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POOL SERVICE FACT SHEET

PREPERATION & PAINTING OLD POOLS

You have two options for removing the old paint,

1. You could hire a high pressure water blaster & give that a try to see if it will get under the paint lumps & remove them.

You can do this your self or hire someone to do it.

2. If you want to return to a nice smooth surface, you are best to have the pool grit blasted. This only takes possibly 6-8 hours with a machine & it leaves it a roughened surface so the paint will stick but removes all the old paint.

The grit blasting is more expensive than the water blasting.

PAINT TYPES

There are two types of paint to use on a pool, Chlorinated Rubber & Epoxy.

It is best if the pool was painted with chlorinated rubber before that you use that type again but most people can not remember what was used last time.

The best to use it the epoxy paint.

You can buy it from most paint supply companies, they may have to mix the color if you want it blue but I normally use white

REPAINTING

1. Broom, dry vacuum & wash down the pool interior after the old paint has been removed.

2. Allow the surface to dry for 3-4 days so there is no moisture in it.

3. Using a two part epoxy swimming pool paint, you will cover approx 20SqM or 200SqFt for a 1 gall or 4.0Litre can. Work out the surface area of the pool & multiply by 2.5

If it is 30ft x 15Ft by an average of 4'6" deep then you have 845 SqFt or 85SqM so multiply that by 2.5 = 2121 SqFt or 200SqM.

You need ten 10 one gall or four litre tins of paint & two by one gall or four litre tins of thinners.

4. After mixing the two parts of the epoxy paint together then you need to add 1 pint or 120ml of thinners to the tin of mixed paint (you may need to transfer it all to a bigger mixing tin.)

This thinned coat will be applied as your first coat, it is thin so it will soak deeply in to the surface.

Use a soft brush to do the corners & edges & roll the paint on to the large areas with a short hair roller.

5. The second coat must be applied in accordance with the suppliers instructions, most say within 24 hours. You can thin this coat about 1/2 pint or 60ml per tin.

6. The final third coat should be applied directly from the paint tin. Use the thinners to wash the brushes & rollers between coats.

Leave the paint 4-5 days to release all of its solvents before filling with water.

NEW POOL PAINTING

Use the following steps & you should enjoy a well painted easy to maintain pool surface.

1. Wash the pool with a 1:10 mixture of muriatic (hydrochloric) acid & water ten parts water.
2. You will need to wear protective clothing while doing this & protective eyewear, also try to do it in the coolest part of the day.
Use an old broom to spread the solution over the walls & floor, making sure to cover all areas.

See out other FAQ on Acid washing

3. Hose down the area you have covered with the acid solution two to three minutes after applying the solution.
Do the walls first & then start at the deepest point & work out.
4. Remove the water & acid which has collected in the deep point of the pool & wash the pool down several times to remove any traces of acid.

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For more information about fixing problems with your pool,
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