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Artificial running surface

Starting lines on an all-weather track

An all-weather running track is a rubberized, artificial running surface

for track and field athletics.

It provides a consistent surface for competitors to test their athletic

ability unencumbered by adverse weather conditions.

Historically, various forms of dirt, rocks, sand, and crushed

cinders were used.

Many examples of these varieties of track still exist worldwide.

Surfaces [edit]

Starting in 1954, artificial surfaces using a combination of rubber and

asphalt began to appear.

An artificial warm-up track was constructed for the 1956 Summer

Olympics in Melbourne, Australia.

[1] During the 1960s many of these tracks were constructed; examples still

exist today.[2]

In the mid-1960s Tartan tracks were developed, surfaced with a product

by 3M.

The name Tartan is a trademark, but it is sometimes used as a

genericized trademark.

[3] This process was the first to commercialize a polyurethane surface

for running tracks, though it was originally conceived for horse racing.

[4] Many Tartan tracks were installed worldwide, including at many of the

top universities in the United States.

[1] Among that list was a Tartan track installed in the Estadio Olímpico

Universitario, home of the 1968 Summer Olympics at Mexico City

, which were the first global championships to use such a track.

Olympic shot put champion Bill Nieder was instrumental in developing

the product and selling it for this first use in the Olympics.

[5] An all-weather surface has become standard ever since.

Another Tartan track was installed on a temporary basis for the 1968 United

States Olympic Trials held at altitude at Echo Summit, California,

before being moved to South Tahoe Middle School, where it survived

for almost 40 years.

An original Tartan track is still in place at "Speed City" San

Jose State University.

Surfacing tracks has become an industry with many competitors.

Stobitan has been installed worldwide since 1991 and is available in a

variety of systems.[6]