

A site for sore eyes!

West Sussex pool specialists, Fowler Swimming Pools were given the brief of renovating an old liner pool in Angmering which had long since seen better days. Turning to Certikin, its long-standing one-stop supplier, they produced a shopping list and then set about the work, with the result being this beautiful swimming pool.



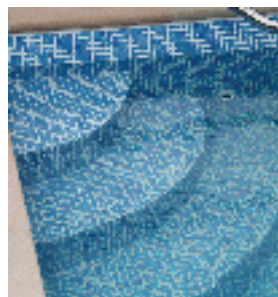
Starting from the inside out, the first thing to receive attention was the liner and for this Fowlers had no hesitation in choosing Certikin's Infinite site liner. Fowlers' MD Tom Holman explains: "We chose the liner because of the quality and versatility of the product and the expertise of the Certikin installers. This was a renovation project to an existing bag liner pool and we added a pit for a Roldeck automatic cover plus radial in situ steps. All of which can be accommodated with the in situ applied liner much better than a traditional bag liner. Certikin's comprehensive choice of colours and finishes were also very appealing.

"We chose the Roldeck (with solar slats) for its versatility and again, unparalleled quality. The in-shaft motor is a bonus as

you avoid external motor pits which can be prone to flooding in areas of high water table. Fowlers have a history going back many years with Certikin and are impressed by their attention to detail and back-up service."

All the pool fittings (skimmers, inlets, sumps) are Certikin's along with two Certikin PU9 lights. The whole project including new filtration plant, replacement underground pipework and flow control fittings, new copings and paved surrounds took around eight weeks.

"The customer was delighted with the end product and to all intents and purposes they effectively have a brand new pool," adds Tom. ♦



The liner with Infinite possibilities, says Certikin

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Q On average, how long does it take to site line a pool?

A Obviously timing varies with size and complexity, but we generally allow four working days for an average sized domestic hopper pool with steps.

Q How soon after lining can the pool be used?

A Immediately – depending on the site situation we often begin filling the pool with water when we are on the final stages of installation or just as we are leaving site. This is very much down to site circumstances, but the newly lined pool can in essence be filled immediately.

Q What kind of pools are the most suitable for site lining?

A Site lining is a very versatile option for both new and old pools of domestic and commercial size. We can work around complex shapes and line steps, ledges, pits and so on. One key element to remember though is that any pool fittings need to be liner fittings so if the pool is not an existing liner pool, some conversion is required.

Q What are its advantages over other refurbishment options?

A As a commercial grade material the longevity of the product when compared to thinner linings or paints



(it comes with a 10 year pro rata warranty) is a major advantage. The process is generally quick but, as we complete the full installation, it also means that the pool company can still work on other projects while we are working on their behalf. The range of colours and patterns mean that a tile effect can be re-created and areas of contrasting colour (such as racing lines) can easily be added at what is usually a fraction of the price of a fully tiled pool. The vast ranges available also mean that effects can be created which cannot be accomplished in any other finish.

Q How does it compare in terms of cost?

A Site lining falls between cheaper options such as paint and thinner, bag style, liners and more expensive options such as tiling or spray applied products. It is often seen as excellent value for money as the materials used are both attractive and varied in colour and pattern, but also extremely durable and versatile.

Q How long does site lining last for?

A This all depends on how well the pool is looked after and how much it is used. The general warranty offered is

10 years, but the life expectancy can be double this in a well maintained pool. Water balance is critical and an even temperature of around 28-32 deg C is ideal. The lining really has two functions – retaining water and looking good. As the life of the liner progresses it will probably remain an excellent water retainer, but its looks will suffer if the lining and its environment are not monitored and controlled.

Q How many different colours and finishes are there?

Certikin purchases swimming pool vinyl from three of the world's largest manufacturers. As such, we have wide access to both conventional and contemporary colours and patterns. At present, our core range has seven pattern options and eight solid colour options with complementing anti-slip materials for steps and slopes. All the materials we use are specifically manufactured and certified for use in swimming pools. ♦

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