

Rx Clear® Luster Media

Rx Clear® Luster Media is a lightweight alternative to traditional pool filter sand that is designed for use in most standard sand filters. It installs directly in place of sand and is a convenient option for pool owners replacing old filter media.

Pea Gravel Recommended For Best Performance

Sand Filters should use pea gravel when used with sand alternatives, such as Rx Clear® Luster Media to support internal components, protect laterals, and promote even water flow. Use the chart to determine the approximate amount needed based on filter size.



Installation Notes

Use clean pea gravel only

Filter Tank Size	Pea Gravel Base*
12" Tank	14 lbs.
14" Tank	18 lbs.
16" Tank	24 lbs.
19" Tank	27 lbs.
22" Tank	33 lbs.
23" Tank	38 lbs.
24" Tank	76 lbs.

*Amounts listed are approximate and may vary slightly based on installation. Pea gravel will fill the bottom just above the laterals.

Important Information:

DO NOT use clarifiers or bonding chemicals

Rx Clear® Luster Media filters extremely fine particles (3–5 microns), similar to Diatomaceous Earth (DE). Clarifiers and bonding additives are not needed and can cause serious damage.

Using clarifiers may:

- Harden or damage Rx Clear® Luster Media
- Reduce filtration performance
- Damage filter laterals or internal components

How To Use Rx Clear® Luster Media

- 1. Turn off the pump and open the filter.** Remove all existing sand or filter media and thoroughly clean the inside of the tank.
- 2. Inspect the laterals.** Make sure the laterals are clean and free of debris before adding new media.
- 3. Fill tank about ½ full of water** to soften the landing of the pea gravel and then add in pea gravel.
- 4. Add RX Clear® Luster Media.** Use weight equivalence: 1 box of Luster replaces 50 lbs of sand. Do not fill the tank to the top.
- 5. Reassemble the filter.** Secure the filter according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- 6. Resume normal filtration.** Set the valve to "Filter" and operate as normal.

Luster Media FAQs

Yes! Can Rx Clear® Luster be used in any sand filter?

Yes! Can I use enzyme additives?

Yes! Can this be used in skimmer or pump baskets?

No! Can I mix Rx Clear® Luster with sand or glass media?

No! Can I use a clarifier and Rx Clear® Luster Media?

When should I backwash?

Only when filter pressure exceeds 8-10 lbs. over starting pressure. Do not backwash on initial installation.

How to clean Rx Clear® Luster Media

Step 1: Remove luster from filter tank

Step 2: Rinse off large debris with hose

Step 3: Place in a mesh laundry bag

Step 4: Wash in a clothes washer

Step 5: Let dry completely before reinstalling