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Swimming pools—Premoulded fibre reinforced plastics—Design and fabrication



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to

AS 1838—1989

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REVISED TEXT

The 1989 edition of AS 1838 is amended as follows; the amendment(s) should be inserted in the appropriate place.

SUMMARY: This Amendment applies to Clauses 2, 5.7, 6.1.2, 6.2, 6.3, 6.3.3, 7.1 and Table D1.

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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by Standards Australia's Committee PL/41, Glass Reinforced Swimming Pools, under the authority of the Plastics Standards Board to supersede AS 1838—1975, *Premoulded reinforced plastics swimming pools*.

This Standard is technically the same as AS 1838—1975, however it provides a substantial revision of that edition. The need for the pool shell design to take into account the loadings applied by the soils at the location is emphasized, and minimum design characteristics applicable to sand and other soils are given. Revised tests for gel coating and determination of the resin and glass fibre content of the pools are provided.

The installation of fibre-reinforced plastics pools to this Standard is covered by AS 1839, *Swimming pools—Premoulded reinforced plastics—Installation*.

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1 SCOPE. This Standard specifies requirements for premoulded plastics swimming pools exceeding 7500 L in volume and 750 mm in depth, and constructed from fibre reinforced plastics (FRP) based on thermosetting resin systems. It covers materials, design and performance requirements.

NOTE: For guidance on installation of swimming pools complying with this Standard reference should be made to AS 1839.

2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS. The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

- AS 1580 Methods of test for paints and related materials
1580.602.1 Method 602.1: Visual assessment of gloss
1839 Swimming pools—Premoulded reinforced plastics—Installation
1886 Glossary of terms relating to plastics
2132 Methods for the determination of the flexural properties of plastics
2818 Guide to swimming pool safety
BS 3532 Specification for unsaturated polyester resin systems for low pressure fibre reinforced plastics
ISO 105 Textiles—Tests for colour fastness
105-A02 Part AO2: Grey scale for assessing change in colour

ASTM D 2583 Test method for indentation hardness of rigid plastics by means of a Barcol impressor

3 DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions given in AS 1886 and those below apply:

3.1 Composite—the combination of the cosmetic layer, corrosion barrier, structural layer and outer surface layer (see Figure 1).

3.2 Concrete bond beam—the structural member that supports the pool shell and coping.

3.3 Coping—the horizontal rim or pool edge which is moulded integrally with the pool shell.

3.4 Corrosion barrier—a resin-rich layer immediately beneath the cosmetic gelcoat layer. (See Figure 1.)

3.5 Cosmetic layer—the layer in contact with the water. (See Figure 1.)

3.6 Outer surface layer—the layer which seals the back of the structural layer (see Figure 1).

3.7 Structural layer—the main body of the composite supplying the major part of the total strength (see Figure 1).

4 MATERIALS.

4.1 Resin. The resin component of all layers of the composite shall be an appropriate type of unsaturated polyester, epoxide, furan or vinylester resin.

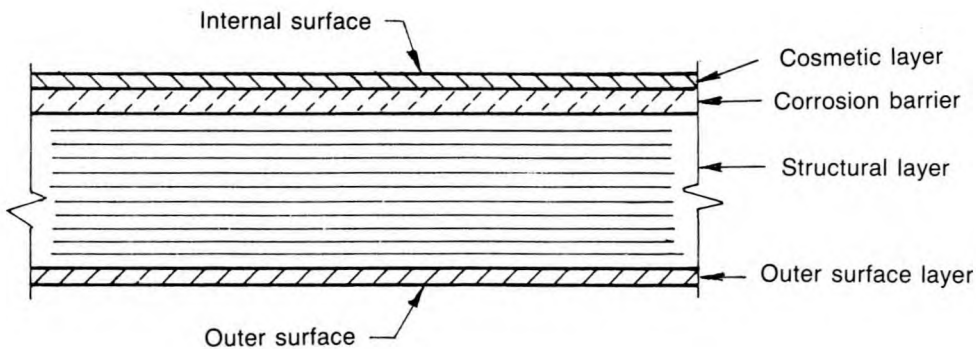


FIGURE 1 IDENTIFICATION OF COMPONENTS OF THE COMPOSITE