

The Walu – not just a safe option!

“A family hub for summer entertainment” - that’s how the Simpson family of St Ives describe their beautiful pool, designed and installed by Cambridgeshire pool dealer, Aqualeaf. However, with two young children they naturally didn’t want to compromise on safety so they chose Certikin’s highly versatile Walu safety cover.

“We’ve always dreamed of having a swimming pool as a focus for family entertainment in the heart of the garden. Big enough and deep enough to swim and do lengths in but shallow enough for adults and children to play in. “The team at Aqualeaf have done a tremendous job. I can recommend them 100% and they have been excellent in providing a first rate after-care service too,” adds Dan. “In the summer, the kids are never out of it. It gets almost daily use throughout March to October.”

“Pools are far easier to maintain and look after than people think, as long as you have the right equipment and the right information, they are a doddle.”

Taking just six weeks to complete, the 8m x 4m x 1.4m deep pool features a host of Certikin equipment including a Calorex Propac16 Heat Pump, Vision Glass filter and Certikin sealed beam lights and all pool fittings. Topping it off is the Walu Manual safety cover which is as smart as it is hard working.

Aqualeaf Director, Paul Carman says: “Our customer chose the Walu Starlight manual safety cover, firstly, because there’s two young children in the family and, secondly, because of its contemporary sleek appearance. It comes with the added bonus of requiring no roller on the pool deck. The Walu sits snugly on the poolside rather than floating like a solar blanket, so large debris is kept out of the pool. From a cost point of view, it is considerably cheaper than other automatic safety covers on the market, while also getting rid of the need for both a winter debris and solar/heat retention blanket because the Walu does both jobs!”

Walu: When three becomes one

The hard working Walu offers three covers for the price of one: installing one means you can dispense with a solar bubble cover and reel system, a winter debris cover and all other safety systems as the Walu will do it all for you!

First and foremost, the Walu is a safety cover. Manufactured to the stringent French NF P90-308 safety standard, it comfortably holds the required test weight of 100kg (approx.15.5 stone). In addition, the Walu offers solar and heat retention benefits and acts as a first class winter cover.

The most unique feature of the Walu cover range is its modular design. Unlike other safety covers, where the whole system needs to be replaced if it is damaged, all individual parts on the Walu cover are replaceable. The cover’s panels and anodised aluminium tubes can easily be exchanged on site for new pieces, restoring the cover to its original standard.

Walu covers all bases

- The best-selling Walu Evolution is suitable for all pool shapes up to 11m x 5m and the lower profile Walu Starlight for rectangular pools up to 11m by 5m.
- For in-ground pools, the lighter weight, lower cost Walu-Eco will cover almost any pool up to

10m x 5m.

- Shaping for ladders and step sections can be accommodated on all models without any compromise to safety.
- For above ground timber pools, the unique Walu-Woodstar offers all of the safety and operational features of the in-ground Walu covers, but is specifically modelled to fit the timber frame of an above ground pool.
- The Walu range is available in a series of opaque colours which shut out light. This slows down the growth of algae and pathogenic micro-organisms which considerably reduces the need for chemicals. The Evolution and Starlight also come in a semi-translucent white fabric which offers solar gain benefits.
- High wind anchor straps are supplied as standard (excluding the Walu-Eco) and the Evolution and Starlight models come with a unique, easy use, quick release system as standard. All fabrics are of a reinforced flexible composite with an anti-abrasion treatment and all fittings are stainless steel.
- The Walu is easy to install and operate. It weighs just 1.250 kg per sq metre (1.15kg per sq metre for Eco and Woodstar) and can be rolled by just one person using a 4:1 ratio geared down manual crank (or two people using two cranks for pools sizes over 50 sq m). Operation usually takes less than three minutes and the cover takes up very little space. Alternatively, you can purchase a Walu-Power motorised winding system which makes removing the cover effortless. The Walu-Power is a fully rechargeable system which needs no maintenance and is suitable for all in-ground pool cover sizes.