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## Attwood Equestrian Surfaces, Inc

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### ArenaMat by Attwood

ArenaMat equestrian mat system is designed to deliver the latest in arena surface technology. This economical system provides many advantages over traditional arena base design. Because of the stability provided by the mats, less sub-base material is required, whilst a thinner layer of top footing material is also facilitated, especially if you choose one of Attwood's top quality, supportive footing products. Finally a membrane between base and footing is not required.

In cases where you want a temporary facility, ArenaMat can even be placed directly onto reasonably level ground such as turf. All of this helps to reduce cost.

Featuring advanced design, drain channels allow excess water to easily move to the sub-base layer, whilst 'cups' hold water to release it back to the footing layer, significantly reducing watering.

The grid system helps to hold footing in place, improving grip. The slightly elastic nature of the mat also provides extra cushioning, protecting limbs from injury.

ArenaMat base mat system is specially designed for arena construction.



**Benefits include:**

- Cost effective
- Less sub-base material & thinner footing layer
- Will not clog like membrane layer
- Improves drainage
- Significantly reduces watering
- Improved shock absorption/concussion
- Improved grip
- Simple installation
- U.V., rot resistant, and environmentally friendly material
- Allows easy de-installation of footing
- Can be used without a drainage base for temporary facilities

*Tested by the highest level of experts of equestrian sport, ArenaMat has consistently proven it's efficiency. Not just safety and comfort, horses need the perfect spring to perform their best. And that's exactly why ArenaMat is undoubtedly the best choice!*

**Technical Data :****Outdoor ArenaMat**

This mat is for outdoor riding arenas, paddocks, hotwalkers and is made from 100% elastic PVC material.

- **Length:** 3.94 feet
- **Width:** 2.72 feet
- **Height:** 1.58"
- **Weight:** 44 pounds
- **Drainage:** 190 holes/mat
- **Coverage:** 10.72 sq ft = 1.19 sq yards
- **Water storage capacity:** 0.1 gal/ft<sup>2</sup> (4L/m<sup>2</sup>)

**Interlocking Arena Base Mat System**

Ideal for building short-term show arenas on grass, indoor arenas and Western Pleasure arena construction.

- **Length:** 3.28 feet
- **Width:** 2.78 feet
- **Height:** 1.58"
- **Weight:** 36-40 lbs
- **Drainage:** 168 holes/mat
- **Coverage:** 9.12 sq ft = 1.00 sq yd

**About Attwood Equestrian Surfaces:**

Since 1992 Attwood Equestrian Surfaces has been at the forefront of footing development. We are the original manufacturer of dust-free footing (polymer coated sand) in the USA. Our premier equestrian surfaces are engineered from meticulously selected sand, blended with micro poly-fibers and coated with a viscoelastic polymer. Our years of experience in working with textiles and sand have provided us with the knowledge to produce consistent high performance equestrian surfaces. We formulate for all equestrian disciplines who train in a wide range of climates. It's this experience and our continuous innovation that keeps us at the forefront of equestrian footing development. We understand the need for carefully engineered surfaces that benefit the horse and rider. Our dust-free equestrian surface product offerings are Ameritrack, Pinnacle, and Terra Nova. Our sand-blend water dependent equestrian surface product offerings are comprised of Euro Tex and GGT Footing™ textiles.

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## Endorsement from the best

### *George Morris, chef d'equipe for the United States Equestrian Federation how Jumping Team*

George H. Morris is an American trainer and judge of horses and riders in the hunter and jumper disciplines. He is considered a "founding father" of Hunt Seat Equitation. He also is the current chef d'equipe for the United States Equestrian Federation, USEF, show jumping team.

George Morris is the current chef d'equipe for the United States Equestrian Federation show jumping team. Every Year George teaches clinics in Attwood installed arenas and has praised the consistency of our footing products. George Morris had not endorsed any products in over 20 years. He has become huge supporter of Attwood surfaces and freely endorses our footing and is happy to speak about it. Below is one of several magazine advertisements with George Morris endorsements and no compensation was provided to him by Attwood Equestrian Surfaces.



*"The footing at Windurra was superb. It had great cushion for landing and a great grip for good turns. I'd highly recommend Attwood."*

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## Watch David O'Connor share his thoughts on our World Class Footing



*"I think its the best thing that's out in the market right now..... The great thing about Nick and his company is that they really do want to be the best"*

It's very humbling to have one of the best equestrians in the business tell us how much he believes in our work. Thank you, David

Head over to our [YouTube channel](#) to watch the entire video. We have a few more exciting videos coming up, so keep watching this space

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That's how it should be  
*FEI reveals all RIO 2016 Paralympic doping samples returned negative*



The International Equestrian Federation (FEI) has announced that all human and equine doping samples taken during the Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro have returned negative.

That means there has now been back-to-back clean Paralympic Games for Para-equestrian sport, with the Rio 2016 results following the same outcome at London 2012.

This follows the recent announcement by the FEI of a clean Olympic Games in both 2012 and 2016.

A total of 38 equine samples were taken during the Paralympics and sent for testing at the FEI Central Laboratory in English town Newmarket, one of the five FEI approved laboratories worldwide.

*"We are very proud of our efforts on clean sport at the FEI, working closely with our National Federations and all our athletes," said FEI President Ingmar De Vos.*

Read more on this story [here](#).

## Footing Facts

### Equestrian Arenas around the World Part 3: British Isles

In the first part of this series, we first travelled to California in the United States, where we found that drought conditions impact heavily on arena footing and maintenance. Attwood's polymer-coated surfaces offer a unique solution in such circumstances.

We then explored India with its more diverse climate, and proud tradition of equestrian sport. Whilst India has enjoyed considerable competitive success, the general quality of riding arenas is poor, reflecting the lack of local expertise. Attwood has a physical presence in India and is beginning to bring to bear our expertise.

In this third part we consider some aspects of equestrian sport in the British Isles, particularly with regard to arena and footing design.



Equestrian pursuit is massive, with reportedly nearly 1 million horses and 1.5 million riders, GB is one of the most intensive equestrian countries per capita. Likewise there is a very strong heritage of arena builders and footing manufacturers in Great Britain, with some of the world's biggest companies stationed there. Interestingly there is a very large number of smaller companies offering footing supply and arena building services. Because of this, there is severe competition, which can drive down prices, but also quality! Luckily there is a number of good quality silica sand deposits scattered around the country, including Ireland, but often, a local supplier will use local low grade building sand because it is cheaper to transport and is cheaper to buy in the first place. Surface performance can be acceptable when the footing is new, but quickly deteriorates as the poor quality sand degrades.

Additives for the sand are also in ready supply, particularly through the recycled materials route. Here again, not all recycled materials are suitable surface additives, and often footing suppliers will use the cheapest filler they can obtain, with no thought to its performance (nor safety profile!) once in the footing. For instance many use shredded recycled tyres, whose composition can be questionable, and often will contain carcinogenic oils.



In terms of climate, Great Britain experiences a good deal of rain. Sand with good draining capability is therefore important. Likewise a free-draining base is vital. In Great Britain we find that base construction is usually different to that in the U.S.A., builders preferring to use crushed rock with a geotextile membrane placed between the rock and footing. In the U.S. a compacted stone dust base is often used, without the need for a separating membrane. The crushed rock method allows more efficient drainage, but this can be at the expense of too much drainage, with the result that the footing can dry out more quickly in warm weather.

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