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Safety Pool Cover Buyers Guide

Let's face it, selecting a pool cover, is not an easy task. The internet is saturated with claims of low price guarantees, fictitious safety ratings, visuals of covers supporting unbelievable loads, and various quality assurances. Here's a checklist to ensure you're getting what you need for your money. After helping thousands of customers with pool cover purchases, we have boiled down what we believe to be the most critical standards that any safety pool cover should meet.



Warranty Term and Proration.

1. **Warranty:** What's the factory warranty on the cover? What we're looking for is not what the salesperson is offering, but what the manufacturer is willing to do if there is a problem. We're looking for "Term" and "Proration." They vary greatly from manufacturer to manufacturer.



How long in business and stability.

2. **How long in Business:** This would be an important question to ask of both the seller of the cover and the manufacturer. The warranty is only as solid as the manufacturer behind it. Do they change name and location frequently? And if so, why?



Get Copy of ASTM Certificate PRIOR to PURCHASE.

3. **ASTM Certification:** Ask to see a copy of the actual certificate they received for the rating. Any web-site can use the term "meets or exceeds ASTM ratings." Problem is, local authorities and many insurance companies demand to see actual proof. You should too, or you could end up owning a cover you cannot use in your area. Also, the ASTM label must be attached to the cover to meet regulations in some areas. **IF IN DOUBT, ASK YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITIES.**



Made in USA and First Run

4. **Imports:** In the last few years there has been a huge "dumping" of low quality foreign made covers (and the fabric to make them) into the US market. The poor quality of this material becomes evident in a season or two of use. Costing about 1/4 of the price of decent quality materials, these low cost covers are not the "bargain" they appear to be at first glance. Be sure your cover is made in the USA and is of first run materials. Of course if a foreign made cover fails, the warranty fails with it, as sending a cover back to another country for warranty issues is simply not going to happen. In this case, it really does pay to buy US made.



Custom covers on custom pools, rectangular covers on rectangular pools.

5. **Custom VS Stock:** Many times a salesperson will try to convince a customer that it's acceptable to place a regular cover over a custom shape or size pool. It's an easy sale because the price of the cover is appealing to the customer. Problem is the covers warranty would be

voided and the cover will fail in two to three years.



A Complete Package.

6. What you Get: Be sure you're getting all the items necessary to install your cover properly. This means that if you have a diving board, be sure a "Y" Strap is part of the package. A breathable storage bag is also important to keep the cover from mildewing when it's being stored. The clear plastic covers used to protect the springs from the deck and the deck from the springs should also be a standard item.



Best Product for the Price.

7. Price: If the price sounds too good to be true, it probably is. It's all too common to find a \$300 cover being sold on the internet for \$600 to \$700. We sell direct to you and your dealer at the same price. Also, we offer Free Shipping.

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Company	Ameri-Brand											
Warranty Years ?	30											
Years In Business ?	12/22											
ASTM Certificate ?	Yes											
USA Made ?	Yes											
Right Size ?	Yes											
What You Get ?	All											
Price ?	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$