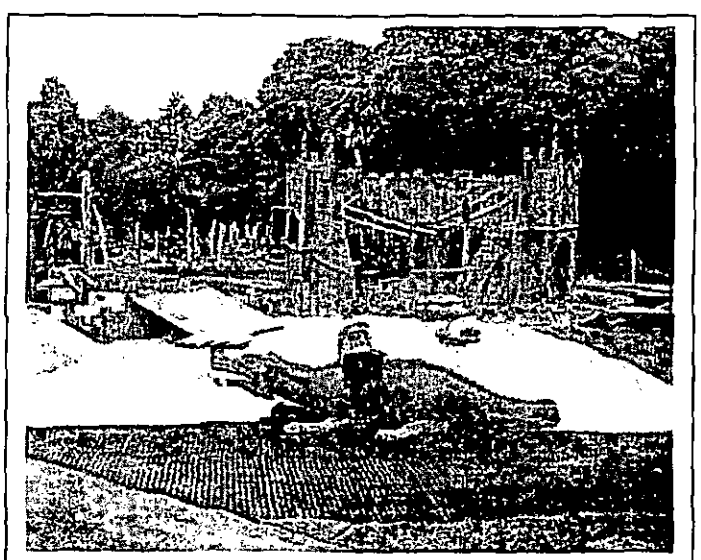
Post Installation Inspection carried out at Wentworth Castle

on behalf of The Children's Playground Company Limited

on 16th May 2008



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IMPORTANT NOTES

Please read the attached as they form part of the report

1. The European Standards EN1176 and EN1177 are not mandatory in the UK. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have made it clear that whilst compliance with EN1176 and EN1177 is recommended, it is the risks associated with the equipment which are of paramount importance. They state that compliance with EN1176 does not remove the operator's responsibility to ensure that equipment is safe; equally failure to comply does not necessarily mean that equipment is dangerous. **The Courts have also made it clear that compliance with EN1176 does not remove the operator's obligation to have a safe area and that EN1176 compliance cannot necessarily be used as a defence in the event of litigation.**

2. Equipment in this report has been assessed against the relevant standards. The site and equipment have also been assessed with the protection of the operator and contractor against litigation in mind.

3. Play is all about "doing" and by "doing" accidents will from time to time occur. Play is an essential part of a child's physical and mental development and RoSPA believes that it is essential that a level of assessed challenge and risk is provided to enable children to properly develop their survival skills. Risk Assessment is all about balancing risk against return. RoSPA believes that there are instances where even high risk is acceptable, provided that the risk cannot be further reduced and the development value to the child is high. (see also paragraph 9)

4. A Risk Assessment is attached to this report. Clients are reminded that there is no such thing as NO RISK. Consequently Low Risk is as low as you can get. **Where items are indicated as being Low Risk, clients may well wish to consider if any remedial action is economically justified in terms of improvement in safety.** Also where we have not indicated any suggested remedial action against medium, or even high risk, items , we feel that either these items have sufficient development value to justify the risk or that no remedial action is possible and the alternative of closing a site or removing an item of equipment poses a greater risk to the user. The operator may well wish to consider the same.

5. EN1176 is not always a precise standard and includes such imprecise wording as "normally" etc. Furthermore there are some different interpretations in different EU states. This can lead to an item which appears to pass EN1176 in one country, appearing to fail EN1176 in another. **The client is therefore advised to use the Risk Assessment to make a judgement as to whether the indicated failure warrants remedial action.**

6. EN1176 requires certain labelling information on equipment. Without it the item fails the standard. We do however separate this type of failure from any other failures in our report. Certain items, such as rubber seating, stepping items etc, are, with current technology, impossible to correctly label. The client may well therefore consider acceptance of such items without correct labelling.

7. Whilst normally "kite marks" and other forms of certification indicate that the equipment meets EN1176 there may be cases where due to either quality control problems in the factory, or in installation on site, dimensions etc. have changed and that the installed item does not meet EN1176. On certain items (roundabouts for example) the height on installation is an essential component of EN1176.

8. EN1176 has different requirements for use of equipment by children under 36 months old from that used by older children. The HSE recommends that all equipment should be assessed for use by children under 36 months old, regardless of where the equipment is located. There may be instances where any TüV certification might only be applicable for children over 36 months old and the equipment fails the under-36 month old requirements and hence, following HSE recommendations, would fail EN1176 in the UK.

9. Professor David Ball's report to the Health and Safety Executive stated that Play Areas are one of the safest places that children can be. In 2002 (last year figures are available) there were only approximately 12,000 visits to casualty department by children throughout the UK which needed treatment beyond a bit of TLC or a bit of "sticky plaster". There are around 12,000,000 children under 16 in the UK and approximately 3,000,000 or these will visit casualty departments each year and around 1,000,000 of these will be for accidents in the home. Play Area accidents therefore represent less than 0.5% of accidents to children.

10. Sports Areas have been assessed to EN 15312 and Wheeled Sports Equipment to EN 14974.

11. RoSPA has a duty of care to report all issues that might affect safety or quality, regardless as the whether they are the responsibility of the contractor or not. We therefore normally report on the site as a whole. In most cases we are not are aware if all ancillary items etc are part of the contract or not and they may have been installed by a different contractor. **RoSPA recommend that where problems are identified that are not the responsibility of the contractor who has commissioned the report, these should not delay payment to that contractor.**

12. The RoSPA report indicates the state of the area *at the time of inspection.* Subsequent events may change the condition of the site. Where major problems are identified it may be necessary to re-inspect the site. Where problems are relatively minor the report may reflect some remedial action where this has been certified as being completed by the installer.

13. RoSPA are aware that in some instances moneys are being held back from suppliers. RoSPA recommend that a maximum of 10% of the value of the installation contract be withheld against remedial work identified in this report and that this balance be immediately released on completion of the work. **Where any problems identified are the result of vandalism/use etc, RoSPA recommend that this should not be used to delay payment to the contractor.**

Inspector: FG

General Comments

Very good quality equipment and surfacing, installed to a very high standard

Considerable resources and work have been put into the playground.which has resulted in a much higher standard of provision.

Design

The following have been checked and found to be satisfactory:

Orientation
Minimum Space
Traffic Clashes
Age separation
Design Age

Comments

Good design and layout

Ancillary Items

The following have been checked and found to be satisfactory:

Fences	Work in progress
Pathways	*To be completed*
Planting	

Work is required on the following:

Seats	*Recommended*
Signs	No dog ban, ownership or age signs
Litter Bins	*Recommended*
Other	Willow dens and deteriorating wall *Monitor*

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EQUIPMENT REPORT

Item **Horse and Cart** Supplier **Sik Holz**



EN 1176 Standard Compliance	Yes
Label to EN1176	Yes

Reasons for failure

1. None

Other safety failures

1. None

Installation	Correct

Installation faults

1. None

Surfacing type	Grass Matting
Dimensions	Correct
Dimension Size	10m x 4.5m
Should be	10m x 4.5m
Estimated Free Fall Height	1. 820mm at horse back 2. 1.5m at top of horses head
Random Depth	20mm

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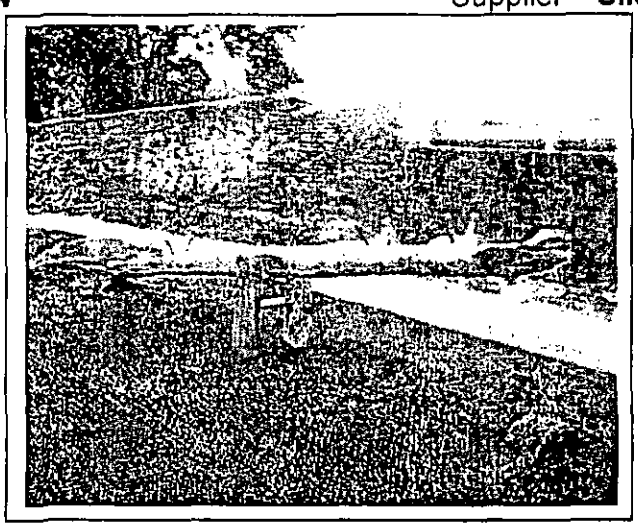
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Surfacing installation	Correct

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EQUIPMENT REPORT

Item **Seesaw** Supplier **Sik Holz**



EN 1176 Standard Compliance	Yes
Label to EN1176	Yes

Reasons for failure

1. None

Other safety failures

1. None

Installation	Correct

Installation faults

1. None

Surfacing type	Grass Matting
Dimensions	Correct
Dimension Size	8m x 3m
Should be	8m x 3m
Estimated Free Fall Height	1.1m°
Random Depth	20mm

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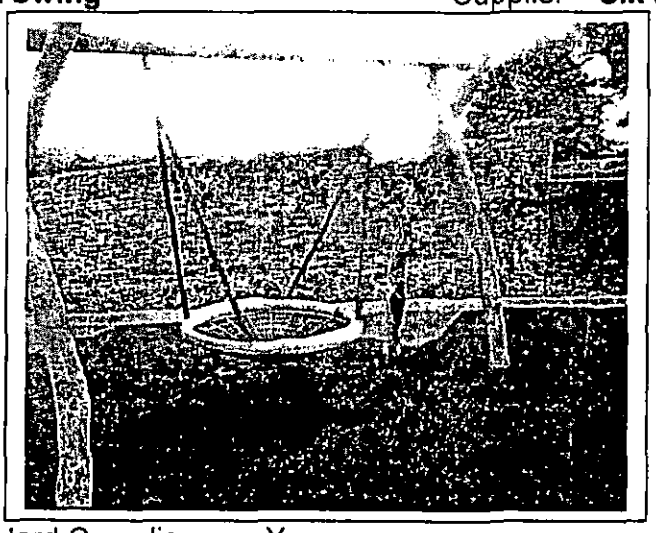
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Surfacing installation	Correct

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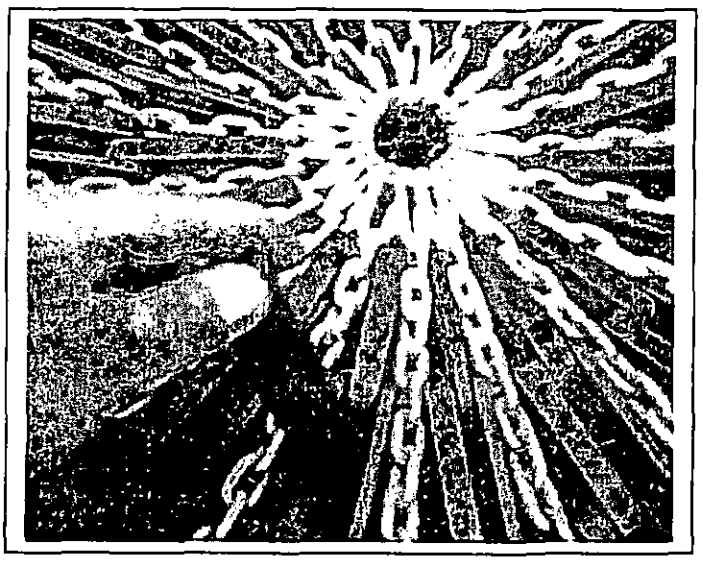
Item **Basket Swing** Supplier **Sik Holz**



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Label to EN1176 Yes

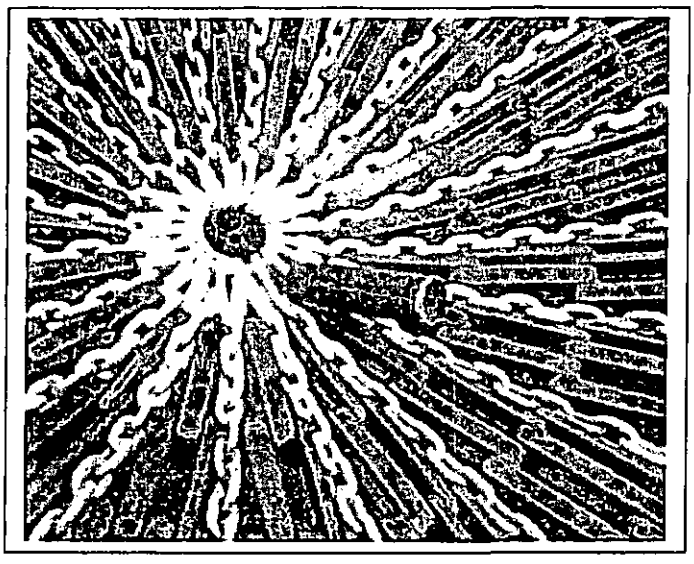
Reasons for failure

Finger traps at basket sections



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Finger traps at carabineers



Other safety failures

1. None

Installation	Correct

Installation faults

1. None

Surfacing type	Grass Matting
Dimensions	Correct
Dimension Size	8.7m x 4m
Should be	8.7m x 4m
Estimated Free Fall Height	1.9 m at 60 °
Random Depth	20mm

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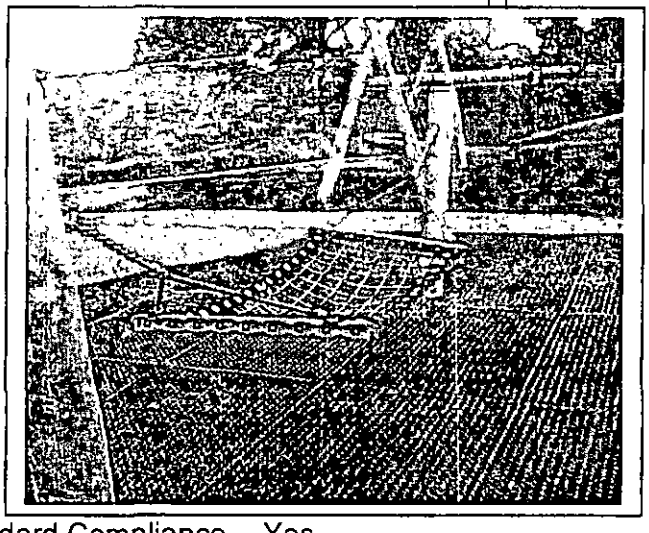
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Surfacing installation	Correct

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EQUIPMENT REPORT

Item **Hammock** Supplier **Sik Holz**



EN 1176 Standard Compliance Yes
Label to EN1176 Yes

Reasons for failure

1. None

Other safety failures

1. None

Installation Correct

Installation faults

1. None

Surfacing type Grass Matting

Dimensions Correct

Dimension Size 8.5m x 5.3m

Should be 8.5m x 5.5m

Estimated Free Fall Height 1.4m Random Depth 20mm

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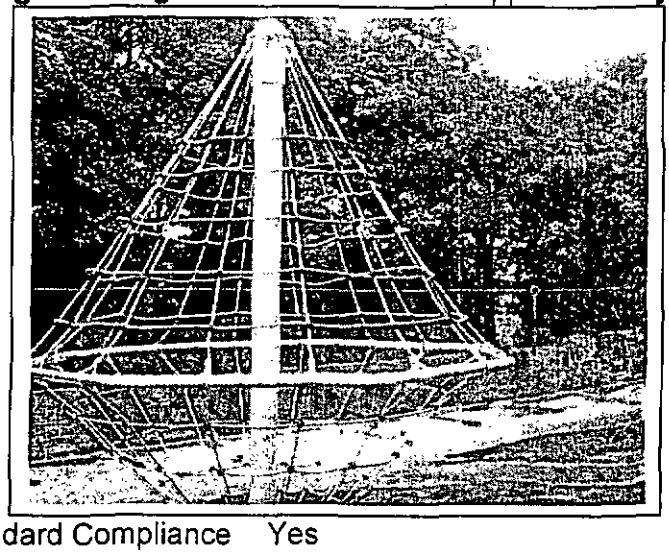
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Surfacing installation	Correct

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EQUIPMENT REPORT

Item **Rotating Climbing Frame** Supplier **Hally Gally**



EN 1176 Standard Compliance	Yes
Label to EN1176	Yes

Reasons for failure

1. None

Other safety failures

1. None

Installation	*Correct*

Installation faults

1. None

Surfacing type	Grass Matting
Dimensions	Correct
Dimension Size	8m x 8m
Should be	8m x 8m
Estimated Free Fall Height	1. 3.15m at top of netting 2. 1.65m to steel bars
Random Depth	20mm

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Surfacing installation	Correct

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EQUIPMENT REPORT

Item **Aerial Runway** Supplier **Sik Holz**



EN 1176 Standard Compliance	Yes
Label to EN1176	Yes

Reasons for failure

1. None

Other safety failures

1. None

Installation	Correct

Installation faults

1. None

Surfacing type	Woodchip
Dimensions	Correct
Dimension Size	30m x 4m
Should be	30m x 4m
Estimated Free Fall Height	1.5m
Random Depth	300mm

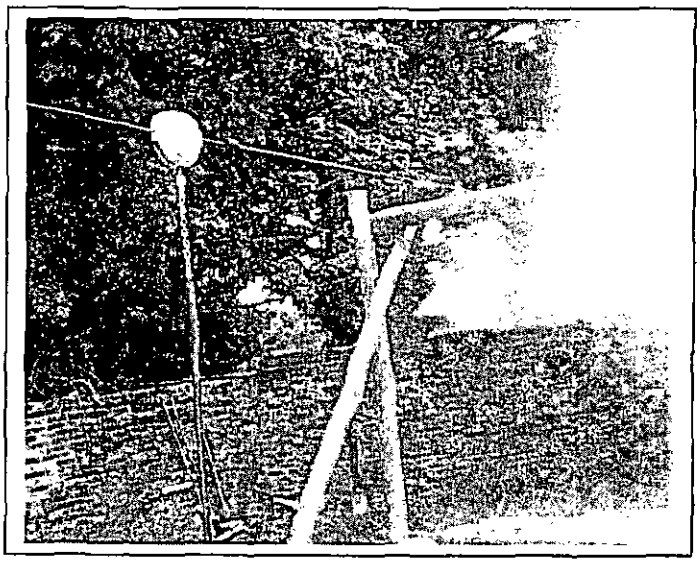
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Surfacing installation Correct

Additional Comments

Please ensure the back stop is in the correct position
Refer to manufacturer for comment.



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EQUIPMENT REPORT

Item **Ropes Climbing Frame** Supplier **Sik Holz**



EN 1176 Standard Compliance	Yes
Label to EN1176	Yes

Reasons for failure

1. None

Other safety failures

1. None

Installation	Correct

Installation faults

1. None

Surfacing type	Grass Matting
Dimensions	Correct
Dimension Size	7.6m x 13m
Should be	7.6m x 13m
Estimated Free Fall Height	630mm at wooden platform
Random Depth	20mm

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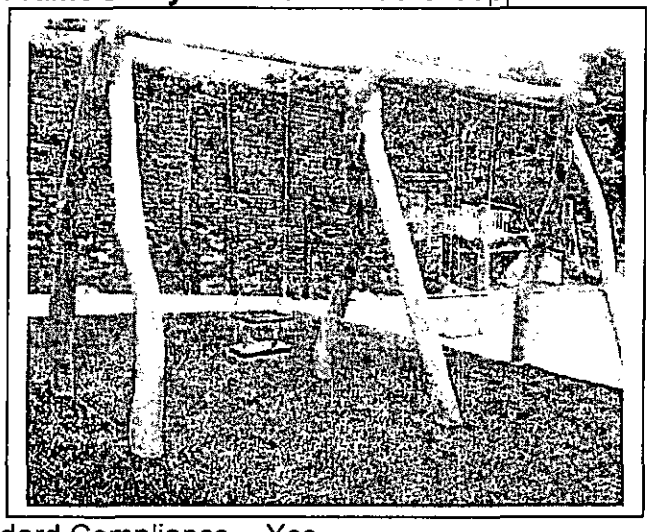
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Surfacing installation	Correct

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EQUIPMENT REPORT

Item **Swing Frame 2 Bay 1 Junior 1 Cradle** Supplier **Sik Holz**



EN 1176 Standard Compliance	Yes
Label to EN1176	Yes

Reasons for failure

1. None

Other safety failures

1. None

Installation	Correct

Installation faults

1. None

Surfacing type	Grass Matting
Dimensions	Correct
Dimension Size	8m x 5m
Should be	8m x 5m
Estimated Free Fall Height	1.25m at 60 °
Random Depth	20mm

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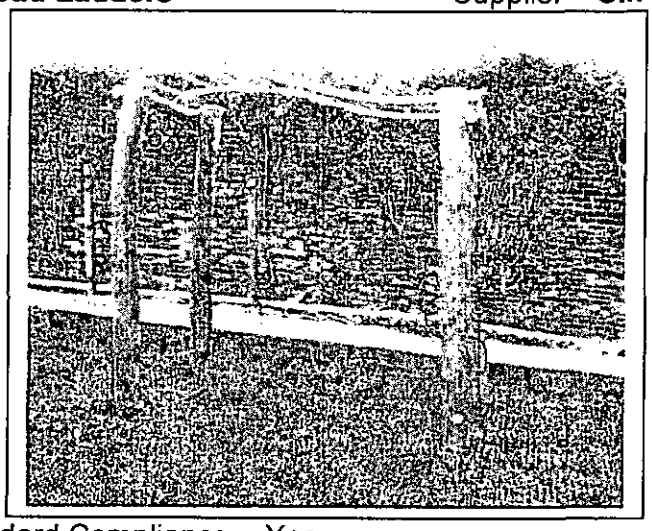
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Surfacing installation	Correct

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Item **Overhead Ladders** Supplier **Sik Holz**



EN 1176 Standard Compliance	Yes
Label to EN1176	Yes

Reasons for failure

1. None

Other safety failures

1. None

Installation	Correct

Installation faults

1. None

Surfacing type	Grass Matting
Dimensions	Correct
Dimension Size	7m x 5m
Should be	7m x 5m
Estimated Free Fall Height	2.3m
Random Depth	20mm

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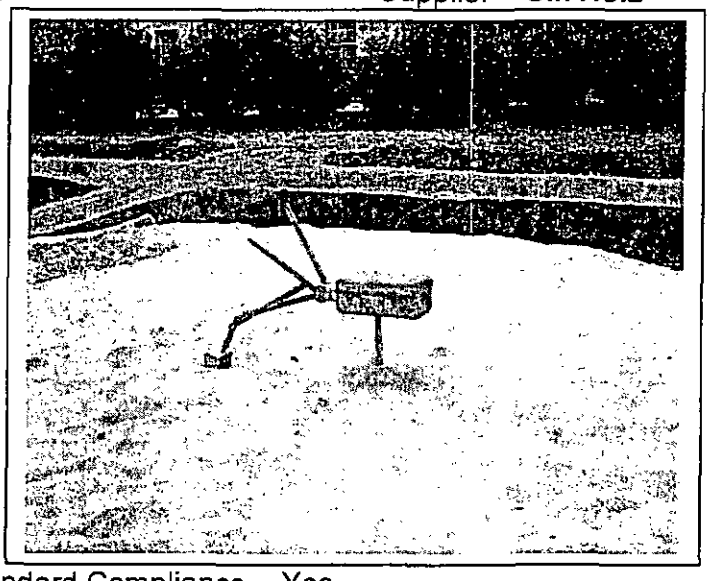
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Surfacing installation	Correct

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EQUIPMENT REPORT

Item **Digger** Supplier **Sik Holz**



EN 1176 Standard Compliance Yes
Label to EN1176 Yes

Reasons for failure

1. None

Other safety failures

1. None

Installation Correct

Installation faults

1. None

Surfacing type Sand

Dimensions Correct

Dimension Size 4m x 4m

Should be 4m x 4m

Estimated Free Fall Height 430mm at seat

Random Depth 350mm

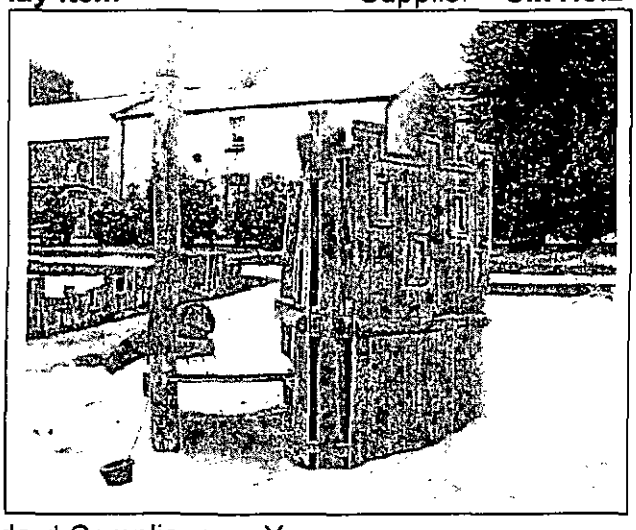
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Item **Sand Play item** Supplier **Sik Holz**



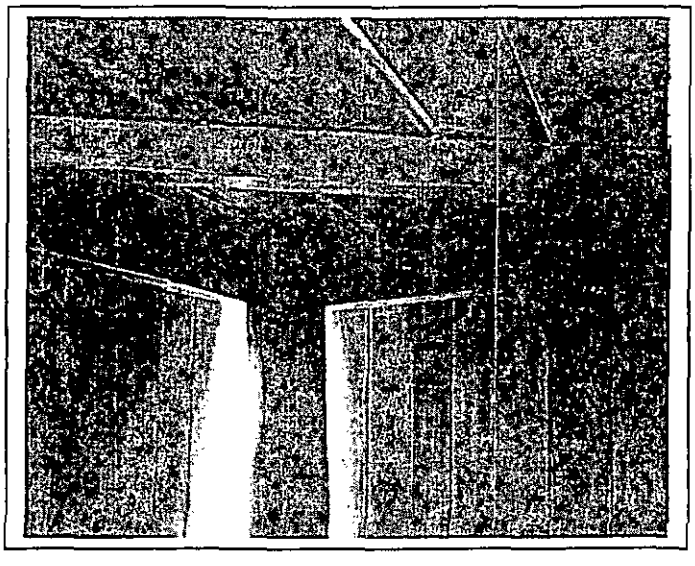
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Label to EN1176 Yes

Reasons for failure

1. None

Other safety failures

Fit caps to exposed bolts



Installation Correct

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Installation faults

1. None

Surfacing type	Sand
Dimensions	Correct
Dimension Size	6m x 4.5m
Should be	6m x 4.5m
Estimated Free Fall Height	900mm
Random Depth	450mm

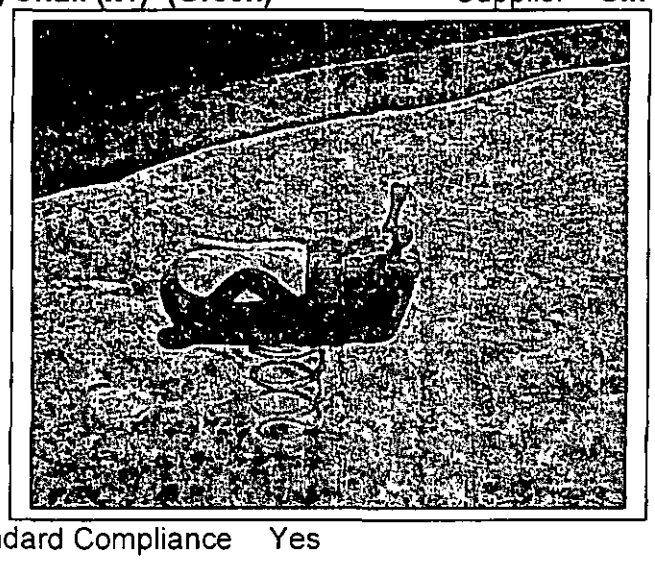
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Surfacing installation	Correct

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Item **Spring Snail (x1) (Green)** Supplier **Sik Holz**



EN 1176 Standard Compliance	Yes
Label to EN1176	Yes

Reasons for failure

1. None

Other safety failures

1. None

Installation	Correct

Installation faults

1. None

Surfacing type	Grass Matting
Dimensions	Correct
Dimension Size	3m x 3m
Should be	3m x 3m
Estimated Free Fall Height	570mm
Random Depth	400mm

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Surfacing installation	Correct

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Item **Snail (x2) (Brown and yellow)** Supplier **Sik Holz**



EN 1176 Standard Compliance	Yes
Label to EN1176	Yes

Reasons for failure

1. None

Other safety failures

1. None

Installation	Correct

Installation faults

1. None

Surfacing type	Sand
Dimensions	Correct
Dimension Size	3m x 3m
Should be	3m x 3m
Estimated Free Fall Height	600mm
Random Depth	350mm

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Surfacing installation	Correct

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Item **Dragon** Supplier **Sik Holz**



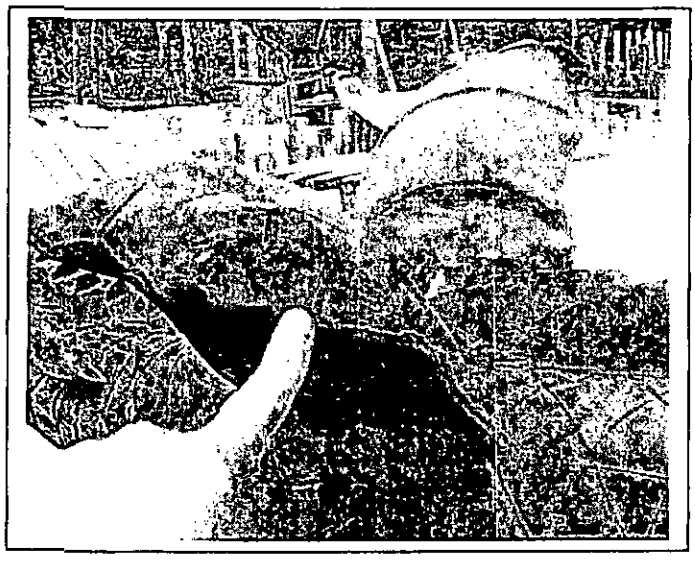
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Reasons for failure

1. None

Other safety failures

Recommended – rounding off all edges



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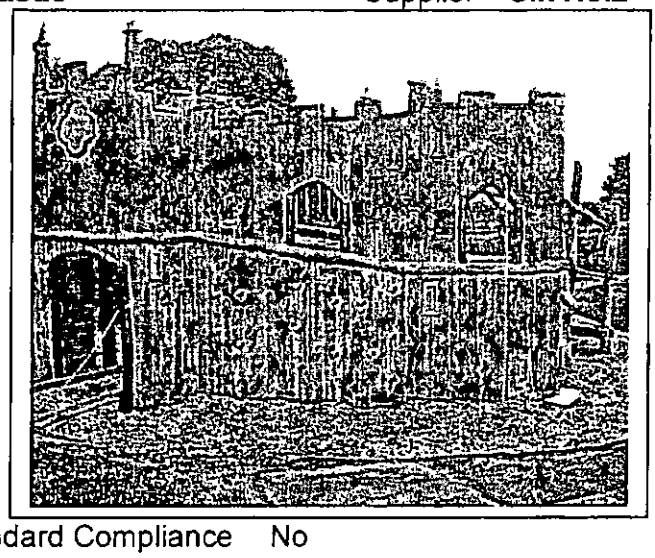
Installation	Correct
Installation faults	
1. None	
Surfacing type	Sand and Grass Matting
Dimensions	Correct
Dimension Size	6m x 5m
Should be	6m x 5m
Random Depth	1. 300mm at sand 2. 20mm at grass matting

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Surfacing installation	Correct

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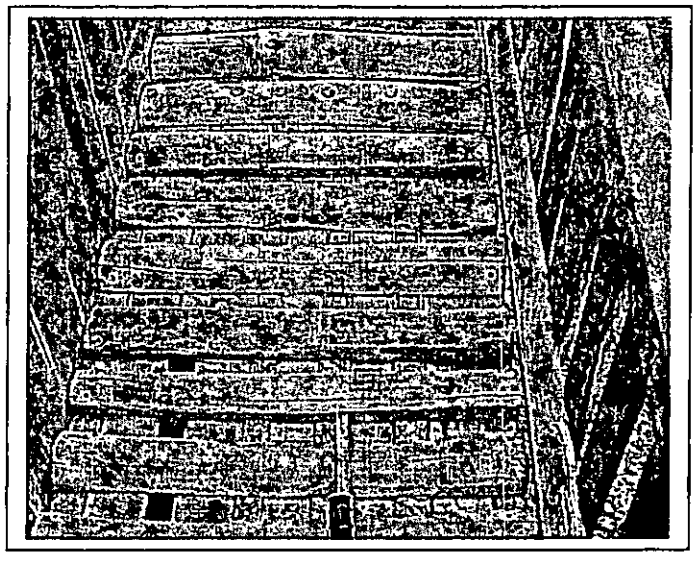
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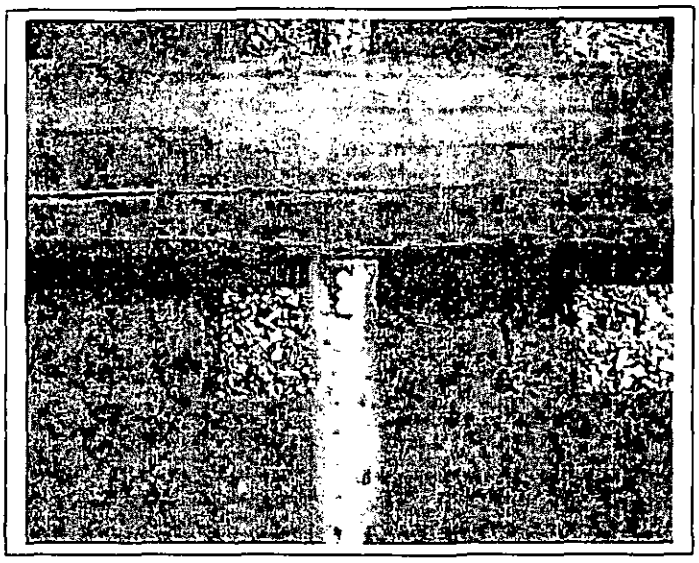
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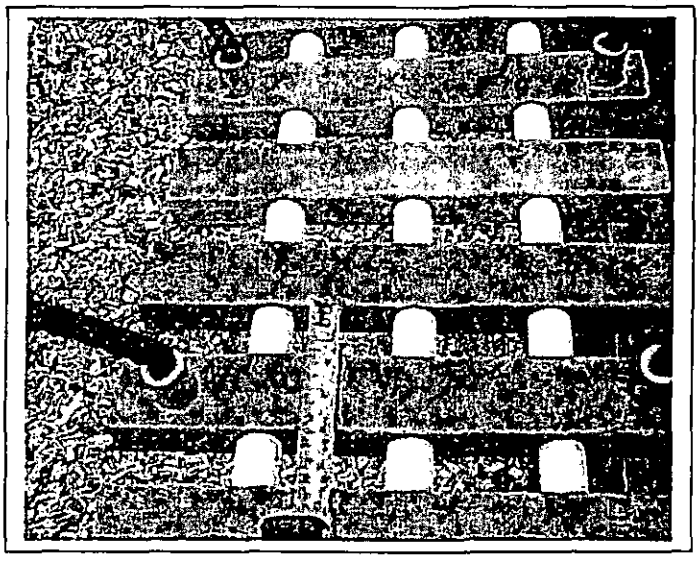
Reasons for failure

Gaps in 2 bridges exceed 30mm
Low risk



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Other safety failures

1. None

Installation Correct

Installation faults

1. None

Surfacing type Grass Matting and woodchip

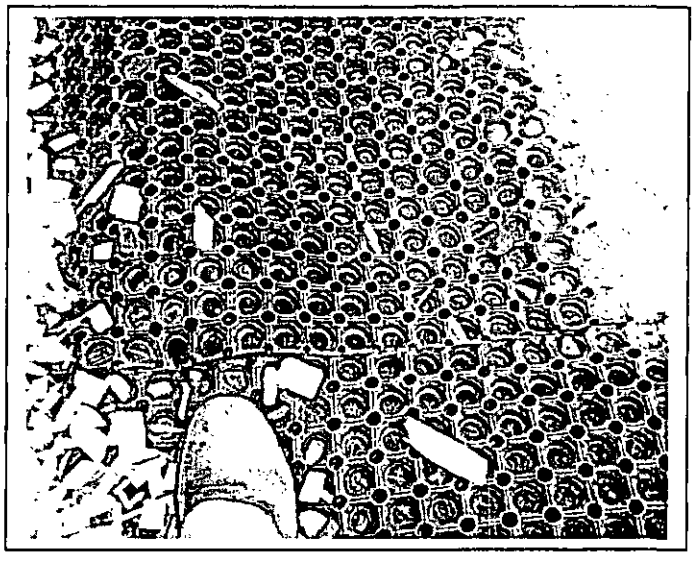
Dimensions	Correct
Dimension Size	21m x 15m
Should be	21 x 15m
Estimated Free Fall Height	2.2m
Random Depth	300mm

Where, in the Inspectors opinion, the depth/hardness of surfacing may be inadequate, this is indicated in Additional Comments. As a matter of good practice the supplier should provide certification that the above depth of surfacing meets the HIC requirements of EN1177. Indicative tests of HIC value are available from RoSPA at an economic price where on site verification is required

Surfacing installation	Correct

Additional comments

Woodchips slightly exceed the maximum of 30mm and additional cable ties may be required
Monitor



RISK ASSESSMENT EVALUATION

Client: The Children's Playground Co Ltd Site: Wentworth Castle Date: 16.05.08

Type: Mixed

Risk Score	Risk Categories
1-3	Very low risk - (Monitor)
4-7	Low risk - (Monitor and take reasonable action if required)
8-12	Medium risk - Take action to reduce if possible, or available
13-20	High risk - Take action immediately and access control measures
21+	Unacceptable risk - Remove or immobilise before taking immediate action and assessment of control measures

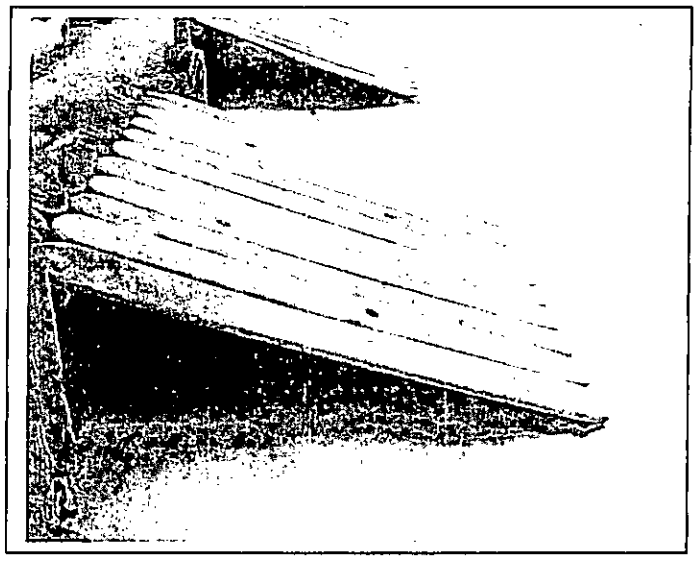
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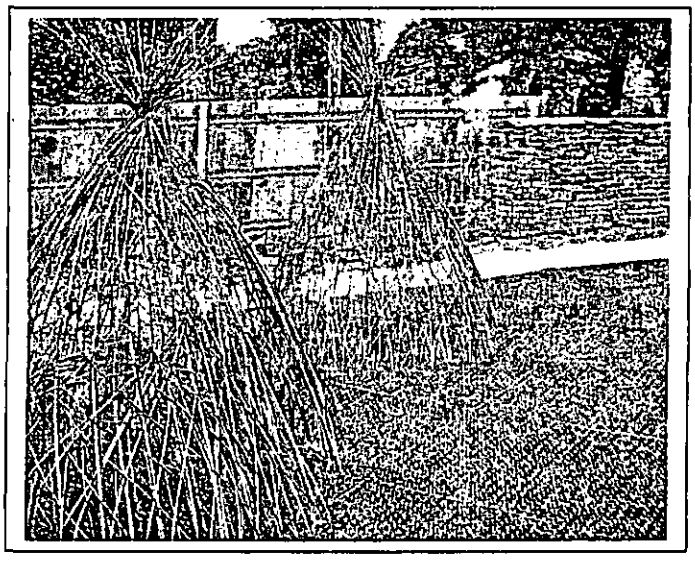
Ancillary Items	Risk Score	Comments	Action or Control
Seats or Benches			
Litter Bins			
Fencing			
Gates x ( )			
Signs			
Planting	4		*See inspection report*
Pathways	6	Work in hand	*See inspection report*

Environmental or Other Hazards	Risk Score	Action, Comment, or Control Recommended
Free/Fall Space	4	
Traffic Clashes	3	
Design Defects	3	
Adjacent Roads		
Adjacent Water Hazards		
Site not Directly Overlooked	2	
Ramps/Dens (x2)	6	On sand, gaps exceed 30mm ***See photo on next page***
2 Willow Dens and deteriorating wall	4	*See inspection report* *Monitor condition of wall* ***See photo on next page***

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Ramps





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RISK ASSESSMENT EVALUATION

Equipment & Surfacing

No	Equipment Items	Surface	Risk Score	Action, Control or Comments
1	Horse and Cart	Grass Matting	5	*See inspection report*
2	Seesaw	Grass Matting	4	*See inspection report*
3.	Basket Swing	Grass Matting	6	*See inspection report*
4	Hammock	Grass Matting	4	*See inspection report*
5	Rotating Climbing Frame	Grass Matting	7	*See inspection report*
6	Aerial Runway	Woodchip	6	*See inspection report*
7	Ropes Climbing Frame	Grass Matting	5	*See inspection report*
8	Swing Frame	Grass Matting	4	*See inspection report*
9	Overhead Ladder	Grass Matting	7/8	*See inspection report*
10	Digger	Sand	5	*See inspection report*
11	Sand Play item	Sand	3	*See inspection report*
12	Spring Snail (x1)	Sand	2	*See inspection report*
13	Spring Snail (x2)	Sand	2	*See inspection report*
14	Dragin	Sand and grass matting	4	*See inspection report*
15	Castle	Grass matting and woodchips	7/8	*See inspection report*

Risk assessment evaluation should be read in conjunction with Annual or Post Installation Inspection reports. Where action or control relates to maintenance, non-compliance or minor defects read Annual Inspection report or Post Installation report for detailed comments. Serious or high risk failures should, however, be noted. Failure to comply with the standards will be identified in the AI or PI reports.

Design, location and physical site factors may determine the overall risk of the site. These may be difficult to change economically.

ASSESSED LEVEL OF RISK FOR THE PLAYGROUND AT TIME OF INSPECTION

LOW/MEDIUM RISK

SUITABILITY FOR DISABLED USERS

This assessment is applicable for those people with mobility difficulties. No attempt is made to assess the equipment as the selection of this is normally outside the control of the client.

Width of access paths (min of 1.2m) **Yes**

Surface of paths (suitable for wheelchairs) **Yes**

Width of Gates (min of 1.2m) **Yes**

Suitable surface within play area to allow free movement **Yes**

No steep slopes or sudden changes of level **Yes**

THE SITE IS ACCESSIBLE FOR THOSE WITH REASONABLE MOBILITY DIFFICULTIES

SITE: Wentworth Castle **DATE: 16.05.08**

SUITABILITY FOR DISABLED USERS

This checklist is primarily applicable for those people with mobility difficulties, as the requirements for partially sighted and blind people are different. There has been only a brief attempt in this report to deal with sensory play or facilities for those with learning difficulties.

Accessibility of site to include paths, gates, access from road or car parks
Acceptable

Suitable surface within play area to allow free movement
Acceptable

Equipment suitable for disabled children e.g. provision of ramps, double width slides etc
Not Acceptable

Equipment provided specifically for disabled children with disability e.g. wheelchair swing, roundabouts etc
Not Acceptable

Height of equipment suitable to allow wheelchair and user to pass underneath e.g. overhead ladders or activity items
Acceptable

Accessible grips to enable access from wheel chair to equipment
Acceptable

Ground mounted items of play e.g. play panels, parallel bars. Items for social play, learning or interaction with others
Acceptable

Ground graphics for play use
Not Acceptable

Ball games facilities for disabled play e.g. wheelchair, basketball, hockey etc
Not Acceptable

No steep slopes or sudden changes of level (hazard for those with visual impairment)
Acceptable

Range of textures/sensory objects (visual impairment/learning difficulties)
Not Acceptable

THIS SITE IS ASSESSED AS BEING

Partially acceptable for use by disabled people

WITH SOME WORK THIS SITE COULD BE IMPROVED TO

Partially acceptable for use by disabled people