



Maintaining the Golden Standard

Care of your Continental Pool Liner

Your new Gold Standard vinyl liner by Continental has been manufactured start-to-finish to the highest quality standards.

Each liner is manufactured to withstand the extremes of the outdoors and to maintain its appearance over the expected lifetime. To ensure this appearance, we are using specifically formulated vinyl that resist fade and biological attack. The print surfaces are coated with a clear transparent topcoat for additional protection. Other features include embossed surfaces and heat-buildup resistant pigments.

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Salt Water Chlorination

The new trend of salt-water chlorination in pools is increasing and with its popularity the undetected level of chlorine and chloramine concentration is increasing just as fast. Salt water chlorination methods can affect any metal surfaces in the pool when unmonitored salt and salt residue concentrations build up and cause corrosion. Additionally, salt water chlorination systems not properly monitored and maintained can result in free chlorine levels that exceed the recommended maximum of 3 ppm. Be sure to consistently test to determine proper water chemistry.

Chemical Maintenance

Prior to purchasing and subsequent use of all pool chemicals, ensure the product label directions have been read and understood. Many liner problems are a result of a misuse of chemicals. To maintain correct chemical balance of your pool water, we recommend the pool water be tested at a minimum twice per month by a reputable pool installer. Professional water testing can reveal other potential water chemistry problems. Your local pool professional can provide specific pool water chemistry advice, guidance and recommendations for your particular pool water conditions. In between having your water chemistry checked by a pool professional you should regularly use test equipment to ensure proper chemistry levels. Make sure to check the water chemistry after heavy rain or heavy bather load.

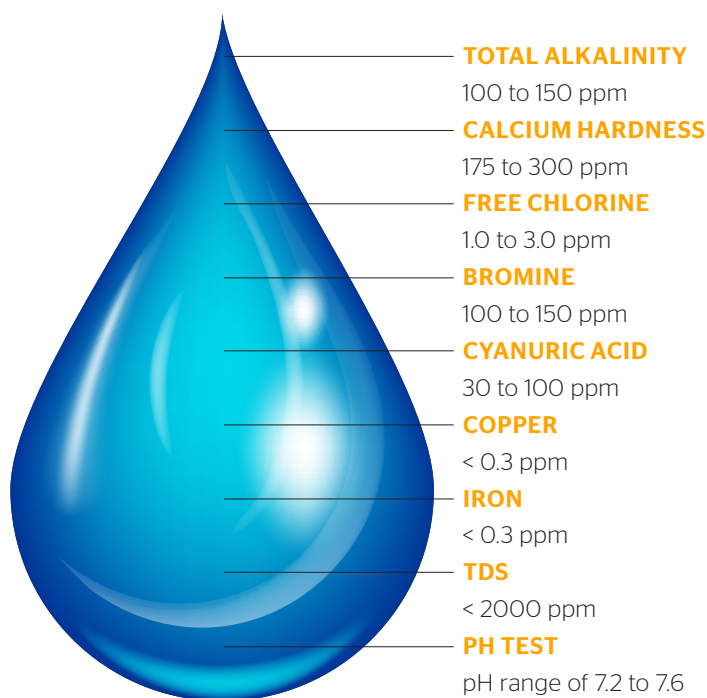
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Water Chemistry Levels for Lasting Liners

When pool water chemistry levels are not properly maintained, eyes and skin irritation, corrosion of metals, wrinkling or bleaching of the liner can result. Your new vinyl liner is very durable and economical to maintain, however, the vinyl can be compromised if correct chemical and physical maintenance procedures are not practiced.



Dos and Don'ts of Liner Care

- › Read label directions of any pool additives first.
- › Treat the pool water with one chemical at a time. Do not mix different chemicals together.
- › Dilute and completely dissolve all chemical in a pail of water prior to introduction to the pool water.
- › Allow each chemical solution to fully circulate and disperse throughout the pool.

- › Always add chemical to water, not water to chemical.
- › Add dissolved chemical through the skimmer for best dispersion into the pool (through the filtration system).
- › Do not put chlorine tablets or sticks in the skimmer since bleaching of the liner can occur.
- › NEVER broadcast dry chlorine directly into the pool as doing so will result in bleach spots in the vinyl.
- › Treat all chemicals with respect. Fire & Explosion can result without warning if handled improperly. Tightly seal and store all chemicals in a dry, safe and secure location by type.
- › Do not use abrasive cleaning agents to clean the liner, for example to clean a "bathtub" ring at the waterline. Use only non-abrasive products for cleaning the vinyl liner.
- › Never use sharp objects in or around the pool since the liner can be punctured.
- › Vacuum the pool with a vacuum head designed for vinyl lined pools.
- › Use caution when brushing the liner. Sharp edges on the brush ends can tear the liner, particularly in corners and the step area.
- › Do not fully drain the pool without professional advice.

Seasonal Care

The closing of your pool can involve certain techniques and procedures beyond the capability of some pool owners. Consult your local pool professional for specific recommendations and procedures.

Following are general pool closing guidelines:

- › Test and balance the pool water.
- › Super-chlorinate the pool water.
- › Fully circulate the chemicals.
- › Clean and vacuum the pool.
- › Ensure the water is at the correct level.
- › Drain, clear and plug the filtration system return lines.
- › Drain, dismantle and clean the filter and the automatic chlorine dispenser. Remove all chlorine tablets from the dispenser.
- › Install a properly fitted safety cover.

