



The Winners' Surface

Performance, safety, durability



High performance, low maintenance
surfaces for Racehorses



A passion for horses



Martin Collins knows the business well. He has more than 30 years experience in synthetic surface manufacturing and installation. Renowned as the innovator within the industry, Martin has set the standard and specification for groundworks of racing surfaces, training tracks and arenas gaining Jockey Club approval along the way.

Martin's experience is based on equestrian knowledge gained from competing up to Grade A level show jumpers as well as working for companies such as Berni Inns and Windsor Safari Park completing underpinning and technical building. Martin believes that horses will perform better on a synthetic surface that mimicks the attributes of good turf.

After more than seven years of experimentation the Pacemaker riding surface was developed; yet never one to rest on his laurels, he continued to research how recycled products could be used to improve synthetic-based riding surfaces. Eventually, he formulated the cost-effective, sophisticated and successful Polytrack surface. Some of Europe's most prestigious racing and training facilities use Martin Collins' surfaces including Lingfield Park Racecourse, Wolverhampton Racecourse, Jockey Club Estates in Newmarket (8 training tracks), Ballydoyle, Manton House Stables, Kingwood House Stables and Kingsdown Gallops.

Ecotrack launched in 2003 is a result of Martin Collins' continual research and development regarding all-weather surfaces. With continued determination, in 2004, he oversaw the implementation of an on-site manufacturing facility at Keeneland, the site of the first North American Polytrack surface.

Martin remains fully committed to the future of synthetic surfaces. His aim is to continue to manufacture the best synthetic surfaces in the world which allow the horse to work to the best of its ability with the least risk of injury.



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“Polytrack has been a revolution. The quality of racing has improved... Jockeys ride it like a turf course.”

Ian Renton, Racing Director, Arena Leisure Plc

What the papers said...

In The Racing Post

- **Phillip Mitchell (Epsom Trainer):** “It’s a fantastic surface. Its kind to horses and the kickback is minimal”
- **Paul Hensey (The Curragh’s General Manager):** “It’s the surface of the future”
- **Clive Brittain (Owner):** “The surface and better prize money will attract better horses and the top jockeys. It’s the way forward”
- **Martin Dwyer (Jockey):** “It’s a perfect riding surface, with lots of bounce. It’s like a carpet”



Wolverhampton Racecourse



The Curragh, Co. Kildare



Nigel Twiston Davies, Cheltenham



The Gallop Master



Long Hill Gallop, Newmarket

Around the Stables...

- **Mark Rimell, Witney:** "I'm absolutely delighted, I put in an Ecotrack gallop of six furlongs which I think is superb, having ridden on gallops around the world. I haven't experienced any of the problems associated with other surfaces. I invested in the MCE surface and I've already had my first winner – I couldn't be happier"
- **Philip Hobbs, Somerset:** "It's a fantastic surface,"
"Horses who don't stretch out on the woodchip seem to come alive on it. What's more we have got our portable fences we can wheel on to it and Richard Johnson says that jumping on it is every bit as good as on grass."
- **Sir Peter O'Sullivan, Broadcaster:** "A vital ingredient in the racing scene is happy horses' free from the risk or fear from injury. The Polytrack surface is a horses' heaven, like galloping on a cashmere carpet of dreams."

- **Jeremy Nosedá, Newmarket** "The Polytrack gallops that we use in Newmarket are fantastic surfaces to work on. I know a Polytrack gallop has already been installed in Keeneland, USA and is being well-received. The horses enjoy working on it, they stay sound and I firmly believe that is the best artificial surface in the world."
- **Tony Goodhew – Director of Racecourse Standards and Licensing** "The first generation surfaces have done us well for ten years, but we first started looking at Polytrack about eight years ago, when we came to the conclusion that the next generation would be a considerable step forward... But we took time with Polytrack, working with the manufacturer Martin Collins. It meant the surface had a thorough testing, unlike with Fibresand and Equitrack...It [Polytrack] appears to be a kinder artificial surface and more akin to turf, which seems to explain why horses can come from off the pace...There is little kickback, and it requires far less maintenance than the other surfaces. It really does seem to be the way forward."



Rubbing House Gallop, Newmarket



Monday morning on Warren Hill, Newmarket



Middleham Gallop, North Yorkshire



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A proven track record

The UK's jockeys, trainers, professional bodies and horseracing executives agree that **Martin Collins surfaces deliver the best for horse and rider.**

Following the opening of New Generation Polytrack at Wolverhampton...

- **Nicky Carlisle, Inspector of Courses for the Jockey Club:**
"The changes here can do nothing but improve the quality of racing"
- **Ian Renton, Arena Leisure's Racing Director:**
"We're absolutely delighted. I'm convinced putting down Polytrack at Wolverhampton will transform the quality of racing"
- **Keiren Fallon, Jockey**
"It is slightly different in its composition (to Lingfield) and any type of horse should be able to act on it. I'm very impressed (with it) and it can only get better"
- **Mark Brisbourne, Trainer**
"The kick-back is like snow and horses are not coughing after races like they did on the sand"
- **Shane Kelly, Jockey**
"Anyone who has any complaints about this surface shouldn't be in racing"

Polytrack/New Generation Polytrack

Taking over five years to develop, the high tech Polytrack surface overcame concerns relating to slippery surfaces. Created using a highly sophisticated manufacturing process, with every particle coated with wax, they have a root structure that keeps horses working 'on top'. The Polytrack system includes a level horizontal drainage system, which differs from the cambered vertical systems which can cause huge variance in going, and results in consistency and gives the horse the confidence to perform to its best.

Ecotrack

Launched in 2003, Ecotrack is a result of Martin Collins' continual research and development regarding all-weather surfaces. It is the combination of our CLOPF™ fibre, soft rubbers and a high grade industrial silica sand, which are carefully weighed and blended with a wax coating. This creates a durable and versatile surface for many applications and has been successfully installed for the racing fraternity on exercise tracks, gallops, trotting rings and lunge pens.

CLOPF™

CLOPF™ is a recent addition to the Martin Collins range. It is a polypropylene fibre which can be added to existing surfaces to create a root structure, giving the surface more stability and the horse more energy return as a result. The fibre has been sold extensively and has been extremely successful.

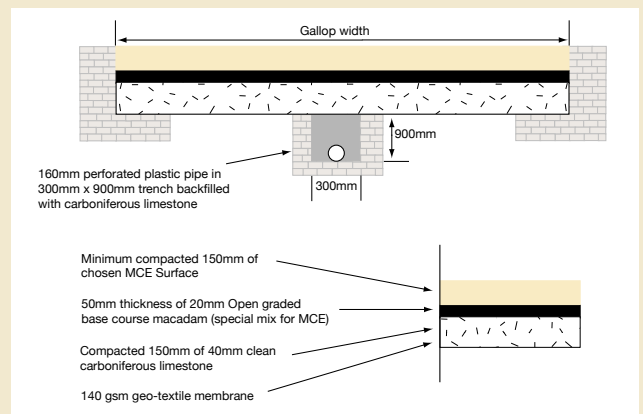


Polytrack Jumping Training Facility,
Phillip Hobbs, Somerset, UK

The best surfaces for horse and rider

MCE's end-to-end service - which includes surfaces, groundwork and installation - sets the standard for gallops, arenas and racetracks, combining drainage, membrane, clean stone layer and porous tarmac.

The objective is to enable horse and rider to work to the best of their abilities with the least risk of injury. Whatever your requirements may be, MCE has a solution.



Surface Profile

Henrietta Knight, Lambourn, Berkshire, UK

"We are delighted with our new Ecotrack Gallop. It is an even surface that appears to withstand all types of weather. The horses and the jockeys love it."

Mark Brisbourne, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, UK

"I can stick to my training regime completely, rather than be governed by the weather. The track is consistent. We have seen a significant increase in the number of winners in the last 12 months."

Paul Cole – Whatcombe Racing Stables, Oxon, UK

"I wouldn't choose anything but a Martin Collins surface; they're safe, consistent and most importantly give the horses the confidence to perform. The surface needs very little maintenance and can be used what ever the weather, I couldn't ask for any more."



Henrietta Knight, Oxfordshire, UK



The Factory, Lambourn, UK


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