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Model: W01698 | Brand: Baracuda

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Baracuda Zodiac Ranger W01698 is an automatic suction-side pool cleaner designed for above-ground swimming pools. It is engineered for efficient cleaning, including dished-out bottoms up to 72 inches deep. This cleaner features a single moving part technology, which contributes to quiet operation and simplified maintenance. Its unique Deflector Wheel is designed to prevent the cleaner from becoming stuck on steps, ladders, and corners within the pool.



Image 1: The Baracuda Zodiac Ranger W01698 automatic pool cleaner with its hose connection.

2. KEY FEATURES

- **Effective Cleaning:** Designed to clean above-ground swimming pools, including dished-out bottoms up to 72 inches.
Note: Not recommended for Intex or soft-sided pools.
- **Quiet Operation:** Utilizes one moving part technology, eliminating the noise commonly associated with other pool cleaners.
- **Navigation:** Features a unique Deflector Wheel to help prevent it from getting caught on steps, ladders, and corners.
- **Easy Installation:** Comes pre-assembled for quick setup and includes 32 feet of feed hose.
- **AG Disc:** Allows the cleaner to glide smoothly along the pool bottom, up sides, and around steps for comprehensive cleaning.

- **Automatic Flow Control:** Equipped with a Flowkeeper Valve and Insta-Skim Compact self-adjusting flow control valve to automatically regulate water flow for optimal performance.
- **Simple Maintenance:** Designed for straightforward operation and easy upkeep.

3. SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Compatibility Check:** Ensure your above-ground pool is compatible with the Zodiac Ranger Suction Side Automatic Pool Cleaner. This cleaner is not recommended for Intex or soft-sided pools.
2. **Assembly:** The cleaner body comes pre-assembled. No tools are required for initial setup.
3. **Hose Connection:** Attach the provided 32 feet of feed hose to the cleaner.
4. **Skimmer/Suction Line Connection:** Connect the other end of the feed hose to your pool's skimmer or a dedicated suction line.
5. **Water Flow Regulation:** The integrated Flowkeeper Valve and Insta-Skim Compact self-adjusting flow control valve will automatically regulate water flow for optimal cleaning performance.





Image 2 & 3: Different views of the Baracuda Zodiac Ranger W01698, highlighting its design and components for setup.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once properly installed and connected to your pool's filtration system, the Baracuda Zodiac Ranger W01698 will begin its cleaning cycle. The cleaner operates by suction, moving across the pool floor and walls to collect debris. The AG Disc facilitates smooth movement, while the Deflector Wheel helps navigate around obstacles.

- Ensure your pool pump is running to provide the necessary suction for the cleaner to operate.
- Allow the cleaner to move freely throughout the pool. Its design helps prevent it from getting caught.
- The self-adjusting flow control valve ensures consistent performance by regulating water flow.

5. MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your Baracuda Zodiac Ranger W01698 pool cleaner.

- **Debris Removal:** After each use, remove the cleaner from the pool and empty any collected debris.
- **Diaphragm Inspection:** Periodically check the operational moving part (the diaphragm) for signs of wear or damage. Replace if necessary to maintain cleaning efficiency.

- **Hose Care:** Inspect the feed hose for any kinks, cracks, or blockages that could impede water flow or cleaner movement.
- **General Cleaning:** Rinse the cleaner with fresh water to remove any chemical residue or fine debris.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If your Baracuda Zodiac Ranger W01698 is not performing as expected, consider the following:

- **Cleaner Not Moving or Moving Slowly:**
 - Check for blockages in the cleaner or hose.
 - Ensure adequate suction from your pool pump. Verify the skimmer basket and pump strainer are clean.
 - Inspect the diaphragm for wear; a worn diaphragm can reduce suction and movement.
- **Cleaner Getting Stuck:**
 - While the Deflector Wheel is designed to prevent this, ensure the hose length is appropriate for your pool size. Too much or too little hose can affect movement.
 - Check for any unusual obstacles in the pool that might be trapping the cleaner.
- **Ineffective Cleaning:**
 - Verify that the Flowkeeper Valve and Insta-Skim Compact are correctly regulating flow.
 - Ensure the pool's filtration system is operating efficiently.
 - Check the cleaner for any damage that might prevent proper debris collection.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Model Number	W01698
Brand	Baracuda
Item Weight	15 Pounds
Product Dimensions	16 x 9.5 x 40.5 inches
Hose Length	32 Feet
Power Source	Suction-Powered
Material	Plastic
Color	Blue
Assembly Required	No (Pre-assembled)
Control Method	Touch
Efficiency	High
UPC	746823016988

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Baracuda Zodiac Ranger W01698 comes with a **Limited Warranty**. For specific details regarding warranty coverage, duration, and terms, please refer to the warranty documentation included with your product or contact Baracuda customer support directly. For technical assistance or replacement parts, please reach out to the manufacturer's official support channels.