

Free Hot Tub Buyer's Guide

Don't Make These Hot Tub Buying Mistakes...



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Investing in a hot tub? Are you confident that you've thought about all there is to know before making the trip down to the dealership? While you may be confident in your decision to buy, it never hurts to spend a few minutes reviewing information that can help ensure you make the right choice.

After all, with a wide range of hot tubs on the market today and even more features to consider, it can get overwhelming fast. The right hot tub can bring years of happiness, optimal health, relaxation and fun. The wrong one can leave you scratching your head wondering what went wrong. Take a few minutes to read about some common hot tub buying mistakes and get peace of mind that comes from knowing you've made the most informed decision possible.

Mistake No. 1: Buying More Hot Tub Than You Need



Is it even possible to buy more hot tub than you need? Unfortunately, it is. And more than a few first time buyers make this very common mistake. It's hard not to be persuaded by the gorgeous pictures of large, oversized party tubs- the videos alone are amazing. But do you really need seating for 7 adults and a surround sound entertainment system when it's only you and your spouse?

The truth is, buying more hot tub than you need is not a smart purchasing strategy for two reasons- your personal enjoyment and your wallet. Think about it like this. An SUV is a fantastic vehicle. It has room for far more people than the typical sedan, yet it costs more to run, repairs are more expensive, and it can be difficult to maneuver if you're used to a smaller vehicle.

More importantly, most people wouldn't choose an SUV as the ideal automobile for a Sunday afternoon drive. While it handles well, there are smaller models that are more equipped to handle slow, scenic drives through the country. The point is, think about size from the perspective of how you plan on using the hot tub, not by how good it looks and hopefully you can avoid buying more hot tub than you really need.

On the other hand, if there are more than just the two of you in your home, it may make sense to think about buying a larger model. How do you know how big to go? Simple. Think about how many people will be using the tub on a regular basis and how they plan on using it. In other words, is it for you and a spouse to enjoy hydro massage? Or are you planning on entertaining friends and family with hot tub parties on the weekends?

Remember, you do not need to purchase an oversized party tub to get unbelievable hydrotherapeutic benefits. In fact, in many cases, smaller, more compact models offer just as much power as larger, more expensive models.

Mistake No. 2:

The “Bigger Pumps, More Jets” Trap

Mistake number two is perhaps the most common of all mistakes made by first time buyers. Why is this the case? Well, let's be honest. Most people assume that more jets and bigger pumps mean a better hot tub experience. This is not the case!

Be wary of the salesman who tries to impress you by bragging about powerful pumps, incredible horsepower and number of jets. These are not facts that will be useful for choosing the perfect hot tub. In fact, jet placement, or where the jets are located inside the hot tub is far more important than the number of jets the tub actually has. As for horsepower, the only thing increased power will get you is an increased energy bill.

Appropriate Jet Placement Ensures Optimal Hydro Massage - The main purpose of jets located within the shell of a hot tub is to provide massaging streams of water and air toward your body. The feeling of massage is what helps relieve tension, aches and pains and more.

If you have shoulder discomfort or want to relieve tension in your neck, doesn't it make sense to have the right size and shape jets target those areas rather than 150 smaller, misplaced jets in the footwell, around your knees and elsewhere?

Muscles respond very differently to massage, and in most cases, a few well positioned jets targeting key areas of the body is more enjoyable than hundreds of small, annoying jets pulsating all over.



With that in mind, each hot tub is unique, and it makes sense to pay close attention to exactly where the jets are located, the various sizes and shapes and most importantly, if they are positioned where they will do you the most good. In most cases, quality hot tub brands have a strategy behind jet placement. In other words, each jet is specifically chosen and placed to target a major muscle.

The hydrotherapeutic experience is enhanced if jets hit each muscle with the appropriate type of massage. Sales paraphernalia that tout “hundreds” of jets for the most rejuvenating hydro massage is meaningless unless the jets are actually targeted where you need them most.

Water Volume Is More Telling Than Horsepower When Assessing Pumps The typical hot tub pump is made up of only a few components: the motor, which is electric and an impeller, which pushes the water out of the pump. Here's where the mistake is made. Many people confuse horsepower with functionality.

If a pump has more horsepower, than it is indeed more powerful. But power is not the key attribute we need here. In fact, less power, more accuracy is a better fit. Remember, your hot tub is not driving down a highway at top speed, it's simply delivering water for your relaxation. A model that has been engineered properly does not require maximized horsepower. Save that kind of muscle for the racetrack.

So what should you be looking at when comparing or assessing hot tub pumps? Look for models that provide information on water volume, or gallons-per-minute data. That will tell you how much pressure you can expect to feel pushed out at your body while soaking in the hot tub. Doesn't it make more sense to look at the strength of water being delivered to the jets instead of how much horsepower a pump system has?

Mistake No. 3:

Not Choosing a Reputable Dealer and Long Time Manufacturer

Buying a hot tub is exciting, we know. It's almost impossible not to buy the first model you see at the first dealership you happen to stumble into. Here's why that can be a poor decision and how the wrong dealer can actually make your hot tub



experience, now and in the future more of a hassle than a pleasure.

Business Longevity Means Something –

How important is it that the dealer you choose is well established? Well, would you rather buy a new home from a well known, recognized real estate agent or someone fresh out of school who just received their realtor's license last week? In business, longevity is earned over time.



It's a short cut for consumers to get peace of mind that through thick and thin, a bad economy etc., this business has managed to stay around. Why is this important? Simply because businesses who have earned a reputation for being reliable, offering quality products and good customer service stay in business, others do not. Look for a dealer with at least 20 years in the industry and have confidence that you are dealing with expertise you can trust.

The Right Manufacturer Is Just as Important as the Right Dealership - A hot tub is an investment into improved health, vitality, entertainment and more for years to come, it has to be top of the line. Like any large purchase, it makes sense to look for a brand that has earned its place in the industry as a recognized leader for innovation and craftsmanship. Brands that have earned awards, certifications and other recognitions showcase years of expertise and staying power.

Whether it's revolutionizing the hydrotherapeutic experience with innovative jets or improving hot tub ownership with state-of-the-art water care systems, manufacturers on the cutting edge are constantly improving and enhancing the hot tub experience. These are the manufacturers you want to choose for ensuring you buy the best product available. After all, your hot tub is only as good as it works and reliability, durability and best in class take time to develop. Look for hot tub manufacturers who have a proven record of success and get security that you are

investing in a product you can depend on and a promise of the best experience possible.

Mistake No. 4:

Overlooking the Importance of a Good Warranty

At the same time you should be focusing your efforts on finding a reliable manufacturer, you should also be looking for warranty coverage that gives you the protection you need. Why do you need a comprehensive warranty when you've chosen a reliable manufacturer? For one reason alone- because things happen and you never know when you might need warranty coverage.



The key to finding a good warranty is to make sure the company you deal with is transparent about what it offers. In other words, companies with nothing to hide are typically upfront about warranty coverage, ensuring details are easy to understand and straightforward, without hiding details in the fine print.

At the very least, you should look to see that the shell of your hot tub is protected against damage and leaks for at least 5-7 years. The same is true with the plumbing components, which should be protected against defects in manufacturing and workmanship leading to leaks as well. Pumps, heaters and other components should be under warranty, as well as the structural integrity of your hot tub cabinet.

A solid warranty is part of a smart purchasing strategy and should be an important factor in which brand you choose. While normal wear and tear is to be expected

with any use, a quality warranty is a sign of a reputable manufacturer who stands behind its product.

Mistake No. 5: Not Thinking About Placement and Privacy

You're not alone if you can't wait to get your new investment home to give it whirl. But our last mistake is one that deserves your attention- not thinking about placement and privacy. Placement

has to do with where you decide to put your new hot tub once you get it home. Of course, you'll need to measure the available space to avoid having too much hot tub and nowhere to put it. But be sure to think about leaving room for guests to get in and out of the tub safely and accessing the spa for repairs and maintenance.

Placement also has to do with walking distance to the house and whether or not the flowery path will be as easy to navigate during winter months when it's covered in snow or ice. Think about placement carefully, chances are you will not be able to move your hot tub once you get it positioned and ready to use.

Privacy is another aspect of placement that many buyers neglect to think through until they miss it. Remember, the bushes that provide so much privacy mid summer will look different once the trees are bare. Think about in the evenings when the sun goes down. Is your hot tub in direct line of your neighbors back deck strobe light? Consider design options when you look at the various hot tub models and choose one that not only fits your needs and your budget, but your lifestyle and privacy concerns as well.



Conclusion

There are many factors that go into choosing the perfect hot tub. Despite your best efforts, you will undoubtedly learn more as you shop around. However, at the very least, reading through a few common mistakes can give you confidence and security that you made the most informed decision possible.



Remember to buy only as much hot tub as you need, don't be fooled by the size and number of pumps and jets and look for dealerships and manufacturers who have earned recognition and respect from the hot tub industry as leaders in performance, innovation and customer service.

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