

Grain Cover Installation Guidelines

IMPORTANT!!

- ▶ Check weather conditions prior to starting installation and do not try to deploy covers in windy conditions. During and after deployment some type of ballast must be utilized to prevent wind from taking control of the cover material. Typically, sandbags are used for ground piles without aeration and should be placed as required in the specifications per the actual site layout.
- ▶ Depending on the current wind conditions, the crew should be able to take advantage of a slight breeze by pumping a layer of air under the cover material to help float the material while deploying. If at anytime the air underneath becomes greater or too excessive, the deployment crew should pull the material closer to ground level to help push out some of the air. If a large wind gust comes up during deployment the crew should hold the material down to the ground temporarily until the wind gust passes.
- ▶ Some multi-panel covers are different widths, so be sure the panels are deployed correctly. Most often, this situation exists when towers are present.
- ▶ When using air to hold the cover down, having them “on” during cover deployment assists in holding down the cover.



1. Place roll in middle of bunker length. Attach rope to end of cover with the basketball.



2. Use a piece of aeration tube on peek of pile to prevent rope from digging into corn. Unroll cover over pile.



3. Pull cover, white side up, to the edge of one side of the bunker.

4. Repeat Steps 1 and 2 to deploy additional panels of the cover.



5. Join covers as they are deployed. The additional panels should be positioned to achieve a 4'-6' overlap to allow for ease of field seaming. The recommended seaming method for reinforced covers is to use a "J"-fold sewn seam.

6. Pull cover until unfolded and repeat steps 1 & 2 until all rolls have been deployed and sewn, then proceed to step #7.



7. Attach cover to bunker walls. If using cover for a ground pile, make sure you place ballast material continuously around pile. Any voids in ballast will allow uplift in the cover.

