

UNDERWATER SEAT BENCH

Variance Criteria

1. Underwater seat benches shall only be allowed areas of the pool that are less than five feet deep.
2. Underwater seats shall not project into swim lanes.
3. The minimum and maximum water depth over the bench seat shall be 6 inches and 20 inches respectively.
4. Underwater seat benches shall have a seat depth of 14 to 18 inches projecting from the pool wall to the front edge of the seat or may be recessed from the main body of the pool a maximum of 36 inches. If recessed, the seat bench shall be a maximum of 18 inches wide with the remaining space for leg room.
5. A permanent colored band of dark, contrasting and slip-resistant tile shall be installed at the front edge of the seat extending two inches on the horizontal and vertical surface. The stripe shall be plainly visible to persons on the pool deck. Vinyl liner, stainless steel, and fiberglass pools may use other material for the bench edge marking provided the material is permanently secured, dark in color, non-fading, and slip resistant.
6. The underwater seat bench's front edge shall be rounded and have a minimum radius of one inch.
7. Underwater seats and benches shall not be used as the required entry/exit access unless they are in conjunction with pool steps.
8. If the underwater seat bench is constructed in conjunction with pool steps then a handrail must be installed in compliance with such requirements as required in the LAC Title 51 Part XXIV (Swimming Pools).