



How do you prevent slipping in an indoor pool used by students, local seniors and people with physical disabilities?

The indoor pool within the Magnolia Independent School District in Texas is used daily by over 300 swimmers, from young kids to senior citizens. Fearing a slip and fall incident, the pool's management were keen to install a slip-resistant walkway designed for bare feet.

The problem

The Magnolia Independent School District is located just outside Houston, Texas, and manages 17 public schools attended by more than 10,000 students. The district's indoor swimming pool is used by more than 300 of those students each day, as well as members of the local community. The pool's management had become concerned that high traffic coupled with wet surrounds could result in injury, and so wanted to install walkways that allowed safe access for everyone using the pool. The venue is also used for student swim-meets, so management were keen that the matting coordinate with the school colours.

The checklist

- ✓ Quickly drains large volumes of water
- ✓ Provides both grip and comfort underfoot
- ✓ Light to handle for easy cleaning and maintenance
- ✓ Protects bare feet from bacterial contamination
- ✓ Coordinates with the school's colours

At a glance



Client

Magnolia Independent School District

Brief

A slip-resistant, hygienic surface that can drain large quantities of water – and is gentle on bare feet.

Location

Houston, Texas, US

Environment

Barefoot

Industry

Leisure

Needs

Cushioning, drainage, slip resistance

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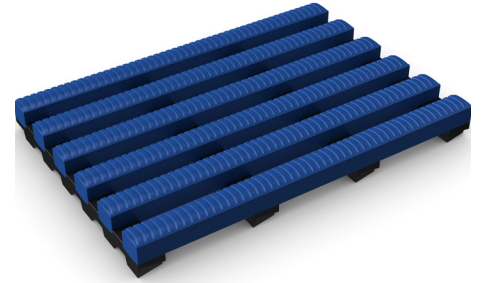
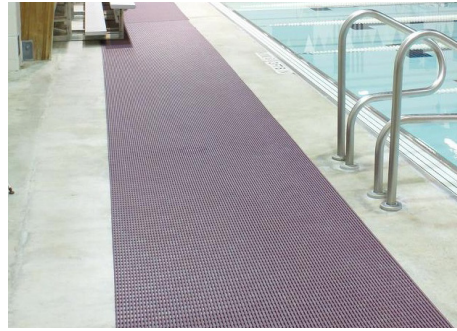
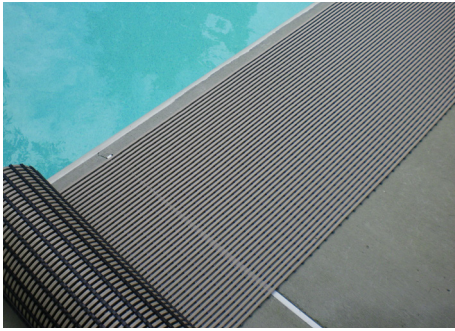
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Case Study

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The solution

While attending a swimming meet at Texas A&M University, Magnolia's head coach and aquatic director Terry Jones noticed that matting had been installed around the perimeters of the pool. It wasn't just the slip-resistance surface that caught his eye but the colour of the matting, which had been ordered in the University's distinctive collegiate maroon – coincidentally the same hue as Magnolia's school colour.

After testing the matting around their own pool, the Magnolia district ordered several hundred metres of Heronrib matting to line the lengths of the pool. Specifically designed for wet areas with high barefoot traffic, Heronrib automatically self-drains – even when faced with the largest amounts of water. The embossed surface delivers grip and comfort underfoot, while the antimicrobial and anti-fungal additives ensures excellent hygiene.

“Since we installed Heronrib, we haven't had a single accident around the pool. The matting prevents water building up underneath and the anti-slip surface provides a firm footing for all our swimmers no matter their age or physical ability. We are very proud of our facility and love the fact we were able to order the matting in our school colours.”

Terry Jones,
head coach and aquatic director



Product spotlight: Heronrib

Keep bathing and washing areas safe with Heronrib, the ultimate slip-resistant sports and leisure matting designed to withstand extensive barefoot traffic.

Features:



Embossed surface



Two-layer construction and channelled underbars



Anti-microbial and anti-fungal additives



Made from flexible PVC



UV resistant

Benefits:



Certified slip resistance
(DIN 51097: C; ASTM 1677: 0.9/0.7)



Four-way drainage



Excellent hygiene, easy to clean



Easy to cut to fit; contours to uneven surfaces



Can be used indoor or outdoor