



# Replacement of Artificial Turf Fields in North America

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# Market

1999- Less than 150 Field  
2003- More than 350  
2005- More than 700  
2007- More than 1,000

There were more than 350 artificial turf fields replaced in the United States in 2014. Three years from now there will be more than 1,000.



# Typical Quantities

## Turf-Carpet

81,000 sq. feet (7,525 sq. meters)

## Fieldturf

365 tons sand/rubber infill

17- truck loads

## Others

203 tons sand/rubber infill

9- truck loads

# Top Down Removal Processes



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- ▶ Takes 3-5 passes to remove less than 70% of the infill
- ▶ Inconsistent ratio of rubber and sand in each bag
- ▶ Further degrades fiber with brushing process leaving more dead fiber within the infill
- ▶ Requires at least 4 trucks for the removal of the carpet

# Roll Extraction Process



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- ▶ Removes more than 95% of the infill in one process
- ▶ If field is swept or vacuumed prior to removal, leaves very little debris within the reclaimed infill.
- ▶ Requires two trucks to haul away carpet.

# Cut and Roll





# Requires 9 -17 Truckloads to Ship Off Site

Material is "Repurposed"

Awaiting Repurposing



# Challenges

- ▶ On site cleaning and screening of infill for reuse in new field, if necessary
- ▶ Directly reusing infill onsite
- ▶ Carpet Processing- polyethylene, polypropylene, polyurethane, nylon.

Thank you!

