

Pool facts & Fancies

Getting Control Of Your Pool

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(NAPSA)—Prior to 1975, pool and spa operation was an entirely manual process.

Then, a company named Com-pool, now a brand of Pentair Pool Products™, Inc., became the first to bring a microprocessor into the home to automatically operate a pool pump, filter, heater and lights.

Now not only can a control unit take care of all that, it also can be easily programmed to raise or lower the temperature of a spa, and turn on special water displays such as fountains and dramatic pool/landscape lighting.

You can even fire up the spa from a cell phone on your way home from work. And in the near future, computers will network so you can access your home control from the office via the Internet.

An automated control also helps ensure safe operation and extend equipment life. With the correct pump scheduling, you can reduce energy consumption and take advantage of off-peak electrical rates. Also, consider purchasing a two-speed pump for increased energy efficiency.

The price range for various control units varies. Ask your contractor about the convenience options available.



Knowing what buttons to push: Getting control of your pool can be as easy as touching a button once you get all the facts.

You can often get longer term warranties if you purchase your pump filter, heater, controller, lights, and automatic cleaner from the same manufacturer.

Additionally, if you purchase from a single source manufacturer, a trained factory technician can expertly service all of your equipment needs.

To learn more, talk to your pool professional, call (800) 374-4700 or visit www.pentairpool.com.

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