



TTR Woodgrain Arena Surfacing



Woodgrain Horse Arena Material

Following further investment in our manufacturing process, we at Tracey Timber Recycling are pleased to confirm that our arena surface material is now even cleaner and safer than ever. The installation of new screens have made the product the cleanest available, and even more impact absorbent than before - protecting your horses joints and limbs. We also have a five magnet process making the product even safer.

What do you want from your Arena?

- *Good for your horse*
- *Comfortable Ride*
- *Organic*
- *Low Frost Penetration*
- *Extremely Economic*
- *Long Lasting*



You can have all these qualities from one product

If it's **QUALITY** you want then it has to be

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A client's view -

Morag Higgins MKPCH,BHSAI,HNCES

With 33 years of competition riding experience and 25 years of teaching and training experience I can honestly say that I have worked and trained horses on just about every type of surface available, so when it came to choosing the correct surface for our specialist training yard I had a wealth of experience to refer to.



I knew that the surface had to be just right to keep our competition horses in top form with minimal stress to joints and ligaments. I also wanted a surface that was environmentally friendly and completely biodegradable, a tough order on today's market providers.

The surface had to look good for demanding clientele and feel good for demanding equine athletes.

I knew it had to be a wood fibre surface, **lightweight, durable, environmentally friendly** and great to work with.

The **light "give" minimised joint concussion and jarring whilst the support of the base prevented the tendons and ligaments from hyper flexion and stress injuries.** Allowing the horse to **move across the surface** with a light and easy flow was essential to our training.

With a high work load the surface was also durable and easy to maintain, a factor essential when time constraints prevented repetitive rolling and harrowing. The



easy maintenance of this surface is a blessing as a 20mtr x 40mtr arena can be quickly raked by hand in as little as 10 mins or rolled by tractor in 5 mins. We also discovered that the amount of surface lost to elements such as high winds was minimal unlike many sand surfaces which become a veritable "sand storm" in high winds.

When training our advanced Western Reining horses we needed enough **grip on the surface to provide support for incredibly tight turns** but we also required enough slide to allow the horses to perform high level sliding stops. Again, the wood fibre surface answered the demanding questions. There was **enough slide on the surface particles which allowed the horse to skid** effectively and because they do not sink into the surface the joint stress was minimal. The other bonus was there was no risk of friction burns to the heels, a common problem with sand surfaces. When grip was required the **surface compresses sufficiently for the particles to bind and hold, allowing the horse to spin** on a sixpence with ease.

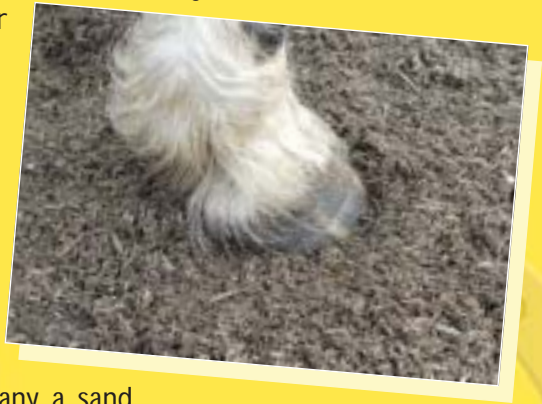
Tracey Timber is Scotland's leading supplier of recycled wood fibre surfaces, an even better bonus for our environmental demands. They provided a clean and high quality surface that has survived the worst of the elements could throw at it. Without the slightest hint of pooling during the monsoon weather we have had recently, the surface battled on allowing us to work through the bad weather. At the coldest points this winter we experienced temperatures of -9°C and at this point I am sorry to say the top layer of the surface did freeze. However, up to -5°C it did not and was usable throughout this time (yes, we are mad enough to work in such temperatures). This was due to the unique nature of the wood fibre surface. As soon as it is laid down, the wood will begin to decompose, rather like a compost heap. This causes the base and core temperatures to rise slightly, giving off heat. This heat is not enough to cause the surface to burst into flames, but is enough to provide a unique under floor heating which helps to prevent the surface from freezing hard in all but the most extreme temperatures.

This tendency to decompose also adds the final finishing touch to this surface. All surfaces will degrade eventually to a point that they need to be replaced or topped up. If you ever want to replace the wood fibre surface then all you need to do is scrape it up and spread it on your fields as a fertiliser. However, you need never do this as the surface itself will rot down from underneath and all this is required is a light top up every 2 - 3 years or so, a cheap price to pay for such an invaluable surface. Unlike synthetic surfaces which must be lifted and replaced when degraded and the current costs for removing rubber surfaces is around £100 per tonne as it can no longer be used as land fill.

When comparing the surfaces available there really was no contest. The latest research that links the possibility of respiratory problems in horses and riders with the fumes given off by some synthetic surfaces eliminated them from the start, leaving only sand or wood fibre as our choices. Having taught on many a sand

surface and ridden on very poor quality and deep sand I know of the damage done to the horse's tendons and ligaments can be severe over time, limiting their working lives.

To this end I can honestly say that the best surface I have found for working equines at the moment is wood fibre. **This is the surface that the professionals will choose.**



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Preparation

TTR Woodgrain Arena Surfacing will provide a superb riding medium, whatever your preferred discipline in equestrian sport or pleasure.



In order to get the maximum from your surface it is vitally important to make sure the area has been well prepared before the woodgrain has been laid.

When re-surfacing older arenas, it is easy to tell if the drainage is good enough for our **TTR Woodgrain Arena Surface**. If the previous surface did not flood or saturate, then it's not going to be a problem for your new surface. Just lay the material and enjoy your new riding surface.

If a new arena is being constructed, where no previous drainage has existed, it's important to consult an experienced contractor. Each site will be different, so we cannot advise on individual requirements. We will be happy to provide details of several contractors who have built many arenas using **TTR Woodgrain Arena Surface** and are capable of providing a drainage system that will be good enough for your requirements.

We also have many satisfied customers who would be happy for you to visit their arena and to share from their experiences and with enough advanced warning, you may be able to ride on their surface.

Transport

Tracey Timber Recycling operates a fleet of custom designed vehicles complete with trailers. The distinctive canary yellow livery and colour-coded containers are now recognised throughout Scotland.

In order to offer value for money, we utilise the largest industry containers available - 50 cubic yards - so that our customers can maximise their payloads and keep transport costs to a minimum.

It is important when preparing to receive your **TTR Woodgrain Arena Surface** that to ensure that the delivery goes as smoothly possible you think about the following things:

- Our vehicles cannot drive on soft ground; make sure where your planning to receive your delivery does not involve driving over grass etc. Bear in mind that a lorry with a full payload and towing a trailer can weigh up to 44 tonnes.
- Although our Lorries have less access worries than an Articulated Lorry, check that there are no narrow roads with ditches at the side of them. Width: 8' 2" (2.5m), Length: 30' (9.14m) - Length with trailer: approx. 51' (15.54m).
- Check for any low bridges with height or weight restrictions. Travel Height 12' 7" (3.85m),
- As people are so often used to driving in and out their property in smaller vehicles they forget to check for low hanging power or telephone cables around their property.
- We can also use articulated vehicles.



If you have any doubt, a member of our team will be happy to visit and advise regarding transport.

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Please call us for advice
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