

## SOFT TOUCH® BASES

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# **C Series - C15DBL 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. It is important that a regular maintenance program be followed to insure the bases will lay flat and level on the field and perform as needed.

The Soft Touch® Double First Base with a convertible tee, 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 <u>is not</u> a "progressive release" or "pop-off" style base due to the dual anchor system and should not be used in that way.

The Soft Touch® Convertible Tee will fit any existing 1" ground anchor stem or 1½" ground anchor sleeve.

### Installing ground anchors: (If you already have 1" or 1 ½" ground anchors in your field proceed to Step 5)

- Step 1: Build a form for the 1" or 1 ½" anchor of your choice. Center the anchor and fill form with concrete.
- Step 2: Measure and mark the proper location for each base and excavate a hole.
- Step 3: Place and level the anchors. The top of the ground anchor should be 1" below the playing surface. The ground tee will be at a 45° angle to the base line and level with the ground at the final installation.
- Step 4: Bury the anchor adding soil a couple of inches at a time compacting thoroughly. The stem of the tee should not make contact with any concrete of the ground anchor and should lay flat on the ground. The tee should be fully supported at all points of the playing field.

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- Step 5: Place the tee in the ground anchor with the longest part of the tee facing away from the pitcher's mound.
- Step 6: Align the white side of the double first base with the tee. The base should be square to the baseline for first base and orange side should be in foul territory. Press down on the orange cover to make an impression of the bottom of the base in the ground. Pick up the base. Place the disk in the center of the ground impression with the washer facing up. Drive the spike through the hole in the center of the disk until the head of the spike rests on the washer.



Step 7: Step on cover until it completely snaps over the tee and lays flat on the ground.

The ground below the base cover should be flat and level with no hollows, depressions, or buildup under the base.

### Removal

To remove the cover from the ground, grasp the base and pull upward. The cover will release from the disk and tee. 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.

### 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.