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EVALUATION SUBJECT:
FIBER REINFORCED PLASTIC SWIMMING POOL AND SPA SHELLS
1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE
Compliance with the following codes:

- 2006 *International Building Code*® (IBC)
- 2006 *International Residential Code*® (IRC)
- 1997 *Uniform Building Code*™ (UBC)
- 2006 *International Plumbing Code*® (IPC)
- 2006 IAPMO *Uniform Plumbing Code* (IAPMO UPC)

Properties evaluated:

- Physical properties
- Durability

2.0 USES

The fiberglass pool and spa shells are for recreational use as swimming pools or spas in residential applications with water circulated through a filter in a closed system. The pools comply with ANSI/NSPI-5 as Type O or Type I pools, and IAPMO PS 1-2000a, specified in the IAPMO UPC¹. The spas comply with ANSI/NSPI-3 and ANSI Z 124.7.

3.0 DESCRIPTION
3.1 General:

The fiberglass pool and spa shells consist of one-piece fiberglass construction shop- formed over a mold. The material is minimum 1/4-inch-thick (6.4 mm), fiberglass-reinforced plastic (FRP), composed of isophthalic resin, vinyl ester resin, fiberglass, and ceramic. The surface finish is a neopentyl glycol gel coat.

The overall dimensions, depths and capacities are shown in Table 1 for pools, Table 2 for spas and Table 3 for models that are permitted to be installed up to 19 1/2 inches (495 mm) above ground.

Notice: The pool and spa shells are designed to remain full of water at all times. The shell may be damaged if the water level is allowed to drop below the skimmer. When appreciable drawdown is noticed or if it becomes necessary to drain the pool or spa, contact Viking Pool, LLC, or its dealers for instructions.

3.2 Aboveground Pools and Spas:

Models intended for installation up to 19 1/2 inches (495 mm) above ground, listed in Table 3, have vertical supports consisting of 1-inch-by-1 1/2-inch-by-36-inch-long (25 mm by 38 mm by 914 mm), Douglas fir, No. 2 wood members encapsulated in the FRP process at 4 1/2-foot (13372 mm) intervals.

4.0 INSTALLATION
4.1 General:

The swimming pool and spa shells must be permanently installed in-ground or, in the case of the models shown in Table 3, up to 19 1/2 inches (495 mm) above ground. All plumbing and electrical installations must comply with the relevant codes in effect at the construction site at the time of construction.

Subject to the code official's approval, the pool or spa shells may be installed without a soil investigation by a registered design professional, provided none of the following conditions is encountered at the site:

1. The existence of groundwater within the excavation, where the pool or spa floor will contact the soil at the time of installation.
2. The existence of an uncompacted fill in contact with any portion of the pool or spa shell.
3. The existence of any expansive-type soils.
4. The existence of any soil types with an angle of repose that will not support the walls of the excavation at desired slopes.
5. Danger to adjacent structures posed by the proposed pool or spa location.

If any of the above conditions is encountered, excavation must cease immediately. The specified conditions at the site must then be reviewed, and recommendations made, by a registered design professional. The code official must approve the registered design professional's recommendations; subject to the code official's approval, pools and spas may be installed in expansive-type soils in accordance with Section 4.2 before work is resumed.

The pool or spa excavation profile must coincide with the contours of the pool or spa. The overexcavation must be approximately 6 to 24 inches (152 to 610 mm) on the sides and ends. The overexcavation at the pool bottom must be a minimum of 3 inches (76 mm). The backfill for the pool or spa bottom must consist of a layer of bedding sand formed to match the pool or spa profile. This sand layer must be compacted using a manual tamper and water. The pool or spa shell must sit firmly on the sand and be within 1 inch (25.4 mm) of level. Simultaneous waterfill and sand backfill operations must then commence. The sand must be compacted with a tamper and water. The installer must ensure that the backfill level and water level are approximately the same throughout the filling procedure.

After completion of the backfill, the bond beam and decking must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's published installation instructions, and approved by the code official.

4.2 Expansive soils:

For installation of pools or spas in expansive soils, the following additional installation details must be followed subject to the code official's approval:

1. All surfaces adjacent to the pool or spas must be excavated to a depth of 12 inches (305 mm) beneath the pool bottom and 6 inches (152 mm) behind the horizontal pool walls.
2. Any soft or loose soils exposed by step 1 must be removed until exposed material is solid. If the soil is still soft and loose, the upper 6 inches (152 mm) of all horizontal excavation surfaces must be scarified and compacted with mechanical equipment. The compacted surfaces and the excavated wall surfaces must be maintained in a moist condition until the first lift of backfill or fill is placed against the surface. The term compaction implies any method necessary to consolidate the native and fill materials to keep the pool or structure from settling.
3. The excavated bottom area of the pool or spa must be backfilled with granular import material to approximately 6 inches (152 mm) below the bottom of the pool or spa, wetted and compacted.
4. The remaining 6 inches (152 mm) must be backfilled beneath the pool or spa and behind the pool walls with clean sand and compact. The pool or spa must be filled with water as backfilling progresses to a level equivalent to that of the backfill. The backfill must be placed in compacted layers of approximately 6 inches (152 mm) while a uniform height of backfill is maintained around the pool or spa.
5. Positive surface drainage away from the perimeter of the pool and surrounding deck is required and critical to installations in highly expansive soils. Surface area drains and surface drainage swales or subdrains must be placed as needed to prevent ponding or saturation of the soil around the perimeter and vicinity of the pool to prevent excessive shrink-swell or volume changes in the soil.

4.3 Aboveground Pools and Spas:

Models shown in Table 3 may be installed up to 19¹/₂ inches (495 mm) above ground. These pool and spa shells may be placed with or without concrete or wood decking. Unless the elevated external portions of the units are protected from sunlight by soil berms, decking, etc., these portions must be coated with a UV-inhibiting opaque paint that is compatible with the laminate.

5.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

The pool and spa shells described in this report comply with, or are suitable alternatives to what is specified in, those codes listed in Section 1.0 of this report, subject to the following conditions:

- 5.1 The pool and spa shells must be constructed and installed in accordance with this report and the manufacturer's published installation instructions. In the event of conflict, this report governs.
- 5.2 Electrical and plumbing installations must comply with the relevant codes in effect at the construction site at the time of construction.
- 5.3 Clearances of the pools and spas from slopes set forth in IBC Section 1805.3, IRC Section R403.1.7 or UBC Section 1805.3.3 must be observed.
- 5.4 A barrier must be installed in accordance with IBC Section 3109, IRC Section AG105, or UBC Appendix Chapter 4, as applicable.
- 5.5 Slip resistance is outside the scope of this evaluation report. Reports of slip resistance tests that demonstrate compliance with Section 8.1 of ANSI/NSPI-5 (2003) for swimming pools, or Sections 5.4.1, 5.6.3.2 and 5.6.4.4 of ANSI/NSPI-3 (1999) for spas, shall be submitted for approval by the code official.
- 5.6 Diving equipment may only be installed on Type I pools and must meet the minimum requirements of, and be installed in accordance with, Section 5.8 of ANSI/NSPI-5.
- 5.7 The pool and spa shells are fabricated by Viking Pool Inc. at their Williams, California; Midland, Texas; Jane Lew, West Virginia; Rockingham, North Carolina; or the Zephyrhills, Florida, facilities, under a quality control program with inspections by Columbia Research and Testing Corporation (AA-527).

6.0 EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for In-ground, Residential, Fiber-reinforced Plastic Swimming Pools and Permanently Installed Plastic Spas (AC274), dated December 2006 (editorially revised August 2008).

7.0 IDENTIFICATION

The pool and spa shells are identified by the following information imprinted on the top step of the pool or spa shell: manufacturer's name (Viking Pools, LLC) and address, pool or spa shell designation, a coded serial number and the evaluation report number (ESR-2014).

The units also bear the label of the inspection agency, Columbia Research and Testing Corporation (AA-527).

A permanent sign, bearing the following statement, must be attached to the pumping equipment:

Notice: *The pool and spa shells are designed to remain full of water at all times. The shell may be damaged if the water level is allowed to drop below the skimmer. When appreciable draw-down is noticed or if it becomes necessary to drain the pool or spa, contact Viking Pool or its dealers for instructions.*

A permanent label must be attached adjacent to the above sign indicating the Viking Pools, LLC, distributor's name, address and telephone number.

TABLE 1—POOLS

SERIES	LENGTH (ft-in)	WIDTH (ft-in)	MAX DEPTH (ft-in)	CAPACITY (gal)	POOL TYPE
AC	39'	16'	6'	16,700	Type 0
AL	26'	12'	5'	16,700	Type 0
AP	38'	16'	5'10"	17,500	Type 0
AT	40'	16'	8'	21,000	Type 1
B	25'5"	11'10"	4'6"	8,100	Type 0
BFF	25'7"	11'11"	6'	9,000	Type 0
BKD	23'11"	12'3"	5'	6,000	Type 0
BL	40'	11'10"	4'6"	14,000	Type 0
BN	40'	16'	8'	22,000	Type 1
BP	28'	15'8"	5'11"	17,000	Type 0
BPD	38'	15'8"	8'	20,000	Type 1
CA	31'	14'	6'	12,000	Type 0
CC	35'	16'	6'6"	10,000	Type 0
CD	33'	16'	5'5"	15,000	Type 0
CL	30'	14'	6'	12,500	Type 0
CM	23' 11"	12'3"	5'	6,000	Type 0
CO	40'	16'	7'	18,000	Type 0
CP	31'	12'	5'	10'500	Type 0
CR	39'7"	15'10"	8'	19,500	Type 1
CRBJ	40'	16'	7'	19,000	Type 0
CRBL	32'	14'	6'	12,000	Type 0
CRBM	28'	12'	5'	7,000	Type 0
CRDFJ	38'	16'	7'	17,600	Type 0
CRDFL	31'	14'	6'	11,000	Type 0
CRDFM	24'	12'	5'6"	6,000	Type 0
CRDJ	40'	16'	7'	19,000	Type 0
CRDL	30'	14'	5'6"	10,000	Type 0
CRDM	25'	12'	5'	6,000	Type 0
CRSBJ	38'	16'	7'	19,000	Type 0
CRSBL	30'	14'	6'	11,300	Type 0
CRSBM	24'	12'	5'6"	6,700	Type 0
CRSGJ	34'	16'	6'6"	13,800	Type 0
CRSGL	30'	14'	6'	9,700	Type 0
CRSGM	23'	12'	5'6"	5,500	Type 0
CRSGS	20'	10'	4'6"	3,400	Type 0
CRUD	26'	12'	4'7"	4,400	Type 0
CRUJ	35'	16'	6'6"	11,600	Type 0
CRUL	30'	14'	6'	8,000	Type 0
CRUM	26'	12'	5'	5,300	Type 0
CRUS	20'	10'	4'6"	3,000	Type 0
FDM	30'	14'	6'	12,000	Type 0
FF	30'	13'9"	6'	12,000	Type 0
FP	25'	12'	5'5"	6,000	Type 0
FSP	25'	12'	5' 6"	8,700	Type 0
GB	33'9"	14'8"	6'6"	14,300	Type 0
GC	39'7"	15'10"	7'11"	19,600	Type 1
GS	34'8"	15'7"	5'10"	15,000	Type 0
JV	26'	12'1"	5'	6,800	Type 0
K	33'9"	14'8"	8'3"	16,000	Type 0
KL	30'	14'	5'11"	11,300	Type 0
L	31'6"	14'	7'	13,700	Type 0
LBBST	15'	12'	4'	2,500	Type 0
LCN	30'	14'	5'9"	10,800	Type 0
LD	19'9"	9'10"	5'	3,750	Type 0
LG	30'	14'	6'	14,800	Type 0
LGDLX	30'	14'	6'	14,000	Type 0
LN	36'	16'	7'	18,000	Type 0

TABLE 1—POOLS (Continued)

SERIES	LENGTH (ft-in)	WIDTH (ft-in)	MAX DEPTH (ft-in)	CAPACITY (gal)	POOL TYPE
MC	23'8"	12'	5'5"	6,000	Type 0
MFF	14'3"	8'7"	4'	2,100	Type 0
MK	27'7"	14'6"	5'10"	10,000	Type 0
MLL	15'10"	8'6"	4'	2,200	Type 0
MP	14'6"	9'6"	5'11"	2,500	Type 0
MR	40'	16'	6'6"	19,000	Type 0
MT	35'	14'	5'7"	12,400	Type 0
MTK	16'	9'3"	4'	2,300	Type 0
NB	21'	15' 4"	4' 4"	7,000	Type 0
NT	34'8"	15'7"	5'10"	14,500	Type 0
OB	40'	16'	5'8"	18,900	Type 0
PRT	23'	12'	5'5"	6,700	Type 0
PS	40'	16'	7'	17,500	Type 0
RP	30'	14'	5'11"	12,800	Type 0
RS	30'	14'	6'6"	12,500	Type 0
SFF	24'10"	11'10"	5'6"	12,000	Type 0
SH	35'	14'	5'10"	10,500	Type 0
SK	19'9"	9'10"	5'	2,750	Type 0
SL	39'	7'7"	4'	6,500	Type 0
SP	20'	10'	5'	3,600	Type 0
SR	39'	16'	6'	15,000	Type 0
ST	27'7"	14'6"	5'10"	9,800	Type 0
TN	30'	14'	5'11"	13,500	Type 0
V	33'	14'	5'4"	11,700	Type 0
HZA	18'	8'6"	6'	4,500	Type 0
HZB	18'	8'6"	6'	4,300	Type 0
HZC	18'	8'6"	5'6"	4,050	Type 0
HZD	18'	8'6"	5'6"	3,850	Type 0
HZDXL	18'	8'6"	5'	3,000	Type 0
HZE	18'	8'6"	5'	3,600	Type 0
HZF	18'	8'6"	5'	3,400	Type 0
HZG	9'	8'6"	4'6"	1,200	Type 0
HZH	9'	8'6"	5'	1,350	Type 0
WL	26'	16'	5'	10,500	Type 0

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 305 mm, 1 gallon = 3.785 L.

TABLE 2—SPAS

SERIES	SHAPE	DIAMETER OR WIDTH (ft-in)	DEPTH (ft-in)	CAPACITY (gal)
BOS	Octagonal	8'4"	3'	475
BOSSP	Octagonal	8'4"	1'6"	270
BOSSW	Octagonal	8'4"	3'	475
CS	Octagonal	8' x 12'5"	3'	700
CSSP	Octagonal	8' x 12'5"	1'6"	430
CSSW	Octagonal	8' x 12'5"	3'	700
LOS	Dodecagon	7'6"	3'	450
LOSSP	Dodecagon	7'6"	1'6"	220
LOSSW	Dodecagon	7'6"	3'	450
LRS	Round	7'	3'	420
LRSSP	Round	7'	1'6"	180
LRSSW	Round	7'	3'	420
M	Round	10'	3'4"	550
MSP	Round	10'	1'6"	325
MSW	Round	10'	3'4"	550
RG	Freeform	8' x 10'	3'4"	600
RGSP	Freeform	8' x 10'	1'6"	470
RGSW	Freeform	8' x 10'	3'4"	600
RY	Rectangle	8' x 10'	3'4"	600
RYP	Rectangle	8' x 10'	1'6"	330
RYSW	Rectangle	8' x 10'	3'4"	600
RS	Round	5'8"	3'0"	275
RSSW	Round	5'8"	3'0"	275
RSSP	Round	5'8"	1'6"	150
OS	Octagonal	6'0"	3'0"	375
OSSW	Octagonal	6'0"	3'0"	375
OSSP	Octagonal	6'0"	1'6"	125
SS	Square	6'6'	3'0"	295
SSSW	Square	6'6'	3'0"	295
SSSP	Square	6'6'	1'6"	150

TABLE 3—ABOVEGROUND POOLS AND SPAS (19½ INCHES MAXIMUM ABOVE GRADE)

POOLS		SPAS			
B	SL	RL	LOS	CS	M
BFF	SP	RSSW	LOSSW	CSSW	MSW
BKD	AL	RSSP	LOSSP	CSSP	MSP
FP	—	OS	LRS	RG	CB
MFF	—	OSSW	LRSSW	RGSW	CBSW
MK	—	PSSPO	LRSSP	RGSP	CBSP
MLL	—	SS	BOS	RY	LCS
MTK	—	SSSW	BOSSW	RYSW	—
SK	—	SSSP	BOSSP	RYP	—