

C Squared Pools and Spas have gathered the below data together so that you can make an educated choice in they type of pool you want to install in your home or business. We ope this information has been useful to you!

Question	Fiberglass Pools	Pebble Tec Surface Concrete (Gunitite Pools)	White Plaster Surface Concrete (Gunitite) Pools	Color Plaster Surface Concrete (Gunitite Pools)	Vinyl Liner Pools	How Do I Choose
Warranty	Each Manufacture maintains their own warranty. A Limited Lifetime on the shell and 7 to 10 on the surface is most common	1 Year Contractor 5 Years Manufacture on Surface	1 years by contractor 1 Manufacture	1 years by contractor 1 Manufacture	Liner seams only	<p>1. Warranty is very important, check out the warranty with the contractor and with the manufacture.</p> <p>2. Make sure you are prepared for the installation time and destruction of your yard.</p> <p>3. Budget is an important factor, but when considering cost think about the upfront cost of installation and the cost to maintain the pool over the years. The cost of electric, chemicals, and shell maintenance add up and you may spend more over the next 10 years than you expected.</p> <p>4. Think about the time you will spend cleaning and taking care of your pool when choosing the pool surface and equipment. There is a big difference in both of those areas.</p> <p>5. Each company has a list of Sub-Contractors they normally use. You may want to make sure they have used the same subcontractors for a substantial time frame.</p> <p>6. When choosing your contractor make sure you go to see other pools they have installed and talk with the homeowners, check to see if they have any complaints, request a copy of the contract and review it before you sign.</p> <p>7. Feel comfortable about the design and the builder you choose will build the outdoor living space you want.</p>
Installation Time	Excavation and setting the pool is done in 2 days. In 5-13 you're ready for decking.	Excavation, steel, plumbing, and shooting gunitite 1 week. Shell cure time 21 days. Pebble shot then acid washed next day. Pool is filled and Chemicals balanced.	Excavation, steel, plumbing, and shooting gunitite 1 week. Shell cure time 21 days. Plaster shot then pool is brushed for 7 days. Pool is filled and Chemicals balanced.	Excavation, steel, plumbing, and shooting gunitite 1 week. Shell cure time 21 days. Plaster shot then pool is brushed for 7 days. Pool is filled and Chemicals balanced.	2-3 weeks using few subcontractors.	
Homeowners Responsibility	Give contractor access to electric, gas, and water	Give contractor access to electric, gas, and water. Water gunitite shell 2 to 3 times a day for 7 days	Give contractor access to electric, gas, and water. Water gunitite shell 2 to 3 times a day for 7 days. Brush Plaster surface for 7 days – brushing is very important to guarantee a smooth surface	Give contractor access to electric, gas, and water. Water gunitite shell 2 to 3 times a day for 7 days. Brush Plaster surface for 7 days – brushing is very important to guarantee a smooth surface	Give contractor access to electric, gas, and water	
Major Renovation	30 to 35 years Approximate cost \$6,000	Longest lasting Gunitite finish available. Approximately 25 years. Approximate cost \$6,000	Re-plaster at 5-7 years. Approximate cost \$4,000	Re-plaster at 4-6 years. Color plaster will fade prior to whit plaster Approximate cost \$5,000	Vinyl Liner needs to be replaced every 7- 9 years. Approximate cost \$7,000	
Shapes of Pools	Limited to the models of the manufacturer.	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Limited to the models of the manufacturer.	
Price of Pools	High	High	Average	Average	Lower	
Estimated Chemical Usage	Surface does not alter water's chemical balance. Substantially fewer chemicals used.	Pebble Tec offers the best surface for Gunitite pools, 90% of surface is rock so there is less plaster to react with the pool water.	Plaster reacts with water to raise pH levels. Uses substantially more acid & chlorine to counterbalance this chemical reaction.	Plaster reacts with water to raise pH levels. Uses substantially more acid & chlorine to counterbalance this chemical reaction.	Surface does not alter waters' chemical balance. Substantially fewer chemicals used.	
Estimated Electricity Use	Circulate Water 5-8 hours daily in the summer less in the fall/winter.	Circulate Water 8-15 hours daily in the summer less in the fall/winter.	Circulate Water 8-15 hours daily in the summer less in the fall/winter.	Circulate Water 8-15 hours daily in the summer less in the fall/winter.	Circulate Water 5-8 hours daily in the summer less in the fall/winter.	
Surface Texture	Smooth, non-abrasive to skin or swim suits, walking and seating areas are textured for slip resistance.	Pebble Tec has two surfaces 1. Pebble Tec – Rough 2. Pebble Sheen –smoother surface Pebble Tec	Smooth, can cause skin abrasions to feet, hands, and swim wear	Smooth, can cause skin abrasions to feet, hands, and swim wear	Slippery, easily punctured or torn by toys, pets, or surfacing rocks.	
Algae Penetration	Algae sweeps off with wall brush.	Surface area is 90% rock aggregate so there is less area for algae to grow.	Algae growth is harbored in pores of plaster. Acid baths and scrubbing or resurfacing is required to remove algae.	Algae growth is harbored in pores of plaster. Acid baths and scrubbing or resurfacing is required to remove algae.	Seams of liner harbor algae.	
Estimated Maintenance Time	1/2 hour per week maximum	1/2 hour per week maximum	2/4 hour per week maximum	2/4 hour per week maximum	2/4 hour per week maximum	
Repairs	100% completely repairable	Requires epoxy injection for repair in shell.	Requires epoxy injection for repair in shell.	Requires epoxy injection for repair in shell.	Patching is available depending on the size of the area to repair.	
Quality Control	Manufactured in environmentally controlled factory under stringent quality control standards.	Manufactured on-site. No environmental control.	Manufactured on-site. No environmental control.	Manufactured on-site. No environmental control.	Kit manufactured in factory. Quality of on-site assembly varies by installer.	
Type of Coping	Fiberglass, concrete, stone, brick	concrete, stone, brick	concrete, stone, brick	concrete, stone, brick	Aluminum (which easily corrodes)	
Loan Acceptance	Good	Good	Good	Good	Fair	