

RELEASE Owner of a Mikel Tube wooden diving board

We cannot express our concern for your safety more. We are not aware of any accident involving a Mikel Tube wooden diving board, and we would like to keep it that way. In our opinion, the best way to make our customers aware of the need to be particularly cautious when using their pool and the board is this disclaimer. In the USA, most of the reported child drownings in pools and spas and on motor yachts were surely and mostly not related with a diving board, but notice that pools and spas stay vulnerable places for children without supervision. With 65% of the cases, children between the ages of 1 to 3 years are the ones who are in most danger. In our opinion, children below the age of 9 should not be allowed to dive or use the board.

A wooden diving board from Mikel Tube is hand made out of the best materials nature can give. It is assembled with stainless bolts of the highest quality and waterproof glue to give its design. In comparison with the classic diving boards made out of steel or epoxy, the choice of a wooden diving board is based on the looks and the search for natural products with the knowledge that wood lives and works.

The customer is aware that this natural product can vary from model to model since every board is unique. The quality and standards that are communicated with the customer are highly respected and the board meets the requirements for normal use under the circumstances communicated by the customer. This being said, the board should be used under normal circumstances and normal weight factors taking in account the ordered GBF.

Mikel Tube cannot be held responsible for accidents that would occur while using the board. It is up to the customer to take the required safety measurements and precautions to do the correct maintenance and to instruct the users of the board on how it has to be used in a safe way. The customer should get information about the local requirements and laws that apply to swimming pools and their accessories, in particular diving boards, and apply it.

Installation: Marvol cannot take any responsibility on the installation of the board since this will be done by a third party. The acquirer of the board should not install the board without proper guidance, meeting the pool manufacturer installation requirements, and National standards (for example in US, the ANSI/APSP national standards or alarm deposition in France) plus all applicable state and local codes.

Conservation

The wood we use for your diving board is IPE, Brazilian hard wood, with specific characteristics on bending, durability and minimal shrink force (Bending 178 N/mm² - pressure force 91 N/mm² - shrink 0,8%). It leaves our facility with a humidity degree of 18 % maximum. This product is meant to be used outside and conservation should be done or outside (in crate) or at a place that respects natural humidity (garage or barn for example). If those precautions are not taken in account the board could split, which will not enter in the warranty.

We recommend our customers to check www.poolsafely.gov and www.divingboardsafety.net as guidelines for safe diving. Diving should be fun and it will stay fun if some easy rules are taken in account.

Those easy but necessary rules are:

Your diving board is the safe place to dive, at the deep end of the pool, away from the shallow end where accidents tend to occur. Safety is the pool owner's responsibility. No running, roughhousing, or horseplay around the pool. Never dive, jump, or slide into shallow water, that's where most accidents happen. Keep the deck clear of happen. Keep the deck clear of ever swim or dive alone. Adults must supervise children. Alcohol, drugs, and pools don't mix, never allow anyone to dive or swim when he has been drinking alcohol or has been taking drugs.

Although these seem logical to everybody and they are not spoiling the fun, it seems sometimes hard to respect them. We therefore advise to expose the printed version of the safety rules "Safe Diving" on a visible spot near your pool.

Common sense safe diving (to be instructed by the pool owner)

1. Know the waters depth and the shape of the pool bottom including the upslope.
2. Check for objects at the bottom of the pool and remove them, including objects that can obstruct safe diving on the surface. Even small objects look bigger under water and can disorientate people that are not used to dive, especially children.

