

DIVING BOARD INSPECTION TIPS

HOW TO INSPECT YOUR DIVING BOARD THIS POOL SEASON

CHECK THE HARDWARE

Inspect all hardware on the diving board and base for signs of wear, rust or damage. Tighten all bolts. If rust is present, clean with an over the counter cleaner (i.e. Bon Ami) or contact your pool service provider for a professional cleaning.

CHECK THE BOARD SURFACE

Surface texture (tread) is an important safety feature of diving boards. To make sure your tread is intact, run your hand across the surface of the board. If you feel any smooth areas, the board should be replaced. Smooth areas may become a slipping hazard when the board is wet. If tread gaps are present contact your pool professional for a replacement board.

CHECK THE FULCRUM PAD

The fulcrum pad is the rubber piece that sits under the board and protects the bottom of the board. It is a common feature of many, but not all, diving boards. Over time, the fulcrum pad can become worn and damaged. If the fulcrum pad looks suspect then contact your pool professional or a retailer to purchase a new fulcrum pad.

CHECK THE PAINT

Paint chipping can lead to rust in pool environments. If your board has paint chipping on either the board or stand then contact your pool professional or retailer to purchase touch-up paint kits which are specially designed for pool products.

CHECK THE UNDERSIDE OF THE BOARD

Older diving boards might look great on the surface, but underneath you may find cracks in the acrylic shell which could indicate internal damage. If you notice any damage or cracks on the underside of the board, do not use the diving board. Instead, contact your pool professional or local retailer for a replacement.

NOTE: It is important that the diving board and base are compatible. Be sure to replace your diving board with a product from the same manufacturer as the base and the same length as your current diving board.

REMEMBER: DIVING BOARDS ARE DESIGNED TO HAVE A USEFUL LIFE OF 7 - 10 YEARS. IF YOUR BOARD IS OVER TEN YEARS OLD, CHANCES ARE IT'S TIME TO REPLACE IT!



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