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**BAQUACIL<sup>®</sup> CDX<sup>™</sup> SYSTEM**

**Pool  
Care &  
Water  
Testing  
Guide**



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# BAQUACIL® CDX™ Pool Care System

## COME ON IN...

The benefits of the BAQUACIL Pool Care system are many. First, the chlorine-free formulation is gentle and non-irritating to eyes and skin, it's gentle on swimsuits and pool liners. The BAQUACIL system keeps water clear, silky and soft, and most of all, it's easy to use.

Now with the new **enhanced BAQUACIL CDX System**, you have even greater assurance of crystal clear water throughout the season. Research and development has shown the best way to maintain clear water throughout the swimming season is to maintain a BAQUACIL Oxidizer residual. The BAQUACIL CDX System does just that. And, like the standard BAQUACIL System, it's hassle-free, chlorine-free and easy to use.

While the new CDX System will not take the place of regular pool and filter maintenance, it does provide the best system for pools treated with BAQUACIL – especially those with water mold challenges.

If you currently use the standard BAQUACIL Pool Care System or if you've used BAQUACIL in the past, we think you are going to love the new BAQUACIL CDX System.

**EASY AS 1•2•3**

*3 part system*

### System Overview

The BAQUACIL CDX System is a simple, **weekly, three-step, three-product, chlorine free system**. Maintaining an oxidizer residual is key to keeping water clear all summer long. The weekly addition of BAQUACIL CDX is designed to prevent rapid consumption of the oxidizer.

### 1. BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat

- Keep levels between 30 and 50 ppm.
- When the level is 30 ppm or less, add BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat to bring the level up to 50 ppm. Never let the level fall below 40 ppm, since algae and bacteria may not be controlled adequately.

### 2. BAQUACIL Oxidizer

- Add weekly.
- If the Oxidizer level is 0ppm for two consecutive weeks consult your authorized pool dealer. This may be indicating the need to chemically clean the filter.

### 3. BAQUACIL CDX

- Add weekly to the skimmer with the pump running.
- Always add the BAQUACIL CDX **IMMEDIATELY AFTER** the addition of the Oxidizer.

New BAQUACIL Test strips have been developed which include an Oxidizer test pad. This will enable you to identify whether there is a BAQUACIL Oxidizer residual present in the water and it also acts as an early warning that there may be water mold present in the pool filter and/or plumbing before the water becomes cloudy.

### Algae Prevention

With the new BAQUACIL CDX System, no regular use of algaecide is called for, but in areas where algae problems are prevalent we recommend you introduce an algae preventative program using either BAQUACIL Algicide or BAQUACIL Performance Algicide. Be sure to follow the label instructions for dosing recommendations.

# Converting Your New or Freshly Filled Pool

## STARTING A NEW OR FRESHLY FILLED POOL ON THE BAQUACIL® CDX™ SYSTEM

1. Fill your pool with water. If this is a brand new pool, proceed to step 2. If this is an existing pool, perform any necessary filter maintenance:
  - a. Cartridge Filters - Chemically clean the cartridge with BAQUACIL® D.E. & Cartridge Filter Cleaner or replace the cartridge.
  - b. D.E. Filters - Chemically clean the filter elements with BAQUACIL D.E. & Cartridge Filter Cleaner.
  - c. Sand Filters - Chemically clean the sand with BAQUACIL Sand Filter Cleaner or replace the sand.
2. Get your pump and filter started, then brush and vacuum your pool. Let your filter run for 24 hours, to catch all the debris.
3. Calculate the volume of your pool so you can determine the right amount of chemicals. Your Authorized BAQUACIL Dealer will be able to calculate the volume for you if you measure the length, width, and depth of your pool.

4. Take a pool water sample to your Authorized BAQUACIL Dealer for complete analysis. (See page 8 for water testing tips).

If your dealer finds that your pool water contains metals, add BAQUACIL Metal Control as follows: For every 2 ppm of metals present, use 1 bottle (1 1/4 pounds) for every 10,000 gallons of water. Allow the water to circulate for 8-12 continuous hours. **All plaster pools must be treated with BAQUACIL Metal Control at a rate of 1 bottle per 10,000 gallons of water, regardless of metal analysis results.**

5. Add BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat to the pool to achieve a 50 ppm level. See chart below for dosing instructions.
6. Add the start-up dose of BAQUACIL Oxidizer. (See the Start-Up Dosage chart below).
7. Add the start-up dose of BAQUACIL CDX. (See the Start-Up Dosage chart below).
8. Begin weekly routine pool care. See page 10 for further details.

**IMPORTANT: Always add the BAQUACIL CDX immediately after the addition of the BAQUACIL Oxidizer.**

## START-UP DOSAGES

Gallons	BAQUACIL SANITIZER AND ALGISTAT	BAQUACIL OXIDIZER	BAQUACIL CDX
5,000	2 pints	½ gal	2 pints
10,000	4 pints	1½ gal	4 pints
15,000	6 pints	1½ gal	6 pints
20,000	8 pints	2 gal	8 pints
25,000	10 pints	2½ gal	10 pints
30,000	12 pints	3 gal	12 pints
35,000	14 pints	3½ gal	14 pints
40,000	16 pints	4 gal	16 pints
50,000	20 pints	5 gal	20 pints

# Converting Your Chlorine or Bromine Pool

## CONVERTING YOUR POOL FROM CHLORINE OR BROMINE TO THE BAQUACIL® CDX™ SYSTEM

- After your pool water has been properly balanced, remove the source of chlorine or bromine (pill, stick, tablets, etc.) and make no further additions of these products.
- Neutralize the chlorine or bromine.
  - If the water is clear**, add 1 bottle (5 ounces) of BAQUACIL Chlorine Neutralizer for every 10,000 gallons of pool water. Allow the water to circulate for 8-12 continuous hours. Verify that the free chlorine level is 0, by using a “DPD”-type testing kit with a DPD #1 tablet.
  - If the water is cloudy** (algae or haze), add 1 bottle (1 gallon) of BAQUACIL Oxidizer for every 10,000 gallons of pool water instead of BAQUACIL Chlorine Neutralizer. Allow the water to circulate for 8-12 continuous hours. Verify that the free chlorine level is 0, by using a “DPD”-type testing kit with a DPD #1 tablet.
- Take a pool water sample to your Authorized BAQUACIL Dealer for complete analysis. (See page 8 for water testing tips). If your dealer finds that your pool water contains metals, add BAQUACIL Metal Control as follows: For every 2 ppm of metals present, use 1 bottle (1 1/4 pounds) for every 10,000 gallons of water. Allow the water to circulate for 8-12 continuous hours.
- Add BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat to the pool to achieve a 50 ppm level. See chart below for dosing instructions.
- Add the start-up dose of BAQUACIL Oxidizer. (See the Start-Up Dosage chart below).
- Add the start-up dose of BAQUACIL CDX. (See the Start-Up Dosage chart below).
- Begin weekly routine pool care. See page 10 for further details.

**Note: All plaster pools must be treated with BAQUACIL Metal Control at a rate of 1 bottle per 10,000 gallons of water, regardless of metal analysis results.**

## Start-Up DOSAGES

Gallons	BAQUACIL CHLORINE NEUTRALIZER	BAQUACIL SANITIZER AND ALGISTAT	BAQUACIL OXIDIZER	BAQUACIL CDX
5,000	2½ oz	2 pints	½ gal	2 pints
10,000	5 oz	4 pints	1 gal	4 pints
15,000	7½ oz	6 pints	1½ gal	6 pints
20,000	10 oz	8 pints	2 gal	8 pints
25,000	12½ oz	10 pints	2½ gal	10 pints
30,000	15 oz	12 pints	3 gal	12 pints
35,000	17½ oz	14 pints	3½ gal	14 pints
40,000	20 oz	16 pints	4 gal	16 pints
50,000	25 oz	20 pints	5 gal	20 pints

**NOTE:** Always read and follow product labels carefully.

# Converting Your Standard BAQUACIL® Pool

## CONVERTING YOUR POOL FROM A STANDARD BAQUACIL SYSTEM TO THE BAQUACIL® CDX™ SYSTEM

1. Perform any necessary filter maintenance:
  - a. Cartridge Filters - Chemically clean the cartridge with BAQUACIL D.E. & Cartridge Filter Cleaner or replace the cartridge.
  - b. D.E. Filters - Chemically clean the filter elements with BAQUACIL D.E. & Cartridge Filter Cleaner.
  - c. Sand Filters - Replace the sand in the filter.
2. Take a pool water sample to your Authorized BAQUACIL Dealer for complete analysis. (See page 8 for water testing tips.) If your dealer finds that your pool water contains metals, add BAQUACIL Metal Control as follows:  
For every 2 ppm of metals present, use 1 bottle (1 1/4 pounds) for every 10,000 gallons of water. Allow the water to circulate for 8-12 continuous hours.

3. Add BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat to the pool to achieve a 50 ppm level. See chart below for dosing instructions.
4. Add the start-up dose of BAQUACIL Oxidizer. (See the Start-Up Dosage chart below).
5. Add the Start-up dose of BAQUACIL CDX. (See the Start-Up Dosage chart below).
6. Begin weekly routine pool care. See page 10 for further details.

### NOTE:

- a. Always read and follow product labels carefully.
- b. Always add BAQUACIL CDX immediately after the addition of BAQUACIL Oxidizer.

**Note: All plaster pools must be treated with BAQUACIL Metal Control at a rate of 1 bottle per 10,000 gallons of water, regardless of metal analysis results.**

## START-UP DOSAGES

Gallons	BAQUACIL SANITIZER AND ALGISTAT	BAQUACIL OXIDIZER	BAQUACIL CDX
5,000	2 pints	1/2 gal	2 pints
10,000	4 pints	1 gal	4 pints
15,000	6 pints	1 1/2 gal	6 pints
20,000	8 pints	2 gal	8 pints
25,000	10 pints	2 1/2 gal	10 pints
30,000	12 pints	3 gal	12 pints
35,000	14 pints	3 1/2 gal	14 pints
40,000	16 pints	4 gal	16 pints
50,000	20 pints	5 gal	20 pints

# Converting Your Plaster Finished Pool

## WHEN STARTING A PLASTER POOL ON THE BAQUACIL® CDX™ SYSTEM

It is important to eliminate potentially damaging trace metals from the pool water.

**Use BAQUACIL Metal Control after the chlorine is neutralized and before you add BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat to the pool.**

All plaster pools must be treated with BAQUACIL Metal Control regardless of metal analysis results. Plaster pools are particularly susceptible to scale buildup and metal staining on the surface as a result of continued exposure to improperly balanced water. The scale may appear as rough patches on the plaster surface and may vary in color.

If you see existing metal stain discoloration, do not convert to the BAQUACIL CDX System unless the pool surface is properly treated (acid washing, sandblasting, etc.) to remove the accumulated deposits.

For instructions on how to add the BAQUACIL CDX System products, follow points 4, 5, 6 and 7 on page 4. Also, refer to the dosage chart on page 4.

For further assistance, see your Authorized BAQUACIL Dealer.

**IMPORTANT:** Since trace metals are commonly found in water sources, add BAQUACIL Metal Control at the rate of 1 bottle (1 1/4 pounds) for every 10,000 gallons whenever significant amounts of makeup water are added to the pool.

**IMPORTANT:** BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat is a unique swimming pool sanitizer which may not be compatible with some of the chemicals you have been using. See the “Other Chemicals” section (page 18). Consult your Authorized BAQUACIL Dealer before adding supplemental chemicals. **DO NOT USE BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat in unpainted/unsurfaced plaster pools with pre-existing metal stains without taking proper remedial actions first.** (See WHEN STARTING A PLASTER POOL ON THE BAQUACIL CDX SYSTEM).

Do not use BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat in freestanding spas or hot tubs.

**NOTE:** After the addition of BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat, the water may become hazy. This haze should clear within 24-48 hours with continuous filtration.

# Pool Opening

If your pool has already been converted to the BAQUACIL® CDX™ System, it's easy to open it for the season. Just follow these simple steps:

1. If you use a solid pool cover, first drain off any standing water so that it doesn't spill back into the pool. Carefully remove the cover, sweep it and lay it out to dry. Use BAQUACIL Cover Cleaner to clean cover. Once it is thoroughly dry, fold and store the cover in a clean, dry place, out of direct sunlight. Inspect the entire pool carefully for damage that may have taken place during the off-season - especially leaks and tears in the vinyl liner or breaks and cracks in the plaster or tiles. After inspection, add water until the level reaches about halfway up the skimmer opening. Remove any debris with a leaf net.
2. Make sure your pump, skimmer and filter are working properly. If the filter was not cleaned at the end of last season, clean it using BAQUACIL D.E. & Cartridge Filter Cleaner or BAQUACIL Sand Filter Cleaner to remove hardened deposits which can hamper filter performance. Brush and vacuum the pool thoroughly.

3. After running the pump for at least five hours, take a water sample in a clean plastic container to your Authorized BAQUACIL CDX Dealer for a comprehensive water analysis. Your dealer will provide easy instructions to make any necessary adjustments to your pool's water balance.

**NOTE: For unpainted plaster pools, add a full dose of BAQUACIL Metal Control. Circulate for 8 hours.**

4. Add BAQUACIL CDX System products to your pool see below.
  - Top-up BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat to 50 ppm. (See page 10 for Top-Up Dosage Chart).
  - Add a start-up dose of BAQUACIL Oxidizer (See Start-Up Dosage Chart below).
  - Add a start-up dose of BAQUACIL CDX (See Start-Up Dosage Chart below).

## START-UP DOSAGES

Gallons	BAQUACIL SANITIZER AND ALGISTAT	BAQUACIL OXIDIZER	BAQUACIL CDX
5,000	2 pints	½ gal	2 pints
10,000	4 pints	1 gal	4 pints
15,000	6 pints	1½ gal	6 pints
20,000	8 pints	2 gal	8 pints
25,000	10 pints	2½ gal	10 pints
30,000	12 pints	3 gal	12 pints
35,000	14 pints	3½ gal	14 pints
40,000	16 pints	4 gal	16 pints
50,000	20 pints	5 gal	20 pints

# Water Balance

## KEEPING YOUR POOL WATER BALANCED

Maintaining your pool water in the proper balance pays big rewards. First, water that has its key chemical factors in the appropriate balance range makes for very comfortable swimming. Second, balanced water makes pools easier to maintain. Properly balanced swimming pool water meets the following criteria:

- pH: 7.2–7.8.
- Metals: none.
- Total Alkalinity: 80–150 ppm.
- Calcium Hardness:
  - 180–250 ppm (vinyl pools).
  - 200–275 ppm (plaster pools).
- Total Dissolved Solids: less than 2,000 ppm.

Your Authorized BAQUACIL® Dealer carries the full range of BAQUACIL Balance Chemicals, specially designed to make water balance adjustments quick and easy.

As with all pool chemicals, follow the instructions and precautions on the labels of all BAQUACIL Balance Chemicals products.

Use your BAQUACIL Test Strips to check your water's pH and alkalinity once a week, or after any major change (such as when you add a large amount of new water, or after a long, heavy rain).

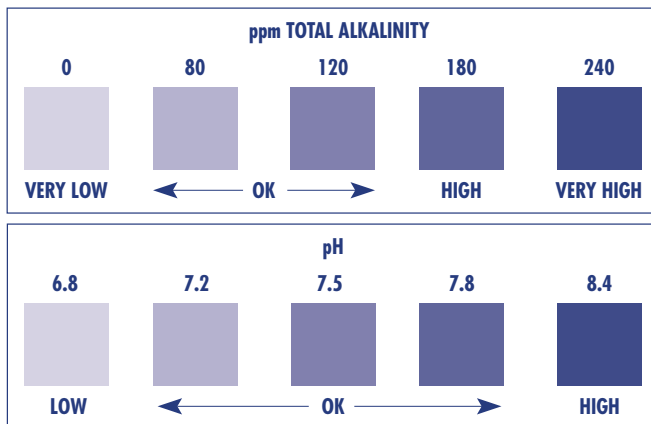
## TOTAL ALKALINITY CONTROL

The amount of alkalinity in your water can affect swimmers' comfort. High alkalinity will push the pH reading upward, while low alkalinity can promote pool corrosion and cause "pH bounce," which is a large change in the pH reading after you add adjustment chemicals. The ideal total alkalinity range is 80–150 ppm. Always test and adjust the total alkalinity level before adjusting the pH.

## pH CONTROL

pH is a measure of the acidity or basicity of the water and is measured on a scale ranging from 0–14. Swimming pool water should have just a little basicity with a pH reading between 7.2 and 7.8.

If pool water is too basic, scale can develop — particularly in hard water areas. If it is too acidic, the water can become corrosive.



# Water Balance

## CALCIUM HARDNESS CONTROL

Calcium hardness also affects the balance of your pool water. Low calcium hardness will promote corrosion. High calcium hardness can cause cloudiness and scaling. The ideal calcium hardness content is 200–275 ppm for plaster pools, and 180–250 ppm for all other types.

Take a water sample to your Authorized BAQUACIL® Dealer if you have a calcium hardness problem.

## METALS

It is not uncommon to find metals, often called free metals, dissolved in pool water. Usually they come from source water — sometimes they are a result of the erosion of metal pool fixtures, such as heater cores.

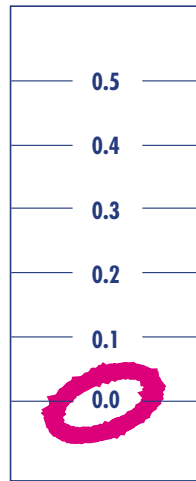
Free metals in pool water can cause staining of pool surfaces and inhibit the performance of water sanitizers. Ideally, there should be no metals in the water: 0 ppm.

Your Authorized BAQUACIL Dealer can determine the presence of free metals in your water. If metals are detected, BAQUACIL Metal Control can be used to “sequester” them, rendering them harmless.



**CALCIUM  
HARDNESS:  
VINYL  
POOLS**

**CALCIUM  
HARDNESS:  
PLASTER  
POOLS**



**METALS (ppm)**

**Ideal** 

# Weekly Maintenance

The BAQUACIL® CDX™ System includes three key components that work together to save you time and maintenance: BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat, BAQUACIL Oxidizer, and BAQUACIL CDX. See the next page for easy to follow weekly use instructions.

**Note:** To maintain good water clarity, it is important that the CDX is added IMMEDIATELY following the Oxidizer. Always add BAQUACIL CDX to the skimmer with the pump running.

## Important:

- On a weekly basis, it is recommended that you test and adjust your water balance readings to within the ideal ranges discussed on page 8.
- Be sure to use your BAQUACIL Test strips that now test for the presence of Oxidizer.
- Perform the housekeeping tasks discussed on page 14.
- When the water balance levels are within the recommended ranges, follow your BAQUACIL CDX System routine outlined on the next page.

## TOP-UP DOSAGE RATES FOR BAQUACIL SANITIZER AND ALGISTAT

Gallons	If the level (ppm) is:								
	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0
5,000	½	¾	¾	1	1¼	1½	1¾	1¾	2
7,500	¾	1	1¼	1½	1¾	2¼	2½	2¾	3
10,000	¾	1¼	1¾	2	2½	2¾	3¼	3¾	4
12,500	1	1½	2	2½	3	3½	4	4½	5
15,000	1¼	1¾	2½	3	3¾	4¼	4¾	5½	6
17,500	1½	2¼	2¾	3½	4¼	5	5¾	6¼	7
20,000	1¾	2½	3¼	4	4¾	5½	6½	7¼	8
22,500	1¾	2¾	3¾	4½	5½	6¼	7¼	8¼	9
25,000	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
27,500	2¼	3¼	4½	5½	6¾	7¾	8¾	10	11
30,000	2½	3¾	4¾	6	7¼	8½	9¾	10¾	12
32,500	2¾	4	5¼	6½	7¾	9¼	10½	11¾	13
35,000	2¾	4¼	5¾	7	8½	9¾	11¼	12¾	14
37,500	3	4½	6	7½	9	10½	12	13½	15
40,000	3¼	4¾	6½	8	9¾	11¼	12¾	14½	16
42,500	3½	5¼	6¾	8½	10¼	12	13¾	15¼	17
45,000	3¾	5½	7¼	9	10¾	12¾	14½	16¼	18
47,500	3¾	5¾	7¾	9½	11½	13¼	15¼	17¼	19
50,000	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20

All dosages are in pints.

# Weekly Maintenance Program

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#### 1. BAQUACIL® Sanitizer and Algistat

- Check weekly and top-up if necessary.
- Keep sanitizer levels between 30 and 50 ppm.
- Do not allow sanitizer level to drop below 40 ppm.
- Refer to top-up dosage chart on previous page.

#### 2. BAQUACIL Oxidizer

- Add weekly.
- 1 quart per 10,000 gallons of pool water.
- Refer to dosage chart below.

#### 3. BAQUACIL® CDX™

- Add weekly.
- 1 pint per 10,000 gallons of pool water.
- Refer to dosage chart below.
- Always add **BAQUACIL CDX IMMEDIATELY AFTER** the addition of the Oxidizer.

#### Algae Prevention:

In regions with high summer temperatures or pools with a history of algae problems, we recommend that you introduce an algae preventative program. Use BAQUACIL Algicide or BAQUACIL Performance Algicide. Follow the label directions for a preventative algae program.

## WEEKLY MAINTENANCE DOSAGE RATES

Gallons	BAQUACIL OXIDIZER (quarts)	BAQUACIL CDX (pints)
5,000	1	$\frac{1}{2}$
7,500	1	$\frac{3}{4}$
10,000	1	1
12,500	2	$1\frac{1}{4}$
15,000	2	$1\frac{1}{2}$
17,500	2	$1\frac{3}{4}$
20,000	2	2
22,500	3	$2\frac{1}{4}$
25,000	3	$2\frac{1}{2}$
27,500	3	$2\frac{3}{4}$
30,000	3	3
32,500	4	$3\frac{1}{4}$
35,000	4	$3\frac{1}{2}$
37,500	4	$3\frac{3}{4}$
40,000	4	4
42,500	5	$4\frac{1}{4}$
45,000	5	$4\frac{1}{2}$
47,500	5	$4\frac{3}{4}$
50,000	5	5

# General Pool Care

The BAQUACIL® CDX™ Pool Care System makes pool care easy. Even so, there are certain basic things you should do regularly to avoid potential problems with your pool. These include housekeeping (see below), checking water balance & sanitization (see page 8).

## HOUSEKEEPING

- Vacuum and brush your pool weekly.
- Run the filter at least 8-12 continuous hours a day during the season, longer during periods of heavy use or after a heavy rain. Ideally you should run the filter 24 hours a day.
- Clean around the tile and water line – use BAQUACIL Surface Cleaner
- Keep the skimmer and pump baskets clear of leaves and debris – check at least weekly.
- Check the filter pressure. If high, backwash and rinse the filter – always be guided by your manufacturers recommendations.
- Chemically clean the filter at least twice during the season with a BAQUACIL filter cleaner that is appropriate for your type of pool filter. This is a key process in keeping your pool water clear throughout the season.
- For extended swimming season the filter should be cleaned 3 times a season.

### Algae Prevention:

In regions with high summer temperatures or pools with a history of algae problems, we recommend that you introduce an algae preventative program. Use BAQUACIL Algicide or BAQUACIL Performance Algicide. Follow the label directions for a preventative algae program.

## WATER TESTING BY YOUR AUTHORIZED BAQUACIL DEALER

There will be times when you take a water sample to your Authorized BAQUACIL Dealer for professional analysis, for example, after you add a significant amount of new water, or after a heavy rain. In fact, it's a good idea to take a sample to your Authorized BAQUACIL® Dealer about once a month during the season. Here are a few guidelines to help ensure a good water sample:

1. Fill your BAQUACIL sample water bottle to the top.
2. Take your sample about 18" below the surface, and away from the skimmer or filter returns.
3. Take the sample in a BAQUACIL Water Sample Bottle, or in a **clean plastic container**.
4. Take the sample to your Authorized BAQUACIL Dealer **as soon as you remove it from the pool**; don't let the water sit.

**NOTE:** Never take a pool water sample immediately after adding chemicals or after adding significant amounts of makeup water. Always allow the water to circulate for 8–12 hours before taking a sample.

**IMPORTANT:** When handling chemicals, always follow the label instructions. Remember, not all pool care products are compatible with BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat. (See “Other Chemicals” on page 23). Consult your Authorized BAQUACIL Dealer before adding supplemental chemicals.

# Filter Cleaning

## HOW TO CHEMICALLY CLEAN YOUR FILTER.

For best filter operation, it is important to clean your filter twice a season. As your filter circulates pool water, it collects all types of debris — organic matter, waste, scale, rust, grease and grime that, if left unchecked, will hinder filtration and lead to a cloudy, unattractive pool.

While backwashing or rinsing will remove larger particles, only chemical cleaning will remove the grease and grime that become embedded in the filter element (D.E. filters), stick to the cartridge (cartridge filters), or adhere to the sand (sand filters).

To ensure optimal filtration and good water quality, you should chemically clean your filter twice a season with BAQUACIL® Filter Cleaner, BAQUACIL D.E. & Cartridge Filter Cleaner or BAQUACIL Sand Filter Cleaner. These cleaners will dissolve and remove collected debris from sand filters and free-up plugged D.E. filter grids and cartridge filter elements. Here's how to use them to chemically clean each filter type.

**NOTE:** For pools on BAQUACIL® AD™ — turn unit off before cleaning your filter.

## D.E. AND CARTRIDGE FILTERS

### For D.E. Filters with Backwashing Capability:

1. Backwash the filter thoroughly (3–5 minutes).
2. Turn off filter pump. For above ground pools, close valve to pump from skimmer and plug the return line to prevent water from flowing into the pump basket.
3. Remove the pump basket lid. Remove some of the water in the pump basket before adding the cleaner.
4. Carefully pour 1 bottle (1/2 gallon) of BAQUACIL D.E. & Cartridge Filter Cleaner into the pump basket. Always add product to water.
5. Reinstall the pump lid, open valves and the return line, place multiport valve in filter position and turn the pump on. Turn off the pump as soon as the filter cleaner is in the filter or the pump is primed (this process should only take a few seconds).
6. Close all the valves including the backwash valve, leading to and from the filter, and remove the “on trip” from the filter pump timer if the filter is so equipped.
7. For optimum performance, allow filter to soak for at least 30 minutes (longer soak time may yield better results).

8. After the soaking period is over, open all valves leading to and from the filter, and sprinkle 2 lbs of BAQUACIL pH Increaser on the ground in the area of the backwash effluent.
9. With the filter in the backwash mode, turn on pump and backwash filter thoroughly (3–5 minutes).
10. Recoat the filter with the appropriate amount of D.E. powder.
11. Reinstall the “on trip” if the filter is equipped with a timer and resume normal filter operation.

### For Cartridge Filters and D.E. Filters without Backwashing Capability:

1. Remove and rinse off the cartridge/D.E. grids to remove the loose debris.
2. Pour 1 bottle (1/2 gallon) of BAQUACIL D.E. & Cartridge Filter Cleaner in up to 20 gallons of water in a clean plastic container. Always add product to water.
3. For optimum performance, soak the cartridge/D.E. grids for at least 30 minutes (longer soak time may yield better results).
4. Remove the cartridges, grids or fingers and rinse them off.
5. Reinstall the cartridges, grids or fingers and recoat the D.E. filter grids or fingers with D.E. powder according to filter manufacturer's directions.
6. Resume normal filter operation.

**NOTE:** Neutralize the acid solution prior to disposal. VERY SLOWLY add BAQUACIL pH Increaser to the solution until the foaming stops. This process should take a minimum of 15 minutes.

## BACKWASH METHOD

### (Sand Filters):

1. Backwash the filter thoroughly.
2. Turn off filter pump and open the air relief valve.
3. Remove the drain plug from the filter (if so equipped) and allow tank to drain.
4. Reinstall drain plug and place control valve in the backwash position.
5. Remove the pump basket lid and carefully pour 1 bottle (1/2 gallon) of BAQUACIL Sand Filter Cleaner into the pump basket.
6. Reinstall pump basket lid and start pump.
7. When yellow dye appears in the sight glass or air relief valve, turn off the filter pump.
8. Close all valves leading to and from the filter and remove the “on trip” from the filter pump timer if the filter is so equipped.
9. Allow filter to soak for 10–12 hours.
10. Open all valves leading to and from the filter.
11. Sprinkle 6 1/4 pounds of BAQUACIL Total Alkalinity Increaser (or baking soda) onto the ground in the area of the backwash effluent.
12. With the filter in the backwash mode, turn on pump and backwash filter thoroughly (3–5 minutes).
13. Resume normal filter operation.

**CAUTION:** Water containing BAQUACIL Sand Filter Cleaner is acidic. Be careful not to get on skin or in eyes. If skin or eye contact occurs, flush affected area with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes.

# Winterizing Your Pool

If you live in an area where you have to close your pool for the winter, you need to close it properly to protect it. Always follow your pool manufacturer's instructions for winterization of your pool and equipment. To help protect the water, here are some simple steps you should follow:

## HOUSEKEEPING

1. Check your water balance. Take a sample of your water to your Authorized BAQUACIL® Dealer, who will analyze it and recommend any adjustments that may be needed.
2. Perform all necessary housekeeping. Brush and vacuum your pool thoroughly. Clean all around the tile and/or waterline, as well as the skimmer box, using BAQUACIL Surface Cleaner.

## CLOSE YOUR POOL

1. Sanitize and clarify the water. After making any adjustments your Authorized BAQUACIL Dealer might have recommended, just follow this simple process:
  - Top-up the BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat level to 50 ppm.
  - Add a start-up dose of BAQUACIL Oxidizer.
  - Add a maintenance dose of BAQUACIL® CDX™.
  - Run the pool filter 8-12 continuous hours to make sure the chemicals have circulated thoroughly.
2. Backwash and chemically clean your filter with BAQUACIL D.E. & Cartridge Filter Cleaner or BAQUACIL Sand Filter Cleaner. Never store a dirty filter because deposits may harden during the winter, leaving you with a much harder job in the spring. These cleaners will remove organic and mineral deposits, leaving your filter ready for the next season.
3. Follow your pool manufacturer's recommendations for winterizing. Additionally, clean the skimmer basket and the pump's hair/lint strainer basket. Store the baskets in a safe place.

4. Cover your pool. Use a well-fitted, solid, undamaged cover designed specifically for your pool. This will keep leaves and other airborne debris out of the water. If your cover is dirty, clean it first with BAQUACIL Cover Cleaner.

5. Run the filter for 4-6 continuous hours a day if water is above the skimmer.

## WARMER CLIMATE WINTER MAINTENANCE

In some areas, pool owners leave pools running year-round. As pool usage ends in the cooler weather, they will need to follow these instructions:

## HOUSEKEEPING

Follow the same directions as under Housekeeping in previous column.

## ENDING THE SEASON

- Sanitize and clarify the water as noted above.
- Backwash and clean your filter with BAQUACIL D.E. & Cartridge Filter Cleaner or BAQUACIL Sand Filter Cleaner as directed under Close Your Pool in previous column.

## MAINTENANCE FOR NON-SWIMMING MONTHS

- Check the level of BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat and the pH level every two weeks and top-up or adjust as necessary.
- Add a maintenance dose of BAQUACIL Oxidizer only as needed (after heavy rain or other extreme environmental factors).
- If Oxidizer is added – follow immediately with a maintenance dose of BAQUACIL CDX.
- Run the filter system 4-6 continuous hours a day.
- Remove leaves and debris from the pool as necessary.
- Test water sample every two months.

# Pool Solution Center

The BAQUACIL® CDX™ System was developed to give you a clear, sparkling pool all summer long. Even so, problems can occur on occasion, and the treatment required may not be the same as for a chlorine treated pool. If you have any questions, consult your Authorized BAQUACIL® Dealer.

## 1. ALGAE

BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat, in addition to its effectiveness against bacteria, generally will give good algae control. However, should algae develop, follow these steps:

1. Brush pool walls and floor daily, and filter regularly during treatment, until your pool is free from visible algae.
2. Chemically clean your filter using BAQUACIL Sand Filter Cleaner or BAQUACIL D.E. & Cartridge Filter.

**NOTE:** If the pool shows moderate to heavy algae growth, use BAQUACIL Flocculant as a broadcast flocculant to remove as much of the algae as possible before beginning chemical treatment. Follow label instructions for use as a broadcast flocculant.

3. Check the level of BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat and top-up to 50 ppm if necessary.
4. Add 1/2 gallon of BAQUACIL Oxidizer per 10,000 gallons of pool water.
5. Add 1 bottle of BAQUACIL Premium Algicide per 10,000 gallons of pool water.
6. Run the pool filter continuously for 24 hours.
7. After 24 hours, vacuum your pool to remove the algae debris, and clean your filter, if necessary.

If these steps fail, contact your Authorized BAQUACIL Dealer regarding alternate treatments for persistent algae. Depending on the severity of the algae growth, it may be necessary to repeat these treatment.

If you live in an area where algae is common or you have recurring algae problems, it may be necessary to use a weekly maintenance algaecide, such as BAQUACIL Algicide or BAQUACIL Performance Algicide.

## 2. FOAM

Sometimes foam will be caused by a simple mechanical defect, such as a leak in the plumbing/filter pump. So it's a good idea to check for leaks first.

You should also check the calcium hardness level, to be sure your water is in balance.

If there are no leaks, and the calcium hardness level is acceptable, test your water for the BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat. If it is too high (above 50 ppm), or if your water has an almond-like taste (which would indicate too much BAQUACIL Algicide), you'll need to reduce those levels. To do this, partially empty your pool, then refill it with fresh source water.

If the tests show your water is within all the proper ranges, you can use an antifoaming agent, such as BAQUACIL Foam Disperser. Consult your Authorized BAQUACIL Dealer for details.

## 3. WATERLINE RING

Organic debris tends to accumulate around the waterline of all swimming pools. Due to the chemical nature of BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat, you may have slightly heavier deposits, especially during the first few weeks after converting to the BAQUACIL CDX System. You can clean the ring easily by using BAQUACIL Surface Cleaner.

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## 4. CLOUDY WATER

One of the major causes of hazy pool water is lack of adequate filtration. If your filter is dirty or clogged, it can't operate at peak efficiency. And sometimes, backwashing alone won't get it really clean. In fact, backwashing a sand filter too often may actually reduce its effectiveness. That's why you should deep-clean your filter chemically twice during the swimming season with BAQUACIL® D.E. & Cartridge Filter or BAQUACIL Sand Filter Cleaner.

**If you can still see the bottom of your pool, follow these steps:**

1. Check for an Oxidizer level using BAQUACIL Test Strips.
  - a. If there is Oxidizer present, check your water balance, filter operation and use either BAQUACIL Filter Aid or BAQUACIL Flocculant as a filter aid to restore clarity to the pool.
  - b. If there is no Oxidizer present, proceed to Step 2.
2. Add 2 lbs. of BAQUACIL Water Clarifier per 10,000 gallons of pool water to the skimmer(s). If there is more than one skimmer present, split the dose evenly between the skimmers. For example, if you have a 20,000 gallon pool with two skimmers, 2 lbs. of BAQUACIL Water Clarifier would be added to each skimmer.
3. Add BAQUACIL Flocculant to the skimmer as a filter aid, following the label instructions.
4. Allow water to circulate for 24-48 continuous hours.
5. Backwash or rinse the filter to remove the flocculant and any debris trapped by the filter.

6. Add 1 gallon of BAQUACIL Oxidizer per 10,000 gallons of pool water directly in front of the skimmer. Proceed immediately to next step.

7. Add 1/2 gallon of BAQUACIL® CDX™ per 10,000 gallons of pool water directly in front of the skimmer.

8. Check the Sanitizer level using BAQUACIL Test Strips and top-up to 50 ppm if necessary.

9. Chemically clean the filter using BAQUACIL D.E. & Cartridge Filter or BAQUACIL Sand Filter Cleaner.

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3. Allow water to circulate for 24 continuous hours.
4. Use BAQUACIL Flocculant as a broadcast flocculant, following the label instructions.
5. While waiting for the flocculant to settle, chemically clean the filter using BAQUACIL® D.E. & Cartridge Filter Cleaner or BAQUACIL Sand Filter Cleaner.

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6. Once you have vacuumed any settled flocculant and debris to waste and gotten the filter running again, add 1 gallon of BAQUACIL Oxidizer per 10,000 gallons of pool water directly in front of the skimmer. Proceed immediately to next step.
7. Add 1/2 gallon of BAQUACIL® CDX™ per 10,000 gallons of pool water directly in front of the skimmer.
8. Check the Sanitizer level using BAQUACIL Test Strips and top-up to 50 ppm if necessary.

## 5. PREVENTING CLOUDY WATER

1. Run your filter 8-12 continuous hours a day.
2. Use BAQUACIL Filter Cleaner, BAQUACIL D.E. & Cartridge Filter Cleaner or BAQUACIL Sand Filter Cleaner twice during the season to keep your filter operating properly.
3. Have your Authorized BAQUACIL Dealer analyze your water once a month.
4. Always perform routine housekeeping.

## 6. WATER MOLD/SLIME

If your pool is experiencing water clarity problems due to water mold or slime, follow the steps listed above for treating cloudy water.

## 7. HIGH MOLD/SLIME

If your pool's Oxidizer level is 0 the first week add a start-up dose of BAQUACIL Oxidizer and top-up the BAQUACIL Sanitizer to 50 ppm if necessary. If your pool's Oxidizer level is 0 ppm for two weeks in a row, it may be a sign that your filter needs to be chemically cleaned or the media needs to be replaced. If you have a sand filter and the sand is

over two years old, replace the sand. If the sand is relatively new, chemically clean the filter using BAQUACIL Sand Filter Cleaner. If you have a D.E. or cartridge filter, chemically clean the filter using BAQUACIL D.E. & Cartridge Filter.

## 8. EYE IRRITATION

BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat is much less likely to cause irritation than chlorinating chemicals. Like allergies, eye irritation can vary from individual to individual. If you get complaints from several swimmers, you should check the BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat level and have your Authorized BAQUACIL Dealer do a complete water analysis. If the water is in balance, but the BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat level exceeds 50ppm, you should reduce that level.

To do this, partially empty your pool, then refill it with fresh source water. As always, consult your Authorized BAQUACIL Dealer.

## 9. TASTE

Too much BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat will make swimming pool water taste dry and bitter. Too much BAQUACIL Algicide will give an almond-like taste and smell. If either of these tastes should occur, you'll have to reduce the chemical's level.

To do this, partially empty your pool; then refill it with fresh source water. Again, remember to consult your Authorized BAQUACIL Dealer for details.

# Safety

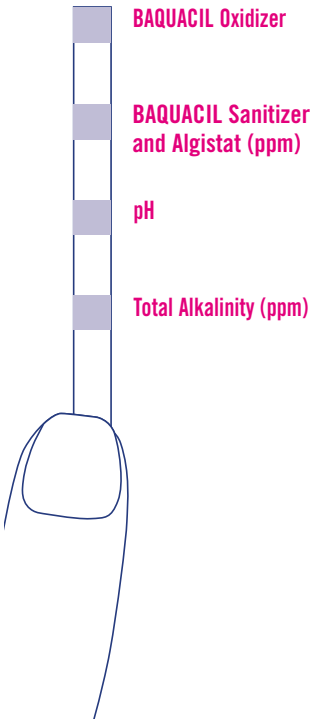
Chemicals are necessary to control bacteria and algae to maximize the life of your pool and its equipment. However, in concentrated form, chemicals can be hazardous. Always handle and use them with care. Refer to the product's label for safety and handling information. The Pool & Spa Products Business of Arch Chemicals, Inc. wholeheartedly endorses the safety guidelines of the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP). Here are a few good suggestions to follow:

- Keep all containers of chemicals in an upright position. (**NOTE:** BAQUACIL® Oxidizer is a strong oxidizer. The BAQUACIL Oxidizer container has vented cap. Storing BAQUACIL Oxidizer on its side or upside down may result in leakage or rupture. This could start a fire if it touches combustible materials. Always triple-rinse the BAQUACIL Oxidizer container in regular pool water before you dispose of it).
- In case of spill or accidental contact, follow the label directions.
- Do not overdose products. Follow all label directions carefully.
- Keep all chemicals out of reach of children.
- Store chemicals in a cool, well-ventilated area away from combustible materials. Do not store chemicals in a motor vehicle.
- Never mix chemicals together. Always add each by itself. Always add chemicals to water; never add water to chemicals.
- Keep containers closed when not in use, and use each cap only with its own container.
- Avoid contact with skin or eyes. Wear safety goggles and rubber gloves when handling chemicals.
- Add only the amount of chemicals specified.
- When adding chemicals, always read label for specific instructions. Many chemicals are added by spreading them around the water's edge or around pool inlet while the filter is running.
- In case of contact or accidental swallowing, follow the emergency advice on the label, and contact your doctor or poison control center.
- Do not intentionally drink large amounts of chemically treated pool water.
- Keep chemicals off your grass, shrubs and other growing things.
- Do not backwash chemically treated pool water into your vegetable gardens.
- Dispose of excess product and empty containers per label instructions. Do not pour any dispensed product back into the container. Do not reuse an empty container.

## **FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION,**

call the poison control center nearest you, or dial **1-800-654-6911**.

# BAQUACIL® Test Strips



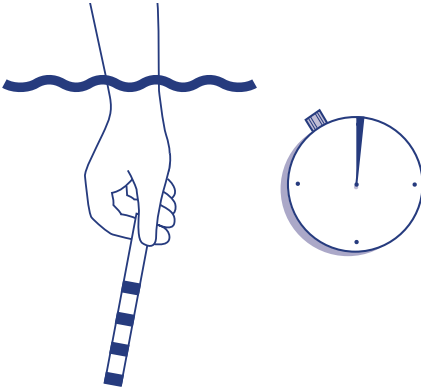
## FOUR TESTS IN ONE Now checks for Oxidizer

BAQUACIL Test Strips are a quick and easy way to check the BAQUACIL Sanitizer and Algistat, pH, Total Alkalinity and now Oxidizer levels in your pool water. The four pads on every test strip each check a different condition of the water.

### TIPS FOR BEST RESULTS

- Always dry your hands before removing test strips from the bottle.
- Replace and tighten the lid immediately after removing a strip to help keep the rest fresh.
- Store the strips in a cool, dry place.
- Leave the packet of drying agent in the bottle.

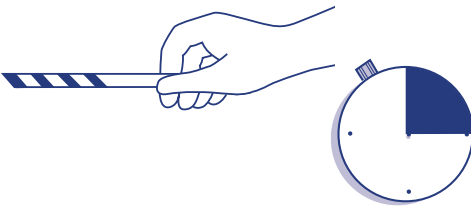
# How to Use BAQUACIL® CDX™ Test Strips



## STEP 1

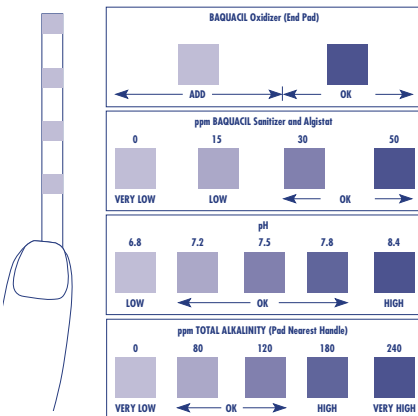
Dip a strip for one second and remove.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not “swish” or move the strip back and forth, as this will affect the accuracy of the test.



## STEP 2

Hold the strip level, pad side up, for 15 seconds. Do not shake excess water from the test strip.



## STEP 3

Compare the strip colors to the corresponding color blocks on the BAQUACIL Test Strip bottle. Record the results of your test in the Pool Maintenance Log in the inside of this guide.

**IMPORTANT:** If the levels indicated on your strip need adjustment, refer to the Water Balance section in this guide.

