DO ABOVE GROUND POOLS REQUIRE ISOLATION?

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DID YOU KNOW?

General pool activities in above ground swimming pools are a significant noise and vibration source.

If you live in an apartment complex constructed with a rooftop or above ground swimming pool, it is likely that the pool has vibration attenuating supports, so that apartments close to the pool do not suffer from unwanted noise.

These products have to operate with minimal maintenance whilst carrying the significant mass of a swimming pool. A 15x3m concrete pool will usually exceed 75 Tonnes when filled.
Building a Rooftop Pool?

1 What Isolation Systems are there?

- SHEET/MATTING ISOLATION
  A full coverage layer of matting or resilient foam under a pool is the simplest installation. However, this method often results in a layer of high stiffness which doesn’t significantly reduce vibration transmission. Typically implemented in applications where thermal expansion is the major concern and a structural break required.

- ELASTOMERIC PADS
  Discrete pads enable a thicker, more resilient product to be used than matting, and less contact area from the pool to the structure. Implemented when a sensitive space is not directly underneath and the supporting structure is relatively rigid. Requires a at least 50mm cavity between pool shell and structure.

- STEEL SPRINGS
  Steel springs provide the highest level of attenuation, resulting in inaudible structure-borne noise for most installations. Marine grade coatings are utilised to ensure long life for the high strength spring steel in a corrosive environment. If springs cannot be located at the perimeter in a corbel support design, then a cavity between 150mm and 280mm is required. Access for maintenance to all spring packs is highly recommended.

2 What considerations need to be made at design stage?

- Is the pool structure in close proximity to sensitive spaces such as bedrooms?

If Yes, pool isolation may be required, engage an acoustic consultant and allow a cavity suitable for spring isolation if possible as it may be difficult to put in once design progresses.

The Complete Engineered Solution

- Site measurements and walk through
- Isolator layout along with preliminary drawings by Embelton Engineering
- Installation
- Warranty & Testing

What should I do next?

Contact your local Embelton representative to discuss the process of getting a specification for your Swimming Pool or Spa installation.

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Have you allowed for isolators under your pool?

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