



Trouble-Shooting Guide - Pool Surface Calcium Removal

<u>IMPORTANT</u>: There are two types of scale buildup on pool surfaces: **softer white calcium** and **hard calcium-silicate scale**

HOW TO DETERMINE YOUR TYPE OF SCALE

Pour a small amount of pool acid directly on the scaled area:

- if it bubbles strongly, you have primarily a calcium scale buildup (NEW SCALE)
- if it only bubbles slightly or little or no reaction at all, you most likely have a hard, calcium-silicate scale (OLD SCALE) (this type of hard scale requires mechanical removal or hard scrubbing Scaletec Plus will not remove)

NEW Scale

(several months to several years)

Summer or non-swimming season?

Summer: Use 64 ounces per 10,000 gallons (repeat dosage in two weeks for heavy calcium scale buildup.

Non-Swim: Use 32 to 64 ounces per 10,000 gallons

Chlorine residuals?

Below 3 ppm? Keep free chlorine residual below 3.0 and use an algaecide if needed to control algae.

Note: salt chlorinators - turn-off during cleanup period.

Water level?

At scale line? Raise and <u>maintain water level</u> during the entire cleaning period?

Note: use water auto leveler, for best results.

Pool pump?

Circulation? Operate filter water pump 8 to 12 hours per day to circulate descaler?

OLD Scale

(usually 5 to 10 years and longer)

Hard calcium-silicate scales are difficult to remove - this is the type of scale acid will not remove either.

Options for removal:

- 1. Mechanical removal such as bead blasting process,
- 2. Hard scrubbing with pumice stone or scrapper,
- 3. Hydrofluoric acid dangerous to handle (not recommended).

Once your pool surface scale is removed, use EasyCare® Beautec® Ultimate Scale-Stain-Scum and Salt Cell Treatment:

Beautec[®] is a true <u>multi-scale</u> preventative for both calcium and hard silicate scale control preventation.

