

Makeover for Australian Open courts



australian open

The 2008 Australian Open tennis tournament will be played on *Plexicushion*, a new cushioned acrylic surface which replaces the rubberised *Rebound Ace* product used since 1988

PLEXICUSHION CHANGES

► **Consistent pace:** Multiple layers of rubber-filled resin replace Rebound Ace's pre-formed rubber mats

► **Less heat retention:** Rubber 2-3mm thick instead of 10mm

► **Bounce**
Slightly lower and faster

► **Shock absorption:** 2% as opposed to 15% on Rebound Ace

► **Firmer footing**
Due to lower rubber content

Acrylic surface

Plexicushion substrate

Plexicushion base coat

Acrylic resurfacer

Concrete or asphalt base

Vodafone Arena
Retractable roof, 10,500 seats

MELBOURNE PARK

Outdoor courts: 19

Rod Laver Arena
Retractable roof, 15,000 seats

Indoor courts: 6

Show courts
3,000 seats each

Margaret Court Arena: 6,000 seats

The Oval: Entertainment venue

Australian Open
Jan 14-27

Surface
Plexicushion

Speed: Medium-fast

Bounce: Medium

French Open
May 25-Jun 8

Surface
Clay

Speed: Slow

Bounce: High

Wimbledon
Jun 23-Jul 6

Surface
Grass

Speed: Fast

Bounce: Low

U.S. Open
Aug 25-Sep 7

Surface
DecoTurf

Speed: Medium-fast

Bounce: Medium