

Popular Child Daycare Provider Selects TENCATE TAPESLIDE™ XP To Replace Playground Surface

Hixson First Baptist Church Searches for Solution to Muddy Soil — Finds Refuge in turf blades from TenCate

TenCate develops and produces materials that function to increase performance, reduce costs and deliver measurable results by working with our customers to provide advanced solutions.

The Challenge

Hixson First Baptist Church is home to one of the more popular child daycare programs in suburban Chattanooga, Tennessee. Each week, the program hosts a full complement of 110 children between the ages of 1 and 4 years old.

Due to the large number of children enrolled in the daycare, though, the church found it nearly impossible to sustain a natural surface in its playground area. To make matters worse, the daycare program is also required by law to provide the children with daily outdoor activity, regardless of recent weather. In the event the conditions became

too muddy on the playground, instructors would move the children to the church parking lot to play.

As a result, parents were constantly complaining that their children were coming home excessively dirty and expressed concern over the safety of their children playing in the parking lot. The leaders of Hixson First Baptist Church knew something had to be done before an accident occurred or parents withdrew their children to go where he or she would not come home covered in mud.

The Solution

Hixson FBC officials chose to install an Envylawn synthetic grass system from Challenger Industries featuring TenCate Tapeslide™ XP turf blades. This high performance fibrillated fiber provides the increased durability necessary to stand up to the constant use the playground surface receives daily.

The new synthetic turf surface means the children no longer have to play in the unprotected confines of the parking lot or worry their parents with the possibility of soiled or ruined clothing. And, with the more natural appearance, the playground surface will look plush and green all year round and enhance the aesthetics of the entire activity area provided by the daycare.

The Performance

Hixson First Baptist Church could not be happier with its decision to install synthetic turf on the playground. The TenCate Tapeslide™ XP, with its Xtended Play polyethylene (XP), provides the children with a soft surface on which to play and a higher degree of protection against common fall-related injuries (i.e. scrapes, cuts, and bruises).



Hixson First Baptist Church was unable to sustain a natural grass surface for its outdoor playground area, but found a permanent solution with TENCATE TAPESLIDE™ XP.



TENCATE TAPESLIDE™ XP and its high performance polyethylene protects against abrasion while providing exceptional durability.

Debbie Brooks, Director of Child Care Development at Hixson First Baptist, remarks, “we have had rave reviews about the synthetic turf from both parents and outsiders. Parents are pleased to know that their children no longer have to play in the extremely dangerous parking lot and that ruining clothes at daycare is a thing of the past”.

To learn more about TenCate grass fibers and how synthetic grass is used in sports fields, golf and landscape applications, visit: www.tencate.com.



Children are allowed to play care-free on the new TENCATE TAPESLIDE™ XP surface without the worry of damaging their clothes — or each other!

Project Profile

Location

Hixson First Baptist Church
Hixson, TN

Application

Multi-purpose playground

TenCate Partner

Challenger Industries
Dalton, GA.

Product

TenCate Tapeslide™ XP

Grass Fiber: A Critical Component of The Synthetic Turf System

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In fact, over 200 million square meters of TenCate turf blades have been installed to date—More than all other synthetic fiber manufactures combined.

We are delighted to share our experience and knowledge with any organization considering the installation of a synthetic turf field.

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