



## SOFT TOUCH® BASES

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### C Series - Convertible Bases 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 patented Soft Touch® base is designed for easy installation, replacement, and maintenance. It is designed to flex and absorb energy as a player slides into the base. A forceful slide applied to the base will disengage it from the mount, to be replaced easily after disengagement.

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 1½" ground anchors in your field proceed to Step 5)**

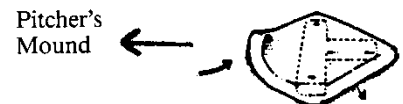
Step 1: Build a form for the 1" or 1½" anchor of your choice. Center the anchor and fill form with concrete.

Step 2: Make sure site is level. 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.

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 recess in the base cover with the tee. The arrow on the base should be pointing toward the pitcher's mound. Manufacturer advises that pointing the arrow towards the pitcher's mound is the **only** position that should be used for all play.



Step 7: Step on cover until it completely snaps over the tee and lays flat on the ground. The final position of the base should be square with the base line. The ground below the cover should be flat and level with no hollows, depressions, or buildup under the base.

**Replacement of cover:** To replace the base cover after disengagement, smooth dirt around the tee and below the area of the base cover to insure a flat level surface. Shake out any dirt that may be lodged in the underside of the cover. Replace cover and step down on it until it snaps into place.

### **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, failure to properly install and maintain bases, and failure 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.**

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