



# THE TRADITION TURNS TO TURF

**BASEBALL IS AN AMERICAN TRADITION THAT HAS STOOD THE TEST OF TIME.**

The sport, though, is evolving and synthetic turf is becoming an increasingly visible component of baseball's landscape. More teams are playing on synthetic turf, and there are several major reasons for this shift.

**1 AVAILABILITY**

no closing fields or game cancellations for inclement weather

**2 DURABILITY**

up to four times more play than natural grass on a surface proven to deliver time after time

**3 MAINTENANCE**

no water, pesticides, fertilizers or mowing needed

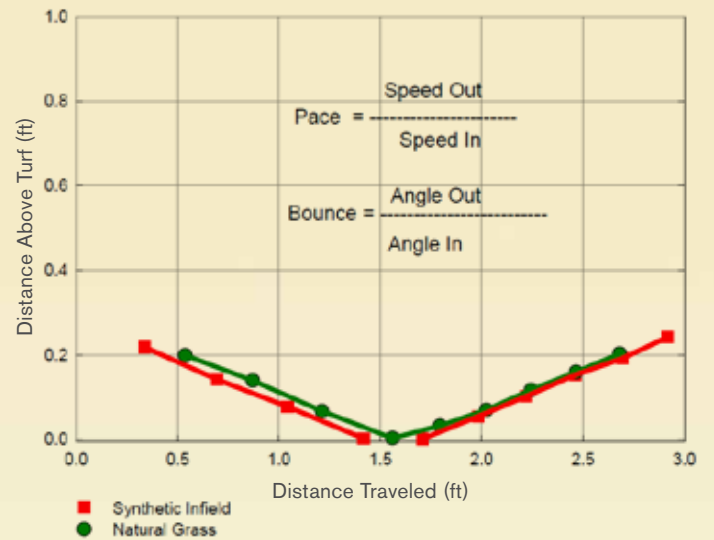
**SHAW SPORTS TURF CAN TAILOR A SYSTEM TO MEET YOUR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS.**

These two pictures show a ball launched from a test cannon at a 10° angle at 100 MPH. The top picture is Port Charlotte Recreational Field, a natural grass surface. The bottom image is Tropicana field, home of the Tampa Bay Rays and a Shaw Sports Turf surface. As you can see the bounce and trajectory on the natural grass field closely mimics that of the bounce and trajectory on the Shaw Sports Turf field.



The TruHop system was designed specifically for baseball performance with feedback from Hall of Famer, John Smoltz. It's revolutionary in terms of playability and performance yet provides durability that natural grass just can't rival. Plus, TruHop can be engineered with various pile heights and infill ratios to fit each performance area of the field.

**BASEBALL BOUNCE OFF NATURAL GRASS & TRUHOP INFIELD**  
10 degree hit, 100 mph



The diagram above illustrates what is revealed in the two pictures. The pace and bounce numbers reflected reveal that the synthetic Shaw Sports Turf field's performance closely matches that of the natural grass surface.



**“THROUGH THE COMBINATION OF PLAYER FEEDBACK AND NEW TECHNOLOGY, SHAW SPORTS TURF HAS DESIGNED A PRODUCT THAT SIMULATES THE PERFORMANCE OF NATURAL GRASS. YOU GET A TRUE BALL BOUNCE AND BALL ROLL THAT THE PLAYER CAN TRUST. BEST OF ALL, IT’S INCREDIBLY DURABLE, AND YOU GET MORE PLAY TIME. I’VE SEEN IT FIRSTHAND, AND I BELIEVE THIS WILL TAKE BASEBALL TO THE NEXT LEVEL.”**

- John Smoltz,  
**MLB Pitcher and Hall of Famer**

**“WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH SHAW SPORTS TURF. AFTER MUCH DUE DILIGENCE, WE FOUND THAT THIS SYSTEM WAS THE MOST INNOVATIVE AND ADVANCED IN THE INDUSTRY.”**

- Brian Auld,  
**President, Tampa Bay Rays**

