

Compare Solar Cover Styles / Colors



Color can often be a determining factor in a shopping selection; from wanting “that red sports car” to “the gold iPhone”, color can prove to be a vital part to making the product in question right for you. In many of these instances, color does not affect the product’s usefulness; regardless of being black, blue, lime green or vermillion, the product would function the same. However with solar covers, that may not be the case.

Due to the nature of absorbing, collecting heat from and transmitting the sun’s UV rays, some solar cover colors tend to function better than others. Color may also prove to be a crucial factor for retaining the heat generated in your pool. Each color can serve better than others at various tasks, and can perform better than others in different environments. Below, we take a look at some of the popular cover colors and look at their pros and cons.

Blue Solar Covers



Blue solar covers are the standard in solar cover colors because they are well-rounded and offer many of the general features at a lower price point than other covers. The blue material is translucent, which allows UV rays to pass through the cover and into the pool and does well enough to block heat from escaping the pool.

Clear Solar Covers



The transparency of the **Clear solar cover** allows solar rays to hit the cover and push deeper into the pool. This allows solar heat to penetrate further into your pool than most other colors, without requiring any additional water circulation methods. However, good circulation may still be needed for the heat to really reach the deep end of your pool, regardless of cover color.

Clear covers are ideal when you have long periods of sun in your yard. If your pool gets less than 6 hours of direct sunlight each day, you may wish to try a different cover color (such as blue) which will absorb more heat in the shorter amount of time.

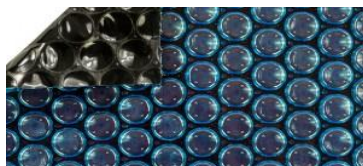
Clear solar covers also come in a diamond air bubble variety.

Blue/Silver “Space Age” Solar Covers



The “**Space Age**” cover is one of a variety of two-toned solar cover colors. These covers create a hybrid combining the positive features of two color/styles of cover. The translucent topside allows solar energy into your pool. The reflective silver material aids in insulation by preventing solar rays from bouncing back out of the pool, and instead being reflected back inwards, keeping that heat energy in the water.

Blue/Black Solar Covers



Much like the two-toned Space Age solar covers, this **Blue/Black** cover tries to combine the properties of having an opaque and a translucent solar cover, with one translucent blue side and one opaque black side. While the hybrid offers more features than any fully opaque or fully translucent cover, it doesn’t do each feature quite as well due to only being half of each style.

Black Solar Covers



Black covers are opaque, allowing no light or UV rays to pass through the cover. The opaque quality and black color does allow for very fast and easy heat absorption, heating your pool quickly. However, this comes at a cost: black solar covers are typically the first to break down from wear and tear. With rigorous absorption and exposure to pool chemicals, the black resin material tends to erode faster than blue or clear counterparts. A black solar cover will typically not last as many seasons as other colors. We recommend black solar covers be saved for end-of-the-season warming to simply boost the temperature when it’s colder outside.