

# Water Walker Ball



## Additional Operating Instructions



These are additional instructions to the Sealed Pool Inflatable Operation Manual.



Water Walker Balls come in different sizes and colours. These additional operating instructions cover any device made by Airquee similar to the pictures above.

If you are in any doubt about anything mentioned in this manual or its suitability for your product or circumstances, please contact us using any of the methods given on our website, [www.airquee.com/contact](http://www.airquee.com/contact).

**For all guidance relating to the safe use and operation of a sealed inflatable including safe usage, inflation/deflation, and regular checks please refer to our Sealed Pool Inflatable Operation Manual. A copy of this can be downloaded by scanning the QR code on the filler pipe of your product or by visiting [www.airquee.com/manuals](http://www.airquee.com/manuals).**

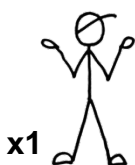


**As owner/operator it is your responsibility to write and carry out your own risk assessment before attempting to use this product. This manual, together with the Sealed Pool Inflatable Operation Manual must be read before attempting to setup/use the product.**

### Additional Equipment



- The above equipment can be purchased in addition to your product. If you don't already have this, you will need to purchase them.



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This product can come in many different sizes. Although when packed this product is small, it can also be heavy. You should conduct your own manual handling risk assessment to determine a safe set up procedure and number of people required based on your circumstances.

For information regarding dimensions, weight, etc please refer to the email we sent you with the finished pictures and data.

## INTENDED USE OF THE PRODUCT

The Water Walker Ball is designed to be used by one person who enters the ball with the help of an operator. Once inside the ball is closed and inflated. Once inflated the user can step into the pool and enjoy the experience and challenge of trying to walk or run around on the surface of the water.



**Water Walker Balls should only ever be used on contained water such as a sealed inflatable pool or swimming pool. Never operate these balls in open water.**



**Each user must only play for a maximum of 5 minutes before being let out of the ball. This is due to the risk of air becoming contaminated with CO2 build up.**

**5 Minutes  
MAX**



**Only use the supplied fan and never direct the nozzle of the fan towards the person inside the ball. Never use petrol fans or petrol leaf blowers as the fumes generated by these products will enter the ball and contaminate the air.**

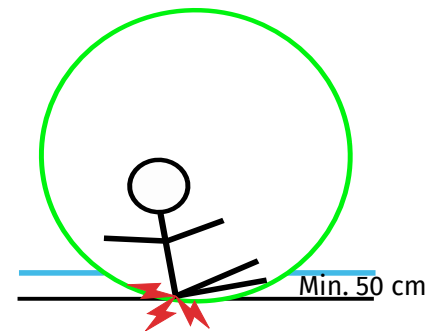
The maximum user weight: 100kg (16 stones).

### Water depth

The minimum water depth should be 50cm. This is important since the user may bounce inside the ball and hit the bottom of the pool.

While there is no maximum depth in the context of a confined body of water such as a swimming pool, there are greater risks that need to be taken into consideration.

In the unlikely event of the ball rupturing in shallow water of 50cm the user can be instructed to stand up and wait while help comes. In deeper water this cannot be done, and an emergency plan must be in place to deal with such a scenario.



### NEVER

- Use the ball in open water.
- Allow more than one player inside the ball.
- Use on any other surface other than water.

### Tethering

The water walker ball must be tied to a secure, immobile structure at all times while being used. This is to prevent the user going further than intended in larger pools but to also allow the operator to pull the user back to the entrance/exit in case of difficulty or in an emergency.

## **OPERATING GUIDELINES/RULES OF PLAY**

**Before entering the ball, CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS SHALL BE GIVEN to players on their conduct during playtime, what they can and cannot do and what do in the event of an emergency.**

- **The balls should only ever be used under trained supervision.**
- **The operator must determine how many balls he/she can look after. For example, while getting someone in or out of the ball attention must still be on the users in the water therefore multiple operators will be needed.**
- **Only allow users in the ball if it is clean. We advise cleaning the ball regularly by using antibacterial cleaning products to reduce the risk of any bacterial contamination.**
- **It is at the operator's discretion to decide who is allowed to enter the ball.**
- **Anyone with pre-existing injuries or health concerns should assess their ability to use the product. Additional help or supervision may be required to allow these users to participate. Depending on the illness, injury, or circumstance it may be prudent to not allow the user onto the product. This decision falls with the user and operator. It is highly recommended that pregnant woman and people under the influence of alcohol or drugs should not use the product.**
- **The product should only be used with the supplied fan.**
- **Do not allow a player to stay inside the ball for more than 5 minutes.**
- **Always respect the maximum number of users. Do not allow more than 1 user in the ball at a time.**
- **The ball must be inspected before use. No punctures or damage is allowed on the sealed inflated chamber.**
- **Ask the users to remove footwear, eye wear, cell phones, keys, neck wear and/or any sharp items etc. It is at the operator's discretion to decide if he/she allows users in the ball.**
- **The product should not be left unsupervised. When unattended, it should be removed from the pool and deflated.**
- **Never deflate in the water.**
- **No one over 16 stones (approximately 100 kgs) to use the product.**
- **Do point the air stream towards the player while inflating the ball.**

### **Entering and exiting the water walker ball**

- The ball should be partially inflated either on poolside or shallow step.
- The user can gain access via the zip.
- The operator will close the zip leaving a small opening for the nozzle of the fan.
- The ball should then be fully inflated, paying attention not to over inflate.
- The fan nozzle is removed, and the ball is sealed.
- The user is then instructed to step off the ledge/poolside into the deeper water.
- Care should be taken on these first steps to ensure the user does not fall backwards onto any hard objects.
- Ideally in swimming pools the water should be level with the entry point to prevent a fall.
- To exit the ball, it must be in shallow enough water for the user to have their feet on the ground.
- The ball zip is opened by the operator and the user steps out.



**Please be aware the in case of an emergency the user is not able to open the zip from the inside of the ball. It requires the operator to open from the outside.**

## HSE Observations on Water Walker Balls

The HSE (Health and Safety Executive) in the UK has published a document called “Safety Information - Walker Walkers/Aqua Balls” where they identified the following risks:

- Unsuitable blowers to inflate the ball. Example: Very loud, petrol driven leaf blower producing exhaust fume and damaging the hearing of the player while the ball is inflated.
- Multiple occupancy. Players injuring themselves by colliding with each other, and the air gets used to quickly.
- Oxygen/carbon dioxide levels. Since the ball is air/water tight the maximum time a player can spend in a ball is limited to 8-10 minutes. We advise our clients to limit the playtime to 5 minutes at a time for the safest operating practices.
- Shallow water. If the water level is too shallow, players can hit the pool ground. The level of the water must be monitored constantly and topped up if deemed necessary.
- Rider size. A heavier, bigger player will need a deeper water than an easier one.
- Tethering/restraining. The balls are wind sensitive and are easily pushed by a relatively low speed wind.
- Sudden deflation. Risk of drowning.

The HSE categorized this product as an article of fairground equipment, as defined in the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, and as such will require an annual test by a competent person.

### THE FAN - Inflation/Deflation

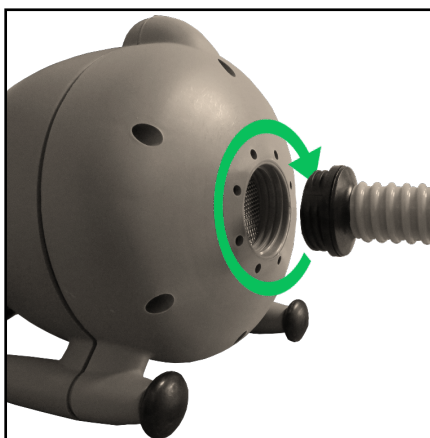


**PLEASE READ THE USER MANUAL OF THE FAN BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO USE THE FAN!**

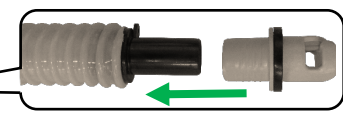
All sealed inflatables use a handheld fan. For safety reasons it is vital to **USE THE FAN INCLUDED WITH YOUR PRODUCT** (or one with similar specifications) when inflating your product.

The supplied fan is **1000 watt** and capable of delivering **1700 litres** of air per minute.

**It is extremely important not to use a fan that can deliver air faster than this or with more power.**



**ON/OFF BUTTON**



**IMPORTANT: DO NOT LEAVE THE PRODUCT UNATTENDED WHILE INFLATING/DEFLATING AND DO NOT TRY TO OVERINFLATE THE PRODUCT**

**In addition to the checks that you must perform, all inflatables require an annual inspection. Please refer to local legislation for the specific requirements of the country or region that you are operating in.**

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