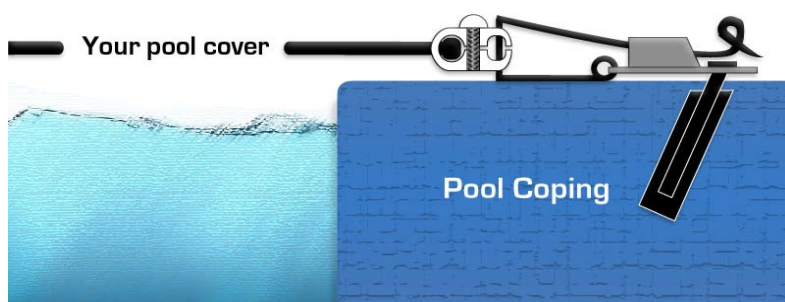


# Instructions for fitting an INGROUND POOLTEX COVER

You will need:

- Hammer
- Masonry Drill
- Screwdriver (either type)
- 10mm (3/8") Masonry Bit (supplied with cover)
- 4 or more house bricks or similar weighted objects
- Something to blow dust out of the drill holes (ie a blow tube, hole blow-out pump or vacuum) & dustpan and brush
- Safety Glasses
- 12-20mm (1/2 - 3/4") Chisel
- Small drill bit (if drilling pilot hole)

**Before starting**, decide roughly where you want to drill the holes for the fittings. They are usually positioned into to the top of the coping at least 250mm from the pool edge. If the coping is raised they can be fitted into the outside edge - See diagram below and Figure 2 overleaf.



Consider any obtrusions in the coping (eg; rocks) and condition of the surface you'll be drilling into. Try to adjust the positioning of clips to avoid any problem areas.

**Consider the following surfaces and the situations you may encounter, for example;**

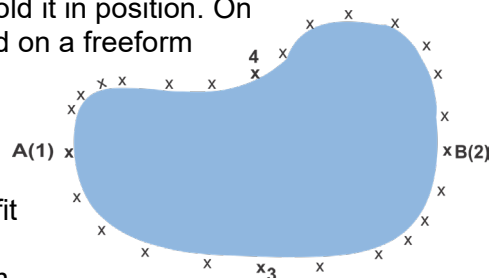
If you intend drilling into **grout**, be sure it is firm and sound. Many types of grout will shatter or fall out when drilled. For **solid sandstone or pebble-coated copings**, check for hairline cracks or hollow areas. These surfaces can often lift from the base over time and may shatter if hammer drilled. For **terracotta or ceramic surrounds**, you must take particular care to avoid cracking, flaking or shattering. Never use a hammer drill action for this surface type - it will take longer, but you are less likely to vibrate the tiles into cracking. *It is advisable to pre-drill a smaller (pilot) hole before using the larger drill bit.*

The round opening on the clip fits neatly to the rope in the edge bind of the cover. Push it on and tighten with a screwdriver. Clip positions are easily adjusted later if you need to move it a few cm either way, but we recommend having a clip on each seam to help the cover sit neatly.

## Fitting the cover

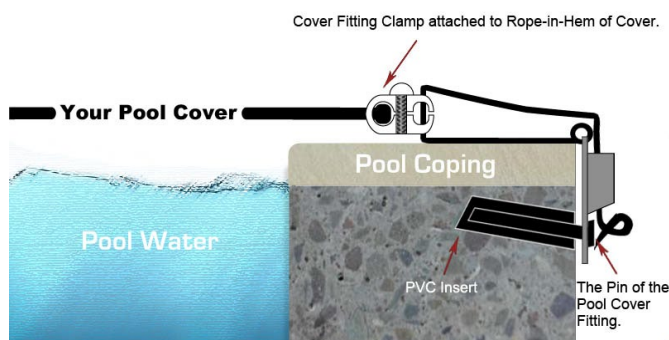
Unroll the cover down the length of your pool and add fittings onto each seam location and in between. Drape cover over the sides - rotate until it matches the shape of the pool with even overlap. Place the weights around the pool perimeter to hold it in position. On a rectangle pool the weights should be in each corner, and on a freeform pool they should be centred end-to-end and side-to-side.

1. The first hole should be drilled at the A point. Holes should be at least 25cm (10") from the waterline. (If holes are too close to the waterline, the cover will not fit correctly.) Drill to a depth of about 40mm, at a slight angle away from the pool. (An angle of about 10° from vertical creates the necessary tension to keep the pin in the hole – vertical holes may pull out).



2. Clean all drilling debris out of the hole, and tap the PVC insert into the hole until it's flush with the coping surface. If the insert grips the hole when it is only halfway in, just trim off the excess plug with the chisel so it is flush with the coping.
3. Insert the clip into the hole, and tension it. Now move to the opposite (B) point, and repeat the process, then move to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and fourth points, forming a cross over the cover.
4. Once you are satisfied with the positioning of your cover, continue drilling more holes, working in small sections around the rest of the pool. Adjust the tension and overlap of the cover as you go around, until you are happy with its position. Spacing approx. 80-120cm along, and usually closer around tighter curves.
5. If it doesn't look quite centred, you can either adjust the length of the rope, or the position of the clip on the cover.
6. Once the cover is sitting neatly, and there are no gaps which can be lifted to allow leaves or debris in, tie off the rope fittings to keep your cover looking neat.

Figure 2: Alternative Fixing of cover to coping.



**To remove the cover**, release the tension on fittings on one side of the pool, and lift and shake the cover up (as if you are fluffing up a doona) - the rest of the fittings will slide out without being untied. Leave all the fittings attached to the cover, and fold into 1m (3') wide layers, back to one end then roll it up and put it into your storage bag.

**To refit your cover**, roll it out onto the pool. Starting with Clips A & B, then 3 and 4, place the clips back into the holes and tension each one, then simply work around the pool edge inserting them as you go.

Scan the code below to watch a short video showing how to tension and release the clips.

