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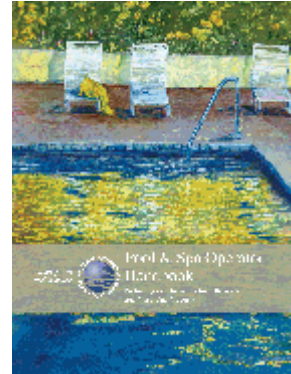
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NSPF® Pool & Spa Operator™ Handbook 2009 Now Available

Chief industry resource includes updates and changes to content and format

Colorado Springs, CO – February 17, 2009 – The newly published 2009 edition of the NSPF® Pool & Spa Operator™ Handbook is now available for purchase in English and Spanish with both U.S. and Metric units. This fundamental training and reference manual is published by the National Swimming Pool Foundation® (NSPF®) for professionals who help protect those who use aquatic venues, including operators, health officials, service technicians, retailers, property managers and manufacturers. Industry leaders recognize the Handbook as the single most important resource for the recreational water industry.



The Handbook features valuable information to help understand and prevent drowning, recreational water illness, suction entrapment, evisceration, diving accidents, electrocutions, chemical hazards, and slips and falls. Fresh information on regulatory guidelines and vital operation topics are covered, including disinfection, water balance, water problems, troubleshooting, chemical testing, record keeping, chemical feed, and control technology.

“The beauty of the new Handbook is not only apparent by looking at the new cover design, which is based on an original artistic painting created for NSPF,” says Alex Antoniou, Ph.D., NSPF Director of Educational Programs. “A team of editorial advisors and staff members have worked diligently over the past year to include many important updates and changes to both the content and format,” he adds.

NSPF Instructors utilize the Handbook in every Certified Pool/Spa Operator® (CPO®) certification training they conduct - including the traditional two-day classroom training and the Pool Operator Fusion™, which is the one-day class after students have completed the online Pool Operator Primer™. The Handbook is also a valuable resource to any individual or company.

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“Challenging economic times demand further education to survive. This Handbook and the arsenal of resources in NSPF’s education tool kit will be the foundation many will use to bear the hard times and prepare for the good times,” says Thomas M. Lachocki, Ph.D., CEO of NSPF.

Nearly every chapter of the new handbook has updates and new content. Key changes include:

- Fresh information regarding the latest on pool water contamination from the CDC, including new fecal response recommendations based in part on NSPF® funded research
- New chemical testing methods with updated information about photometer testing
- The latest on chlorine generating systems
- Water circulation topics including suction side elements, main drains, and motor energy efficiency have been updated
- Current filter media rates, filter sizing (metric) and new content on regenerative filters
- Heat exchangers were added to the Heating and Circulation chapter - plus updates about heat pumps, geothermal heat pumps, gas heater sizing and efficiency, and new information about air circulation including information about new ASHRAE air standards and heat recovery ventilation systems
- For those operating therapy pools, new information has been added about health benefits based on NSPF funded research, as well as new solutions to water replacement calculations
- The Facility Safety chapter has a new section on wading pool safety, as well as unblockable drains; updates on barrier recommendations based on CPSC and entrapment prevention information related to the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act
- Emergency response planning guidelines have been added to the Record Keeping chapter
- Risk management information has been added to the Pool & Spa Management chapter
- New guidelines from the National Plasters Council (NPC) on pool resurfacing has been added to the Facility Renovation & Design chapter
- A new Appendix (A-8) has been added which outlines the complete steps to pool start-up procedures following the resurfacing (NPC) guidelines

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The prominent use of color throughout the book and extensive photos and illustrations help students and instructors visualize important concepts. For example, the reader can actually see color changes in chemical test kits instead of just reading about them. Each chapter has a color-coded edge, making it easy to thumb to the right chapter, and a comprehensive, expanded keyword index and table of contents provide quick access to important topics.

Orders for the new NSPF Pool & Spa Operator Handbook and other NSPF educational products may be placed on the secure website, www.nspf.org or by calling 719-540-9119. The cost of each handbook (English) is \$59.95 plus shipping; Spanish books are \$69.95 plus shipping.

“The Handbook reflects a unique funding cycle unlike anything in our industry,” comments Cory Willis, President of the NSPF Board of Directors. “For every Handbook that is purchased, every seminar watched online, every course enrolled in at eProAcademy™, dollars are invested into research so we can continue to help protect those who get in the water, and improve more lives by encouraging healthy living through aquatic activities,” he explains. “The research results continue to refine the material in the NSPF educational materials. This unique synergy between education and research continues to elevate NSPF educational materials.”

About NSPF®

The National Swimming Pool Foundation® (NSPF®) is a non-profit organization founded in 1965, giving back \$3.5 million of all revenue in the past five years to fund grants to prevent illness, injury, and drowning, and to demonstrate the benefits of aquatic activity. The Foundation works towards its mission to encourage healthier living through aquatic education and research with its collection of educational products and training.

The growing collection of educational materials available worldwide from the Foundation includes the Certified Pool/Spa Operator® (CPO®) certification training (English, Spanish, and French), Pool Operator Primer™ online training program (English and Spanish), Pool Operator Fusion™ training program (English and Spanish) the Aquatic Play Feature™ Handbook (English and Spanish), the Pool Math™ Workbook (English and Spanish), seminars from the 2007 and 2008 World Aquatic Health™ Conference, and the eProAcademy™ online training center (English and Spanish). The NSPF Pool & Spa Operator™ Handbook is also available in French.

Visit www.nspf.org and www.eProAcademy.org for more information.

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