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2G FLICX PITCH INSTALLATION GUIDE

The world's most portable, versatile, cricket pitch solution

INTRODUCTION

Before you use your new 2G Flicx Pitch please read this Installation Guide in full as it contains lots of top tips to help you get the most from your pitch. Our guidance covers...

- Installing your 2G Flicx Pitch
- Performance on different under surfaces
- Moving and storing your pitch
- Maintenance advice
- Contact information should you require further guidance



CONTENTS OF YOUR 2G FLICX PITCH

A 2G Flicx Match Pitch is delivered as two half pitch batting ends that clip together in the middle. Other items provided are...

- Gloves | Wear for the whole installation process
- Installation Guide | Read in full before handling your pitch
- Safety Straps | Keep these and use each time you roll up
- Bag | Each pitch roll is wrapped in a resin bag for transportation



You will notice each pitch roll is strapped together using two blue safety straps per pitch roll (positioned 30cm from each end). These straps have a feed and clasp system to ensure your pitch remains tightly bound. We recommend the two loose ends of the straps are tied together to prevent tripping and that you always bound your pitch together with these straps provided after each use.

When you are clipping your pitch together note there is a system of male and female connectors. After clipping, no joins will be visible - it's a seamless finish. Use the coloured tile to locate the middle of your 2G Flicx Pitch.

INSTALLING YOUR 2G FLICX PITCH

“TO GET THE BEST PERFORMANCE OUT OF YOUR 2G FLICX PITCH ALWAYS ENSURE IT IS ROLLED OUT ON A FIRM, FLAT SURFACE”

Follow these steps when installing your pitch to ensure a consistent bounce. When installing on grass follow all the steps; when using your pitch on other undersurfaces such as wooden sprung floors, 3G and other synthetic surfaces, sand, concrete and asphalt, start the installation process at step three.



1. IDENTIFY | Select a firm, flat area 22 x 2m on your grass field where you lay your 2G Flicx Pitch. Put on your gloves.

2. PREPARE | Cut the grass short in this area. Grass should be cut to 10-15mm with shorter grass giving you optimum performance. Fill all diverts with a similar compactable soil to the base surface and level off any high spots. Rolling is recommended for optimum performance before each use.



3. PLACE | Position your two strapped pitch rolls in the middle of the strip. The 2G Flicx Match Pitch is rolled from the middle to the two opposite creases so place both rolls parallel to each other with the ends facing each other and remove the straps. Do not unroll the pitch.



4. ROLL OUT | Make fine adjustments to align the connectors. This should be done when the two sections are still rolled up. Once all the connectors are correctly positioned, clip the two batting ends together. Roll the two batting ends out from the middle to the creases.

5. WAIT | Your 2G Flicx Pitch needs time to settle. We advise rolling out your 2G Flicx Pitch 30-45 minutes prior to each use. Failure to do this may result in low, uneven bounce at the start of play.

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE SPECIFIC TO SURFACES

The 2G Flicx Pitch is hugely versatile and performs well on various surfaces. The same pitch that can convert grass fields can also be used indoors, on rubbercrumb, astroturf or other synthetic surfaces, on concrete or asphalt playgrounds, on compacted beach sand etc etc. Just find a firm, flat area and roll it out. The guidance below applies to maximising performance on the surfaces in question...

CONCRETE OR ASPHALT

The 2G Flicx Pitch will settle quickest on concrete and asphalt so you can generally start playing straight away. Use a shock pad to mitigate high bounce although we do find that compared to playing directly on the concrete base, the bounce is lower and more realistic.

GRASS

The 2G Flicx Pitch is ideally suited to converting grass fields into a cricket facility - you just need to identify a firm, flat surface. To use your 2G Flicx Pitch on grass, first cut it short then roll the pitch out and back up again after each use (or semi-permanently) rather than leaving down for the season.

WOODEN SPRUNG FLOORS

The new upgraded 2G tile allows you to take the pitch indoors and roll out on wooden sprung floors that traditionally offer low bounce. With a Flicx Pitch you will get increased bounce making the playing experience more realistic. It is also possible to use the 2G Flicx Pitch on newer indoor sports floors.

3G OR 4G RUBBERCRUMB

In our trials and tests we have noticed variable bounce with hard cricket balls due to various installation processes and options on fill ranging from soil to rubber to organic fill been used, using soft cricket balls on the 2G Flicx pitch when used on 3G surfaces will give you realistic pace and bounce and due to field size we recommend the playing matches with soft cricket balls as a health and safety feature.

BEACH

Beach Cricket is a fantastic way to engage with new audiences. Cricket on sand is best suited to wet sand ie- when the tide is out. We recommend playing soft ball cricket and just preparing a flat area of sand for play. After use you can clean your pitch with a brush and/or a pressure washer.

ASTROTURF OR NTP'S

The 2G Flicx Pitch gives very good bounce on astroturf pitches in our experience so you can convert synthetic pitches into additional cricket facilities. Old, worn or under performing astroturf nets or NTP's can be given a new lease of life for a fraction of the cost of replacing the entire base.

ROLLING THE PITCH BACK UP AFTER USE

- 1. UNZIP** | After your match or practice you will need to roll the pitch back up into two rolls for easy movement and storage. Wear your gloves then unzip the pitch in the middle by identifying the coloured quarter tiles which demarcates the central point in the pitch. Apply pressure on the black tile with your foot then with your free hand lift the pitch tile directly next to the black tile towards you. This will ensure a clean split.
- 2. STRAP** | Position the safety straps under the pitch where you have just made the division (One safety strap 30cm from each pitch end). Move down the pitch to the crease and start rolling up from the crease to the middle where the straps are in position. Once you have the roll, feed the straps around the roll and through the clasp. Tighten and tie the straps together so as not to cause tripping.

MOVING AND STORING YOUR PITCH

- 3. LOAD** | To get your pitch onto the safety trolley once rolled up, simply flip it up on its end then slightly raise one end just enough so that the trolley can be wheeled underneath. Place one foot on the back plate of the trolley then one hand on the handle of the trolley and the other hand on the top edge of the pitch. Pull the pitch back towards you until it counterbalances ... it can now be easily moved.
- 4. STORE** | Your 2G Flicx Pitch should always be stored rolled up, upright and on it's end to help extend the life-span of your pitch and prevent exaggerated waving. We recommend that your upright roll is fixed to a wall to prevent it falling over.
 - If you store your pitch flat, the core will compress and over time the tile connections may break or become weakened.
 - It is possible for one person to move a 2G Flicx Pitch with the Flicx Safety Trolley although two people makes lighter work. If you do not have a safety trolley the pitch should be carried by two people; one at either end.
 - Always use the safety gloves and pitch straps supplied



TOP TIPS TO GET THE BEST PITCH PERFORMANCE

1. Store your 2G Flicx Pitch upright on it's end using two straps per roll
2. Be sure to identify a firm flat area where you intend to use the pitch
3. When using on grass, cut the grass short beforehand
4. Uneven ground may need rolling before play especially at the start of the season if the field was used for other sports eg. Football
5. Be sure to allow your pitch to settle (30-45 minutes)



ALWAYS GOOD TO KNOW

- The 2G Flicx Pitch has a "memory" which helps mould /grip its feet to any undersurface. After being rolled up for a long period of time, the pitch ends may curl up potentially causing a trip hazard. This will unroll back flat in time but to speed up the process you can bend the ends back on themselves (inwards).
- Both hard (leather cricket balls) and soft balls can be used on a 2G Flicx Pitch to support both junior and senior matches and training.
- A 2G Flicx Pitch is easy to transport and move using the Flicx Safety Trolley. A standard match pitch comes in two rolls each strapped together, weighing 67kgs. For ease of movement we recommend two people are deployed to move the pitch (although it is possible for one person to move alone). Pitches should be split down the middle then rolled up tightly before being moved. NB - Damage is only possible when the pitch is loosely rolled and allowed to lie horizontally.
- Both rubber cricket shoes and court shoes are fine to wear when playing on a 2G Flicx surface however we would recommend that you avoid wearing metal studs as they can damage the pitch as well as the possibility of getting them caught in the tiles. There is no problem at all if the players run on the pitch however it can get a little slippery when wet so care is advised.
- The 2G Flicx Pitch is an all weather pitch and will not be affected by sun, rain or moisture. The tiles are porous and therefore surface water does not sit on the surfaces allowing more cricket to be played, more often.
- You are able to use your 2G Flicx Pitch on top of your main turf square allowing for matches for 2nd/3rd teams, juniors etc ; keeping your 1st team wicket in tip top shape.

MAINTENANCE ADVICE

One of the key benefits of the 2G Flicx Pitch is that it is a very LOW MAINTENANCE product ;no ground works are required so its a big TIME AND EXPENSE saver in terms of pitch preparation for clubs and schools. The pitch is VERY DURABLE and has a very LONG LIFE SPAN, in fact several pitches installed when we launched in 1997 are still being used today. The LONGJEVITY of this product brings ADDED VALUE from your purchase but you can also help extend the pitches life by using, maintaining and storing your pitch correctly, carefully following all the advice in this guide.

- If any of the 2G Flicx Pitch square tiles get damaged or broken you can contact us for replacement tiles; they simply clip in and out without affecting the pitches performance.
- If your pitch gets muddy or sandy, you can wash it with a stiff brush or use a pressure washer to get into the grooves to remove any dirt.This is highly recommended before taking your pitch indoors for winter nets
- Digitally printed logos can last up to a season in low wearing areas and may require annual reprinting to maintain their sharpness.



DO'S AND DONT'S

DO	Wear rubber soled trainers	Use soil to fill up diverts	Wear gloves when handling the pitch	Prepare a firm, flat surface before rolling	Lay the pitch at least 30-45 mins before use
DON'T	Use metal spikes	Put sand under your 2G Flicx Pitch	Let children move/transport the pitch	Lay in wet conditions or on long grass	Use nails to pin the pitch into the ground

HEALTH AND SAFETY

H&S guidance has been covered throughout this booklet. Just to reiterate the importance of wearing safety gloves and lifting the pitch correctly by bending your knees.

WHAT BOUNCE TO EXPECT?

Our 2G tile upgrades have taken the versatility of the 2G Flicx Pitch to new levels. The 2G tile is softer and offers more grip however its important to appreciate that different types of grass (and undersurfaces) produce different performance. Generally the pace and bounce will replicate the undersurface so on hard, dry surfaces the bounce will be higher than on wet, soft surfaces.



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Flicx UK are very keen that your pitch is installed correctly and well maintained to ensure good pace and bounce with assistance for seam and spin bowlers. For this reason we will always be on hand to answer any questions that you might have as they arise. You can contact one of our 2G Flicx Pitch advisors on 01295 816765 and they can assist you with any questions OR you can watch our online videos on our You Tube channel for more guidance. If you are not happy with the bounce you are achieving then please do get in touch with one of the Flicx UK team and we can advise you personally

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