

Article: Choosing the right accessibility lift for your public pool.

With the variety of brands and different kinds of lifts available, choosing the best one for your facility is a little project. There are several factors to consider. Things like: deck space, gutter style, budget, deck and gutter materials, weight rating and mobility limitations of intended users.

There are:

- Manually operated lifts, battery operated lifts and hydraulic (water pressure) operated lifts.
- Portable lifts that can be moved , and some that are permanently installed with either a single anchor embedded in the pool deck or a bolting system (Hilti) through a baseplate.
- Lifts that have a long reach arm system for a wide gutter span or for lifting up and over a finger wall or other obstruction to enter the pool.



Pal lift by SR Smith



Scout lift by Aqua Creek

If your pool hosts swim meets or other program classes that require use of the same deck space where you would use your lift, a portable lift would be a good choice. If you require a weight rating of over 300lbs, then an anchored lift is a good choice.

If you need both, then a more customized approach should be considered. An anchored lift, but one that has an accompanying transport cart to safely move your unit out of the way.

All accessibility lift companies should supply a measure guide prompting you to supply information about your pool and the intended location of use. This completed measure guide is verified by the manufacturer.

This is a verification system recommended to ensure the chosen lift will work safely and effectively in your facility.

If you need to choose a new accessibility lift for your facility, be ready with information about your facility and your requirements and contact an experienced supplier to help you narrow down the lift options available that meet your criteria.

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