

DCM Surfaces



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CPD Overview

Over its 28 year history, DCM has delivered creative and inspiring outdoor surface solutions to developers, architects, contractors and homeowners throughout the UK.

We offer complete surface installation services and fully trained installers, ensuring your Playground, Sport Pitch or Decorative Gravel Surface complies with British and European standards.

Safety Surfacing

Our highly skilled installation teams can replicate virtually any design, logo or pattern. The surface has passed the most comprehensive testing criteria which include Critical Fall Height, flammability, indentation and abrasive wear.

Residential Driveways

Gravel is bound with resin to form a natural appearance. After months of testing the BBA have endorsed the system for its high strength, SUDS compliance, and its excellent track record

Daily Mile Tracks

Tracks suitable for The Daily Mile™ can be made by creating a route into an existing playground. However, many schools with little usable space have invested in an all-weather, purpose-built SUDS compliance track, installed over existing grass surfaces.

Footpaths

Rubber-Gravel Mix (SBRA) is a blend of recycled rubber and natural aggregate with a resin binder to offer a seamless, porous, low-maintenance bound surface for pedestrian pathways, cycle tracks, golf courses, patios, courtyards and tree pits. These SUDS compliant surfaces are an ideal solution for canal toepaths, golf courses and cycletracks.

Sports Surfacing

A number of sports surfaces are available including artificial sports grass and polymeric MUGA surfaces. Laid on a rubber shock pad to reduce the likelihood of player injury, artificial sports surfaces are durable and can be used for a variety of sports including cricket, football, golf, hockey, rugby, tennis, netball and multi-sports.

OUR ETHOS

"I believe it's all about quality. Doing it right. Setting the standard in reliability and performance.

Thinking about what we do from start to finish. Being knowledgeable in our products and attentive during our installations and very importantly, being competitive.

This isn't just rhetoric...it's a fact. It's what we believe in and it's the benchmark to the business ethos of DCM."

Steven Roby, Managing Director



Available CPD Material (7)



Specifying Outdoor Surfacing Solutions - Finding the right surface for your clients.

This seminar is designed to offer a comprehensive overview of the different types of outdoor surfacing options available. Participants will gain valuable insights into the standards and requirements essential for outdoor surfacing in playgrounds, sports pitches, and landscape areas. It will guide attendees in selecting the most appropriate outdoor surface, focusing on options such as wetpour, bound gravel, artificial grass, and rubber mulch. It will also cover the specification and installation of each outdoor surfacing option.

By the end of this CPD, delegates ought to be able to:

- Understand the difference between Wetpour, Rubber Mulch, Bound Gravel, Artificial Grass, and how they are installed.
- Provide learners with the skills to select the most appropriate outdoor surface for playgrounds, sports pitches, and landscape areas.
- Learn techniques to avoid common issues like shrinkage, UV colour changes, surface crumbling, and surface undulations, ensuring the durability and aesthetics of the outdoor surface.
- Explore how design and efficient layout can lead to significant cost savings while maintaining safety and quality standards.
- Identify and apply surfacing standards to ensure compliance and safety in outdoor surface design and maintenance.

Material type:

Seminar

RIBA Core Curriculum:

Design, construction and technology
Health, safety and wellbeing

Knowledge level:

General Awareness

Specifying Playground Safety Surfacing



This seminar is designed to offer a comprehensive overview of the different types of play safety surfacing. Participants will gain valuable insights into the standards and requirements essential for safety surfacing in playgrounds.

It will guide attendees in selecting the most appropriate safety surface, focusing on options such as wet-pour, artificial grass, and rubber mulch. It will also cover the specification and installation of play safety surfacing.

By the end of this CPD, delegates ought to be able to:

1. Understand the difference between Wetpour, Rubber Mulch and Artificial Grass, and how they are installed.
2. Use skills learnt to select the most appropriate safety surface for playgrounds.
3. Use techniques shown to avoid common issues like shrinkage, UV colour changes, and surface undulations, ensuring the durability and aesthetics of the playground surfaces.
4. Understand how design and efficient layout can lead to significant cost savings while maintaining safety and quality.
5. Identify and apply Playground Safety Surfacing Standards to ensure compliance and safety in playground design and maintenance.

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Design, construction and technology
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General Awareness

Bound and Bonded Gravel - Driveways and Pathways



This seminar is designed to offer a comprehensive overview of Bound and Bonded Gravel. It will guide attendees in selecting the most appropriate surface for driveways and pathways, and cover the specification and installation of each surfacing option.

By the end of this CPD seminar, delegates should:

1. Understand the difference between Bound Gravel and Bonded Gravel, and how they are installed.
2. Have learnt how to select the most appropriate outdoor surface for pathways and driveways.
3. Know the techniques to avoid common issues like UV colour changes, surface crumbling, and surface undulations, ensuring the durability and aesthetics of the outdoor surface.
4. Understand the meaning and importance of SuDs compliant surfacing.
5. Be able to identify and apply surfacing standards to ensure best practice in outdoor surface design and maintenance.

Material type:

Seminar

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Knowledge level:

General Awareness



Permeable Pathways & Canal Towpaths - SuDS compliant surfacing

This seminar is designed to offer a comprehensive overview of SuDS compliant surfacing solutions. It will guide attendees in selecting the most appropriate surface for pathways and canal towpaths, and cover the specification and installation of each surfacing option.

By the end of the CPD you should have a greater understanding of:

- The difference between Bound Gravel and Rubber Gravel Mix, and how they are installed.
- The skills to select the most appropriate outdoor surface for pathways and canal towpaths.
- Techniques to avoid common issues like UV colour changes, surface crumbling, and surface undulations, ensuring the durability and aesthetics of the outdoor surface.
- The meaning and importance of SuDS compliant surfacing.
- How to identify and apply surfacing standards to ensure best practice in outdoor surface design and maintenance.

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Knowledge level: General Awareness



Decorative Gravel Surfacing for Paths and Driveways

This CPD provides an overview of various types of decorative surfacing for paths and driveways. It covers key features of bound gravel and bonded gravel, how to achieve a long-lasting, high-quality finish and avoid UV colour changes, cracking and shredding of the surface. It will help you to understand the following topics:

- Which decorative gravel surface is right for a particular application
- How to confidently specify a decorative gravel surface
- How decorative gravel surfacing is installed
- Warranties and how decorative gravel surfacing is maintained

Material type: Seminar

RIBA Core Curriculum: **Design, construction and technology**

Knowledge level: General Awareness



NLU -Playground Safety Surfacing_no longer used

This seminar provides an overview of various types of play safety surfacing. It will help you to understand the following topics:

- Standards and requirements for safety surfacing in playgrounds
- How to choose the right safety surface, looking at wetpour, artificial grass, and rubber mulch
- Specification and installation of play safety surfacing
- How to achieve a long-lasting, high-quality finish, avoid shrinkage, UV colour changes and undulations in the surface
- How to keep costs down, design and layout
- Maintenance and warranty of play safety surfacing

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Artificial Sports Pitch Surfacing? - Finding the right surface for your clients?.

This seminar is designed to offer a comprehensive overview of the different types of sports surfacing solutions for pitches and courts?.

It will guide attendees in selecting the most appropriate surface for sports such as tennis, netball and football, focusing on options such as polymeric and artificial grass.

It will also cover the specification and installation of each sports surfacing option.

By the end of this CPD delegates ought to:

1. Understand the difference between various sports surfaces, including polymeric and artificial grass, and how they are installed.
2. Have the skills to select the most appropriate sports surfaces for courts and pitches.
3. Have learnt techniques to avoid common issues such as surface undulations and flooding, ensuring the durability and aesthetics of the outdoor surface.
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General Awareness

Classifications

Subject/Product Areas (CI/SfB)

External works

Landscaping, hard surfaces, pools > Landscaping

Landscaping, hard surfaces, pools > Paving

Landscaping, hard surfaces, pools > Sports grounds

RIBA Core Curriculum areas

Design, construction and technology

Knowledge level: *General Awareness*

Health, safety and wellbeing

Knowledge level: *General Awareness*