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## Synthetic Wax based Racetracks - Good or bad?



The jury is out on Synthetic Wax based Racetracks. At one time, not in the distant past, they were touted as the next big thing in horse racing, and had potential to revolutionize the sport. They had numerous potential advantages over riding on dirt or grass, and many race clubs around the World were scrambling to upgrade their footing.

However, a few years on, the performance of this wax-based footing has not turned out as well as expected. Wax has numerous problems when used outdoors, particularly in regions that experience large climatic fluctuations. Some clubs in the Middle East, particularly the Meydan Race Course had to completely remove their footing soon after they were introduced, resulting in serious costs, and damage to reputation.

At Attwood, we have carried out intensive research on what goes into making the perfect footing, and why wax is a bad idea. Our all-weather footings, be they for arenas or racetracks, are polymer based, and because we use only the best virgin polymers, specially crafted for our surfaces, we are absolutely confident of their properties, and how they perform in actual riding conditions.

We call our Racetrack system Ameritrack, and this is a product we believe could be the next big thing in racing. Read on to find out more about Ameritrack.

## 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. The characteristics of the surface are minimal kick-back, low concussion and optimal viscoelastic rebound. With Ameritrack, watering for dust control, leveling and re-establishing the grade of the slope are not required.

Unlike many coated surfaces, Ameritrack does not contain 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.

### Characteristics of Ameritrack

- 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

To request a quote, or just to find out more please write in to us at [info@equestriansurfaces.com](mailto:info@equestriansurfaces.com), [info@attwood.in](mailto:info@attwood.in) and [enquiries@aesurfaces.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@aesurfaces.co.uk).

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## Why Attwood arenas are preferred venues for the USEF High Performance events

As reported in last month's newsletter, 5 out of the 11 USEF High Performance events were held on Attwood Surfaces. Gavilan and Stableview were chosen to host multiple events, and everyone loved what they saw.

Will Faudree, U.S. national eventing team member has recently taken delivery of an Attwood Ameritrack nine furlong gallop at his Gavilan Farm facility in North Carolina. Will is delighted with the new gallop and takes a few minutes out from an elite training session at Stable View in South Carolina last month to explain how his facility will for the first time stage elite training sessions this year. Check out a [video of the interview](#) on our [Youtube channel](#).



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**Attwood Equestrian Surfaces at the Carolina CIC 3\*, co-sponsored by Attwood**



Phillip Dutton said he didn't think John and Kristie Norton's I'm Sew Ready has ever galloped as quickly as he did today across Hugh Lochore's CIC3\* cross country course at the Cloud 11-Gavilan North LLC Carolina International in Raeford, North Carolina.

After the horse missed his first run of the year at Pine Top due to a cough, Phillip decided to open him up today, and aside from a hairy moment when "Jackson" scrambled over the wedge leaving the SPEA War Horse Complex at fence 16c, the horse looked very much ready to rise to the occasion. And he did just that, taking home the big win in the **\$35,000 Attwood Equestrian Surfaces CIC3\*** on a score of 43.1 after jumping double clear.

Boyd Martin is also looking ahead to the next big event after another solid showing with Steve Blauner's Master Frisky. The 11-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding, who finished second in the Dutta Corp Fair Hill International CCI3\* last year, jumped one of the 14 double clear rounds today to finish in second place on his score of 45.6.

Will Faudree had a fairytale trip with Jennifer Mosing's Andromaque, jumping double clear to finish in third place on 47.2. The mare returned to FEI competition for the first time since The Fork last year, and Will said at this point in their longtime partnership, he doesn't take a single thing for granted when it comes to this 14-year-old Irish Thoroughbred mare.

Michael Pollard and Carl Bouckaert's Cyrano jumped clear with 2 time penalties to finish fourth on 50.8, with Boyd Martin and Crackerjack going clear with 2.8 time penalties to round out the top five on 53. "Cracker," a 12-year-old Thoroughbred gelding owned by Lucy Boynton, is also aiming for his first CCI4\* at Rolex alongside stablemate Mikey.

For some videos shot by our team at the event, please do visit our [YouTube page](#).

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