



## SOFT TOUCH® BASES

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### A Series -A15DBL Installation Instructions

**Thank you for choosing Soft Touch® Bases!**

These instructions should be read thoroughly before installation. If there are questions concerning the installation or use of these bases, consult Soft Touch® Bases before using them.

The Soft Touch® Double First Base with Soft Touch® In-ground mount, disk, and spike has been designed to alleviate the problems of installation and misalignment with regular double stem bases and ground mounts. **Although the double first base uses the patented disk anchor from the Soft Touch® base system, the base is not designed as a release or pop-off style base.**

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

**The Soft Touch Double First Base is not a "progressive release" or "pop-off" style base due to the dual anchor system and should not be used in that way.**

#### **Ground Mount Cement Installation: (NOTE: This is the recommended installation method.)**

- Step 1: Make sure site is level.
- Step 2: Place the base upside down in the proper location (square to the base line for 1st base). Mark the outline of the base on the ground. (See Fig. 1)
- Step 3: Excavate a 10"x 10" square in the center of the base outline for the ground receptacle and cement.
- Step 4: Place cement around the sides and bottom of the hole so that the flange fits one inch below the playing surface. Cement should be lapped slightly over the corner braces only in the bottom. The center of the receptacle should have no cement installed and should be left open for drainage. Taper the cement 3" from the top of the flange at a 45° angle. (See Fig. 2)
- Step 5: After the cement has dried, level and tamp the ground around the top of the receptacle to insure that the base will lay flat and level and that the flange is at the correct depth of one inch from the playing surface.

*(To speed the installation process the mounts can be encased in cement off site and allowed to dry before installation)*

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#### **Ground Mount Dirt Installation: (NOTE: It is recommended that the ground receptacle be cemented in place.)**

- Step 1: Follow steps 1 and 2 above for cement installation.
- Step 2: Excavate an 8" x 8" square in the center of the base outline for the ground receptacle.
- Step 3: Place the ground receptacle in the hole with the flange of the mount one inch below the playing surface. Pack and tamp the dirt around the sides and bottom of receptacle. The final installation depth should be one inch below ground level.

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### CAUTION

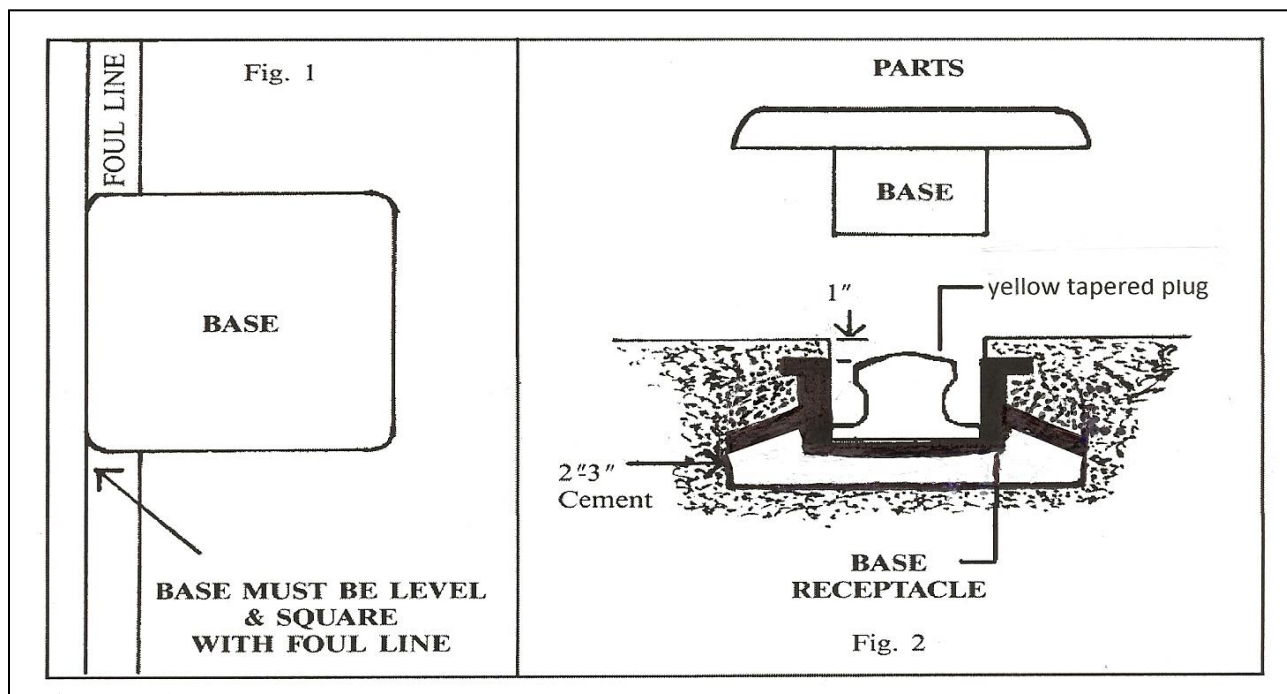
The flange of the ground receptacle should not be less than one inch below the playing surface at any time to insure that players will not make contact with it.

#### Tapered Yellow Plug

The yellow plug is to be used inside each ground receptacle *during* play. Placing widest part in first, firmly push yellow plug into ground receptacle until properly seated. Bases will then fit over the top of the yellow plugs. When a base releases from the ground receptacle, this plug will prevent a player from stepping into an open hole.

#### Mounting for Orange Base with disk:

- Step 1: The orange portion of the base should be in the foul territory. Press down the orange cover to make an impression of the bottom of the base on the ground. Pick up the double base. Place the disk in the center square over the ground impression with the washer facing up. Drive the spike through the hole in center of the disk until the head of the spike rests on the washer. Manufacturer advises that this position for the disk is the **only** position that should be used for all play.
- Step 2: Align the recess in the base cover with the installed ground disk. The ground below the base cover should be flat and level with no hollows, depressions or soil buildup.
- Step 3: Step on the cover until it completely snaps over the ground disk and the base lays flat on the ground.



### **Removal**

To remove the cover from the disk, grasp the base and pull upward. The cover will release from the disk. To remove the disk from the ground use a flat bar to pry up on the underside of the disk near the spike. **Do not pull up on the disk with the spike still in place.** This may cause the disk to tear around the holes or pull the spike through and thereby void the warranty.

**It is important that a proper and regular maintenance program be followed  
to insure that the bases will lay flat and level on the field and will perform as intended.**

### **Warranty**

Soft Touch® bases are warranted against defects in materials and workmanship when used in a usual and customary manner for one year (defined as a regular season of normal length for softball or baseball). Warranty is void if any changes are made to the original mounting system or not installed as per installation instructions. **Proof of purchase is required in the form of dealer PO number, Invoice number, or any other documentation that will verify when products were purchased.** Normal wear and tear is excluded from coverage. **Pictures of defective merchandise are required** and the Manufacturer may request that merchandise be returned before any warranty adjustment will be made. The liability of the Manufacturer for a warranty is limited to either a refund of the purchase or replacement of the defective product.

### **Disclaimer**

**Be advised that sliding into a baseball/softball base may cause serious and permanent injury. No base, however constructed or designed, can prevent all injuries and the Soft Touch® base is no exception. The Manufacturer advises that deviation from installation instructions or failure to properly install and maintain bases and to properly groom playing surfaces around bases and home plate area could increase the risk of injury to players. Under no circumstances should these bases or base anchors be modified, altered, tampered with, or used when they are damaged, as serious injury may occur. Buyer is responsible for furnishing proper installation instructions to the purchaser.**