

The 30-Second Pool & Spa Water Check

Clean, clear & safe water - made simple



Why Test Your Water?

Without regular testing, water can quickly become cloudy, unbalanced, and unsafe.

Testing ensures:

- ✓ Clean, crystal-clear water
- ✓ Safe, balanced chemical levels
- ✓ Protection for equipment & surfaces
- ✓ Safe, comfortable bathing

👉 Treatment is essential - but testing proves it's working.

What Should You Test?

Disinfectant (Chlorine or Bromine)

- Kills bacteria and harmful microorganisms
- Neutralises waste and organic contamination
- Keeps water safe and hygienic

👉 Too low = unsafe | Too high = uncomfortable

Total Alkalinity

The water's "buffering system."

- Helps keep pH steady
- Prevents sudden chemical swings
- Supports overall water balance

👉 Important - but don't prioritise over pH & chlorine

pH (Most Important for Balance)

Measures how acidic or alkaline the water is.

- Affects eyes and skin comfort
- Controls how well chlorine works
- Prevents damage to surfaces

👉 If pH is wrong, chlorine won't work properly

Cyanuric Acid (Outdoor Pools Only)

- Protects chlorine from sunlight
- Helps it last longer

👉 Too much reduces effectiveness



Ideal Water Levels

Parameter	Swimming Pool	Hot Tub / Spa
Free Chlorine	1–3 mg/L	3–5 mg/L
Bromine	3–5 mg/L	3–5 mg/L
pH	7.0–7.4	7.0–7.4
Total Alkalinity	80–160 mg/L	80–160 mg/L
Cyanuric Acid	<100 mg/L	Not required

mg/L = ppm (parts per million)

Always refer to your pool or spa manufacturer's instructions for specific requirements.

How Should You Test?

Test Strips

- ✓ Fast and convenient
- ✗ Harder to read
- ✗ Less reliable
- 👉 Quick - but not always accurate

Tablet Test Kits (Recommended)

- ✓ Easy to read
- ✓ More accurate
- ✓ Based on professional methods
- 👉 Results in seconds - with confidence

Testing Options

- Minitester – simple & reliable
- PoolTester – professional manual testing
- Scuba3s – digital accuracy, easy to use

Final Tip

Clear water doesn't always mean safe water.

- 👉 Regular testing is the only way to ensure your pool or spa stays clean, balanced, and safe all season.