



SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Lo-Chlor STARVER[®]X & STARVER[®]M



We recommend that you make testing for phosphate a routine part of your **standard Water Test Procedure** so that, wherever necessary, you will be able to advise the use of **STARVER[®]X & STARVER[®]M**

What is the difference between STARVER[®]X & STARVER[®]M?

STARVER[®]X is a **curative** for **high phosphate levels**.

- It should be used when the phosphate level is **2ppm or above**.
- STARVER[®]M** is a **preventative** and is used as a **maintenance** product.
- It is best **used weekly** once the level is **below 2ppm**.
- Used regularly, it will keep the phosphate level **as close to zero** as possible.

What doses should be added to an average size pool of 50 to 60,000 litres?

- With **STARVER[®]X** - a **1 litre dose** will bring the level down by up to **6ppm** to a manageable one **below 2ppm**.
- With **STARVER[®]M** - a weekly **250ml dose** will reduce the level by up to **2ppm** and keep the phosphate level down to close to zero.

Are STARVER[®]X and STARVER[®]M added directly to the water?

They can be, but it's best to add them carefully, in small increments, **via the pool skimmer**.

- Much of the phosphate **collects in the filter** so this is a good reason for doing so.

Should STARVER[®]M be added on a regular basis?

There are many sources of phosphate being continually introduced to the pool water.

- It makes sense, therefore, to use **STARVER[®]M** as an **ongoing maintenance program**.

What problems can phosphate cause?

- Phosphate is a **major food source** for algae.
- If there is phosphate in the water algae is **sure to follow**.
- Phosphate also prevents other chemicals from **working** at their **most effective levels**.
- These include algacides, chlorine, salt chlorination and all other sanitisers.

Why do you need to remove phosphates if algae isn't visible?

- Phosphate in the water provides the **necessary food** for new algae colonies to form.
- When left untreated, algae spores can **grow** and **multiply**.
- **Removing the phosphate** before this happens is a **wise preventative** measure to take.

Why not just use an algacide if there is algae present?

Algae can be treated very efficiently with the correct algacide.

- However, decaying algae actually **increases the amount of phosphate** in the water.
- New algae will **flourish even quicker**.
- Problem becomes **more difficult** to combat.
- Adding **STARVER[®]X & STARVER[®]M** will keep the phosphate level to a minimum and **assist the algacide** to do its job.



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