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Decked out

Sport Court practical and easy

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Imagine a deck or game court surface you can pack up and take with you when you move. Calgary-based Sport Court specializes in this unique Duragrid system, made of modular tiles that simply snap together to form a new, self-draining surface suitable for almost any application.

Installed over any deck, concrete or asphalt pad, the tiles can be custom-designed to fit any need, from deck covering and areas around pools, spas, hot tubs and showers, to a complete game court in your backyard or driveway.

"It's not something that's just going to sit — that's the beauty of it," says Brent Marinos, president of Sport Court Calgary, of the tiles' game court capability. "It's multipurpose and can satisfy everybody. You can have short-court tennis or basketball, volleyball, rollerblading or ice hockey (the surface can be flooded in winter), all in your backyard."

Deck tiles come in 12 colours, and the court tile is available in four colours with two-inch lines that can be snapped in where need-

ed. The tile is made of polypropylene, and injection-molded with UV inhibitors that prevent fading.

"It's so durable, it's not something you have to baby," Marinos says. "It can take the punishment." All tile is warranted for 10 years and has a life expectancy of 35 years, much longer than concrete or wood and without the regular maintenance necessary with the latter.

Cleaning with a garden hose is all the maintenance these tiles require, because they do not support bacterial or fungal growth.

The secret to the system's success, besides its extreme durability, lies in its up-and-down and lateral forgiveness, a bonus for athletes who want to avoid leg and shin stress and lower back problems.

Under each square-foot tile are 676 tiny "legs" which hold the tiles one-half inch off the underlying surface, allowing them to breathe, stay cool and drain, as well as absorb shock.

Marinos, who has been selling and installing Duragrid tiles for more than eight years, says custom-design is an important feature. There is no minimum charge, so customers can buy one tile or 500, and choose more than one colour without extra charges.



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Sport Court is a portable deck or floor covering that is both low maintenance and attractive. Customers can choose from a wide variety of tile colours — 12 different choices for deck tiles and four for court tiles. The durable covering comes with a 10 year warranty.

It's also extremely portable, another popular characteristic. "No glue or adhesive is used and no special tools are needed to install or move the tile," he says.

While home use accounts for a large portion of his clientele, Marinos also leases floors to temporary events such as the Canadian Volleyball Championships at the Olympic Oval and the Canadian Olympic Volleyball Team, and Sport Court is the official floor supplier for Roller Hockey International.

Contact Sport Court at 287-0466. Better yet, stop by the showroom at 200, 3605 Manchester Rd. S.E., and see the tile in action.



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