

Play-Rite leads the way in sports surface manufacture

Play-Rite, a subsidiary of the Heckmondwike Group, continues to lead the field in sports surface manufacture.

Specialising in the manufacture and installation of surfaces for the sports, leisure and recreational markets, Play-Rite is now the UK's largest supplier. The company offers a range of highest quality products and systems to meet the increasingly specific demands of discerning clients as well as catering for the performance requirements of sports governing bodies and quality standard ISO9001/BS7044.

The company prides itself on demonstrating a total commitment to quality and innovation by consistently providing superior products and outstanding customer service while maintaining value for money. It offers a guarantee to cover all surfaces in the event of unlikely failure due to faulty workmanship or materials.

The range of quality British-manufactured products includes:

- Match Winner - a high-performance, sand-dressed synthetic sports surface
- Nearly Grass - a state of the art surface for indoor applications
- Play Safe - a fully-installed surface acknowledged as the safest way to protect the younger user

All products offer strength, durability and safety, yet have the competitive advantage of being extremely low maintenance.

*" Our product range is well represented in the industry, especially in the tennis, bowls and cricket sectors. Our proven commitment is to provide consistent quality and highest service at a competitive price. We have a strategic plan for recognised contractors within the industry to use the Play-Rite product and help grow our sales. I believe our dedication to manufacturing only the highest quality product is helping us to achieve this aim."*

For further information on the Play-Rite range of quality products, please contact the sales office on 01924 412488 or email [info@play-rite.co.uk](mailto:info@play-rite.co.uk).

Matchplay II (Quick Court) - the guaranteed, British manufactured, performance tennis surface from Play-Rite that offers consistent ball bounce and a surface preferred by tennis players.

*Upgrade* - ideal for enhancing and renewing old or worn hard porous tennis courts that have fallen into disrepair

*Stability* - the scrim-reinforced surface remains flat and in contact with the sub-base for the playing life of the installation

*Multi-sport* - surface can be used for netball, basketball and other recreational sports.

*Inlaid Line Option* - lines can be permanently inlaid in white, yellow, red and blue

*Player Friendly* - in-built cushion makes for medium-paced play and is easy on players' leg joints

*Fast installation* - manufactured in kit form to minimise post-delivery work required

*Low maintenance* - can be cleaned with power washers or deep brushes and solutions.

Inlaid lines require minimum maintenance thus reducing on costs

*Added value* - all weather maximises playing time and increases revenue potential

*Guarantee* - installations can be guaranteed for 5 years and extended with use of approved Play-Rite installers. Quality assured to British Standards

Match-Winner - the high performance sand-dressed synthetic sports surface - the natural choice for new and refurbished projects.

*Upgrade* - the ultimate for the upgrade of existing, hard porous surfaces

*Stability* - the scrim-reinforced surface brings high stability with no rucking

*Multi-sport* - suitable for soccer, tennis, hockey, netball, training and playgrounds. Its low sand content means it can accommodate wheelchair use

*Inlaid Line Option* - lines can be permanently inlaid in white, yellow, red or blue and are supplied pre-cut to relevant standards

*Player Friendly* - impact absorption means less stress on ankle and knee joints.

*Fast installation* - manufactured 4m wide so fewer seams required - needlepunch construction minimises the risk of seam failure

*Low maintenance* - can be cleaned with power washers. Inlaid lines require minimum maintenance thus reducing on costs

*Added value* - all weather usage maximises playing time and increases revenue potential

*Guarantee* - UV stability is fully guaranteed and approved installers can also offer installation guarantees. Quality assured to British Standards.

Claytex - the indoor/outdoor all-weather surface that plays like clay, enhances gameplay and improves skills - all without the high maintenance costs of real clay.

*Stability* - the permanently adhered surface will not move or ruck up during play

*Versatile* - suitable for indoor or outdoor installation and use. Offers consistent and more exciting gameplay. Helps players improve service and maintain good balance.

*Inlaid Line quality* - white lines identical in specification to main body of court and will last for working life of surface

*Player Friendly* - in-built cushion layer reduces fatigue and less stress on ankle and knee joints. Allows controlled foot traction and glide.

*Fast draining* - allows play during and after rain

*Low maintenance* - maintenance procedures are simple and take little time.

*Added value* - all weather usage maximises playing time and increases revenue potential

*Guarantee* - Carries 5-year UV stability and premature wear. Quality assured to British Standards.

## Nearly Grass

The latest, start of the art indoor tennis surface, offering long-life, player comfort and the optimum playing characteristics demanded by serious tennis players.

*Upgrade* - upgrading is cost-effective in proportion to the quality

*Stability* - the totally adhered surface remains flat, gives maximum stability with no movement or distortion of lines

*Multi-sport* - surface can be used for netball, basketball and other recreational sports.

*Inlaid Line Option* - lines can be permanently inlaid in white, yellow, red or blue and are identical in specification to main body of court to prevent 'odd' bounces

*Player Friendly* - non-directional and flat offering accurate bounce and spin characteristics in a comfortable, safe and consistent medium-paced surface

*Fast installation* - cuts disruption of playing schedules to a minimum

*Low maintenance* - low maintenance costs with courts always available for play

*Added value* - multi-use option increases revenue potential

*Guarantee* - installations are low fire-hazard tested and guaranteed. Quality manufactured to British Standards

Play Safe - the safer way to protect children when playing on raised equipment.

*Upgrade* - can be installed over existing hard and unsafe areas such as concrete and paving

*Stability* - will not fray and resistant to vandalism

*Flexibility* - is available in three versions to accommodate most common fall height requirements for off ground play equipment. Coloured textured inserts available to create fun and educational patterns and themes

*Play Friendly* - the surface is usable even after rain

*Fast installation* - Can be installed all year round, irrespective of weather.

*Low maintenance* - the polypropylene surface is resistant to staining and can easily be kept clean

*Added value* - tailored to your exact requirements to save cost

*Quality assured* - no hazardous or unsightly by-products, non flammable and Quality assured to British Standards

- SD08, Practice Play Junior, Matchpad

## Constituent Products

The surfaces produced by Play-Rite are woven and needlepunch manufacture.

### Woven Surfaces

Backing and playing surface manufactured in one quality-controlled process by interlacing two sets of threads at right angles to one another. The pile is 'trapped' around these threads in a 'u' or 'j' shape. Woven surface backs are coated with a synthetic rubber compound to 'lock' edge tufts into place and prevent fraying.

- Offers highest degree of integral strength.
- Reduces tuft loss to a minimum.
- Tuft density can be varied to suit precise requirement. Available as pure textile or sand-dressed surface.
- All weather, sun and ultra violet light, ozone, chlorine and high and low temperature stability.
- Availability of built-in pile 'slide' component to reduce friction (and subsequently burns) as useful and cost-effective alternative to 'watering'.
- Designed and installed to ensure user plays on synthetic grass and not on sand base.

## Needlepunch

Manufactured by layering staple fibres to the required weight which are then needled to the correct density and the surface textured to suit the particular application.

- Suits all sport and recreational applications, indoor and out door.
- Can be used for soil stability, land reclamation and shock pad purposes.
- Superior underfoot grip compared to tufted synthetics or natural grass.
- Less stressful on human joints than tarmacadam, acrylic or compacted sand-filled products.
- When dressed with crumb-rubber granules provides characteristics of clay tennis surface but with much reduced maintenance costs yet maximum play availability.
- Durable and hardwearing.
- Quick and easy to install.

## Sports - Outdoors

### Hockey and multisport

Synthetic all-weather sport surfaces can be textile, sand-dressed or sand filtered.

Professional and clubs of international standard usually have pure textile pitches that are typically tufted, needlepunched, knitted or woven.

Play-Rite's pure textile woven surface, when installed over a suitable base, meets FIH Standards.

Where there is a limited budget, it is usual to opt for either a sand-filled tufted or needlepunch product.

Both systems are free draining, with sub-base draining channels, and the use of geotextile surfaces reduces any risk of sand migration to block the drainage channels and cause standing water.

## Multisport

### Indoors

Because of varying speeds of play for indoor games, it is virtually impossible to manufacture an indoor surface suitable for all sport applications. The simply has to be a compromise.

Play-Rite manufacture dedicated indoor, general-purpose, multisport surfaces that effectively bridge the 'compromise' gap. These quality surfaces allow excellent performance for indoor soccer, hockey, bowls, badminton, cricket, tennis and basketball.

However, what they don't compromise on is quality, value for money or ease of maintenance.

- Nearly Grass
- Rec Turf
- Quick Court (Match Play II)

## Tennis (outdoor)

A consistently good game of tennis requires a surface with positive underfoot grip for player safety and comfort, enabling reduced stress on knee and ankle joints.

A variety of surface speeds should be attainable to allow for the varying experience and skill of players and to allow for a degree of ball spin to provide a challenging game. The surface should also allow a long, maintenance-free playing life.

- Match Play II
- Claytex
- Nearly Grass

## Cricket

Play-Rite woven or needlepunch cricket surfaces can be supplied to any specified length - typically 11m for a batting end and 27.4m or 30m for a full-sized wicket. The standard width is 2.74m.

Both the texture of the surface and the resilience of the entire system govern the cricket pitch characteristics.

The top surface 'smoothness' controls ball spin, and ball bounce depends upon the energy absorbed by the surface and its underlay - a softer combination leads to a deadening of bounce.

Surfacing over a hard base (such as concrete) leads to a very high ball bounce and is positively dangerous. The use of Inter-Play as a reactive cushion is to be recommended to reduce this risk.

The use of cricket spikes on any synthetic surface must be discouraged in order to preserve the working life of the surface. While it is possible to use a higher pile (to prevent spikes from puncturing the backing yarn) or a high tuft density (to prevent spikes from reaching the backing), it remains virtually impossible to prevent spikes tearing the surface, particularly when the bowler turns from the wicket after a ball delivery.

- Practice Play Junior
  - A low-cost application suitable for local clubs
  - High quality needlepunch surface
  - Provides an economical, long-life surface, while at the same time provides excellent bounce characteristics

"Roll-out, Roll-up" non-professional needlepunch practice mats are available which are most suited to general school and community centre use.

- Nearly Grass

Indoor cricket can also be played on Nearly Grass

## Bowls (outdoor)

There are two categories of bowling surfaces - natural grass and synthetic carpet greens.

A natural green requires very expensive and high maintenance - this is especially a problem for local authorities managing many greens.

To reduce the risk of subsidence for both new and 'to be' refurbished greens, Play-Rite landscape geotextile should be included below the playing surface.

Woven and needlepunch surfaces from Play-Rite are non-directional, thus allowing woods (balls used in the game) to draw evenly for both right and left-handed players alike.

- Armada Green Outdoor
- Match Play 1

## Bowls (indoor)

### Pro Weave

This is the definitive, flat woven bowls surface as chosen by the World Bowls Tour for the World Bowls Championships. At 4.57m wide, it allows the minimum number of seams for any installation.

### Play Safe

The provision of safe areas for children at play extends so much further than can be covered by Health and Safety legislation.

The question begs to be asked why children are allowed to play on unprotected hard surfaces (such as concrete, macadam and even paving) where there are far safer and affordable alternatives available.

One solution for making a hard, flat play area safer is the addition of a layer of Play-Safe surface (preferably with at least one layer of Play-Rite's shock-absorbing cushioning beneath). This provides a surface that, although extremely tough, has impact-absorbing properties yet is not abrasive compared with rubber. It is also adaptable enough to allow for the insertion of differing textures to create coloured themes, shapes, pathways and lettering adding an educational dimension to children's fun-time activities.

The Play Safe surfaces are ideal for domestic applications and are also available in kit form for self-installation.

Although inexpensive and effective, with impact absorption tested to British Standards, it is also available with three increasingly absorbent layers for safe use in areas with raised play equipment. The different grades can also be cost-effectively used for different sections of the same play area without any compromise on safety.

## Golf

Play-Rite manufactures a number of high quality surfaces for golf and associated golfing activities.

- All-weather greens

Installed with the correct base structure, Play-Rite's spike-proof putting surface gives realistic ball-speed for putting and good ball bounce when chipped onto. They also look good, and also function well as an all-weather practice area.

- Pathways and cart tracks

Installation requires minimum base preparation and pathways can accommodate spiked footwear and wheeled vehicles. There is considerably reduced maintenance compared to other systems.

- Putting surfaces

A Match-Winner practice putting green means that essential professional tuition and pre-play practice can be carried on in all weathers without compromising natural grass putting greens that would otherwise suffer through heavy usage.

- Driving ranges

GDR1 - Driving range ball collection surface. This has been acclaimed as one of the best driving range surfaces available today.

- Drapes over natural contours mimicking real grass courses
- Sewn seams are the strongest and most economical available
- Colours blend naturally
- Less maintenance required than for other systems
- Lower ball loss through plugging