POOL CHLOR DRAIN AND ACID WASH DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

DRAINING AND/OR ACID WASHES OF A SWIMMING POOL'S FINISH ARE MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED PERIODICALLY DURING THE LIFE OF A SWIMMING POOL. SINCE THESE PROCEDURES INVOLVE DRAINING THE WATER AND APPLYING CHEMICALS TO THE PLASTER, THERE ARE CERTAIN RISKS INVOLVED NOT NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH DAY TO DAY MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES. THESE RISKS ARE NOT WITHIN THE CONTROL OF THE POOL SERVICE TECHNICIAN PERFORMING THE WORK. THE PURPOSE OF THIS STATEMENT IS TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE PROCEDURES, INFORM YOU OF SOME OF THE RISKS, AND EXPLAIN THE TYPICAL RESULTS OF SUCH PROCEDURES.

DRAINING

Periodic draining of swimming pool water is a common maintenance practice performed to remove water that has become hard or laden with excessive minerals or to perform repairs. Normally, removal of water from a pool causes no problems. However, there are a few risks that may occur when the water is removed. Risks include, but are not limited to: the pool rising out of the ground, a condition often caused by hydrostatic pressure (i.e., too much moisture in the soil); tiles coming loose after exposure to the air; and effects on plaster such as shrinkage, expansion, cracking, blistering, flaking and crazing These problems rarely occur, are difficult to predict, are frequently not visible until the water has been removed from the pool, and, most importantly, are not in the control of the person draining the water. They usually result from pre-existing conditions which manifest themselves after the pool has been drained. Structural cracks or noticeable movement of the pool should be addressed by the original pool builder. Pool Chlor is not responsible for any of these risks nor for any repairs or replastering required by merely uncovering these defects. You can reduce the chance of encountering these risks by not draining the pool during the wetter times of the year and by not leaving the pool empty for more than 48 hours during hot or dry weather before refilling. Make repairs requiring draining the pool quickly and refill the pool as soon as possible.

ACID WASHING /ACID TREATMENTS

The decision to use acid procedures to remove stains and mineral buildup from a pool's surface should be very carefully considered. Pool Chlor only believes in acid washing a pool as a last resort to try to enhance the former beauty of a pool's surface. Under most circumstances, staining or mineral buildup takes many months or years to accumulate. These stains are removed by exposing the plaster to an acid solution which lifts off a thin layer of the stained plaster. The process of applying acid to plaster surfaces can have a very injurious effect and can cause problems which are even more undesirable and unsightly than before. Some of the problems may become visible immediately and some may not appear until as long as 1 year after the procedure. Although acid treatments are recognized as a common procedure for removal, they are not risk free. Risks include, but are not limited to: roughening of the plaster as the cement in the plaster is dissolved, leaving behind the exposed sand; impurities in the plaster reacting with the acid creating a new discoloration; significant degradation of the plaster at the site of a stubborn stain; exposure of the aggregate in the plaster mix; loosening or injury to tiles from exposure to air; and exposure of unseen defects in the plaster. The degree to which these risks occur depends on the concentration of acid, the type and saturation of the stain being removed, and the condition of the plaster. Consideration should be given to the experience and recommendation of the applicator. If you have any doubts, seek a second opinion and/or additional information. Pool Chlor is not responsible for any of these risks or conditions. Nor is it responsible for any repairs or replastering required by these conditions or an acid wash that does not improve the appearance of a pool.

After an acid wash the pool usually looks better. However, it will never be restored to the condition or look it had when newly plastered. It will not return to the evenly-colored, smooth texture found in new plaster and some stains may remain. The stains most likely took a long period of time to develop and could be deeply embedded into the plaster material. At best the customer should expect the pool's appearance to be "brighter" with some stains remaining. Sanding will aid in the restoration of the pool's surface texture.

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