

Miami Dolphins Select TenCate Tapeslide™ XP For Indoor Practice Facility

State-of-the-art structure provides comfort and privacy; Allows Dolphins to replicate game-day conditions.

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

The Miami Dolphins established their team training facility on the campus of Nova Southeastern University in 1993. The Davie, FL complex includes one of the largest weight rooms in the NFL, training rooms, numerous administrative offices, and a practice field. It also has a bleacher building, which can accommodate 2,000 spectators.

But the Dolphins were constantly being forced to cancel practices due to the stormy South Florida

weather. Coaches and team ownership decided that missing valuable practice time was no longer an option and began the search for a way to take Mother Nature out of the equation. The team needed a world-class indoor practice facility.

THE SOLUTION

The 96,600 square foot air-conditioned facility, known as "The Bubble," provides players with comfort and prevents heat related fatigue during practice sessions. Built in 2006, the domed structure is equipped with loudspeakers that can blast noise at the same decibel levels as a sell-out crowd and boasts field markings that are identical to the game field in PRO Players Stadium which allows the

players to visualize game situations.

To complete the facility, the Dolphins needed a playing surface that would recreate the speed and characteristics of the game day field, yet stand up to the daily rigors of practice and the numerous special events held at the facility during the course of the year.

The Motz Group provided this surface when it installed a field featuring a 24/7™ synthetic turf system with TenCate Tapeslide™ XP turf blades. TenCate Tapeslide™ XP features the latest in Xtended Play technology, virtually eliminating abrasion and offering exceptional durability. TenCate Tapeslide™ XP turf blades are used in professional, collegiate and high school athletic



The Miami Dolphins' practice facility is a state-of-the-art "bubble" structure that has identical markings to the game field, a crowd noise duplicating system and a new 24/7™ turf system from the Motz Group featuring TenCate Tapeslide™ XP.



TenCate Tapeslide™ XP is not just a great looking surface - it also provides exceptional speed, traction and durability, while protecting players against abrasion.

field installations around the world. The field was installed in just three weeks, and the facility was ready for the Dolphins to use at the beginning of the 2006 season.

THE PERFORMANCE

Throughout the NFL season, the facility received excellent reviews from players and coaches. And even though the Dolphins didn't make the playoffs, The Bubble has already contributed to one Super Bowl Championship — the 2006 Super Bowl champions, the Indianapolis Colts, used the facility to practice prior to Super Bowl XLI.

"The TenCate Tapeslide™ XP stands up to wear and always looks fantastic," said Alan Sigwardt, Senior Director of Grounds and Engineering for Dolphin Stadium. "We toured the facility with NFL representatives and more than twenty groundskeepers from the NFL and Major League Baseball as part of our Super Bowl preparations. We got rave comments and couldn't be happier [with the synthetic turf]."

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



TenCate offers more color options than any other fiber producer. The Miami Dolphins' unique team colors were matched exactly in order to recreate the visual aesthetics of Pro Players Stadium.

Project Profile

Location

Miami Dolphins'
Practice Facility
Davie, FL

Application

Miami Dolphins'
Practice Facility

TenCate Partner

The Motz Group,
Cincinnati, OH

Product

TenCate Tapeslide™ XP

Grass Fiber: A Critical Component of The Synthetic Turf System

The 'heart' of any synthetic turf sports field is its playing surface. You can see it, feel it and experience it! TenCate is the world's leading developer and producer of high-quality synthetic grass fiber and backing components for sports surfacing applications. Our monofilament and fibrillated fibers are the most widely used products in the synthetic turf industry.

In fact, over 200 million square meters of TenCate turf blades have been installed to date - more than all other synthetic fiber manufacturers 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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