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## Start-up or Converting a Pool to Pristine Blue® - Pools that are currently using chlorine.

### First Day

- Start with a clean pool.
- **KNOW THE POOL'S VOLUME.** Almost all "problem" arise from the fact that pool owners don't know the proper gallonage of their pool.
- **MAKE SURE THE WATER IS IN BALANCE.** Water balance in a Pristine Blue® pool is a little different than in most pools. Maintain these Pristine Blue® levels for the best in product effectiveness and efficiency. The levels you need to attain are:  
pH - 7.2 to 7.6  
Total Alkalinity – 30 to 90 ppm (this is the most important difference; alkalinity over 100 can lead to clear green water)  
Calcium Hardness – 175 to 275 ppm  
BioGuard Water Balancers such as Balance Pak 100, 200 & 300, Lo 'n Slo, and Optimizer Plus are 100% compatible with Pristine Blue®.
- **DO NOT CONTINUE UNTIL THE WATER IS BALANCED!**
- **Shock the Pool with Pristine Extra to eliminate bio-waste in the pool water**
- Add 2 oz. Pristine Check per 1,000 gallons of water and allow to circulate for at least 4 to 6 hours (preferably overnight).
- Run the filter continuously.

### Second Day

- Backwash filter or clean the cartridge(s).
- Add 2 oz. Pristine Blue per 1,000 gallons water.

**Important Note:** DO NOT ADD ANY PRISTINE BLUE FOR THE NEXT 2 (TWO) WEEKS. MAINTAIN pH 7.2 TO 7.6. After 2 weeks, check Pristine Blue level and top-up as needed.

## Spring Pool opening or a freshly filled pool

### First Day

- Start with a clean pool. Be sure all leaves & winter debris are removed & pool has been vacuumed.
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- **MAKE SURE THE WATER IS IN BALANCE.** Water balance in a Pristine Blue pool is a little different than in most pools. Maintain these Pristine Blue levels for the best in product effectiveness and efficiency. The levels you need to attain are:  
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- DO NOT CONTINUE UNTIL THE WATER IS BALANCED!
- **Shock the Pool with Pristine Extra to eliminate bio-waste in the pool water**
- Add 2 oz. Pristine Check per 1,000 gallons of water and allow to circulate for at least 4 to 6 hours (preferably overnight).
- Shock the pool daily with a chlorine shock such as Easy Shock & Swim or Burn Out® Extreme until the water is clear & clean.
- ONLY PROCEED TO SECOND DAY WHEN THE POOL IS CLEAR & CLEAN.

## Second Day

- Backwash filter or clean the cartridge(s).
- Top up the Pristine Blue level following the accompanying chart.
- Add 2 oz. Pristine Blue per 1,000 gallons water as an initial dosage (prior Pristine Blue usage).

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## CONVERTING FROM BIGUANIDES (Soft Swim, Baquacil, Revacil, etc.) to Pristine Blue

For best results and economy, convert the pool to chlorine. We know this adds an extra step, but it is the most efficient way to fully neutralize any biguanide that may be in the swimming pool. Follow these steps:

1. Make sure your "B" or Baquacil® (now referred to as Biguanide level) level is 20.0 ppm or less
2. Neutralize left over Biguanide using 1 lb of Burn Out Extreme or Oxysheen per 5,000 gallons. The water will become cloudy.
3. Add similar dosage of Burn Out Extreme or Oxysheen daily until the water clears and remains clear after shocking.
4. Retest Chlorine or Bromine. Level should be a steady 1.0 ppm before continuing.
5. Adjust pH, Total Alkalinity & Calcium Hardness to proper levels as noted above.
6. After 1 week of operation, chemically clean filter with Soft Swim Filter Cleaner to best remove used biguanide from the filter media

To further remove trapped biguanide slime or white water mold, Par Pool & Spa strongly recommends the use of AquaFinesse Pool Pucks. Pool Pucks is specially formulated to remove bio-film, slime & mold from swimming pool surfaces including underground pipes & fittings.

After converting to chlorine, use a granular chlorine such as BioGuard Super Soluble until you're ready to convert to Pristine Blue.

Once converted to chlorine, operate on this regimen for about 2 weeks then proceed with the normal PristineBlue start-up.

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