

University of South Wales SP18/25 Professional Sports Floor





This sports flooring project for Treforest Campus at the University of South Wales was installed in February 2022.

The 880m² sports hall at the University was intended for playing basketball, badminton netball and other sports. The floor therefore had to be designed for multi-sports use, and a combined elastic C4 sports floor was specified.

This offers the highest performance for shock absorption and gives athletes the maximum protection against injuries.

InstaFloor worked in partnership with Gerflor UK and Artisan Flooring, Swansea to deliver the complete project. Gerflor liaised with the client and architect to confirm the correct specification. The playing surface was Gerflor's Taraflex sports vinyl.

InstaFloor's rubber cradle sprung sports floor was able to level the subfloor accurately, creating a perfect playing surface. The dry system also avoided the use of levelling compounds or wet screeds: installation times were faster, and no moisture was introduced into the process.

A core consideration for this project was high loading from retractable seating. When deployed, the seating could potentially cause issues, since the sports floor must be able to deflect and move to offer a true sprung performance.

Products used:

SP18/25 Professional Sports Floor with Gerflor's Taraflex sports vinyl. Creates a combined elastic C4 category floor.

Developer:

Gerflor UK

Property:

Sports Hall 880m²

Main Contractor:

Artisan Flooring, Swansea

Product Benefits:

- Complies with EN 14904
- Achieves Area Elastic A4 and Combined Elastic C4 Standards
- Sprung sports floor with shock absorption helps users to avoid injury and fatigue
- Incorporates Graboplast Extreme high quality sports vinyl
- Suitable for uneven sub-floor constructions
- On-site levelling capabilities and floor height adjustment
- Undercarriage cradles guaranteed for 60 years

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