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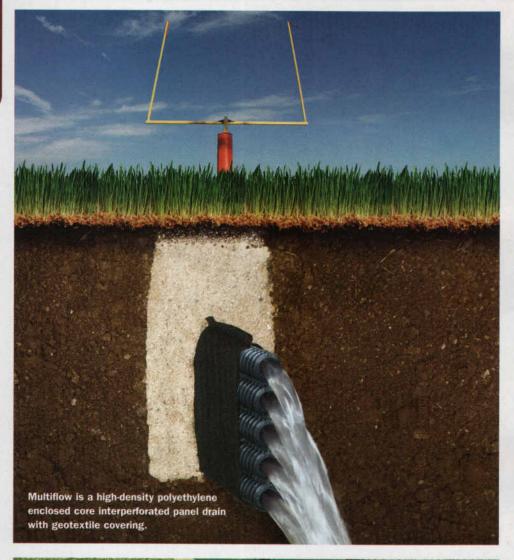
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# **IRRIGATION & DRAINAGE**





icant rain to be usable. Also, because of the size of these drains, they often show at the surface in drought years.

Strip drains are becoming much more common as a means of draining athletic fields. They are much more effective in quickly removing surface water from fields than pipe drains. Strip drains are narrow trenches 2 to 4 inches wide that are cut with specialized trenchers from 8 to 18 inches deep. These drains can be much shallower and can be installed in existing turf with minimal surface disturbance.

# Proper grading is the critical factor for a well-designed and installed field to drain efficiently.

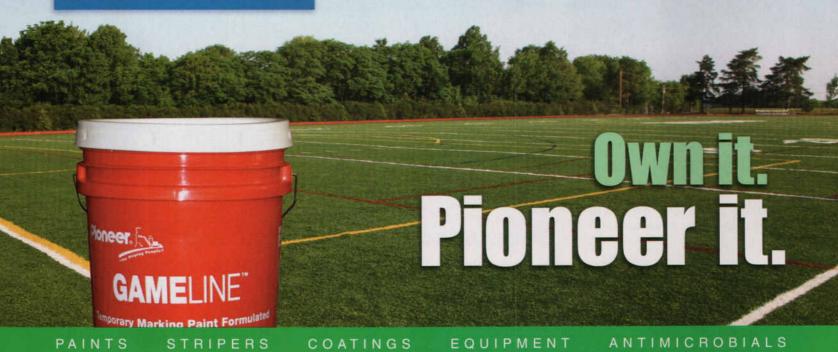
The trenchers that cut the strip drains typically remove the spoils and leave a smooth bottom trench all in one operation. There are several different companies producing round or flat drainage materials that work well in these narrow trenches.

After laying the strip drains, the trenches are typically backfilled to the surface with course sand with an approximate particle size between 1.0 and 2.0 millimeters. The sand should always be tested to make sure that it does not contain fines that can reduce the life of the system or cause it to fail. These systems are often put in after an in-ground irrigation is installed. It is important than if an existing irrigation system is installed the material used for drainage does not interfere with maintenance practices such as aeration. The big advantage to the narrower trenches is that they grow in and disappear quickly.

The strip drains are connected to a perimeter collector. The collector should be sized to handle the volume of water collected from the series of strip drains. The strip drains should be placed at a 45-degree angle to the direction of the slope. This will allow them to be installed at a consistent depth and maintain slope in the pipe. Most of the trenchers are equipped with laser equip-



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ment which adds to the flexibility of an installation. The strip drains are commonly placed on 10 to 20-foot centers.

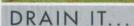
The costs for a strip drain system are dependent on the availability of proper sands and the availability of materials and the distance of the materials from the project. In most cases this type of work would be subcon-

tracted because of the high cost of the specialized trenching and support equipment. The cost for strip drains averages from \$6 to \$9 per foot for the products and installation. A typical football field would have 7,500 feet of strip drain.

The sand slit drainage system consists of a matrix of narrow 1.75-inch wide sand slits on 12 to 20-inch centers. These are cut 8 inches deep and intersect at 90-degree angles to a series of sub drains installed on 10 to 20-foot centers. This system promotes rapid surface drainage with sand trenches every 12 to 20 inches to allow water to enter the drainage system rapidly.

These sand trenches will also improve the aeration of the field and hold moisture in the soil profile when excess is not present. These systems typically cost \$1.25 to \$1.50 per square foot of field area. One consideration is that a sand-slit drained field will require topdressing and collection of the cores from aeration to maintain its functionality.

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#### Plan ahead

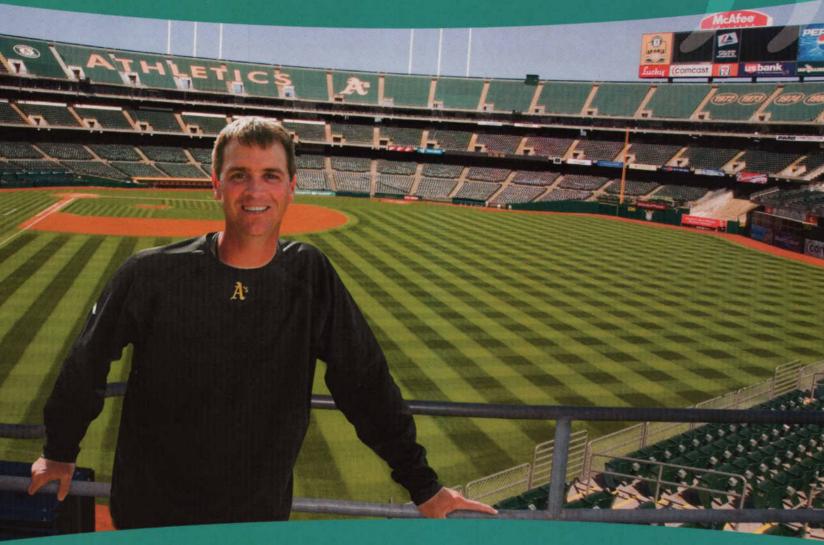
The most important thing to do in any project is to plan. Identify the problems and their causes. With drainage there are many factors to consider and often the solution may involve more than one correction. Start with an accurate survey of the areas in question. Plan the grading and drainage based on the survey of the area and the soil types, anticipated rainfall, and the drainage rate expected for the field.

Investigate to find out what type, if any, drainage is already installed in the field and where the water from the field will go. Match the level of drainage to your budget but realize that cutting costs up front may cost dearly later. Keep in mind the expense and frustration of cancelling events because of wet fields.

And finally, hire reputable contractors with experience and a list of references on similar projects and the proper equipment designed for sports field drainage; these systems have very tight tolerances and must be installed correctly. In my opinion, it's preferable to pay for a better field now, done right the first time, than to play later every time it rains.

Steve Bush, CSFM is an agronomist and owner of Bush Sports Turf, Milan, IL. He can be reached at steve@bushturf.com.

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# Trends

# in water management for sports turf

ith water use being so important to all sports turf managers today, we asked Douglas W. York, president of Ewing Irrigation, for some advice on using the resource efficiently.

**SportsTurf:** What are the recent trends in water management that sports turf managers can use to their advantage?

York: With the water scarcity issue beginning to have a widespread affect on sports turf managers across the country, we're witnessing a steady migration toward water-efficiency. Many professionals have been embracing water-efficient technologies and practices for some time; others are unsure where to start, or how to integrate some of these technologies into pre-existing budgets.

There are a wide variety of solutions currently available to help:

- Water-Efficient Sprinklers. In smaller areas and on sidelines, opt for more efficient irrigation heads, many of which are easily adapted to existing systems. Rotator-style heads offer better distribution uniformity and can save up to 30% of overall water usage.
- "Smart" Controllers. Smart controllers rely on weather or soil-moisture data to control irrigation system run times automatically.
- ET Controllers. Evapotranspiration or "ET" controllers gather and use information from local or on-site weather sensors to control run times automatically, ensuring plant material receives the required amount of water while reducing overwatering and runoff.
- Moisture Sensors. These subsurface devices placed directly under the rootzone are

among the most easily applied water-saving technologies. These sensors communicate with an irrigation controller to shut down the irrigation system when sufficient moisture is detected in the soil.

- Low-Volume "Drip" Irrigation. Drip irrigation systems apply water directly to the surface of
  the soil above a plant's rootzone, minimizing
  evaporation and maximizing the plant's ability to
  directly absorb water—requiring less water overall. Drip irrigation is ideal for landscape beds that
  may be adjacent to your fields.
- Fertilizer Injection Systems (Fertigation). Traditional fertilizer programs require the use of "extra" water during the application process to ensure that the fertilizer penetrates the soil layer. During the process of fertigation, liquid fertilizer is directly injected into the irrigation system, making it easier for nutrients to infiltrate a plant's rootzone, therefore eliminating the need for watering above and beyond the irrigation system's scheduled program run time. This process also eliminates the extra labor required for the "watering in" period for new fertilizer applications.

ST: What cultural practices can they follow that will assist in managing water better?

York: Sports turf managers should contact a Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor to perform a water audit on the site. The audit process will reveal any inefficiency contained in the irrigation system, provide him or her with an accurate assessment of the system's distribution uniformity, and identify opportunities for improvement.

**ST:** What products are on the horizon that will further improve sports turf managers' ability to manage water?

York: With rigorous testing protocols—such as those set forth Irrigation Associations Smart Water Application Technologies (SWAT) and the Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense program—manufacturers are investing in improvements to existing technologies. We can expect to see continued development in weather-based controllers and soil moisture sensor technology. Drought-resistant turfgrass varieties represent another area of exciting research being conducted across the country.

ST: Any thoughts to help managers battling tight budgets?

York: Propose a test site. If you are responsible for managing multiple complexes, or are managing a large complex with several zones, identify a single site or zone for testing. It is typically easier for a sports turf manager to approach his or her supervisor to request funding for a small "test" area than to retrofit or rebuild an entire complex.

Conduct a little research, and locate a case study for a site with similar conditions where true water savings was successfully demonstrated using your desired technology. Present this as a basis for starting your own test site.

Before you begin, have an irrigation audit performed prior to making any changes to the system in order to set a benchmark for the selected site or zone. Then implement the technology for an appropriate testing period. The data mined from the testing period will be your best weapon in combating financial resistance, especially if you compare your site's potential water savings over time with the initial cost of the upgrades.

Thanks to Lacy Ravencraft, public relations manager for Ewing, for conducting this interview on our behalf.

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# On cultural practices

Mike Tentis, Ewing's National Product Manager for Turf Products & Erosion Control, had the following comments to offer regarding cultural practices:

In addition to the water-efficient technologies above, sports turf managers are also opting for slow-release fertilizers. Slowly-available fertilizers, which are typically coated with plastics, resins or sulphur, have lower salt indexes than other quickly-available nitrogen fertilizers. These "coated" nitrogen products do not need to be watered in as heavily as non-coated products.

Paying closer attention to cultural conditions will ultimately help the sports turf professional manage water resources more effectively.

 A strong foundation of regular aerification and topdressing, with both porous calcined clay products and organic matter such as compost, will help make the medium that the roots are growing in more able to withstand the effects of drought.

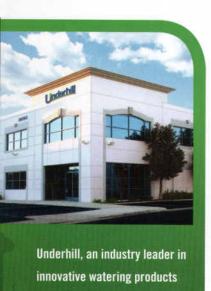
- Heavily compacted soils cause rooting to diminish and thereby minimizes the roots' ability to access water deep in the soil profile.
- There is a fair amount of research that shows that turf cut higher—such as two inches from the soil layer instead of one inch—is better able to access water deeper in the soil profile, as the rooting depth is correlated to shoot height. This, however, pose a challenge on sports fields of course.
- Have a soil sample analyzed by a testing laboratory. The process is fairly inexpensive and will help the sports turf manager determine his or her site's balance of nutrients, which is an essential piece of information when making the appropriate selection and application of fertilizer.
- Adding mulch, pine straw or other amendments helps the soil hold water and nutrients, enabling plants to grow deep roots and resist disease.



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for golf, sports field and other large turf areas, brings over 28 years of know-how in developing our inventory of "Products that work...smart."

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#### features

- . Built for 1" and 3/4" flow rates
- Ultra-durable, fire hose quality nozzle withstands any abuse, feels great in your hands
- . Solid metal internal body no plastic parts to break or wear out. Beautiful, consistent spray patterns for life
- · Ratchet mechanism prevents over-tightening damage
- · Versatile, multi-pattern sprays...effortless control with hydraulic assist on/off









#### specifications

MATERIALS: stainless steel, aluminum, TPR rubber

FLOW: 37 GPM at 80 psi

INLET: 3/4" hose thread (1" brass adapter available, see Page 8)

#### solid metal internal

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Part # NG450 - MAGNUM Hose Nozzle

Part # A-BA107FM - 1" FHT x 3/4" MHT Brass Hose Adapter

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GPM will vary with pressure at nozzle.



Precision™ nozzles' solid metal construction maintain excellent distribution patterns for life. (Nozzle pictured with high-flow composite and stainless steel valve, sold separately on Page 8)



1" brass adapter (each sold separately on Page 8)

Part # - Precision™ Rainbow™ Hose Nozzle

Part # - Precision™ Rainmaker™ Hose Nozzle

Part # - Precision™ Cloudburst™ Hose Nozzle

Part # - Precision™ Cyclone™ Hose Nozzle

Part # - Brass, High-flow 3/4" Valve

Part # - Composite and Stainless Steel High-Flow 3/4" Valve

Part # - 1" x 3/4" Brass Hose Adapter





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A hot summer day can be murder on your greens. Use too much water and you risk damage to the roots. CoolPro™ is the first nozzle specifically designed for the single purpose of fogging and lightly misting the turf canopy to cool without over watering. And its 25 foot pattern gets the job done quickly.



#### features

- Patented Precision™ nozzle fogs at 70 psi to deliver a 25 ft. pattern with only 4-6 GPM
- · Ergonomic handle/valve provides easy grip and variable on/off control.
- · Solid metal design uses zinc, aircraft aluminum and stainless steel for durability.
- 3/4" inlet





Perfect for tournament play, CoolPro™ puts down only enough water to cool the turf canopy. It prevents wilting while maintaining good ball speed on the greens. Not just for golf, either...CoolPro is a great tool for turf professionals who want to protect their grass on hot days without damaging roots.

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Part # HNC075 - CoolPro™ Hose Nozzle

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#### PORTABLE IRRIGATION MACHINE

The Tracker<sup>™</sup> offers a very economical solution for supplementing seasonal watering needs of 1/4 acre to 2 acre areas. It is also ideal for irrigating athletic fields, cemeteries, golf course roughs, or other large areas where an underground system is impractical. Built to last with precision German engineering and high quality materials, this portable powerhouse can irrigate an entire football field in just two passes.

Tracker<sup>™</sup> requires minimal labor to operate. Powered by water, it pulls itself along a nylon cable, dragging up to 360 ft. of 1" reinforced heavy-duty hose (sold separately). Each pass irrigates about 2/3 acre per 8 hours of operations.



- Adjustable Speed Control: 20-70 ft./hr.
- 360 ft. nylon cable provides maximum irrigated length of 400 ft.
- . Standard full or part circle sprinkler (8-15 GPM)
- 70-85 ft. pass width
- · Automatic shut-off at end of pass
- · Galvanized anchor stake
- · Water turbine drive and gear box
- . Includes 1" brass quick-connect adapter

#### specifications

- · WEIGHT: 66 lbs.
- SIZE: Length 33", Width 22", Height 22"
- . MATERIALS: Aluminum, Brass, ABS













Golf courses use Tracker\*\* to help irrigate roughs, driving ranges, or supplement watering in other areas where an irrigation system is not available. Tracker's maximum 400 ft. irrigation path makes it ideal for large campuses or corrals and its compact size allows it to operate in narrow spaces such as cemetery rows.

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Part # T-400 - Tracker™ Portable Irrigation Machine



Solid brass one-piece quick coupler valves and valve keys can help you get your Tracker™ set up quickly.

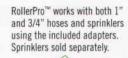




RollerPro™

#### PORTABLE SPRINKLER BASE

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#### features

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- . Standard 1" FHT inlet x 1" female NPT outlet.
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Radius (ft.)







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Part # A-RP221 - RollerPro™

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| Part # SI075F - 3/4" MPT Full Circle Sprinkler        | 13        | 57            |  |
| Part # SI075P - 3/4" MPT Part/Full Circle Sprinkler   | 11        | 48            |  |
| Part # SI100F - 1" MPT Full Circle Sprinkler          | 23        | 71            |  |
| Part # SI100P - 1" MPT Part/Full Circle Sprinkler     | 23        | 71            | Performance data sho<br>at 80 psi. GPM and |
| Part # SI125F - 1-1/4" MPT Full Circle Sprinkler      | 51        | 96            | radius will vary with                      |
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#### APPLICATOR GUN FOR SOLID WETTING AGENT TABLETS

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#### features

- 48 GPM capability gets the job done faster!
- Ultra Heavy-Duty brass fittings, aircraft aluminum, stainless steel, and precision engineered glass-filled materials
- Patented Precision™ Cloudburst™ nozzle delivers large droplets in an outstanding fan pattern
- · Pellet rotation (1 RPS) evenly dissolves/applies wetting agent tablet





With the included 1" FHT x 3/4" MHT brass adapter, PelletPro™ works with

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Part # QV-100R - valve: 1" FPT inlet

Part # QK-100 - key: 1" MPT x 3/4" FPT outlet

Part # QV-150R - valve: 1-1/2" FPT inlet

Part # QK-150 - key: 1-1/2" MPT x 1-1/4" FPT outlet



#### hose swivels

· solid brass

Part # HS-075 - 3/4" FPT 3/4" MHT outlet Part # HS-100 - 1" FPT x 3/4" MHT outlet Part # HS-101 - 1" FPT x 1" MHT outlet



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# DeepDrip™

#### TREE WATERING STAKES

DeepDrip™ stakes allow you to water and fertilize your trees at the roots, encouraging deeper roots and healthier trees. Water gets underground fast, so you can water for shorter periods and enjoy considerable water conservation. They also help to aerate the soil with oxygen, and you can add fertilizer into the shaft to direct nutrients to the root zone. These versatile stakes are designed to work with a hose or automatic landscape drip systems, and come in three sizes. The 14.5" unit is ideal for small trees and shrubs with shallow roots, like rose bushes and ornamental trees (or in commercial use for trees still in boxes). The 24.5" stake is well-suited for most other tree varieties except for palm trees and similarly deeper rooted trees, which will benefit from the longer 36" stakes.

The DeepDrip's reinforced tip and cap are made from ABS and the upper shaft is made from Schedule 40 PVC. Multiple holes in the bottom half of the spike, internally covered by a mesh filter, allow water to flow out but keep dirt from getting in and clogging the tube. The UV-protected cap acts as a reinforced cover when pounding the stake into the ground, keeps debris from entering the shaft and holds a 1/4" drip line/emitter securely in place. By inserting a screwdriver through the two holes at the top of the upper shaft, stakes can be easily pulled up to remove/reposition or rotated to deter root invasion.









DeepDrip™ watering stakes can be installed during or after tree planting. Once in, you have instant access to the root system for fertilizer delivery or to set up deep automatic drip watering.

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Part # A-DD14 - DeepDrip™ 14.5" watering stake
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Part # A-DD36 - DeepDrip™ 36" watering stake

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Part # ME-SS-PK - MicroEase<sup>™</sup> Pro Kit with spray spikes (25)

Part # ME-8SS-PK - MicroEase™ Pro Kit with 8-stream spikes (25)

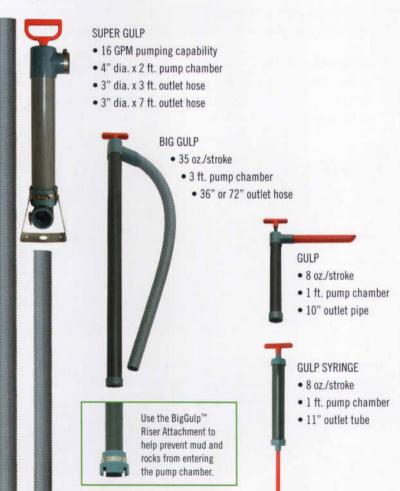
Part # ME-SS-SCK - MicroEase™ Conversion Kit with spray spikes (9)

Part # ME-8SS-SCK - MicroEase™ Conversion Kit with 8-stream spikes (9)

# Gulp™ Series

#### WATER REMOVAL SUCTION PUMPS

Whether you need to remove water from sprinklers and valve boxes or displace gallons of standing water in the field, the Underhill Gulp<sup>™</sup> series of water removal hand pumps has the right tool for the job. Constructed from heavy-duty, corrosion-proof materials, these pumps are self-priming and easy to clean. The Gulp Syringe<sup>™</sup> and Gulp<sup>™</sup> are ideal for carrying on maintenance carts for small, routine needs. For larger water removal jobs, BigGulp<sup>™</sup> pumps a gallon of water in only four strokes and SuperGulp<sup>™</sup> can move 16 gallons of water in one minute.











#### ordering

Part # A-G12 - Gulp™

Part # A-G12S - Gulp™ Syringe

Part # A-G3636K - BigGulp™ with 36" outlet hose

Part # A-G3672K - BigGulp™ with 72" outlet hose

Part # A-G2484 - SuperGulp™ with 84" outlet hose

Part # A-G01 - BigGulp™ Riser Attachment





#### model selection guide

|                         | M-115  | M-125  | M-160  |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| Max Radius              | 125 ft. (38 m)   | 125 ft. (38 m)   | 164 ft. (50 m)   |
| Valve Type              | In Head or Block   | In Head or Block   | Under Head - Extra   |
| Lid Cover               | Sod Cup - Natural Grass<br>4" (101mm) Depth<br>9.5" (242 mm) Diameter  | 7" (180 mm) Diameter   | 15.6" (395 mm) Diameter  |
| Typical<br>Applications | Artificial Turf:<br>Play and Sideline Areas<br>Natural Turf: Sidelines | Artificial Turf:<br>Play and Sideline Areas<br>Natural Turf: Sidelines | Positioned at Sidelines:<br>Artificial Turf Cooling<br>Natural Turf Irrigation |
| Field Usage<br>Examples | All Sports   | All Sports   | Football, Soccer,<br>Race Tracks   |
| Nozzle #s<br>(mm)       | 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12<br>13, 14, 15                                      | 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12<br>13, 14, 15, 16, 17.5                            | 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26   |
| Pop-Up Height           | 4" (99 mm)   | 4" (99 mm)   | 2 3/4" (70 mm)   |
| Arc                     | 30 - 360 degrees   | 30 - 360 degrees   | 30 - 360 degrees   |
| Trajectory              | 22 degrees   | 22 degrees   | 23 degrees   |
| Rotation Speed          |  |  | Precision Adjustable<br>100-240 seconds  |
| Inlet (Specify)         | 1 1/2" (NPT or BSP)  | 1 1/2" (NPT or BSP)  | 2 1/2" F side outlet<br>(NPT or BSP)   |
| Height                  | 17.7" 450 mm   | 17.7" 450 mm   | 23.6" 600 mm   |



#### ordering

Part # M160-FP - Mirage™ 160 full/part circle

Part # M160-EP - Mirage™ 160 full/part circle, with 3" electric valve

Part # M125-EF - Mirage™ 125 full circle, valve-in-head

Part # M125-EP - Mirage™ 125 full/part circle, valve-in-head

Part # M125-BF - Mirage™ 125 full circle, block

Part # M125-BP - Mirage™ 125 full/part circle, block

Part # M115-EF - Mirage™ 115 full circle, valve-in-head

Part # M115-EP - Mirage™ 115 full/part circle, valve-in-head

Part # M115-BF - Mirage™ 115 full circle, block

Part # M115-BP - Mirage™ 115 full/part circle, block

## HeadChecker™

#### **NOZZLE DISCHARGE PRESSURE GAUGE**

HeadChecker™ combines a solid brass Pitot tube and a liquid-filled 160 psi gauge to create a handy tool for measuring nozzle discharge pressure. Assuring correct pressures is essential to maintaining highly uniform irrigation systems. The 160 psi gauge can also be used separately to measure pipeline pressure.



Part # A-HCGPK - HeadChecker™ 160 psi gauge and Pitot tube

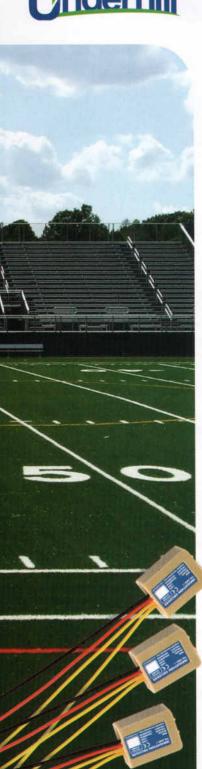
Part # A-PG160L - Pressure gauge only

Part # A-HCP - Pitot tube only









# 2Wire<sup>™</sup>

#### AFFORDABLE, VERSATILE IRRIGATION CONTROL

With over 150,000 field successes, Underhill™ 2WIRE™ irrigation control systems are a proven leader in converting controllers like the Hunter® ICC to the simplicity and low cost of two-wire technology. Installation is a breeze with our handy programmer, and after your system is in, you'll enjoy reduced maintenance costs and unbelievably easy system expansion (just splice into the control line and add a decoder). Add the Hunter® IRC remote control and you've created the ultimate (and most affordable) way to syringe anywhere on your field at the press of a button.



#### ordering

Part # TW-TK-DEC-1 - Decoder with 4 waterproof connectors

Part # TW-ICC-48 - ICC Decoder Module

Part # DEC-PROG-115 - Portable Programmer for TK-DEC-1 Decoders, 115V

Part # DEC-PROG-240 - Portable Programmer for TK-DEC-1 Decoders, 240V

# Nastek™

#### EARLY STRESS DETECTION GLASSES

Disease, drought and weed invasion are plant and turf killers. But by the time you see them it can be too late. Nastek<sup>™</sup> glasses, with stress detection technology developed by NASA, lets you "see into the future" to identify problems 2-10 days before they are visible to your naked eye. Keep your turf and vegetation healthy BEFORE serious problems arise.



STRESS DETECTION GUIDE



fusarium patch

pythium blight

yellow patch (rhizoctonia)

brown patch

anthracnose

get a jump on broken or poor-performing sprinklers

highly efficient **spot watering** saves time and labor costs

poa grass invasion identified BEFORE it takes over

superior weed location and spraying saves time and money



HOW DOES IT WORK? Dying vegetation signals distress with changes in how it absorbs and reflects sunlight. The earliest signals occur at the outer limits of the human visual spectrum, and are rendered invisible compared to the predominant middle wavelengths. Nastek Early Stress Detection Glasses filter the overpowering light in the center so that the fringe spectra, which show early plant stress, become visible!



Nastek™ Deluxe Edition includes shatterproof polycarbonate stress detection lens in "Aero II" frame, cleaning cloth and case, plus a FREE sun protection lens.



Nastek™ Standard Edition includes shatterproof polycarbonate stress detection lens in sport frame and lightweight case.



Nastek™ Clip-on glasses include shatterproof polycarbonate stress detection lenses and hard clamshell case.

#### ordering

Part # NG650-01 - Nastek™ Deluxe Edition Kit Part # NG655-01 - Nastek™ Standard Edition Part # NG670-01 - Nastek™ Clip-on Lenses

Part # NG680-TS - Nastek™ Digital Camera Lens

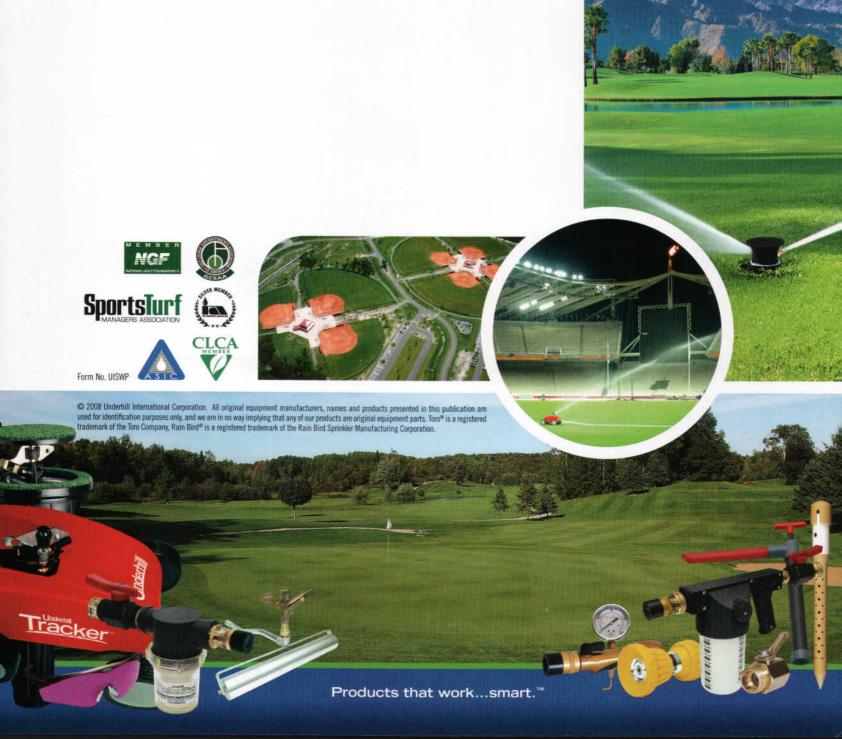


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# Maintenance guidelines from the STC, Part

s synthetic turf's popularity increases, it's important to know the value of proper synthetic turf maintenance. Putting time into your field, even for a couple of hours each week, will keep it looking well-manicured, and more importantly maintain its safety characteristics, and add to the field's longevity. The following is an edited version of the Synthetic Turf Council's (STC) Maintenance Manual, published in 2007. The second half will appear in the August issue.

Maintenance of an infilled synthetic surface is essential. While the maintenance and upkeep of an infilled synthetic surface is considerably less than other designs, it must be properly applied. The basic behavioral characteristics of synthetic turf systems must be understood because they dictate the maintenance required.

In developing these guidelines, the Synthetic Turf Council has considered and incorporated, where applicable, the field experience of its members and other qualified entities. They stress that the provider of the syn-



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thetic turf system and the owner must agree on the need for maintenance.

These guidelines provide the enduser/owner/client with a means of realistically evaluating the maintenance that is recommended for a synthetic surface, based on its intended use. Routine maintenance, as well as periodic intense maintenance, is essential to the life and performance of the infilled synthetic surfaces.

By definition synthetic turf fields are, in essence, a system that provides a synthetic playing surface, cushioning, drainage, and a properly prepared base. Routine maintenance, as a practical matter, is primarily applied to the top surface where the action takes place and where it is most conspicuously observed.

Maintenance should be performed by personnel trained and knowledgeable about the specific ingredients/materials of the specified/installed system and the equipment properly used for field maintenance applications. Such personnel should be prequalified as to their expertise and knowledge of the process. When such qualified personnel can be identified, they are customarily employed by the facility management, or outsourced by facility management to a maintenance subcontractor, or contracted by the provider/manufacturer of the system.

It is the intent of this Guideline document to augment the maintenance instructions provided by the manufacturer and/or initial provider of the system. In the event that manufacturer/provider instructions are provided, a review of these provisions should be made and their effect on warranties understood. Any conflict should be corrected between the parties in order to prevent the voiding of the warranties provided.

This Guideline also serves to provide an understanding of the minimum requirements by owners of a field or those who have been given the responsibility for the maintenance. It serves to make all parties to the system aware of the