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Eight Manufacturers Recall Pool and In-Ground Spa Drain Covers Due to Incorrect Ratings

Industry Feels the Strain of Drain Recall

By Rebecca Robledo | 6.9.2011
Pool & Spa News

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's far-reaching drain-cover recall is the largest in industry history.

The action "[affects] hundreds of thousands of pools," said Scott Wolfson, CPSC's public affairs director. The agency classified the recall as voluntary because manufacturers are cooperating. But Wolfson sought to clear up any confusion: "Voluntary does not mean optional."

Misunderstandings regarding which pools are affected apparently led some cities to close all pools over the busy Memorial Day weekend. For example, Jacksonville, Fla., delayed opening pools during the holiday, citing concerns about the recall. Many pools were later opened.



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Should I Upgrade My Swimming Pool Equipment To High Efficiency

Sunday, March 20th, 2011

Most of the talk these days is all about high efficiency, or going green. When it comes to swimming pool equipment you need to do some home work first. The first thing you need to do is to look at your pool, does it have a lot of trees around it? How often do you use certain parts of the pool i.e lights, heater etc. Then you need to break down each piece of pool equipment and research it standing alone. My swimming pool heater for example, well most home owners don't use theirs that much, not even if they have a spa attached, biggest reason ,the cost of running it. This one is pretty easy, all the low nox swimming pool heaters made in the last 5 years, are very efficient . The old heaters were like your fire place, big flame and all the heat going up the chimney, were as the new heaters are sealed and have fans that exhaust a small amount of the heat, thus capturing most of the heat to heat the water. The cost of the new heaters hasn't gone up much. Ok let's talk about

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AUSTIN MEMBER MEETING

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See calendar page 5:30pm

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Attendance is taken @ 7:00 pm

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July 2011

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* Member Meeting change

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Independence Day 	5 Member Meeting Austin	6 Member Meeting Waxahachie	7	8	9 Region 9 Meeting San Antonio
10	11 * Member Meeting Mid Cities & San Antonio	12 Member Meeting Houston & Rio Grande Valley	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Member Meeting Corpus Christi & Fort Worth	20	21 Member Meeting Dallas	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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2011 Dallas Chapter Meetings

The monthly Dallas Chapter meetings are set for the rest of the year. We will be meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month thru November.

We will set the date for the December/Christmas Party later in the year. Please mark your calendars as follows:

July	7/21
August	8/18
September	9/ 15
October	10/20
November	11/17
December	TBD



We want to encourage everyone to attend. The meetings get better when you all join in and help us to grow this group. Two hours a month. It is worth coming to see. Try it. You'll like it.

Lorna MacDougall
Dallas Chapter Treasurer

INDEPENDENCE DAY FACTS

By the 1870s, the Fourth of July was the most important secular holiday on the calendar. [Congress](#) passed a law making Independence Day a federal holiday on June 28, 1870. Even far-flung communities on the western frontier managed to congregate on Independence Day. In an [American Life Histories: Manuscripts from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936-1940](#) interview, Miss Nettie Spencer remembered the Fourth as the "big event of the year. Everyone in the countryside got together on that day for the only time in the year." She continued,

There would be floats in the morning and the one that got the [girls?] eye was the Goddess of Liberty. She was supposed to be the most wholesome and prettiest girl in the countryside — if she wasn't she had friends who thought she was. But the rest of us weren't always in agreement on that...Following the float would be the Oregon Agricultural College cadets, and some kind of a band. Sometimes there would be political effigies.

Just before lunch - and we'd always hold lunch up for an hour - some Senator or lawyer would speak. These speeches always had one pattern. First the speaker would challenge England to a fight and berate the King and say that he was a skunk. This was known as twisting the lion's tail. Then the next theme was that any one could find freedom and liberty on our shores. The speaker would invite those who were heavy laden in other lands to come to us and find peace. The speeches were pretty fiery and by that time the men who drank got into fights and called each other Englishmen. In the afternoon we had what we called the 'plug uglies' — funny floats and clowns who took off on the political subjects of the day...The Fourth was the day of the year that really counted then. Christmas wasn't much; a Church tree or something, but no one twisted the lion's tail.

REGION 9 NEWS



UPCOMING EVENTS

Region 9 Meeting

3rd quarter meeting July 8,9,10 San Antonio, (Houston – hospitality room)

4th quarter meeting October 14,15,16 (Dallas – hospitality room)

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Our Region 9 Board Meeting will be held in San Antonio on July 9th Agenda topics are:

Committee Reports

Membership - Phil (Burger days etc.)

Fund Raising/Education – Phil (Flier)

Standing Rules – Elect alt Director

Insurance - Safety

Unfinished Business - Director

Licensing, don't get caught without it.

New Chapters

Safely Swim Month (all chapters report)

New Business-Director

Region Standing Rules (Alt Dir)

Dir Letters of Intent & Nominations (Vote in Oct.)

Roundtable Discussion

“Being busy does not always mean real work.

The object of all work is production or accomplishment

and to either of these ends there must

be forethought, system, planning, intelligence,

and honest purpose, as well as perspiration.

Seeming to do is not doing.”

Thomas A. Edison

1847-1931

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As of April 1, 2011, pool/spa remodeling and other construction is not covered by the standard IPSSA liability insurance policy. But effective 6/1/2011, members can now buy optional remodeling coverage as part of their IPSSA liability insurance. The monthly cost for the new coverage ranges from \$27-\$100 per month depending on the amount of remodeling work a member does. Members can call my office to add this coverage.

I'm providing this info because I heard that some Texas members were affected by this change and I want to make sure that the word gets out. Don't hesitate to call me with any questions.

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You will receive your log-in ID and password no later than the next business day.

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You may refer to your copy of the IPSSA Basic Training Manual-Part 1 when taking the exam, but you only have 60 minutes in which to complete it.

During the 60 minutes you can go back and change answers. You will not be able to answer any questions after your 60 minutes expire.

You must get 90% or more of the questions right in order to pass. After you have completed the exam on-line, you will be notified of the results immediately.

There are a limited number of times you can take the exam with the same log-in ID and password



Bringing technology to your business

As a route broker I encounter buyers that come from other industries who bring unique ideas to the pool industry. On one such occasion the buyer's background was in the cell phone industry back when cell phones were just coming into vogue in Texas.

Our conversation then moved to the importance of communicating with your customers in any industry. He then came up with a simple but brilliant idea. What if you used your customer's cell phone number or email address to blast messages to them rather than calling each one individually. For those that experienced the freezing weather last December this would have come in handy. You could have sent an alert to all of your customers to turn on their pumps to limit the freeze damage. Or if it's time for filter cleans you could send a message to all your customers with DE filters. If you wanted to run a special but didn't want to wait until you mailed out your statements you could just send a message to them instantly. While you wouldn't want to abuse this tool, it could be a very valuable way to keep in contact with your customers.

It's always a good idea to talk to other business minded people to learn from them because you never know what you can implement in your own business. Well, I hope you've learned something new that will make your business better and more successful. Until next month!

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE - THIS WAS AN ACTUAL CRAIG'S LIST AD

To the Guy Who Tried to Mug Me in Downtown Savannah night before last.

Date: 2010-09-27

I was the guy wearing the black Burberry jacket that you demanded that I hand over, shortly after you pulled the knife on me and my girlfriend, threatening our lives. You also asked for my girlfriend's purse and earrings. I can only hope that you somehow come across this rather important message.

First, I'd like to apologize for your embarrassment; I didn't expect you to actually crap in your pants when I drew my pistol after you took my jacket.. The evening was not that cold, and I was wearing the jacket for a reason.. my girlfriend was happy that I just returned safely from my 2nd tour as a Combat Marine in Afghanistan .. She had just bought me that Kimber Custom Model 1911 .45 ACP pistol for my birthday, and we had picked up a shoulder holster for it that very evening. Obviously you agree that it is a very intimidating weapon when pointed at your head ... isn't it?!

I know it probably wasn't fun walking back to wherever you'd come from with that brown sludge in your pants. I'm sure it was even worse walking bare-footed since I made you leave your shoes, cell phone, and wallet with me. [That prevented you from calling or running to your buddies to come help mug us again].

After I called your mother or "Momma" as you had her listed in your cell, I explained the entire episode of what you'd done. Then I went and filled up my gas tank as well as those of four other people in the gas station, -- on your credit card. The guy with the big motor home took 153 gallons and was extremely grateful!

I gave your shoes to a homeless guy outside Vinnie Van Go Go's, along with all the cash in your wallet. [That made his day!]

I then threw your wallet into the big pink "pimp mobile" that was parked at the curb after I broke the windshield and side window and keyed the entire driver's side of the car.

Later, I called a bunch of phone sex numbers from your cell phone. Ma Bell just now shut down the line, although I only used the phone for a little over a day now, so what 's going on with that? Earlier, I managed to get in two threatening phone calls to the DA's office and one to the FBI, while mentioning President Obama as my possible target.

The FBI guy seemed really intense and we had a nice long chat (I guess while he traced your number etc.).

;In a way, perhaps I should apologize for not killing you ... but I feel this type of retribution is a far more appropriate punishment for your threatened crime. I wish you well as you try to sort through some of these rather immediate pressing issues, and can only hope that you have the opportunity to reflect upon, and perhaps reconsider, the career path you've chosen to pursue in life.. Remember, next time you might not be so lucky.



Have a good day!
Thoughtfully yours,
Semper Fi, Alex



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Randall A Keefe - 7/21
Ronnie E McGuire - 7/24
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John Haner - 7/23
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Tech Tips

Should I Upgrade My Swimming Pool Equipment To High Efficiency

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By David Queen VP Houston Chapter

There has been lots of discussion about leaks at pump inlets and outlets and how to best solve these issues. Pretty much everyone agrees that the pipe needs to be cut and re-sealed; this means using pool putty is not a good permanent repair. There are two schools of thought as to the sealant to be used. Many techs use silicone and many others use flexible sealant, good results can be achieved with either with proper application. Do not skimp with either and with the flexible sealant, it is best when fresh and has not begun to thicken. The biggest difference in methods is using a male-adaptor versus schedule-80 pipe. I have had a lot of success in the past with male-adaptors but with so many high hp pumps, it seems a lot of the male-adaptors vibrate themselves loose or lose the seal due to heat. I have begun using schedule-80 threaded pipes on all 1.5hp or larger pumps and find it more reliable than the thin-walled male-adaptors in some applications.

I hope this helps and if you have any suggestions or comments about this or other topics, please send them into this publication.

lights, again after your pool survey you determined how much you use this feature on your pool, but was it because the cost of using the old lights? One of the best advantages of the new led lights is all the new colors, and patterns of colors, also the long life, plus the low cost of running them. But this is where you will pay 3 times as much as the old lights, so consider the cost and benefits before buying. Swimming pool pumps, well this is where you really have to do a lot of home work, most of the new high efficiency equipment sold are the new pumps. They are the one thing on your pool that runs every day 8-10 hours a day and depending on your cost per kilowatt can really cost. But in doing your home work remember we talked about looking at your pool before we started. Do you have a lot of trees around it? Yes it's true that the new pumps have variable speeds, and running the pool on lower speeds lowers the cost, but the lower the pump runs the less gallons per minute are coming out. Look at your pool when all the leaves fall, the pressure coming out of the return jets is what keeps the leaves moving towards the skimmers. Lower the speed, less gpm coming out of the pump and now the leaves aren't moving. Also you are required to turn over all the water in your pool twice every 6 hours. The less gpm the slower the turnover rate, the longer you will have to run your pump. I love getting calls to upgrade these pools, it gives me a chance to show everything they can do to their pool, but I also spend a lot of time going over all the pros and cons with my customers, to make sure they are very satisfied customers for a long time to come. Well I hope this has helped or if anything made you stop and think before making costly mistakes

Lance Rust - Fort Worth Chapter

JUNE QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Cyanuric acid can be used to stabilize which of the following?

C) Chlorine

2. To sanitize means to kill all bacteria, algae and pathogenic organisms.

A) True

3. Cal hypo is classified as an extreme oxidizer. It will support combustion, and mixing it with organics will cause fire.

A) True

4. Which type of chlorine has the lowest pH?

D) Cal hypo

5. The most practical way to lower the cyanuric acid level in a pool is to:

C) Drain and refill all or part of the pool water



[Click here for last month issue](#)

“What were they Thinking?”

We have all run into those situations that are just so outrageous, funny or just plain stupid that they warrant a photo - doesn't just have to do with all the “creative” plumbing or equipment layouts we have seen. If you have a contribution of interest just let Ingrid know at:

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Fort Worth Chapter Meeting Change

We had a great meeting this month. Jamie Pittman with Stellar Sales came and talked with us about the voluntary main drain recall. He is going to provide us with a link on our IPSSA Texas website to get the information directly from the manufacturers, so if we have questions about the recall we can get it from the source. Jamie also brought Dominic with Pool Rx. Dominic introduce us to his pool pill , chemical controller and a new solar powered ¾ HP pump. If you missed it and would like to know more, you can contact Jamie or Dominic.

At the meeting we all voted on the July 19th meeting being moved to the **HURST Bowl 720 W Pipeline Rd, Hurst, TX 76053**. This meeting is a voluntary meeting and I need to know who and how many are going ASAP. Please call me to let me know so we have enough food and drinks. 817-991-0555. Thank you all again for a great meeting and we hope to see you all at the next one.

Tina Lehmann
Fort Worth Treasurer



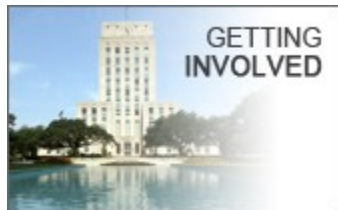
Welcome to the Texas Legislative Update

APEC is the only state "advocacy" association representing the interests of the pool industry in Texas. Since 2005, APEC works in conjunction with industry trade associations such as the Independent Pool and Spa Service Association ([IPSSA](#)) and the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals ([APSP](#)) to formulate positions that benefit both the industry as well as the consumer.

Government regulation, while well intended, can place an unreasonable burden on pool and spa business- often raising industry costs and increasing liability without successfully resolving the issues or protecting the consumer. With a presence at the state Capitol, APEC works with lawmakers, offering the benefit of industry knowledge and experience.

We retain two lobbyists [Jake Posey](#) and [Steve Koebele](#) to execute

this endeavor. Their advocacy efforts help us achieve our defining goal- to protect the welfare and bottom line of our members while maintaining an uncompromised commitment to industry safety and excellence.



Fix Things BEFORE they're broken?

My client had been servicing the commercial pool for more than 10 years. On a day much like any other, he received a phone call informing him that water from the pool filter was spraying into one of the apartments. The problem was clear: the filter "O" Ring had split allowing a stream of water to be directed toward the building. My client was shocked when the client's home owner's insurance company demanded reimbursement for over \$100,000 in water damage. After all, he was only the service technician.

As it turns out, my client never changed the filter "O" Ring and stated that he never even checked the "O" Ring for wear or deterioration. Had he done so, the damages probably would have been avoided.

A pool service tech will be held responsible for damages caused by his failure to exercise ordinary care. Brake pads on our cars are changed BEFORE they fail because we know that they WILL eventually fail if we don't. The same logic applies to swimming pool equipment.

Service techs should have a practice of routinely checking wear parts and advising their customers before these items break. This includes not only "O" Rings, but plastic hoses and seals as well. It takes little effort and you may be responsible for the resulting damage if you fail to do so.



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- 1 can cherry pie filling
- 1 cup pecans
- 1/2 cup butter cut in thin slices



Cooking Instructions:

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"Dallas Chapter Raffle"

Coming this fall. Stay tuned."

Items to be raffled off so far are:

- 1) Polaris 280
- 2) new circuit board for Raypak heater
- 3) 1 gallon Pooltech
- 4) 25# cal-hypo
- 5) 25# 3" tabs

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Industry Feels the Strain of Drain Recall

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The recall has received nationwide media attention and prompted one state attorney general to issue a warning to consumers.

“I strongly encourage parents to call their local pool operators to ask two very important questions — if the pool contains one of these dangerous drains, and whether the facility complies with safety standards,” said Illinois State Attorney General Lisa Madigan in a public statement.

Replacements or retrofits are mandatory on shallow-water vessels, which include wading pools, kiddie pools and spas. Single-drain pools also must be addressed, unless they have unblockable drains, gravity feed systems or drain covers installed before Dec. 19, 2008. CPSC is advising that those facilities be closed until retrofits or replacements can be made.

Pools deeper than 24 inches with multiple-drain systems do not need to be addressed.

However, some locations are enforcing the recall farther than its intended scope. An official with the Texas Department of State Health Services announced that all recalled drain covers statewide are to be replaced, even those installed in dual-drain pools.

Texas law mandates that every commercial pool must comply with the Virginia Graeme Baker Act, which requires all drain covers to meet the standard ASME/ANSI A112.19.8. Because the recalled products don't meet that standard, they aren't allowed in Texas, said Kathleen O. Moore, an official at the Texas Department of State Health Services, in a note sent out to affected parties.

She is allowing pools to be prioritized based on risk level, so that some pools may be addressed sooner, others later.

Connecticut's Health Department also sent out a memo directing its municipal pool operators to observe the recall, but not outlining enforcement or deadlines.

While the action involves 1 million drain covers, the recall's reach is being characterized quite differently, de-

pending on the source. CPSC officials stated that hundreds of thousands of pools are affected, but the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals contended on its Website that the recall will affect “well below 100,000 [pools].”

APSP is acting as a spokesperson for seven of the eight manufacturers involved in the full-scale recall. The companies working with the organization declined to comment for this story.

The recall includes models by the following: A&A Manufacturing, AquaStar Pool Products, Color Match Pool Fittings, Custom Molded Products, Hayward Pool Products, Pentair Water Pool and Spa, Rising Dragon Plastics, and Waterway Plastics.

Two other manufacturers had affected products, but were not included in CPSC's public announcement. Lawson Aquatics and Paramount Pool & Spa Systems each had fewer than 100 of their recalled units in circulation and had the capability to make direct contact with customers to arrange for appropriate action.

Depending on the model, recalls could involve replacement — of just the cover or the entire drain assembly — or repair, which could be as simple as snapping a new piece onto an existing drain cover, as with Waterway Plastics' retrofit.

CPSC said most manufacturers will pay for parts and labor, but each producer has its own process, usually involving several steps.

Additionally, APSP said that all professionals, whether installers performing the repairs or manufacturers providing the product, should keep records of every drain cover replaced, along with the pool or spa type, flow rating and model of the existing drain cover. The CPSC will be monitoring the recall and could ask for records at any time, the group said.

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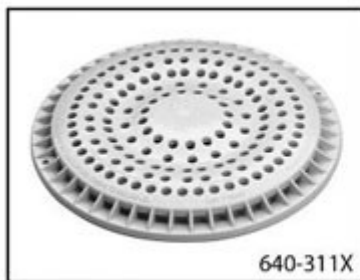
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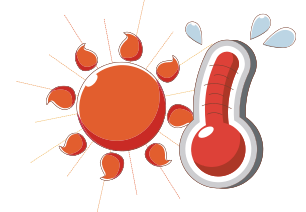
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POOL QUIZ

1. What is the most commonly used swimming pool sanitizer in the United States?

- a) Bromine
- b) Ozone
- c) Chlorine
- d) Ionizers

2. If you are using liquid chlorine to sanitize your pools, what is considered the ideal total alkalinity range?

- a) 120-140 ppm
- b) 100-120 ppm
- c) 80-100 ppm
- d) 60-80 ppm



3. When balancing pool water, always adjust total alkalinity first.

- a) True
- b) False

4. Which type of chlorine has a near-neutral pH (6.8-7.0)?

- a) Liquid
- b) Trichlor
- c) Cal hypo
- d) Dichlor

5. Which of the following types of chlorine are made from gas chlorine?

- a) Liquid
- b) Trichlor
- c) Cal hypo
- d) All of the above



Find answers in the next issue