

Gunite vs Fibreglass vs Vinyl Pools: Comparison Guide

Feature	Gunite Pool	Fibreglass Pool	Vinyl Pool
Installation Time	6-12 weeks	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks
Initial Cost (Est.)	R150,000+	R95,000 - R160,000	R65,000 - R120,000
Surface Texture	Rough (can be abrasive)	Smooth, gel-coat finish	Soft, flexible vinyl
Design Flexibility	Fully customizable	Limited to pre-moulded shapes	Moderately customizable
Durability	50+ years	25+ years	8-12 years (liner)
Maintenance Level	Higher	Low	Moderate
Resurfacing / Reline Cost	R30,000 - R60,000	R20,000 - R35,000	R15,000 - R30,000
Heat Retention	Average	Excellent	Good
Installation Access	Ideal for large properties	Requires crane access	Flexible access
Best For	Custom luxury designs	Quick installs	Budget-friendly families