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Wet & Wild Test Site Orlando



Wet & Wild Orlando, Florida Water Park, was experiencing multiple problems with their water slides. First of all, they were having difficulty finding bright colors that would not fade in a year. Secondly, the slide walls of their raft rides were being abraded in less than a year. This can be clearly seen in the picture below. As a result, they leaned towards only whites and grays for their slide projects. A solution was needed and they turned to Creative Polymers for answers.

Jon Galetta, Art Director for Wet & Wild and responsible for the Parks paints and coatings, had done work with Creative Polymers on some water features in the past. With experience of successful application, he turned to Creative Polymers for further expertise.



Galetta had tested dozens of major paint and coating brands over the decades without much success. When he heard of SLIDE ARMOR™ and the success that it had in high chlorine and UV environments, he was excited to test the product.

Creative Polymers of St. Louis, MO supplied the SLIDE ARMOR™ Polyurethane to solve both the fading issue due to high exposure of chlorinated water and UV as well as the highly abrasive conditions. This water park had tested numerous products that claimed to solve the issues, but in the end failed. As a result of the multiple failures Wet & Wild was skeptical. They wanted to test the system before using it on any key areas. A test was set up and evaluated for a year of service.

The picture below shows a bright color that typically fades fast, but after one year, the SLIDE ARMOR™ test

area looked nearly new. The system still had a high tile like gloss and was not attacked by the high UV and chlorinated water or the abuse and wear of the tubes used on this ride.

Galetta said, "after decades of testing, this was the best system ever applied and the performance passed with no wear or color fade, something I had never seen before ... I could not believe we had finally found a solution to our parks maintenance issues ... We also successfully tested the DECK ARMOR™ concrete anti-skid system too."

Unlike Gel Coats or other coating systems, the SLIDE ARMOR™ is formulated to be the best, most chemical resistant polyurethane on the market. It is easily applied by either spray or roll-on. See more information at www.waterparktech.com

