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POOL PAINTING

There are several types of pool paint used in the Toronto area over the last 50 years such as: Epoxy, Chlorinated rubber, water based acrylic and cement based coatings. We are able to test to determine variety used, but if there is any peeling, we would normally recommend sandblasting and installing epoxy paint to recoat. Painting pools is not an exact science. Many times, no matter how well the pool is prepared, there is the potential for blistering and peeling. Often there are compatibility issues with previous paint. Water leakage into the shell quite often leads to minor blisters.

Pool painting procedure for pools that do NOT require Sandblasting

- Drain pool and remove hydrostat or plug in the main drain. This is to prevent the pool from lifting out of the ground due to excess underground water.
- Acid wash surface to remove debris and rough up. Apply TSP to remove any excess grease and acid & pressure wash surface and use sodium bicarbonate to neutralize acid. Patch and grind any loose sub surface.
- Paint one or two coats of compatible paint to cover. Usually, we recommend two coats.

Pool painting procedure for pools that require Sandblasting

Epoxy Paint

The object of sandblasting a concrete pool is to remove as much of the old paint as possible. If the pool was previously painted with epoxy, we would only remove the loose paint. Trying to take off the old paint which has properly bonded to the pool could take days and be financially prohibitive. This is called a flashblast and is done within one day. We would then patch any small areas affected by the blast and paint with 2 coats of epoxy. If the surface requires excessive patching, this would be an extra charge.

Rubber and Water Based Paint

Rubber Based Paint or Acrylic Paint should be removed from the surface and will usually come off as its bonds are not as tenacious as epoxy. Often, this requires a full day of sandblasting or longer. Because the surface is weaker, the sub grade material may come off as well and cause more patching. Until we blast, we cannot quote on any repairs to the shell. If the sub grade is marbelite, we must remove any hollow sections and re-bond shell. If we are able to remove most of the old paint, we would re-coat with epoxy paint. If the base layer is not compatible with epoxy, we would suggest a necessary coating for your pool.

Guarantee

Please note that we do **not** guarantee our paint jobs. We will do everything within our power to do a professional job and expect a good epoxy paint to last 7-10 years.

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