

Go Mud to Mat in 4 steps

1 Level the existing surface by hand or machine. Fill in any ruts or hollows and remove excess soil.



2 Loosen and level the soil with a rake or machine. Backfill with soil or small aggregate to support the underside and ensure the mats sit flat.



3 Lay the mats in a masonry configuration with a 1-2cm gap between each mat. Cut to fit with a saw.



4 Spread sand onto the mats. 1 mat requires approx 18 kg of sand for a level covering.
Optional



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Do I need to level the ground first?

As the HIT Top Clean mats are semi flexible they will follow undulations on the ground. The mats must never be installed over ruts in the ground. Levelling the soil allows the underside of the mat to grip the surface and remain firm.

A slight slope will aid the drainage of rain water.

Why do I need to loosen the ground and/install aggregate layer?

This step is very important to allow the entire underside of the mat to “grip” the ground. Top Clean should never be installed on hard/dry ground or over ruts/holes.

An aggregate layer is optional but we strongly recommend it for longevity and stability of the surface particularly with heavy horses and vehicles.

Failure to prepare the ground correctly could result in the mats cracking or breaking from lack of support.

Why leave gaps?

Gaps allow for drainage between the mats and a small amount of expansion room.

This is more important if you are covering a large area in the mats.

Where can I use HIT Top Clean Mats?

Originally designed for HIT Active Stables but with wider uses in feeding areas, slopes, open paddocks, track systems, gateways, turnout pens.

Disclaimer:

SureHoof NZ cannot be held responsible for damage caused to the HIT Top Clean mats by incorrect installation.

Safety: please take great care when handling the mats, wear appropriate footwear/gloves and take consideration for the weight of the mats (29kg each), for example 2 person lift per mat.

Is sand necessary?

Sand is an optional surface covering. We recommend sand as it is intended to increase surface slip resistance and aid poo picking. Sand is not intended to be used inside feeding stations due to the risk of sand ingestion by the horses. Sand will also increase the stability of the mats.

What type of sand?

Washed sand with a medium grain size performs well. Avoid unwashed or recycled sand.

Will the sand wash away?

Yes, it is possible that rain will wash away sand over time and we recommend a top up of sand every 1-2 years depending on your climate.





