

STRAP SUPPORT OVAL POOLS

THINK "SAFETY FIRST"

Safe and correct use of your new Doughboy pool means swimming and wading only. DO NOT DIVE OR JUMP! The above-ground pool is not designed for these activities!

INSTALLATION Installation of a Doughboy pool is not very hard, but it is a big job. The job will be easier if two or three friends help with the installation. Follow all instructions exactly. Your pool warranty is void if pool assembly and installation instructions are not followed 100%. Read all instructions provided with accessories such as filter, pump, skimmer, etc. prior to starting. Plan 2-3 days for pool assembly and installation. Avoid windy days. Before you start, check to see that you have the correct number of parts. Use your Parts List, which is broken down by carton. Do not throw away any of the inspection slips

or cartons until you are sure you have all the parts. Your dealer will promptly replace any missing parts. The warranty is void if the design of the pool is altered in any way. No changes may be made to any of the parts. The pool must be assembled according to Doughboy's instructions. You must be completely satisfied with the completed pool installation, whether self-installed or professionally installed, before proceeding with additional landscaping. CONTRACT INSTALLATION

Doughboy Recreational is in no way affiliated with any professional pool installer. Therefore, Doughboy can assume no responsibility for errors in installation by the homeowner or said professional installer. If you have the pool installed by others, please supervise to be sure they comply with proper installation techniques as shown.

LOCAL CODES Check to see if building permits or utility clearances are required. Obey all safety codes for fencing and all electrical codes.

SPECIAL CARE Doughboy pools are designed to exceed industry recommended safety factors. However, special care must be taken with certain installation procedures that the installer performs and controls. 1) Framework must be level - The entire pool framework must sit on flat ground with opposite sides no more than inch out of level. There can be no low or high spots in the pool area. Steps 2 and 15 tell you how to check to be sure the pool

framework is level. Patio block installation under end verticals is optional, but recommended. A pool that is not level produces stress that could result in pool wall failure (see "Installation Cautions"). 2) Wall joint and joint piece - This is where the wall joins together. Damage to the wall joint or joint piece reduces

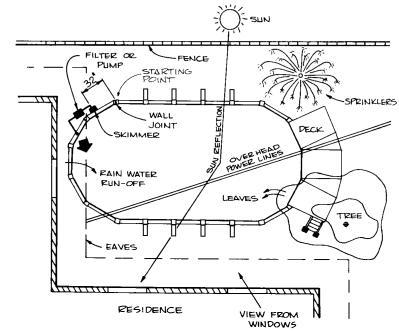
the safety factor and can result in a weak installation. Follow instructions using extreme care. 3) **Cove** - The cove keeps the liner from creeping out from under the pool wall. Follow instructions carefully. Don't shortcut or substitute materials. Do not use materials that will shift. Improperly installed pools can rupture, allowing thousands of gallons of water to rush out and cause extensive property damage and personal injury. 4) Set up pool on soil surface. Doughboy pools are not designed to be buried. Outside ground forces can collapse

the pool wall. 5) External Support (buttress oval only) - The excavation and use of 8" x 8" x 16" concrete blocks (Steps 5 and 6) to reinforce the side supports is a critical structural detail which cannot be varied from instruction. These blocks and the firm undisturbed soil under and around them become the load bearing components for the forces on the pool sides. DO NOT substitute other building materials for the concrete blocks.

External Support (strap oval only) - The excavation and use of 12" x 12" patio blocks (Steps 10, 11 and 12) to reinforce the side supports is a critical structural detail which cannot be varied from instruction. These blocks and the firm undisturbed soil under and around them become the load bearing components for the forces on the pool sides. DO NOT substitute other building materials for the patio blocks.

HOW TO USE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

This installation sheet covers the 6" top rail buttress oval pools and the 6" top rail strap oval pools. With the aid of your Parts List, select your pool's side support system. Your pool <u>cannot</u> be excavated for a deep swimming area if you have the strap support configuration.



PRELIMINARY PLANNING

- IMPORTANT: Before beginning your pool installation, take a few minutes to consider the following points Check wall clearances to allow enough working area for your pool installation
- Check for easements Avoid trees and roots; do not allow leaves to fall into
- the pool
- Avoid overhead power lines.
- Avoid underground piping and cables. 6. Keep sprinklers away from pool sides.
- 7. Select a pool site that allows for the proper super-
- vision of swimmers as well as viewing children near the pool
- 8. Position the pump and filter near convenient electrical outlets.
- 9. Avoid overhanging eaves to prevent water and debris runoff from your roof.
- 10. Allow 12 inches of undisturbed soil around your pool (clearance radius).

TOOLS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Materials Needed -
- Nails 2 1/2" Long (1 doz.) • 12" x 12" x 2" patio blocks - for strap support pool
- (1 for each side support see pool layout)
- 8" x 8" x 16" concrete blocks for buttress support pool (2 for each side support - see pool layout)
- Ball of heavy string • Binder clips - 1 1/4" - 2" size
- (Available at stationary supply stores)
- 2" x 4" board (See Step 2 for length)
- Duct tape (2" wide)
- Wood stakes 2" x 2" x 18" (approx. 12) • Enamel, fast drying (Not lacquer)
- 12" x 12" x 2" patio blocks for the ends of pool -
- optional (see Step 15) • Preformed cove (see Step 25)

concrete, asphalt, peat moss, tar paper, gravel, wood, top of grass or on soil which has recently undergone

12. Do not install your pool on any abrasive area such as

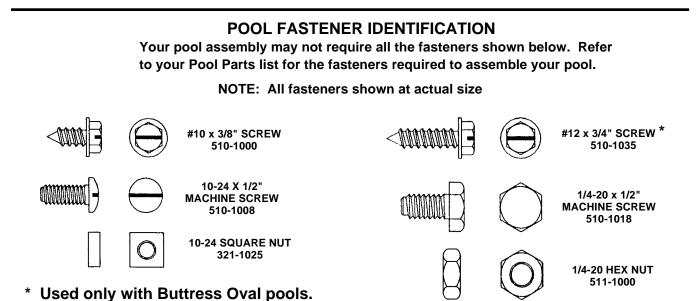
No sudden slopes within 6 feet of your pool.

- petroleum based chemical treatments. 13. Treat the ground inside the pool area with a nonpetroleum based fungicide (available at garden supply shops). This may help prevent fungus stains on the liner. Consult your Doughboy pool dealer.
- 14. Do not install liner on nut grass or Bermuda grass. See your dealer for special instructions.
- 15. Rid pool area of burrowing pests and insects such as gophers and termites.
- 16. Avoid windy days during installation.
- 17. Have 2 or 3 helpers to assist you during pool assembly.

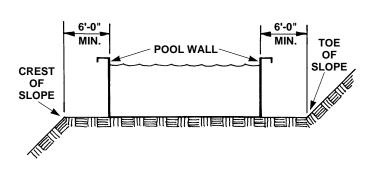
Tools Required

- 2' Carpenters level (Transit recommended) Hammer
- Flat end shovel
- 5/16" Hex nut driver
- 25' Tape measure
- Garden rake Tamping tool
- Roller (If available)

- Felt tip marking pen
- Two 7/16" wrenches buttress pool only • Sifting screen (To remove 1/8" pebbles and larger)
- Sharp knife or single edge razor blade
- Pliers
- Drill/Bit (See Step 2)
- Small paint applicator (Q-Tip, cotton ball or match stick) to coat edges of skimmer and return openings in the metal wall

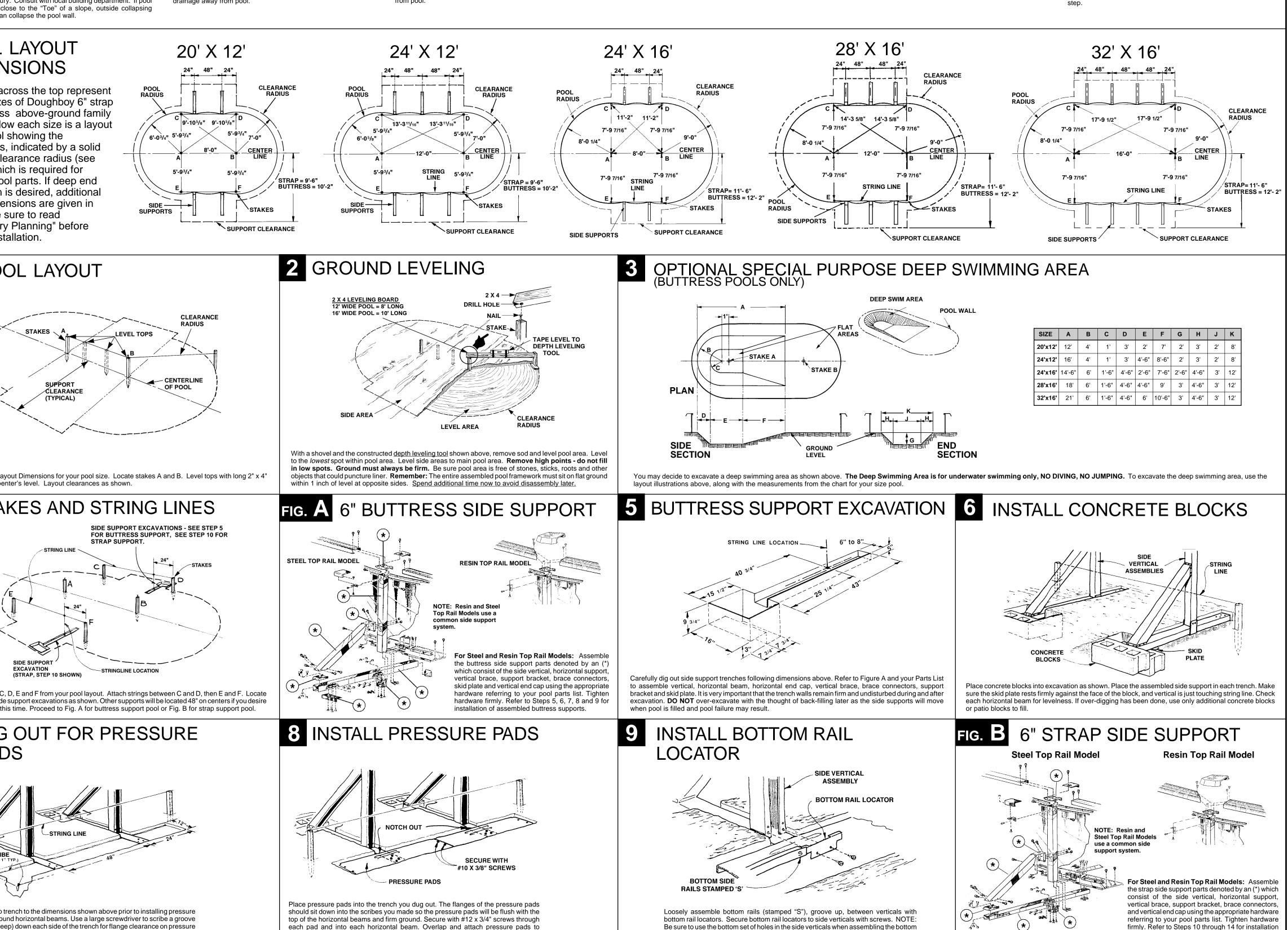


INSTALLATION CAUTIONS

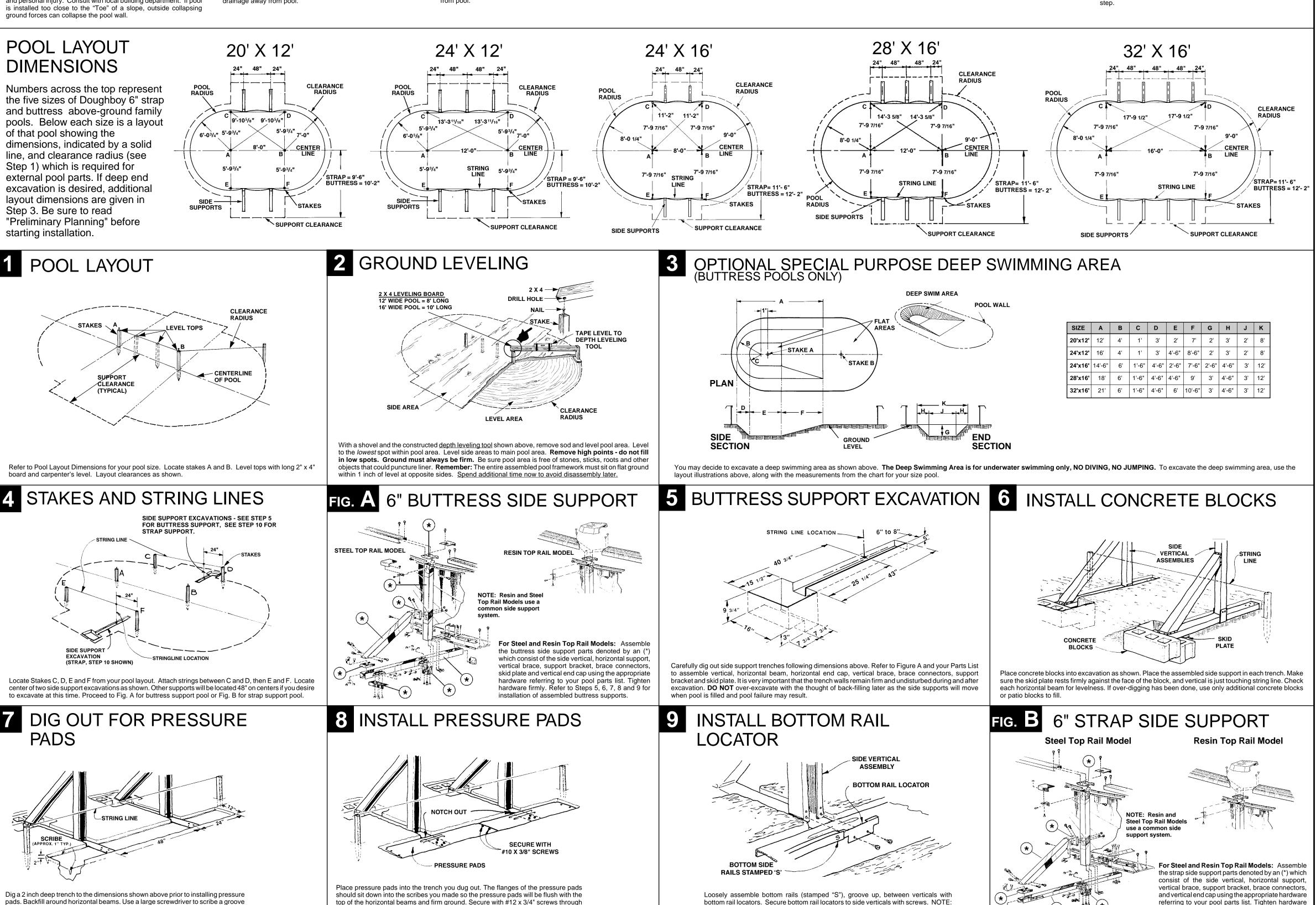


INSTALLATION NEAR SLOPES

A pool filled with water weighs many tons. If pool is installed too close to the "Crest" of a slope, the pool/water weight could cause the ground to give way. The pool can rupture, allowing thousands of gallons of water to rush out and cause extensive property damage and personal injury. Consult with local building department. If pool



rail locators. Proceed to Step 15.



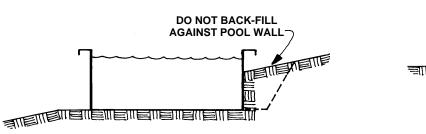
(approx. 1 inch deep) down each side of the trench for flange clearance on pressure pads. Recheck level and position of side support assemblies



Screwdriver, flat end (Large)

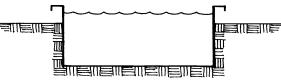
Carpenters saw





DO NOT BACKFILL AGAINST POOL WALL Back-filling against the pool wall can cause outside ground forces to

collapse the pool. Some soils are highly aggressive and will corrode the pool components, resulting in pool failure. Keep pool exterior clear of soils and other materials around its entire perimeter. Provide good drainage away from pool.



DO NOT ALLOW WATER TO PROVIDE GOOD DRAINAGE

SETTLE AROUND POOL. PROVIDE GOOD DRAINAGE. Prevent run-off rain water and general yard watering from settling

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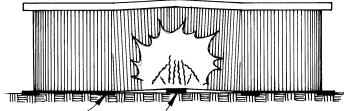
against the pool frame and wall to prevent corrosion and unsightly crustation build-up on the pool components. Provide good drainage away from pool.

DO NOT BURY POOL Burying a pool in the ground above the bottom rails will cause aggressive soils to corrode the pool components. Deep burial of pool into the ground can cause outside ground forces to collapse the pool. Pool must be installed on top of the ground with good drainage away from pool

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adjacent pads using #10 x 3/8" screws. Use *all* screws. DO NOT omit any.





PATIO BLOCKS GROUND LEVEL OR PATIO BLOCKS POSITIONED HIGHER THAN ADJACENT AREA AT VERTICALS WILL CAUSE "WRINKLING" OR BUCKLING" OF THE WALL.

WALL WRINKLING

Prevent wrinkling of the pool wall during installation by checking and rechecking the levelness of the ground and patio blocks at each end vertical (Steps 2 and 19). If one block is higher than those positioned at each side, wrinkling of the wall will occur when wall is installed. RUPTURE OF WALL MAY OCCUR GROUND NOT LEVEL

TILTED POOL

If the ground level slopes in any direction more than 1" from one side to the other or 1" from one end to the other, the wall may rupture causing extensive property damage and personal injury. Follow Step 2 carefully, rechecking levelness of ground before proceeding to next

Be sure to use the bottom set of holes in the side verticals when assembling the bottom

firmly. Refer to Steps 10 through 14 for installation of assembled strap supports.

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