



## Care Essentials For Your Swimming Pool Lining

Whilst Certikin use only selected high quality grade PVC's for lining a pool, once completed and with the pool in operation, there are some important do's and don'ts which will help in protecting your lining and ensuring you get the best possible life-span and appearance from it.

### Pool Chemicals:

Chemical balance is vital. Always maintain a correct water balance with regard to PH. It is strongly advised that you consult your pool chemical supplier for guidelines in balancing your swimming pool water.

In addition to the general safety and awareness required when handling any chemical, in relation to your lining it is important to note the following:

- Dilute and completely dissolve all chemicals in a container of water, following manufacturer's guidelines, before adding them to the pool water
- Always allow a chemical solution to fully circulate and disperse through the pool
- Application of chlorine tablets into the skimmer can cause bleaching of the liner
- DO NOT add dry chlorine directly to the pool water. This action will cause bleaching to the liner.

### Water Temperature:

High water temperature will reduce the life expectancy of your lining and can result in creasing. Do not allow the pool water temperature to run above 30degC (86degF). A high water temperature also means pool water balance is more difficult to maintain.

### Cleaning:

Pollutants such as body oils, cosmetics, suntan lotions, acid rain and other airborne contaminants can affect the life and appearance of the liner (as well as effecting water balance). The most common result of such pollutants is an unsightly 'scum' line at the water surface, but they can also cause other staining which is difficult to remove. As a general guideline the following should be observed.

- Clean 'scum' lines as soon as possible after they become apparent – the longer they are left, the more difficult they can be to remove
- DO NOT use abrasive cleaners or abrasive cleaning equipment on the lining – use only accepted brands of liner cleaner and always follow the guidelines/instructions provided.
- If vacuuming the pool only use a vac head specifically designed for use on liner pools.
- If brushing the liner, ensure the brush head has no sharp edges or corners which may accidentally puncture the lining.

### General Care:

In addition to the above, it is wise to be aware of the following:

- The lining is a water-tight membrane – do not use any implement around the pool which has a sharp enough edge to pierce/puncture the PVC.
- Do not fully drain the pool without prior professional advice
- The lining has water-tight seals around the pool fittings – do not attempt to remove or replace these fittings without seeking professional advice
- Do not pick at or attempt to interfere with any of the welded seams which form the construct of the lining – this may compromise functionality.