

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Looking after your PaintNForget Pool Coating

Introduction

Now that you have a “new” pool coated with **PAINTNFORGET** a few simple techniques will keep it looking great. PAINTNFORGET is designed to provide a long-lasting, functional and protective finish, while looking good. A longer life will be achieved when it is looked after correctly.

Before Filling

Allow the coating to cure for 7 days in summer and 14 days in winter, before adding any water. (If you need to fill sooner, contact Applicator or us, first)

To check if **coating cured**, saturate a knotted clean rag or paper towel with IPA (Isopropyl Alcohol- pharmacy) and wipe surface in one direction over 50 mm. If any paint on rag – towel, it's NOT cured enough. If need be, retest each 24 hrs. till no colour – paint on rag.

Any clean **rainwater** (or dew) should be removed during the curing period. Be careful as surface maybe slippery. Any water running over a garden or concrete should be removed quickly as may contain contamination which will stain the partly cured surface.

Remove any **dirt, sand, leaves, insects** etc. Any vegetation may leave stains and sand etc is abrasive.

Filling and Chemicals

Check that the Hydrostatic valve (if fitted) is working correctly. Fill it with clean water. Allow to stand 24 - 96 hours max, then add chemicals (inc Salt) **making sure they are well diluted first, in a bucket of pool water. Then mix into the pool completely.** Any

chemicals that are added directly may sit on bottom and result in concentrated chemical attack or stains and reduced life expectancy to the PAINTNFORGET. Follow professional advice to get pool into the correct chemical balance.

Pool Water Maintenance – Very Important for long coating life. Don't ignore it.

For the best long-term life, we recommend you:

- Clean and brush (at least every 2 weeks in summer and monthly in winter). To remove any dirt, sand, vegetation and “calcium” build up.
- Check the water balance at least twice weekly in summer and monthly in winter. (pH, Chlorine, Calcium Hardness, Total Alkalinity, Water Temp and CYA/Phosphates) as per SPASA.
- Pool chemicals to be correctly mixed and not dumped into pool,
- Pool remains full of water (unless we know in advance that it will be empty)
- If using a Cu/Ag system monitor and keep ion concentration low to prevent staining.
- Ask your pool shop to calculate the pool water **LSI (Langelier Saturation Index)** every time you have a water test, as it is a great overall marker for pool water balance. Should ALWAYS be from -0.3 to +0.3 and get them to discuss it in detail with you. Understanding LSI can save you money and wasted chemical addition.

We have a lot more **INFORMATION** and **GUIDANCE ON OUR WEB SITE, Poolpaint.com.au** and here, **Pooladvise.com.au**

As with any significant product or important item, the better you look after it, the longer it will last. The same with your pool water (and thus PnF), as it's a complex chemical mix and needs good consistent management, for the best value and most fun.

Not sure about something, then please reach out to us.

The recommended ranges for each variable for maximum life are: (Don't ignore)

pH	7.2 – 7.6	Temp	5 – 36 C
Total Alkalinity (TA)	80(min)–180(max) ppm	Chlorine Levels	1 – 3 ppm (not higher)
Calcium Hardness (CA)	250–350 ppm	Watch CA carefully	Keep in these ranges for long coating life and ideal swimming conditions. And: LSI -0.3 to +0.3

When you take your pool water to a pool shop, make sure they adjust the system to PAINT and adjust the pool water temperature to the current level. If not, you will get incorrect results of pool water testing and maybe waste money on unneeded chemicals.

Total Alkalinity needs to be carefully maintained to prevent a powdery build up on the pool surfaces, and pick up on feet and hands, coupled with a shorter coating life.

Record ALL pool water tests (at home or in pool shop) for future reference. This helps see and understand pool water chemistry trends over time. It can save you a lot of time and money.

Saltwater pools tend to have increasing pH and this can reduce chlorine effectiveness.

Surface Cleaning:

PAINTNFORGET is resistant to surface contamination and fungal growth. However, over time the surface (near waterline) will tend to change with the attachment of slime and fat build up. (suntan oil, human fats and floating dirt, dust etc) Remove with soft broom or brush as needed. Don't let go hard.

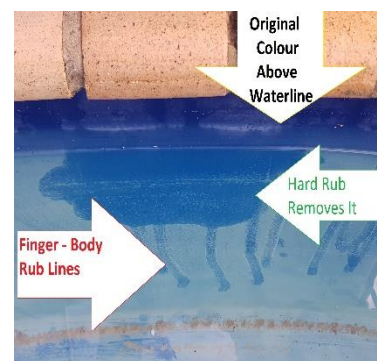
Hard plastic pool cleaners may abrade the surface, so it is best to use soft crawler variety. (Discuss with your pool shop). And sand, etc on the bottom will increase the abrasion, and reduce the life.

Calcium Build-up:

You may see a white powdery buildup on pool surfaces (more so with saltwater pools) but also with chlorine granules and if hard water used. Often noted when pool water gets cold (winter) & in spring. It may be noticed if you wipe the surface with your hand and you see a white "cloud" in the water. The PAINTNFORGET will be **glossy underneath** when you rub hard. Remove calcium buildup by using a **flocculating agent**. Contact Pool Shop for help.

See here too; <https://www.thepoolstainremovers.com.au>

Do Not ignore this film, as becomes very hard to remove, if at all.



Colour Change:

PAINTNFORGET is very resistant to colour change (UV attack), however there may be a very slight colour change over a long time.

If above the water line (in the splash zone), can be pool water drying and leaving dissolved salts to dry. Dark colors will show this more. Broom – brush off before it goes hard.

Pool Blanket, if used with a saltwater chlorinator, make sure the chlorine generation is set very low (1ppm) as excessive chlorine ruins the pool blanket and can bleach the paint where the gas escapes around the at the edge of the blanket.

Blistering – Bubbles or Stains

Contact the Contractor or us if you see any of these, as soon as noticed. Don't delay.

Damaged Areas:

Contact the Contractor or us if you see any of these.

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