

# 4 Maintenance and repair

With its continuous, jointless surface, Playtop® needs exceptionally little maintenance. Because the right thickness of material is always in the right place, no raking is needed, nor the extra allowance of material required for bark or sand. Any foreign objects are clearly visible on the surface and cannot create hidden hazards beneath it. And there are no gaps to tempt inquisitive children or provide weak points for vandals. The surface itself is porous, and if it is laid on a porous base, rainwater will drain away almost instantly.

## Maintenance

The only routine maintenance required is removal of visible litter. Always remove leaves etc before they form a mush that is trodden into the surface. Where there are overhanging trees, pressure washing and/or treatment with proprietary moss and weed killers will keep the surface clean and quick-draining, and maintain its slip-resistance. This will be needed once a year at most. In winter, salt may be used as a de-icer. Use cold-water pressure washing to wash away salt residues when spring comes.

## Repairs

Effective, lasting repairs to the continuous material can be made using essentially the same techniques as the original construction - either to build up localised heavy-wear areas after long use or to rectify damage caused by accident or vandalism. For relatively small areas, we offer repair kits containing the necessary materials together with detailed instructions for mixing, installing, curing and Health & Safety precautions. Larger repairs should be done by us.

If gaps develop where the resilient surface adjoins rigid edgings, they can be filled with a proprietary gunnable sealant.

## Paint damage

If paint is spilled on the surface or sprayed as graffiti do **NOT** apply solvents without consulting us, since they can seriously damage the impact-absorbing material. We can sometimes recommend a suitable solvent. However, it is usually better to paint over the surface or to resurface the damaged area with a skin of the original rubber material.



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