



Manufacturer warranty

Made in Water Ltd warrants to the original purchaser only and is guaranteed as a single use birthing pool.

Non conformity (manufacture defect)

In the event that the delivered pool presents one or more hidden defects, you must return it to us (For UK ONLY; others contact your country's distributor) for refund, in its original packaging within **seven clear days of delivery**.

Made in Water Ltd undertakes to replace the defective pool by another or to refund you within 7 days.

You must, before return of a defective product, obtain authorisation from Made in Water Ltd.

Please email at info@madeinwater.co.uk.

- **Test your pool**

Do test inflate your pool upon receipt to ensure there are no manufacturing defects. We must be notified of damaged goods within 7 (seven) days of receipt.

- **Conditions**

- Shipping cost for returned merchandise that is not damaged or defective **is not refundable under any circumstances.**
- Upon receipt of the pool Made in Water Ltd will inspect your claim and in the event of a manufacturing flaw will be pleased to refund the postage (Royal Mail standard parcel) and repair or replace the pool, as its option.

This warranty does not cover: punctures cuts and abrasions sustained in careless uses or improper storage. Over inflation is a major cause of leaks. Do not inflate with a compressor or high pressure pump. Inflating this item to full hardness can damage the seams.

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170cm X 135cm X 65cm (67" x 55" x 26")
New ECO Vinyl (no phthalates, cadmium or lead)
Inflatable floor for comfort
Pair of solid handles
'La Bassine' ® registered design

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Dear Mum-to-be,

Firstly thank you for trusting our 'Made in Water' birth pool.

La Bassine has been designed for your comfort and to help you to have a natural, active birth.

All women, who had the chance to experience water birth, said that they will do it again. Water is a miracle to help you with the contractions. It doesn't make the pain disappear, but coping with the sensations is easier.

Ideally you should enter the pool only when you are in the active stage of labour. This is when "La Bassine" would be used at its best. Studies have shown that women enter in the pool at 5 centimetres or after have shorter labours and a reduced need for pain relieving drugs.

There are many positions that you can try during the first stage of labour that will help you reach active labour before using the pool. Using a bean bag or a birthing ball, massage, walking, taking a shower or using a TENS machine can help you stay comfortable. Your midwife or doula should be able to help you relax during early labour.

With the right support from their partner, doula and midwives, all women can cope with normal labour. Fear has a huge effect on labour, slowing it down and increasing our perceptions of pain. Giving birth is the most natural thing a woman can do, our bodies are designed to give birth effectively and to cope with contractions when we are in a safe, dimly lit, warm and comfortable place where we feel unobserved and relaxed.

I wish you all the best for your great event and will love to hear from you after the birth of your baby.

Carine Pouypoudat
Director of Made in Water Ltd

We want you to enjoy using our birth pool and other equipment. To maximise your enjoyment it is important that you **read the following notes carefully** before using La Bassine.



Emptying the pool

Emptying is easiest with a water pump available from made in water or other stockists. The pool can be emptied by siphoning off the water to a lower level drain or by buckets (takes a very long time). When pumping or siphoning the pool ensure no large pieces of solid matter enter the pump or hose, placing a mesh (sieve) over the inlet should stop this. Any residue in the bottom of the pool should be disposed of down the toilet.



Cleaning accessories

Hoses can be disposed of after use, or need to be flushed with clean water and then submersed entirely in sterilising solution eliminating air pockets (in the bath or pool) and left to soak for time indicated by product instructions (if it has been used to empty a used pool). Water pumps should be operated in clean water to flush them.



Deflating and packing your pool away

1. Open the base black valve on the side of the pool to let most of the air out, in the meantime deflate the floor with the smallest nozzle of the pump until all the air is removed.
2. A small amount of air will remain into the side of the pool. Replace the large black valve and continue deflating the walls with the small white valve. Insert the correct nozzle and continue deflating the walls with the pump until all the air is removed (the pool should look shrink wrapped).
3. Ensure the walls are folded in over the base; fold the pool in half length ways before rolling it and placing it back in its bag. Store somewhere cool and dry.
4. The carrier bag can only be washed with a damp cloth. Washing machine can damage the bag.



Cleaning your pool

Once the pool is empty wash the pool inside and out with warm water and soap solution (washing up liquid is fine) and a soft cloth. Rinse the pool with clean water (in the garden with a hose pipe is easiest) then wipe over the inside with a sterilising solution made up to manufacturer's instructions and kitchen towel then leave to dry thoroughly before packing away.



Filling your pool

If you are filling the pool for the first time, fill your pool with just enough water to cover the floor and check for leaks.

To fill your birthing pool, you need a clean hose and tap connector to attached the hose to your chosen tap. There are various types of connectors available from local DIY shop or through our website, depending on the shape of your tap.

Once you have attached your hose to your water source, you can start filling the pool. Always start by 1-2 inches of cold water before adding the hot water to avoid damaging the vinyl. Fill with warm water from a mixer tap if possible. Use a thermometer as soon as you start filling to help you to adjust the water temperature, ensuring that it is not too hot for you to step in.

Note: If your pool becomes stretched under the weight of the water, inflate it using the first black valve until it regains its shape.



Temperature

A floating thermometer allows the temperature to be easily monitored. During the first stage of labour most women are comfortable at 35-37 degrees Celsius. Temperature maintenance is easiest when the filling tap is left connected (free end in a bucket near pool) and several buckets of pool water replaced by hot tap water (hold end away from anyone in the pool). The pool will need to be topped up with hot water about once an hour; this is a great job for partners and Doulas. During the second stage of labour (when actively pushing the baby out), the water needs to be maintained at 37-37.5 degrees for the baby to be born into water at blood temperature.



Checking your Pool for factory flaw

La Bassine is thoroughly tested to guarantee high standards of quality. Less than 1% of our products are reported faulty. However please test your birthing pool to avoid any last minute problems during Labour.

Rarely a pool may have been damaged during transport or a hidden defect may have been missed. **We do not recommend the use of untested pools for labour.**

What to look for:

Air leak

Leave your pool inflated overnight to check for any air leak. **Make sure that all valves are screwed firmly enough.** A small loss of pressure after 12 hours is normal. Any inflatable will loss some air overtime.

The appearance of wrinkles on the top of the pool and a very soft wall are signs of abnormal deflation. This may due to a pin hole or a faulty valve.

Water leak

Fill your pool with just enough water to cover the floor and check for any water leak around the pool. As this is likely to be only a very small tear or pin hole, you may want to leave the water for at least 20-25 minutes before noticing a small puddle.

In the event of a defect please refer to the manufacturer's warranty on page 8.



The practice run

We recommend our customers have a full practice run 2-3 weeks before the baby is due.

Being familiar with setting up the birth pool means you will know how long it will take to fill, whether your tap connector fits and whether you have chosen an appropriate space to put it.

A trial run may seem too much hassle, but make it an occasion, light some candles relax as a couple and spend time thinking about your baby and positively visualising your birth, photos or video of the trial run will make a great addition to baby's album.



To avoid possible flooding

1- Inflate walls to firm:

- Before inflating the pool, be certain that the internal ring on the air valve is closed tightly
- Inflate air walls to firm (you should be able to lean on the wall without it collapsing).
- If you notice that the pool wall is starting to collapse after filling the pool with water, this is because there is not enough air pressure in the walls. Please open the top cap of the black air valve and inflate until the pool regains its original shape and is firm.

2- Proper water depth:

- Fill the pool only to the recommended line at first.
- Add more water **if necessary** once the birthing woman is in the pool.

3- Damaging the pool:

- Never fill with water over 39 degrees Celsius (100 degrees F) as this will weaken and damaged the material.
- La Bassine is designed as a single use birthing pool.
Important notice: Although it is possible to use this pool later as a children's play pool, the repeated use as a birthing pool that requires a very heavy amount of water may eventually weaken the pool seams and lead to pool failure therefore, La Bassine is not recommended as a multiple birth pool. Make sure to empty the pool soon after every use.
- Inflatable need careful handling to avoid pin hole, cut or abrasion. However if this happen, it can be repaired easily with the included PVC repair Kit



Inflating your pool

Cold weather WARNING:

In cold weather the material of the pool (Vinyl) can become brittle; we strongly recommend that you wait until the next day you receive your pool to inflate it.

You need an electric air pump or a manual air pump with three different nozzle attachments to fit all valves.

Most battery powered pumps do not have enough power to inflate the birth pool to its full pressure. 3 or 5 L foot pumps, dual action hand pumps or mains powered pumps are a better option.

1 - Unpack your pool, on a clean surface, free from sharp edges and nails

2 - Start by inflating the floor. Open the white valve, insert the appropriate nozzle and inflate until the floor is firm. Take the nozzle out and close the valve.

3 - Inflate the wall using the large black valve, on the side.

The black valve:

This valve has two parts. The first one is the cap which needs to be unscrewed to fit in the nozzle's air pump to inflate your pool. The second part is the base cap, used only to deflate your pool quickly.

Make sure the valve is firmly screwed into the base. Unscrew the square top and attach the hose of a pump designed for use with inflatable products.

This valve has an air retention option which allows you to add more air to the wall of your pool if needed, even when the pool is full of water.

The small white valve on the wall is only for deflation (see *Deflating and packing your pool away*)

If inflating your pool for the first time, leave it inflated for few hours to check for leaks, before filling with water (see *Checking your pool for factory flaw*)