



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can LUXAPOOL be painted over...?

	LUXAPOOL Epoxy	LUXAPOOL Chlorinated Rubber	LUXAPOOL Primer Sealer Required?
Fibreglass?	✓	x	x
Marblesheen?	✓	x	✓
Sound old Epoxy Coatings?	✓	x	x
Concrete, uncoated?	✓	✓	(epoxy only)
Tiles?	x	x	x
Pebblecrete/Pebbles?	✓	x	✓

Can you paint epoxy over chlorinated rubber or vice versa?

No. If the pool was previously painted with Chlorinated Rubber then you must use Chlorinated Rubber. Likewise for Epoxy.

How do I test a previously painted pool to find out whether it can be repainted with epoxy?

Simply rub the existing surface with Acetone solvent, or Colormaker CRS on a clean rag. If the paint softens and becomes sticky, it cannot be painted over with epoxy, but probably can be coated with Chlorinated Rubber. If the solvent merely removes some surface oxides and does not soften the paint, you may use epoxy. Test the pool surface in a number of areas so as to ensure all layers are the same.

What colour will my pool look using Pacific Blue when the pool is filled?

This will depend on many factors including sunlight, cloud and the time of the day, however under bright sunlight it will look somewhat darker and brighter than unfilled.

How much LUXAPOOL will I need to paint my pool per 2 coat finish?

Pool Dimensions	Paint Required	
	New Pool	Repaint
Std. 10m x 5m (1 > 1.5m deep)	4 kits of LUXAPOOL Epoxy Primer Sealer AND 8 kits of LUXAPOOL Epoxy topcoat	8 kits of LUXAPOOL Epoxy topcoat OR 6 x 4L LUXAPOOL Chlorinated Rubber
Small. 8m x 4m (1 > 1.5m deep)	3 kits of LUXAPOOL Epoxy Primer Sealer AND 6 kits of LUXAPOOL Epoxy topcoat	6 kits of LUXAPOOL Epoxy topcoat OR 4 x 4L LUXAPOOL Chlorinated Rubber
Kidney. 8-10m (1.2m aver depth)	3 kits of LUXAPOOL Epoxy Primer Sealer AND 6 kits of LUXAPOOL Epoxy topcoat	6 kits of LUXAPOOL Epoxy topcoat OR 4 x 4L LUXAPOOL Chlorinated Rubber

What is the coverage per can for both Epoxy and Chlorinated Rubber?

For LUXAPOOL Epoxy Primer Sealer calculate 25-30m² per 4L kit for 1 coat.

For LUXAPOOL Epoxy Coating calculate approximately 20-25m² per 3.5L kit PER COAT

For LUXAPOOL Chlorinated Rubber calculate 30-35m² per 4L can PER COAT

Always allow for
a little more
rather than run
short



What do I use for cleanup of Epoxy and Chlorinated Rubber?

Use LUXAPOOL LT Solvent for epoxy and LUXAPOOL CRS for chlorinated rubber finishes.

What do I use for thinning of Epoxy and Chlorinated Rubber?

Thinning of topcoats is NOT recommended. LUXAPOOL CRS may be used to thin the first coat only of LUXAPOOL Chlorinated Rubber application.

Is chlorinated rubber pool paint "rubbery and flexible"?

No, it is hard and glossy.

My pool is leaking. Will the LUXAPOOL paint bridge across gaps?

No, if the pool is leaking from visible cracks in the surface, these must firstly be repaired professionally. Refer to Colormaker or your local distributor.

How do I treat joins in my pool surface?

With great caution. Please seek the advice of a pool coating professional before proceeding.

Will my swimming pool lift out of the ground or crack if I drain it?

Most pools are usually built with a hydrostatic valve at the deep end of the pool. This allows water into the pool should the ground water pressure be great enough, although it is unusual for this to occur. If a small amount of water is coming through, remove the top of the valve and fit an approximately 1m long PVC pipe over the outlet. The water will raise up the pipe until the pressure is equalized, and will keep the surface of the pool dry during maintenance, preparation or application of coatings.

Will using Epoxy Primer Sealer on a previously painted pool provide any benefit?

Not if the existing pool finish is prepared as detailed in the appropriate application sheet?

I have a fiberglass pool with a textured surface on the steps, how do I prepare this area?

Use coarse scouring pad or stiff wire brush, ensuring that all residues are swept or vacuumed.

What size roller should I use?

Use a low cost but NOT cheap roller ideally of minimum 270mm width and 60mm diameter. Medium nap (10>11mm lamb's wool roller covers are ideal) Larger rollers in experienced hands will result in a faster and visually better result. Ensure that a suitable tray is available to suit the roller width.

What is the expected life of both Chlorinated Rubber and Epoxy?

Given proper preparation, application and strict control of pool water chemistry as recommended by Colormaker Industries, LUXAPOOL Chlorinated Rubber should last up to 3 years and LUXAPOOL Epoxy should last 7-8 years (less for darker colours in both systems). Be aware that automatic cleaners such as Kreepy Krawley and Barracuda, etc., will decrease the overall wearing life of pool paints, especially on the floor. In addition to this, painted areas not immersed in water or close to the surface will age more quickly than those more deeply immersed, as they are exposed to higher amounts of UV light. As such, it can be of great benefit to add an extra coat of paint in these areas to extend the wearing life.

Can we mix part cans of LUXAPOOL Epoxy?

This is not recommended due to the fine mixing tolerances of each pre-weighed component.

Is it better to put the tile line in first, or paint the pool first and then add the tile line?

Generally it is preferred to put the tile line in first, clean up any mortar residues, then, paint the pool with appropriate masking of tiles as necessary.

As epoxy is very slippery, what can I do about this, especially on the steps?

You may consider using our 'Anti-Slip Additive' within the last finish coat. Refer to Colormaker for details.

What is the least amount of time that I need to wait before filling my pool after the repaint?

The longer a pool is allowed to dry prior to filling, the better the ultimate quality and longevity. Allow at least 7 days, and ideally 10 days cure in summer, and minimum of 14 days in winter. Allow a further 3-5 days before adding chemicals other than salt or chlorine.

Won't the pool go green if I need to wait 3-5 days prior to putting in chemicals?

Providing that the pool has been filled with fresh water this delay in treatment will have no impact on the immediate or long-term water quality.

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What can I paint metal pieces around the pool with?

So long as these items are not subject to immersion, and free of rust, application of Colormaker 'Anti-Corrosive Primer' followed by the finish of choice. Full Gloss Acrylic will provide the best long-term weathering. Refer to the specific product data before proceeding.

What can I use on pavers/bricks/cement areas around the pool?

For a transparent finish that maintains the natural appearance of the surface, Colormaker Industries PETROL & OIL RESISTANT CONCRETE SEALER may be considered. Avoid high builds as this will lead to a slippery surface. Alternatively, an opaque, non-slip finish may be obtained through use of LUXAPOOL POOLSIDE & PAVING, which is available in 15 decorative colours.

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