACT** calcium remover (flat side down) over the heater return.
   b. After 10 - 12 hours, flip the calcium remover over and reposition over heater return.
   c. After a total of 24 hours, take the calcium remover off of the heater return and discard.

Note: DO NOT RUN JETS WHILE CALCIUM REMOVER IS IN PLACE.

IMPORTANT:

- **Always make sure water is balanced and properly sanitized, using the EPA approved sanitizer, before entering your hot tub.**
- **For maximum effectiveness, ensure that the calcium remover remains on the suction fitting while the calcium remover is in use.**
- **Calcium remover may not be necessary if water hardness is already in or below the suggested range.**
- **Multiple calcium removers may be needed if initial water hardness is above 200 ppm.**

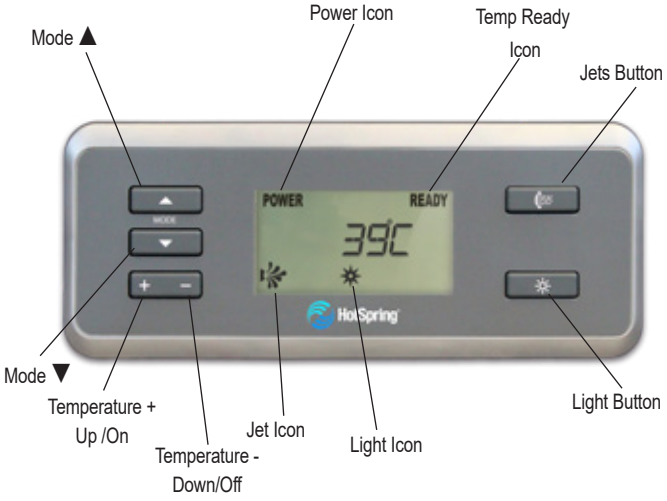
Operating Instructions

SPA CONTROL PANEL

Your control panel consists of an LCD display and convenient touch pads that allow you to set the water temperature and adjust the skim/ filter cycle settings, lock spa temp, lock all spa functions, as well as control the hydrotherapy jets, and lights.

LCD DISPLAY INVERSION

You may invert the control panel display for easier viewing from inside the spa. To invert the display the following is required: Press the MODE(▼) and (-)buttons simultaneously. By pressing the MODE(▼) and (-)buttons simultaneously a second time the screen will go back to it's original display.



MODE BUTTON

From the Home screen use the **MODE** (▲ or ▼) button to scroll to the System, Clean, Audio (if your spa is equipped), **FRESHWATER** Salt (if equipped) and Tools screen. Press the **(+)** button to enter into the sub screens.

TEMPERATURE CONTROL

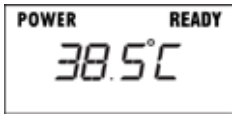


The set temperature range is from 26°C (80°F) to 40°C (104°F). Temperatures of any setting may rise slightly depending on the current use and condition of your spa, and on outside temperature. Whenever power is disconnected and then reconnected to the spa, the water temperature setting will automatically return to the last temperature entered into the program.

To increase the set temperature, press the **(+)** button, once for each degree of increase temperature desired. If you hold the **(+)** button down, the set temperature will increase by one degree every half second.

To decrease the set temperature, press the **(-)** button, once for each degree of decreased temperature desired. If you hold the **(-)** button down, the set temperature will decrease by one degree every half second.

JET PUMP CONTROL



Pressing the **JET** button for the **RELAY** & **RHYTHM** changes the jet pump functions, depending on the number of presses:

- 1st press: Two-speed jet pump runs on low speed
- 2nd press: Two-speed jet pump runs on high speed
- 3rd press: One and Two-speed jet pumps run on high speed
- 4th press: One-speed jet pump runs on high speed
- 5th press: Both jet pumps are off

Pressing the **JET** button for the **PROPEL, STRIDE,** SX & TX changes the jet pump functions, depending on the number of presses:

- 1st press: Two-speed jet pump runs on low speed
- 2nd press: Two-speed jet pump runs on high speed
- 3rd press: Jet pump is off

LIGHT - ON/OFF & INTENSITY CONTROLS

The light control uses four positions: High, Medium, Low, and Off. To turn on the spa light, press the LIGHT button. This will place all lights in the spa in the High, or maximum intensity position. When the lights turn on, the light symbol will also illuminate on the control panel display. Press the LIGHT button again to lower the intensity of the lights to the Medium position. Press the LIGHT button again to lower the intensity even more, placing the lights intensity in the Low position. Press the LIGHT button one more time to shut the lights off. When the lights are deactivated, the light symbol will also turn off.

If the lights are left on, they will automatically be turned off by the control system after 6 hours of continuous operation. The light symbol on the panel will also turn off when the lights are deactivated.

If the lights will not turn on, make sure SPA LOCK is deactivated. SPA LOCK disables all the controls on the control panel (see following pages for more information on SPA LOCK).

SYSTEM MODE

Your spa is equipped with a System Mode. This function will allow you to conveniently turn the jet(s) on high speed and the lights on maximum intensity at the same time.

To activate the System Mode, perform the following functions:

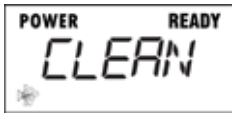


Press the MODE (▲ or ▼) button until SYSON is displayed on the screen. Press the **(+)** button to activate the SYSON mode feature. The jets and light icons will remain illuminated on the display until the system mode is deactivated.

NOTE: Once activated, the jet and light functions can still be changed by pressing the JETS or LIGHT button.
To deactivate the System Mode, press the MODE (▲ or ▼) button until the SYSON symbol is displayed on the screen. Press the **(-)** button to deactivate.

CLEANING MODE

All spas are equipped with a "Cleaning" mode. When the mode is activated, the jet pump in the first jet system will turn on and run for ten minutes (used for water maintenance).



NOTE: The jet icon will flash on and off while the "Cleaning " mode is active.

To stop the Cleaning Cycle before the ten minutes is complete, Press the MODE (▲ or ▼) button several times until the CLEAN menu is

displayed on the screen then press the **(-)** button to deactivate.

NOTE: Pressing the JETS button will also deactivate the clean cycle and the jet icon will remain on and solid.

TOOLS MENU

The TOOLS menu is one of the main menus on the control panel. Within the TOOLS menu are several submenus, which consists of; Temp Lock, Spa Lock, Light, LCD and Exit.

To enter onto the TOOLS menu, scroll through the main menus using the MODE (▲ or ▼) button until TOOLS is displayed. Press the **(+)** button to enter into the TOOLS submenu, use the MODE (▲ or ▼) button to scroll through the submenus. Once the desired submenu is displayed, press the **(+)** button to activate that submenu. To leave the TOOLS submenu, scroll through the submenu using the MODE (▲ or ▼) button until EXIT is displayed, then press the **(+)** button to exit the submenu.

LOCKING FEATURES

The two locking features, SPA LOCK and TEMPERATURE LOCK, are enabled from the control panel by pressing the MODE (▲ or ▼) button until TOOLS is displayed. Then press the **(+)** button to enter the TOOLS submenus. Use the MODE (▲ or ▼) button to scroll through the submenus to get to the locking features. Once enabled, a lock will remain active until the specific button combination is applied to disable the lock. Even if power is disconnected from the spa and soon thereafter reapplied (such as in a power outage) the lock will remain in place.

TEMPERATURE LOCK



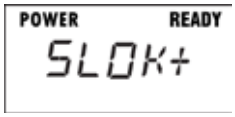
The TEMPERATURE LOCK feature deactivates the temperature control function of the control panel. TEMPERATURE LOCK is most often used by people who do not want others to tamper with or change the set temperature of the spa water. TEMPERATURE LOCK is a submenu of the TOOLS menu

To activate the TEMPERATURE LOCK, press the MODE (▲ or ▼) button in the TOOLS submenu until the TLOK- symbol is displayed on the screen. Press the **(+)** button to activate the TEMPERATURE LOCK feature (TLOK+).
When the TEMPERATURE LOCK is activated, the JETS, LIGHTS and any other features your spa may have will operate normally, and the temperature setting can be viewed but can NOT be changed. If a temperature button is pressed, TLOK will display for several seconds, then turns off.

To deactivate the TEMPERATURE LOCK, press the MODE (▲ or ▼) button in the TOOLS submenu until the TLOK+ symbol is displayed on the screen. Press the **(-)** button to deactivate the TEMPERATURE LOCK feature.

SPA LOCK

The SPA LOCK feature deactivates all of the functions of the control panel. It is generally used to prevent unwanted use of the spa. The SPA LOCK menu is a submenu of the TOOLS menu.



To activate the SPA LOCK, press the MODE (▲ or ▼) button in the TOOLS submenu until SLOK- is displayed on the screen. Press the **(+)** button to activate the SPA LOCK feature.

When the SPA LOCK is activated, the buttons for the jets, temperature control, light, and any other features your spa may have are deactivated. If Jets, Light button, or **(+)** or **(-)** button is pressed, the SLOK will display for several seconds, then turns off.

To deactivate the SPA LOCK, press the MODE (▲ or ▼) button in the TOOLS submenu until the SLOK+ symbol is displayed on the screen. Press the **(-)** button to deactivate the SPA LOCK feature.

LOCK OVERRIDE

The Lock Override feature is for spa users who normally keep the set temperature locked. Should the user wish to lock all spa controls temporarily, the spa lock can be applied over an already-applied temperature lock. Then, when the spa lock is removed, the temperature lock will remain on to prevent unwanted tampering with the set temperature.

LIGHTS - MULTI-COLOR MENU CONTROLS

Your spa lights can display a variety of different colors as well as run through a continuous sequence of colors (loop) at different speeds. To activate this function the following is required:
Press the MODE (▲ or ▼) button to scroll to the TOOLS screen. Once displayed, press the **(+)** button to enter the TOOLS submenu. Press the MODE (▲or ▼) button to scroll to LIGHT screen, press the **(+)** button to enter DIM, screen. Press the **(+)** button or **(-)** button in the DIM screen to adjust the brightness of the lights. Press the MODE (▲) button to scroll to Color screen. Press the **(+)** button or **(-)** button in the COLOR screen as many times as desired to toggle through the different light colors. Press the MODE (▲) button to scroll to Loop screen. Press the **(+)** button or **(-)** button in the LOOP screen to select a continuous sequence of colors, the higher the loop number the faster the color sequence will run. Press the MODE (▲) button to scroll to EXIT screen. Press the **(+)** button in the EXIT screen to exit the LIGHT menu.

If the lights are turned off while in the COLOR mode, the same COLOR will exist when the lights are reactivated. If in loop mode the color will go to blue when reactivated.

BRIGHTNESS - LCD

If you would like to change the brightness of the Control Panel screen:



A. Press the MODE (▲ or ▼) button until the TOOLS menu is displayed.
B. Press the **(+)** button to enter the TOOLS submenus.
C. Press the MODE (▲ or ▼) button until LCD is displayed.
D. Press the **(+)** button to enter into the LCD menu.
E. Using the **(+)** or the **(-)** button, adjust the desired screen brightness.

FRESHWATER *SALT SYSTEM (OPTIONAL)*

If your spa has the **FRESHWATER** Salt System installed you can navigate to the screen as follows:

- From the Home screen use the **MODE** (▲ or ▼) button to scroll to the Salt System menu
- Press the **(+)** button on the control panel to enter into the Salt System menu.

  (see **FRESHWATER** Salt System owner's manual for more information).



The Following screens will be visible once the Salt System is installed:

It is important to read the **FRESHWATER** Salt System Owner's manual, it will explain the functions of the following screens in more detail.



Scroll through the modes until this screen is visible. Press + to enter the Salt system menus.

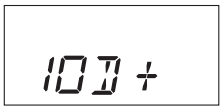




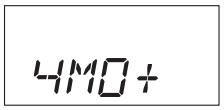
Scroll through the Salt system menus using the **MODE** (▲ or ▼) button until you see the OUT screen. Press + button to enter the System Output screen. Press the + or minus button to change between 0-10. See step 7 under "Getting Started" in the Salt system Owner's Manual on where to set the Salt System Output Level.



Scroll through the Salt system menus using the **MODE** (▲ or ▼) button until you see the BOST+ screen. Press the + button to activate the Boost screen or the - button to deactivate the 24 hour boost cycle. See "Boost" under "System Features" in Salt manual.



10 Day timer: This will be displayed after 10 days when entering the Salt System menu as a reminder to test spa water every 10 days as described in the Salt System manual under "Ongoing Maintenance" Step 2. Press the + button to confirm and cancel notice.

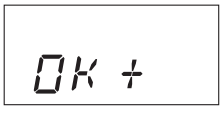


4 Month Cartridge change: This will be displayed after 4 months when entering the Salt System menu as a reminder to replace the Salt System cartridge as described in the Salt System manual under "Ongoing Maintenance" Step 3. **ONLY** press the + button if you want to acknowledge notice and suppress notice for another 7 days (if you want to change the cartridge see below).







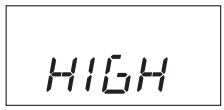


Scroll through the Salt system menus using the **MODE** (▲ or ▼) button until you see the CHNG+ screen. Press + button to activate the change cartridge process. Follow prompts to remove and insert the cartridge and press + button when prompted with OK+. See step 3 in the Salt manual under "Ongoing Maintenance" for more information about Changing the Cartridge.



Scroll through the Salt system menus using the **MODE** (▲ or ▼) button until you see the TEST+ screen. Press + button to activate the Test. See step 2 in the Salt manual under "Ongoing Maintenance" for more information about the Test mode.





Error Messaging: One of these two messages will be displayed when entering the Salt System menu should a High or Low Status occur. Follow the information in the Salt System Owner's Manual under Troubleshooting for System Status High or System Status Low to resolve the issue.



Scroll through the Salt system menus using the **MODE** (▲ or ▼) button until you see the EXIT+ screen. Press + button to leave the Salt System menu.



System Off message. When the OUTPUT for the Salt system is set to 0 this screen will be displayed when entering the Salt menu.



The POWER/READY will alternately flash when there is a water care issue.

AUDIO MENU (OPTIONAL)

The following applies to spas that have an optional wireless audio system installed:

When the wireless audio system has been installed on the spa, the control panel can be used to control the audio system.

The following information demonstrates how to navigate the music menu by using the spa's control panel.

AUDIO MENU

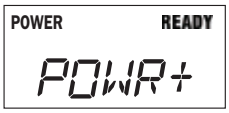


Once the music system is installed, an AUDIO menu will be accessible on the control panel screen.
To access the menu, press the MODE (▲ or ▼) button until AUDIO is displayed. BASIC CONTROL PANEL OPERATION

1. To enter into a sub-menu press the **(+)** button.
2. To move to the next menu press the MODE (▲) button
3. To exit from any sub-menu, press MODE (▲ or ▼) button as many times as necessary until EXIT is displayed then press the **(+)** button to exit that sub-menu.

TO TURN AUDIO SYSTEM ON/OFF

From the AUDIO screen:



1. Press the **(+)** button to display POWR -.
2. Press the **(+)** button to display POWR + and turn the audio system ON. Press the **(-)** button to display PWR - and turn the audio system OFF.

IMPORTANT: The power can take a few seconds to turn on or off.

TO PAIR BLUETOOTH

On your device, find *My Spa BTXR* or *My Spa Music.*

For *My Spa Music:*

1. Press My Spa Music using the standard pairing method on your mobile device.
2. Enter pairing number 0000 if asked to complete the pairing.

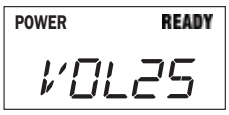
For *My Spa BTXR:*

1. Press the MODE (▲ or ▼) button until the SETUP screen is displayed.
2. Press the **(+)** button to display one of three audio sources, BLUE,TV, AUX in the setup menu. Bluetooth should be selected.
3. Press the MODE (▲ or ▼) button until the PAIR+ screen is displayed.
4. Press the **(+)** button followed by pressing "connect" next to *My Spa BTXR* on your device to pair.

After pairing, you will be ready to use your Bluetooth device. Only one paired Bluetooth device will work at a time.

TO ADJUST VOLUME

From the AUDIO screen:



1. Press the **(+)** button to display POWR.
2. Press the MODE (▲) button to display VOL.
3. Press the **(+)** button to increase volume and the **(-)** button to decrease volume.

NOTE: Volume range is from 0-40. No number displayed indicates Volume is OFF.

TO PAUSE/PLAY

From the AUDIO screen:



1. Press the the **(+)** button to display POWR.
2. Press the MODE (▲) button to display VOL.
3. Press the MODE (▲) button to display PLAY.
4. Press the **(+)** button to start the song or the **(-)** button to pause the song.

TO CHANGE TRACK

From the AUDIO screen:



1. Press the the **(+)** button to display POWR.
2. Press the MODE (▲) button to display VOL.
3. Press the MODE (▲) button to display PLAY.
4. Press the MODE (▲) button to display TRCK +.
5. Press either **(+)** button or **(-)** button to change the track (song).

TO GO TO SETUP MENU

From the AUDIO screen:



1. Press the **(+)** button to display POWR.
2. Press the MODE (▲) button to display VOL.
3. Press the MODE (▲) button to display PLAY.
4. Press the MODE (▲) button to display TRCK +
5. Press the MODE (▲) button to display SETUP.

TO CHANGE AUDIO SOURCE

From the SETUP screen:

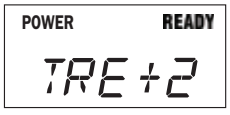


1. Press the **(+)** button to display one of three audio sources, BLUE,TV, AUX.
2. Press the **(+)** button to raise to the next source or press the **(-)** button to lower to the next source. Go to the source you will be using.

NOTE: Blue = Bluetooth®. To use the Bluetooth screen, your audio Bluetooth device must be paired with the spa.

TO ADJUST TREBLE

From the SETUP screen:

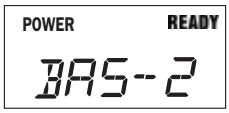


1. Press the **(+)** button to display one of four audio sources, IPOD,TV, AUX, BLUE.
2. Press the MODE (▲) button to display TRE -5 to +5.
3. Press **(+)** button to raise the Treble or press **(-)** button to lower the treble.

TO ADJUST BASS

From the SETUP screen:

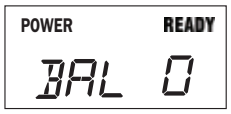
1. Press the **(+)** button to display one of four audio sources, IPOD,TV, AUX, BLUE.
2. Press the MODE (▲) button to display TRE.
3. Press the MODE (▲) button to display BAS -5 to +5.
4. Press **(+)** button to raise the Bass or press **(-)** button to lower the Bass.



TO ADJUST BALANCE

From the SETUP screen:

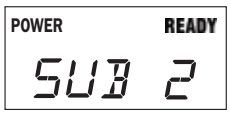
1. Press the **(+)** button to display one of four audio sources, IPOD,TV, AUX, BLUE.
2. Press the MODE (▲) button to display TRE.
3. Press the MODE (▲) button to display BAS.
4. Press the MODE (▲) button to display BAL -5 to +5.
5. Press **(+)** button to raise the Balance # or press **(-)** button to lower the Balance #.



TO ADJUST SUBWOOFER

From the SETUP screen:

1. Press the **(+)** button to display one of four audio sources, IPOD,TV, AUX, BLUE.
2. Press the MODE (▲) button to display TRE.
3. Press the MODE (▲) button to display BAS.
4. Press the MODE (▲) button to display BAL.
5. Press the MODE (▲) button to display SUB 0 to 11.
6. Press **(+)** button to raise the subwoofer # or press **(-)** button to lower the subwoofer #.



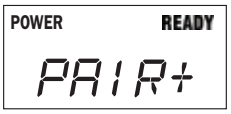
TO PAIR BLUETOOTH DEVICE

For *My Spa Music:*

1. Press My Spa Music using the standard pairing method on your mobile device.
2. Enter pairing number 0000 if asked to complete the pairing.

For *My Spa BTXR*, from the SETUP screen:

1. Press the **(+)** button to display one of three audio sources, BLUE,TV, AUX.
2. Press the MODE (▲ or ▼) button until PAIR is displayed.
3. Press **(+)** button followed by pressing "connect" next to *My Spa BTXR*.
4. Press the MODE (▲) button to display the signal strength (0-5) between your device and the spa.

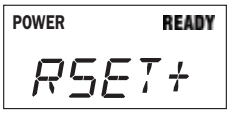




TO DISCONNECT BLUETOOTH (RESET)

From the SETUP screen:

1. Press the **(+)** button to display one of three audio sources, BLUE,TV, AUX.
2. Press the MODE (▲ or ▼) button until RSET+ is displayed.
3. Press **(+)** button to disconnect any device using the spa music system so that another paired device may be used. This is also necessary when trying to pair multiple devices because pairing is NOT possible when another device is connected to the music system.



JET MENU
RELAY *(MODEL RELE)*



Jet Pump 1

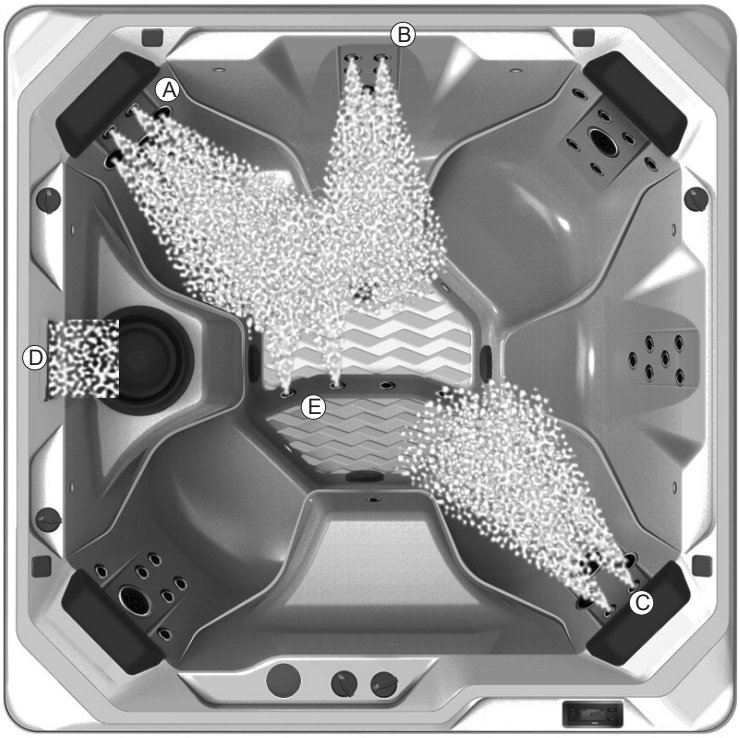
A. 4 **PRECISION** Jets and 1 Standard Directional Jet
B. 6 **PRECISION** Jets and 1 XL Directional Jet
C. 1 XL Rotary Jet
D. 1 Water feature.
E. 6 **PRECISION** Jets
F. 2 **PRECISION** Jets



Jet Pump 2

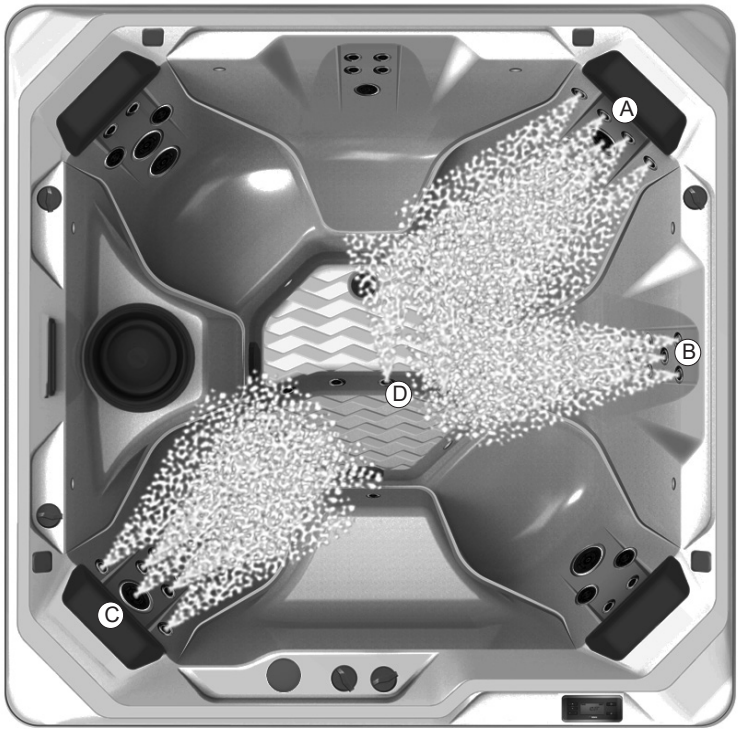
A. 2 **PRECISION** Jets, 2 Standard Rotary Jets and 1 XL Directional Jet
B. 6 **PRECISION** Jets
C. 2 **PRECISION** Jets, 2 Standard Directional Jets, 1 XL Directional jet and 1 XL Rotary Jet
D. 2 **PRECISION** Jets

JET MENU
RHYTHM *(MODEL RHYE)*



Jet Pump 1

A. 2 **PRECISION** Jets, 2 Standard Directional Jets, 1 XL Directional jet and 1 XL Rotary Jet
B. 4 **PRECISION** Jets and 1 Standard Directional Jet
C. 2 **PRECISION** Jets, 2 Standard Rotary Jets and 1 XL Directional Jet
D. 1 Water feature.
E. 2 **PRECISION** Jets



Jet Pump 2

A. 6 **PRECISION** Jets , 1 XL Directional Jet
B. 6 **PRECISION** Jets
C. 6 **PRECISION** Jets, 1 XL Rotary Jet
D. 2 **PRECISION** Jets

JET MENU
PROPEL *(MODEL PRPE)*



JET SYSTEM

A. 4 Precision Jets and 1 XL Directional Jet

B. 3 Precision Jets

C. 2 Precision Jets, 1 Standard Rotary Jet and 1 XL Directional Jet

D. 4 Precision Jets in Lounge

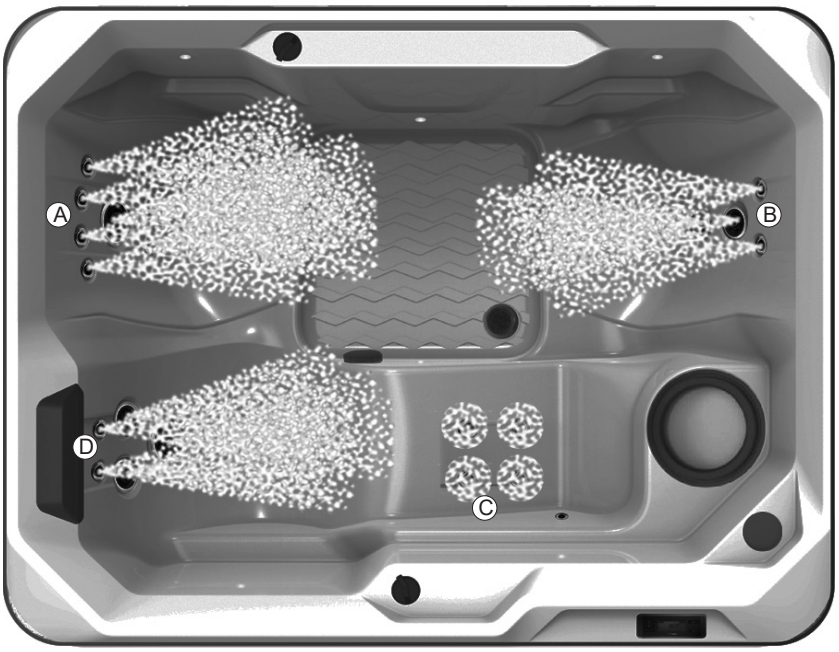
E. 1 Water Feature

F. 2 Precision Jets, 2 Standard Directional Jets and 1 XL Directional Jet

G. 1 Standard Rotary Jets

H. 2 Precision Jets

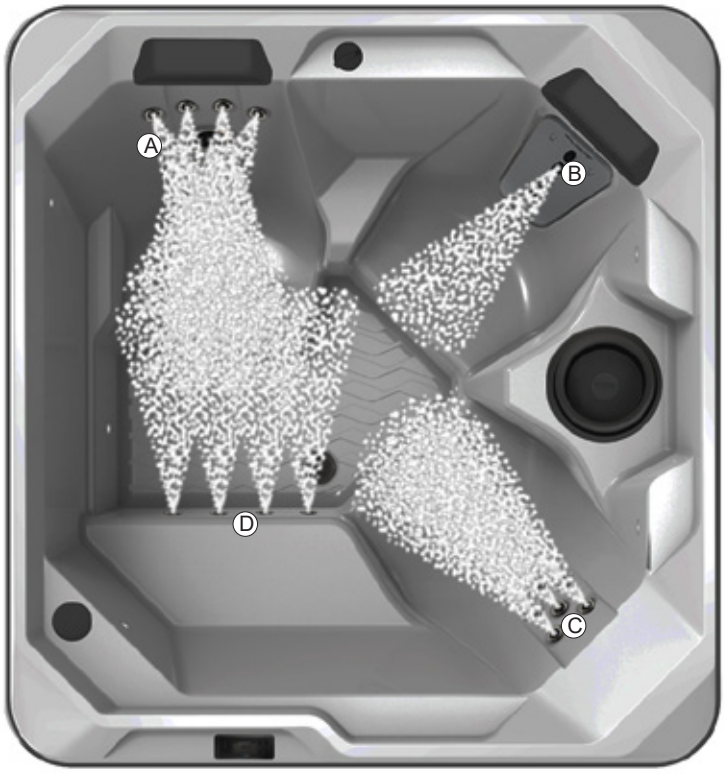
JET MENU
STRIDE *(MODEL STDE)*



Jet System

A. 6 **PRECISION** Jets, 1 XL Rotary Jet
B. 2 **PRECISION** Jets and 1 Standard Directional Jet and 1 Standard Rotary Jet
C. 4 **PRECISION** Jets
D. 2 **PRECISION** Jets, 2 Standard Directional Jets and 1 XL Directional Jet

JET MENU
SX *(MODEL SXE)*



Jet System

A. 6 **PRECISION** Jets, 1 XL Rotary Jet,
B. 1 **MOTO-MASSAGE** Jet
C. 6 **PRECISION** Jets
D. 4 **PRECISION** Jets

JET MENU

TX *(MODEL TX)*



Jet System

A. 4 **PRECISION** Jets, 1 Standard Directional Jet, 1 Standard Rotary Jet,
B. 1 **MOTO-MASSAGE** Jet
C. 4 **PRECISION** Jets

Spa Care and Maintenance

Your **HOT SPRING** spa is manufactured from the highest quality, most durable materials available. Even so, the spa care and maintenance program you develop will ultimately determine how long your spa, and its individual components, will last. Regular maintenance and following the advice in this section will help you to protect your investment.

DRAIN & REFILL INSTRUCTIONS

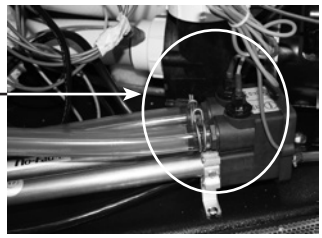
IMPORTANT: It is NOT recommended to refill your spa when the ambient temperature goes below 10° C (50° F).

1. Disconnect the spa from the power supply
2. Locate the drain valve for the spa (lower front of the spa) and remove the drain cap. Attach the inlet of a garden hose to the drain valve (to avoid flooding of the foundation surrounding the spa) and route the outlet of the hose to an appropriate draining area. Spa water with a high sanitizer level may harm plants and grass.
3. Open the drain valve by turning the knob. The spa will drain by gravitational flow.

   IMPORTANT: All **HOT SPRING** spa models will drain through the floor drain, use vacuum side of shop vac to remove remaining water. Any water remaining within the plumbing or equipment after draining will only need to be removed if the spa is being winterized.
4. When empty, inspect the spa shell and clean as required. (Follow the Care of the Exterior instructions.)
5. Close the drain valve and reinstall the drain cap.
6. Install new filter or clean existing with **FRESHWATER** filter cleaner.
7. Refill the spa through the filter compartment using the **CLEAN SCREEN** pre-filter.
   IMPORTANT: Refill water temperature must be between 10° - 21°C (50° - 70°F) to avoid high-limit tripping.
8. Follow the Quick Start-Up instructions in the Getting Started section.

COLD WATER REFILL

- When refilling your spa if the tap water is below 50° F (10° C) the spa may go into a High Limit Protection mode (causing your spa to stop functioning). If high limit tripping does occur, the fastest way to reactivate the spa control system is to first disconnect power to the spa completely, then warm the two sensors on top of the heater and the vinyl tubing (located in the equipment compartment) with a hair dryer for approximately 10 minutes. Once you believe the sensors and heater tubing have been warmed sufficiently, reconnect power to the spa.



- Blending warm water with the cold tap water so it exceeds 50° F (10° C) during the refilling process will also achieve the same results if that is an option for you.

PREVENTION OF FREEZING

Your spa has been designed and engineered for year-round use in any climate. In some areas, extremely cold temperatures below -12°C (10°F) combined with strong wind, may cause partial freezing of the jet pump, even though the water inside the spa remains at the selected temperature. The energy efficiency of the spa may also decrease during these cold periods, as the heater will cycle more frequently. As an additional precaution against partial freezing of some of the components, the equipment compartment can be insulated with an insulating kit (available from your local dealer). This insulating kit will also help to maximize the spa's energy efficiency.

NOTE: When warmer weather returns (approx. 15º-21ºC (60°-70°F)), the insulating kit must be removed to prevent overheating of the jet pump.

WINTERIZING YOUR SPA

If you leave the spa unused for a long period of time in severely cold weather, you should drain the spa and winterize it to avoid accidental freezing due to a power or equipment failure.

⚠ **DANGER:** Use only Propylene Glycol as your anti-freeze (available at most RV or marine supply stores). This is non-toxic. Never use an automobile anti-freeze (Ethylene Glycol) since it is toxic!

⚠ **WARNING**: Failure to follow these instructions correctly can lead to freeze damage not covered by warranty. It is strongly recommended that you contact your local dealer to perform this service

1. Drain your spa following the Draining & Refill Instructions section. Open waterfall valve.
2. Remove the filter cartridge, clean and store in a dry place. **IMPORTANT:** These additional instructions must be utilized when draining and winterizing your spa in climates where the temperature falls below 0°C (32°F). A combination (vacuum/blower) wet/dry shop vac must be used to effectively remove water that is trapped inside the plumbing lines.
3. Attach the vacuum hose to the vacuum side of the shop vac. Vacuum all openings and orifices as follows:
   a. Jet openings: start with the jets at the top and move downward (if suction is coming from another jet, block off the other jet using a large rag this will help pull out the water that is trapped deeper inside the main line).
   b. Filter suction fittings and filter compartment.
   c. Floor drain outlet to ensure water is drawn completely from the internal plumbing system).
4. Thoroughly dry the spa shell with a clean towel.
5. Replace the main drain cap. **CAUTION:** Use only Propylene Glycol as your anti-freeze. This is non-toxic. Never use an automobile anti-freeze (Ethylene Glycol) since it is toxic!
6. Using a long-extension funnel, pour anti-freeze into all standpipes, filter suction fittings, jet orifices and water feature orifices. Add enough anti-freeze to ensure adequate protection – in many cases, you will see the liquid in the orifice, or coming out of another location.
7. Close the spa cover and fasten the cover tie downs. Cover the spa cover with two pieces of plywood to evenly distribute the weight of snow and ice. Secure a plastic sheet, or tarp, over the spa cover and plywood.
8. Replace the equipment access door, if removed.

OPENING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Remove plywood and plastic sheet. Open the spa cover by unfastening the cover tie downs.
2. Follow the Start-up and Refill Procedures in the Operating

Instructions section of the Owner's Manual. Do not install filters to prevent them from exposure to the anti-freeze.

3. As part of this process, superchlorinate the spa water by adding three teaspoons of chlorine (sodium dichlor) per 950 liters (250 gallons) of spa water into the filter compartment. This is twice the normal amount of chlorine needed for superclorination. This extra amount of chlorine is needed to destroy the anti-freeze.

NOTE: A defoamer may be needed to decrease the amount of foam caused by the anti-freeze.

4. Drain your spa to ensure removal of anti-freeze. Do not drain water on grass or plants due to excessive chlorine level.
5. After the spa has completely drained, re-install your filter and follow the Start-up and Refill Procedures in the Operating Instructions section of the Owner's Manual.

IMPORTANT: Always keep spa covered when not in use, whether it is empty or full.

FILTER SYSTEM

HOT SPRING spas are equipped with one filter cartridge, sized to meet the needs of the jet pump system.

At least once a week, check and clean the skimmer basket and weir to ensure proper filter flow. Remove leaves, foreign matter, and debris. It is very important to keep your spa filter cartridge clean and free of particles to ensure proper water flow. A clean filter permits the hydrotherapy system to function properly and also allows more efficient filter cycles. Depending on how frequently your spa is used, we recommend cleaning the spa filter cartridge every four weeks. If this is not done, the filter may clog and restrict water flow, which causes improper filtration and poor jet performance.

⚠ **WARNING:** To reduce the risk of injury to persons using the spa, DO NOT remove the suction fittings (filter standpipes) located in the filter compartment and do not sit on the filter cover.

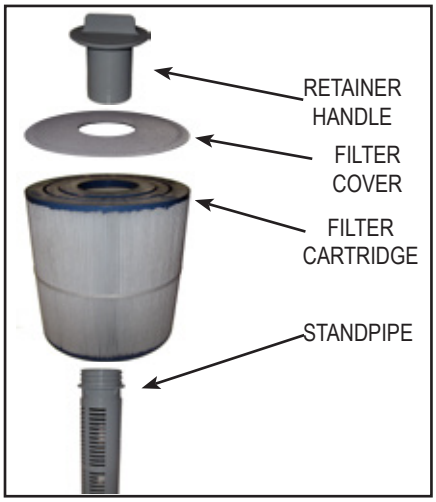
SECONDARY SUCTION SCREEN

Located in the foot well of your spa are secondary suction screens. The screen is used as a filter to prevent dirt from circulating through the system.

⚠ **WARNING:** Do not use the spa with the suction screens removed.

FILTER CARTRIDGES REMOVAL & CLEANING

1. Disconnect the spa from the power supply by turning the power to the spa OFF.
2. Remove any floating items from within the filter compartment.
3. Turn the filter retainer handle (located on the top of the filter cartridge) counterclockwise until the retainer can be removed from the filter standpipe.



4. Remove the filter retainer, cover and cartridge

SERVICE NOTE: Never remove the filter standpipe when debris is present in the filter compartment. Debris may find its way into the internal plumbing which may result in blockage. NEVER REMOVE SUCTION FITTINGS!

5. Always clean the filter using a filter degreaser, such as **HOT SPRING FRESHWATER** Filter Cleaner, to remove mineral and oil build-up. Simply soak the filter in the degreaser according to the package directions, then place the filter on a clean surface and spray until clean using a garden hose. It may be necessary to rotate the filter while spraying to remove any debris lodged between the filter pleats.
6. To reinstall the filter cartridge, reverse the order of steps in which it was removed. Do not overtighten.

⚠ **WARNING:** Do not use the spa with the filter cartridges, or filter standpipe(s) removed!

CARE OF THE SPA PILLOWS

The spa pillows will provide years of comfort if treated with care. They have been positioned above the water level to minimize the bleaching effects of chlorinated water, and other spa water chemicals. To extend their life, whenever the spa shell is being cleaned, the spa pillows should be removed and cleaned. Body oils can be removed with a mild soap and water solution. ALWAYS rinse off the spa pillows thoroughly to remove any soap residue. The pillows can be conditioned with **HOT SPRING** Cover Shield after cleaning. If the spa is not going to be used for a long period of time (that is during a vacation, or if the spa is winterized), or when the spa water is being super-chlorinated, the spa pillows should be removed until the next spa use.

To remove and replace the spa pillows:

1. Carefully lift one end of the pillow away from the spa shell.
2. Continue lifting one end until all pillow retainers are released from the pillow.

   IMPORTANT: Just pulling the pillow straight up and out of the shell recess will eventually damage the pillow. This abuse is not covered under warranty.
3. To reinstall the spa pillow, carefully bend the pillow slightly to allow one of the pillow retainers to slip into the recess in the back of the pillow.
4. Keeping the pillow slightly bent, slide the other pillow retainer into the recess in the back of the pillow.
5. After all the pillow retainers are in place, press the pillow down into the recess in the spa shell.

CARE OF THE EXTERIOR

SPA SHELL

Your **HOT SPRING** spa has an acrylic shell. Stains and dirt generally will not adhere to your spa's surface. A soft rag or a nylon scrubber should easily remove most dirt. Most household chemicals are harmful to your spa's shell (see below for detailed information on cleaning agents). Always rinse off any spa shell cleaning agent with fresh water.

IMPORTANT:

1. The following products are the ONLY approved cleaning agents for your **HOT SPRING** spa shell: plain water, **HOT SPRING FRESHWATER** Spa Shine, or Soft Scrub®. The use of alcohol or any other household cleaner other than those listed to clean the spa shell surface is NOT recommended. DO NOT use any cleaning products containing abrasives or solvents since they may damage the shell surface, specifically: Simple Green®, Windex® or Spa Mitt. NEVER

USE HARSH CHEMICALS! Damage to the shell by use of harsh chemicals is not covered under the warranty. Always rinse off any spa shell cleaning agent with fresh water.

2. Iron and copper in the water can stain the spa shell if allowed to go unchecked. Ask your **HOT SPRING** dealer about a Stain and Scale Inhibitor to use if your spa has a high concentration of dissolved minerals. (**WATKINS WELLNESS** recommends **FRESHWATER** Stain & Scale Defense.)
3. Keep all cleaners out of the reach of children and use care when applying.

CARE OF THE SPA CABINET

The simulated wood cabinet consists of a rigid polymer that combines the durability of plastic, with the beauty of wood.

Cleaning of simulated wood consists of simply spraying the cabinet with a mild soap and water solution to remove any stains and residue.

CARE OF THE SPA COVER

⚠ **WARNING:** The cover is a manual safety cover that meets or exceeds all prevailing requirements of ASTM 1346-91 for spa safety covers when installed and used correctly as of the date of manufacture. Non-secured, or improperly secured covers are a hazard.

Open the cover to its fully open position before use.

COVER CARE

The cover is made with a solution dyed polyester fabric and is an attractive, durable foam insulation product. Monthly cleaning is recommended to maintain its beauty and a longer fabric life.

To clean and condition the polyester cover:

1. Remove and gently lean against a wall or fence. If a cover lifter has been installed keep cover closed and make sure all seams are closed to prevent any soap from entering the spa.
2. With a garden hose, spray the cover to loosen and rinse away dirt or debris.
3. Add four tablespoons of mild soap or mild dishwashing liquid with 4 liters (one gallon) of lukewarm water. Clean using a soft bristle brush. Rinse thoroughly with cold water and air dry. **IMPORTANT**: Do not let the polyester dry with a soap film on it before it can be rinsed clean.
4. Scrub the cover's perimeter and side flaps. Rinse clean with water.
5. Rinse off the underside of the cover with water only (use no soap), and wipe it clean with a dry rag.

DO:

- Remove snow buildup to avoid breakage of the foam core from the additional weight of the snow.
- Lock cover lock straps to secure the cover when the spa is not in use.

DON'T:

- Drag or lift the spa cover using either the flaps, or the cover lock straps.
- Walk, stand, or sit on the cover.
- Place any metal or heat transferring object on the cover or place any type of plastic tarp or drop cloth over the cover as this may result in a melted foam core, which would not be covered under the warranty.
- Use any lifting mechanisms, chemicals, or cleaners except those recommended by **WATKINS WELLNESS**, or its Authorized Sales and Service Dealer.

COVER LIFTER SYSTEM

Clearance required behind cover when open:

CoverCradle® & CoverCradle II	UpRite®
61 cm (24")	18 cm (7")

HOW TO OPEN THE COVER

IMPORTANT: Never attempt to open or remove the cover by grasping or pulling on the skirting or cover lock straps. The skirting will tear, and torn skirting is not covered under the terms of the warranty.

Check for ice build-up around the gas springs and pivot points of the retractable cover system. Ice buildup may damage system components.

⚠ **WARNING:** The cover and retractable cover system are not recommended for use in wind conditions reaching above 40 kmh (25 mph).

IMPORTANT: If your spa is located in an area susceptible to high winds, additional coverlock straps may be installed to minimize wind damage to the cover.

1. With the cover lock straps unfastened, place one hand under the cover skirting, between the spa and cover, to break the cover's vacuum seal. Then, fold the front half of the cover over onto the back half.
2. If no rear access is available, stand to the side of the spa directly adjacent to the hinge area of the folded cover.
   a) **For the COVERCRADLE retractable cover systems:** Using both hands, cup one hand under the lower half of the cover (just above the water) and place the other along the side of the cover, just above the skirt. Gently push (do not lift) with both hands towards the opposite rear corner of the cover (diagonally). As the cover opens, the gas springs will allow the cover to come to a gentle stop.
   b) **For the UPRITE retractable cover system:** Simply lift the cover at its center hinge, allowing it to move to the back of the spa and to rest gently there.

IMPORTANT: When opening a cover with a retractable cover system, only use one of these three specific methods. Do not attempt to open the cover in any other way. Damage caused by improper opening or closing of the cover is not covered under the terms of the limited warranty.

HOW TO CLOSE THE COVER

1. Standing along side the cover, place one hand on the upper corner of the cover and gently push forward in the direction of the spa. The cover will rotate forward to cover half of the spa.
   IMPORTANT: For the **UPRITE** retractable cover system, disengage the locking mechanism(s) before pushing the cover forward.
2. Unfold the cover by lifting the handle located on the top (front) half of the cover. Allow the unfolded half to fall down onto the spa. The air pressure created by the cover falling will keep the skirting from being trapped between the cover and the spa shell.

Electrical Requirements

IMPORTANT: Fill the spa with water before turning on the power.

Your **HOT SPRING** spa has been carefully designed to give you maximum safety against electrical shock. Connecting the spa to an improperly wired circuit will negate many of the spa's safety features. Improper wiring may also cause electrocution, risk of fire, and other risks of injuries. Please read and follow the electrical installation requirements and instructions for your spa completely!

DANGER. RISK OF INJURY.
- **Never leave a spa uncovered or unattended.**
- **Never leave a spa cover unlocked.**
- **Do not stand, sit, or lie on the cover.**

HOT SPRING SPAS MUST BE WIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTRICAL CODES. ALL ELECTRICAL WORK SHOULD BE DONE BY AN EXPERIENCED, LICENSED ELECTRICIAN. WE RECOMMEND THE USE OF APPROPRIATE ELECTRICAL CONDUIT, FITTINGS, AND WIRE FOR ALL CIRCUITS.

The **RELAY** and **RHYTHM** spas require a 20 amp, single phase, 220-240 volt, three wire service (one line, one neutral, one ground). Additionally, one main disconnect switch with at least 3 mm separation between contacts must be used for all electrical circuits to the spa.

The **PROPEL, STRIDE,** SX & TX models require a 16 amp, single phase,220- 240 volt, three wire service (one line, one neutral, one ground). Additionally, one main disconnect switch with at least 3 mm separation between contacts must be used for all electrical circuits to the spa.

NOTE: An Authorized **HOT SPRING** Spa Technician must reconfigure spa using the soft jumpers to allow the heater to run concurrent with jet pump.

Mount the subpanel according to local codes, but not closer than 1.5 meters (5 feet) away.

CONDUIT INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. To connect the electrical service, first remove the screws from the equipment compartment door. Carefully pull the door panel down and away in order to remove it completely from the spa.
2. Locate the control box. Loosen the screws on the front of the control box. Remove the screws and the control box cover.
3. Route the electrical conduit through the access openin g of the spa.
4. Connect the supply conduit to the control box and connect the wiring as detailed on the next page, or on the wiring diagram label on the inside of the control box cover.

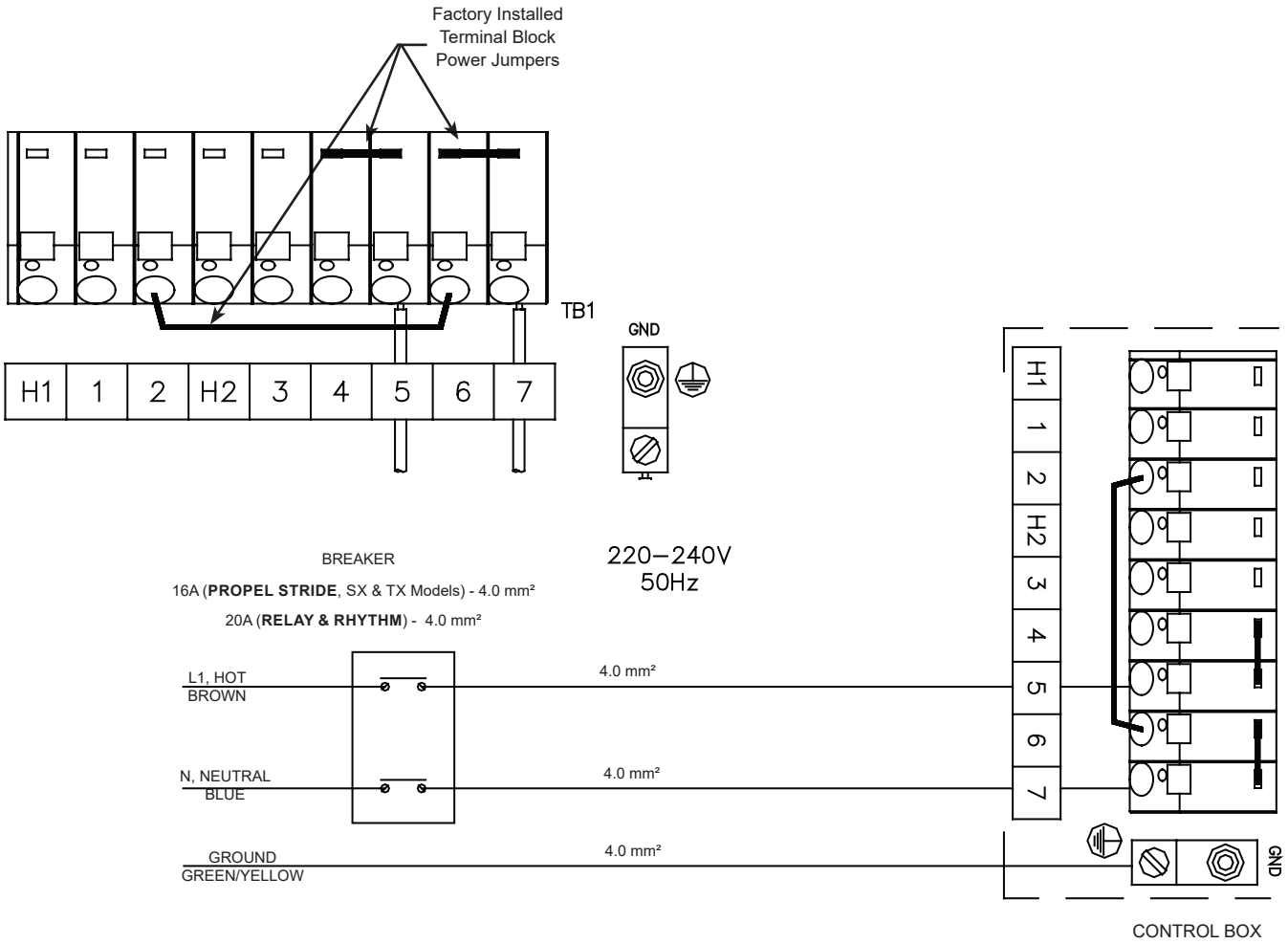
⚠ **WARNING**: Your spa must be supplied by a residual current device (RCD) - with a tripping rating not exceeding 30 mA in an electrical subpanel.

Removing or bypassing any RCD breakers will result in an unsafe spa and will void the spa's warranty.

IMPORTANT: Should you ever find the need to move or relocate your **HOT SPRING** spa, it is essential that you understand and apply these installation requirements. Your **HOT SPRING** spa has been carefully engineered to provide maximum safety against electric shock. Remember, connecting the spa to an improperly wired circuit will negate many of its safety features.

NOTE: Long wiring runs may require larger-gauge wire than stated.

240 VOLT 50HZ SUBPANEL WIRING



Installation Instructions

SITE PREPARATION

You probably have a spot picked out for your new spa, whether it's indoors or outdoors, on a patio or on a deck. Just make sure you check the following:

- Always put your spa on a structurally sound, level surface. A filled spa can weigh a great deal. Make certain that the location you choose can support the weight.
- Don't forget to level your spa before filling it. (See Spa Leveling Preparation.)
- Be sure to locate your equipment compartment, which houses all of the electrical components, in a place where water drainage will be away from it. Allowing water into the equipment compartment can cause damage to the electronics, or may result in tripping the circuit breaker on your house's electrical panel.
- Leave yourself easy access to the circuit breakers.
- Leave access to the equipment compartment for periodic spa care and maintenance.

⚠ **WARNING: Damage to the spa's equipment compartment components or internal plumbing as a result of rodent infestation is NOT covered under your warranty!**

OUTDOOR AND PATIO INSTALLATION

No matter where you put your new spa, it's important that it has a solid foundation to support it. In fact, structural damage to the spa, resulting from incorrect installation, or placement on an inadequate foundation, is not covered under the spa's limited warranty.

If you install the spa outdoors, we recommend a reinforced concrete pad at least ten centimeters (four inches) thick. The reinforcing rod or mesh in the pad should be attached to a 6 mm² bonding wire per national electrical codes (contact your local electrical code compliance inspector for more information; inspection for proper grounding may be required before pouring concrete to form the slab).

If you place the spa on the ground, even temporarily, place stepping stones under the leveling areas (see Spa Leveling Instructions). The stones should be at least 5 cm (2") thick and 30 cm (12") square. Even with stones in place, the spa will inevitably settle and become unlevel. Plus, a spa surrounded by dirt or grass will soon be filled with dirt or grass from users' feet. So get it onto a solid foundation as soon as possible.

DECK INSTALLATION

To be certain your deck can support your spa, you must know the deck's maximum load capacity. Consult a qualified building contractor or structural engineer. To find the weight of your spa, its contents and occupants, refer to the Spa Specification chart. This weight per square meter must not exceed the structure's rated capacity, or serious structural damage could result.

CAUTION: WATKINS WELLNESS suggests a structural engineer or contractor be consulted before the spa is placed on an elevated deck.

INDOOR/BASEMENT INSTALLATION

Be aware of some special requirements if you place your spa indoors. Water will accumulate around the spa, so flooring materials must provide a good grip when wet. Proper drainage is essential to prevent a build-up of water around the spa. When building a new room for the spa it is recommended that a floor drain be installed. The humidity will naturally increase with the spa installed. Water may get into woodwork and produce dry rot, mildew, or other problems. Check for airborne moisture's effects on exposed wood, paper, etc. in the room. To minimize these effects, it is best to provide plenty of ventilation to the spa area. An architect can help to determine if more ventilation must be installed.

HOT SPRING spas are equipped with a vent to remove excessive heat from the equipment compartment. Find this vent (its under the bottom front left or right corner) and be sure the vent is not blocked by anything, including carpeting.

Your **HOT SPRING** dealer can help you with local information such as zoning regulations and building codes. They can also give you a copy of our planning guide.

CAUTION: Do not install the spa on a heated floor.

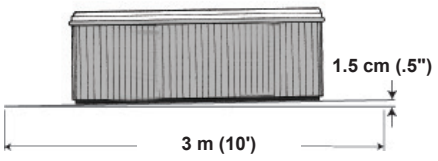
⚠ **WARNING:** Please keep the area around your spa well ventilated when it is installed indoors or in a confined area. Inadequate ventilation around the spa could cause a build-up of a higher-than-normal concentration of spa chemicals and/or bacterial fragments. These dispersed spa chemicals and/or bacterial fragments can be inhaled, and may result in breathing difficulties or lung damage in certain people suffering from a compromised immune system or respiratory infection. If you or other bathers are affected by this condition, please seek medical attention as soon as possible.

In addition to the above, properly clean and maintain your spa as follows:

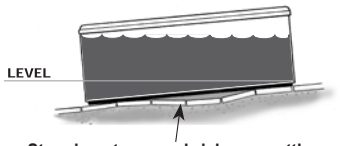
- Follow all procedures in this owner's manual and printed instructions on all water care (chemical) products packaging.
- Test the water regularly to ensure proper levels of sanitizers, pH, and other water care requirements.
- Drain, clean, and refill your spa with fresh water on a regular schedule, and in accordance with this owner's manual.
- Clean the filter(s) at least once per month.
- Check to make sure you have proper circulation throughout your spa water system.
- Have spa users bathe before entering the spa water.

SPA LEVELING PREPARATION

Concrete sloped at 1.5 cm (.5") per 3 m (10') is preferred so that rain water and water spillover will run off and not puddle underneath the spa (water under the spa for long periods of time may cause the wood to deteriorate). Other options are brick, stepping stone, or blocks.



Slope 1.5 cm (5") per 3 m (10')for proper drainage.



Stepping stones or brick may settle causing the spa to be unlevel.

It is important to note that soft surfaces, even when stepping stones are used to evenly distribute the weight of the spa, will have a tendency to settle, thus resulting in an unleveled spa.

NOTE: Placing the spa on grass or dirt may increase the amount of debris which is inadvertently brought into the spa water and may cause harm to your equipment as well as the spa surface, which is not covered under warranty.

DELIVERY ACCESS

First, locate the dimensions of your spa on the following chart. The dimensions shown are the measurements of the spa in the vertical position, laid on its side.

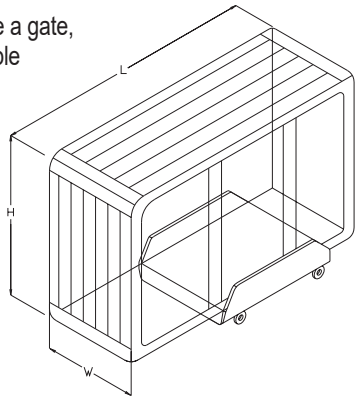
Model	W	L	H
RELAY (RELE)	91 cm (36")	213 cm (84")	213 cm (84")
RHYTHM (RHYE)	91 cm (36")	213 cm (84")	213 cm (84")
PROPEL (PRPE)	84 cm (33")	208 cm (82")	208 cm (82")
STRIDE (STDE)	74 cm (29")	213 cm (84")	165 cm (65")
SX (SXE)	84 cm (33")	196 cm (77")	183 cm (72")
TX (TXE)	74 cm (29")	183 cm (72")	183 cm (72")

Next, contact your dealer to find the height and width added by the delivery cart which the dealer will use to deliver your new spa. Use the height of the cart plus the dimension shown as H to determine the vertical clearance required to pass the spa and cart. Use the width of the cart, or dimension W, whichever is greater, to determine the maximum width of clearance necessary.

NOTE: It may be necessary to allow for additional over-head clearance if the spa will be rolled up or down an incline or moved up or down a short flight of stairs.

Use the information above to determine the requirements for access to your desired location.

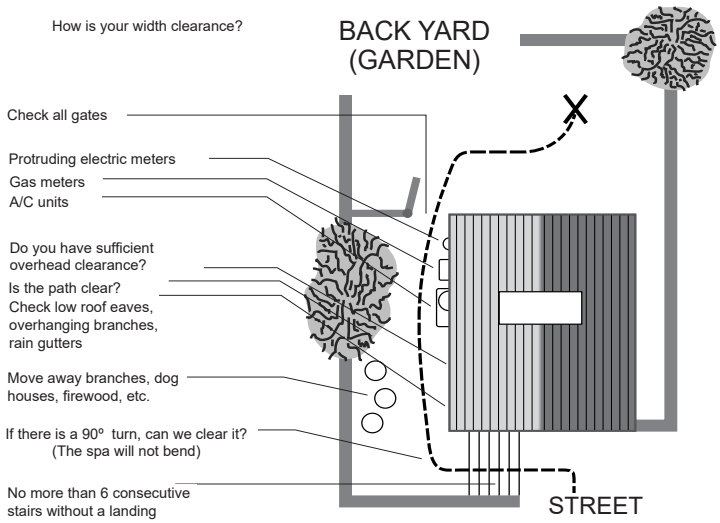
It may be necessary to remove a gate, part of a fence, or other movable obstructions in order to roll the spa to its installation site.



If the spa has to be taken off the cart to go over a wall (either because the entry area is too narrow, the eaves are too low, the corner is too tight, or the stairway is too steep), a crane will be required. This is a common practice.

The crane has a truck-mounted boom which can fit right in your driveway. It must be run by a licensed and insured operator. For a charge, the crane operator will lift your spa over walls, buildings, or any other obstruction and place it as close to the installation site as possible. Crane delivery typically takes an average of 60 minutes to complete.

NOTE: If your spa delivery requires the use of a crane, you may be required to pay for its services at the completion of the delivery.



GROUND PREPARATION

Your **HOT SPRING** spa has been engineered to perform on several kinds of surfaces. While a concrete slab is best for long-term use*, other foundations are acceptable so long as a level base is prepared prior to delivery.

***NOTE:** A reinforced concrete pad at least four inches thick or a deck that is able to withstand more than 586 kg/m² is recommended for the **RELAY** spas, 610 kg/m² is recommended for the **RHYTHM** spa, 505 kg/m² is recommended for the **PROPEL** spa.

INSTALLATION NOTES:

If you are purchasing a deck package or a gazebo with your spa, a solid foundation becomes mandatory. Placing them on any surface other than a single level pad could create problems with their installation. Pictured at right are a few of the recommended surfaces.

As a homeowner, it is your responsibility to provide a suitable, level foundation for your spa. Keep in mind that most delivery crews are not equipped to level and prepare spa sites.

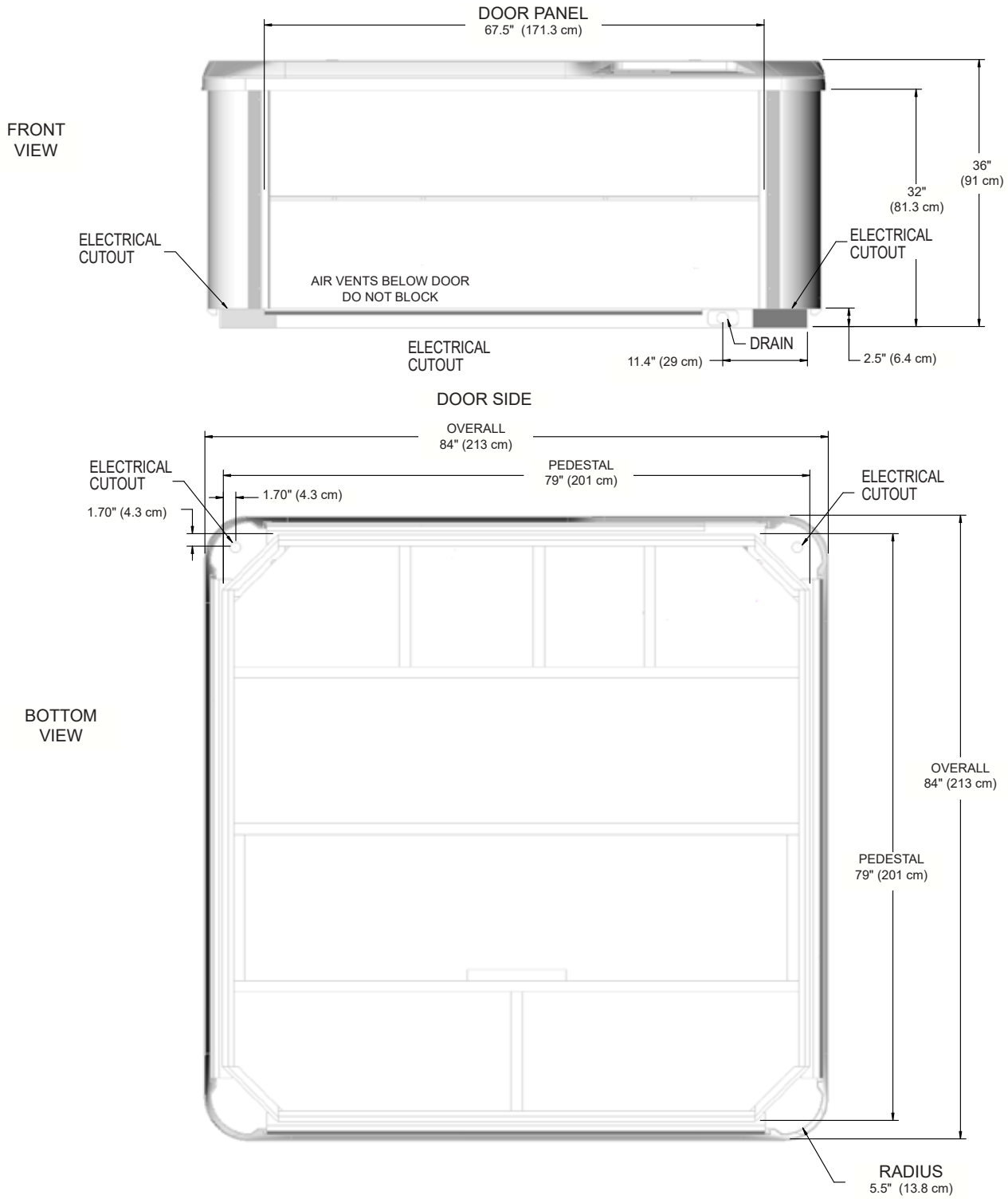
If you are interested in having a concrete slab, brick surface, or wood deck installed, your **HOT SPRING** dealer should be able to suggest a qualified, licensed contractor.

NOTE: In order for the spa to operate properly and the internal plumbing to drain completely, you must ensure that the spa is level after it has been installed. Your **HOT SPRING** spa delivery crew can help you perform the procedure.

RELAY / RHYTHM *(MODEL RELE / RHYE)*

Dimensions

NOTE: All dimensions are approximate; measure your spa before making critical design or pathway decisions.



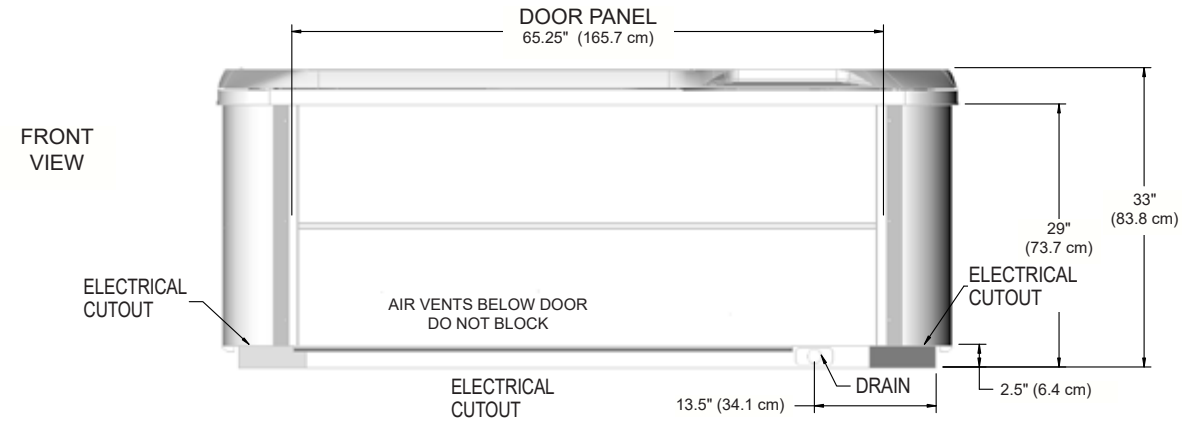
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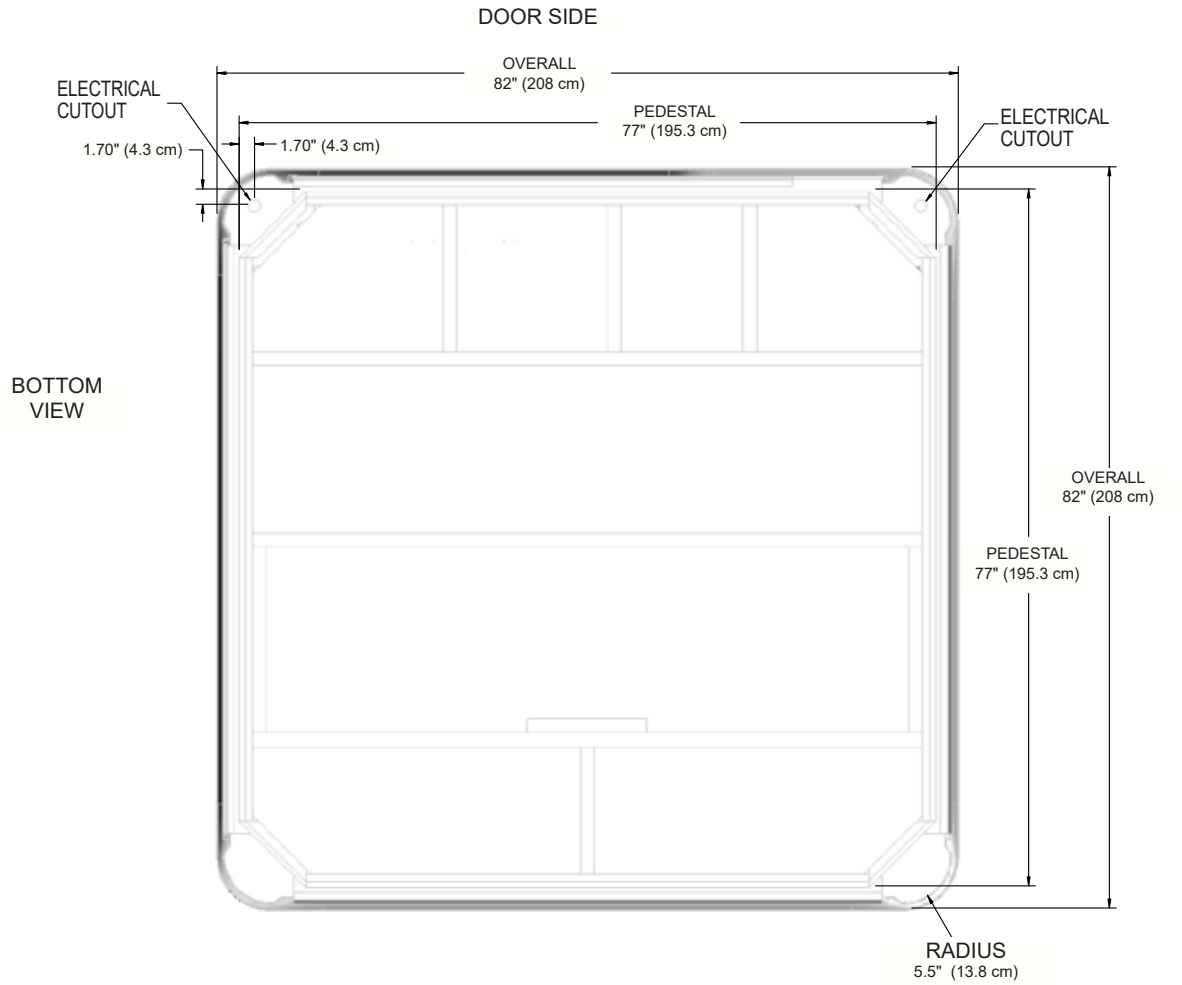
WARNING: The RELAY & RHYTHM must not be shimmed in any manner.

PROPEL *(MODEL PRPE)*

Dimensions

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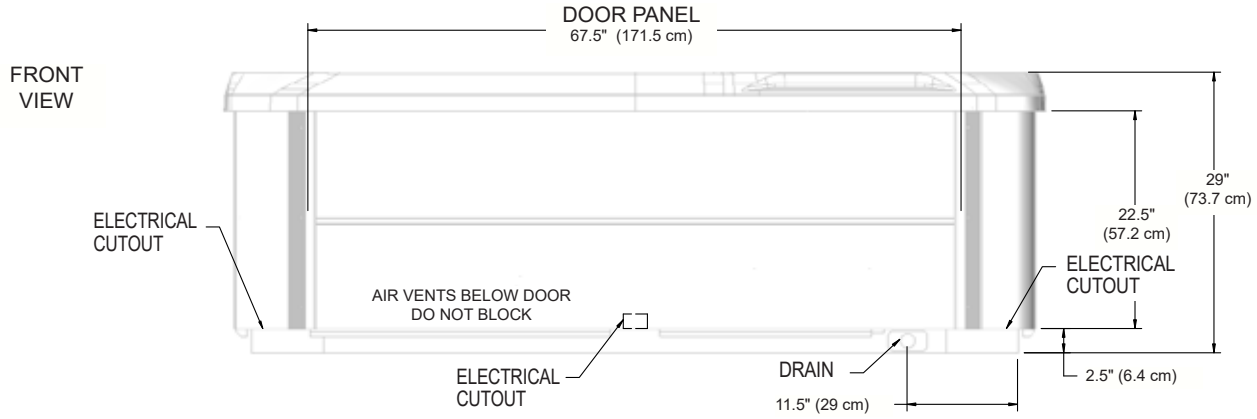
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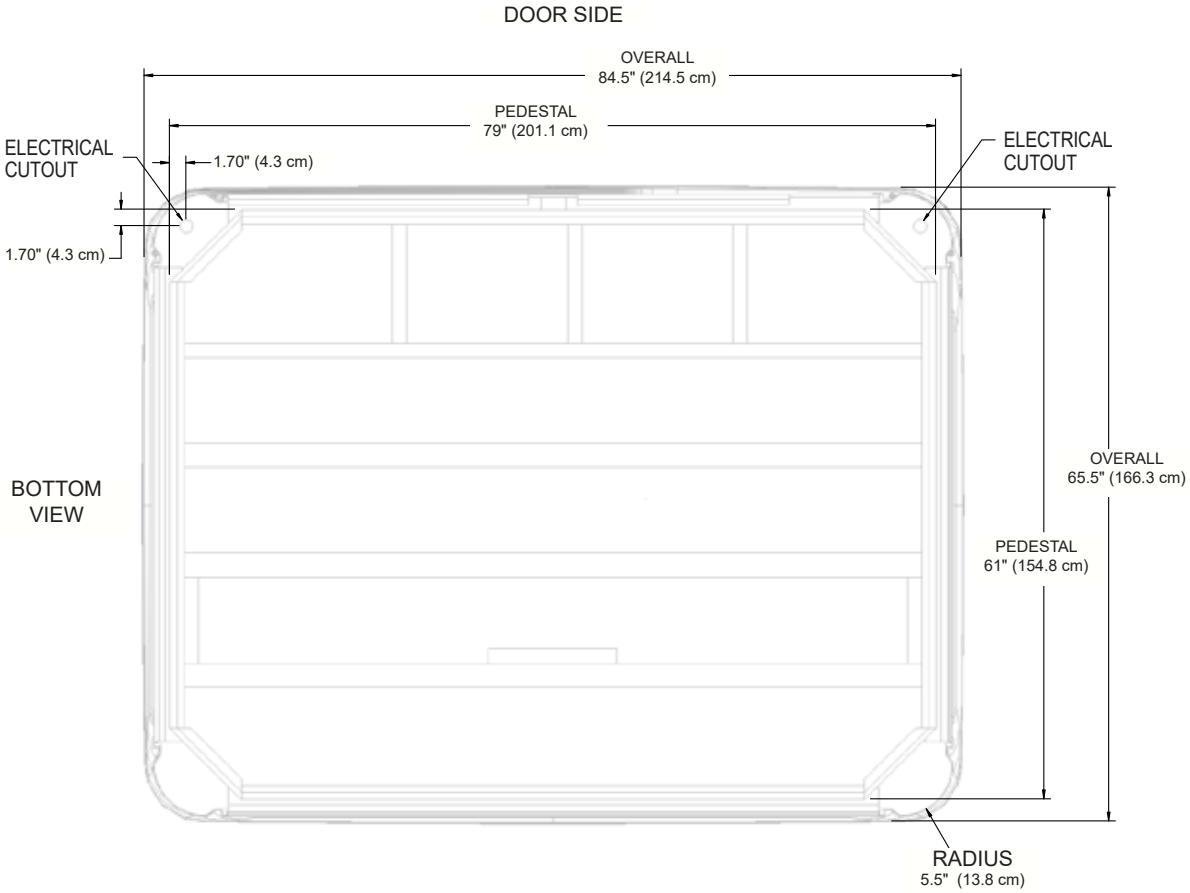
WARNING: The PROPEL must not be shimmed in any manner.

STRIDE *(MODEL STDE)*

Dimensions

NOTE: All dimensions are approximate; measure your spa before making critical design or pathway decisions.





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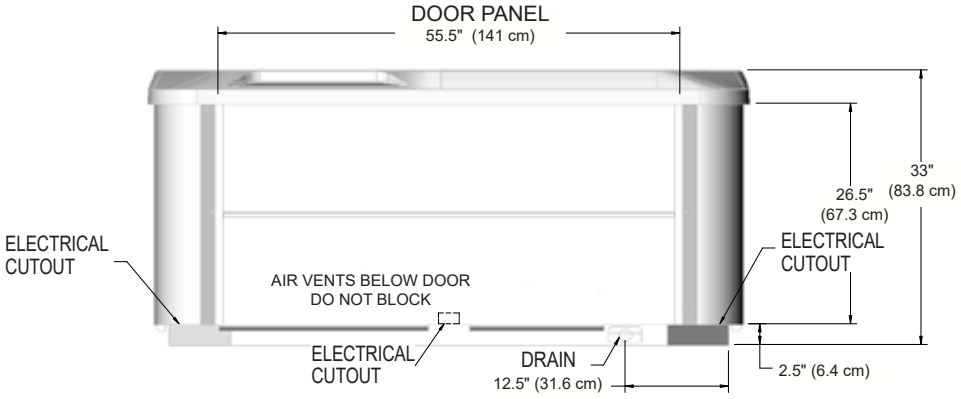
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SX *(MODEL SXE)*

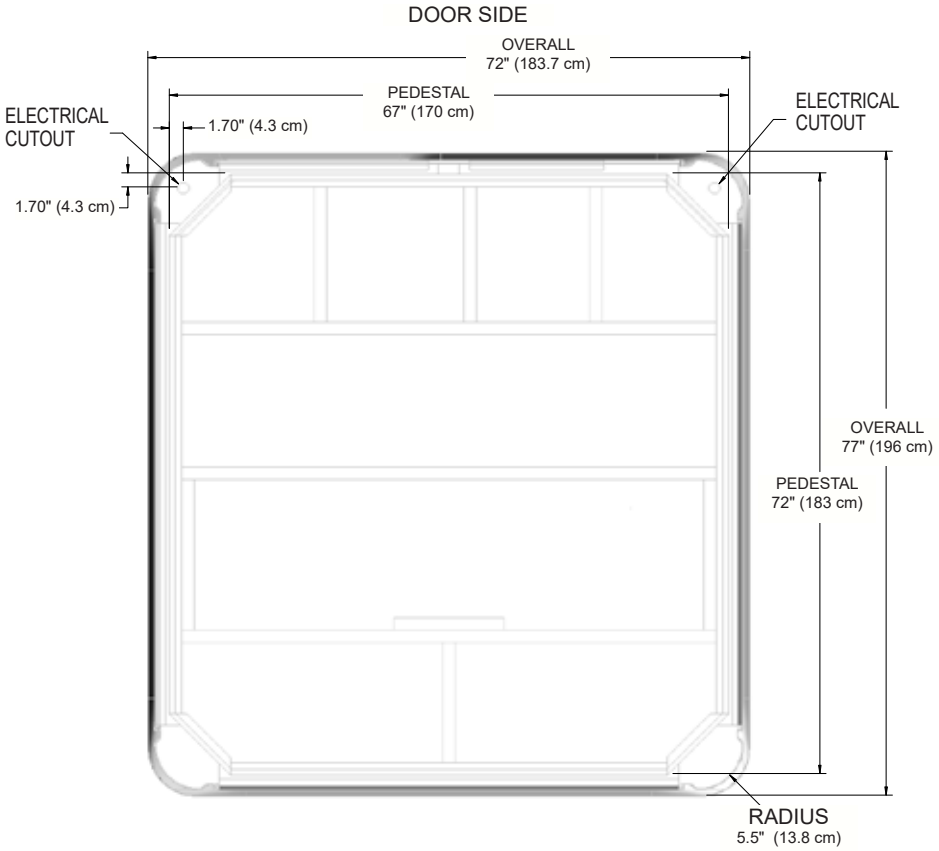
Dimensions

NOTE: All dimensions are approximate; measure your spa before making critical design or pathway decisions.

FRONT VIEW



BOTTOM VIEW



NOTE: WATKINS WELLNESS recommends that the SX be installed on a minimum 10 cm (4") thick reinforced concrete pad or structurally sound deck able to support the "dead weight" found in the spa specification chart.

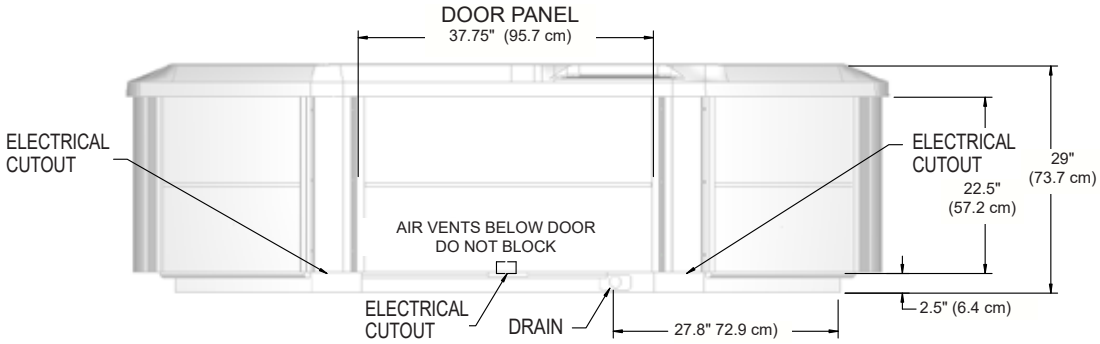
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TX *(MODEL TXE)*

Dimensions

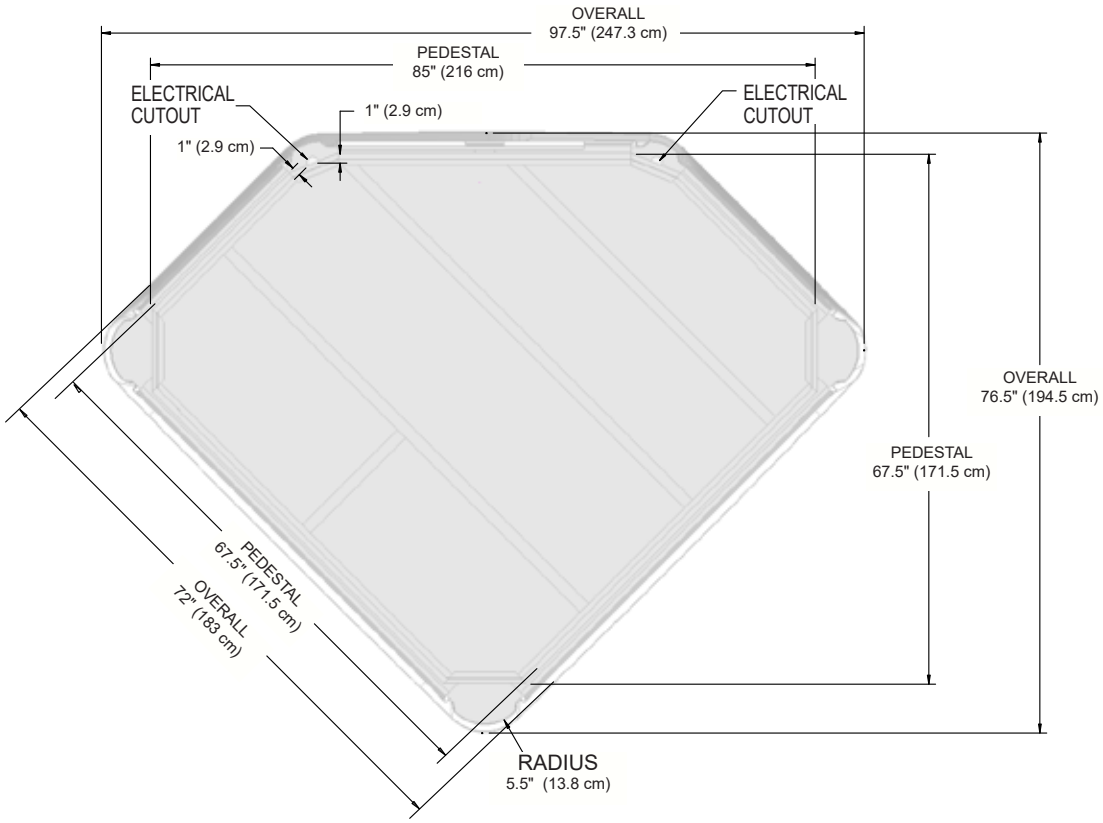
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FRONT VIEW



DOOR SIDE

BOTTOM VIEW



NOTE: WATKINS WELLNESS recommends that the TX be installed on a minimum 10 cm (4") thick reinforced concrete pad or structurally sound deck able to support the "dead weight" found in the spa specification chart.

WARNING: The TX **must not be shimmed in any manner.**

Service Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

Your **HOT SPRING** spa has been designed to provide years of trouble-free use. As with any appliance, problems may occasionally occur that require the expertise of a qualified service person. Though such simple repairs as resetting a RCD switch or breaker, high limit thermostat, or pressure switch, or replacing a light bulb may not require a service call, they may indicate that a more serious condition exists. These conditions may require an experienced service person. Before calling for service, please refer to the Troubleshooting Guide.

NOTE: Always retain your original sales receipt for future reference.

RCD AND HIGH LIMIT THERMOSTAT

If your spa fails to operate at any time, the following items should be checked:

1. Check the power supply to the spa.
2. Check the RCD and see if it has tripped. If a RCD has tripped, reset it. If it will not reset, this may be an indication of a ground fault (short circuit) within the electrical components. Contact an Authorized Service Technician for a complete diagnosis.
3. If, upon checking the RCD you find it has not tripped, check the house breaker panel and ensure the main breaker for the electrical circuit supplying the spa has not tripped. If it has, this is an indication that either the circuit was overloaded or a ground fault exists between the breaker panel and the spa receptacle. Contact a qualified electrician.
4. If, upon checking the main house breaker, you find no failures, the heater high-limit thermostat should be checked. Tripping of the heater high-limit thermostat is normally a result of one or a combination of any of these problems: 1) blockage within the system plumbing, 2) switch malfunction in the heater circuit, or 3) the low speed mode of the jet pump is not functioning.
5. If the heater high-limit has tripped, the control panel display will display - - - - - . Reset the heater high-limit by allowing the water to cool and disconnecting power to the spa for at least thirty seconds. If the heater high-limit continues to trip, contact an Authorized Service Technician for a complete diagnosis.

If the spa does not function and the RCD or RCD breaker and heater high-limit have not tripped, then the problem should be referred to an Authorized Service Technician. Refer to the Troubleshooting Guide for additional service information.

HEATER AND INTEGRATED PRESSURE SWITCH

Watkins Wellness unconditionally warrants the heater against any failure that would require replacement. This warranty's duration is equal to the time period identified in the Heater Warranty. This warranty defines unconditional as warranty coverage without exception provided that the component has failed to operate properly within the spa's system. This means that conditions that would normally invalidate the limited warranty, such as water chemistry damage, do not apply to the heater.

It is important to note that the heater is protected by both the heater high limit thermostat circuit and the integrated pressure switch. The causes of heater high limit tripping are discussed in the previous section.

If the spa is not heating, the red and green lights are blinking, but the pump and light are operating, then the pressure switch may be open. Opening of the pressure switch is normally a result of one or a combination of these problems:

1. A clogged filter cartridge
2. Blockage within the system plumbing
3. Power was not disconnected to the spa before it was drained
4. An air lock in the plumbing lines
5. Circulation pump not properly working

Once the problem has been identified and corrected the pressure switch will close which will energize the heater.

CIRCULATION PUMP AND CIRCULATION PUMP THERMAL CUT-OFF

The circulation pump is a dedicated, water cooled, energy efficient, quiet pump that provides continuous filtration for the spa. Since the pump is water cooled, it is equipped with a thermal cut-off to prevent the pump from being damaged by running hot when water is not present.

Reset the circulation pump's thermal cut-off by disconnecting power to the spa and allowing the pump to cool.

Tripping of the thermal cut-off is normally the result of one or a combination of these problems: 1) clogged filter cartridge(s), 2) blockage within the system plumbing, 3) power was not disconnected to the spa before it was drained, or 4) an air lock in the plumbing lines. Once the problem has been identified and corrected the pump thermal cut-off will be able to be reset which will allow it to operate normally.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE INFORMATION

The jet pump is equipped with an overload cut-off switch, which is designed to protect the pump from overheating. If the pump shuts itself off in a new spa, it is usually the result of one, or a combination of, the following factors:

High Temperature: During the summer months, especially in warmer climates, the ambient temperature contributes to excessively high temperatures within the equipment compartment.

Improper House Wiring: If the spa is not connected to a dedicated circuit, or is connected to an extension cord, or the house wiring is undersized, the pump may starve for voltage and therefore may draw more amperage and generate excessive heat. This will often cause the circuit breaker to trip repeatedly.

IMPORTANT:

1. If the pump is shutting down due to excessive heat, make sure the equipment compartment has adequate ventilation. The air gap at the bottom and the jet pump vent at the bottom left corner must not be blocked. Should your jet pump continue to shut off after short periods of use, contact a qualified service technician.
2. The **HOT SPRING** spa is equipped with a safety suction spring valve which will break the prime of the jet pump if both suction fittings are obstructed.

ACTS INVALIDATING WARRANTY

The limited warranty is void if the **HOT SPRING** spa has been subjected to alteration, misuse or abuse, or if any repairs on the spa are attempted by anyone other than an authorized representative of **WATKINS WELLNESS**. Alteration is defined as any component or plumbing change, electrical conversion, or the addition of any non-approved sanitation, or water purification device, or heating system which contributes to a component failure, unit failure, or unsafe operating condition. Misuse and abuse shall include any operation of the spa other than in accordance with **WATKINS WELLNESS** printed instructions, or use of the spa in an application for which it is not designed; specifically: use of the spa in a non-residential application; damage caused by operation* of the spa at water temperatures outside the range of 2°C and 49°C (35°F and 120°F); damage caused by a dirty, clogged, or calcified filter cartridge; damage to the spa surface caused by the use of Tri-Chloro Chlorine, BCDMH, chemical tablets in a floater, acid, or any other spa chemicals, or spa surface cleaners which are not recommended by **WATKINS WELLNESS**; damage caused by allowing undissolved spa sanitizing chemicals to lie on the spa surface (no spa surface material can withstand this kind of abuse); damage to components or spa surface caused by improper water chemistry maintenance; and damage to the spa surface caused by leaving the spa uncovered while empty of water and in direct exposure to sunlight (this may cause solar heating distress in warm weather regions). These are considered abuses and may invalidate this warranty.

*Operation of the spa **DOES NOT** mean “use” of the spa! **WATKINS WELLNESS** does not recommend using the spa if the water temperature is above or below the spa’s control panel temperature range.

DISCLAIMERS

WATKINS WELLNESS shall not be liable for loss of use of the **HOT SPRING** spa or other incidental or consequential costs, expenses, or damages, which may include but are not limited to, the removal of a permanent deck or other custom fixture. Any implied warranty shall have a duration equal to the duration of the applicable warranty stated above. Under no circumstances shall **WATKINS WELLNESS**, or any of its representatives, be held liable for injury to any person, or damage to any property, however arising.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

If you have any questions about any aspect of your **HOT SPRING** spa set-up, operation, or maintenance that have not been answered by this manual, consult your **HOT SPRING** Spa Dealer.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Should you experience any problem, do not hesitate to contact your authorized **HOT SPRING** dealer. Here are some tips to help you to diagnose and rectify some more common sources of trouble yourself, if you choose to do so.

GENERAL OPERATION TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

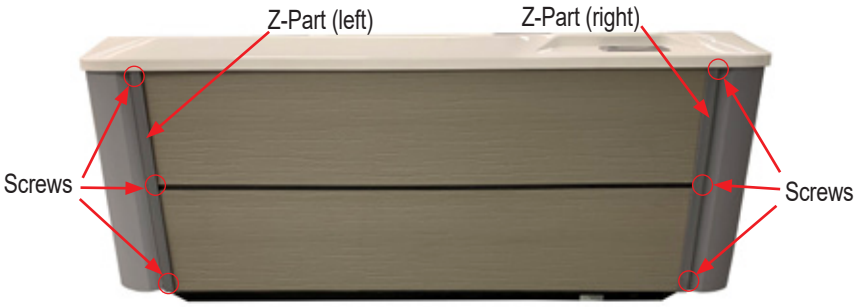
Problem	Probable causes	Solutions
Entire spa is inoperative	• Power failure • GFCI tripped	• Check power source • Reset GFCI; call for service if it will not reset
Spa does not heat; jets and light operate. Display shows" *====" POWER & READY icon flashes	• Pressure switch is open and should be closed • Pressure switch senses flow through heater even though the jet pump is off	• Check for clogged filter. The pressure switch will reset when the flow of water through the heater has been restored. Call for service if the pressure switch trips frequently. • Contact an Authorized Service Technician
READY icon flashes	• Control Sensor open or shorted	• Contact an Authorized Service Technician
Spa does not heat; jets and light operate. Display shows "=====" POWER & READY icon flashes	• Pressure switch is closed and should be open	• Contact an Authorized Service Technician
Jets weak or surging	• Spa water level too low • Filter clogged / suction screens clogged • Jet nozzles closed / Air valve closed	• Add water • Clean filters / Clean suction screens • Open jet nozzles / Open air valve
Light inoperative	• Bad connection	• Contact an Authorized Service Technician
MOTO-MASSAGE (SX & TX ONLY) jet inoperative or erratic	• **AIR CONTROL** valves closed • Filter clogged	• Open **AIR CONTROL** lever • Clean filter
Display shows "- - - - - " (Entire spa is inoperative.) POWER icon flashes	• Heater high-limit thermostat tripped	• Disconnect power for at least thirty seconds to reset heater high limit. If it will not reset, check for clogged filter. If tripping continues, call for service.
After filling or refilling the spa: a jet pump is operating, but water is not flowing from any of its jets.	• Pump is not properly primed.	1. Turn off power to the spa at the breaker and remove the equipment compartment door. 2. Loosen the union on the top of the pump(s) (as seen on page 8) to allow the air to escape, the hand-tighten the union(s). 3. Turn power back on, activate the pump and check to make sure union is tight enough to keep it from leaking. Re-install pump and equipment doors. OR: Remove and reinstall the SALT cap.

SPA WATER MAINTENANCE TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

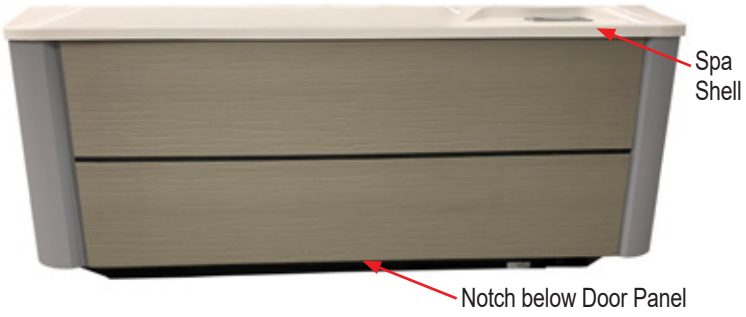
Problem	Probable causes	Solutions
Cloudy Water	• Dirty filters • Excessive oils / organic matter • Improper sanitization • Suspended particles / organic matter • Overused or old water	• Clean filters • Shock spa with sanitizer • Add sanitizer • Adjust pH and/or alkalinity to recommended range • Run jet pump(s) and clean filters • Drain and refill the spa
Water Odor	• Excessive organics in water • Improper sanitization • Low pH	• Shock spa with sanitizer • Add sanitizer • Adjust pH to recommended range
Chlorine Odor	• Chloramine level too high • Low pH	• Shock spa with sanitizer • Adjust pH to recommended range
Musty Odor	• Bacteria or algae growth	• Shock spa with sanitizer–if problem is visible or persistent, drain, clean and refill the spa
Organic buildup / scum ring around spa	• Build-up of oils and dirt	• Wipe off scum with clean rag – if severe, drain the spa, use a spa surface and tile cleaner to remove the scum, and refill the spa
Algae Growth	• High pH • Low sanitizer level	• Shock spa with sanitizer and adjust pH • Shock spa with sanitizer and maintain sanitizer level
Eye Irritation	• Low pH • Low sanitizer level	• Adjust pH • Shock spa with sanitizer and maintain sanitizer level
Skin Irritation / Rash	• Unsanitary water • Free chlorine level above 5 ppm	• Shock spa with sanitizer and maintain sanitizer level • Allow free chlorine level to drop below 5 ppm before spa use
Stains	• Total alkalinity and/or pH too low • High iron or copper in source water	• Adjust total alkalinity and/or pH • Use a metal deposit inhibitor
Scale	• High calcium content in water – total alkalinity and pH too high	• Adjust total alkalinity and pH – if scale requires removal, drain the spa, scrub off the scale, refill the spa and balance the water

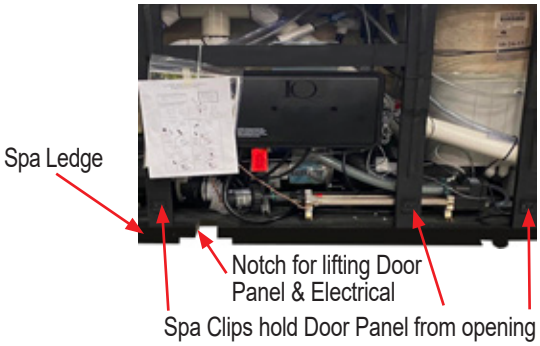
DOOR PANEL REMOVAL

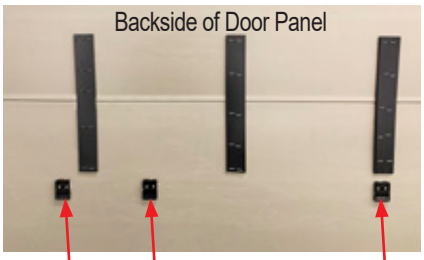
1. Remove the 3 screws from the right side Z-Part and 3 screws from the left side Z-Part, then remove both Z-Parts.



2. Find the notch below Door Panel, using one hand raise Door Panel under the Spa Shell while pulling bottom away from Spa Ledge.







3. Gently lower Door Panel onto the ground. Grab the top of Door Panel with both hands and lift.



4. Remove Door Panel from spa.



DOOR PANEL REPLACEMENT

1. Raise Door Panel making sure it goes up behind Spa Shell then lower to rest on Spa Ledge making sure the Door Panel Clips are behind the Spa Clips and the Door Panel has the same spacing on each side.

2. Place the left Z-Part in place and fasten with 3 screws.

3. Place the right Z-Part in place and fasten with 3 screws.

SPA SPECIFICATIONS

Spa Model	Footprint Dimension	Height	Effective Filter Area	Heater (Watts)	Water Capacity	Dry Weight	Filled Weight*	Dead Weight*	Electrical Requirements
RELAY (Model RELE) Seats 6 Adults	2.13 m x 2.13 m 7'0" x 7'0"	91 cm 36"	6.0 m²	1,500	1,290 liters 340 gallons	375 kg 830 lbs	2,140 kg 4,715 lbs	590 kg/m² 120 lbs/ ft²	240 volt, 20 amp Single phase RCD protected circuit
RHYTHM (Model RHYE) Seats 7 Adults	2.13 m x 2.13 m 7'0" x 7'0"	91 cm 36"	6.0 m²	1,500	1,250 liters 330 gallons	383 kg 845 lbs	2,185 kg 4,820 lbs	610 kg/m² 125 lbs/ ft²	240 volt, 20 amp Single phase RCD protected circuit
PROPEL (Model PRPE) Seats 5 Adults	2.08 m x 2.08 m 6'10" x 6'10"	84 cm 33"	3.0 m²	1,500	1,135 liters 300 gallons	350 kg 775 lbs	1,880 kg 4,150 lbs	565 kg/m² 115 lbs/ ft²	240 volt, 16 amp Single phase RCD protected circuit
STRIDE (Model STD) Seats 3 Adults	2.13 m x 1.65 m 7' x 5'5"	74 cm 29"	3.0 m²	1,500	850 liters 225 gallons	260 kg 570 lbs	1,350 kg 2,975 lbs	490 kg/m² 100 lbs/ ft²	240 volt, 16 amp Single phase RCD protected circuit
SX (Model SX) Seats 3 Adults	1.83 m x 1.96 m 6' x 6'5"	84 cm 33"	3.0 m²	1,500	870 liters 230 gallons	295 kg 645 lbs	1,400 kg 3,090 lbs	515 kg/m² 105 lbs/ ft²	240 volt, 16 amp Single phase RCD protected circuit
TX (Model TX) Seats 2 Adults	1.83 m x 1.83 m 6' x 6'	74 cm 29"	3.0 m²	1,500	720 liters 190 gallons	290 kg 635 lbs	1,165 kg 2,570 lbs	465 kg/m² 95 lbs/ ft²	240 volt, 16 amp Single phase RCD protected circuit

⚠ **WARNING: WATKINS WELLNESS** suggests a structural engineer or contractor be consulted before the spa is placed on an elevated deck.

* IMPORTANT: The "Filled weight" and "Dead weight" of the spa includes the weight of the occupants (assuming an average occupant weight of 80 kg [175lbs]).

Please note: Due to our manufacturing processes, spa size tolerances or dimensions may vary by 1.25 cm or .5"

This manual contains installation, operating, maintenance and service information for the following 2026 HOT SPRING Spa models:

RELAY	(MODEL RELE)
RHYTHM	(MODEL RHYE)
PROPEL	(MODEL PRPE)
STRIDE	(MODEL STDE)
SX	(MODEL SXE)
TX	(MODEL TXE)

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