

S.A Gunitite Pools

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CARING FOR YOUR MARBLITED POOL

- 1) Stop watering garden around pool area prior to marblite to ensure shell drying out completely. Only start watering garden after pool is filled.
SWITCH OFF ALL IRRIGATION UNTILL POOL IS FULL
- 2) AFTER YOUR POOL HAS BEEN MARBLITED KEEP ALL ANIMALS AND PEOPLE AWAY FROM IMMEDIATE POOL AREA. Trees can cause permanent damage, make sure precautions are taken.
(We will fill the pool the following day)
- 3) **Sweep pool daily for the first month, and 3 times a week thereafter.** The reason for this is the following : after we marblite your pool will be white, if you don't sweep it, dust settles on the marblite and you will get brown marks. We can not be held responsible for that as you have to sweep it, we are not there to do it. A person can clearly see which pools get swept and which ones don't. That is your responsibility.
- 4) Vacuum pool manually for first 2 weeks for best results.
- 5) Wait for 14 days before putting an automatic pool cleaner in.
- 6) Never put HTH directly in pool, **always in weir**, while pump is running. (1 cup every 2nd day)
- 7) Test chlorine level twice a week. Before adding Hydrochloric Acid, water should be tested, and if necessary applied at the return flo and be checked on a 14 day interval according to test kit readings. On a new pool only adjust acid level after 14 days. Use only hydrochloric acid to prevent possible brown staining caused by sulphates found in sulphuric acid.
- 8) **Test pH level of pool every week.** Maintain at a level of **7,2**. Higher levels can cause eye irritation, lead to formation of calcium scale on the marblite, cloudy water and reduce the effectiveness of chlorine. PH levels below 7,0 cause itching, ***brown staining of marblite*** as well as steel corrosion. Before you add acid to correct the pH level, balance the total alkalinity and correct the calcium hardness to avoid staining the new marblite.
- 9) Clean basket in weir and in pump on a weekly basis.
- 10) Ensure that all water passes through the filter twice daily by running the pump for about 12 hours each day in summer.
- 11) Ensure the pump is switched off when operating the multi-port valve.
 - A) **MULTI-PORT CONTROL VALVE-** (This valve has 6 positions)
 - 1) **FILTER** : Used in the course of normal filtration.

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- 2) **WASTE** : Used to bypass the filter when draining the pool or vacuuming a heavy dirt load from the pool direct to waste.
- 3) **CLOSED** : Used only if filter lid has to be opened for maintenance Purposes or when the pump is sited below water level.
(Never run pump with valve in this position)
- 4) **BACKWASH**: This position reserves the water flow and lifts the trapped dirt from the sand bed pumping it to waste.
- 5) **BYPASS** : Used for circulation without filtration : this position is not normally used in swimming pool applications.
- 6) **RINSE** : This position is used after backwash to avoid a discharge of dirty water returning to the pool after backwash.

B) BACKWASHING

- 1) Select “backwash” on the valve and turn on the pump.
- 2) Watch the sightglass on the valve. When water in the sightglass is clear, turn off the pump (2 – 3 minutes)
- 3) Select rinse on the valve (moving handle in a clockwise direction) and turn on the pump.
- 4) When sightglass is clear (approximately 30 – 45 seconds) turn off the pump.
- 5) Select “filter” on the valve (once again turning the handle clockwise) and turn the pump on.

(BACKWASH PROCEDURE SHOULD BE DONE REGULARLY EVERY WEEK)

- 12) Before backwashing, ensure baskets are clean and automatic pool cleaner is disconnected from the system to maximise the flow rate of water for efficient backwash.
- 13) We cannot be held responsible for any discolouring caused due to incorrect chemical application. Use **granular chlorine or H.T.H. floater**.
Consult your pool chemical company if you are in doubt.
- 14) Burn out algae spore build-ups by shock treating your pool at least once a month during summer, and once every 7 – 10 days for stabilized pools.
- 15) Above applies to municipal water and not borehole water, if using borehole water let it be tested by an experienced chemist.
- 16) Do not overdose with chemicals in the hope of keeping your pool clean over periods when you are away. Care should also be taken when the pool is covered and left for winter.