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Doing the best for your horse!

It's all about the base, 'bout that base, no kidding.

No matter what kind of footing you choose for your arena, it will not work properly without the appropriate base. Say, for instance, your footing is uneven. The one solution would be to harrow it. And harrow it. And harrow it some more. But the only way to get that surface you want is to level that base. All the harrowing in the world will not fix uneven footing.

Now say your footing runs shallow and deep or has pockets of deep and uneven footing. The good news is that it can be laser graded. The bad news is the undulations in the base will still recur and once again you will have "deep spots".

For footing success, the base needs to DRAIN properly and be leveled properly. That is why Attwood compacts and laser levels the base to our specifications for slope before any footing is installed. Of course, base recommendations vary by footing choices, location (hilly or flat), and what part of the country your arena is being built (wet or dry).

Unsure about your existing base or planning a new arena, please give us a call at 888-461-7788. Let our years of experience be your guide. We will make sure "every inch of it is perfect from the bottom to the top".



Attwood at Carolina International!

Big news at the [Carolina International](#) and we are very pleased to be a part of such a great event.

"We have been a proud sponsor of this event since its inception. It was [Will Faudree](#) who got the ball rolling, asking us to be part of the team. Years later, the people who put on the event, who manage the horse park, they are all like family to us.

Two years ago we were asked to help redo the footing in the main competition arenas and the results have been fantastic. The park is really world-class.

Competitions like the Carolina International are the future of the sport. Watching the numbers grow every year confirms that the management team is doing something very right. And we are very pleased to be part of that success." ~ Nick Attwood



Shout-Out to Colleen Loach and Peter Barry!

Congrats to **Colleen Loach** and Peter Barry on an impressive win. Colleen and Peter both train on Attwood surfaces at their home farm in Canada and their southern farm in Aiken. Attwood is proud to partner with these dedicated equestrians. [#tobethebest](#) [#trainonthebest](#) [#whatmakesgoodfootinggood](#)



Product Profile - AmeriTrack

This complete race track system is specifically designed and formulated for horse safety and injury reduction. AmeriTrack is engineered with a free-draining base and all-weather cushion. It incorporates a vertical drainage system which eliminates movement of the cushion to the rail and results in a consistent, no bias track.

Unlike most coated surfaces, AmeriTrack is manufactured without wax. AmeriTrack remains stable in extreme temperature conditions. During high

temperatures, it will not melt or become soft, and during extreme cold, it will remain soft and pliable, rather than become hard and brittle.

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

- Dust-free and non-tacky.
- Consistent going
- Manufactured from premium raw materials
- Engineered for thoroughbred training and racetrack
- Reduced concussion with viscoelastic rebound
- Freeze-resistant and stable over a wide temperature range

Synthetic surfaces in the horse racing industry have received mixed press over the years. In 2006, motivated by evidence that synthetic surfaces resulted in a decrease in fatalities, the California Horseracing Board decreed that all racetracks in the state should switch to synthetics. Nine years later, all except one have been axed. Add to that several others throughout the United States, and the prestigious Meydan racetrack in Dubai, all being removed, tells a devastating story. All of these racetracks were installed with wax-based surfaces, and their problems have done untold damage to the reputation of synthetic surfaces. It is widely accepted that the wax coating could not cope with the temperature variations throughout a day, and throughout the year, riding hard and fast in the colder parts of the day/year, and soft and slow in the hotter parts of the day/year.

Maintenance was therefore a real headache for the racetrack managers, and inconsistent times were a problem for riders and trainers, and racegoers. Had the racetrack owners turned to Attwood back in 2006, they would have encountered our polymer-coated synthetic surface, which is proven scientifically to vary considerably less than wax surfaces. This is because the waxes used for equestrian surfaces are crystalline solids, and as such melt when they get warm (think of candle wax). This melting can occur at normal outside temperatures, turning from solid in the morning, to liquid in the afternoon sun. This change has a devastating effect on the properties of the footing, hence on the 'going' of a racetrack. Attwood's Ameritrack polymer coating is not crystalline and does not melt in this way, so footing properties are maintained constant throughout the day, and throughout the seasons.

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meticulously engineered surfaces that benefit
both the horse and the rider.*



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