

Pool Stains

Most every pool owner has experienced pool staining at one time or another. Stains are usually either organic or metallic in nature. Organic stains develop when leaves, pecans, or something similar, sits on the floor of the pool for an extended period of time. Metallic stains typically occur when the pH becomes too low, corroding the heater or other metal pieces of pool equipment, causing the metal to be deposited on the pool surface. Another source of metallic stains is the overuse of copper-based algaecides. Stains can be one of the most difficult problems that most pool professionals deal with.

In an initial attempt to rid a pool of stains, try **Stain Lift** by Poolife. It is a blend of three acids that are fairly effective in stain removal. If **Stain Lift** does not remove the stain, the following are some more drastic recommended solutions for your stain problem.

Vinyl Pools

Stains on vinyl pools are difficult to treat. Anything strong enough to remove the stain can potentially damage the liner. Try brushing the area while using **Intensive Stain Prevention**. Liner replacement is sometimes the only alternative.

Fiberglass Pools

Ascorbic acid has been used for years to treat staining in fiberglass pools. If you are unsuccessful with this approach, try contacting your fiberglass pool manufacturer to determine a solution.

Gunite Pools

First, try brushing the surface. If that is not effective, try applying chlorine or acid (but not both) to the affected area. If you are still unsuccessful, use wet/dry sandpaper and sand the stain off. Occasionally, a gunite pool has to be drained and then acid washed or chlorine washed in order to remove the stain.

After you have read the possible solutions, it is easy to see that stain prevention is the best solution. **Intensive Stain Prevention** is a great stain prevention product. It is a liquid chelating agent that is very effective in preventing stains.

If you do get a stain in your pool, find out what caused the stain and correct the situation in order to prevent any future recurrence.

BE SURE TO READ ALL LABEL DIRECTIONS BEFORE ADDING ANY PRODUCT TO YOUR SWIMMING POOL.

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