

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SOLAR DOMES AUSTRALIA.

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Is a solar dome a safety fence?

Safety around the pool is a very important consideration. Accidents happen when you least think they will. It is law to have a pool fence around your pool. It is your responsibility to make your pool as safe as possible.

A solar dome is not classed as a pool fence but is an **excellent extra safety feature**. Children and animals can still get past a pool fence. A solar dome gives you peace of mind when you are home and when you are away. Locks are a standard feature with your solar dome.



How is a solar dome fitted to my pool?

The solar dome screws down with small 10 gauge screws at intervals along an aluminum channel. The dome frame is positioned approximately 100mm from the edge of your pool. The dome has a very low profile so it takes up a minimum area or blockage to views. On above ground pools we screw into the coping. With inground pools we screw into the surrounds of your pool. It takes about a day to fit average size solar dome on a pool. While the customer can fit the dome themselves if they are a handyman Solar Domes Australia has accredited installers that can fit your dome professionally. This way we give a full 12 months warranty on workmanship.

How will the dome look on my pool?

The solar dome has been said to look futuristic with the shapely curve looking through your dome to the water. This is a far better view than looking at a old bubble blanket. In a courtyard situation the dome takes up little area and viewing space. You find the dome blends in with the total landscape. After having a dome for a while it is hard to imagine not having one.



Will the solar dome heat my pool?

While acting as a safety feature the solar dome is at the same time heating your pool on hot days. It works similar to a garden hothouse. Clear vinyl traps the heat and it is transferred into the water. Temperatures up to 30 degrees plus in the summer can be obtained. If your pool gets too hot then you can cool it down by opening the vents on the side of the dome. In hot states like Sydney and Brisbane you can place shade cloth over your dome.

Solar heating inground pools.

I have found that in the summer-time dome owners with inground pools will shut off their solar heating. The dome keeps their pool warm. At either end of the season they turn their solar heating back on to get some extra heat.

Heating above ground pools.

Above-ground pools will heat up as quickly as an inground pool. However because the is on top of the ground with no insulation it will lose its heat quicker of a night time. It is a bit like standing outside without any clothes on. There can be about a 4 degrees difference compared to an inground pool in cold weather because of this heat loss. However this can be overcome by insulating your above ground pool. Ask about our insulation packages. When heating a pool it is not how much heat you put in but how much you keep in. Similar to a thermos. Therefore, for above ground pool owners we recommend first to put a solar dome on. If requiring more heat we then recommend to insulate your pool. If you want even more heat put solar heating on your roof or install a heat pump.

What about Spa Domes?

Spa domes work just like the pool dome.

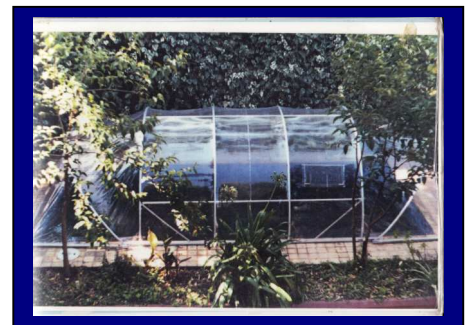


What about keeping rubbish out of my pool?

The other great benefit while your solar dome is locked down over your pool is it keeps 95% plus of the rubbish out of your pool. Cleaning your pool is no longer a regular chore. It only takes a vacuum from time to time. Sometimes once a year only. You can shut down your pool over winter and open up the pool in the summer and jump straight in. The only cleaning you have to do is keep the dome cover clean with some fresh water and a light broom. This takes only a few minutes to do. Once your pool has a solar dome you can forget about the problems of rubbish in the pool.

How do I clean my pool once I have a solar dome?

Cleaning of your pool is done from each end. After cleaning your pool one end you detach your pool handle and hook some nylon rope onto the end of your pool suction brush handle. Pull down cleaning handle to other end. Then vacuum pool from opposite end. You will need to have a pool handle that will reach at least to the middle of your pool from one end. Remember the amount of times you will clean your pool will be far less than with a dome. Alternatively, jump in your pool with your pool cleaning equipment.



Will a solar dome save me money?

With less rubbish and with the dome cutting out up to 60% of the U.V light less chemicals are required for your pool. Many other customers comment on the savings they make over the year. Also there is no longer any need for a solar blanket. This is another big saving. It is good when you can invest in an item and it will help pay for itself.

How do I get in my pool?

To go for a swim you simply unlock or unlatch one end of our dome and fold back the dome frame.. No more pulling off that bubble blanket and watching all the rubbish fall into your clean pool. Simply fold back the dome and dive in. It's that simple!

What is it like swimming under the dome?

Awesome, terrific, better with a dome than without. Just a few comments from customers. While in the pool the dome stops any wind force from chilling your head and shoulders. If your water is say 28 degrees and you use your pool of an evening when the outside temperature is about 15 degrees you can really notice the difference. With these benefits you would use your pool much more in any weather conditions in the summer. The hardest part is getting out of the pool. You can hang your towel up in the dome and towel off on the steps before you get out. Swimming under the solar dome is fun and a great atmosphere.



How high is the dome? Can we still play ball in the dome?

All solar domes are four feet (1.2 meters) high at the middle point. There is stacks of room in the dome. Remember your head is at water height and you have 4 feet above it. If you are sitting in a room now with an 8 ft ceiling that was glass then it is similar to swimming in a dome. Plenty of room and you look up through the dome to see the wild blue yonder. It had been said many times it is better to play ball in the dome as the does not fly out.



Can you get sunburnt under a solar dome?

If you are concerned about the U.V rays and their harmful effects then a solar dome on your pool helps prevent this. Cutting out up to 60% of the U.V light parents often comment on how good the dome is for their children. It makes sense to provide as much safety for you and your children as possible.

How long does the cover last?

A solar dome has a anodized aluminum frame which is not effected by chlorine and will last you a lifetime. The cover is made of a strong vinyl and has a 3 year pro-rata warrantee. Expected life of the cover in Tasmania is 4-5 years and in other states 5-7 years and sometimes even longer. Over this period of time you do not have to purchase any bubble blankets. As well there is a considerable saving in chemicals and general maintenance on the rest of the pool. When you are in need of a new cover just phone us up and we will have on made to your specifications that we keep on file. The cover is very strong. Wind will not effect the dome if you have it latched down. The cover is also fire resistant.

Is it claustrophobic under the dome?

Definitely not! The dome has air vents that can be adjusted on each side. One end can be left open or both ends can be open for flow through ventilation. You have all the benefits of an indoor pool and an outside pool. Most customers swim with both ends down to keep any wind-chill factor off their heads.

Can I get removable sections for my dome?

Yes, removable sections are available at an extra cost. However, 94% of customers who purchase a removable section do not remove them. What happens when you do remove them? You start losing your heat. Rubbish gets in and the pool becomes dangerous again. However if you have any doubts at all, we recommend one or two removable sections. This means that you remove one end, which is about the first 10ft or 2.7 metres. The folding section of 1.5 metres removes plus about an extra 1.2 metres of the fixed section.. You can have the entire dome removable in sections if you require it. Each removable section costs about \$400 extra as a separate cover and extra bow for each section has to be made.



Can we make Shaped Pool Domes

The answer is yes. However shaped pool domes will cost more compared to an average rectangle pool dome. The reason is there has to be custom made bows and custom made patterns. Shaped domes look great and still are very cost effective compared to any other method of covering your pool. We can give you a quote once we have your measurements and shape.



Can we make Round Domes

The answer is yes. This dome photo is taken in Tasmania and shows how hot it is in the pool as the cover has condensation on it. This condensation will clear up when the sun is out or you open the dome.



Ladder conversion kits.

If you have an above ground pool ladder we have a conversion kit that allows you to remove your handles so the dome will close properly. If you have an inground ladder in the way we can remove the ladder and have the ladder altered to suit the dome.



How can I be sure a solar dome is as good as they sound?

If you have any doubts at all we are only too happy to provide you with a list of dome owners in your area. Demonstration swims underneath the dome can be organised if you are in any doubt. We can demonstrate a similar dome to your own pool and situation.

The best advertising for any product is a happy customer and we have plenty of them.

What about a pool house?

A Pool Solar Dome from Solar Domes Australia will be the most affordable pool house you will ever get. It has all the advantages of a pool house and the benefits of an open pool. With no council approval needed you need not look any further.



If you are wanting to step out into a pool house you can install a pool house **over one end of your pool** or alternatively a proven good idea is to have a **small change room** at the end of your pool dome amongst your landscaping.

What is my next step?

You can go on to our website www.solardomes.com.au and fill out the form for your pool dome quotation.

1. You phone us with your measurements for a phone quote.
2. You can post or email us the measurements and photos of your pool.
3. We can demonstrate the solar dome at your home with our dome trailer.
4. We can organise a swim under a dome for you.
5. We can have our area agent call in and measure up your pool for a quote.



Contact information

Your area agent is:

