



The Top 5 Hot Tub Cover Buying Mistakes and How to Avoid Them

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The Mistakes

1. Overpaying for unnecessary foam density

Higher densities of foam inside the cover are often purchased needlessly. Doubling the density of a six inch thick cover increases the R-value by only 10%

2. Too much focus on the price of the cover

The price of the cover is a onetime expense, every 5 years or so. Heating the tub is a daily expense. The correct cover, even if it is more expensive, will pay off every day in lower heating bills.

3. Buying a cover that is too thin

87% of hot tub owners want their cover to seal in the heat. Keep in mind #2 and #3 above and select from the thickest covers made.

4. Buying a cover without maximizing its water logging prevention

82% of hot tub covers fail from water logging. Failing to upgrade this single component, which is typically quite inexpensive, will dramatically shorten the life of your cover.

5. Ignoring the gap created by the fold/hinge of the cover

The gap between the two halves of the cover are called the fold or the hinge and is an inch or two wide. Standard covers come with steam stopper “pillows” that seal this gap but only at each end of the fold. This leaves the rest of the fold, nearly the surface area of a basketball, with no insulation but two layers of vinyl! These covers are easy to spot in the winter as the snow always melts above the cover’s fold.

Avoiding These Mistakes

1. Buy only the foam density necessary

- Standard spa covers come with 1.0 pound foam. This is a measure of the amount of material in the foam. A 2.0 pound foam has twice the amount of material. Both are the same size and thickness. Higher density is important



ONLY for strength. Handling snow weight is the typical reason for increasing density. Do not over pay for high density unless required.

2. Focus on the daily cost of heating the hot tub

- Do the math! If the thickest cover costs \$50 more, decide if it will save you more than \$50 during the cover's approximate five year life. The thickest covers have more than double the insulation (R-value) which will result in the greatest savings. Our clients tell us they have saved more than that in a single winter.

3. Buy a cover that is thick enough for your environment

- 87% of hot tub owners want their cover to seal in the heat. 53% buy 4" thick covers. When in doubt, go with the thicker cover for the higher R-value and greater insulation. Remember too, a 4" thick cover that tapers to 2" for rain runoff only as an average thickness of 3"

4. Buying the best water logging protection

- 82% of hot tub covers fail from water logging. Think of upgrading the vapor barrier as cheap insurance. The average price of a cover is around \$300. If it lasts 5 years, the cost is \$5 per month. Consider upgrading the water logging protection for around \$30. If the cover lasts an extra 24 months, the savings would be \$90.

5. Buy a cover with a long steam stopper or continuous hinge seal

- This is an extra piece of foam, with a vinyl covering, that fills the gap between the two halves of the cover, when the cover is closed. Long steam stoppers can add as much as R-9 to the insulation value of the cover as a whole and are critical to fully seal the hot tub

All our covers come with a *Design-Your-Own* option, unique in the industry, to insure a perfect match with your needs. We are experts at matching you with the best cover and keeping you from overpaying for unnecessary features.

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