

Care & Maintenance

NuPool – Public Aquatic Facilities

The care and maintenance of any coated pool surface is important. Maintaining the coated surface as well as the correct chemical balance is crucial to keeping the aesthetic and performance characteristic of the coated pool surface for many years. All recommendations outlined in this this Care and Maintenance Fact Sheet are based on extensive experience with NuPool Epoxy and NuPool Chlorinated Rubber Coatings for Australian conditions.

AUSTRALIAN CONDITIONS

As Australia is comprised of a wide range of climatic conditions such as high average temperatures and harsh UV conditions, it is important to manage pool chemistry according to your region's specific conditions throughout the year. Certain regions of Australia are exposed to higher average temperatures and higher levels of UV exposure. As a consequence, pools in these regions will require a more frequent maintenance regime.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SWIMMING POOL COATING EXTERIOR DURABILITY

Epoxy and Chlorinated Rubber pool coatings will “chalk” under exterior UV exposure and in chlorinated or salt water conditions. These coating chemistries have been specifically developed to provide optimum service life performance with chalking part of the natural erosion or sacrificial function of the finishes.

Prolonged build-up of chalking residue, soluble salts and the abrasive action caused from automated pool cleaners can all have an impact on the long term performance of a pool coating.

A diminished service performance life of the coating can result if these factors are not properly managed.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SWIMMING FACILITIES

Specific water quality guidelines for public aquatic facilities are typically outlined by local government regulation under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 and the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations.

The Public Health and Wellbeing Act provides local government environmental health officers with powers to help them determine whether there is a public health risk at a public aquatic facility.

As a reference point, refer to the following guidelines or alternatively contact your local state or territory government authority for specific requirements relevant to your region:

[Water quality guidelines for public aquatic facilities - www.health.vic.gov.au](http://www.health.vic.gov.au)

[Swimming pool and spa advisory document - www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)

Other key Australian Standards include:

- HB 241-2002 Water management for public swimming pools and spas
- AS 1926.3-2010 (R2016) Swimming pool safety – water recirculation systems
- AS 2610.1-2007 (R2016) Public spas
- AS 3780-2008 The storage and handling of corrosive substances
- AS 3979-2006 Hydrotherapy pools

SAI Global has compiled a comprehensive list of Australian Standards that may be relevant to public aquatic facilities in its Guide to Standards – pools and spas.

https://infostore.saiglobal.com/uploadedFiles/Content/Standards/Guide_to_Standards-Pools_and_Spas.pdf

EXISTING COATED POOL: SURFACE CLEANING & MAINTENANCE:

In order to eliminate chalking and soluble salt build up and to provide a smooth and hygienic (non-algae supporting) surface to the pool water greatly enhancing the life of the coating, Nutech Paint recommends regular maintenance of the coated pool surface be performed.

The recommended frequency of maintenance to the coated surface should ideally be performed every 2 – 4 weeks.

A. An effective way to maintain the coated surface of your pool as outlined in 3 simple steps;

Step 1. Vigorously brush down all surfaces with a stiff bristled broom or long handled scourer.

Step 2. After cleaning the coated surface, allow for any residue to settle and gently vacuum to waste or coagulate/flocculate prior to filtration and backwashing. After this process, allow 8 hours filtration.

Step 3. Dose the pool with Bi-Carb Soda in order to maintain total alkalinity within acceptable limits.

MAINTAINING WATER CHEMISTRY

NOTE: The storage and handling of pool chemicals should be in accordance with **AS 3780-2008 The storage and handling of corrosive substances.**

1. Prior to Chemical Addition – Freshly Coated Pools

Freshly coated pools should not be filled with water prior to full cure has taken place. As outlined in the relevant NuPool TDS, filling of pools should not take place for a minimum 7 days after the final coat of NuPool is applied. After the recommended cure time, fill the pool with clean fresh water and filter for a minimum of 12 hours prior to the addition of any chemicals. Refer to the chemical addition instruction in this fact sheet for further information.

2. Chemical Addition

Any accumulation of chemicals on a freshly painted surface may cause bleaching or colour change.

In order to avoid this, Nutech Paint recommends all additions of pool salt or chemicals or should pre-dispersed with water prior to addition. Disperse the diluted solution into the pool with agitation.

3. Balancing and maintaining water chemistry

Balancing and maintaining water chemistry for Public Aquatic facilities should be done so in accordance with **HB 241-2002 Water management for public swimming pools and spas**. This reference outlines the most appropriate chemical levels based on bather loads and public health requirement guidelines.

The four most important chemical levels that must be monitored and balanced for a NuPool Epoxy coating are; Total Alkalinity (TA), pH, Calcium Hardness (or just Hardness), and Chlorine.

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