

INFO SHEET

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Selecting the best pool colour

Having your pool looking just as you expected, colour wise takes some thought. Here are some ideas.

- A light-colored pool can create more of a tropical or beach feeling, with lighter coloured pool water.
- A dark-colored pool may convey or give a feeling of deeper water as in an ocean or a lake. Pools that are too dark can distort depth perception making the pool seem much deeper than it actually is. Also, darker coloured pools hide dirt and debris and so make it harder to clean easily, taking up more time. And if you seek a refreshing pool on really hot day, dark colours will usually not to do it (water too hot), when a light colour will refresh you.
- So best stay with white, light greys and blues, up to a mid-blue, that is always used in Olympic pools and for good reason.

In addition, if the pool water chemistry is not well managed it can lead to issues which are much more noticeable on darker colours.

This includes if chlorine concentration is not well managed (it can be difficult) there is the potential for high concentrations to “bleach” the darker colours at - near the water line.

And if the pool water LSI becomes positive, then scaling can occur, leaving a white film on the dark surfaces. Not a desirable situation.

Therefore, we advise always selecting a lighter colour to minimise potential pool water chemistry mishaps, that can create unpleasant aesthetic colour issues.



Note: dark colours in pools may increase water temperature and thus the swimming season. However, especially in salt water chlorinated pools, they require a much higher standard of pool water management, to prevent a very visible “calcium” drop out, often seen as white powder - dust on the pool surfaces, below the water line. This, if it happens, is less noticed on lighter colours.

Either way, it should be removed promptly.

Consult your pool shop or us for solutions.

It's usually related to LSI results, being out of the desired range of -0.3 to + 0.3.