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# CLEANING & MAINTENANCE GUIDE

## PREMIUM EPOXY POOL PAINT

### POOL EPOXY INFORMATION

- Any milky discolouration caused by early moisture is ON, not IN, the coating. This is only a surface bloom and does not affect lasting properties. You can expect this to dissipate within a month of the pool being filled with water. DO NOT enter the pool for 7 days after completion. Take care when walking in the empty pool as the smooth surface is very slippery when wet.
- Any leaves or insects that may have been trapped in the surface of the coating while drying may be removed by lightly scraping off after 7 days. Leaf stains on the surface will generally disappear within a week or so after the pool is filled and chlorinated.
- Rainwater collected in the pool will not harm the coating but may leave a blooming mark as explained in point 1. Empty rainwater from the pool as soon as possible.
- The pool should not be filled for ~ 7 days after completion in summer or ~15 days in winter.
- In summer, promptly after filling the pool, new water should be Super Chlorinated for the first night and sediment on the floor vacuumed. Continuous filtration should be carried out for 24 hours until the water becomes crystal clear. Salt in saltwater pools may be added as soon as the pool is filled.  
**NOTE:** In winter these programs may be delayed by up to a week after filling.

### POOL WATER CHEMISTRY

- Total Alkalinity (TA) of pool water should be adjusted to 160 ppm and maintained in the range 140--160 ppm. The addition of ~ 1kg bicarb soda (cooking soda) per 8,000L is usually sufficient for new or fresh pool water (9kg/72kl or 10kg/80kl). White powdery deposits on the coating surface generally indicate low Total Alkalinity (TA).

If these powdery deposits are allowed to develop unchecked, this may result in reduced life expectancy of the coating due to the abrasive action of Automatic pool cleaners on the coating. An early indication of this is “pick-up” of colour on hands and feet. NB: CHALKING is a natural process during the life of the epoxy coating and is not a result of any defect in the epoxy. However, by minimising chalking, you will maximise the life of the painted surface. To minimise chalking, Total Alkalinity (TA) should be checked regularly and maintained within the range 140-160 ppm all year round.

- pH - Maintain between 7.2-7.6
- Chlorine - Keep under 3ppm, ideally between 1-2ppm
- Calcium Hardness - Maintain between 280 - 320ppm



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- In much the same way as you would cut back and polish your car from time to time as well as more frequent washing, we strongly recommend that you make a routine of vigorously brushing the walls and floor areas of the pool followed by 8 hours filtering. This should be done monthly in summer (every 6-8 weeks in cooler periods). This routine will help present a smooth, glossy, hygienic (non-algae supporting) surface to the pool water and will greatly enhance the longevity of the epoxy coating, particularly when using Calcium Hypochlorite.