

## INFO SHEET

### Which Surface Is Best For Your Pool? A Discussion.

Experience tells that the most perfect finish for your pool is one that's attractive and enticing, easy clean, hard wearing, long lasting & requires less chemical usage and saves you money every day. Oh, and is problem free as well!

This is the one to have, as your life will be less stressful and more fun.

So how to do this with your new or old pool?

#### Types Of Surfaces:

Simply put there are 2 types of surfaces: **reactive** and **non-reactive**.

**Reactive** surfaces are composed of usually a cement base and some form of aggregate, pebble or glass beads.

They offer a range of initially attractive surfaces, colors, patterns and styles. Many pools in the USA are finished in one of these surfaces. This is largely the result of initial impressions of samples and the fact so many are in use.



Typical surface issues with aged Pebble Tec and Marcite Pools from 5 years onwards



So much effort to deal with algae

However, cement is the reactive part and is slowly eaten away by the acid in your pool.

This leaves millions of little crevices for algae to grow.

Also, the dissolving cement means a reaction with the pool water is always happening. This upsets your pH meaning you need more acid to keep it in the correct range. This then requires more expensive chemicals to maintain water balance and stop algae from growing in your pool

Pool chemicals are becoming more expensive as we see and so your costs go up. Also, they require more time to manage and if you have a pool service company looking after your pool, they are costing you even more.

**Non-reactive** surfaces are smooth and include; vinyl liner, epoxy paint, PaintNForget coating and fiberglass, plus tile.

These surfaces are used more at the budget end (Vinyl liner, chlorinated rubber or epoxy paint) through to medium budget fiberglass and PaintNForget coating. At the upper end, tiles are used, to provide the best, though the grout is the weak spot. It stains and can get mouldy.

They are widely used in a range of pool types and offer both attractive, decorative surfaces, coupled with low maintenance and long life.

Non-reactive surfaces are not affected by whatever chemicals you put in your pool.

So, the pool acid or any other chemicals you put in your pool are not going to affect the surface.

Also, the surface is not eaten way or provides crevices for algae to grow in.

This means the pool water is much easier to keep in balance and you save a lot of time and money in the process compared to reactive surfaces.

This is the same whether you do the pool management yourself or have a service company come over. In fact, you can do the service yourself and save more as it's less complex to look after, compared to a reactive surface.





Typical Non-Reactive surfaces in commercial use. Smooth, easy clean and straightforward maintenance and great value.

**Summary:** If you want an attractive and enticing pool, with a long-life finish that's low maintenance, low service cost, low usage of expensive chemicals then you need a Nonreactive surface.

That's why virtually all commercial pools are with a non-reactive surface. The owners know it's the ONLY answer.

Oh, and you can easily have your reactive pool surface made into a non-reactive one. Want to know more; contact us at PaintnForget. We here to help you save more time, energy and money and enjoy your pool a whole lot more.

If you want to work less **on** your pool and have more time **in** your pool, get a non-reactive surface.



Examples of usage of Non-Reactive surfaces in different and demanding situations.