



BASEBALL & SOFTBALL HIGH WEAR AREAS

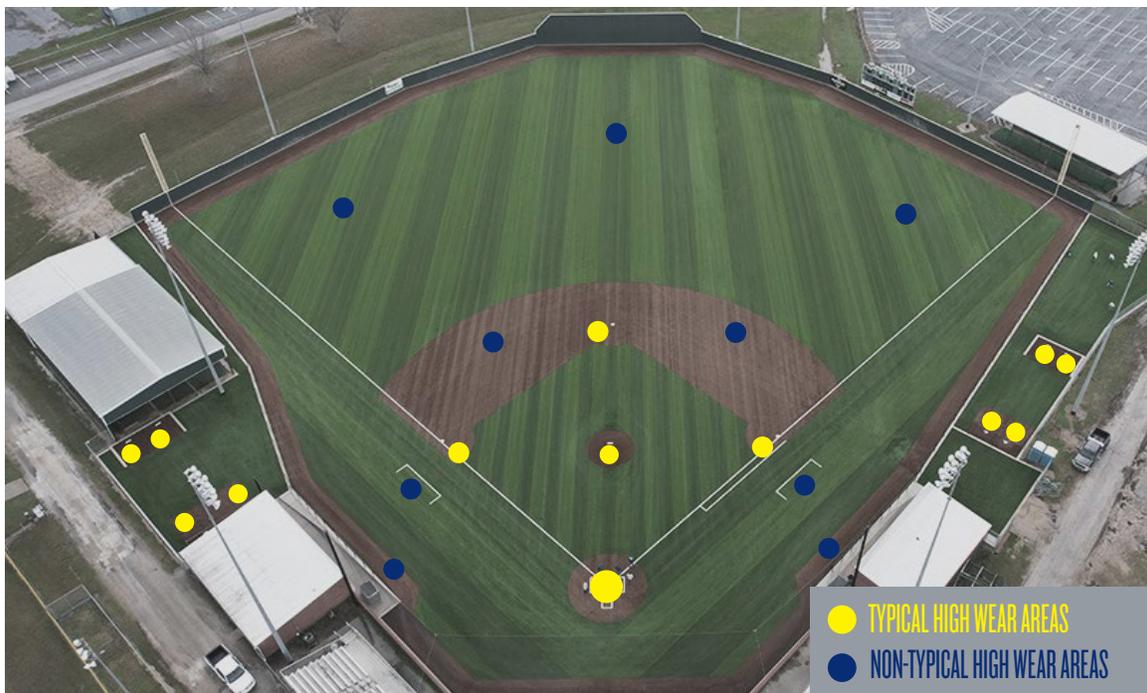


The games of baseball & softball are played in very concentrated areas on their respective fields, which sets them apart from other team sports, but also leads to special maintenance considerations for the high-wear areas.

WHAT ARE THE HIGH WEAR AREAS?

TYPICAL HIGH WEAR AREAS	NON- TYPICAL HIGH WEAR AREAS
Batters' + catchers' boxes at home plate	On-deck circles
Pitching mound or circle	Coaches boxes
Bullpens & batting cages	Fielder locations
Bases	In front of dugouts

High wear areas require special attention throughout a field's useful life, and **non-typical high wear areas** are commonly spot dressed.



WHAT TO EXPECT AS YOUR FIELD AGES

As the game is played, players will kick the infill out of the turf system as they dig in at home plate and the pitchers rubber. Infill will be displaced at the bases and other high wear areas, with time and use leading to accelerated wear, causing fiber to layover which may split or break.

To minimize the appearance of worn areas, and delay replacement of these areas on your field, the infill should be spot dressed in these areas to minimize degradation of the turf fibers and backing, as well as use of mats and molded cleats during practice.

PLAYERS DISPLACE INFILL

FIBER LAYS OVER

ACCELERATED WEAR SPOTS FORM





BASEBALL & SOFTBALL HIGH WEAR REPLACEMENTS



Even with proper maintenance and protection, high wear areas will typically degrade before the rest of the field.

WHEN IT'S TIME TO REPLACE

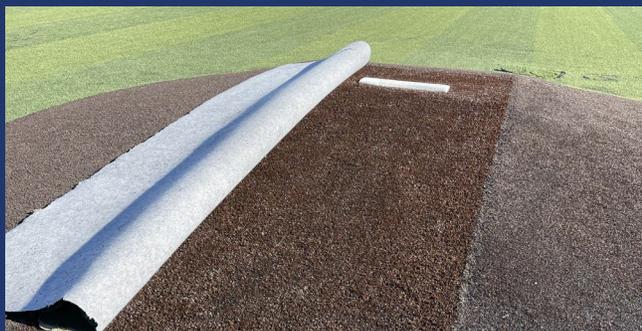
Your high wear areas can be replaced at your preference for your field aesthetic and performance. A good rule of thumb is to replace once the turf and backing are worn, and a visible low spot has appeared in the high wear areas that can no longer hold new infill material when spot dressed.



WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN REPLACING HIGH WEAR AREAS

When these areas are replaced, new turf is cut and placed in the field alongside the existing, aged turf.

This may cause an “embossed” effect due to the new fibers standing upright next to the aged fibers that have laid over. This contrast in the turf will minimize with time, use, and exposure to the elements.



GLUED VS. VELCRO INSERTS

We believe the best solution to high wear areas is to cut & glue the replacement areas, especially at home plate where players may be sliding across the seam.

Glued seams are more secure, and when done professionally, hold better and longer than Velcro. While these high-wear areas seem small, they are bulky and heavy to handle once the infill is taken into consideration. The infill must be removed from the turf before it can be removed from the area; any infill that falls into the Velcro may impede adhesion. Professionally replaced, glued seams provide a stronger bond and less headache for the owner staff.

