

POOL PAINT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S)

1. What's the best pool paint for previously unpainted fiberglass?
We recommend the use of Woolsey Premium Epoxy Pool Paint for fiberglass pools.
2. What colors are available in the Woolsey pool paints?
Dawn Blue and White. We may add more colors with demand.
3. What do I need to do to prepare the pool for painting?
There are many substrates in pool construction to consider. Please consult the product data sheet for the product you are purchasing to ensure the proper preparation and application based on your substrate.
4. How many coats of paint should I apply?
We recommend 2 coats with all Woolsey pool paints.
5. How many square feet does a gallon of Woolsey pool paint cover?
It depends on the product you choose and the substrate. Bare substrates will take more material on the first coat than recoats or repaints.
6. Can Woolsey pool paints be sprayed?
Yes, they can be rolled, brushed, or sprayed onto the surface. When spraying, wear proper PPE to ensure safety.
7. How long does pool paint last?
There are many factors that go into the longevity of a pool coating. It depends on the product purchased, number of coats applied, strength of chlorination, chemical balance, exposure to direct sun, color selection, cleaning schedule, pool use, climate and other variables. The best choice for longevity in the Woolsey line is Premium Epoxy Pool Paint. Woolsey Premium Epoxy Pool paint has the longest service life of up to 8 years before having to repaint.
8. What is the best paint for previously painted or unpainted metal pools?
 - a. It depends on the condition of the metal. If rusting or corroding, several coats of Woolsey Metal Primer should be used first to seal the corrosion. Then Woolsey Epoxy Pool Paint or Woolsey Premium Epoxy Pool Paint should be applied over the primer in the appropriate overcoating window.
 - b. On clean metal, at least a coat or two of Woolsey Metal Primer would be beneficial before applying either Woolsey Epoxy Pool Paint or Woolsey Premium Epoxy Pool Paint.
9. Is there a non-slip or anti-slip agent I can add to Woolsey pool paint for entry ways, steps and stairs?
Yes, most anti-slip granules can be added to Woolsey pool paints. They can be added to the paint prior to application or use the broadcast method.

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10. Can Woolsey pool paint be applied over other manufacturers coatings.
Yes, make sure you are matching the previous technology or upgrading where possible. Example, apply new epoxy pool paint over an existing epoxy pool paint. Apply an acrylic pool paint over an existing acrylic pool paint. When it comes to rubber-based coatings, we suggest upgrading from traditional chlorinated rubber paints to newer technology synthetic rubber pool paints.
11. What are the primary reasons for unsatisfactory product performance?
Improper surface preparation is the number one cause of blistering and other performance issues. Unacceptable application conditions such as heat or cold can also contribute, always follow the proper curing schedule prior to filling the pool and follow local weather reports to ensure safe application windows.
12. Do Woolsey pool paints require primer?
No, Woolsey pool paints are self-priming, no primer required.
13. How do I repair my surface before painting?
If it's a hairline crack, Woolsey Premium Epoxy Pool Paint will fill it in. Larger jobs will require the use of a polyurethane sealant or a concrete repair.
14. Are Woolsey pool paints available in larger pack sizes than gallons.
It depends on the product. Some products are available in both single gallons and 5-gallon pails. When using 5-gallon pails, use extra caution when mixing to ensure the entire pail is mixed properly prior to application.
15. Can I thin Woolsey pool paint?
Woolsey pool paints very rarely need to be thinned. If you feel the product needs to be thinned, please call our customer support team at 800-221-4466 for thinning recommendations.
16. What does "Box" mean?
To box paint means to mix several containers of paint together to achieve uniformity of color.
17. Can I paint a plaster pool?
it is a viable option to consider paint when your plaster finish has aged, roughened, and stained to the degree that you are considering having your pool re-plastered. Re-plastering a pool is extremely expensive and can be subject to "plaster pop-off". Painting provides a more economical alternative that transforms old plaster into a smooth, clean, and beautiful finish.
18. My pool has never been painted, what paint should I consider?
Three types of pools that may be painted are masonry, fiberglass, and metal construction. The most common type of pool construction is masonry. Any unpainted masonry pool may be painted with your choice of any of our pool coating. (Rubber, Epoxy, or Acrylic). Fiberglass pools we recommend coating with Woolsey Epoxy Pool Paint or Woolsey Premium Epoxy Pool Paint. Steel pools are becoming more common, they require priming with Woolsey Metal Primer prior to painting with epoxy pool paints.