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INFO SHEET

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What type of paint on my pool? (How to test)

It's important to know the type of paint on the surface before you start any surface preparation etc.

The type of paint will usually determine how you approach the preparation phase, even before cleaning. Wasted time and money can be expended if you don't know before you start.

1. Chlorinated Rubber Test.

Make sure the existing coating is not Chlorinated Rubber, (check by cleaning a small area with soapy water and dry off. Soak a portion of clean white rag in Xylol / Xylene solvent. (or Supplied Thinners or Acetone based Nail Varnish remover).

Hold the wet solvent rag on an area of about a \$2 coin, for 20 - 30 seconds. Then slowly rub and remove rag.

If the coating dissolves back to the substrate, with colour saturating the rag and the moist paint forms "sticky" strings if touched repeatedly with the finger, the paint is most likely Chlorinated Rubber.

2. Acrylic Paint Test

To check for Acrylic paint, follow the same process but use Methylated (Meths) Spirits. It will soften acrylic paint.

NOTE: These 2 tests can also be done with a pool full of water, but you will need to be quick so as to see the result and not put too much solvent into the pool water.

NOTE: Paints that are not dissolved by Xylol (Thinners/Acetone/Meths) and may be overcoated. Usually, there will be an epoxy which has no reaction to the above solvents, though you may get some "colour" on the rag.

Others (or not sure), call us. AU 0415171315 NZ 021 0235 1312

If it is Chlorinated Rubber (Or Acrylic/Oil Based – unusual in pools) paint, all these are NOT compatible. They must be removed before applying Epoxies or Fluoropolymer coatings.

Contact us for specific recommendations or review the Application Notes.