



Control the game

“Effective maintenance ensures years of enjoyable play”

There is no two ways about it, properly and regularly maintained artificial turf will last longer. Moreover, an efficient maintenance programme ensures that the play characteristics across the entire pitch remain uniform.

Daily maintenance is the responsibility of the club or the local authority. Regular brushing and removal of dirt and leaves are all simple measures from which the game and the pitch will benefit in the long term.

Desso Sports Systems recommends having your pitch professionally maintained twice a year. Such a maintenance session will be more thorough than daily maintenance: the top layer is cleaned more deeply and the turf is repaired wherever necessary.

For water-based and semi-water-based turf, a distinctive maintenance regime applies. These pitches are designed to 'hold' water and to be irrigated. As a consequence, the turf can be prone to contamination by algae, making it slippery and hindering uniform drainage.

Desso Sports Systems has developed a special maintenance programme for this, combining preventive, regular and specialist maintenance with inspection and advice.



Desso's maintenance concept is based on

- our own technical service department
- customer feedback since 1982
- a scientific research project: 3F – Fit For the Future, with the objective of developing the best artificial turf system for hockey
- a pitch monitoring system to check the quality and play characteristics of the pitches

The aim of comprehensive maintenance

- to maintain the quality of the pitch for its entire lifetime
- to maintain optimum play characteristics in the long term
- to guarantee comfort and safety of players

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The Desso maintenance concept in 3 steps

1. Maintenance know-how

- maintenance manual with step-by-step explanations, a calendar and a log
- tailor-made advice for the grounds keeper
- our own technical advice department

2. Standard maintenance

- performed by the club's grounds keeper
- keep entrance and mats clean, check general pitch condition
- brush pitch, remove any leaves and dirt
- pay particular attention to algae-control for water-based and semi-water-based pitches during the autumn and winter seasons

3. Specialised maintenance

- using specialist maintenance equipment, performed by Desso-approved maintenance experts
- frequency depends on type of pitch, intensity of use and your own maintenance activities
- tailor-made maintenance programme, based on
 - ✓ thorough cleaning using specialist equipment
 - ✓ inspecting the pitch lines and seams
 - ✓ checking the condition of the club's maintenance equipment
 - ✓ minor repairs
- test & report concerning the general condition of the pitch and the materials

Additional service

- maintenance training courses for the grounds keeper
- repairs
- test & report concerning technical play performance
- advice on & supply of maintenance materials



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