



## **Flexipave Wet Pour Rubber**

Surfaces of rubber are to be kept free of debris, both sharp and organic. This will ensure a reduction in the incidence of accelerated abrasive wear under swings & slides and available instruments. An annual pressure plain water wash, will continue to enhance the appearance and reduce any foliage staining. Immediate attention to any surface damage, either by securing the area, and contact with the Flexipave representative or by minor repairs as needed using the recognized Flexipave rubber installers method of repair. Where areas of the surface, such as colour change seams, joins have the appearance of splitting or opening, due to mistreatment or abuse, Flexipave rubber repair materials should be used to make good these areas. Vandalism of more than a minor nature, should be reported to the site controller, then contact with Flexipave representatives, in regards to a repair or make good plan.

### **Care & Responsibilities**

Flexipave playground surfaces are certified compliant with the requirements of AS 4422: 1996 for impact attenuation and should give you years of excellent service. In order to ensure that surfaces retain their looks and function far into the future, there are a number of points to keep in mind. Chemicals and paints will cause damage and stains. Flexipave surfaces are resistant to just about any chemical that you would be likely to find in a play setting. Flexipave is not affected by mild detergents. Flexipave surfaces are not resistant to mineral oils, the use of these on a surface should be avoided. If you wish to remove, stains from drinks, food or water-soluble paints, a light hose from time to time is all that is required. Isolated spots of paint can be removed using a soft scrubbing brush and a mild detergent. Be sure to thoroughly rinse the detergent from the surface. Use the hose to wash any debris off the surface, any water left will soak through the surface the same way as rain does. Sand, gravel and woodchips are best removed by sweeping and vacuuming if a very neat appearance is desired.

### **Point Loads**

As Flexipave surfaces are soft allowing them to absorb the impact of a fall. Some sharp objects can present a problem. These include chair legs, stiletto heels, equipment that displaces the weight over a small area and play equipment where the weight is concentrated in a small area. To overcome this, place a small square of solid timber or the like under each leg of the equipment to dissipate the load over a greater area. In the unlikely event that you do punch a hole in the Flexipave surface, it can be repaired.

### **Chewing Gum**

This can be difficult product to remove from the Flexipave surface. Gum is best removed with a citrus-based cleaner such as Dissolvit™ or similar. Ensure that the citrus oil is allowed to penetrate and soften the gum before attempting removal.

NOTE: Ensure that the Flexipave surface is thoroughly rinsed following the use of citrus oils.





## **Vandalism**

Occasionally, vandalism can be a problem and it is rarely restricted to the surface under a playground. Your Flexipave surfaces will not be ignited by simple means such as a cigarette lighter unless an accelerant is used. Spray paints are usually in small areas with the paint soft. Light scrubbing can remove much of the paint; the rest will wear away over time. DO NOT use thinners, mineral turps or paint removers, as this will affect the structure of the surface binder.

## **Repairs**

If your Flexipave System playground surface is damaged for whatever reason, it is important that it be repaired as soon as possible. This will minimize the likelihood of further damage to the surface and any danger the damage may present to children using the surface. For all repairs, please contact Flexipave.

## **Warranty**

Flexipave Australasia warranty is a full warranty for 3 years (excluding fair wear and tear) based on materials and workmanship. This is a diminishing warranty, for age and use.

### **Additional Instructions**

- Regular housekeeping & maintenance will extend the effective life span of the surface.
- In general using an outdoor blower / vacuum cleaner, blow all leaves and unwanted material from the surface.
- Wash off whole area using a standard garden hose with spray nozzle.
- A pressure water washer may be more convenient if available but make sure that the pressure does not exceed 1500psi.
- By washing the surface all residual dirt etc is removed from the surface and matrix of the top layer.
- The following items will cause damage to the surface and should be avoided strong disinfectants, concentrated chlorine bleaches, petrol, diesel, hydraulic and lubricating oils and organic solvents.
- In water play areas, pool surrounds and similar applications, dissolved minerals and other chemicals (hydrochlorides) may cause surface discoloration over time.
- This condition should it occur, will not be considered to be product failure.
- Fungal growth is not possible to occur on rubber. Although due to the nature of the final surface if regular cleaning is not carried out by the end user, build up of dirt and organic material may occur in the surface.
- If the surface is under shade and moist conditions fungal growth may occur on these materials. This is not to be considered a product failure and can be easily rectified by washing with a solution containing 1% Copper Sulphate or most mild bleaching agents.

This document is intended as a guide only, some circumstances can alter outcomes and results.

