

## **START-UP WORKSHEET**

Use this worksheet as a handy reference guide for your pool start-up. Be sure to read the rest of the *Sustain Guide to Intelligent Pool Care*. You'll find a complete program for keeping your pool clean, healthy and safe.

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Pool Size (gallons) See <http://buyat.ppg.com/askjoepool/pc3a.htm>

### **Preparing Your Pool for the Sustain Pool Care System**

By now, your Authorized Sustain System Dealer should have tested your water sample and prescribed chemicals to remove existing algae any necessary water balance chemicals. **Do not start on the Sustain Pool Care System if you have existing algae. Also, be sure your pool water is balanced (see ideal water balance ranges below).**

1. Circulate your pool water continuously until your system start-up is complete.
2. Get rid of any existing algae, following your dealer's recommendations.
3. Balance your pool water by following your dealer's recommendations.

For best results, establish, and then maintain, these ideal water balance ranges:

Parameter	Ideal Range
Stabilizer	<b>30-50 ppm</b>
pH	<b>7.2-7.4</b>
Total Alkalinity	<b>80-100 ppm</b>
Calcium Hardness	<b>200-800 ppm</b>

***Normal Operation:*** A key to keeping your pool looking great all season long is maintaining water balance. Take a water sample to your dealer every six weeks for a professional water balance check-up.

4. Establish free chlorine residual. Add Sustain Shock Treatment (2 lbs./10,000 gal.) when starting up your pool. This will establish a Free Available Chlorine (FAC) level to fight bacteria and algae. After 24 hours, retest your pool water with Test Strips or a DPD Test Kit to ensure your FAC level is at least 1-3 ppm. If not, see our web-site at [www.askjoepool.com](http://www.askjoepool.com) under "Opening Your Pool."

5. Only when above steps are completed: Add Sustain Summer Shield Chlorine Extender (1 quart/10,000 gallons). Note: If you live in a southern climate, for maximum protection, you will need to add additional Summer Shield Chlorine Extender. Check with your dealer for the dosage that is right for your pool size.

***Normal operation:*** Re-dose Sustain Summer Shield Chlorine Extender every five months, or when Shield Extender level falls below 1.5 ppm.

6. Fill the 3-Inch Chlorinating Tablet dispenser and place it in the skimmer basket, open end up. Refill the dispenser once every week, or as needed to maintain a 1-3 ppm FAC reading.

***Normal Operation:*** Refill the skimmer dispenser

7. Immediately add 1 cup of Sustain Energizer Tablets for every 5,000 gallons of pool water to energize Sustain Shield Extender to its full strength. Continuously circulate until the next day.

***Normal Operation:*** Add 1 cup (8 oz.) per 5,000 gallons to the skimmer once every week.

8. Go to normal circulation cycle, at least 12 hours per day

**STARTUP IS NOW COMPLETE!**

### **SAFETY INFORMATION**

Sustain 3-Inch Chlorinating Tablets and Sustain Shield Energizer Tablets are colored blue for safety. Do not mix with stabilized chlorine tablets (typically white). Contact could result in a fire or explosion.

Always read and follow label directions when using any chemical.