

## ***Instructions on how to use SplashWorks® symbol library.***

*Let me start by saying you need to do some homework, this is not a program you're going to figure out without doing homework. There is an extensive help file and multi-media movies included with each program to help you. You also have unlimited phone support. Please watch your training movies and do the demo and tutorials within the Help file – All underlined words are important commands for you to review. Go to HELP/SplashWorks Help/SplashWorks! 4.0 Reference to find them.*

*These are the most common questions asked about our libraries and the answers.*

### **1. How do I view SplashWorks symbols?**

We have two options: Symbol Library or Load Symbol.

Please review the help file on **Symbol Library Command** and **Load Symbol Command**. They will answer all of your questions.

You will find this in the help file but I will note it again. Even though you exploded the symbol coming out of the library, it will still be recognized as a group. This way it is not necessary to select many small items just to change the color, line style, etc. of the former symbol. The Group Explode command may then be used if individual items need to be manipulated. Please review **Group Explode Command**.

### **2. How do I resize a pool?**

If the pool has two handles in the library (a red and green dot in the preview), a rubber-band box appears in the drawing. This shows the area of the symbol. Set the Red handle to establish the location, with use original scale *unselected* you can now specify the size between the two handles using **point polar** or **point relative**. These commands allow you to specify size and direction between the two handles.

Once on screen, use the **Scale Command** or the **Resizing Handles Command** to stretch the selected object in any direction to make them taller, shorter, wider, or narrower.

### **3. What is the difference between a manufacturer's library and a Free Form Library?**

Manufacturer libraries are named and sized according to the information provided by the manufacturer. If you're a dealer of one of our manufactures, you would want to use original scale. If the *Use Original Scale* option is selected, the size of the symbol will be fixed and only the angle of the object will change when setting your 2<sup>nd</sup> handle (green). Manufacturer's libraries are approximate size.

### **4. How do I get the area of my pool?**

Most pools already have combined lines. The **Combine Lines command** is used to merge connecting lines and arcs into a single line entity. Once you have exploded the symbol, this allows you to click on the perimeter and get area and length by using the **Info Box Command**. Combined line *does not* allow you to get a center radius on an arc.

## 5. How do I get a center radius on a combined line?

By using the **Arc (3-Point) Command** and tracing over the combined line arc then using the **Dimension Radius Command**. \*Suggestion: Draw your trace over arc in a different color so it is easy to delete. Learn your **Layer Options** – you might consider putting dimensions on an invisible layer till needed.

## 6. How do I color my pool?

I like to put all interior features on a layer and make the layer invisible to avoid conflicts; keep in mind this is a 2 step process. 1: Go to **Layer Options** (short cut key "L") and make the layer invisible. 2: Highlight the entities and go to the **Info Box Command**, on the top you will see a drop down; use it to put the selected items on the invisible layer. Now you only see the perimeter of the pool, choose the color you'd like. (Watch the movies on **Color Toolbox**, it has the best explanation.) Now go to **Hatch Fill Command**. (Win\_solid is used for a solid color) Choose *win\_solid* and click inside your pool, the area will fill with the color you choose. To make the perimeter line viewable, Go to Edit/Section Edit/Move to back. Now go back to "L" on your keyboard and make your interior features visible.

## 7. How can I learn more about this program?

Pool Design Software<sup>®</sup> created a very comprehensive program with multi-media training movies and an extensive help file, we even personally wrote the tip file that comes up when you open the program. Please take advantage of them and read, watch and do. Included with your purchase is unlimited phone support.

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