



## 1. General

- 1.1. **Scope:** These are the manufacturer's specifications for the Play Flecks® surfacing system for playgrounds.
- 1.2. **Description:** Play Flecks® is a porous thermoplastic rubber seamless safety surface system designed to be used as the impact attenuating surface for play areas over: crushed stone aggregate, concrete, wood, asphalt, stone, metal, and fiberglass. It will bond to most surfaces and will resist surface movements. It has been designed to be totally light stable and durable
- 1.3. **Work:** Provide all necessary materials, labor, tools, and equipment to perform the work included in the section for the installation of the poured-in-place resurface.
- 1.4. The installation of the new surface shall be completed by Play Flecks® Approved Contractors or by the Play Flecks® Installation Division. Manufacturer's detailed installation procedures shall be submitted to the Architect and made part of the Bid Specifications.
- 1.5. Temperature must remain above 50°F throughout installation and curing processes. Weather and surface must be dry and there should be no rain in the immediate forecast.
- 1.6. Site must be secured against vandalism during installation and curing processes.

## 2. Submittals

- 2.1. Manufacturer's Product Literature and Specification Data.
- 2.2. Submit manufacturer's written instructions for recommended maintenance practices.
- 2.3. Color samples for customer verification.
- 2.4. Test results from a Weatherometer exposure test from an independent lab shall be submitted by the installer to the requiring agency prior to installation of the surface. The surfacing system (granules and binder) shall be tested for a minimum of 4,000 hours and show no less than 15% tensile strength (PSI) degradation.
- 2.5. Written manufacturer's warranty for playgrounds.
- 2.6. Product liability insurance certificate with project owner as certificate holder.
- 2.7. MSDS and Product data sheets for items in Section 3 "Products".



2.8. ASTM 1292: If critical fall height is required, attenuation test results shall be submitted by the installer to the requiring agency upon request. The results shall be submitted on the letterhead of the independent testing lab. Impact attenuation results will need to comply with ASTM F1292 *Standard Specification for Impact Attenuation of Surface Systems Under and Around Playground Equipment* for the critical fall height of the equipment

### 3. Products

3.1. **Product:** Play Flecks® surfacing system for Playgrounds.

3.2. Materials:

3.2.1 **Top Layer:** Flecks® Single Component Polyurethane Primer, Flecks® Thermoplastic Rubber Granular, Flecks® Two Component Aliphatic Polyurethane Binder.

The colors shall be as selected from the drawings, submitted as samples, and mixed on site to the ratios in the samples. Black material, if included, must be a Thermoplastic Rubber Granular and not a rubber such as EPDM or “EPR” (marketed as TPV).

3.2.2 **Impact layer:** EnviroFluff® Recycled Foam, EnviroFluff® Aromatic Binder.

The impact layer is to be made of recycled rubber foam that can be mixed and applied on site and not to be pre-made foam mats. Each of the systems layers shall be a poured in place surface.

3.3. **Equal Materials:** The Flecks® Granules are a thermoplastic rubber granular. The system is 100% color. The Flecks® binder is a 100% solids aliphatic polyurethane. Any equal product must be Thermoplastic rubber based, not rubber based such as EPDM or “EPR” (marketed as TPV), must include an aliphatic binder and must be 100% color. The cushioned layer is comprised of EnviroFluff®, a 100% recycled foam rubber mixed on site with EnviroFluff® Aromatic Binder. Any black rubber recycled material is not considered equal.

3.4. **Finish Texture:** Granular grain.

3.5. Color: Selected from Manufacturer’s Color Chart by owner prior to bid.

### 4. Surface Preparation



## Manufacturer's Specifications

- 4.1. **Stone Base:** Installation of a sound stone base is critical to the longevity of Play Flecks® Safety Surface. A minimum of 4 inches of ¾" crushed stone capped with 2" of stone dust is required to create a sub base suitable to install Play Flecks® on top of.
- **Slope:** The base shall have a maximum slope of 2% and shall vary no more than 1/8" in any direction with a 10' straight edge.
  - **Drainage:** Depending on the soil on site, additional drainage may be needed to ensure the subbase does not wash out.
  - **Ground Level:** Borders are recommended. When excavating, preparing for the crushed stone sub base, factor in the thickness of the system to be applied and dig down so that the top of the stone base is below grade at the depth of the system being installed. This will create a surface level with the surrounding landscape. This will prevent tripping hazards and create a safer environment.
  - **Permeable Geotextile Fabric Liner (When necessary):** In certain cases when the sub-soil is unstable the installation of a geotextile fabric between the sub-soil and subbase may be required; especially in areas where there is freeze thaw, moist silty subgrade soils and in areas where the soil remains saturated for part of the year. Overlap joints by a minimum of 12 inches (300mm). The fabric should be free of wrinkles on all sides.
- 4.2. **New or Existing Concrete:** New concrete must be at least 28 days old, and can be prepared simply by acid etching. *Add acid slowly to water* in clean polyethylene buckets at a ratio of three (3) parts water to one (1) part acid. Care should be taken to prevent splashing on workers. Protective clothes such as, safety glasses, rubber gloves, boots, etc. should be used. The acid solution should be used on the floor at a rate of 200 square feet per 5 gallons of acid solution. Make sure to first dampen the concrete before applying the solution. Using a stiff broom, scrub acid solution into the surface where the solution was poured and continue the process to other areas. Never let the floor dry with acid on it. After 5 minutes, rinse the floor with large amounts of clean water to remove all the acid solutions, and then allow the floor to dry. Old concrete that is contaminated with grease or oil can be cleaned with a power-washer. Use a degreasing agent before power-washing. For concrete where a power-washer cannot be used, a diamond grinder can be used to lightly grind the surface to remove contamination.
- 4.3. **Metal Preparation:** All metal surfaces must be rigid and structurally sound. Contamination such as grease, oil, dirt, etc. must be removed prior to coating. Rust or scale should be removed through mechanical means such as sanding or sand- blasting. The surface should be abraded until bright metal is showing. If the surface is to be left for an extended period of time, it should be treated with a 10% phosphoric acid solution to prevent new rust formation.



- 4.4. **Wood Preparation:** Play Flecks® should not be applied over plank or strip flooring. Sheets of one-half-inch or thicker plywood may be used to cover this type of floor. Exterior grade “C” plugged, with extended glue line should be used. The plywood sheets should be staggered for strength. Allow 24 hours for wood to dry thoroughly. Wood must be primed twice before applying EnviroFluff® or Flecks® Systems Granules.
- 4.5. **Stone or Tile Preparation:** Any unstable or loose tile must be removed. Contamination should be removed with a power-washer or mechanically abraded. Any glazing on tile must be abraded off with a grinder or shot blaster.
- 4.6. **Fiberglass Preparation:** Power-wash any contaminants off the surface. Allow 24 hours for the surface to dry. Glaze coating must be abraded/sanded. Solvent wipe the fiberglass surface before coating with primer.
- 4.7. **Asphalt Preparation:** New asphalt must be 15 days old. Broom scrub using a degreaser to remove any surface oils. Power wash any contaminants off the surface. Allow 24 hours for the surface to dry. **PLAY FLECKS® CAN NOT BE INSTALLED OVER ASPHALT CURED FOR LESS THAN 15 DAYS.**

## 5. Installation

- 5.1. **Forming:** Following the shape of the area to be surfaced, form out the area with 1 x 4-inch wood strips or for radius/curved concrete use plywood cut into 4 inch strips. Stabilize the wood with spikes or stakes and thoroughly wax the wood surfaces with carnauba wax.
- 5.2. **Thickness:** The total depth of the surface shall be installed in strict accordance and conformity to the Manufacturer’s drawings and these specification requirements. Surface thickness will vary in the impact layer. The thickness of the impact layer will be installed according to the fall height(s) of the play equipment called for. The installer must contact the equipment manufacturer to determine the exact fall height requirements. These requirements must be verified in the field prior to starting the installation of the impact layer.
- 5.3. **Impact Cushion Layer:** The impact layer is to be EnviroFluff®, a recycled foam rubber. EnviroFluff® will be mixed on site with EnviroFluff® Aromatic Binder.

The manufacturer’s minimum depth or greater shall be installed as required by the fall height(s) required by the playground apparatus/equipment that exists or is to be installed and to meet the test results of the finished surface as expressly required within this specification. If no fall height protection is required, a minimum depth of 1 1/8 inch of EnviroFluff® will be applied as the cushion layer.

- **EnviroFluff® Cushioned Layer:**



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- Over concrete, adhere EnviroFluff® to the sub-base by applying a coat of Flecks® Primer over the entire surface. Be careful not to prime too far if it is hot and humid otherwise primer will cure up before EnviroFluff® is poured.
- For compacted stone sub-base, apply a layer of a geotextile material over the entire surface. For surrounding curbing, prime the vertical surface of the curb using the Flecks® Primer. Mix (22) lbs. of EnviroFluff® with (3) quarts of EnviroFluff® aromatic binder so that EnviroFluff® particles are covered evenly. Spread the mix and trowel to the appropriate depth immediately after the application of the primer. (See Play Flecks® cushion over concrete with curb drawing detail) Let cure for 24 hours

5.4. **Top Layer:** The overall thickness of an average of 3/8-inch-thick shall be comprised of Play Flecks® material with a two-component aliphatic binder supplied by the manufacturer.

**Priming:** Roll or brush Flecks® Primer on the surface being sure to liberally cover the entire area. Use an amount of primer that will be used in less than 30 minutes. If it is warmer, the primer will cure faster and less material should be mixed. **Be careful not to prime too far if it is hot and humid otherwise primer will cure up and can cause the layers to separate from not being bonded properly with the primer.**

**Play Flecks® Mixing and Finishing:** Mix (1) bag, of Play Flecks® granular in a mortar mixer. Pre-mix 1 gallon of Play Flecks® aliphatic, two-component (1 Part A to 1 Part B) polyurethane Binder in an appropriate plastic container with a paddle mixer. Add the premixed (1) gallon of binder to the granules in the mortar mixer. Mix thoroughly so that each granule is covered evenly. Dump the mix onto the primed area and spread it at an average thickness of 0.5 (1/2") inch, and troweling it to an average finish of 3/8" thickness keeping the surface as level as possible. Flecks® Systems "Trowel E-Z" must be used when applying. Hand troweling, power troweling, or a roller applied finish using Flecks® Systems "Trowel E-Z" will allow easier manipulation of the trowel/roller. Let the surface set for 72 hours or until dry to the touch before using.

5.5. **Large Areas/Patterns & Designs:** All areas more than 2000 square feet or areas that require adjacent color pours due to designs shall have this work done in strict accordance with the manufacturer's installation requirements with adjacent poured cap layer surfaces being flush throughout. Large areas or adjacent color patterns can require the poured layer cap to be installed on different days. Using Flecks® Systems polyvoid 3/8" forms layout your' designs, patterns or borders. Use spray glue to hold the forms down. The installer shall employ proper techniques to ensure that no gaps or separation will occur during the warranty period.



## 6. Cleaning

- 6.1. The contractor should clean the jobsite of excess materials and if necessary backfill any excavation around the perimeter with earth or other appropriate material.
- 6.2. The contractor shall instruct the owner's personnel on proper maintenance and repair of the Play Flecks® surface.

## 7. Special Considerations

- 7.1. **Coated Concrete:** For a coated concrete surface, diamond grind or power-scarify as required to obtain optimum bond of the Play Flecks® material to the concrete. Remove sufficient coated material to provide a sound surface, free of glaze, efflorescence, or from release agents. Remove grease, oil, and other penetrating contaminants. Remove and/or replace any loose or unstable concrete. Concrete will have a pitch of 0.25 inches per foot and should not have low areas that will hold water under the system.
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- 7.3. **Existing Caulk-filled Edges:** Prepare edges of existing pad to meet surrounding concrete. Remove all silicone or caulking where the pad and the surrounding concrete meet. Cut a groove into the surrounding concrete 1/2-inch deep by 1/2-inch wide located 1" beyond the current layout where the concrete pad meets the surrounding concrete.