



## LUXAPOOL - Luxury Coatings for Swimming Pools.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can LUXAPOOL be painted over....

<b>Fibreglass?</b>	Yes ( <b>LUXAPOOL</b> Epoxy only)
<b>Marblsheen?</b>	Yes ( <b>LUXAPOOL</b> Epoxy only)
<b>Sound old Epoxy Coatings?</b>	Yes ( <b>LUXAPOOL</b> Epoxy only)
<b>Chlorinated Rubber?</b>	Yes ( <b>LUXAPOOL</b> Chlorinated Rubber only)
<b>Concrete? Rubber)</b>	Yes (either <b>LUXAPOOL</b> Epoxy or Chlorinated Rubber)
<b>Tiles?</b>	No (Unless special and expensive abrasive treatments are used)
<b>Pebblecrete/Pebbles?</b>	No (Unless the pebbles are rendered over first, or special priming technique used.)

**Can you paint epoxy over chlorinated rubber or vice versa?**

No, you must use epoxy if the pool was previously painted with epoxy, similarly with chlorinated rubber.

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

Simply rub the existing surface with mineral spirits or acetone, 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 and cloud, and 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?**

	New Pool	Repaint
Std. 10m x 5m (1 > 1.5 m deep)	3 x Epoxy Primer Sealer + 6 kits epoxy Topcoat.	6 x kits epoxy or 5 x 4 lt chlor
Small. 8m x 4m (1 > 1.5 m deep)	2 x Epoxy Primer Sealer + 5 kits epoxy Topcoat.	4>5 x kits epoxy or 4 x 4 lt chlor
Kidney. 8-10m	2 x Epoxy Primer Sealer + 5 kits epoxy Topcoat.	4>5 kits epoxy or 4 x4 lt chlor

Hint, always allow a little more rather than run short.

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

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

For Epoxy Coating calculate approximately 20-25 m2 per 3.5 ltr kit, PER COAT for a 2 coat finish.

For Chlorinated Rubber calculate 5 > 8 m2 per litre per coat.

**What do I use for clean-up 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 tocoats 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?**

All 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. It is unusual for this to occur, however if a small amount of water is coming thru' the valve, remove the top of the valve and fit an approx 1 m long PVC pipe over the outlet. The water will raise up the pipe until the pressure is equalized. It is possible that even the weight of a brick over the valve will stop water ingress.

**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 300mm width and 60mm diameter. Medium nap (10>11mm lambswool 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 chemistry and water quality, **LUXAPOOL** Chlor Rubber should last 3-5 years in lighter colours, and less in darker colours. **LUXAPOOL** Epoxy should last 7-8 years with a 2 coat system and 10-12 years with a 3 coat system in lighter colours and proportionately less for darker colours. Automatic cleaners such as Kreepy Krawley and Barracuda, etc., will decrease the overall wearing life of pool paints, especially on the floor. **LUXAPOOL** will only wear through time, and NOT bubble or blister.

**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.

**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?**

It really depends on what architectural or visual effect you wish to create. Colormaker 'Slate Sealer' may be selectively used to maintain natural characteristics, with some added protection. Refer to Colormaker for specific recommendations.

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