

MVP 2007 MOST VALUABLE PRODUCTS

The Third Annual MVP listing features 25 products that have our readers talking | by John Miles

Pool season is in full swing now, and it's time to review some of this year's most popular offerings. Based on reader responses to our New Products Issue in January, we have compiled a showcase of tools, equipment and accessories that have generated the most interest around aquatics facilities and waterparks. Products are presented in alphabetical order and, as always, information is provided by manufacturers. It's never too late to consider an upgrade in UV sanitation or shade structures for your facility, so browse the following pages with a keen eye. Happy summer shopping!

1 Surf's Up

American Wave Machines introduces the SurfStream, a compact, low-maintenance, standing wave machine for hotels, resorts, waterparks and action sports venues. Riders can use real surfboards with fins, and the currents are fully adjustable. The product does not require a large surge tank and moves the water at natural, gravity-fed river speeds, per maker. American Wave Machines, 858.755.3865; www.surfstream.com

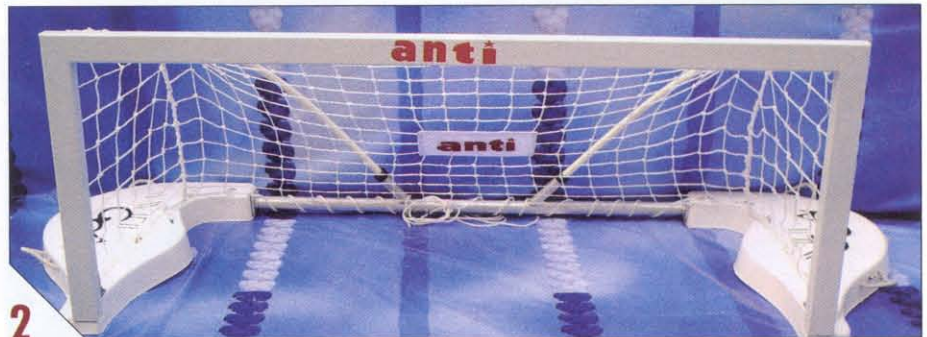
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2 Ultimate Goal

AntiWave introduces the Flippa, a folding water polo goal approximately two-thirds the size of a competition goal. It's ideal for training, junior polo and residential use. It also folds down to 12 inches wide for easy storage. AntiWave, 866.736.2183; www.antiwave.com

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3 Hooked In

Pool Maintenance Hooks from Aquatic Technology attach to a fence or wall using tamper-resistant bolts and store tools, poles and vacuum hoses. Sold in pairs, the hooks are available in small and large sizes. They also are easy to install, per maker. Aquatic Technology Inc., 800.446.6416; www.poolweb.com

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4 Direct Chlorination

Balboa Direct's ECOSeries saltwater chlorinators offer options for large commercial facilities in addition to pools, spas and water fountains. This product eliminates the need for storing packaged chlorine, per maker. Balboa Direct, 714.384.0384; www.ecomatic.com

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