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## NEW SURFACE UNDAMAGED BY SHOES

Damage from spiked shoes in club houses and surrounding areas is a perennial problem to be faced by those responsible for golf club maintenance. A new product from the 3M Company, "Tartan" surfacing, has been successfully used in the U.S. for a number of years, it is a tough polymer with a slightly indented surface, some  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. thick. It is widely used for locker rooms, walk-up areas to the tees, paths and similar areas. The surface is practically indestructible as well as showing no damage from studs. In addition it offers a non-slip surface which reduces the slipping hazard usual on wooden or other conventional floors. Unlike conventional surfaces, it requires no maintenance except for an occasional brush-over or hose-down.

Originally, this surface was invented for horse race tracks to allow racing in all weather conditions. It has been found to be unaffected by any weather or the pounding of horses' hooves, or by the spikes on athletes' shoes. To prove its toughness, a 40-ton army truck has been run over it without causing any damage. As well as the non-playing areas, many golf courses have installed "Tartan" surfacing for driving ranges.

It may be laid on any firm surface such as concrete, asphalt or boards. It costs 30s. per square foot.