

# JUST THE FACTS

## *Do all of your homework before you believe some of the "myths"*

Here are some facts on the most common misunderstandings about fiberglass pools.

### FIBERGLASS POOLS LAST FOREVER



Imagine throwing away a fiberglass boat. No Way! Quality boats don't ever wear out. Provided it is moderately maintained, a quality fiberglass pool will last forever, looking very much like the day it was installed! Once nestled properly in the ground, they will remain beautiful and functional forever! We use some of the same resin and materials used to build underground fiberglass gasoline storage tanks at gas stations around the world. This fact alone should tell you how strong fiberglass products are.

### FIBERGLASS POOLS DON'T LOOK LIKE A REAL POOL



We always snicker at this one, because fiberglass pools are as "real" as they come! In fact, a fiberglass pool that has been installed with a cantilevered deck and perhaps optional waterline tile is impossible to distinguish from a brand new plaster pool. To tell the difference, one must reach in the water and touch the satin soft surface. The big difference, though, is that the fiberglass pool will keep its good looks, where a plaster pool will begin to look pitted, rusted, and blotchy, after a few years!

### FIBERGLASS POOLS ARE CHEAPER



The answer is truthfully yes and no. In many areas of the country, the purchase price of a fiberglass pool is about the same or slightly more than an equivalent gunite pool. Fiberglass is more expensive than a vinyl liner pool, and should be! The materials are more expensive, but fiberglass last forever! Any uninformed buyer may mistakenly assume fiberglass pools fall in the temporary, above-ground price range, which is not true.

The real fiberglass savings are seen each month in electrical and chemical costs. These expenses are higher in a vinyl or gunite pool and add up quickly. In areas where fiberglass pools initially cost more, the difference is quickly made up after a few years of paying these bills.

### FIBERGLASS POOLS "POP" OUT OF THE GROUND



Your common sense probably made you wonder about this claim, right? This statement is a favorite scare tactic from the vinyl and gunite industry, but they risk losing credibility after the customer gets the facts. Lots of people ask this question, and we as manufacturers are happy to set the record straight.

Any watertight vessel (in this case, your pool) will float, regardless of what it is made of, provided the vessel is empty and there is water under it. Hopefully all pools are watertight! This same "principal of displacement" is what allows heavy concrete barges to float as easily as lightweight fiberglass boats. What overcomes displacement? The weight of the water! This is why boats that have sunk do not "pop" out of the water!

The reasons to drain a pool in the first place (resurfacing, acid washing to remove algae, or draining to correct a severe out-of-balance chemical situation), don't apply to fiberglass pools. So it is rare to ever need to completely drain a fiberglass pool. However, vinyl or gunite pools do require draining for this type of major maintenance or renovation. The truth is, that the majority of the pools that become dislodged (float or pop) are actually gunite or vinyl liner pools.