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Frequently Asked Questions

What are the main differences between fiberglass, concrete, and vinyl-lined pools?

Fiberglass pools are pre-made shells that are installed into a pre-dug hole. They require less maintenance and have a smooth finish but come in limited sizes and shapes. Concrete pools are custom-built on site, offering more flexibility in design, though they need regular cleaning and chemical balance checks. Vinyl-lined pools are also customizable and cost-effective, although the liner needs to be replaced every 7-10 years.

Which type of swimming pool is most durable: fiberglass, concrete or vinyl-lined?

Concrete pools tend to be the most durable because they're made from a hard material that can withstand natural elements over time. However, they require regular maintenance to prevent cracking or damage.

How much does it typically cost for each type of pool installation - fiberglass, concrete or vinyl-lined?

Costs can vary greatly depending on size, location, materials used etc., but generally speaking; fiberglass pools can range from \$20k-\$60k+, concrete pools

might range from \$30k-\$100k+ while vinyl-lined ones may cost between \$10k-\$25K+.

How long does it usually take to install a fiberglass pool compared to a concrete or vinyl lined pool?

A fiberglass pool can typically be installed in 1-2 weeks as they're premade shells just requiring placement and setting up. Concrete pools take longer - approximately several weeks to a few months since they're built on-site with curing time included. Vinyl lined pools may take 1-3 weeks for installation.

What kind of maintenance is required for each type of pool - fiberglass, concrete or vinyl-lined?

Fiberglass requires minimal maintenance – occasional pH balance checks and periodic surface cleaning. Concrete needs frequent brushing because algae can breed in its porous surface plus maintaining proper pH levels is crucial so as not to damage the surface. Vinyl-lined pools require regular checks for leaks or tears in addition to maintaining water chemistry.

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