

## MAINTENANCE AND CARE FOR SPECTRUM STARTING PLATFORMS

Cleaning your starting platforms on a regular basis is an essential part of ensuring longevity and minimizing rust formation on your starting blocks. Regimented cleanings will also reduce incidents of stains and discoloration on the block surface. The frequency in which blocks should be cleaned depends upon how harsh the environment is in your pool facility. For instance, indoor pools with poor air circulation may necessitate rinsing of starting platforms 1-2 times per week with tap water. This will ensure the removal of corrosive airborne contaminants that will inevitably land on the surface of your starting platforms. Starting platforms should always be dried with a soft cloth, with attention given to the welded portions of the platform and any areas where bolts are used to join pieces of metal together — these areas are most susceptible to crevice corrosion. Starting platforms in outdoor pool facilities require similar levels of care, and we recommend that all starting platforms be covered when not in use to limit surface abrasions and discourage unwanted play.

### DAILY TO WEEKLY MAINTENANCE

#### General Maintenance for Starting Platform 3M Surfaces (top, wedge and step)

1. Rinse with fresh tap water.
2. Use a plastic bristles scrub brush in a circular motion to gently remove dirt and stains.
3. Pat dry with a clean, soft cloth.

*\* When applicable, avoid scrubbing the edge sealant used to adhere the 3M grit to platform surface.*

#### General Maintenance for Starting Platform Frame

1. Rinse with fresh tap water.
2. Dry with clean, soft cloth.

*\* Remember to rinse and dry the inside of the wedge and the underside of the platform top in order to prevent corrosion*

## **MONTHLY TO YEARLY MAINTENANCE**

### **General Maintenance for Starting Platform 3M Surfaces (top, wedge and step)**

1. Rinse with tap water.
2. Use a non-abrasive, non-chemical based cleaner such as a mild dish washing detergent, a plastic bristle scrub brush and non-chlorinated water to remove dirt and stains from the non-slip 3M surfaces. Use scrub brush in a circular motion so as not to damage the non-slip top.
3. Inspect the sealant used on the edges of all 3M material for damage. Repair edge sealant if necessary with 3M Edge Sealer (available from Spectrum Aquatics and most hardware stores). Follow 3M manufacturer instructions for application.
4. Inspect 3M surfaces for damage. Clean and dry any damaged areas thoroughly. Use 3M Edge Sealer and Sand Kit (available from Spectrum Aquatics) to fill in any small nicks in the surface.

### **General Maintenance for Starting Platform Frame**

1. Use Spectra Clean (available at Spectrum Aquatics) and a green 3M pad to remove any rust stains. Be sure to clean underneath the block top as well as inside the wedge. Rinse with water and dry with a clean cloth.
2. After thoroughly cleaning the stainless steel frame, you can apply car wax and buff to a shine. This will help keep your stainless looking clean and new.
3. Apply WD-40 as necessary to wedge/ rail bracket to help insure smooth wedge movement.