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THE INDUSTRY’S PREMIERE 5-TOOL PLAYER

01 AESTHETICS
grasslike surface with a natural, true bounce for consistent playability

02 AVAILABILITY
no closing fields or game cancellations for inclement weather

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

04 MAINTENANCE
no water, pesticides, fertilizers or mowing needed

05 SAFETY
nonabrasive, grasslike surface is player-friendly
Designed specifically for baseball performance, with feedback from baseball players such as John Smoltz, Shaw Sports Turf set out to engineer the ultimate baseball field.

The result was TruHop, the closest thing to natural grass. Its revolutionary design mirrors the real thing in terms of playability and performance yet provides durability that natural grass just can’t rival. TruHop can be engineered with various pile heights and infill ratios to fit each performance area of the field.

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—JOHN SMOLTZ // MLB PITCHER