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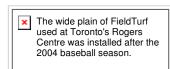
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FieldTurf Tarkett, a division of Tarkett Inc., is a Montreal-based company that installs artificial turf playing surfaces identified by the FieldTurf trademark.

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FieldTurf is an artificial turf composed of monofilament polyethylene blend fibres tufted into a polypropylene backing with a mixture of silica sand and cryogenic rubber infill. FieldTurf was patented in 1982.

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Legal disputes

FieldTurf claims Southwest Recreational Industries (SRI), the former manufacturer of AstroTurf, allegedly duplicated the FieldTurf product and attempted to sue SRI for patent

infringement. FieldTurf lost the suit for lack of evidence in 2002. [1] and in late 2003 was ordered to reimburse Southwest Recreational

Industries for approximately \$4.3 million in legal expenses. [2]



Following the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit's affirmation of SRI 5 verdict against FieldTurf, FieldTurf paid SRI Sports \$1,195,000 in September, 2002. 1 verdict arose from a jury's finding that FieldTurf was guilty of false advertising and bre conjunction with the November, 2000 trial, the United States District Court for the Wes found that FieldTurf and its CEO John Gilman acted in bad faith and engaged in cond prevent a fair trial and constituted obstruction of justice in a Federal Court proceeding

Installations

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In 1999, the Metropolitan Oval, a soccer complex in New York City, was one of the fir USA.

In 1999, Nebraska installed FieldTurf in Memorial Stadium. In 2006, Nebraska installe alternates between two shades of green every five yards.

Nevada installed FieldTurf at its Mackay Stadium in 2000. The playing surface had be seasons.

In 2000, FieldTurf was installed in the Washington's Husky Stadium, replacing the ast installed in 1968. Husky Stadium was used as the Seattle Seahawks home field from demolition of the Kingdome in March 2000. This would be the first FieldTurf used in the installed at Qwest Field (originally Seahawks Stadium) in 2002.[1] The original plans of field at the new stadium, but due to the favorable reactions from players while playing Seahawks had FieldTurf installed instead.

Washington State installed FieldTurf at its Martin Stadium in 2000. The playing surfac Omni-Turf for 10 seasons, preceded by astroturf, first installed in 1972.

The University of Oregon installed NexTurf in Autzen Stadium in 2001 but the surface expected and during remodeling in 2002 it was removed and replaced with FieldTurf.

Colorado State installed FieldTurf at its Hughes Stadium in 2006. The playing surface for 38 seasons.

Several UK teams have installed it as a training pitch, but as of October 2006, only or Academical F.C.) uses FieldTurf (installed in 2004) for their first-team matches. [citation Stadium in San José, Costa Rica became the first stadium to host a FIFA World Cup FieldTurf.

The New England Patriots installed FieldTurf midway into the 2006 NFL season.^[4] Tr during a week when the team was on the road.

As of 2007, seven of the eight Canadian Football League teams have installed either surface, as well as approximately half of National Football League venues as well as Baseball stadiums (List of FieldTurf installations).

Super Bowl XL, featuring the Seattle Seahawks and the Pittsburgh Steelers, was the Bowl has been played on FieldTurf. The Ford Field installation differs slightly from the the recycled rubber used is made from Firestone tires.^[5]

Criticism

In September 2006, several top Canadian soccer players appealed to the Canadian S install a natural grass surface at BMO Field in Toronto. [6] The Association has, howev FieldTurf despite the players' request.

In addition, following David Beckham's move to Major League Soccer in 2007, in whic ankle injury, $^{[7]}$ he voiced his opinion that the league should convert to grass for all pits out the FieldTurf brand $^{[8][9]}$ (which he later recanted $^{[10]}$), while outsiders suggested the Toronto had been a factor in his decision to instead sign with another team (he signed

During a telephone interview on David Beckham's Soccer USA (UK version), former A Red Bull New York striker Juan Pablo Angel criticized the surface, saying, "I find it rea [Giants Stadium] turf field... it takes me two or three days just to recover [after a match

New England Revolution manager Steve Nichol is quoted as saying "there is no give the best surface," [12] in regards to professional soccer matches.

Gary O'Connor, current Birmingham City and Scotland striker, has recently spoken or surface at Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow, Russia, which hosted the England-Russia Eu October 2007. After a short summer term at Lokomotiv Moscow, O'connor described surface as "a nightmare" and a "misfortune". [13] He noted the effects of the artificial st play, saying, "The ball skids off the surface, so it becomes extremely hard to read who

In 2007, a Connecticut non-profit organization Environmental and Human Health Inc. questioning the safety of recycled tire crumb rubber in artifical turf.^[14] EHHI funded a Agricultural Experiment Station, a state agency, which independently reported^[15] that conditions approximating field conditions for temperature and leaching solvent, four crubber volatilize into the vapor phase (outgas) in water in contact with the crumbs: be butylated hydroxyanisole (a carcinogen and toxicant), n-hexadecane (an irritant) and (corrosive to mucus membranes, a suspected endocrine disruptor^[16]). FieldTurf, ALI/consortium founded by tire makers Bridgestone, Continental, Dunlop Goodyear, Klébi^[17], and ADEME (the French Environment and Energy Management Agency) release concluding that there was no cause for concern to human health by inhalation of volat and aldehydes released by recycled tire crumb rubber surfaces.^[18]

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- Rather than waiting for the FieldTurf to settle naturally, as is usually done, the crews will roll the FieldTurf to pack game
- Gilman said the FieldTurf can be installed in the rain, since the spreaders used for the artificial dirt are fitted with

Giants.com (943 words)

- FieldTurf is an increasingly popular synthetic field used by the Seattle Seahawks and Detroit Lions in the NFL, Th League Baseball, as well as Nebraska, Kansas State, Washington and Washington State.
- Fassel, however, is excited because the **FieldTurf** will enable the team to leave the bubble and practice at times i unable to do the previous three years.
- In the survey, the FieldTurf at Detroit's new Ford Field ranked 11th, despite the fact that less than a third of the le opportunity to play on it.

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