

Installation Instructions for
SOFT TOUCH® Spike Down Bases

Congratulations on your purchase of the Soft Touch® baseball/Softball bases.

The complete instruction sheet should be read thoroughly before installation. If there are any questions concerning the installation or use of these bases, consult Soft Touch® before using them.

Both patented SOFT TOUCH® bases are designed for easy installation, replacement, and removal from playing fields. The bases flex and absorb energy as a player slides into the base. The force of an improper slide applied to the base will disengage the base cover from the tee mount. The cover can easily be replaced after disengagement.

SOFT TOUCH® **Spike Down Model** (cover and tee with spikes)

Pitcher's Mound



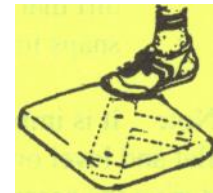
Step 1) Measure and mark the proper location for each base. Place the base cover in proper position with the arrow in the corner of the cover pointing toward the pitcher's mound. Remove the cover and an impression of the under side of the base will be outlined in the dirt.

Step 2) Place the spike tee over the ground impression with the arrow pointing toward the pitcher's mound. Drive the three spikes through the holes in the outer edges of the tee until the heads of the spikes are below the top of the tee.



Note: Manufacturer advises that pointing the arrow towards the pitcher's mound is the **only** position that should be used for all play.

Step 3) Align the recess in the base cover with the installed spike tee. The ground below the base cover should be flat and level with no hollows, depressions, or buildup under the base.



Step 4) Step on the cover until it completely snaps over the tee and lays flat on the ground.

To remove the tee from the ground: pull the spikes straight up from the ground. **Do not pull up on the tee with the spikes still in place.** This may cause the tee to tear around the holes or pull the spikes through the voiding the warranty.

Warranty - Soft Touch® Spike Down bases are warranted against defects in materials and workmanship for one year (defined as a regular season of normal length for softball and baseball). Normal wear and tear is excluded from coverage.

Customer Advisory & Warning

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. Sporting events are dangerous in nature. Players, by their participation, assume all risk of injury. Players should be aware of their own physical limitations in participation. All players should be informed of the risk inherent in this sports activity and in the use of these bases. It is the purchaser's responsibility to inform each participant of these dangers. The manufacturer advises that deviation from installation instructions or failure to properly install and maintain bases could increase the risk of injury to players. Playing surfaces around bases must always be properly maintained. Under no circumstances should these bases or base anchors be modified, altered, tampered with, or used when they are damaged. Serious injury may occur.