

POOL BUILDER COMPARISON CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to rate each of the pool builders you're talking to. For more information on any of these items, get our easy-to-read report: "How To Choose The Right Pool Builder".

	Item	Ocean Quest Pools	Builder #2	Builder #3
Business Stability	Active member of Association of Pool & Spa Professionals?	Yes		
	Been in business with current name more than 10 years?	Yes—since 1984		
	Checks payable to a business account or personal account?	Business Account		
	Ever closed and re-started under a new name?	No		
	Ever declared bankruptcy?	No		
	Favorable report from Dun and Bradstreet?	Yes—available on request		
	Have a permanent Showroom / Design Center?	Yes—10208 N FM 620, Austin, TX		
	Member in good standing with BBB?	Yes		
Business Ethics	Do you charge more than the contract price if you hit rock?	No		
	Do you handle all electrical utility connections to and from the pool?	Yes		
	Do you promise a price without looking at your yard first?	No		
	When Gunite is finished, what percentage of my money do you have?	Normally <60%		
Insurance / Protection	Certificate of Insurance direct from the insurance company?	Yes		
	General Liability coverage of at least \$1M per event?	Yes		
	Will you provide copies of all lien waivers as contractors are paid?	Yes		
	Workmen's Compensation coverage?	Yes		
Quality Workmanship	All plumbing clearly labeled?	Yes		
	At least 2 1/2" suction line on spa main drains?	Yes		
	At least 2" suction lines on on skimmers and drains?	Yes		
	At least 2" return lines?	Yes		
	Dedicated plumbing for each drain and skimmer?	Yes		
	Energy-efficient equipment?	Yes—Pentair IntelliFlo		
	Multiple tiles as standard?	Yes—257		
	Gravel base after excavation?	Yes—3" to 6"		
	Hi-flow, hi-pressure chemical-resistant valves on every line?	Yes		
	What's the size and spacing of your steel re-bar?	1/2" (#4) on 10" centers or better		
Expertise	Certified Building Professional on staff?	Yes		
	Experience with advanced water features? (infinity edge, etc.)	Yes		
	Willing to give at least 50 references?	Yes		
	Won multiple design awards?	Yes—166		



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