

Greenseal Rubber – What Thickness?

When selecting the thickness of our Greenseal EPDM liners for your pond or lake there are a couple of basic things to consider which may help in the selection process. These are merely to be used as a general guideline please contact us direct to discuss any unique requirements.

- 1) Intended application i.e. swimming pond, ornamental pond, dipping pond
- 2) Size of pond
- 3) Shape of pond
- 4) Threat of animal damage
- 5) Using protective matting / sand / carpet

Swimming ponds will require a 1.00mm liner. For ornamental ponds usually 0.75mm /0.85mm thick will suffice unless there is a possible threat of animal damage. On dipping ponds for schools we generally suggest a 1.00mm liner, as some kids generally try to "bludgeon" unsuspecting animal life - so a little extra protection is generally worth it.

Regards the size or shape of a pond – if you had a very small 2.0m x 3.0m rectangular pond and were intending to use a flat sheet as opposed to our tailored liners, then we would suggest the thinner the material the better, as the folds would be less pronounced and it would be easier to mold into corners / substrate.

The possible threat of animal damage often needs to be considered. If you had a large dog that loves water then damage often occurs to the liner by the dogs hind paws - if they are trying to exit the pond on a sharp incline / vertical – hence our 1.00mm thick material would be the only option in these cases unless a protective.

If the pond / lake is on an exposed site i.e. farm we generally recommend a protective geotextile overlay (which is buried) be used around the circumference of the pond. The slope gradient / edge detailing is important at the planning stage.

If using sand we generally suggest either the 0.85mm / 1.00mm thick material as sand is an abrasive substance – remember sand is pretty useless on a slope as generally ends up at the bottom of the slope leaving the liner exposed – so we would suggest either a geotextile or carpet in this instance.

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