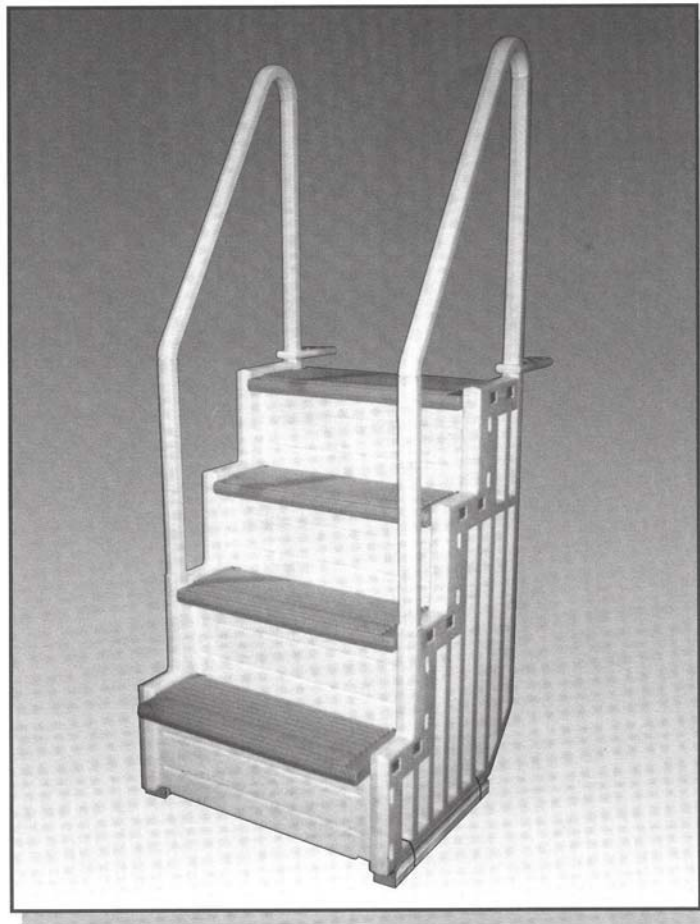


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## **CONFER-STEP**

Model # STEP-1 Above-Ground Pool Steps  
**ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION MANUAL**



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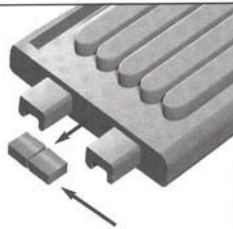
**NOTE: FOR INSTALLATION ON FLAT BOTTOM ABOVE GROUND POOLS ONLY. NOT FOR DISHED/SLOPED BOTTOMS**

PARTS LIST		HARDWARE		TOOLS REQUIRED FOR ASSEMBLY:
Qty.	Description	Qty.	Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mallet (or Hammer) and block of wood</li> <li>• Phillips Screwdriver</li> <li>• Drill Motor (Cordless)</li> <li>• 1/8" Drill Bit</li> <li>• Knife</li> <li>• Liquid Soap or Silicone Spray</li> <li>• 40 lbs. of sand (approximate)</li> <li>• Pliers</li> </ul>
2	Side Panel	14	#10x1-1/4" Screw	
4	Step	2	Label-No Diving	
4	Riser	4	Plastic Tie	
2	Mounting Bracket			
2	Handrail			
2	Long Handrail Post			
2	Short Handrail Post			
2	Base			

### Step 1

Using pliers remove the locking wedges from both ends of each step and **SAVE**.

The four handrail posts are joined together as one unit and must be separated before starting assembly. Using a sharp knife carefully cut the posts apart. When finished you will have two long posts and two short posts as required in step #7.

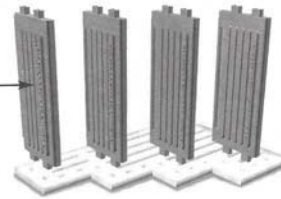


**Remove wedges and save for Step 5.**

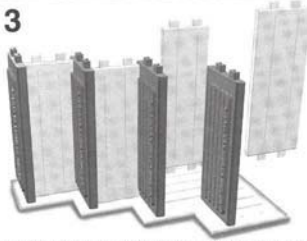
### Step 2

Make sure wording is facing forward.

Lay one of the side panels down on a clean, flat surface. Push the end of each step into the openings of the side panel. Make sure that the riser groove in the top of each step is lined up with the riser recess in the side panel and the engraved markings "Danger No Jumping/ No Diving" are facing toward the front of the unit.

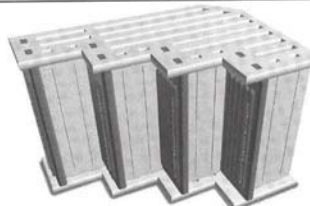


### Step 3



Insert a riser between each of the steps so that the ends of the risers align in the riser recesses on the same panel. Note: Position riser so center hole faces "back" of steps.

### Step 4



Position the second side panel over the steps and risers and press the panel down so that each step and riser are fully seated into the second side panel. It may be necessary to tap the side panel, using a mallet or a hammer and block of wood, to fully seat it.

### Step 5

Secure each step by fully inserting the locking wedges, saved from step #1, between the side panel and the top surface of both ends of each step.



### Step 6

Position the bases under each side panel. Secure a base to each side panel with two plastic ties per base. There is a molded "groove" in the base for placement of the tie. Tighten tie securely.

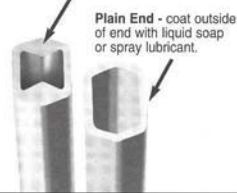
**Note:** The plastic tie should "lock" when the tip is threaded through the eye so that it cannot be pulled apart. If it doesn't lock turn the tie over and reattach.

**Important:** To prevent liner damage be sure locking tab of plastic tie does not contact liner.



## Step 7

**Top End** - accepts the ends of handrails.



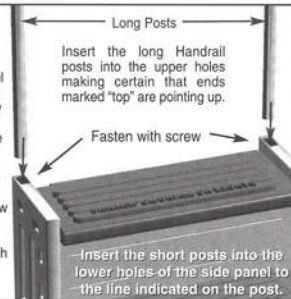
**Plain End** - coat outside of end with liquid soap or spray lubricant.

Place the assembled unit on the deck near the pool. Note that there are two sets of handrail posts—one set 36-1/4" long and one set 43-1/2" long. Also note that the inside ends of each handrail post are formed differently - the "top" end is H-shaped inside to accept the ends of the handrails and the opposite end is the "plain end" (the end to be inserted into the side panels). Spray the "plain ends" of all four handrail posts with liquid soap or silicone spray.

## Step 8

Pour about 20 lbs dry sand into each side panel through the openings for the handrail posts. It may be necessary to "shake" the panel to distribute the sand evenly.

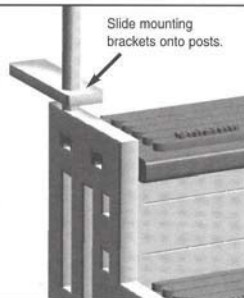
Fasten the long Handrail posts to the side panels with one #10x1-1/4" screw per post approximately one inch (1") below the mouth of the hole in which the post is inserted into the side panel.



**STOP!** If you are assembling this unit for use with an enclosure kit or connector kit do not attach the mounting brackets. Affix the "no diving" labels as indicated in step 9 below and continue to step 10.

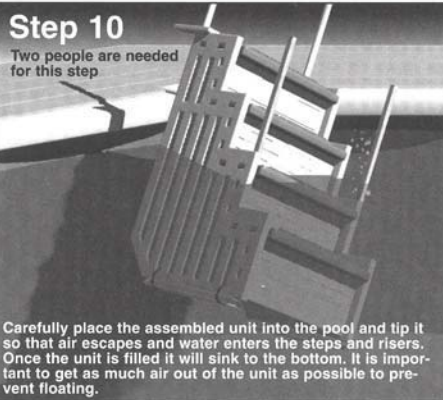
## Step 9

Spray the inside openings of the mounting brackets with silicone or liquid soap and slide a mounting bracket over each of the two higher handrail posts so that they extend out away from the steps. Affix the two "No Jumping-No-Diving" stickers to the upper end of one of the handrail posts, one facing the pool and one facing away from the pool.



## Step 10

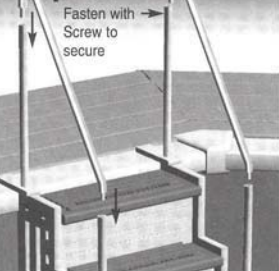
Two people are needed for this step



Carefully place the assembled unit into the pool and tip it so that air escapes and water enters the steps and risers. Once the unit is filled it will sink to the bottom. It is important to get as much air out of the unit as possible to prevent floating.

**STOP!** If you are assembling this unit for use with an enclosure kit or connector kit refer to the instructions supplied with the kit. Do not attach the handrails to the posts as described below.

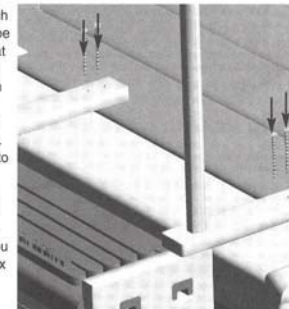
## Step 11



Spray the ends of the handrails with silicone or liquid soap and slip the ends of the handrails into the open ends of the posts until they are fully seated. Secure in place using one #10x1-1/4" screw per post.

## Step 12

Position the unit, between upright posts of the pool, so that the handrail posts are as close as possible to the pool top seat. Slide the mounting brackets down until they reach the deck surface. Fasten to the deck surface by drilling two 1/8" pilot holes, using the preformed holes in the mounting brackets as guides. If the bracket is not long enough to reach the deck surface it will be necessary to extend that part of the deck surface so that the brackets can be fastened down. Secure with two #10x1-1/4" screws per bracket. After fastening the unit to the deck secure the brackets to the handrail posts using one #10x1-1/4" screw per bracket. Note: After assembly you will have two extra #10 x 1-1/4" screws.



### Safety Information

- 1) Always follow the manufacturer's recommendations for the safe use of all hand tools and equipment.
- 2) Do not use the Confer-Step for any purpose other than that for which it is intended.
- 3) When lifting awkward or heavy loads, have another person help you.
- 4) Maximum weight on steps not to exceed 400 lbs.

WARNING: Exceeding the recommended weight requirement may cause the unit to fail.



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### TO WINTERIZE YOUR POOL

We suggest removing your Confer-Step from the pool for the off-season months.

If your Confer-Step is attached to a deck: Two people are required for this operation and it is best to remove the unit while the water is still warm enough so that one person can get into the pool. Disconnect the mounting brackets from the deck. The person in the water can lift the unit up while the person on the deck helps to pull and guide the unit onto the deck. After the unit is on the deck, and the water has drained out of the steps, lay the unit on its back side so that most of the water drains from the side panels.

If getting into the water is not an option the unit can be removed by both people standing on the deck and lifting and tilting the unit to drain some of the water from the steps. After the unit is light enough carefully lift it from the pool. Caution: Use care when lifting the unit. It will weigh at least 130 lbs.

If you have the Confer-Step Enclosure System or Connector System: disconnect the two units by removing the center platform/side rail assembly at the top of the steps. Do not stand on the top step of the outside unit as it may tip. Lift up the unit inside the pool and tilt it so that water drains out of the steps. Once it is light enough carefully lift it over the side of the pool, lay the unit on its back side, and allow most of the water to drain from the side panels.

The Confer-Step can be covered, if desired, and stored outdoors. Or you can disassemble it and store them indoors. Be sure to save all parts for assembly next season.

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Confer Plastics, Inc. warrants their products to be free from defects in workmanship and materials for one year from date of purchase. After the first year the cost to replace a part is as follows:

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3rd Year - 40%	
4th Year - 60%	
5th Year - 80%	

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