

Vinyl Liner Care Guide

Your vinyl liner is the surface you touch every time you swim. A little regular care keeps the color looking the way it did on installation day and helps the liner hold up for years to come. Here's what to do, season after season.



Keep Your Water Balanced

Balanced water protects your liner from the inside out. Chlorine, pH and alkalinity that drift out of range can fade the pattern and leave the vinyl stiff and brittle over time. Test weekly and adjust as needed so the liner's true color shows through.

7.2–7.6

PH

1–3 ppm

FREE CHLORINE

80–120

ALKALINITY (PPM)

200–400

CALCIUM (PPM)



Brush and Vacuum Regularly

Brushing loosens debris before it settles into the pattern or gives algae a place to start. Vacuum weekly and pay extra attention to shaded corners and the area behind ladders and steps, where debris tends to collect.



Protect Against Punctures

Sharp objects are a vinyl liner's biggest threat. Keep sharp pool toys, metal furniture legs and pet claws away from direct contact with the liner. If dogs swim in your pool regularly, ask your Hydra Pools dealer about the Pet Friendly liner series. It's 36 mil thick and puncture-resistant to 50 lbs.



Manage Sun Exposure

Direct sun is what makes your liner's colors come alive, but years of UV exposure will gradually fade any vinyl liner. Keeping your water chemistry balanced and your water level steady reduces unnecessary stress on the vinyl in strong sun.

A LOOK YOU'LL WANT TO PROTECT

Hydra liners come in five series, Prime, Fusion, Artisan, Shimmer and Pet Friendly, each built for a different look and level of durability. Caring for your liner the right way keeps whichever one you chose looking its best for seasons to come.

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Watch Your Water Level

Keep the water level at the middle of the skimmer opening. Water that drops too low exposes the liner to sun and air it isn't designed to handle, which can dry it out and cause it to lose flexibility.



Prevent Stains and Algae

Rinse off sunscreen, lotion and body oils before swimming when you can. Shock your pool on a regular schedule and brush any early algae spots right away, before they spread across the pattern.



Steps, Sundecks and Benches

The textured surface on your steps, sundeck and bench is the same vinyl as your liner, run through an embosser for a nubby feel underfoot. Clean it the same way you clean the rest of your liner. No special products needed.



Winterizing Your Liner

Before closing your pool for the season, balance your water chemistry, lower the water level as your closing procedure calls for and add a winterizing cover. This keeps the liner protected from ice, debris and temperature swings until you reopen next season.



When to Call Your Dealer

Small wrinkles, minor color variation between sun and shade, or a shift in tone as water gets deeper are all normal and not a sign of a problem. If you notice a tear, a puncture or a wrinkle that keeps growing, contact your Hydra Pools dealer. They can tell you if a patch will do the job or if it's time to talk about a replacement liner.

Quick Seasonal Checklist

WEEKLY

- ☐ Test and balance pH, chlorine and alkalinity
- ☐ Brush walls, steps and corners
- ☐ Vacuum the floor
- ☐ Check the water level

SEASONAL

- ☐ Shock the pool on a regular schedule
- ☐ Rinse sunscreen and lotion off before swimming
- ☐ Inspect the liner for wrinkles or wear
- ☐ Balance chemistry and add a winterizing cover at closing

Questions about your liner?

Your local Hydra Pools dealer can help with care, repairs and replacement options.

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