

## Hot tub buyer's guide – how to choose the right hot tub

Choosing the right hot tub or spa for you and your family can be confusing, especially with so many different hot tub brands, models and options coming over to the UK. Did you know that the term Jacuzzi is a brand of hot tubs? People sometimes (incorrectly) use our brand name to define the product – that shows how well known we are!

Sometimes other retailers use the word 'Jacuzzi' in their websites, this promotes our high standards on other hot tub brands. But don't be fooled! Look out for the Jacuzzi logo on the product to prove whether the hot tub is a true Jacuzzi hot tub. Jacuzzi have been designing and making Jacuzzi hot tubs for over 50 years. You can only buy Jacuzzi hot tubs from one of our UK authorised Jacuzzi hot tub retailers.

We hope you enjoy browsing through our wide range of Jacuzzi hot tubs, but before you make your choice, have a look through our handy hot tub buyer's guide below to give you some useful decision-making tips.



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### 1. Research hot tubs online

Searching the internet for information about Jacuzzi, hot tubs and spas is generally a good idea. Lots of people have hot tubs in the UK and are enjoying the various social and health benefits that come with them. Read hot tub reviews or websites to get an idea about what a hot tub lifestyle is like and how it could benefit you. Understanding why you want an outdoor hot tub is sometimes a good indicator of what kind of spa you should research.

### 2. Caution: buying a hot tub online

Don't be fooled thinking you'll get a 'better deal' online. We highly recommend that you physically see some hot tubs or spas before you buy them. The best hot tubs are a long term investment and will add value to your home as well as provide family entertainment for many years. Unfortunately internet deals can sometimes fall through meaning you'll lose your money, or worse still, the hot tub you receive is much lower in quality than the one you were expecting and it will end up costing you more to run it or repair it. It's important to



understand the quality of your preferred hot tubs by going to a hot tub showroom to see them.

### 3. Manufacturing hot tubs

Not all hot tubs are the same. During your research look out for reputable hot tub manufacturers and search their websites for information. If they have a good reputation for quality, you'll be able to see it. Look out for it. Quality hot tub retailers and manufacturers will provide detailed hot tub product details, technical quality details, where to buy and their service information. Also look for manufacturers who offer a full hot tub warranty.

### 4. Plan for your new hot tub

Imagine where your outdoor Jacuzzi hot tub will sit in your garden. Don't forget to consider what direction you face, if you are overlooked, how you will fit your hot tub into the space and where it will feature in your overall garden design. When preparing your garden for the arrival of a new Jacuzzi hot tub, start discussing it with your local Jacuzzi hot tub retailer as soon as you can. They will point out all the considerations regarding an efficient installation while helping you make the most of your new hot tub.

### 5. The best hot tubs

The best hot tubs are ones that provide you with years of entertainment and pleasure, without costing you a fortune to run. Make sure you check the quality of the hot tub construction. The cost to run a hot tub depends on how often you heat the water. Generally, if a hot tub is well made with significant insulation, the better it will be at retaining heat. Be sure to choose a hot tub with several layers of different types of insulation, which ensures maximum heat retention. Replica models lacking good insulation will ultimately cost more to heat. Other good indicators of the best hot tubs include a thick, strong hot tub cover to retain heat while you're not using your hot tub and a solid ABS base. As well as retaining heat at the bottom of your hot tub, a strong base will prevent garden creatures and outdoor pests from getting inside it too.

### 6. Hot tub size matters

Hot tubs are available in all shapes and sizes. Firstly, it's important to think about how much space you have in your garden – and the access to it. This may limit the hot tub size you can accommodate. Ask an authorised Jacuzzi hot tub retailer will visit you at home to help you conduct an outdoor site survey. If you have problems with access to your garden, they may suggest a crane to help lift your hot tub or spa over your house. Next, think about the number of people you will have in the hot tub at once. If you are planning regular hot tub parties, then you might need more seats than a standard family size. Although a larger hot tub may not always mean more seats, they are generally more comfortable with more space to move around in. Finally, think about the height of the people using the hot tub. Most standard hot tubs are around 90cm high, but the lengths differ. If you're choosing a hot tub with a lounge seat, make sure they accommodate taller and shorter people comfortably. (The best way to check for comfort is to sit in a dry hot tub at a hot tub showroom.)

### 7. What is hot tub hydrotherapy?

According to Wikipedia, 'Hydrotherapy, involves the use of water for pain-relief and treating illness. The term hydrotherapy itself is synonymous with the term water cure as it was originally marketed by practitioners and promoters in the 19th century'. Since then, it's



become widely known that water soothes aching joints and hydrotherapy products have become popular for de-stressing, unwinding and generally resting our bodies. The development of the first Jacuzzi whirlpool bath in 1956 was a great step forward into domestic hydrotherapy. Today, in hot tub terms, hydrotherapy is the combination of water and air, pushed through well designed hot tub jets to deliver a smooth, targeted massage to the key areas our body demands. Jacuzzi hot tubs feature patented bearingless jets with no moving parts. Bearingless hot tub jet designs allow a range of swirling, pulsing, streaming or penetrating water flow, which deeply massages like every therapeutic technique. Make sure you check the hot tub jets to ensure that they are adjustable and you can turn them on/off to customise your massage.

## 8. Maintaining hot tub water

When choosing a hot tub, you should look at how it filters the water. Typically, hot tubs use pleated filters to trap any grease or dirt. Most Jacuzzi hot tubs have 1 or 2 pumps that support hydrotherapy massage (the jets) plus a separate circulation pump which pushes all hot tub water through a filtration system. The system includes a number of pleated filters, skimmers or filter bags to trap all matter of debris that may enter your Jacuzzi hot tub during use. Plus some have ozonators that release ozone into the water regularly. Ozone naturally kills bacteria, so cuts down the amount of sanitiser you need. Hot tub filters should be cleaned every couple of weeks and replaced every year.

Don't forget that you need to maintain the hot tub water once it is up and running in your garden. Check before you buy your hot tub that your installer knows about maintaining hot tub water. A Jacuzzi hot tub retailer will provide detailed information and training about chemical treatments and water balance once your hot tub is installed. It's easy once you know how. Popular water treatments for hot tub water safety include Chlorine, Bromine and for more sensitive skin, Oxidiser. Managing your hot tub water is important for your safety. Make sure you choose a hot tub retailer or manufacturer who can help you with ongoing maintenance and your chemical questions.

## 9. Hot tub covers

Make sure your hot tub is covered when not in use. Not only does this retain heat, but it also stops airborne debris from entering your hot tub water. The best hot tub covers are solid with insulation and have locks on them which fasten onto the side of your hot tub. This stops them from being tampered with while they're out of use. A good hot tub cover will last for a couple of years before you should consider replacing it.

## 10. Use your iPod in your hot tub

If you want your hot tub to provide music, make sure you look at the entertainment system that comes with it. Not all hot tubs are the same. Jacuzzi hot tubs are available with iPod docking stations, MP3 players and even 1GB hard drives to store your music selections.

## 11. Hot tub finance

Reputable hot tub manufacturers can offer finance packages so that you can spread the cost of buying your hot tub. Look out for Jacuzzi finance offers at Jacuzzi authorised hot tub retailers. Often you may find it easier to buy now, or next year, or even better.

Why not pop in for a visit?



Visit your local Jacuzzi hot tub retailer and see what offers they have in store today. Friendly, expert advice is available in store from our Jacuzzi hot tub team, who will be pleased to introduce you our impressive range of Jacuzzi hot tubs. We have a wealth of hot tub hydrotherapy experiences just waiting for you to explore.

You could be in your very own private spa or hot tub haven in no time!