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POOL SERVICE FACT SHEET

FIRST START UP OF POOL

This information is based on the pool being installed by a pool builder.

Firstly check a sample of the town water supply which had not been in to the pool, just straight from the tap.

Note the Chlorine, pH & Total Alkalinity & Calcium Hardness readings.

If necessary, firstly you add Calcium Chloride Flake to correct the Calcium Hardness level, this can be done as soon as the pool is more than half full.

Mix with water & broadcast evenly across the pool water surface.

Then after 24 hours add the Sodium bicarb for the correction of the Total Alkalinity & leave 24 hours.

Now start to add chlorine to bring the level up.

If you have a marcite (marblesheen finish) pool, Do not add acid to the pool for at least 4-5 days & even then don't try to correct the pH to 7.4, let it stay at the 7.7-8.0 for another week so that the surface of the plaster has time to cure before you bring the pH down to the 7.5-7.6 range.

With vinyl, fibreglass & tile finishes, you can bring the pH to the correct level 48 hours after adding the bicarb.

If you wish to use chlorine stabilizer, which you will have to do if you are going to connect a salt chlorinator to the pool, then start adding the cyanuric acid to the pool, once the pH is correct.

Also read the attached sheet on looking after your pool.

For more information about fixing problems with your pool, purchase our How to fix it E-Book "NOW I KNOW HOW TO" or our "Technical Training Manual 2001"

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