



Cricket Datasheets

Maintenance of Cricket Cages and Nets

“The grass in the nets is difficult to cut, so we want the nets fully surfaced so there is no grass. What would you recommend?”

It is common now for the natural turf between and around batting/bowling ends and along the netting runs in cricket practice cages to be replaced with a synthetic surface. This means there is no awkward grass cutting to undertake so the playing surfaces are cleaner and no mower or strimmer damage is caused to the netting. Synthetic infill carpets therefore make maintenance of these areas simpler and quicker for groundsmen.

For best results the turf should be stripped from these areas to at least 50mm and built back up with fine aggregate to achieve a good level and help with drainage.

An economical fibrebonded sports carpet called MatchWinner - supplied in 4m widths and in any length that can be cut up into strips as required and used to infill between existing playing surfaces.



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"We have a grass surface, what cricket practice cage works best for maintenance of the grass and moving the bays as they wear?"

This is precisely what Winch System nets were designed for and have many advantages over the more traditional wooden pole and guy rope cricket nets.

1. The Winch System is fast and easy to assemble and move.
2. It won't blow over as can happen to the wooden pole type of cricket nets.
3. The netting can be drawn back like a curtain to either end of the net runs so that mowing can be carried out easily and without risk of damage to the mower or netting. The same applies to rolling.
4. Intermediate sockets can be installed so the nets can be moved "half a bay" to maximise use of the prepared strips and even out grass wear.

Winch systems are very versatile, enabling multiple bays to be created up to 30m long using just a pair of uprights per netting run.

There is a choice of 2.7m or 3m high systems and it is possible to concrete the posts permanently into the ground or use ground sockets so that they are removable.



The netting can be fitted with an optional anti-vermin skirt to the bottom 500mm of the net, to help prevent damage from rabbits and other animals, or simply a bottom band with integral rope to help reduce the net flapping in windy conditions.

A roof net can be fitted up to a maximum length of 7m, as the weight of additional netting can cause excessive sag on the tension wires effectively reducing the usable height of the nets.

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