

Summary of Results of all Pool Evaporation Rate Studies  
Improved Pool Evaporation Rate Equation

I. INDOOR AND OUTDOOR POOLS

**Evaporation Rates - Quiet Pool**

$$W_Q = \frac{(A_P)(C_1 + C_2 v)}{Y} (P_W - P_{DP})$$

Where:

$W_Q$  = evaporation rate of water, lb/hr.

$A_P$  = area of pool surface, ft<sup>2</sup>.

$C_1$  = 69.4 BTU/(h·ft<sup>2</sup>)·in.Hg.

$C_2$  = 30.8 BTU/(Mi·(ft<sup>2</sup>)·in.Hg.)

$v$  = air velocity over water surface, MPH.

$Y$  = latent heat required to change water vapor at surface water temperature, BTU/lb

$P_{DP}$  = saturation pressure at room air dewpoint, in.Hg.

$P_W$  = saturation vapor pressure taken at the surface water temperature, in.Hg.

**Evaporation Rates - Active Pool**

$$W_A = W_Q \times AF$$

Where:

$W_A$  = evaporation rate of water for an active pool, lb/hr.

$W_Q$  = evaporation rate of water in an inactive pool, lb/hr

Indoor Pool:  $AF = 1.04 + .046 \times C$

Outdoor Pool:  $AF = 1.08 + .039 \times C$

Where C = Number of swimmers per 100 square feet of pool area

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