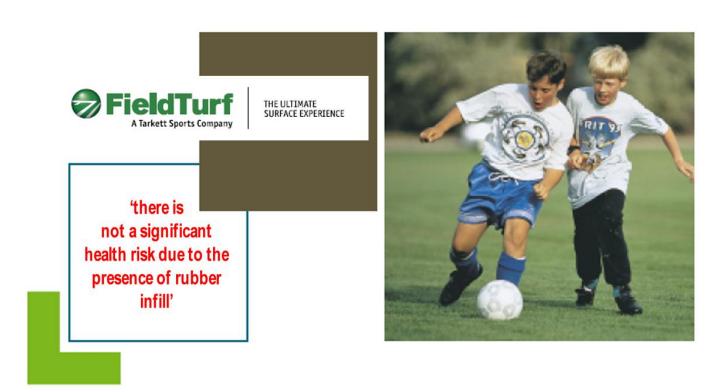




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ACS Playgrounds offers a wide range of playground safety surfacing. We work closely with the industry's top manufacturers to ensure that your playground meets CPSC and ADA standards. ACS Playgrounds can help with playground surfacing on a new projects or re-surfacing on existing playgrounds.

We offer the following:

Artificial Turf from Shaw Sportexe



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#### Families Love Family Night at the Turf!

Families in Juneau have been avoiding cabin fever this Winter by meeting with friends and getting some exercise at Family Night at the Turf. This event takes place on the 4th Friday of every month from 4:30-6pm at the Dimond Park Field House (www.dimondparkfieldhouse.org).



Birds-eye view of the Turf during the month of February

79 people attended in January and 141 people were present in February. Don't let this deter you from coming, at the Turf, we've got enough toys for everyone!



Older siblings sometimes help keep track of their younger siblings!



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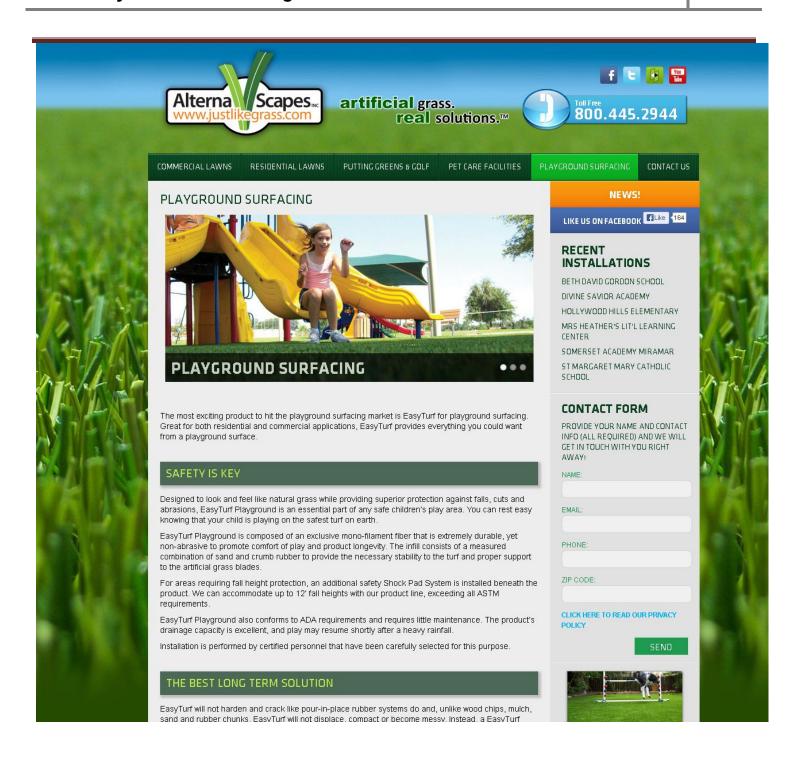
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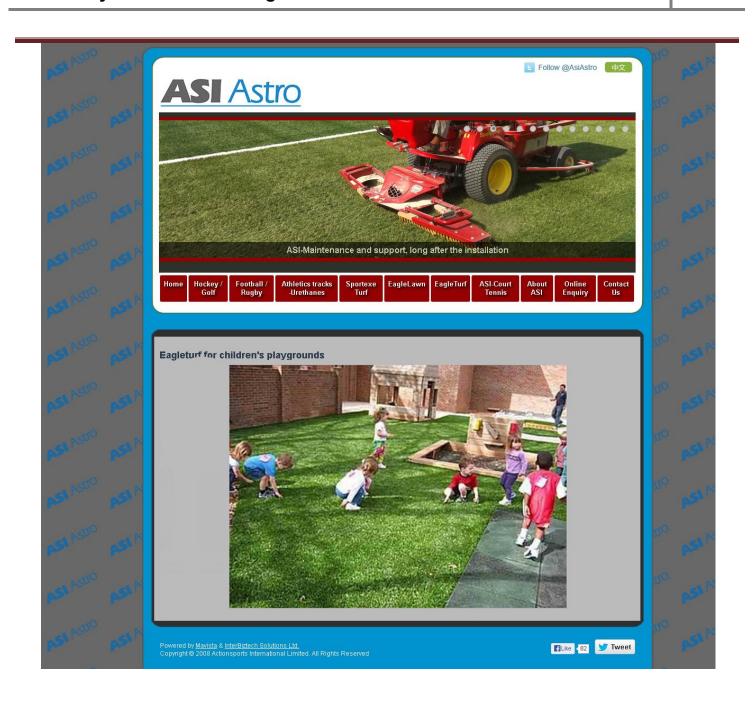
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when it comes to treating a sale, duratione attitude grass sonates no one in the industry has the experience, technical know how, and financial stability of EasyTurf, a EasyTurf company. Not only do kids love EasyTurf playground artificial grass more than any other playground including commercial rubber playground surfacing, but parents and administrators across North America are quickly adopting this innovative artificial grass playground

#### The EasyTurf Playground System is engineered for safety.

Specially engineered for maximum durability while remaining exceptionally soft and smooth to the touch, our artificial grass fibers for playground surfacing eliminate friction burns associated with other surfacing including rubber playground surfacing.

EasyTurf Playground's infill system consists of a thin base layer of clean sand, providing a solid foundation to support the fibers, and is then filled with screened, smooth (SBR) crambient rubber. This creates a surface whi provides maximum impact protection and cushioning against falls that is much softer than alternative surfacing materials

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Physical activity is an important part of any child's daily routine. Exercise can be difficult to schedule if it's wet and slippery outside. EasyTurf uses a proprietary 100% permeable artificial grass playground surface backing, MaxxFlow, for unmatched drainage capabilities. Unlike with grass, precipitation will not turn your playground surface into a mud pit. There is no need to keep kids cooped up inside, play can resume shortly after heavy rainfalls! Our exclusive MaxxFlow artificial grass backing also provides a built-in weed barrier.

FallSoft™ Technology
Studies have shown that falls to the surface including rubber playground surfacing contribute up to 80% of all playground injuries. We can't stop kids from being kids, but we can improve the safety of their playground surface area. Our FallSoft™ technology incorporates a water permeable safety pad installed beneath the product to provide additional protection against falls from play equipment. EasyTurf is able to meet the ASTM 1292 fall height requirements for up to 9 ft.(14' heights can be certified with additional ASTM testing) and meets ASTM 1951 ADA certification

While an EasyTurf Playground provides a safe surface which specifically protects against concussions and head injuries caused by falls from high playground equipment to the commercial playground surface, it is also the ideal solution for a children's play area normally covered with natural grass. EasyTurf artificial grass for playgrounds creates an attractive environment which is insect-free and provides a uniform, consistently safe commercial artificial grass playground surface which is smooth and easy on the skin.

EasyTurf artificial grass for commercial playgrounds is the only alternative which provides a safe surface with minimal headaches, while creating EasyTurf artificial grass for commercial playgrounds is the only alternative which provides a safe surface with minimal headaches, while creating a play area which looks the way it was meant to be – like a natural environment. Other surfacing options have drawbacks which are hard to ignore. Tan bark and commercial rubber playground surfacing chunks deteriorate and displace over time and require continuous maintenance such as leveling, grading, and raking to maintain appropriate depth and sifting to remove foreign matter. The commercial rubber playground surfacing often gets into the children's shoes and finds its way into your interior space. Small commercial rubber playground surfacing pieces also present a choking hazard and can get into the eyes. Shredded rubber tires alone are susceptible to many of the same drawbacks such as displacement, and the presence of foreign substances mixing into the fill. Full rubber tiles can curl up and cause tripping, not to mention having a surface characterized by higher friction, which can burn the skin on falls. With Easy further afficial grass for commercial playgrounds, surface in last almost twice as long as commertion poured-linguise grubber playground surfacing systems, which can dear the pour playground surfacing systems, which can dear the pour playground surfacing systems which crack and harden expect your surface to last almost twice as long as competing poured-in-place rubber playground surfacing systems, which crack and harden

\*We firmly believe in a safe surface which can be enjoyed by all, which is why we designed EasyTurf artificial grass for commercial playgrounds to be accessible to children of all levels of ability, and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

EasyTurf artificial grass for commercial playgrounds pays for itself!

Less time and money spent on rubber and other playground surface maintenance, watering and fertilizing means that over the life of the artificial grass reasyTurf artificial grass for commercial playgrounds will pay for itself! However, minor maintenance is necessary to ensure your product performs its best. Speak to your EasyTurf artificial grass for commercial playgrounds representative about the proper maintenance activities required.

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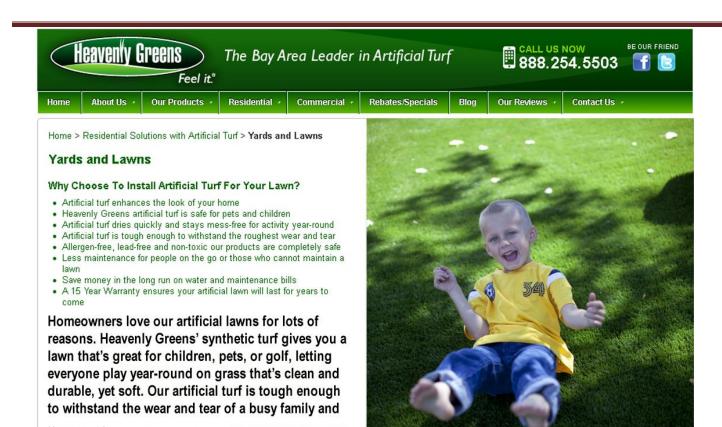
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### KOMPAN North America Selects EasyTurf for Exclusive Install Arrangement

Playground KOMPAN North America has selected EasyTurf as the exclusive artificial grass supplier for its playground design and construction projects nationwide.

VISTA, California (PRWEB) May 28, 2013

Artificial turf industry leader EasyTurf, Inc. has been selected by playground industry leader KOMPAN North America, Inc. to be the exclusive supplier of artificial grass for its nationwide playground construction projects. KOMPAN chose EasyTurf synthetic grass based on its proven performance as one of the safest, longest-lasting, most efficient draining and most realistic artificial grass products available today.

The agreement between EasyTurf, the landscape arm of Field Turf, and the playground systems and equipment company reaffirm both companies' cutting-edge leadership position in the recreation and playground landscape marketplace.

After conducting an exhaustive product line review to meet its rigorous quality and safety requirements, KOMPAN found EasyTurf to be the only company capable of meeting their high standards at every installation location. KOMPAN creates unique recreational play structures and playgrounds throughout the U.S. and worldwide.

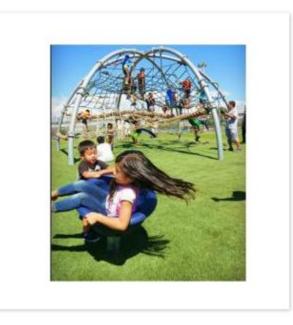
In recent years, synthetic turf has become the preferred landscape design solution for playground applications, surpassing sod and other natural landscape products. EasyTurf synthetic grass received the highest IPEMA safety certifications and KOMPAN, recognized these marketplace demand factors.

"At KOMPAN North America, we are dedicated to creating exceptional play environments that promote healthy opportunities for users of all ages and all abilities," says Jay Cooke, KOMPAN Vice President Sales, North America. "It is critical that our supplier partners offer a product that is superior in performance, while also delivering a clear and meaningful difference within their category.

"Our partners must also share complimenting principles with respect to innovation, value, service and long-term product durability; after an extensive review process and analysis, it was evident that EasyTurf was the best synthetic turf partner for KOMPAN North America."

Applications for artificial grass surfacing on playgrounds and in recreational areas continue to grow throughout North America. Artificial turf, originally known for its sports field and golf course applications,





KOMPAN and EasyTurf partnered to complete playground restoration at Ewa Beach, Hawaii

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has experienced a boost in popularity in the commercial and residential landscape sectors as well as in school, daycare and pet facilities. Costly maintenance and water rate increases have also driven the switch to artificial grass for municipal landscapes and pet facilities.



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#### Helping Special Needs Children at School with Synthetic Turf for Play Areas

by NYC PRIVATE SCHOOLS BLOG ADCONNECT on AUGUST 20, 2012



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Providing for special needs children can be a challenge for schools both inside classrooms and outside on fields and playgrounds. Synthetic turf is an innovative solution for many of the problems these kids and their schools encounter outside, helpings kids to have safe, healthy, and happy outdoor areas for play.

Autism and other conditions often affect how kids sense and react to their environment, including common materials used in playgrounds as ground cover like bark, rocks, or dirt. These children may put materials like these in their mouth even when they are older, or find the materials disturbing to the touch.

The ABA/Chrysalis Academy in Tempe. Arizona enrolls younger children up to grade four who have conditions that affect

their social, language, and behavioral skills. When NewGrass® was installed at the school, the staff found an immediate improvement in how they could use the outdoor space. While these children often put other materials in their mouths, the problem went away when NewGrass was installed.

Creating outdoor areas where kids and staff are more comfortable also means that they can use playgrounds and fields for other purposes like outdoor learning, getting out of the classroom on nice days. "Not only has it helped the children, it's given us a whole new teaching area - outdoors on a nice lawn," said Patty McCartney, director of the school. "The kids and teachers just love it. We've been doing a lot of the group activities outside. It's opened up a new space for us."

Natural grass can look great on a field when it grows well, but it doesn't always grow well. Schools can find growing grass difficult where it's too hot and dry, or too cold and wet. A field for play can end up as a dirty dusty lot, or a muddy pit. Places where it snows and freezes also find it hard to grow grass, while synthetic turf takes care of itself once it's installed.

Natural grasses also cause allergies for many students, and special needs children can suffer more from allergies than others. Changing to synthetic turf reduces allergies, and may even reduce the impact of serious health issues like asthma.

Injuries are another health concern for all kids on playgrounds, and synthetic turf may also provide for fewer injuries. While many groundcovers don't insulate falls, synthetic turf like NewGrass® can include a layer of protective coating that reduces the impact of falls.

Some of these benefits may be pronounced for special needs kids, but that doesn't mean they aren't enjoyed by all other kids too.

When NewGrass® was installed at the Armbrae Academy in Nova Scotia.





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# INDEPENDENT SAFETY STUDIES OF SYNTHETIC GRASS

Posted on August 1, 2011 by admin

The safety of artificial turf was validated on July 30, 2008 when the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) staff released the results of its study of lead in synthetic turf, and it concluded that "young children are not at risk from exposure to lead in these fields." In over 40 years there has never been an instance of human illness or environmental damage caused by synthetic turf.

Today, artificial turf is made without lead as a pigment ingredient. This change in the pigment formulations was a voluntary and responsible response by the synthetic turf industry to the CPSC's request that lead be removed from all products, if possible.



Childrens' Play Area

During the past few years, more than 75 independent studies concerning the safety of synthetic grass have been conducted by groups such as:

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New York State Department of Health, and the

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Many daycare center clients have shared that artificial turf surfaces attracted new business by giving parents the peace of mind of a safe and fun grassy outdoor play environment.

Artificial turf systems are made of an exclusive monofilament fiber that helps make the grass the most durable and safest solution available – especially compared with pour-in-place rubber or wood chips. In fact, you can expect a lifespan of the artificial grass to last at least 20-25 years, and our artificial grass systems remain as safe on day 5,000 as on Day One. It costs nothing to get a FREE ESTIMATE.

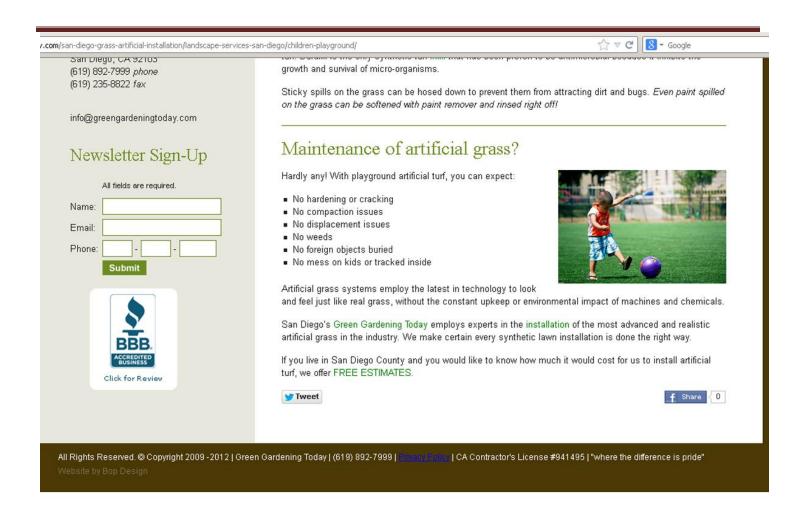
### Specific advantages of Artificial

#### Grass include:

- Faster drainage and less maintenance than real grass so you will have less "indoor time."
- · Comfortable, non-abrasive surface of grass for fewer skinned knees.
- Fall height safety up to 9 feet, exceeding all ASTM requirements it's the same on Day 5,000 as Day One.
- No splinters.
- Elimination of allergens.

You won't see any fading of the artificial grass unless you get out your miscroscope. Artificial turf has a built-in UV protection solution that helps it hold its color even under the most dramatic conditions of near constant, direct sunlight. Independent studies show that artificial turf will fade at a rate of less than 1% per year and most are covered by a warranty. This means that after even 10 years in direct sunlight, any color change of the artificial grass will still be imperceptible to the human eye.

Due to the extremely porous drainage design of our artificial grass systems, mold and mildew are never a









natural grass, so furniture won't rust or rot. Since the grass doesn't need

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### Kids' Play Area

Lawns can take a real battering in areas of the garden that children regularly play in and may often need repairing or patching. By using artificial grass instead, this garden looks fun and entiting for children yet will be robust enough to stand up to games, sports, and general wear and tear. Another great advantage is that the surface won't get muddy so children are less likely to bring dirt into the house.



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# Synthetic Turf International Playgrounds Promote the Safety and Development of Kids

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SP Turf® artificial grass, is the eco-friendly alternative to a traditional grass lawn and putting greens. Also called synthetic grass or artificial turf, this type of product has its roots in professional sports, where low maintenance and everlasting green beauty is essential. Our SP Turf® looks and feels as good as the real thing, without the costly and work-intensive upkeep. Ideal for families and pet owners, SP Turf® does not absorb animal waste or other external elements. So while your neighbors are battling to keep their lawns looking good,



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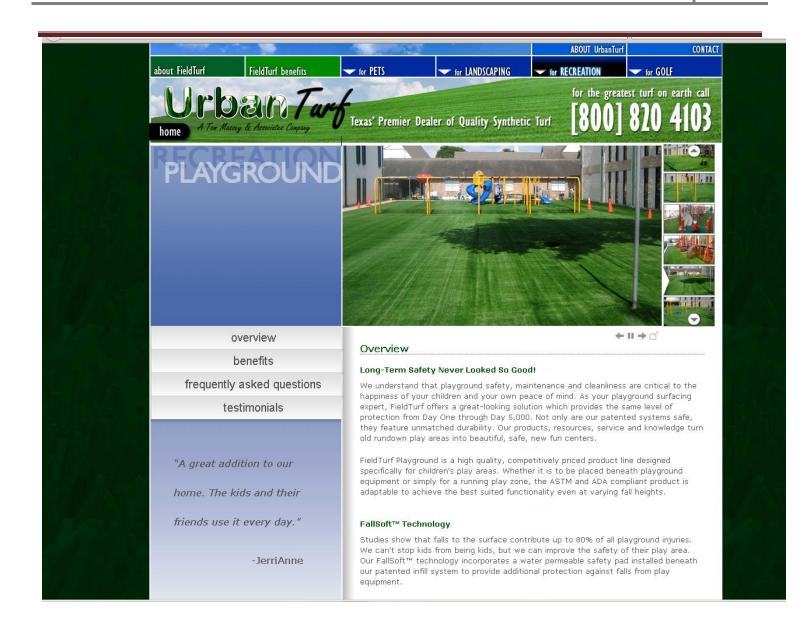
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#### Artificial Grass for Playgrounds





A true test to the Ameriturf synthetic grass system is a safety surface for playgrounds that meet & exceed the standards set forth by the NPSI, & ADA.

Today, playgrounds are designed with safety #1, yet playgrounds have excluded the natural looking element that a synthetic or astro turf type grass could provide. Unlike the astro products of the 70s, today's artificial kingly real, durable & revolutionizing the safety surface

turf products are strikingly real, durable 8 revolutioning the safety surface industry. Putting the look of nature back in your playground safety surface industry. Putting the look of nature back in your playground safety surface with Ameritur is a great advantage, while retaining all necessary safety features. Ameritur's synthetic playground grass is softer, cleaner, and most important... safe.

Undoubtedly, a tot lot or playground safety surface receives more foot traffic and redundant wear patterns than say a sports field. This constant wear and traffic takes its toll on most conventional safety surfaces such as poured rubber, wood-chips, 8 sand. Taken from years of sports surface industry know how 8 technology, elevating performance and wear-ability, producing the Amerturf Green-play safety surface.

Cost is one of the most asted questions regarding any safety surface product, and Ameriturf prides itself on being cost conscience innowing that a safety surface can make or break a playground project. Also knowing open market cost-factors for most safety surfacing, helps us engineer and drive our installed pricing "below" most synthetic safety surface products, saving you money while having a performance & appealing safety surface.

### Why an Ameriturf playground turf for your next playground safety surface?

The answer is simple... most surfaces offered just don't give you a clean, soft and long-lasting system. Relyground tiles can be hard and abrasive. Poured rubber just dosent last like it's suppose to, wood thiss and rubber much products get displaced easily and really don't meet ADA requirements. Amenturf Systems Playgreen Grass is by far and above the most durable on the artificial grass on the market & tested to withstand minimally 12-years of weer. Other companies are relying on cheap "e1-fill-mir products as the primary were system, but these dated grass fibers simply will not hold up under high wear patterns of a playground.



Synthetic Playground Grass installation in Santa Monica, California

Truth in Testing
Some playground grass companies are using FFA or
Lissport stud roller to gauge the effectiveness & Ingevity
of grass fibers. The Amerturf Systems fiber can handle to
25,000 FFA, Lisson stud-roller cycles, which equations to
12.5-years of wear without degradation of fiber. Other
companies are offering fibrillated or "Stt-film" fiber that
can withstand, at best,15,000-cycles of FFA testing with
mininal show or wear. That equaties to 8-years of wear
compared to Amerturfs 12.5-years.

Understanding the playground industry and the amount of traffic a playground grass will receive has led Ameriturf Systems to provide the highest quality materials available on the open market.

The Ameriturf fiber is over 35% stronger, yet soft and more durable than any fiber/grass-blade on the market

#### Trends

Playground grass is somewhat new to the playground safety surface market, but has been in use on sports fields for over 30-years. In recent years, slit film fiber fields are failing due to UV breakdown and wear. Synthetic Fields that were

Research: Most artificial grass products available as a safety surface are using "old" sitt film turf technologies that really don't stand-up to heavy traffic or UV degradation. Ameritant has relied on true and tried laboratory testing and the latest monorillament filters that can withstand 12-varsa of abuse while retaining load and performance.



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With over a million square feet of synthetic play surfaces installed, there's not a job we can't handle and to create a more appealing and safe play area for your facility.

A fresh look and approach at making your play-area exciting and appealing for children to play, while retaining all the safety benefits of traditional safety surfaces on the market, is what Ameriturf artificial crass is about.

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