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**Surface for sports areas —
Method of test for the
determination of shock
absorption, vertical
deformation and energy
restitution using the
advanced artificial athlete**

National foreword

This Published Document is the UK implementation of CEN/TS 16717:2015.

The document has been produced as a Technical Specification as it describes a new method of measuring the dynamic properties of sports surfaces. Whilst the procedure has been used for several years on long pile synthetic turf sports surfaces, there is little experience of using it on low shock absorbing and deforming surfaces. Additionally, the current calculation of energy restitution and its relevance is currently being further researched.

The UK technical committee advises that users of this Technical Specification should be aware of the following:

- The test results recorded on systems below 25% shock absorption should be used as indicative and not definitive.
- The test results recorded on systems below 4 mm deformation should be used as indicative and not definitive.
- Energy restitution calculation may differ in the future when current research is completed.

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