

# GREATMATS

## Gaga Ball Pit Rubber Mat Flooring INSTALLATION TIPS

- Wear durable and protective clothing for installations. This includes wearing a good pair of work pants or jeans. Knee pads are also recommended, along with a good set of work gloves and work boots.
- Always lift heavy items carefully to avoid injury or strain. Each individual tile weighs approximately 85 Lbs., so try to have the pallet of tiles as close to the work area as possible. It's best to have 2 people to lift or drag one tile at a time into position.
- Choose a day, or time of day, to install when the heat and sun are not too intense.
- This rubber tile system is intended to be installed for outdoor and open areas only. Never install indoors this product indoors, or where there's inadequate ventilation.

### Ground Surface

Rubber tiles must be installed on a flat and firm surface. Fill or repair any dips in the ground which may create puddling areas.

If installing on a grass area, prepare the ground by removing several inches of grass/dirt. Then, compact and level several inches of limestone screening, stone dust, or other small granule fill material. Prepare the area several inches beyond your overall tile size to allow for a little extra installation space.

### Installation Tips:

See the Installation Diagram and familiarize yourself with the identification tag for each tile, as you will need to fit the pieces in their proper positions. When installing the tiles. It's best to start with the Top Left, or Top Right corner tile, and work your way across the top row, then attach the next row down, and so on. Be sure your top row is straight along your border as you put them together, as once a few are connected, adjusting or sliding them becomes difficult.

To avoid damage to the tiles during installation, firmly hold the tiles in a way that will not put all the force on a single interlock tab, as they could potentially tear with too much pulling force.

Connecting the tiles in their interlock positions is done mostly by hand, but can be assisted with the help of a flat tip screwdriver, rubber mallet, and/or kicking in with work boots. Be sure to wear good work gloves from the start of installation, as described above. Put the tile into position and then start working each interlock attachment. Once the interlocks are in place, you may need to adjust the exact fit of the interlock pieces in some areas. You can use a flat tip screwdriver, or a rubber mallet, or stomp with your boot to pry them to be flush with each other if needed.

Once all tiles are in place, be sure to pull all the tags off and remove all the staples with a needle nose pair of pliers. Then, clean off the surface with either a broom or leaf blower if needed.

Now you are ready to install your Gaga Ball Pit on top of the rubber tile base. We recommend using either a 5/4x6 or 2x6 section of pressure treated or composite board underneath each bracket to raise up the Gaga Ball Pit. This will increase the gap between the bottom of the wall and the floor, to allow for debris to be swept or blown out from the inside of the pit.

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