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Pentair R38010 Pool Skimmer and Pump Basket Assembly User Manual

Model: R38010 | Brand: Pentair

1. Introduction

This manual provides instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the Pentair R38010 Basket Assembly. This product is designed as a direct replacement for specific pool skimmer and pump models, ensuring efficient debris collection and optimal system performance.



Figure 1: Pentair R38010 Basket Assembly, a replacement part for pool skimmers and pumps.

2. Safety Information

Always observe basic safety precautions when working with pool equipment. Failure to do so could result in personal injury or equipment damage.

- **Disconnect Power:** Always turn off the pool pump and disconnect power at the circuit breaker before attempting any installation, removal, or maintenance of the skimmer basket.
- **Proper Fit:** Ensure the replacement basket fits securely in the skimmer or pump housing to prevent debris bypass and potential damage to the pump impeller.
- **Handle with Care:** While durable, avoid excessive force when installing or removing the basket to prevent damage.

3. Compatibility

The Pentair R38010 Basket Assembly is compatible with the following pool skimmer and pump models:

- Pentair Hayward SP-1096C Pool Skimmers and Pumps
- Pentair Aladdin B-168 Pool Skimmers and Pumps

Verify your existing skimmer or pump model number to ensure proper fitment.

4. Setup and Installation

Follow these steps to replace your existing skimmer or pump basket with the Pentair R38010 Basket Assembly.

1. **Turn Off Power:** Ensure the pool pump is turned off and the power supply is disconnected at the circuit breaker to prevent accidental startup.
2. **Remove Skimmer Lid:** Carefully remove the skimmer lid or pump pot lid to access the existing basket.
3. **Remove Old Basket:** Lift out the old skimmer or pump basket. Dispose of any collected debris. Inspect the skimmer or pump housing for any remaining debris or damage.
4. **Insert New Basket:** Place the Pentair R38010 Basket Assembly into the skimmer or pump housing. Ensure it sits flush and securely at the bottom. The handle should be positioned for easy access.



Figure 2: Top view of the basket, showing the grid pattern for debris collection.

5. **Replace Lid:** Securely replace the skimmer lid or pump pot lid.
6. **Restore Power:** Reconnect power to the pool pump at the circuit breaker.
7. **Check Operation:** Observe the skimmer or pump operation to ensure proper water flow and debris collection.

5. Operating the Basket Assembly

The basket assembly operates passively by collecting leaves, insects, and other debris from the pool water before it reaches the pump impeller. Regular inspection and cleaning are essential for optimal performance.

6. Maintenance

Proper maintenance of the skimmer basket ensures efficient pool filtration and prolongs the life of your pool pump.

6.1. Cleaning the Basket

1. **Turn Off Pump:** Always turn off the pool pump before removing the skimmer basket.

2. **Remove Basket:** Lift the basket out of the skimmer or pump housing using its handle.
3. **Empty Debris:** Empty all collected debris into a waste receptacle.
4. **Rinse:** Rinse the basket thoroughly with a garden hose to remove any remaining small particles or slime.
5. **Inspect:** Check the basket for cracks, breaks, or excessive wear. Replace if damaged.
6. **Reinstall:** Place the clean basket back into the skimmer or pump housing, ensuring it is seated correctly.
7. **Restore Power:** Turn the pool pump back on.



Figure 3: Side view of the basket, illustrating the integrated handle for easy removal and cleaning.

6.2. Cleaning Frequency

The frequency of cleaning depends on the amount of debris entering your pool. During peak seasons or after heavy winds, you may need to clean the basket daily. Under normal conditions, cleaning 2-3 times per week is generally sufficient.

7. Troubleshooting

If you experience issues related to your skimmer or pump basket, consider the following:

- **Reduced Suction:** If the skimmer or pump is experiencing reduced suction, first check if the basket is full of debris and requires emptying. A clogged basket significantly restricts water flow.
- **Basket Not Seating Properly:** Ensure the basket is fully seated at the bottom of the skimmer or pump housing. Obstructions or incorrect placement can prevent proper water flow.
- **Damaged Basket:** Inspect the basket for cracks or holes. A damaged basket will allow debris to bypass and reach the pump impeller, potentially causing damage. Replace a damaged basket immediately.

8. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Number	R38010
Brand	Pentair
Product Dimensions	0.33 x 0.33 x 0.42 inches (approximate, as listed)
Item Weight	4 ounces
Installation Type	Suction Side
Assembly Required	Yes (placement into housing)
UPC	788379014315

9. Warranty Information

This Pentair R38010 Basket Assembly comes with a**Limited Warranty**. For specific terms, conditions, and duration of the warranty, please refer to the official Pentair warranty documentation provided with your original pool equipment or visit the official Pentair website.

10. Customer Support

For further assistance, technical support, or to inquire about replacement parts, please contact Pentair customer service or visit their official website. You can find contact information and support resources on the Pentair Store on Amazon or the main Pentair corporate website.

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