

Fiberglass, Gunite Concrete, and Vinyl Swimming Pool

	Fiberglass Swimming Pools	Concrete Swimming (Gunite) Pools
Warranty	Longest Warranty Longest Gelcoat Warranty	1-5 years by contractor 1 Year Gelcoat Warranty
Installation Time	5-13 days installation, ready for decking using few (if any) subcontractors.	8-12 weeks using many different subcontractors.
Shapes of Pools	Limited to the models of the manufacturer.	Unlimited
Price of Pools	Average	High
Estimated Chemical Usage	Surface does not alter water's chemical balance. Substantially fewer chemicals used.	Plaster reacts with water to raise pH levels. Uses substantially more acid & chlorine to counterbalance this chemical reaction.
Estimated Electricity Use	Circulate Water 4-6 hours daily.	Circulate Water 8-10 hours daily.
Surface Texture	Smooth, non-abrasive to skin or swim suits, walking and seating areas are textured for slip resistance.	Rough, causes skin abrasions to feet, hands and swim wear.
Estimated Maintenance Time	1/2 hour per week maximum	4-5 hours per week
Major Renovation	None	Re-marcite or re-plaster at 5-7 years.
Stairs and Seating	Built into pool shell.	Optional & Additional Cost.

Quality Control	Manufactured in environmentally controlled factory under stringent quality control standards.	Manufactured on-site. No environmental control.
Type of Coping	Fiberglass or concrete	Concrete
Loan Acceptance	Excellent Swimming Pool Financing	Good

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Vinyl Liner Swimming Pools
Liner seams only No Surface Warranty
2-3 weeks using few subcontractors.
Limited to the models of the manufacturer.
Average
Surface does not alter waters' chemical balance. Substantially fewer chemicals used.
Circulate Water 5-7 hours daily.
Slippery, easily punctured or torn by toys, pets, or surfacing rocks.
2-3 hours per week
Vinyl Liner needs to be replaced every 7- 9 years.
Optional & Additional Cost.

Kit manufactured in factory. Quality of on-site assembly varies by installer.

Aluminum (which easily corrodes)

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